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Another landmark in the history of the school has been reached with the passing of its fifth year, for our original entrants have sat for their first public examination. In the same hall in which they assembled on the morning of the 15th September, 1938, they have been justifying their intellectual employment of the intervening years. What judgments they have earned on the use of their talents we do not know at the time of publication but in spite of all staffing difficulties and all the small but cumulative trials and privations of four years of war, the school will be able to look back with real satisfaction to its attainments. More important than even academic achievement, which can be a selfish thing, is the quality of spirit and corporate pride that the school may have built up over its first five years. Most of our boys are proud of their school and realise that its spirit depends entirely on their individual contribution.

The school year that is passing is tragically singled out by the death of the first school captain, to which fuller reference is made below. The leading seniors were stricken by this blow but they have worked and played hard to retrieve this great loss and to follow faithfully the example set them. Our original entrants have done well and laid a solid foundation for posterity to build on. If we are not yet able to assess the intellectual standard of the school we can assert that in games it has built up a high standard to retain which will call for much effort in the coming year or two. In my last foreword I noted the increasing shortage of equipment and the setback to our standard in school dress. This melancholy retrogression has accelerated and we are in truth living austerely, save in the Dining Hall. Even so it is consoling to see how many parents are valiantly disregarding the poverty of material and the scarcity of coupons.

We were within one of the 400 mark in this last year and we shall approach as near to 450 in the course of the next. About 25 of our senior boys will be staying on for their Higher School Certificate in the Sixth Form. This process of expansion is, in many ways exhilarating, provided that one has room to expand, but I, for one, will not unduly regret the stabilising of our numbers. The full capacity of the Dining Hall will be taxed to allow over

200 boys to eat in reasonable comfort in each of the two daily sessions, and 17 form-rooms have to be conjured up when officially only 13½ can be detected on the plan. Growth begins to lose its charm when its zenith coincides with the nadir of scarcity in men and materials. Yet let us be, if not gay, at least grateful and not for ever carping. We have come through a ticklish five years when the school might, like Prospero's vision, have been dissolved into thin air, by bomb, or by a tardier exodus. We have, I dare to think, not wasted the opportunities of the past; the seniors have acquitted themselves well. Let us hold on in the belief and hope that at the end of the decade we may demonstrate the essential soundness of its first half.

THE HEADMASTER.

### SCHOOL NOTES.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. B. A. Campbell as a new member of the Governing Body. Mr. Campbell is well-known as the Warden of the Ashton Playing Fields, Woodford Bridge, and for many years has taken a most active part in the service of youth. There can be no doubt that the Governing Body has received a signal accession of strength and we hope that Mr. Campbell will serve our school for as many years as his health and strength will permit him.

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Three additional members of the teaching staff have been appointed to meet next September's increase in numbers. Mr. S. H. Atkins, M.A., Ph.D., will teach English, Mr. E. C. Wigley, B.A., History and Geography and Mr. D. G. Richards, B.Sc., Science and Maths. Dr. Atkins has had considerable experience in commanding the A.T.C. unit of his present school and he is planning to start a unit with us in September.

We were very sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. Trotter, who left us at the end of the Spring Term to take up her old post at Plaistow Grammar School, but were lucky to obtain the services of Mr. J. F. Shillito, B.Sc., Lond., in her place. We shall be losing, with regret, the services of Mrs. Ries at the end of the current term whose place will be filled by Miss C. Dawson, B.Sc. Mrs. M. Dale, B.A., has taken the place of Mr. S. A. Watson who has returned to the Sir George Monoux Grammar School on its return home.

We were delighted to hear that Mr. S. S. Campbell might be returning to us at the beginning of the Summer Term from the R.A.F. The hope became a fact, and we are very thankful for this

first piece of good-fortune. At the same time we are very grateful to Miss Doris Hudson for carrying on so efficiently for the first two terms of this year.

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In November, 1941, the Governing Body recommended to the County Education Committee the equipping and servicing of the two Advanced Laboratories for use when our first Science Sixth is formed. In spite of the prevision of Mr. Scott it seems now very doubtful that these essential laboratories will be ready for next September. We may hope, however, that they will be in use by the new calendar year.

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Occasionally news filters through of those members of the Staff serving with the Forces. Within a week the Headmaster received air mail from Messrs. Johnson and Crocker. Both were, for a brief moment, sojourning in the same dark continent; Mr. Johnson undergoing flying training in Rhodesia and Mr. Crocker stretching his legs ashore before resuming his long journey eastwards. Since then we have heard again from Mr. Crocker, who has had to extend his scientific knowledge to include the study of an eastern language. Both he and Lieutenant Romans paid us visits during the year as did Company Sergeant-Major Dofort whose nautical log included a trip to North Africa and New York. Recently the Headmaster had a letter from Major C. W. Lloyd who is still attached to an artillery training centre in this country.

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As in previous years a Physical Training Demonstration was given in the Gymnasium on Speech Day immediately following the proceedings in the Assembly Hall. On this occasion the demonstration consisted of free-standing exercises, exercises on beams and wall bars, and agility using beams, portable apparatus and agility mattress, presented by third year boys. As large an audience as could be packed into the gymnasium saw the demonstration, and the third forms and Mr. Harding are to be congratulated on the standard of work achieved.

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The school was greatly proud to hear of the successes of Bryett and Tarlton in the Essex Junior Championships, held on August 1st on the playing field of Bancrofts School. As the upper age limit was 19 we hardly expected our entrants, none of whom was over 16, to win any championships, but Bryett, with a magnificent leap of 20 ft. 4½ inches, won the Long Jump Championship and Tarlton in one supreme effort hurled the javelin past all others with a throw of 153 ft. 3½ inches. The Essex standards were 18 ft. 3 inches and 120 ft. respectively.

At the Polytechnic Stadium, Chiswick, on Saturday, 19th June, the Southern Junior Athletic Championships were held. For the first time the school were able to send representatives and Bryett, Tarlton and Taylor are to be congratulated on being the first participants in an event which it is hoped, will be a regular yearly feature of our athletic activities. A party from the school attended the meeting and all voted the day a great success. Our boys did not do the unexpected and win an event, although Bryett was fourth in the Long Jump with a leap of just over 20 ft., in spite of a sore heel resulting from the wearing of new shoes. The high spot of the meeting was a superb javelin throw of 189 ft., while great interest was shown in the finish of the 26 miles Marathon Race.

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Geoffrey Hollingsworth, who entered the school in 1940 with the present third year boys before being evacuated to Totnes, Devon, gained one of the 20 special scholarships open to secondary schoolboys offered by the Admiralty at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. We welcome his brother who comes to us next September.

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With the death this year of Lieutenant-Colonel A. S. L. Farquharson, Emeritus Fellow and for many years Senior Tutor of University College, Oxford, passes the 'maker' of the school motto. It was to his old tutor that the Headmaster turned for the best rendering in Latin of the idea of repayment through service.

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On the occasion of the completion of its fifth year the School was photographed in front of the main entrance as it was in 1939.

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The school has organised a harvest camp from July 31st to August 21st at Ardleigh, near Colchester. Mr. May has accepted the very onerous responsibility of Camp Warden and is most ably assisted by Miss Crook and the school secretary, Miss Heath. Between 20 and 30 senior boys are attending the camp, most of whom hope to cycle to Bovills Hall, which is the mansion providing accommodation. The Headmaster, Mr. Steele, Mr. Scott and Mr. R. A. Campbell will be in 'camp' for all or part of the time.

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A number of boys have applied for admission to the various camps established throughout the country to help with forestry, salvage and fruit-picking.

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With great regret we said good-bye to Mrs. Sutton, the cook, on her resignation during the Spring term. The canteen work has

greatly increased in scope since Mrs. Sutton first came to us and she was finding the daily journey from Loughton, together with her own domestic obligations, a great strain on her health. We owe much to Mrs. Sutton for her organisation of the kitchen work and for her excellent cooking during a difficult and formative period. We have been lucky in obtaining the services of Mrs. Finch to carry on this most important part of our school life.

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On May 17th on the invitation of the Woodford County High School for girls, a party of 50 boys, accompanied by Mr. S. S. Campbell and Mr. Scott, attended a recital of music given by the violinist, Louis Godowski. Miss V. Rucroft was at the piano. There was a long programme, made particularly interesting by comments from the recitalist. Of special interest were Tartini's Sonata in G. Minor (The 'Devil's Trill') and Brahms' Sonata in A Major. There were also works by Bach, Handel, Mozart, Bizet and Kreisler.

Another party of boys went to the Royal Albert Hall on July 24th, accompanied by Miss A. Black and the Headmaster to one of the Promenade Concerts. The programme was a varied one the main work of which was the Schumann Piano Concerto and the soloist Michael Hambourg.

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On July 20th, Miss Crook and Mr. Steele took a large party of boys from the fourth and fifth forms to see an open-air performance of 'The Tempest' at the Coronation Gardens, Leyton. The production was in the capable hands of Robert Atkins and was consequently first-rate.

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We again wish to thank various members of the school for the gift or loan of exhibits for the Geography room. These include a beautiful piece of opal, a tiny carved model of a Swiss chalet, and a boomerang, amongst other things. They are much appreciated.

On July 14th, the 1st year pupils arranged a most interesting exhibition of various weapons from bombs to African spears, of stamps, flowers, eggs, various native head-dresses and shoes and elaborate handwork from China, India and other lands.

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Some parents may like to know that a local branch of the Institute of Christian Education has started and that the Heads of Loughton County High, Chigwell School and our school are members of the committee. The first meeting of the Autumn

session will consist of an exhibition of books of use in Christian education and will be held at the Loughton County High School for Girls on October 21st, 22nd and 23rd.

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We have always been sceptical of the spontaneity of the average schoolboy howler but after unearthing the following gem from among this summer's examination scripts we are prepared to believe any. The English version of, 'Un chien inconnu m'a sauté féroce<sup>ment</sup> à la poitrine,' was 'a dog like a piece of ferro-concrete jumped towards his chest.' As our local M.P. would say, 'Some dog!'

### ANTONY SIDNEY CHAPMAN.

It is inconceivable that our school can sustain a greater or more grievous shock than it suffered by the very sudden death of Tony Chapman on the night of Friday, October 16th, 1942. On the previous Saturday he had played a characteristically hard game for his school against Ilford County High School, scoring a goal and as centre-forward playing a dominating part in a very creditable victory. On the following Tuesday evening he turned out to coach the junior soccer eleven of his House; as secretary of the Music Society he was missing from its meeting on the Friday; in the late evening he died.

There is no possible doubt that the presence of Tony Chapman among the school's original admissions was a gracious gift of Providence. With a new school, leaders have to be found quickly and traditions formed by their example and with their help. We at Buckhurst Hill have been fortunate in the characters of the leading seniors and Chapman, by personality and outstanding character, won the honour of becoming the first captain of the school and Senior Prefect. Indeed, his most remarkable quality was his mature sense of responsibility for one so young in years. Very much faith and confidence was reposed in him; one was apt to forget that these boys, although senior in relation to the rest of the school, were very junior in comparison with the maturity of a Sixth form. Yet Chapman magnificently justified our judgment and trust, for his sense of duty, which he never dreamed of sacrificing to his popularity, was high and unswerving.

His finely balanced record as leader, scholar and sportsman will rarely be equalled in the history of the school. His sporting attainments themselves will be emulated but scarcely surpassed. He excelled at cricket, in which he was a very fine opening batsman,

sharing with Flower the record partnership of 131, one of many distinguished opening partnerships. His knowledge and experience of the game was unusually comprehensive and he laid the foundation of the school's cricket reputation by his batting and by captaining the side alternately with Flower. The picture by which I shall best remember him is the central one of the memorial group; there he is seen having taken his guard at the wicket and looking finally and steadily up at the bowler, preparatory to dealing with the opening ball of the game. He made the ideal opening batsman, fearless, steady and unhurried, with a pugnacious concentration. It is not hard to see why he was a fine cricketer, for he had resolution, judgment and pertinacity. At soccer these qualities were reinforced by a vigorous and spirited dash that the nature of the game demands, enabling him to score 56 goals for the first eleven. For athletics he was strongly built and what he lacked in litheness he made up in strength and determination with which he served his House and School well. It was characteristic that although the sheer joy of running eluded him he won the Senior Cross Country Run in his last year. By his all-round excellence of spirit and attainment he was always a very serious contender for the John Sargent Cup for 'the finest sportsman of the year,' which he held for 1939-40 and which he surely would have held again.

In scholarship he was one of the three outstanding boys of his year and it is reasonable to believe that he would have been one of the school's first Open University scholarship winners. In his second year he took his form prize, which in the following year he shared with Tarlton: twice he gained the Geography, once the English and once the Maths. prize for his year. The essence of his work was an alert and keen intelligence directed with great thoroughness and concentration. He took a leading part in all school activities; many of his colleagues will recall his witty eloquence in debate and how good a prosecuting counsel he made in the Mock trial. In the Chess Tournament held in 1940 he was runner-up but found it hard to find time for all his activities. Under the inspiration and with the encouragement of Mr. S. S. Campbell, Chapman's innate love of music developed fast. As a violinist he made unusually rapid progress under Miss Searle and to Miss Black and him, as secretary, is wholly due the foundation and success of the Music Society.

An essential charm of personality based on a perfect restraint, sincerity and natural modesty irradiated his many activities; no one could have been less aware than he of the respect he engendered in all who knew him and very few boys had less rancour in their dispositions. There can be no doubt that he played a most important part in the edification of his school, which he loved, served and honoured. Truly did the last expression of sorrow

from the Staff speak of him as pupil and colleague and many who taught him learned much from him. Both the unknown author of the Wisdom of Solomon and Ben Jonson, two writers as widely different in time and outlook as is possible to imagine, echo the same reflection on the mystery of the young in death :—

‘For honourable age is not that which standeth in length of time nor that is measured in number of years. He, being made perfect in a short time, fulfilled a long time.’

In his short life Tony Chapman filled his time full and we may justly associate with his memory the lines of Shakespeare’s contemporary :—

‘It is not growing like a tree  
In bulk, doth make man better be,  
Or standing long an oak, three hundred year,  
To fall a log at last, dry, bald and sere.  
A lily of a day,  
Is fairer far in May :  
Although it fall and die that night,  
It was the plant and flower of light.  
In small proportions we just beauties see,  
And in short measures life may perfect be.

THE HEADMASTER.

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The School was represented at the funeral by the Headmaster, the Second Master and the Form-master of 5A, together with Chapman’s three fellow House Captains, Flower, McCartney, Bryett and Hines, of 5A. Wreaths were sent by the School, the Staff and the Headmaster. Form 5A were present as the cortège left Lee Grove.

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In the afternoon of May 11th, a memorial plaque was unveiled in the Assembly Hall by Mr. T. H. Knight, Chairman of the Governing Body, who gave a brief address. The plaque, which is fixed on the panelling as near as possible to the chair occupied in Assembly by Chapman as Senior Prefect and which is a simple tablet of teak, bore the following inscription, exquisitely worked by the Art master, Mr. R. A. Campbell :—

1938-42 ANTONY SIDNEY CHAPMAN First School Captain Died 16th October, 1942.
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The lesson, taken from the book of the Wisdom of Solomon, was read by the Second Master and Mr. S. S. Campbell was at the piano. The service opened with the hymn, ‘The King of Love my Shepherd is,’ and closed with Bunyan’s ‘Pilgrim’ Song.

A group of memorial photographs, presented by Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, of their son as we best knew him at cricket, soccer and athletics has been inscribed, framed and hung in the lobby of the Assembly Hall.

The nature of the remaining memorial is still under discussion but it is possible it may take the form of an oak chair in which the Senior Prefect will sit at Assembly.

## SPEECH DAY

The fourth Annual Speech Day took place on Saturday, 24th October, when Alderman J. T. Sanders, J.P., Vice-Chairman of the Essex County Council, distributed the prizes and Mr. T. H. Knight, Chairman of the Governing Body, presided.

At the outset the Assembly stood in silence as a mark of respect and remembrance for A. S. Chapman, the first School Captain, whose death had taken place the previous week.

The musical part of the programme was under the direction of Miss Doris Hudson. Parry’s “Jerusalem” and the School Song were sung by the Assembly and the choir contributed Handel’s “Come, ever smiling Liberty” and Martin Shaw’s “Cargoes.” There were four speeches from the School: in Latin (‘Integer Vitæ’—Horace) by T. Pratt; in German (‘Lied des Lynceus’—Goethe) by B. McCartney; in French (‘Le Cor’—A. de Vigny) by R. Druce; and in English (‘England, 1802’—Wordsworth) by W. H. C. Taylor.

The Chairman welcomed the distinguished guests, amongst whom was the Director of Education for Essex, Dr. Lawrence. He referred to the great changes in education which was portended, but he was sure that whatever shape they took, the School would produce people anxious to contribute to the good of the community.

In his report, the Headmaster echoed the Chairman’s welcome to Messrs. F. S. Foster, J.P., and L. W. Liell, J.P., on the Governing Body. He reported good progress during the year, but said that any real measure of standards achieved would have to wait for another year when public examinations would take place for the first time. School Societies continued to flourish, with the addition of the Musical and Gardening Societies. In a review of the School games Mr. Taylor drew special attention to S. A. Bryett and B. A. Tarlton, who had both won their events at the Essex Junior Sports Championships.

Mr. Sanders, having distributed the prizes, gave his address. It was largely devoted to giving strong support to an appeal already uttered by the Chairman and Headmaster for parental co-operation

in the life of the School. Mr. Sanders spoke from long experience and pointed out that the School influence could only be fruitful if backed up by the home. During the last four years the soul of the School had been built, and with an inspiring tradition he felt certain that it would turn out the worthy citizens of the to-morrow of which we heard so much.

Mr. A. E. Hinton, C.C., proposed a vote of thanks to Alderman Sanders on behalf of the Governors, which was seconded by Mr. F. H. Guard on behalf of the parents.

The usual display of Physical Training was held in the Gymnasium after the proceedings.

**PRIZE LIST**  
**FORM PRIZES**

IVa—Flower, A. W. Tarlton, B. A.	IVb—Bryett, S. A.	IVc—Marks, S.
IIIa—Price, A. C.	IIIb—Button, K.	IIIc—Myers, D.
IIa—Bennett, G. M.	IIb—Gwilliam, A. P.	IIc—Diver, D.
Ia—Edwards, R.	Ib—Russell, G. R.	Ic—Read, J. E.
<b>SUBJECT PRIZES</b>		
English - - -	IV—Flower, A.	III—Bell, D.
	II—Bennett, G.	I—Russell, A.
French - - -	IV—Tarlton, B. A.	III—Hill, G.
	II—Hockley, D.	I—Tilley, J.
German - - -	IV—Flower, A.	III—{ Fricker, J.
	II—King, D. R.	} Hill, G.
History - - -	IV—Clark, D. W.	III—Price, A. C.
	II—Druce, R.	I—Newens, A. S.
Geography - - -	IV—Chapman, A. S.	III—Price, A. C.
	II—Salmon, R.	I—Edwards, R.
Latin - - -		III—Perry, W. C.
	II—Bennett, G. and Willis, N.	
Mathematics - - -	IV—Flower, A. ; Paternoster, I.	III—Bradley, C.
	II—Bennett, G.	I—Wallis, D.
Science - - -	IV—Tarlton, B. A.	III—Bell, D.
	II—Bennett, G.	I—Tilley, J.
Art - - -	Senior—Wilson, D.	Junior—Druce, R.

The "John Sargent" Cup, presented by  
Lt.-Col. Stuart S. MALLINSON, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.L., J.P.  
"for the finest sportsman of the year."  
FLOWER, A. W.

The Inter-House Sports Championship, 1941-42  
won by  
FOREST HOUSE  
(Captain—Flower, A. W.)

**THE LIBRARY.**

The many rows of still-empty shelves are eloquent witness of the difficulties of the book situation, a situation which shows at the moment no signs of improving. But although no generous donor has come forward so magnificently as Mr. G. Cook last year, yet we have been fortunate in having the number of volumes added to through the kindness of three members of the school and two members of the staff and friends. The aggregate has now reached 1,711. A library has been aptly called "a storehouse of ideas," and it is a happy gesture on the part of those leaving school to leave behind them some mark of appreciation of the many enjoyable hours spent in the quiet but stimulating atmosphere of the library. Miller, of 5A, has indicated a tradition which it is hoped will become firmly established.

The tables, too, show the dearth of periodicals. But here again the school is indebted to Miss Rayner for her weekly gift of the "Spectator," and to Mr. Steele for the "New Statesman and Nation." Throughout the past year, Beard (Form 2B) has continued his gift of the P.L.A. Monthly, and Fricker (Form 4A) has added the "Boy's Own Paper" to the list.

When Flower was elected School Captain last October, McCartney was appointed Library Prefect in his place, and has most efficiently carried on and broadened the tradition of valued work instituted by his predecessor. In this he has been loyally supported by the Library monitors, to whose quiet responsibility the running of the library is almost entirely due: Final, Elliott, Boatman, Butler, Price, Vines, Fricker, Bradley, Jay, King, Stonham, Beecham, Gray, Daniell, Reekie, Sparling, Branch, Caville, Howick and Saunders.

The number of volumes borrowed throughout the year is 3,578. Of these, 1,943 were fiction, 1,635 non-fiction. These figures indicate the amount of handling the books receive. The number of volumes which are sent away each year for rebinding compel one again this year to appeal for more considerate treatment of the books, especially when being carried between school and home. It is that little extra thought and care which make all the difference to the life of a book.

Next term there will be a suggestions book in the library in which boys can record titles of books they would like to see on the shelves.

## GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

### Presented by Mrs. R. Steele.

Arches of the Years ... .. Halliday Sutherland.

### Presented by Miss U. Gottschalk.

A History of England ... .. D. C. Somervell.  
 The English Stage ... .. Allardyce Nicoll.  
 The English Language ... .. Ernest Weekley.  
 The British Universities ... .. Sir C. Grant Robertson.  
 Der Schatz im Morgenbrotstal ... .. Paul Ernst.  
 Madame Curie ... .. Eve Curie.  
 Pasteur ... .. Pasteur Vallery-Radot.  
 L'As de la Route ... .. Juliette Goublet.  
 Die Biene Maja ... .. Waldemar Bonsels.

### Presented by P. L. Miller (Form 5A).

English Cities and Small Towns ... .. John Betjeman.  
 British Engineers ... .. Metius Chappell.

### Presented by T. R. Sparling (Form 2C).

Kiddie, the Prairie Rider ... .. R. Leighton.  
 Tim Kane's Treasure... .. C. M. Bennett.

### Presented by R. Day (Form 1B).

With the Flag to Pretoria ... .. Vols. 1 and 2.

### Presented by R. Cobell (Form 4C).

A Tale of Two Cities ... .. Charles Dickens.  
 Oliver Twist ... .. " "  
 David Copperfield ... .. " "  
 Martin Chuzzlewit ... .. " "

D.C.W.

## "WINGS FOR VICTORY."

The School's "Wings for Victory" Week was held from June 21st to June 25th, the target being £500.

Mr. Campbell very generously offered a large picture painted in monochrome to the form with the highest average contribution. This was on view throughout the week. He also offered to paint a smaller picture for each Form which contributed at least £45.

The first day's total was £37 16s. 3d., which made our target seem very distant. Tuesday's contributions brought the total to £156 3s. 9d., and by Wednesday the total stood at £197 4s. 0d. The aeroplanes showing the various Forms' totals on Mr. Campbell's indicator were now becoming more spread out. Form VB had earned another aeroplane, their first having already reached the 50 line, and great struggles were being fought for the next few

places. Thursday saw us just over half way to our target, the total being £272 15s. 6d., and it seemed very doubtful whether the School would "win its Wings." However, a great effort was made on the last day, and Friday's total of £279 13s. 0d. brought the grand total up to £552 8s. 6d. Thus the target was passed by a comfortable margin, and the School could be well pleased with the result.

Form VB easily won Mr. Campbell's picture for the best Form average, and Forms IA and IIA each did well enough to earn a picture for contributing more than £45.

To promote interest Mr. Campbell organised an Aircraft Competition. Thirty boys entered, and the exhibits were interesting and showed knowledge and originality. The winners were Mason of Form IIA, Bettis of Form IIB, and Goodey of Form IC.

The School has now saved about £2,400.

F.B.

## GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.

Hitherto the report under this heading has been for a period of twelve months up to the first week-end in July. Since it has been found convenient to draw up a balance sheet for each School Term, which is displayed on the School Notice Boards, the annual report will in future cover the three School Terms, ending with and including the Spring Term. The present report, therefore, is for the period from 3rd July, 1942 to 30th April, 1943. As stated in the last issue of the Magazine, the total assets of the Fund on 3rd July, 1942, totalled £43 17s. 1d. Receipts up to 30th April, 1943, totalled £69 8s. 2d., made up as follows:

	£	s.	d.
By weekly form contributions ... ..	39	12	0
„ Sale of Magazine ... ..	17	19	0
„ Sale of Garden Produce to School Canteen ... ..	10	9	6
„ Donations, etc. ... ..	1	7	8

Expenditure up to the same date totalled 31 1s. 10d., made up as follows:

	£	s.	d.
To Printing of Magazine ... ..	19	10	0
„ Expenses in connection with School Games and other School Activities ... ..	5	19	3
„ Periodicals, etc. for School Library ... ..	1	9	3
„ Balance of cost of Cross-Country Cup ... ..	1	13	6
„ Seeds for School Garden ... ..	2	5	8
„ Cheque book ... ..	0	4	2

Income exceeded expenditure therefore by £38 6s. 4d., and the total assets of the Fund on 30th April, 1943, stood at £82 3s. 5d. This figure includes holdings in National Savings to the value of £18 15s. 0d., and it is proposed that a further investment of this kind be made.

F.A.S.

## ACADEMIC RESULTS, 1942-43

The following boys have the distinction of attaining the first place in form as a result of the year's work:

	A	B	C
V	{ A. Flower. B. Tarlton.	S. Bryett.	S. Marks.
IV	A. Price.	G. Hill.	{ P. Copcutt. D. Myers.
III	G. Bennett.	A. Gwilliam.	D. Diver.
II	R. Edwards.	{ G. Clark. A. Russell.	D. Roberts.
I	P. Hickman.	D. Discombe.	K. Shave.

## SCHOOL CLOTHES EXCHANGE

To meet the wishes of certain parents and to comply with the policy of the Board of Trade, a school clothing exchange was started in the Autumn term.

There has been a fair response and nearly a hundred articles have been handed in, just over half of which have been already sold. A charge of a penny or twopence, according to the price, on each article sold goes to the Red Cross Fund. Unclaimed lost property is also sold through the Exchange and the Red Cross has altogether benefitted by £2 11s. 6d.

We hope that the Exchange will be remembered by those leaving who may wish to sell equipment which is of no use to them but of great use to others.

A. C. PRICE and R. J. CLARK.

## GROUPS

The institution of Group Periods aimed at providing regular opportunities for excursions into fields of knowledge not usually covered in the school curriculum. It was intended moreover that the choice of subject at these times should lie as fully as possible with committees of boys. In this way it was hoped that boys would gain experience in public speaking and in organisations of a varied kind. Time proved that audiences were not omnivorously curious but showed greater appetite for lesser things than pure knowledge; that freedom of choice had on occasion to be severely restricted; and that a heavy burden of organisation fell on the staff. This is not to say the Groups were unsuccessful. There was much enthusiasm, entertainment and enjoyment. Many boys

did have opportunity of showing and employing talent for organisation, acting and speaking which was as marked as it was unsuspected. It is of course entirely impossible to give an adequate record in these pages of every person's activity in the Groups and the following reports must serve rather as a stimulus to memory.

W.M.

## FIRST AND SECOND YEAR GROUPS.

Chairman: Aldridge. Secretary: Lowson.

Committee: Edwards, Saunders, Sparling, Tovey, Reekie, Kellman, Colvin, Read, Foster, Last, Astley, Harniman.

The idea of Groups was welcomed enthusiastically by the 1st and 2nd years, and an energetic committee was soon at work exercising all its ingenuity in drawing up a programme to suit the wishes and demands of a very large audience. We were fortunate in having the use of the Assembly Hall, as in this way we had full scope for stage activities which proved popular.

Almost at once several parents nobly came forward with offers to speak on a variety of interesting subjects. In this respect we would again thank Dr. Smith, Sergeant Foster, Mr. Aldridge, Mr. Smith and Mrs. Warner. In addition, we enjoyed instructive and interesting talks by representatives of Switzerland and the Free French Forces, and members of staff, Mrs. Trotter, Miss Gottschalk and Mr. Campbell.

As time went on we grew more ambitious, eventually producing plays written by three of our own members; Arbery's "With Intent to Kill," Harniman's "A Yank in Serbia," and Aldridge's "Trial of Churchill," the last effected with much goose-stepping and wild distribution of medals. The final scenes of all three provided "corpses" enough to satisfy the most bloodthirsty in the audience. Here we would commend our able chairman who coped so well with his duties, pleasant or otherwise, and on one occasion with a particularly spirited audience, when, in the course of a debate, the Gramophone refused to give audible support to either Classics or Jazz.

The lighter type of "debate" such as the "Sinking Raft" and the "Crashing Plane" were more successful than the debate proper "Greater deeds are done in peace than in war," when our speakers, though well-meaning, erred on the side of wordiness. Pleasing entertainment, too, was provided in sketches in French and English and competitions of various kinds.

We enjoyed our meetings in conjunction with the 3rd forms, and would again thank those of the 4th year who gave us the "Crimson Cocomat," leaving us quite weak and tearful with mirth.

As was natural in so large a group the few were actually performers, but they received encouragement from the many who proved themselves a responsive and appreciative audience.

Lastly, we wish to thank Watson of 2a who, each week, so kindly provided us with posters.

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### THIRD YEAR GROUPS

Chairman : Hearn. Secretary : Hunt.

Committee : Bray, Hawker, Hockley, Oakley,  
Gwilliam, Perkins, Webb, Pearman.

The Third Form Group held its inaugural meeting on September 23rd, 1942. The season started with a selection of talks on aeroplanes, to which quite a number of boys contributed.

Altogether six talks have been given by members of the school staff, including : Mrs. Trotter, Miss Rayner, Miss Gottschalk, Mr. Ansell, Mr. Campbell and Mr. May. The Group also owes its gratitude to Mrs. Ries, Miss Heckman and Mrs. Trotter who have helped the Committee greatly in forming the Group's meetings.

The real high-lights of the season were : a Mock Trial, a Film Show and three Variety Shows. The Mock Trial was a great success and the Film Show fully appreciated. The three Variety Shows were given consecutively by Forms IIIa, IIIb and IIIc.

A Puppet Show was arranged for a meeting in January, but owing to some misfortune, the performers could not oblige. This was indeed a disappointment to all of us, but as the old proverb says : " Better luck next time ! "

The Group rounded off its successful season by contributing two plays to a dramatic meeting at which the 1st and 2nd year Group and the 3rd year Group combined.

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### FOURTH YEAR GROUPS

1st Committee.

Chairman : Button.

Secretary : Price.

Committee : Treacher, Perry,  
Yates, Myers, Herbert, Carver,  
Andrews.

2nd Committee.

Chairman : Willingale.

Secretary : Herbert.

Committee : Price, Slade,  
Copcutt, G., Button, Horne,  
Kelsey, Hubner.

A committee of three boys from each of the fourths was elected at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

At the first meeting Turbin played favourite records and even retained his usual calm when the school gramophone proved unmanageable.

Next came a burning-house debate in which Lord Woolton, for whom Willingale pleaded, was saved after " better school dinners " had been promised.

Some C.E.M.A. artists presented a concert about the middle of the term which was greeted with obvious enjoyment.

Mr. May gave a detailed talk on a bullfight which was received with much pleasure and six detailed questions.

New blood was brought into the Committee by an election which took place after the Christmas holidays.

A play, " The Crimson Cocoanut," provided rich entertainment and an opportunity for the display of unusual talent by Slade, Herbert, Hall, D.P., Clark, Godfrey and Haslock. Herbert was producer and Kelley was responsible for some realistic sound effects.

Rattenbury gave an interesting talk on Animal Life which he illustrated with slides.

Mr. Knight spoke on Youth Service to the combined fifth and fourth forms.

We ended on a hilarious note with a Quiz. The competitors gave marvellous and extremely original performances. IVc won the Quiz by 3½ votes in a close finish with IVb.

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### FIFTH FORM GROUPS

Chairman : A. W. Flower. Secretary : B. H. Chase.

Committee : Arnold, Bracey, Bryett, Cousins (Assistant Secretary),  
Smith, Wheatley.

At the first meeting of the newly-formed Fifth Form Groups Mr. Steele outlined the scheme and a representative committee was elected. Mr. Steele remained a distant controller of Groups, assisted in the winter term by Mr. Campbell.

The Brains Trust were the source of much interest. The first consisted of Bryett, Lightfoot, Partridge, Tarlton, and Taylor, with Chapman in the shoes of Donald McCulloch. The second comprised Butler, Flower, Hassan, Long and Swanborough, who spoke under the evil eye of Bryett. The questions sounded such depths as politics, astronomy, science, swearing, yawning, and loving.

Music was a building-stone of Groups. Miss Black organised a recital of chamber music which inspired many to become musicians. Classicists are indebted to Tarlton and Miller for their talks on good music. The former spoke on Tschaiakovsky, and Rimsky—Korsakov, the latter on Liszt, Mozart, and Rossini, particularly mentioning "The Barber of Seville" and "The Marriage of Figaro." Both illustrated their composers with well-chosen records.

Debates also were an important feature. On two occasions the Fifth Forms attended Fourth Form debates. The first was to decide the all-important question of whether it is better to live now or a hundred years hence. After a stern verbal battle the members were swayed in favour of the future. The second was to decide whether one would rather be an eccentric genius or a normal being. The speeches were again vigorous and notable. The defeat of the motion showed a surprising percentage of normal beings, but many members were compelled, presumably by modesty, to restrain from giving their vote. The Fifth Form debates were no less entertaining. The first was to decide whether films are preferable to plays. K. Smith, whose interests are too well-known to mention here, proposed it, ably seconded by Arnold. Stiff opposition was provided in the form of Flower, who was seconded by Wilson; nevertheless, the voting showed only too clearly the modern preference of cinemas to histrionics. The other was called to decide whether conscription should be a part of post-war planning. A determined barrage of opposition was provided by Hassan and Bracey, but Ikeson and Lightfoot came out unscathed. No doubt the members will, in future years, pour fiery curses on their heads for having decided to enforce post-war conscription. Two other debates were held, with the added relish for non-speakers of being impromptu. At the first the motions were:

1. That English should be the universal language after the war.
2. That darts is a finer game than billiards.
3. That beer is best.

The defendants and attackers were decided by Fate, in the form of Flower, who abstracted pieces of paper from a hastily-borrowed hat. They were, in order of speaking: Wheatley, Hines, Swanborough, Chase, Bracey, and Ikeson. The voting showed a disgust of foreign languages, darts, and beer. A Balloon Debate was held at the end of the Spring Term to decide the fate, in such a situation, of Queen Elizabeth, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Madame Chiang Kai Chek, Sir William Beveridge, General MacArthur, and Dorothy Lamour, who had a strong defence

provided by K. Smith, Taylor, Hassan, Bryett, Wheatley, and Tovey respectively. The members allowed virtue to maintain an iron hand, and selected Sir William Beveridge, although it was perhaps no true indication of their feelings.

Several intriguing talks came from outside the school. Mrs. Street talked colourfully on America, and was so effective that many felt they knew America at least as well as their home country. Lieutenant Heaton, who evidently is a modern Sinbad, talked about his experiences on M.T.B.'s and M.G.B.'s and outlined the Y-Scheme for future sailors. Mr. Knight gave a talk on the Service of Youth and he impressed on our minds the importance of good citizenship. Mr. New stimulated much interest by his talk on the countries surrounding the Mediterranean. We can now profess an intimate knowledge of the Mediterranean region's and problems. A visit by C.E.M.A. formed a delightful contrast to talks and debates. They sang Old English folk tunes, some of which caused great interest, and acted a short comic opera called "The Three Wishes," which caused many hearty laughs.

All talent does not lie outside the school, however, and several good talks came from the staff and their obliging pupils. Mrs. Trotter's talk on Norway was both literally and metaphorically colourful. The lantern slides which she had taken while in Norway showed a great deal about the Norwegian countryside and houses, and the talk told more. Mr. May, in his usual quiet way, gave a stupendous talk on Psychology, in which he outlined its basic principles and explained dreams, paranoia, memory, hypnotism, and laughter. Long and Barham gave lectures, the former on cycle-racing, a subject about which he is very enthusiastic, and the latter on the building of model ships, aided by an awe-inspiring motor-driven model. Partridge's lecture on space-travel was of great calibre and should be presented to the Royal Society. Nevertheless, he poured sand on the hopes of those who had seriously contemplated a journey to the moon.

A novelty of the term was "I want to be an actor." Three actors were picked out of twelve by applause and acted a play most successfully. The Mock Election caused a great deal of informal political discussion. On March 12th the three candidates for the representation of the school, Mr. B. McCartney (Cons.), Mr. B. A. Tarlton (Soc.), and Mr. W. H. C. Taylor (Lib.), each made his Hyde Park speech. Mr. Tarlton was elected with 25 votes, a majority of 7 votes over his Conservative opponent. Undoubtedly this stimulated political feeling, and was, for some at least, the beginning of a political education.

We have learned much from all our activities, and for many it has opened new fields for research and new realms for conquest.

B. H. CHASE.

## SOCIETIES

### THE SCIENCE SOCIETY.

Committee : W. Taylor, S. Bryett, B. Chase, D. Hines,  
B. McCartney, R. Partridge.

Secretaries : B. Chase, R. Partridge.

The activities of the Science Society have been rather curtailed this year owing to the Group System. Since the summer term began, however, this system has been discontinued and for the last three months we have been having our meetings regularly every three weeks.

The first lecture to be given this year was one by F. J. Haslock and K. L. Guard on "The Sun and the Moon." They made use of some excellent slides and the audience was keenly interested.

Next came a demonstration lecture by R. O. Lightfoot on "Light," in which he demonstrated the cause of the colour of the sun-set. To perfect this experiment Lightfoot made good use of many facilities in the laboratories open to members of the Science Society.

After this came a talk by Mr. Ansell on "Man and the Balance of Nature," in which he showed how man could produce chaotic results by transporting forms of life to places normally beyond their reach.

Lastly there was the lecture by Mr. Shillito on "Biology at the Equator." The speaker had spent a considerable time in East Africa within sight of "the line," and was therefore well acquainted with all the different types of insects he mentioned. After the lecture there was a much appreciated opportunity to examine some of the specimens that Mr. Shillito had collected.

As some of the Science Society committee will be leaving at the end of this year, A. C. Price and C. Yates have been asked to fill their places.

R. PARTRIDGE, Secretary.

### CURRENT EVENTS

President : Miss Rayner.

Chairman : C. W. Rush.

Secretary : R. N. Salmon.

Committee : N. E. Willis, A. Arbery, J. Martin, P. N. Jay,  
J. Harniman.

At the beginning of this school year, "General Activities" gave place to "Groups." This made it necessary to have our meetings out of school hours. Therefore it was decided by the

committee to have meetings on alternate Thursdays to co-operate with the Junior Modern Languages Society. During the Summer Term, however, General Activities were put back on the time-table, much to our joy.

During the year discussions on various aspects of the war have been held, during which members have given their opinions on the "Second Front," and the general conduct of the war on other fronts. Some discussions on the future peace have been well attended. Members gave their ideas on "Houses and Schools in the Future," "Town and Country Planning," and "The Beveridge Report." All these have brought out interest and enthusiasm. One lively discussion was between cinema-goers and radio fans. It was "Propaganda by Film and Radio." The arguments were so good that it was a very close debate indeed.

There have been quite a number of talks during the year, including "South America," "Coal Mining," "British Medals and Decorations," and "Local Government," given by J. Martin, G. M. Bennett, C. W. Rush and J. Martin respectively.

We have written and produced two plays on life in Occupied Europe. One was "Olaf of Voss." This was about the way a Norwegian boy helped his country against the Axis. The other was "The Quisling of Quimper," the removal, by a gang of French patriots, of a traitor in their midst.

On the whole we have gradually grown into a flourishing Society. May it continue to be so in the coming year.

C. W. RUSH.

### MUSIC SOCIETY

President : Mr. R. Steele.

Chairman : Mr. S. S. Campbell. Secretary : B. A. Tarlton.

Committee : B. Butler, D. W. Clarke, J. D. Lane, J. Crawford,  
A. Andrews, D. King.

In the Autumn Term of 1942 the Music Society suffered a severe blow in the death of its energetic Secretary, Antony Chapman, who was one of the driving forces in the building up of the School musical tradition. However, in spite of this setback, the Society has, during the second year of its history, progressed and been strengthened in many ways. Credit for this must be given largely to the efforts of Miss Black in the organisation of concerts and the inviting of artists from outside the School to perform, and to Miss Searle in her valuable coaching of the string

instrumentalists. This summer term has also seen the welcome return of Mr. S. S. Campbell to the School as music-master.

During the course of this School year there have been in all six meetings of the Society. At two of these, groups of artists from outside the School have given up their spare time to come and perform for us. The first of these two meetings was in the Autumn term, and there were three artists: Miss Joyce Riddell (piano), Miss Rosemary Howard ('cello), and Mr. John Myers (violin), who together formed a trio and played notably a trio in E flat by Haydn and the Scherzo from the Archduke Trio by Beethoven. At the other meeting the School was fortunate in obtaining a quintet—Miss D. Dixon (first violin), Miss E. Tunbridge (second violin), Mrs. F. Ritchie (viola), Mr. F. Stevens ('cello), Miss K. Goldie (pianoforte). They opened the programme with the first movement of Schumann's Piano Quintet and closed it with the second movement. Items in between were vocal solos by Mrs. D. Gould and Miss E. Tunbridge, and 'cello solos by Miss Arnold. Perhaps the most entertaining of the year's meetings, however, was the last one in 1942 when Haydn's Toy Symphony was performed by a strengthened School Orchestra. The effects (cuckoo, toy-drums, etc.) were produced by members of the staff and were a constant source of amusement throughout the whole of the symphony. The first meeting for 1943 was devoted to the life and works of the Norwegian composer Grieg. It was produced and illustrated entirely by members of the fourth forms: Lane, Crawford, Illing and Andrews.

The other two meetings are made significant in the history of the Music Society by their connection with the two Epping Forest Youth Musical Festivals in the Autumn term of 1942 and the Summer term of 1943. Members from the School played a prominent part in them, and on both occasions they repeated their individual and group items at two meetings of the Society for the benefit of the School. The boys who represented the School at the festival are as follows: violin solos—Clarke, D. W., Crawford, Illing; 'cello solos—J. Lane; piano solos—Selby, Tarlton, King, Stribling, Hunt, Edwards, Diver, Andrews; piano duets—Selby and Rudolf, Bray and Edwards, Edwards and Hunt; the School trio—Clarke (violin), Lane ('cello), Tarlton (piano); the School choir and orchestra.

It is therefore safe to say that the Society's activities have developed and gone forward very favourably. A new idea of linking up the musical activities of the Society with those of neighbouring schools is shortly to be put into practice. The Society is also looking forward to a piano recital sometime next term from Mr. S. S. Campbell. In time it is hoped to have a

full School orchestra and choir. As for the present, we can only hope for and work towards the ultimate reaching of these two very desirable goals, not forgetting of course a School organ for the versatile Mr. Campbell.

B. A. TARLTON.

### BUCKHURST ACADEMY.

The work of the Society this year has had its encouraging and disappointing aspects. Encouraging in the respect that some new and talented members have produced very interesting work. Praiseworthy too is the progress made by one or two members of longer standing. It is disappointing however, to note that some artists, whose work was so promising last year, seem to have lost interest in the Academy. They, and any who have talent but who are not members, should realise that their support is needed. Without them the Society cannot continue to flourish.

Throughout the year, meetings have been held for drawing and painting, criticism of work and lectures on carving, drawing and other subjects. Two ambitious and architecturally-minded members have commenced the task of measuring the school for a scale plan of the building. This work is not yet complete!

The exhibition, held from July 12th-17th, included some very fine work and was a creditable show in view of the fact that several members had been working hard in the school certificate syllabus and had been of necessity concerned more with teapot spouts than sylvan scenes. D. Wilson found time nevertheless to show, in some striking landscapes, his rapidly developing personal style. Butler's work showed a strong sense of craftsmanship and style. Altogether a pleasing and distinctive exhibition.

Next year it is hoped that an influx from the new forms eligible for membership will maintain and improve the standard already achieved.

R.A.C.

### JUNIOR MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

We began this year with an exhibition of the second form's French Vocabulary Albums. At the same meeting an election of committee members for the second forms took place; Boone, Smith, Read and Chapman were elected.

The term's meetings continued with films by Mr. May of the Mediterranean and parts of France. Before the films, Noble,

Cramp, Floyd, Pearman and Gwilliam were elected committee members for the 3rds. Mr. May appeared in one of his films and it was amusing to see him eating a meal à la française and a Frenchman doing so à l'anglaise.

Food seemed of particular interest to the Society just then for this was followed by a talk on France in which the meals were described in detail. The first meal of the day is just rolls and coffee, but the second is tremendous! Think of having soup, hors d'ouvres, meat, fruit, cheese and black coffee!

A sing-song was conducted on the lines of a previous meeting by Miss Heckman in the Assembly Hall. We should like to see some more meetings of the same type.

Later there was a second form competition based on the game of "Animal, Vegetable, Mineral," which game, the reader will doubtless recall, was referred to in last year's report.

The "pièce de résistance" of that term was a poetry competition in conjunction with 3rd form Groups. The four poems were: "Le Cor" by Vigny, which tells of Roland's great stand at Ronscavelles, and was recited by Noble and King; "Après la bataille" (after the battle) by Victor Hugo, rendered by Salmon, Woollard and Hearn; Rostand's "Les Cadets de Gascogne," put over very well by Clements and Seward, and, last of all, came Vere and Johnson with Jammes' "Avec les pistolets," which means "With pistols." The intervals were admirably filled with Rush's rendering of "Le laboureur et ses enfants" (The Ploughman and his children) by La Fontaine and Cramp's perfect recital and translation of "Le nez de Cyrano" (Cyrano's nose). Cyrano was one of the "Cadets de Gascogne" and the poem is, naturally enough, by Rostand. All the poems were rendered in a style which, considering the age of the speakers, was amazing.

The Spring term's meetings opened with a 3rd form card game, in which 3a were the winners, closely followed by 3b, and there was not much to choose between 3b and 3c.

Then we had another vocabulary album exhibition, this time by the 1st forms. This was the basis of an interesting competition in which the general standard was very high. The first prize, a handsome French dictionary, was carried off by Hutchins, 1c, for a very original album, closely run by Day, of 1b. Miss Georges kindly consented to participate in the judging.

In view of recent events a very interesting talk was that given by Mr. May on General de Gaulle. Among other things we learnt that his height prevented him from escaping from a

prisoner-of-war camp after his third wound in 1916 because he was always recognised by this peculiarity.

This was followed by two smashing victories for 2b. In a contest of grammatical cricket 2a was completely overwhelmed by such "googlies" as "Give me the third Person Plural Feminine Perfect Interrogative-Negative of 'se lever'" (this given at a tremendous speed usually culminating in the questioner's becoming tongue-tied). On the second occasion 2c put up a feeble but plucky resistance in a novel "Quiz," invented by Miss Gottschalk, but, in spite of their heroic efforts, 2b beat them by 33½ to 24.

At the time of going to press we have made arrangements for a talk on Aviation by Bray. This is in the nature of an experiment as it is the first time we have had special films prepared to illustrate a lecture.

On behalf of the officials of the Society, all of whom are retiring this term, I would like to express our sincere good wishes for the success of those who follow on and the hope that they may get as much enjoyment from the Society in the next session as we have in the past.

May the Society continue to prove a source of enjoyment for many years to come.  
G. F. HAWKER.

## SPORT

### 1st XI FOOTBALL FOR SEASON 1942-43

To those of us, who had followed the progress of the first eleven from its beginning, the season was full of promise and we expected an extra large measure of success. The team had met most of the season's opponents and was confident of its ability to deal with most of them. These reasonable hopes of success were dashed, however, by the loss of Chapman and McCartney, two key players, early on in the season. The team was consequently disorganised, and the whole season was spent in trying, with varying degrees of success, to make good the loss of these two players on whom the team had largely been built.

The first match worthy of note—indeed, the finest of the season for the school—was that against Ilford County High School. The school won the toss and kicked against a strong wind. Ilford attacked strongly, the defence was hard pressed and midway through the first half they scored. Bates, however, soon evened accounts with a goal from the wing. Ilford pressed on again in the second half and again scored, but the school defence, with the

wind behind it, strongly supported the forwards and Chapman headed a fine goal. This was followed by a goal from Baggott who shot at goal from well outside the goal area. Thus we won our first match against Ilford but in the return match the school team was defeated at home by four goals to nil.

The rest of the school's matches, with a few exceptions, were characterised by the teams winning most of them by a large margin of goals. Forest and Chigwell School were among the exceptions who provided us with good matches and although the school did not lose any of them it was held down to respectable scores. In many of the matches, however, play was often scrappy and as in previous years the team played better when opposition was strong.

Wanstead County High School fielded strong sides in both of their matches against us and won both of them, but the team as a whole played much better against this opposition, both games being fiercely contested right up to the final whistle. The school was defeated by only an odd goal and we felt, that considering the circumstances, the team had done well and the time is eagerly awaited when we will have an opportunity to seek to avenge our defeats.

Thus, to sum up, the school first eleven, having won ten matches out of fifteen played, has had a moderately successful season although the original, if somewhat optimistic, hopes held by the side were not entirely realised.

S. A. BRYETT.

In spite of a series of defeats towards the end of the season, the first eleven had an excellent season, winning ten and losing four matches. It is the writer's firm conviction that had the team consisted throughout the season of its original choice it would have remained unbeaten. The loss of Chapman to the forward line was a heavy and serious blow but the additional misfortune shortly after to the captain McCartney was heartbreaking. It speaks highly of the school's resources and the spirit of the team that such a good season was enjoyed. McCartney's inability to play after October through a troublesome leg injury must have been a crushing disappointment to this splendid footballer and fine sportsman, who never once failed to support his team by his presence on the touch-line. Bryett, however, who took over the captaincy, softened this second blow by playing progressively better and better at centre-half. His physical speed, strength and mental alertness saved his side time and again and he made a fighting and inspiring captain. When the team lost it did so through a lack of weight and incisiveness in attack and, apart from Bryett, through lack of speed in defence. Once only was the team well beaten, by Wanstead County High, and that day Bryett was not on the field.

Hines in goal had improved his technique especially in kicking and dodging and played consistently well. J. H. Wilson took Bryett's place at right back and though a trifle slow played soundly and steadily. Partridge, though even slower than his partner, was always a difficult man to pass and his coolness in tight corners was invaluable. Walker, at right half, played very fine football and never spared himself, and Clark, on the other wing, possibly the slowest mover in the side, kicked splendidly with his left foot, one goal-earning drive from which still tingles in the memory. Tovey, who came in at inside left to enable Wheatley to move to centre, played well and was improving with every game. Wheatley, though having too many negative games, opened up the game well and scored some clever and saucy goals. Bates, at outside right, was the most dangerous and offensive of the line although he still fails to cut in direct to the goalmouth and is too inclined to give the defence time to pack his target. Marks, on the opposite wing, seemed always to be marked by an unusually tough half or back but more often than not got his centre across. Baggott was always playing a little too far back to be fully effective, but he shot some excellent goals. Seven of the team hope to live to fight another day.

J.H.T.

#### THE CROSS-COUNTRY RUNS

This year the number of runs had been increased to three, the first year, Junior and Senior. On Tuesday afternoon, April 6th, 58 first form boys competed over the short course in an inter-form contest which was won by Ic, with Ib second. In all three runs the first twelve boys home in each team scored and the first three home in the inter-form contest were Gooch, Ib; Tovey, Ic; and Chown, Ia, all very much on the small side, Tovey especially, weighing under 4 stone. We congratulate the enthusiasm of the first year, two-thirds of whom turned out; form Ic on reversing so emphatically its alphabetical placing; and the first three boys home on their good running and keen struggle.

There was an entry of 68 for the Junior Run on the following afternoon, won easily by Roding, with Forest second and Hainault third, run throughout in the teeth of a tornado. The surprise of the run was the relegation of last year's winner, E. White (C) to third place, Beecham (H) superseding him and Gold (R) gaining his second "second." Let Gold take heart from the experience of Hughes who won the Senior Run this year after he had been twice runner-up. The younger White (C) maintained his own and the family's reputation by taking fourth place and to gain two out of the first four places was very much to the credit of the second year. Two other second-year boys, Young (F) and Warren (H) did splendidly to come in 9th and 11th respectively.

The Senior Run on Thursday afternoon wound up the week's running and once again Bryett (R) suffered a sore disappointment in not gaining first place for his House. In the Prefects versus Rest soccer match on the previous Friday he twisted his ankle and dared not risk it on the hard ground. Although one cannot assess the inspiration to the Roding team of his leading the field it may have been of some slight consolation to know that had he finished first Roding would not have won. It would, however, have enabled Roding to gain championship points outright for second place instead of sharing them with Hainault. As it was, Forest won decisively and with its second in the Junior event, the House Championship points. Hughes (H), runner-up on two occasions as has been mentioned above, won after an excellent tussle with Tovey (R) who showed a surprising and splendid improvement on his previous placings. The ground was unusually dry and hard to such an extent that on the notorious slope between the stile and the plank where, last year, running shoes were sucked off, the danger to avoid this year was the ankle twisted in the deep ruts peculiar to Essex. It was not surprising, therefore, that the time taken by the winner, 23 mins. 23 secs., showed a marked advance on that first established last year and thus, for a year at least, constitutes the record. Beecham (H) was again right up in third place and Ikeson (H), Harrison (F), and Horne (R), 4th, 5th and 6th respectively, put up excellent performances, the last two Fourth form boys especially. With just the slightest persuasion 51 boys turned out and completed the course and in all 177 boys took part in the School Runs. We are grateful to Mr. C. E. Furse, of New Barns Farm and to Chigwell Golf Club for allowing part of the Senior Course to be run through private property.

## RESULTS

### FIRST YEAR INTER-FORM RUN

1. Ic.		2. Ib.		3. Ia	
Tovey ...	2	Gooch ...	1	Chown ...	3
Bales ...	4	Hare ...	8	Harvey ...	5
Sortwell ...	5	Newman ...	9	Greenaway ...	12
Taylor ...	7	Monk ...	16	Horne ...	15
Shave ...	10	Kittle ...	19	Taylor, B. ...	18
Goodey ...	11	Dale ...	21	Fogg ...	23
Overy ...	12	Cuthbert ...	22	Harris ...	25
Bowden ...	14	Melhuish ...	24	Buggey ...	29
Newton ...	17	Pryor ...	26	King ...	32
Golder ...	20	Tovey ...	27	Hayes ...	33
Henderson ...	30	Day ...	28	Hayward ...	42
Perry ...	35	Bone ...	31	Gale ...	43
	<u>169</u>		<u>232</u>		<u>280</u>

## JUNIOR RUN

1. Roding.		2. Forest.		3. Hainault.		4. Chigwell.	
Young ...	2	Young ...	9	Beecham ...	1	White, E. ...	3
Hardy ...	7	Rush ...	12	Morris ...	5	White, V. ...	4
Webb ...	8	Bennett ...	14	Cramp ...	10	Davies ...	6
Lowson ...	15	Ramplin ...	19	Warren ...	11	Guttridge ...	20
Selby ...	16	Salmon ...	22	Foster ...	13	Blake ...	23
Sanders ...	17	Watson ...	25	Horne ...	31	Hunt ...	33
Day ...	18	Tomlinson ...	28	Hunnisett ...	38	Saward ...	35
Caville ...	21	Pike ...	30	Twizell ...	39	Colvin ...	36
Beard ...	24	Read ...	32	Mummery ...	40	Taylor ...	42
Redfern ...	26	Blackwell ...	34	Turner ...	41	Sutton ...	44
Nicholls ...	27	Bettis ...	37	Worth ...	43	Woollard ...	46
Raworth ...	29	Fleetwood ...	48	Last ...	45	Fowles ...	47
	<u>210</u>		<u>310</u>		<u>317</u>		<u>339</u>

## SENIOR RUN

1. Forest.		2. Hainault.		3. Roding.		4. Chigwell.	
Harrison ...	5	Hughes ...	1	Tovey ...	2	Partridge ...	12
Pitteway ...	8	Beecham ...	3	Horne ...	6	Bates ...	18
Bracey ...	10	Ikeson ...	4	Paternoster ...	7	Taylor ...	19
Baggott ...	11	Copcutt, P. ...	9	Gosling ...	23	Slade ...	21
Hodder ...	13	Wilson ...	17	Garton ...	24	Pratt ...	22
Hall, D. P. ...	14	Dance ...	30	Marks ...	25	Hasson ...	29
Lightfoot ...	15	Thomas ...	32	Riddell ...	34	McInnes ...	31
Elliott ...	16	Boughtwood ...	38	Fricker ...	35	Moncrieff ...	33
Everitt ...	20	Turbin ...	39	Toogood ...	36	Lane ...	41
Richmond ...	26	MacLeod ...	44	Harnden ...	37	Arnold ...	42
Tarlton ...	27	Herbert ...	45	Treacher ...	40	Woollard ...	49
Slater ...	28	Yates ...	47	Brazier ...	46	Walker ...	50
	<u>193</u>		<u>309</u>		<u>* 315</u>		<u>367</u>

## FINAL HOUSE POINTS

	Junior.	Senior.	Total.	House Championship Points
1. Forest ...	2	6	8	3
2. Roding ...	3	2	5	1½
3. Hainault ...	1	4	5	1½
4. Chigwell ...	0	0	0	0

## CRICKET.

The best game the team had this season was the first, which was lost. It was a morning match against Wanstead, away, and considering our former games with this team we thought a result doubtful. A good fast wicket was helpful to R. J. Clark, Drewe and Walker, who each knocked up a few quick runs, and to Hines and D. W. Clarke who together made a quick-scoring stand. After 75 minutes batting we declared with 101 on the board.

With half a dozen bowlers we should have dismissed Wanstead within the remaining hour and a half. A stubborn third-wicket

stand of 43 upset our plans and advanced their score, and after that successes came only at long intervals. Once again we had an exciting finish: with 8 wickets down, and in the very last over, our opponents passed our total, and the most enjoyable game of the season was lost by us.

A fortnight later the team sadly declined in spirit and performance. It was our first game against Buckhurst Hill II. Our bowling was generally good and the side was all out for 76. When we batted, however, there was a quick collapse, 3 wickets being down for 5 runs; R. J. Clark, Hines and Walker were the only ones making double figures, and we lost rather miserably by 18 runs.

Next week, however, the team was no longer heartless, and made a decided come-back, defeating Forest School I. in one of the best performances this year. Wheatley took 4 wickets for 4 runs in 4 overs and Drewe bowled fast to take three of the first four wickets. Hines and Flower put on 80 for the first wicket, and in all we made 121 for 1.

Perhaps a better show than this was put up against Chigwell School II. when we played them at home. It was a match of broken records: we scored 142 runs, our highest total so far; Drewe was the main run-maker, scoring 70 in less than 30 minutes, an innings that included 11 fours, 3 sixes, and 1 straight bat. Walker, not to be outdone, shone in the bowling and had the best analysis of all recent games, finishing with 6 wickets for 7 runs. Hines and he were responsible for the low total, 21, put up by Chigwell.

Among the outstanding achievements this year must be mentioned the general success of the "hitters." Drewe has scored the most runs, has the best average performance and has made the highest single score, and at the greatest rate. R. J. Clark has been luckily consistent, and, perhaps, consistently lucky, and has often scored a few quick runs just when needed. Amongst the bowlers this year, Wheatley has gained most success, taking 16 wickets in 6 games for only 58 runs.

This year for the first time we played Bancroft II., but could not dismiss them within the time, and were forced to a draw. The other games we have played against Chigwell School II. away, and Loughton I. at home, have both been won. We have yet to play Ilford on our ground and on theirs, and the results of these are sure to be in doubt till stumps are drawn.

This year, then, we have been neither very successful—we have done better in at least one other season—nor failed very profoundly. Out of 7 games we have won 4, lost 2 and drawn 1. The

scores have been quite varied, ranging against us from 21 to 106, and on our side from 58 to 142. Some of this has proved disappointing to us, but on the whole has made a joyful season's cricket.

Date	Opponents	Result	Scores	
			For	Against
July 3rd.	Loughton School	won	74—6	58
May 22nd.	Wanstead C.H.S.	lost	101—7	106—8
.. 29th.	Chigwell School II.	won	142—6	21
June 5th.	Buckhurst Hill II.	lost	58	76
.. 12th.	Forest School	won	121—1	55
.. 19th.	Bancroft II.	drawn	104—4	69—8
.. 26th.	Chigwell School II.	won	91—8	39

On the whole the first eleven have succeeded in maintaining this season the excellent reputation previously won. There were occasions, however, when it was on the verge of losing rather ignominiously its stability, cohesion and pugnacity. Had it not been for Drewe's bold and resolute hitting the batting would have tailed off lamentably early in the order of striking. Flower and Hines made a sound opening pair, Flower finding his form after a shaky start but Palmer, who followed, was too happy-go-lucky in such a high and responsible position. After his wicket had fallen there was no really solid and reliable batting with the definite exception of Clarke, D. W., who provided just the stickiness and ability to keep his end up in crises. The bowling was steadily offensive with Drewe, Walker, Hines and Tarlton to deliver the faster stuff and Wheatley and Clarke, R. J. to vary the pace. Wheatley bowled more consistently well this season than ever before, his deliveries making surprising nip off the pitch. Fielding was adequate but not good. McCartney took over from Flower behind the stumps half-way through the season to lessen somewhat his triple burden of opening batsman, captain and wicket keeper.

## THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

A brilliant blue sky and a keen enthusiastic gathering of supporters made the occasion of our fifth annual athletic sports a day to be remembered. This year there were no medals, but it says much for the enthusiasm of the boys, and the tradition of true sportsmanship that is rapidly developing within the school, that rivalry was as keen as ever.

Not that there was close competition for the House Championship—Bryett of Roding saw to that. As last year he proved himself the School's outstanding athletic and carried off the honours

in no less than six events. There is no doubt that the present high standard of athletic performance within the school owes much to the infectious enthusiasm and personal example of Bryett. Bryett was ably supported by the juniors of Roding House. Hardy's effort of 17 feet 11 inches in the Long Jump, and his Javelin Throw of 122 feet 10 inches, are worthy of special mention, whilst his 220 yards in 25.8 seconds was a very creditable performance. Webb, too, gained points in five events, and distinguished himself in the High Jump, Shot and Javelin, as well as in the sprints.

Chigwell, Hainault and Forest meanwhile contested strongly for second place. For Forest, Boone's size enabled him to be first home in both the 100 and 220 yards, whilst in the 880 yards Bracey set the pace and was a worthy winner. Tarlton, too, though throwing a heavier javelin, improved upon his record of the previous year in that event. For Chigwell, Slade's High Jump of 5 feet 2 inches at the centre of the bar was well applauded. He gains the distinction of being the first fourth year boy to win an event against a fifth year rival. Taylor, Chigwell's captain, deserves commendation for his fine effort to put his team ahead in the Senior Relay. Bates, however, though running strongly, was no match for Bryett on the final leg, and Roding were easy winners of the event.

At the conclusion of the programme winners were presented to Mr. Frank Foster of the Governing Body, and his words of congratulation and handshake more than made up for the lack of any more material reward.

There is no doubt that the success of a school sports meeting depends first and foremost on the general conduct of the boys, whether competing, helping or watching. It is felt that a special word of thanks is due, on this occasion, to all present for combining so effectually to ensure such a worthy result.

G.R.H.

#### Inter-Form Relay. 1st. Year.

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|----|-----|--------------------------------|
| 1. | 1a. | Gray, Hayward, Penny, Chown.   |
| 2. | 1c. | Perry, Wilson, Hall, Taylor.   |
| 3. | 1b. | Dale, Horton, Melhuish, Gooch. |

#### Inter-House Relay. Junior. (4 x 110 yds.).

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|----|-----------|------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. | Roding.   | 53.2 secs. | Webb, Gray Gold, Hardy.        |
| 2. | Hainault. |            | Foster, Cramp, Reekie, Watson. |
| 3. | Forest    |            | Young, Johnson, Rush, Boone.   |
| 4. | Chigwell. |            | Bowden, Blake, Davies, Tilly.  |

#### Inter-House Relay. Senior. (4 x 220 yds.).

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|----|-----------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. | Roding.   | 1 min. 48 secs. | Wall, Copcutt, Marks, Bryett.      |
| 2. | Chigwell. |                 | Woollard, Walker, Vizard, Bates.   |
| 3. | Hainault. |                 | Ikeson, Hughes, Turbin, Drewe.     |
| 4. | Forest.   |                 | Morris, Pitteway, Everitt, Bracey. |

#### RESULTS.

##### 100 Yards. 1st Year.

- Penny. 13.4 secs.
- Hall.
- Gooch.

##### 100 Yards. 3rd Year.

- Hardy (R). 11.8 secs.
- Webb (R).
- Watson (H).

##### 100 Yards. 5th Year.

- Bryett (R). 10.9 secs.
- Wall (R).
- Ikeson (H).

##### 220 Yards. 2nd Year.

- Boone (F). 28.1 secs.
- Foster (H).
- Gray (R).

##### 220 Yards. 4th Year.

- Bates (C). 26.2 secs.
- Woollard (C).
- Copcutt (R).

##### Long Jump. Junior.

- Hardy (R). 17 ft. 11ins.
- Watson (H).
- Aldridge (R).

##### High Jump. Senior.

- Slade (C). 5 ft. 2 ins.
- Hines (C).
- Tarlton (F).

##### 440 Yards. Senior.

- Bryett (R). 58 secs.
- Pitteway (F).
- Walker (C).

##### Putting the Shot. Junior (6 lbs).

- Barrett (H). 37 ft.
- Webb (R).
- Watson (H).

##### Throwing the Javelin. Junior.

- Hardy (R). 122 ft. 10 ins.
- Webb (R).
- Hearn (F).

##### 100 Yards. 2nd Year.

- Boone (F). 12.6 secs.
- Foster (H).
- Tilley (C).

##### 100 Yards. 4th Year.

- Bates (C). 11.5 secs.
- Woollard (C).
- Turbin (H).

##### Throwing the Discus. Open.

- Bryett (R). 110 ft. 11ins.
- Tarlton (F).
- Taylor (C).

##### 220 Yards. 3rd Year.

- Hardy (R). 25.8 secs.
- Webb (R).
- Watson (H).

##### 220 Yards. 5th Year.

- Bryett (R). 23.8 secs.
- Ikeson (H).
- Walker (C).

##### Long Jump. Senior.

- Bryett (R). 19 ft. 4 ins.
- Tarlton (F).
- Hines (C).

##### High Jump. Junior.

- Webb (R). 4 ft. 8ins.
- Perkins (R).
- Rudolf (F).

##### 880 Yards. Senior.

- Bracey (F). 2 mins. 22.2 secs.
- Hughes (H).
- Horne (R).

##### Putting the Shot. Senior (9 lbs.).

- Bryett (R). 39 ft. 4 ins.
- Drewe (H).
- Flower (F).

##### Throwing the Javelin. Senior.

- Tarlton (F). 149 ft. 5 ins.
- Taylor (C).
- Drewe (H).

### Final House Totals :

1. Roding	...	...	61 points.
2. Hainault	...	...	27 points.
3. Chigwell	...	...	26 points.
4. Forest	...	...	24 points.

### Inter-House Games Championship Table.

		Cross-				
		Football	Country	Cricket	Athletics	Total
1.	Roding ... ..	2	1½	1	3	7½
2.	Forest ... ..	3	3	0	0	6
3.	Hainault ... ..	0	1½	2	2	5½
4.	Chigwell ... ..	1	0	3	1	5

A series of Inter-Form Athletic Competitions were held during special periods allocated within the timetable during the summer examinations. These were won by 1a, 2c, 3a and 4b.

In the first forms, Penny was outstanding and promises well in both running and jumping. Boone and Gold, both of 2c, proved too strong a combination for 2a or 2b, though Foster (2b) and Tilley (2a) also did well. The third forms provided very close rivalry but 3a (20 points), ably lead by Watson, were the final winners, with 3b (18 points) and 3c (16 points) very close runners-up. The issue of the fourth form competition was never in doubt. Here the performances of Bates and Woollard for 4b were outstanding, and the form proved easy winners. Bates won the 100 and 220 yards, with Woollard a close runner-up in each case, and he also succeeded in the Javelin event. Woollard's Discus throw was a commendable effort, and for 4a, Slade won no less than three events in fine style—the High and Long Jumps and Putting the Shot.

There can be no doubt that these inter-form contests have done much to raise the standard of our athletics and it is hoped to make them a yearly feature during the summer term.

### JUNIOR GAMES.

During the past year we have attempted to give our juniors match practice against other schools so that future 1st XI's might be built up.

The Junior Football XI. has played fixtures with varying success. This team has been captained by Webb, a strong and forceful player whose kicking improved greatly during the season.

He needs to learn to use his left foot with greater effect and to keep the ball under closer control. Gilbert, in goal, shone on many occasions. His positioning has been good, and his fearless diving to the feet of opposing forwards has saved many goals. The half-backs have tackled strongly but must learn to kick the ball much harder in front of their forwards. In the forward line Read has shown great promise. He has worked the ball well and, in addition to scoring goals himself, he has made openings for the other forwards. Of these Tilley on the left wing and Hardy on the right have shown a nice turn of speed and have put across many good centres. The team has been weakest in the centre of the forward line, where a player with speed, anticipation and fearless dash is needed to drive home the attacks which have so often developed with little effect.

The under 15 Cricket XI. has had quite a successful season. Baggott, as captain has kept his team alert and watchful in the field. His bowling has troubled the opposing batsmen but has been too often wide of the wicket. The other bowlers must learn to attack with more effect. Their bowling has lacked the sting which makes the batsman feel unsettled at the wicket. Jones, Woollard and Sutton have, however, bowled quite steadily and well. Of the batsmen, it is the junior members of the team who have shown the greatest promise. Read, in particular, has batted soundly and his confident running between the wicket has had a steadying effect upon the team. Boone, behind the wicket, has done good service and shows promise as a batsman. Noble and Salmon are also developing on sound lines. The senior members of the team have too often been content to hit blindly at the ball, and Pettit in particular wastes obvious natural ability and strength through lack of thought and practice in the art of batsmanship. The following boys have played for the under 15 cricket team in the course of the season: Baggott, Woollard, Bates, Pettit, Salmon, Noble, Sutton, Hardy, R., Smart, White, E. Boone, Read, Fogg and Jones.

G.R.H.

### RODING HOUSE.

In the last report I ventured to suggest that, if the house put forward an extra effort, it might win the competition. The members exerted themselves more than in the previous year and as a result I am pleased to congratulate the house on its first victory in the House Championship.

In the Autumn and Spring terms, football and cross-country were the chief inter-house events. In both of these the seniors and juniors both did equally well, and although we did not win either of these we obtained valuable points for second position.

Cricket, in the summer term again proved to be our "Achilles heel," but we won the athletics by a very comfortable margin of points and this, combined with the fact that Forest did very badly here, was a considerable factor in our victory.

Thus the house has won the Championship for the first time and it is reasonable to expect that, given reasonable luck, we will repeat this again next year.

S. BRYETT (Captain).

The following are the allocations to Roding House made from the present first year boys :—

1a.	1b.	1c.
Chapman, G. S.	Gooch.	Hall, J.
Chown.	Drinkwater.	Hayes, D. C.
Davis, G. E.	Green.	Henderson.
Francis.	Monk.	Manning, F. C.
Harris.	Tovey, D. E.	Taylor, W. D.
Hayward.		
Hickman.		
Madgwick.		
Norwood.		
Taylor, B. H.		
Warner.		

#### FOREST HOUSE.

In our football competitions this year there were fewer games, since we had only two rounds. Once more our juniors were quite successful, winning five of six matches; our senior record was much better than last year, and, although Roding proved our most difficult opponent, we came first in the final table.

Luckily for our House the extent of the cross-country run was increased, and twelve boys from each of the two runs scored points for the House. This more representative system served Forest well: our seniors were first, and juniors second.

Our House therefore came first in the two opening events of the year. Unfortunately, however, we were not to do as well in cricket and athletics. In cricket our teams were not a little unsuccessful,

ful, and we came last. Roding, our chief rivals were second. In athletics we could not hope for more than second place: we came last, thus ruining our hopes of the Championship. Roding outstripped all other Houses and took the Championship. While regretting our own decline, and while confident we shall regain our position next year by sheer hard exertions, we congratulate the Champion House for a creditable performance from every member.

A. FLOWER (Captain).

The following are the allocations to Forest House made from the present first year boys :—

1a.	1b.	1c.
Astley.	Cuthbert.	Burton.
Cole.	Dale.	Hills.
Fogg, A. H.	Davies, C. J.	Keeling.
French, R. H.	Grimson.	Sortwell.
Gale.	Hare.	
Gray, C. A.	Johnson	
Harvey.	Spendley.	
Hayes, C. E.		
King, D. G.		
Peters.		
Rolfe.		

#### HAINAULT HOUSE.

As compared with last year's results—when Hainault finished fourth—there has been a definite improvement in the activities of the House: but it is still not good enough. The football season was for us unlucky since we finished fourth—which was caused mainly by loss, when the odd goal determined the results. However, the Cross-country was looked forward to, since in the previous two years this event had been triumphantly won by the House: but again we were disappointed—we finished third despite the splendid running shown by Beecham, E., Hughes, Beecham, D. and Horne.

Sports' Day held a pleasant surprise for us: Hainault came second—the first year that we had finished anywhere but last; it was due to the conscientious training indulged in by our members, who are to be heartily congratulated upon their excellent performance. Again, the House distinguished itself in the Cricket Tournament, in which we finished second to Chigwell. It must be noted that our senior 1st XI. remained unbeaten throughout the season.

Generally speaking, there is still much to be desired in the

performance of the House, but this year's results have certainly been a great improvement on last year, and boys who have contributed to the successes can congratulate themselves.

B. McCARTNEY (Captain).

The following are the allocations to Hainault House made from the present first year boys :—

1a.	1b.	1c.
Horne, A.	Bone.	Bales.
	Bradstock.	Bowden.
	Day.	Golder.
	Dearson.	Goodey.
	Kittle.	Hutchins.
	Melhuish.	Inskip.
	Newman.	Newton.
	Nyman.	Shave.
	Turner, F. H.	Warrick.
	White, G.	Wells.
		Wiggins.
		Wilson.

#### CHIGWELL HOUSE.

The position of Chigwell in the House Championship does not do justice to the many boys who have worked energetically for their House.

The best performance was put up in the Cricket Championship, which was won by a good margin of points. But in the Cross-country run (always the bugbear) no points at all were gained, as the House came last. The juniors did not do as well as was expected: previously they had won this even quite easily.

In the Football competition, Chigwell seemed to be coming at least second until Roding finally pulled up to come in that position. Here again the juniors did not come up to expectations, largely because of a lack of team work, although, to some extent, some leeway was made up in the Cricket.

Chigwell consists of some boys who are good at their events and others who are not so good as the former. These so-called "lesser people" are often despondent about their chances, and make no effort to succeed. If these boys would do better, the few extra points gained would be sufficient to put Chigwell House at the top of the Championship.

W. C. H. TAYLOR (Captain).

The following are the allocations to Chigwell House made from the present first year boys :—

1a.	1b.	1c.
Buggey.	Carroll.	Chapman, J. R.
Colton.	Discombe.	Fry.
Greenaway.	Fishlock.	Maybury.
Knell.	Gomm.	Moss.
Penny.	Horton.	Overy.
Shærbird.	Parker.	Perry.
Twyman.	Pryor.	Tovey, D. P.
	Salmon.	

#### EXAMINATIONS RESULTS.

The following boys are to be congratulated for passing their examinations held by the Associated Board of R.A.M. and R.C.M. :

Grade II.	M. Rudolf.
	R. Hunt.
Grade III.	A. Andrews.
	M. Rudolf.
Grade IV.	C. Selby (Distinction).
Grade V.	B. Tarlton (Credit).

#### Theory.

Grade I.	M. Rudolf.
	R. Hunt.
	C. Selby.
Grade III.	B. Tarlton.