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EDITORIAL

THE editorial, it appears from past years, is designed to give the editor a chance not only glibly to expound his philosophy of life to the reluctant reader but also falsely to attribute it to the general mass of school members. As it is considered morally wrong by most to extinguish the torch of tradition, we must not debate the propriety of this institution but accept it "ex cathedra." But, then, this is a fortunate acquiescence for it gives that minority which refuses to identify itself with the common viewpoint both freedom to express its opinion and opportunity for subtlety of approach. Little subtlety, we must admit, lies in the past method of equating problems in the world at large with those facing the school and assuming them for the purpose of proposing a doctrine or creed. But this is the means by which I hope to rectify a little the gospels of past hierophants.

We are living in an age when we cannot afford to be cynical, especially we young people ; the issues at stake are too great. But let not this prevent us from seeing clearly the truth. We are rapidly developing a world unfit to live in, a stereotyped existence where each man bears the number of his grade. Under the banner of social science man is regimented through the turnstiles of statistics, herded into the single pen of soulless similarity. This we see exemplified, do we not, in state control, social security, social equality, conscription and all the other like levelling vices of the modern world? Man wants not liberty, else why should he thus subject himself? No! it is social equality, security, the right to destroy his stronger neighbour's ability before it supersedes his own, that man most desires. This is an abominable system, Machiavellian in conception, designed to support the parasitic and connive at the indolent, impose the general, misled will upon the enlightened minority, and from all men to wring out the elixir of individuality. The masses blind themselves with godless ideals, weep for the unattainable, yearn for the non-existent, strive for a myth ; and meanwhile, they thrust aside or stifle the true part of man's being, that once God-conscious part, his soul or spirit, in the sordid struggle for material gain. The pity is that the schools themselves are now bound within this new order, and cannot stand

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apart and realize the true direction of this hell-bound flood. Hence, because of their upbringing, men refuse to stand apart and view the situation comprehensively; they prefer to haze their consciences in a self-righteous opiate, and sink down into the mire to make their horizon the narrower and thereby less condemning.

Men deny free-will to rid themselves of their responsibility, the responsibility of choosing good or evil, God or Mammon, Ohrist or the Devil, whatever terms you will. Men try to compromise between these two extremes with the cowardly excuse of expediency, refusing to face the fact that they are spiritually dead, morally diseased. The spiritual realm I believe to be absolute; you must either be black or white, left or right. It is not as in the physical realm where the conflicting allopathists and homœopathists both may effect a cure; there is only one cure, for evil cannot be remedied by evil. That is why World Organisations must fundamentally fail, why indeed, all governments have their days numbered. Small wonder man has sunk so low when he denies the Bible to bear the divine imprimatur, when he plans his future on solely material premisses, and accepts the naive conception of the innate goodness of man. We rarely hear sin preached nowadays; sin is a past habit that man has lost. We are all, now, too respectable. Gone are the days of the Salvation Army, when "Major Barbara" was an Amazon indeed; there are no more wars for it to fight. 'Tis no longer, "Ye must be born again"; we all grow better if we but try. But has not that "try" lasted too long already? Is it not possible there has been some mistake? Would to God people realized that the prime need of education is to teach man's spiritual need, that Divinity or Religious Instruction in our schools were a spiritual torture rather than, as it is now for most, a mental one! We need men in the world today who will face the fact of sin in all their deliberations, and who will face it in themselves first. This is what our schools should teach.

That is my banner unfurled; we shall not bow down to Baal. And yet it is not new but an old message, contained within the covers of that book which in this generation is found alone in churches, and scarce, it seems, read even there. No man, it seems to me, is equipped for life unless his education is a balanced one. Few of us are called to be ascetics, to ostracize our sensual being, but all are called upon to develop the spiritual life to the best of their ability. Hence I would conclude, after the manner of most weak preachers, on a text, proved and recorded by Solomon, for whose directness of approach I cannot take any responsibility: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

A. E. WILLINGALE,

Upper Sixth Modern.

WE deeply regret to record that early in the eighth year of its history the School suffered its first fatal road casualty. John Barrington Green (4c) was cycling down Roding Lane from Buckhurst Hill in one of the thickest fogs of the winter and in trying to overtake a private car he collided head-on with an R.A.F. lorry proceeding from Chigwell. Green suffered little, dying very shortly after the accident. To his mother, father and sister the School expresses its sincere sympathy.

We are proud that the Chairman of the Governing Body has been elected first Chairman of the Forest Divisional Executive Committee. Under the terms of the Education Act, 1944, authority for education must be decentralised to give convenient areas within the main local education authority greater autonomy in educational administration. Our Division, the Forest, is one of the biggest in Essex, one in which the greatest development is inevitable and for which plans have been submitted to the main County Education Committee. By virtue of his Chairmanship of the Divisional Executive Mr. Knight is a member of the County Education Committee. The constitution of Governing Bodies is at present under review but it can be very confidently hoped and anticipated that both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Mr. F. S. Foster, J.P., will continue in office.

During the course of the academic year we have lost the services of Mr. Govier, Mr. Bateman and Mr. Hollingbery. Mr. Govier has gone to Plaistow Municipal Secondary School, Mr. Bateman to the Northampton Polytechnic, London, and Mr. Hollingbery to the Swynnerton Emergency Training College, Staffordshire. We welcome Mr. H. B. Samways, M.A. (Cantab.), who is responsible for Latin in the School; Mr. J. A. Irving, M.A. (Glasgow), who is teaching French; Mr. E. Dolman, B.Sc. (London), and Mr. L. S. Marrington, B.Sc. (London), who are teaching Mathematics; and Mr. L. S. Moore, B.A. (London), who is taking Mr. Hollingbery's place. Mrs. J. E. Newport, B.A. (London), will be leaving at the end of the term after an all-too-short stay and will be succeeded in the Geography Room by Mr. T. H. Leek, B.A. (Birmingham). Miss Dawson will leave to take up a permanent appointment at Loughton County High School for Girls so that our sense of loss will be lightened by her nearness. Her place will be filled by Mr. D. H. Mitchell, B.Sc. (Dunelm). Miss Crook is going to the U.S.A. for one year under the Exchange of Teachers Scheme sponsored by the English Speaking Union and in exchange we welcome Mrs. Mary Herbert, M.A., Ph.B., of Pennsylvania. For the first time since the foundation year Woodwork will be resumed in the curriculum under the direction of Mr. F. J. Wilson of Loughborough College. We have been delighted

to welcome home Mr. M. H. Romans to the effulgence of the Art Room and the artistry of the cricket square and we are happy to have with us again Mr. K. J. Dofort who is quickly building up our post-war Athletics with his pre-war energy. We regret the non-return of two pre-war permanent members of Staff in Mr. S. R. Crocker and Mr. C. W. Lloyd, who have resigned; Mr. Crocker to take up an appointment under the Colonial Office and Mr. Lloyd to teach History at Gresham's School, Holt.

We are pleased to congratulate :

A. E. Willingale, Upper Sixth Modern, on gaining an Exhibition at Queen Mary College, University of London, and with it the distinction of being the first boy in the history of the School to win an Open University Scholarship ;

D. Boatman (1938-1945) on being awarded £50 per annum for three years by the Trustees of the Boake Scholarship Fund. Boatman, who obtained his Intermediate B.Sc. last July, is reading for a General Science Degree at University College, London ;

P. Rattenbury, Upper Sixth Science, on gaining first place in the " Burn " Cross-Country Challenge Cup race in a field of 78 runners from ten schools ;

S. A. Bryett on representing Oxford University in the 100 yards and Long Jump in the Inter-Varsity Athletic Sports and for winning the Freshmen's 100 yards and the open 100 yards in the Oxford University Athletic Sports ;

Cadet Geoffrey Charles Hollingsworth (1940) in obtaining a first-class and sixth place out of 50 in the Easter " passing-out " exams. of the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth ;

S. A. Bryett, B. H. Chase, B. A. Tarlton and F. J. Wall (all 1938-1945) on winning the first County Major Scholarships in the history of the School ;

Wanstead County High School on winning the Champion Russell Cup, the Bressey Cup, the Heron Cup, and the Bickersteth Cup in the season's inter-school athletic competitions.

Details of the three scholarship funds now available to members of the school are here given. The Scholarship Loan Fund was founded to assist boys with their further education and professional training and is not restricted to boys going on to the university. The " Boake " Trust awards scholarships tenable at the University of London or an institution affiliated therewith for a course of study in some branch of Natural Science and preferably in Chemistry. Candidates must be between the ages of 16 and 18 and resident within the Administrative County of Essex and must have been previously pupils of a primary school within the old Epping Union area and have continued their education at a

secondary school recognised for scholarships by the Essex Education Committee. The " George and Alfred Lewis " Scholarship Fund was founded under the terms of the will of the late Mr. George Lewis, who lived near to the school in Chigwell Rise. Approximately £4,000 has been devoted to the Fund which is for the benefit of boys who before winning a scholarship to a secondary school were educated at Chigwell Council School.

An important modification of the time-table will be made in the new school year next September. Instead of the present five-day working week there will be a seven-day working week, i.e. the unit of the time-table will be seven consecutive days excluding Saturdays and Sundays. Boys will thus have to identify the particular daily time-table not by name but by number. There will be five teaching periods daily and two afternoon periods devoted to preparation or games. Every form will have two periods of Games once in every five days, organised according to years. Periods of Physical Training have been increased to three in the first two years and to two in the fifth year so that the frequency of physical education to intellectual has been improved. In addition to lightening the strain on pupils (and parents) of much (but not all) homework, it is hoped that boys will take the opportunity so offered of staying on at school after a light tea and indulging in cultural and general activities.

We record the totals of collections achieved by the school during the year :

	£	s.	d.
Haig's Fund. Remembrance (Poppy) Day	2	18	5½
Forest Hospital. By Rebate on Milk	15	5	9½
Forest Hospital. By Sale of Unclaimed Property	8	0	0
Forest Hospital. Collection Box (mostly fines for lost Property)	1	19	9½
Alexandra Rose Day	2	4	4¼

Milk Rebate accrues by boys foregoing rebate due to them on account of absence since milk money is paid half a term in advance. Unclaimed property generally has rusticated for at least six months in the Secretary's Office before coming up for public auction and must be unmarked.

The School's Victory Celebrations of June 8th, 1946 consisted of a two-hour film show in the morning, the main feature of which was Chaplin's " Gold Rush " followed by relaxation on the field in place of the normal fifth period. A special lunch was enriched for each boy by the addition of an ice cream. After lunch the Staff played the first eleven at cricket, mention of which appears else-

where. Autograph hunters were prominent in seeking signatures for their commemorative cards. Nothing more forcibly indicates the seniority of the school than a comparison of this "test" match with the last one played on May 24th, 1941. Then the Staff amassed the highly respectable total of 162 to the School's 78 for 8. By the time this appears in print the Parents may have done better than the Staff this summer.

Mrs. Finch, our Cook, left us at the end of the Autumn Term, 1945, after good service through all the hazards of the "blitz" years and is succeeded by Mrs. Wilson as Cook-Supervisor, previously Catering Supervisor at John Lewis and Co., Oxford Street.

It has been possible to obtain a limited number of House football shirts with the object of reserving the present football shirts for school team colours. Commencing next September new boys will be allocated to Houses on admission. The two air-raid shelters adjoining each other at the North end of the playground are being converted into changing rooms for games.

The School in general and the Magazine Committee in particular are greatly indebted to Mr. Romans for designing our new cover. The first issue of this magazine in July 1939 bore a design from his hand; our present issue is fortunate in bearing one no less delightful and in addition more distinctive. We venture to hope that the change in the name of the magazine will meet with general approval. Anonymity may be useful to a contributor; it is not a virtue in a periodical. May we suggest to the Old Boys' Association that "Old Rodings" is not less suitable and is certainly more pleasant-sounding than some of the names we heard on 30th March?

Once again the School Clothing Exchange has proved itself useful by the sale of many articles of games equipment and uniform. The demand for cricket trousers and football boots is always bigger than the supply. Seniors are urged to bring along all equipment which they have outgrown and which is still in good condition. This service is always appreciated particularly by boys in the junior forms. From the small commissions on sales this year, £4 has been sent as a donation to the Forest Hospital.

Members of the School National Savings Group continue to save regularly with a weekly average of over £12. This is not particularly good and many forms could do much better. Congratulations go to IIIB for maintaining a high weekly total throughout the year. Some members of the School group seem to be unaware of the advantage to be gained by obtaining certificates through the group secretary. Back-dated certificates are not to be despised!

Signs of our having arrived at our majority continue to appear. The Old Boys' Association is swelling in membership and in the

number of its activities. A Parents' Association has been formed and a special report by its Honorary Secretary is to be found in later pages of this magazine. We have now five Old Boys at the Universities and it is a pleasure to print in this number our first University Letters. It is gratifying to note the fine response by parents to evening functions which have taken place at the School recently. So long debarred from holding plays and concerts by war conditions we now have only our awkward geographical situation, which the Headmaster referred to in his Speech Day Report, as a barrier to full participation in social events, and this has not kept the parents away.

For more than six months now our morning Assembly has been accompanied by orchestral music. At first regarded by our older pupils a little doubtfully, this Wednesday innovation has gone on in strength and has established itself as a regular occasion. We shall offend neither the players nor their most captious critics when we declare that the performances have improved enormously.

D. W. Vere, Lower Sixth Science, gave a lecture on "Hornets in Epping Forest" to the local branch of the London Natural History Society on January 5th. His paper was based on his own observations and it was very well received by the Society. Accompanying exhibits included a complete nest obtained with some difficulty, and museum specimens illustrating the life-history and habits of hornets. Valuable assistance in the preparation of these exhibits was received from K. A. Joysey and other members of the School. The Biology Department congratulates itself on the rearing of a second family of pied wagtails—with the help of the parents, whose entomological pursuits are the envy of the pupils of the Department.

SHE PASSED BEFORE THE GROAN OF AUTUMN

She passed before the groan of Autumn
Had broken in a sob;
She fell with the whimpering leaves,
Her knell the gentle drop
Of chestnuts and the overripe sorb-apples
Down there in the spinney.
She had been too rathe;
Had bloomed but for a season;
Too soon had wilted leaving nothing,
Nothing but the tearful cawing of the rooks
About their naked homes,
Whilst life fled from the evening sky.

A. E. WILLINGALE,
Upper Sixth Modern.

IN PRAISE OF COUNTRY LIFE

O fortunatos nimium, sua si bona norint,
agricolas, quibus ipsa, procul discordibus armis,
fundit humo facilem victum iustissima tellus !
si non ingentem foribus domus alta superbis
mane salutantum totis vomit ædibus undam,
nec varios inhiant pulchra testudine postis,
inclusasque auro vestes, Ephyreiaque aera,
alba neque Assyrio fucatur lana veneno,
nec casia liquidi corrumpitur usus olivi :
at segura quies et nescia fallere vita,
dives opum variarum, at latis otia fundis,
speluncæ, vivique lacus, at frigida Tempe,
mugitusque boum, mollesque sub arbore somni
non absunt ; illic saltus ac lustra ferarum,
et patiens operum exiguoque adsueta iuventus,
sacra deum, sanctique patres ; extrema per illos
Iustitia excedens terris vestigia fecit.

VIRGIL—Georgics II, 458-474.

Translation.

Oh, immeasurably fortunate,
If they would realize what wealth is theirs,
Are countrymen on whom, far from the clash
Of war, freely the righteous earth from her
Own soil pours ready victuals. True, they have
No grandiose mansion with imposing gates
That vomits forth from every room a wave
Of morning callers ! True, they do not stand
And gape at doorposts fine inlaid
With gorgeous tortoiseshell, and drapery
Of gold brocade, and Corinthian bronzes ! True,
The whiteness of their wool is not debased
By Tyrian dye, and cinnamon does not
Adulterate their limpid olive oil
For use ! But rest that's free from care, and life
That knows deceit in nought, are here found rich
In various rewards ; the restful calm
Of broad farmyards, and caves, and natural lakes,
And cool Thessalian vales, mooing of cows,
And slumber soft beneath the trees, and glades
And lairs well-stocked with game, and youths inured
To industry and thrift, the fear of God,
And reverence for elders ; all these things
Are present here. When Justice left the earth
Among these folk she left her final footprints.

A. E. WILLINGALE,
Upper Sixth Modern.

AN ISLAND HOLIDAY

IT was on February 15th that I first read the article in the Library newspaper. The caption was worded : " You can go down to the sea for £3 3s. 0d. a week but you must study bird life and do the washing-up." Further reading elucidated a scheme sponsored by the West Wales Field Society for a bird-watching holiday on two islands off the Pembrokeshire coast. Vivid mental pictures of an ideal holiday with a chance to do a little practical ecology for the forthcoming H.S.C. examination inspired me to enquire for further details. A couple of exchanges of letters and I was booked to stay on Skokholm* Island for nine days. This island was smaller and more remote than Skomer, for a timely warning prepared me to be able to " cook in the spirit of Robinson Crusoe." I was now living for the Easter holidays.

Of all the difficult days for travelling Good Friday must certainly have been the worst. I caught the notorious 9.25 p.m. from Paddington which was due to arrive at Haverfordwest almost ten hours later. Strangely enough it was on time for at 7.30 a.m. I was speeding across the Welsh countryside in an Austin.

Skokholm Lodge, a wooden bungalow construction, is the residence of the Society's Supply Officer. Her duty is to keep the Islands supplied with victuals and other goods and to receive the weary, newly-arrived visitors. I was accordingly received into her hospitality about 8.30 a.m. on Saturday. Unfortunately I saw too much of the Shore Base that day, for the boat was not due to leave until the evening. Impatience gripped me, for from the mainland I could see Skokholm rising serenely out of the blue about four miles off.

But at the appointed hour, the Storm Petrel left Martin's Haven. Till now the weather had been fine, but as we were loading the boat rain began to fall. A heavy swell was now running and a mere sciolist could have predicted a rough crossing. Everything happened according to my mental plan, even to such details as the failure of the engine at the crucial moment. We were helpless. The distance between each trough and crest was a matter of feet, so that at one instant it seemed that we were due for a watery grave and at the next we were half out of the water. The Storm Petrel was heavily loaded, too. She was only a boat of five feet beam and I can remember drums of petrol and paraffin, a bedstead with mattress, sacks of potatoes and parsnips and other stores as well as a pile of luggage and six passengers aboard, so that each time she struck the surface on the descent from a crest a great fountain of water shot up causing us to ship it by the gallon. When the engine did eventually restart we were put into Skomer for the night, leaving the Skokholm crossing for finer weather. Skokholm no longer looked serenely beautiful but dimly foreboding, rising as it did out of a turbulent sea with black storm clouds shrouding it.

Sunday dawned a beautiful day and I had a chance to make a brief tour of Skomer which is apparently a geologist's headache (or delight) as far as the number of faults is concerned. That afternoon we sailed for Skokholm and arrived in time for tea. At this meal, I learned that Mr. Kerr, one of the visitors, was a schoolmaster and knew Mr. R. A. Campbell. I have heard references to the size of the world but I could have believed anything when a visitor came a few days later and said she was a schoolmistress who lived at Buckhurst Hill and also knew "Hank."

Daily life on the island was not in the least dull. The true enthusiasts rose early and were rewarded with a pre-breakfast cup of tea and biscuits before they began their tour. This may have been the attraction, but early morning was the best time to see many birds. After breakfast the household chores were completed before the main morning walk was made. All day we were free to do as we pleased. Personally I like society and so I indulged in such reckless pastimes as falling down cliffs in search of gulls' eggs, or chasing two weary cuckoos all over the island in an attempt to persuade one to settle on a post in front of a hide, inside which the Warden spent a whole afternoon hopefully waiting with a telephoto reflex. Hope springs eternal in the human breast but by teatime I was beginning to wonder who were the cuckoos. Chasing birds in this futile fashion must have been one of the Warden's private delights for I can also remember a chase over the rocks in South Haven after a little owl. It appeared that this bloodthirsty creature used to breakfast on the storm petrels much to the disgust of the Warden who therefore decided that it would be a good thing to banish it from Skokholm for ever with the aid of a .22 rifle. The little owl seemed to have a strong feeling of nostalgia for it was constantly to be seen sitting with its saucer-like eyes peering over a certain hole in a stone wall. But it was always ready to leave if we approached too near. In view of this the Warden took a long shot. It missed since the sights were set for shorter ranges. Hot lead whistling through the window is yet another inducement for wise little owls to quit home, so we embarked on a hue and cry. It was an impossible task but the Warden was a man of dogged determination and it seemed a pity that the last laugh should have been on him. As he peered round from a rock while stalking it, so did the owl peer round from its boulder. The farther the Warden receded, the harder the owl peered. Eventually the Warden hid himself completely. The owl craned farther round the rock but saw nothing. It sensed danger and made off obviously observing that rule prevalent in the animal world regarding self-preservation.

Darkness fell very late on the island for we had our own Skokholm time which was really D.B.S.T. Consequently it was only twilight when we gathered round the fire after supper to write up

the log and records. This pleasant task offered plenty of scope for the budding ornithologists to air their views. On two occasions we had a "shearwatering" party if I may employ a neologism. These jolly little outings involved meandering all over the place with a torch at about one o'clock in the morning. The purpose of the torch was to pick out the black body of the shearwater cooing to its mate below while squatting at the mouth of a rabbit burrow, and then to dazzle the poor swain before making a final dive to catch the beast for ringing. This process of ringing was a most absorbing pastime especially when one reads the records of the recoveries made. I was very pleased when I captured a bird and found that it had been ringed some eight years ago.

Naturally the birds of the island formed the chief attraction but I did manage to complete a general survey of the flora and fauna before returning. As expected the stay appeared too short and it was with reluctance that I bade farewell to the Warden and my other friends on stepping into the boat.

The return was uneventful apart from my losing the last train home that day. This meant travelling when I should have been at school, but who worries about the first day of term after a thoroughly enjoyable holiday?

S. A. HALL,
Upper Sixth Science.

* Skokholm pronounced Scock-um.

SONNET

Doucement le rossignol chante dans le bois
Les herbes tremblent bas et la claire rosée
Reluit sur chaque fleur ; dans l'eau de la marée
Le saule traîne ses feuilles, et à la fois
Le vent souffle sur l'eau, mais parmi tout la voix
Du rossignol caché tombe des cieus—dorée.
Toute la clairière—la forêt enchantée
Tremble de la beauté, de terreur et de joie.
Le ruisseau roucoule et mêle son chant sonore
Avec les sons glorieux : le frôlement des joncs
Ajoute à la chanson qui fait pulser le cœur ;
Et dans cette musique on peut voir la magie,
L'enchantement des dieux qui donne à la chanson
La beauté du ciel d'or—la triste rêverie.

R. DRUCE,
Lower Sixth Modern.

UNIVERSITY LETTERS

University College,
Oxford.

Dear Sir,

I protest that circumstances are against me. Since none of my contemporaries is present here in Oxford I have no witness of my own life here nor anyone whose crimes I might myself unfold with avid zest. Barred thus from the chief topic of undergraduate letters to school magazines I have perforce to confine my epistle to the less promising theme of Oxford and myself.

The approaching close of this term brings to an end my first year at Oxford. The speed with which one third of my time here has passed is worth "evens" under any conditions and my recollections of the first terms are confused. The strangeness and novelty of Oxford life dominated my first term; surly weather; fuel-rationing and a bout of over-training are my chief memories of the second; my most recent and pleasant impressions centre round the present Summer Term. The Summer Term incidentally is the time when the many distractions from work always encouraged here are most lavishly supported. Apart from the fairer sex, tennis and cricket attract the more active gentlemen, whilst an evening performance of a Shakespearean idyll in a quiet college garden or a leisurely punt up the Cherwell, draw from the Union and Radcliffe Library many earnest souls there usually to be found. The many undergraduates who daily trek beneath my window to the Examinations Halls, aptly clad in those funereal weeds known as academic dress, all testify however that Oxford—even in its gayest term—remains a centre for ardent study.

"Eights' Week" this year passed somewhat tamely. There was indeed the usual invasion of eligible young ladies indiscriminately labelled as "cousins"; the college barges sported faded flags and daubs of bright paint and that mad charge along the tow-path came as close to that "of the gallant six-hundred" as any seen prior to 1939. Despite this however "Bump Suppers" and "Eights' Week Balls" had a decidedly austerity air. "Univ." first boat averaged a bump a night but the Bump Supper thus earned must have been almost sedate compared to the riotous orgy over which the Headmaster once presided. This time no inebriated voices or flying tankards rent the air and the college exchequer suffered much from this "high-serious" mood engendered by the large numbers of ex-service students now in possession of the University.

Those who row must be mad. It seems to me unintelligible that even in this age of unparalleled barbarism men should day after day slave at an oar—an occupation reserved in more sensible eras for such as politicians. Myself, I prefer a comfortable punt

beneath arches of cool green through which gleam dancing patches of dappled sunlight. However, one must live and let live—I am assured nothing is more ridiculous than an athlete solemnly prancing round and round a quarter of a mile of cinders, unless it was my partner and myself receiving a full baby's feeding bottle as first prize in the College bowls tournament. We are open to suggestions for its disposal, the most promising yet is that it should be served as a "sconce-pot" in Hall for those who are allergic to beer.

On such a flippant note which rings through even the best regulated colleges when finals are done this letter had better close and whatsoever manly modesty has concealed I trust a fellow from Buckhurst Hill at Oxford will next year reveal.

Yours, etc.,

S. A. BRYETT.

King's College,
London.

Dear Sir,

A little over a year ago, with the fear of examinations behind us, but of their results still with us, our chances of reaching the University seemed slim indeed. Not until the first few memorable days had passed could I accustom myself to the realisation that we had broken the seemingly impassable barrier. And now, after a year has passed and seems but a few weeks, I realise how great was our good fortune and how narrow the way we trod.

Of the four of us, huddled together as we are, under the wing of the Minister of Labour, Donald Hines is deliberately directing his activities towards becoming a civil servant. His course in Medicine, at the London Hospital, is necessarily one of the longest an undergraduate can undertake, but there is no doubt that his enthusiasm, though on occasion a trifle sanguinary, will carry him through his arduous course as neatly as his scalpel wends its way through the intricacies of the human muscular system.

Derrick Boatman, at University College, is also engaged in the study of life, though rather more passively, through his botanical degree, and spends long hours in the contemplation of the complexities of Nature's verdure. I realised last summer, that for him there could be no alternative, when I heard him extolling the magnificence of some plant, to me merely a variety of watercress, which to him was a Derbyshire liverwort of a character quite unequalled in the South. I was amazed and astonished at the variety of subject for which the human mind can sustain enthusiasm.

F. J. B. Wall and myself, at King's College, are tackling subjects once less vitally concerned with human existence but now

the controlling factors in the struggle for the continuance of Mankind. He is reading Physics, a subject I have never enjoyed, whilst he, technically speaking, is resonating with undamped enthusiasm. The physical world will assuredly benefit from his nature. I myself am reading Chemistry, a subject which has attracted me from the day, when as a child, I was fascinated by the peculiar sight and smell of a mixture of vinegar, cement and a few other incidentals. Nothing would induce me to change my course, even after a less successful day in the laboratories which are situated, with surprisingly good faith in our efficiency, in the basement of the College building.

This change from School to College life is remarkable, not in the scholastic studies, which are inevitably at natural extension of our previous work, but in the extreme psychological metamorphosis. No one after attending any one of our lectures could fail to detect a different relationship between lecturer and student from that existing in a Sixth Form, where, though amiable, it is none the less noticeably restricted. Touches of humour, so essential to the efficient rendering of a lecture, are received, always with sufficient pedal applause to ensure encouragement, a habit which, once acquired, is in constant use throughout one's College career, and which could well be carried further to enliven some of the less effervescent of public meetings. The extreme freedom, for none but the most serious offences are dealt with by the Dean, leads away from that objection to authority of any sort, to which the wrongly treated adolescent mind would seem to be susceptible. It leads instead to those peculiar activities known as "rags," aimed at the removal of injustices and the destruction of unnecessary convention. These odd activities, so inexplicable to the uninitiated, consist primarily of processions of students bearing graven images of man or beast directed often through the busiest of streets, and end in a wild scramble for the employment of modern contrivances for a struggle of prehistoric vigour. These occasions, important as they are in a student's life, are fortunately for the metropolis, relatively rare occasions, but are remembered though all else be forgotten.

It would indeed be difficult to give a complete picture of our life in College. Each fragmental experience is in itself of little weight but blended together they determine one's happiness or misery. It is a fortunate function of the human mind that the passage of time sweetens the past and smoothes over the periods of depression and unhappiness one inevitably encounters at some period of one's life. The passing of years can do little to my memories of College. They will remain with me as the time of my life when I was as near complete happiness as I had ever been. I ask for nothing better.

Yours, etc.,

B. H. CHASE.

HOW TO MAKE A CENTURY

In 1901 C. B. Fry (Sussex and England) made 3,147 runs in 43 innings in first-class cricket for an average of 78.67 runs. On five occasions he has scored two separate hundreds in a match and has also made no less than six consecutive hundreds, a record yet to be surpassed.

Anything that he writes on the art of batsmanship bears therefore the stamp of authority and should be eagerly studied by all whose interests lie in making runs. The following article, written by C. B. Fry, contains the fundamental principles of good batsmanship; it is to be hoped that the advice he gives will sow the seeds of centuries yet unborn.

M.H.R.

WHAT I TAUGHT MY SON

About forty years ago, though you will have forgotten it, it happened by accident that I used to make quite a lot of runs. My young son, for once in his life, asked me for advice about how to do it.

Out of my immediate experience this is what I wrote to him. If I had always followed my own advice I should have made more runs.

Dear Stephen,

1. Throw a stone up and whack it with a stick and you will hit it five times out of six—if you keep your eye on the stone all the time à la golf. Otherwise you'll miss it five times out of six. This is the key to batting—absolute. A rustic bat who watches the ball is far harder to get out than a stylist who does not.

A cricket ball, however well bowled, is only a round red moving object, and a bat is only a very broad stick. If you really watch the ball, if possible right on to the bat, you'll make runs more often than not.

But you must follow this precept not only in the case of balls that take some playing, but in the case of "easy" balls you think you can punish; for in the latter case, if you don't you get yourself out by bad strokes.

It is as easy to make a boss shot at a bad ball as at a good one. This is fundamental. Obviously the eye guides the hand. And no "style" or "form" compensates for not watching her.

2. Never go in with the idea of making strokes. Go in with the idea that at any cost you won't get yourself out. Play naturally and punch the bad 'uns, but never force the pace or think of hitting. Let the ball itself lead you into the appropriate stroke.

Above all, stay there; the runs are sure to come; and just as quickly if you are thinking all the time of making four. Keep in; let the fours come; don't run after them.

3. If you hit, be careful not to hit too soon. It is the great fault. Above all, get there with your feet and hit with your weight on the front not the back foot. This is a fault of yours.

4. You are too fond of your dash. Sit tight and wait for your certainty. But treat the bowling as easy, not as difficult. The art is to keep always a margin of safety in favour of not getting out, even when you hit.

5. Your way of playing is mostly all right, and you are capable of heaps of runs. (I am the best judge ever known of this: so you can take it).

6. To make many runs you must have skill and have confidence in it. No one can bowl you more than one ball at a time. Go in firmly resolved to concentrate calmly on each ball as it comes and treat it on its merits: but never manufacture odds in favour of the break by trying difficult and elaborate strokes.

7. Think "quickness" not "strength" when you hit. Get into shape in time in playing back. Be careful of playing too soon in playing forward; it is the great fault.

8. If you watch the ball and move correctly, you have heaps of time to play any ball you'll get from any bowler you'll meet. Play at the ball itself not at the pitch of it; and never at the bowler's arm instead of at the ball itself.

Yours faithfully,

C. B. FRY.

Well, after all these years and having seen a lot of other people make many more runs than I did I should write the same words now. There is, of course, more to be said, but above is the pith of it.

(We gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the Editor and Publishers of "The Sunday Graphic" in allowing us to reproduce the above article.)

ADVICE TO A SUCCESSOR

"Ah, good morning, Jones Minor, I want to see you about something, I believe."

"Yes, you told me to come here at five past nine, so here I am."

"Now, look here. You told the Head, when he announced that he wanted a volunteer for this job of waiting on the Staff at break that you were willing to take it on. Is that right?"

"Yes, that's right. I would like to."

"Right. Now you listen very carefully to what I am going to tell you and before you know where you are you will be every master's favourite."

"This sounds good."

"When the seventeen minutes to eleven bell goes, you get up from your seat, walk out of the room and close the door whether the master in charge objects or not. If he does object the best thing to do is to threaten him with the loss of his refreshments.

Then you must go straight down, without loitering on the way, to the locker-room where you will proceed to brush your clothes, comb your hair, even if it does mean once a day, and wash your hands with soap, if there is any there.

After knocking at the door, you enter the kitchen and ask very politely for the tea and cake trolley for the staff. Oh, by the way, you will have to get one of your pals to help you, because you will have to compel him to help you carry the trolley from the kitchen to the staff-room as the wheels no longer go round. If the trolley is not quite ready you wait by the door with your hands behind your back so that your dirty finger-nails do not show. When it is ready you take the trolley along to the staff-room.

When you arrive there, you first of all knock on the ladies' staff-room door and take in two sugared and two unsugared teas and four scones with a meagre amount of butter and put them on the table. There is usually no one in, so have a good look round while you are there. By the time you have taken a fancy to a few things and got outside you will probably find an impatient master trying to get as much sugar into his tea and butter on his scones as he can. Well, check him and tell him not to be so greedy. Then you take the trolley with the remaining teas and scones into the masters' common-room. The first time you go in you may be taken aback a little by the fumes, but there is nothing to be afraid of in the masters' pipes. Directly you have recovered, put three cups of tea aside and sugar the rest. If you do not do this, certain masters may be very unpleasant to you. You can let the masters butter their own scones, unless of course, you want ten out of ten for your next homework, in which case you cut the scone in half and slip a little butter in—not too much or else you won't have enough for your own scone.

After all the teas and scones have been distributed, start to collect the "empties" and stack them as follows. On the top shelf you line up the cups and on the bottom shelf you stack the plates and saucers. When you have collected as many as possible, take the trolley outside and collect all the extra scones and butter and cups of tea left over in the locker-room and have a good square meal. You can disregard the rule about not eating in school, because if a master comes along, you can hide behind the raincoats in the locker-room.

When you have finished your meal, return the trolley to the kitchen and run out very quickly before the Cook has an opportunity to ask you where the scones and tea of absent masters are.

Well, now, I think that is all. Do you understand everything?"

"Yes, thank you very much. It is very clear to me now, and I think I ought to put on weight with this job!"

R. H. D. SMITH, V.A.

SMOKE

That he was dead there could be no doubt. The old man had died several months before his nephew Charles with his wife and children had come to live at his pleasant house on the south coast. He had been killed when an outhouse in which he had been working caught fire. The house had been left empty during the intervening period, and had developed that peculiar musty smell one associates with disuse. When Charles had come down he had cleaned the house up and painted the walls a cheerful cream; the family had moved in and lived without noticing anything abnormal for about a year.

One morning Charles came down and opened the drawing-room door. Immediately he noticed a slight smell of burning and a haze of smoke. He looked round—the fire was out—nothing was alight or scorched; it must have been the fire last night, he thought, and forgot about it until the following morning when the same smell and smoke were present. That evening they thoroughly extinguished the fire and opened the windows. The next morning the smoke was there again, and again the next morning. Then a week after the first occurrence the outbreaks stopped as suddenly as they had begun. Nobody had noticed anything about the date.

A year later the family had gone away for a holiday and a stranger passing the house saw a light in the window, with a figure moving about in a hazy room. Some hours later the local fire brigade received a call from a neighbour who had seen a red glow coming from the empty house. But when they arrived nothing remained of the house but—smoke. J. A. BURROW, Remove.

SPEECH DAY

THE seventh annual Speech Day of the School was held in the Assembly Hall on Saturday, October 27th. Mr. Kenneth Lindsay, M.P. for the Combined Universities, was the guest of honour and distributed the prizes. The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. T. H. Knight, presided.

After the singing of the opening hymn, the Chairman welcomed the School's distinguished guests, which included besides Mr. Lindsay, Dr. Lawrence, Chief Education Officer of Essex; the Headmistress of Loughton High School for Girls; the Headmaster of Bancroft's School, and Mr. Huxley of the Forest Divisional Executive Committee. He referred to the School's exceptionally good examination results and said that he found it difficult to express our gratitude to the Headmaster whose time, energy and ability were devoted to the School. He urged the parents to have, on the higher level, the same attitude to life as that of the School, so that the boys might serve their day and generation with highly trained brains.

The Headmaster, presenting his report, added his welcome to Mr. Lindsay as a man able by experience to speak with authority on education. After referring to the School's three casualties in the war years, he said we were thankful that our Old Boys were too young to suffer casualties in the armed forces. He paid a tribute to the original entrants, all of whom had now left, and who had so convincingly established the reputation of the School by their achievements, among which he mentioned the two State Science Bursaries, four County Major Scholarships and eight Intermediates won in the Higher School Examination. He implored parents of boys who by their record deserved the opportunity of further education to allow them the chance to sit for the Higher School Certificate and go on to the University. The establishment of a Scholarship Loan Fund was a start in the right direction and the Governing Body has considered how to build on this foundation. He felt that there was a strong case for wider County help.

Referring to the School Certificate Examination, the Headmaster said that we had a higher percentage of passes than ever before and our percentage of matriculations was our second best. We had adhered firmly to our policy of a wide, well-balanced general education and had allowed no subjects to be dropped to lighten the load or facilitate the passing of the School Certificate. He was undertaking a re-examination of this issue since the pressure on candidates was severe.

After references to the continued shortages of books and stationery and other restrictions consequent on the war, he looked forward to the return of members of the Staff from the forces and spoke of the valuable and skilful encouragement given by members of the Staff to games in which our teams he thought had just about held their own. More boys were playing in

organised games than ever before ; our athletic tradition had been well founded and our successes continued. He spoke of the generous gift of an Inter-House Athletic Trophy by Mr. and Mrs. Bryett.

The Headmaster reported with gratification the large membership of the recently-formed Old Boys' Association in spite of the difficulties of forming one when leavers had so soon to enter the armed forces. He declared that School Societies flourished well although the School was geographically remote. "The buildings stand," he said, "in splendid isolation. There is pervading the daily life of the School a rather feverish sense of urgency and pressure of time that militates against that restfulness and temporal spaciousness in which the spirit of true education can flourish."

He said that he was sure that all would join him in congratulating Mr. Knight on being elected Chairman of the Forest Divisional Executive Committee, a highly responsible post. He owed more than he could express to the wisdom, optimism and encouragement of Mr. Knight during the trials of the war years. The Governing Body was also enriched by the ripe and wide experience of Mr. Frank Foster, its Vice-Chairman.

The Headmaster thanked the parents for their loyal support and announced the convening of a meeting to form a Parents' Association. He thanked the Staff for their hard work and support and said that, as a Headmaster, all his problems could be resolved by one factor, good men teaching. "Your good teacher," he said, "is a magnificent servant of the community. If parents realised more how potent the influence of a good teacher is on the development of their sons and how wasteful is the dereliction of a poor one, then they would insist upon the recruitment of the best men and women as the vital objective in education." The Headmaster concluded with Plato's words : "We must never disparage education which is the first and fairest thing that the best men can ever have . . . Those who are rightly educated generally become good men."

After presenting the prizes, Mr. Kenneth Lindsay said that he was glad to visit the School for thereby he was keeping in touch with his constituency which was an educational rather than a geographical one. He praised the singing, the accents of the speakers in foreign languages, the inclusion among these of German and the "enlightened common-sense" of the Headmaster's report. He thought it was bad manners to go to a country and not speak their language, besides, how else could one get "inside" another nation? The language of diplomacy and of a good deal of Europe was French. The boys should master that and make their way across France with a few pounds in their pocket, the use of the language and the commonsense they had learnt at school. He wanted the School to become more and more a natural community. He wanted to see a poet and an artist let loose in every school.

The essence of education was the relation between two human beings. He thought that sport was a burning topic up to the age of sixteen and a half but that it should not be perpetually talked of after that age. Mr. Lindsay maintained that education was not to be confused with passing examinations. The previous Thursday he had spoken at Oxford on the evils of early specialisation and over-examination. Experiment, not parrot-learning, should be the aim and the provision of a rounded balanced diet of knowledge. The School Certificate was a convenient milestone taken in his stride by every intelligent person.

But Mr. Lindsay spoke most on the subject of the pioneer. It seemed better nowadays to be a pathfinder. We had experienced a rebirth recently—he referred to the war rather than the general election—and might be entering a new Elizabethan age. An American had told him that we were up to our necks in history—that it clogged us. It was true we did tend to live upon tradition and the many precious things we owned. Our greatest ages were when we were enterprisingly different. British soldiers had been good pioneers and ambassadors in Europe. We had to find something to replace the war incentives. These, resistance and glory, had been concrete objectives, but they had been against something. We now had to be for something—a peace-time equivalent of the pilot's wings. No one could live without a fighting faith.

To be British now was exciting. We had a great task to do in rebuilding, but that would be useless without certain qualities. We had to preserve our lovely country, pull down our slums, but what mattered most was the quality of the people. There was no end to the joys of literature and the arts and to the eternal curiosity of man's mind. The school should send forth a stream of boys to become good citizens and happy men, to rebuild our island and spread our culture through the world as Greece had done centuries ago.

The vote of thanks to Mr. Lindsay was proposed by Mr. B. A. Campbell on behalf of the Governors. He paid a tribute to Mr. Lindsay as the drafter of the Service of Youth Memorandum for the Ministry of Education. This was seconded by Mr. C. J. French on behalf of the parents. He urged parents to support the Headmaster and Staff, and the boys to take full advantage of the education offered here.

During the afternoon the School Choir sang "Orpheus with his Lute" by Sullivan. C. Selby and A. L. Stribling played Bach's "Sheep may safely graze" arranged by Mary Howe. Speeches by the boys were : Virgil's "Lætus Agrestis" by J. C. Crawford ; Schiller's "An die Freude" by R. H. T. Bates ; Leconte de Lisle's "Les Elfes" by R. C. L. Druce ; and Lawrence Binyon's "Inheritance" by A. E. Willingale. Speech Day came to an end with the singing of the School Song and the National Anthem.

PRIZE LIST

FORM PRIZES

Va—Bennett, G.	Vb—Salt, G.	Vc—Taylor, G.
IVa—Tilly, J.	IVb—Russell, A.	IVc—Bullman, P.
IIIa—Twyman, V.	IIIb—Knell, D.	IIIc—Perry, F.
IIa—Cocking, C.	IIb—Wooldridge, J.	IIc—Hobday, P.
Ia—Giblett, T.	Ib—Howard, A.	Ic—Wright, A.

SUBJECT PRIZES

English	VI—Bryett, S.	V—Tarry, K.	IV—Tilly, J.
	III—Twyman, V.	II—Burrow, J.	I—Matthews, C.
English Literature	V—Martin, J.		
French	VI—Tarlton, B.	V—Bennett, G.	IV—Caville, A.
	III—Hickman, P.	Hawker, G.	I—Lacey, J.
		II—Chapman, D.	
German	VI—Tarlton, B.	V—Salt, G.	IV—Russell, A.
	III—Henderson, J.	II—Turner, D.	
Latin	VI—Tarlton, B.	V—Bennett, G.	IV—Gray, J.
	III—Hickman, P.	II—Gorick, D.	
History	VI—Bryett, S.	V—Martin, J.	IV—Lowson, C.
	III—Shave, K.	II—Cocking, C.	I—Wright, A.
		V—Martin, J.	IV—Edwards, R.
Geography		V—Martin, J.	I—Matthews, C.
	III—Hickman, P.	II—Chapman, D.	IV—Tilly, J.
Mathematics		V—Bennett, G.	I—Nightingale,
	III—Gale, M.	II—Utting, S.	C.
Pure Mathematics	VI—Chase, B.		
Applied			
Mathematics	VI—Chase, B.		
Science		V—Vere, D.	IV—Tilly, J.
	III—Twyman, V.	II—Gorman, M.	I—Giles, B.
Physics	VI—Chase, B.		
Chemistry	VI—Chase, B.		
Zoology	VI—Boatman, D.		
Botany	VI—Boatman, D.		
Art		Senior: Noble, D.	Junior: Woolner, J.
Music		Ireland, G. and Lane, J.	
Physical			
Training	Gray, J. and Bellingham, G. P.		
Verse-Speaking	Upper School: Willingale, A.		
	Middle School: Gray, J.		
	Lower School: Chantree, J.		

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

The Head Prefect's Prize, presented by
THE GOVERNING BODY
FLOWER, A. W.

The "Chapman Memorial" Cup
(The Inter-House Sports Championship, 1944-45)
FOREST HOUSE
(Captain—Flower, A. W.)

EXAMINATION RESULTS

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GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION (1945)

Abbott, P. R.	* Gwilliam, A. P.	* Rush, C. W.
* Barrett, M. V.	* Hand, H. B.	* Salmon, R. N.
Beales, A. R.	* Hardy, A. J.	* Salt, G. B.
Beecham, E. G.	* Haslock, F. L.	* Seward, D. J.
* Bennett, G. M.	* Hawker, G. F.	* Sawyer, A. T.
* Blake, H. D.	* Hearn, K. S.	* Selby, C. H.
* Bray, K. R.	Hornsby, A. K.	Smart, K. W.
Bowden, R. J.	* Hunt, R. P. R.	Smith, B. B.
* Catmull, G. C.	* Jay, P. N.	Spinks, M. R.
Chapman, P. S.	Johnson, K.	* Stonham, J. P.
* Chopping, D. F.	Jones, R. W.	* Tarry, K. D.
* Clements, R. E.	Keiller, G. J.	Taylor, C. A.
* Copcutt, P.	King, D. B.	* Vere, D. W.
Cramp, J. L.	King, D. R.	* Watson, F. H.
* Davies, D. H.	Lambourne, W. J. F.	Webb, R. E. J.
* Druce, R. C. L.	* Martin, J. E.	White, E. F.
* Fleetwood, B.	Millidge, R. H.	* Willis, N. E.
* Fowles-Smith, J. E.	* Mummery, G. B.	* Wiltshire, D. J.
* Grimwood, K. W.	* Noble, D.	Woollard, M. W. T.
* Guttridge, R. P.	Oakley, B. D.	

* Have attained Matriculation standard.

HIGHER SCHOOL EXAMINATION (1945)

* D. J. Boatman	J. R. Fricker
S. A. Bryett (History)	P. J. Hodder
* B. H. Chase (Physics and Applied Mathematics)	* R. O. Lightfoot
* E. H. Chipperfield	* B. A. Tarlton (French)
D. Elliott	* W. H. C. Taylor
* H. Everitt	(Oral French)
A. W. Flower	* F. J. B. Wall

* Have attained Intermediate standard.
Subjects in brackets denotes Distinction.

AWARDS TO UNIVERSITIES, ETC.

B. H. Chase—State Bursary in Science to King's College, London.
F. J. B. Wall—State Bursary in Science to King's College, London.
S. A. Bryett—Essex County Major Scholarship to University College, Oxford.
B. H. Chase—Essex County Major Scholarship to King's College, London.
F. J. B. Wall—Essex County Major Scholarship to King's College, London.
B. A. Tarlton—Essex County Major Scholarship.

VERSE - SPEAKING

This year we welcomed Mrs. Beerbohm of Hockerill Training College, Bishop's Stortford, to judge the final of the Verse-Speaking Competition. This she did most pleasantly and ably. Having been asked by Mr. Steele to say "exactly what she thinks," she responded by commenting favourably on the clarity of the speakers but at the same time she emphasized that on the whole they were inclined to sacrifice the flow of the rhythm to the meaning of the verse.

This, as all branches of art demonstrate, is a controversial point. The ultimate object of any artist is surely to produce a piece of work with a meaning, this being produced by the right combination of matter and spirit. The great problem arises—how far is he entitled to upset this balance to gain effect. Picasso and Matisse to contemporary or perhaps unenlightened eyes would advocate extremes; others would demand strict balance. Possibly the safest solution, which, as Mrs. Beerbohm pointed out, may not always be the most suitable one, is to look for a compromise. But that is a matter for the individual to decide.

Following last year's tradition, the competition was divided into three classes representing the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools. The poems spoken by the boys and judged by Mrs. Beerbohm were Walter de la Mare's "Nod," John Masefield's "Consecration" and Wilfred Owen's "Miners." The winners were Nightingale (Junior School), Twyman (Middle School) and Vere (Senior School).

One last suggestion—modern poetry seems to have occupied the front of the stage so far. In the future could not Shakespeare, Milton, Wordsworth or Keats be given a hearing?

A. C. PRICE, Upper Sixth Modern.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

FOR a long time it had been the wish of the Headmaster, and of many parents, that an organization should exist which would provide a more effective means of co-operation between the Parents and the School Governors and Staff than visits to the School by individual parents afforded.

On the 28th March such an organization was inaugurated when the Chairman of the School Governors and the Headmaster addressed a representative gathering of Parents called together by them for this purpose. Two months later the Buckhurst Hill County High School Parents' Association was formally constituted with an Executive Committee consisting of twelve parents (elected

on a geographical basis), the Headmaster and one of his Staff, and the appropriate Officers.

The means of furthering the objects of the Association, namely, "To promote co-operation, friendship and liaison between Parents and Guardians and the Governors and Staff of the School and thereby secure an exchange of suggestions and ideas for the benefit of the School" have yet to be fully worked out. An energetic sub-committee has already been formed which has made arrangements for a Social Meeting to be held on the evening of the Parents' v. The School cricket match on July 27th.

Meetings will also be arranged at which addresses, lectures and discussions upon subjects of interest to Parents and Staff will take place. A lecture on "Careers" has been provisionally booked for the opening of the Winter Season.

The isolation of the School presents a difficulty which it will require an effort to overcome, but parents will readily make the necessary effort for the benefit which will accrue from getting to know other parents and their problems, the members of the school staff and their difficulties, and from helping to solve both.

Although the Headmaster is always anxious to discuss individual matters with parents, they may not be able or willing to raise questions of general educational interest affecting the welfare of the whole school. In these cases a note to the Secretary of the Association will ensure that the matter will be brought before the Executive Committee, where it will be discussed in the light of the experience of a dozen parents and that of the Headmaster and his colleague, and suitably dealt with.

By these means it is hoped that the Association will be instrumental in bringing about a better understanding of their different problems by the partners in this important business of Education.

Membership of the Association is open to all parents and guardians and members of the school staff upon payment of a **minimum** annual subscription of 2/6 (which covers both parents of one or more boys). The Honorary Treasurer is Mr. E. R. Read, 56, Fencepiece Road, Barkingside.

S. J. CLAPP, Hon. Sec.

THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

THE Old Boys' Association has now been in existence as a going concern for nearly a year, and it is fitting that we should review all that has happened during that time as we make our plans for the future. The informal organization which was set up at the inaugural meeting last summer has worked exceedingly well. The district representatives who were chosen then have

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met regularly in committee throughout the year. The O.B.'s are already indebted to these stalwarts to an extent which it must be difficult for the rank and file to appreciate and I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere appreciation of the untiring support which they have given me in my efforts to maintain the unity of O.B.'s. Already, Bradley, Clark, French and Tovey have had to resign on account of being called up, and now Slade is leaving us for seven years' service with the Royal Navy. It is no exaggeration to say that Slade has been the greatest pillar of strength in the Association during the past year, and we are happy to be able to announce that he intends to carry on the good work as Forces Correspondent during the course of his sojourn with the senior service.

Both the Social and Dance held at the School on 8th December last, and the Concert which took place at the School on 30th March of this year were unqualified successes. On the former occasion, Slade as M.C., and on the latter, Tarlton as compère, showed that we need have no qualms about being able to find leading lights to match the excellence of the School Hall as a setting for these happy occasions.

An attempt to get an Association Football Club going had to be abandoned all too soon. It was found to be impossible to maintain a side as first one and then another left to join the Forces; and, not unnaturally, O.B.'s who were already playing for other clubs were reluctant to board what looked so much like a sinking ship. However, the fact remains that the O.B.'s are potentially capable of fielding a very good side regularly if only some means can be found of getting them together. On both of the occasions when the O.B.'s managed to put out a side against the School—on the second of which their team looked like winners on paper since so much strength was enjoying a spell of leave at the same time—the honours went to the School. Both games were most enjoyable, and the O.B.'s had the satisfaction of knowing that they had been beaten by a thoroughly good side.

There is a demand for a regular weekly club meeting which it is hoped soon to satisfy. In fact I think there is impatience in some quarters, which is noted as a healthy sign and happy augury for the future, that the Association is not altogether more active. It is evident, however, that the return to the palmy days of peace is not going to be as rapid as the more optimistic of us had hoped, and until some of our senior members begin to leave the Services, it will be impossible to set up a more closely knit organisation which alone can ensure success and continuity. So until conditions are a little more favourable we must bide our time, but at the same time we must spare no effort to keep together in spite of present difficulties.

There is news of Old Boys who are up at the University elsewhere in this issue. **Bryett's** recent athletic achievements were followed with great enthusiasm by his former colleagues. Congratulations, Bryett!

Baggott is constantly adding to his ports of call as a midshipman in the M.N.

Dance, who is in the R.N.V.R., has served in both H.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth" and H.M.S. "Howe" during the past year and is expecting an overseas appointment quite soon. He has met **Richmond** who a W/Telegraphist in H.M.S. "Sheffield."

Drewe, who was until recently in Rome, has since been demobilised and is now pursuing his career with Cables & Wireless Ltd. in Tel-Aviv.

Elliott called in at the School recently. Having completed his initial training in the R.A.F., he was expecting to leave very shortly for India.

Hughes, Palmer and Witherick are serving with the R.A.F. in Cairo.

Marks has written from Scarborough, where, together with **Harrison**, he was in training with the Royal Signals.

McCartney is serving with the Intelligence Corps and is engaged in Field Security work.

K. J. Smith, who is serving with the C.M.F., writes in characteristic style from Athens.

Spearman, who is in the R.N., has been stationed in Sydney, Australia, for the last six months, and is expecting to move off to Colombo quite soon.

W. H. C. Taylor, who wrote recently from an R.A.F. station near Selby, Yorks, was expecting soon to go on a course for E.V.T. Instructor and hinted at the possibility of continuing his linguistic studies on the spot in N.W. Europe.

The good wishes of all Old Boys for a complete and speedy recovery go to **Flower** who is at present in hospital in Epping.

I am conscious that there are all too many omissions from the above notes of any mention of some of our members from whom we have had letters or received news by some other means. However, our best wishes go to all, wherever they may be, or whatever they may be doing.

F.A.S.

THE LIBRARY

The acquisition of books for the Library during the past year has again not been easy. Although books have not yet succumbed to the almost universal panacea of rationing, the amount of paper made available for the printing of new books is not sufficient to allow us to obtain all the new books we want. Too often are we told that a much wanted book is out of print, and when books are obtainable there is still a great lapse of time between the ordering of a book and its deposition on the shelves. Not less important is the difficulty of obtaining reprints of the classics and works of criticism essential for more advanced study. If, as Milton says, a good book is the precious life-blood of a master spirit, and is intended to nurture and sustain the acolyte, it must be admitted that the transfusion is flowing all too slowly. It is to be hoped that the reform and increasing scope of the educational system will bring with them the books without which education and culture can scarcely subsist.

Although the flow of books has not been great, the aggregate has steadily increased, and now stands at some 2,400 volumes. We are indebted to the many friends who this year, as in the past, have helped us with donations of books on many subjects.

The tables are now fairly adequately stocked with periodicals and lighter reading material. In addition to the newspapers, "The Listener" is available, while "The Times Literary Supplement" may be consulted by the student of literature. A notable addition to the Library has been the weekly copy of Hansard. Mr. Wigley contributes "The New Statesman," and Mr. Goodchild kindly provides copies of "The Musical Times," while Mr. Genser presents us with "La France." The P.L.A. Monthly continues to adorn the centre rack through the kindness of Beard of 5B, and P. Miller ('38-'43) regularly sends us "The Illustrated London News" and "The Sphere." Copies of "The Philatelic Magazine" have been given by Newman of 4A. "Punch" beguiles our lighter moments through the continued kindness of Mr. E. E. Gomm.

The number of books borrowed throughout the year has been 1,792. Of these 965 were non-fiction, and 827 fiction.

No account of the activities of the Library would be complete without a grateful expression of thanks to the Library staff who enthusiastically and conscientiously carry out the many duties, often behind the scenes, necessary to run the Library efficiently. To Wilson, the Library Prefect, our thanks are sincerely tendered for his loyal, efficient and benevolent performance of the duties of Sub-Librarian and for his many suggestions which have added to the smoother running of the Library. He has been ably supported by Noble, Daniell, Newens, Robbins, Caville, Reekie, Howick, Sparling, Wooldridge, Heyward, Maynard, Madgwick, Salmon, Rolfe, Matthews, Brown, Manderson, and King.

L.H.M.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

Donor.	Title	Author
Mrs. E. M. Barnes	Augustus	J. Buchan
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D. Boatman ('38-'45)	The Life of the Robin	D. Lack
F. R. Buggey	The Continuity of the English Town	Various
R. F. Chapman, 5A	Butterflies	E. B. Ford
B. H. Chase ('38-'45)	An Outline of Modern Knowledge	W. Rose
Miss A. Crawford	How the Mind Works	C. Burt
"	A Hundred Years of Psychology	J. C. Flugel
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R. Day, 4A	Bleak House	C. Dickens
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Miss U. Gottschalk	The Model Citizen	H. Newland and T. Donald
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"	Cricket	M. D. Lyon
"	Tricking the Batsman	C. V. Grimmett
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"	Snarley Yow	Capt. Marryat
"	The Pilgrim's Progress	J. Bunyan
"	The Buccaneers of Boya	P. F. Westerman
"	A Century of Boys' Stories	F. B. Young (Ed.)
B. Heyward, 3A	The Rifle Rangers	R. Mayne
D. Hines ('38-'45)	The Behaviour of Animals	E. S. Russell
P. T. Hills, 3A	War Memoirs	D. Lloyd George
G. Horton, 4C	Friend or Foe	S. E. Burrow
"	Erling—The Bold	R. M. Ballantyne
"	Champion Book for Boys	Anon.
R. D. Ikeson ('38-'43)	Intermediate Physics	C. J. Smith
D. R. L. King ('40-'45)	Home Fun	C. H. Bullivant
"	Dickens—Land	J. A. Nicklin
P. King, 1A	Ungava	R. M. Ballantyne
Mr. T. H. Knight	Two Years Before the Mast	R. H. Dana
Mr. G. A. Lees	The World as I See It	A. Einstein
"	Science in Industry	A. M. Low
A. E. Long ('38-'43)	History of Lloyds	C. Wright and C. Fayle
Col. S. Mallinson	Virgil	Ed. Heyne
"	Cicero	Ed. Ernest
"	Horace	Ed. Orellius
"	A Shorter History of Boswell	Ed. Bailey
"	Elements of English Law	W. M. Geldart and W. Holdsworth
"	Ingoldsby Legends	T. Ingoldsby

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" "	Top-all Book for Boys	J. England
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" "	Well Scouted	M. Harborough
" "	Planes by Night	H. B. Aldrich
" "	A Thousand Miles an Hour	H. Strang
" "	The Talisman	Sir W. Scott
Mr. F. & Miss E. Morris	The Lady of the Lake	Sir W. Scott
" "	The Bird of Paradise	W. H. Davies
" "	Poets of Our Time	E. Gillett
" "	Plays	J. M. Barrie
" "	Brother Jonathan	F. B. Young
" "	The Curse of Kehama	R. Southey
" "	Much Ado About Nothing	W. Shakespeare
" "	Henry the Eighth	"
" "	Henry the Fifth	"
" "	King John	"
" "	Othello	"
" "	A Shakespearean Grammar	E. A. Abbott
" "	Marriage	H. G. Wells
" "	The Cricket on the Hearth	C. Dickens
" "	Voyagers' Tales	R. Hakluyt
" "	Virginibus Puerisque	R. L. Stevenson
" "	Master Sanguine	I. Brown
" "	Shirley	C. Bronte
" "	Last of the Mohicans	Fenimore Cooper
" "	Essays and Letters	P. B. Shelley
" "	All Things Considered	G. K. Chesterton
" "	The Newcomes	W. M. Thackeray
" "	The Man of Feeling	H. Mackenzie
" "	Romola	G. Eliot
" "	Adventures of Ulysses	C. Lamb
" "	Marguerite de Valois	A. Dumas
" "	Essays, and The Lays of Ancient Rome	T. B. Macaulay
" "	The Fortunes of Nigel	Sir W. Scott
" "	Justice	J. Galsworthy
" "	Henry Esmond	W. M. Thackeray
" "	A Shorter Boswell	Ed. Bailey
" "	Prologue to the Canterbury Tales	G. Chaucer
" "	Letters of Charles Lamb	Ed. Rhys
" "	Green Apple Harvest	Sheila Kaye-Smith
" "	Essays of Elia	C. Lamb
" "	Literary Taste	A. Bennett
" "	The Melting Pot	I. Zangwill
" "	Delight in Books	S. P. B. Mais
" "	Goodbye Mr. Chips	J. Hilton
" "	Poetical Works	J. Milton
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Donor.	Title	Author
Mr. F. & Miss E. Morris	Plays	C. Marlowe
" "	The Professor at the Breakfast Table	O. W. Holmes
" "	Burns and His Poetry	H. A. Kellow
" "	The Earthly Paradise	W. Morris
" "	Essays	R. W. Emerson
" "	Captain Margaret	J. Masefield
Miss B. A. Rayner	Brave New China	Lady Hosie
" "	The English Woodland	J. Rodgers
" "	England in Colour	C. B. Ford
Mr. J. F. Shillito	Short History of Botany	G. Harvey
B. A. Tarlton ('38-'45)	Soviet Communism	S. & B. Webb
N. Tyler, 2R	Off His Own Bat	J. Pearce
F. J. B. Wall ('38-'45)	Mass Spectra and Isotopes	F. W. Aston
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GENERAL PURPOSES FUND

During the course of the Summer and Autumn Terms of last year and the Spring Term of this, income exceeded expenditure by £28 9s. 11d. The various items of income and expenditure were as summarised below :—

Receipts		£	s.	d.
By Weekly Form Contributions	.....	56	18	1½
" Donations	.....	1	3	1½
" Sale of Magazine	.....	26	13	6
" Sale of Fixture Cards	.....	2	7	3
" Income over Expenditure on Sports' Teas.....		1	1	6
		£88	3	6
Expenditure		£	s.	d.
To Printing of Magazine	.....	31	10	0
" Printing of Fixture Cards	.....	4	11	0
" Periodicals, etc., for School Library	.....	7	9	1
" Expenses in connection with School Games and other School Activities	.....	15	19	4
" Cheque Book	.....	4	2	
		£59	13	7

A further £49 10s. 0d. has been invested in National Savings bringing our total holding up to £134 14s. 9d. A balance of £24 2s. 4d. at the bank, together with £14 0s. 9d. standing to our credit with the Essex County Council, makes the total assets of the Fund £192 17s. 10d., as compared with £164 7s. 11d. at this time last year.

THE SOCIETIES

MUSIC

Once again we are able to look back over a successful year of school music. The School Orchestra has continued to expand, backed up by the junior violin class, and now boasts, in addition to its strings, an effective if somewhat miscellaneous brass section—not to mention an oboe and, on occasion, a bassoon; and the standard of playing has perceptibly improved of late. The only disturbing fact about this progress at present is the dearth of violas; this important section of the orchestra needs to be enlarged, if we are eventually to have performances without the aid of the piano which state of affairs is presumably desirable. The Choir, too, have maintained their progress, and, though there are still moments when their blend of tone seems a little uneven, they have put up some good performances during the year.

The Carol Service at the end of the Autumn Term, with Orchestra and Choir in support, proved very enjoyable. The other musical event during that term was Stribling's successful talk on Schumann, illustrated at the piano by himself.

The Spring Term was marked by the visit to the School of Miss M. Stanfield (cello) and Miss Richardson (pianoforte), whose recital was attended by a large proportion of the School. The programme included movements from a sonata by Eccles for harpsichord and violoncello, two Chopin waltzes and other works by Bach, Handel and Scarlatti; Cui's "Orientale" too, proved attractive as a cello solo. Although in the Eccles sonata the harpsichord part sounded a trifle overbearing at times on the grand piano, these were fine performances. Towards the end of the term another meeting was held consisting of a programme of ensemble items by pupils who were thereby auditioned for the approaching public concert.

May 16th was the date of the first Annual School Concert by pupils of the School, the success of which, due to the untiring and enthusiastic effort put into its preparation, is an important step towards putting the School musically on the map. There were items by the School and Second-Form Choirs, Orchestras, junior and senior, and even the Sixth-Form Choir was persuaded to participate. The event was remarkable for, among other things, the first appearance of a large number of pipers which augurs well for a future wood-wind class for the Orchestra. There was an interlude of ensemble items, and the concert was brought to a rousing conclusion with the energetic co-operation of the audience in the final singing. This has so far been the only concert of

the Summer Term, but another is in preparation by the Music Society at the time of writing, in which solo items will be especially encouraged and to which it is hoped to invite parents. The Music Society's last activity to date was our visit to Woodford County High School, where we provided some instrumental items in a joint programme with their own society. This was a return visit for a similar event which took place at Buckhurst Hill at the end of last year.

Meanwhile listening has been encouraged. The Sixth Form has its own lunch-hour gramophone listening group; and there have been several more visits to the Central Hall, Westminster, by School parties who thereby had a chance to acquaint themselves with such works as Mozart's G Minor Symphony and Mendelssohn's "Midsummer Night's Dream" music.

At the Epping Forest Youth Music Festival this year the School was again well represented. Soloists and ensemble groups obtained some satisfactory critiques on May 18th, and on June 1st there were a good many of our boys in the massed orchestras and choirs in all three grades. Even in the senior orchestra, which tackled Hadyn's London Symphony in D, ten out of forty performers are from Buckhurst Hill. I say "are" because this orchestra is now organised on a permanent basis with regular rehearsals—an encouraging sign of growing inter-school co-operation in musical affairs.

Again we owe thanks to Miss Black for her continued enthusiastic support for music in the School.

J. C. CRAWFORD, Upper Sixth Modern.

ART

It is with considerable chagrin that members of the Sixth Form note the conspicuous absence of an Art Club in the School. They find themselves deprived of an opportunity of exercising their rapidly developing critical faculties in the sphere of Art. They regard with their usual selfless attitude the many members of the other five years whose potential abilities in this realm are displayed to advantage on the walls of their form-rooms. They view the unembellished effort of a budding Picasso and sorrow upon the improbability of ever seeing an exhibition of his works sponsored by a flourishing Art Club before they leave. As far as the School is concerned the rare wealth of the exhibitions in London

" . . . is born to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

This year there have been so far about seven first-class exhibitions in town—the Constable at the Victoria and Albert Museum was excellent in its exposition of this great landscape painter's development. At Burlington House the exhibition of ancient and modern Greek Art imbued an artistically-sensitive

Sixth-Former with an appreciative enthusiasm to which he gave vent before a circle of listeners and the blackboard. The re-opening of the Royal Academy and the Tate Gallery passed ignored by all but the Staff, the Sixth Form and perhaps a fervent few. The Picasso-Matisse display attracted no party from our School. But diverging from this survey of missed opportunities, it is encouraging to learn that several new reproductions of paintings (named below) will be on view in the School next term, and it is felt that, following along similar lines, the pinning-up of Art lesson efforts in the form-rooms could be the first step towards the creation, in the future of a happy, remunerative Art Club, an Art Club, moreover, which does succeed in expressing independent views.

As an added incentive, P. Miller (1938-1945), who is now training to become an architect, has presented a cheque for two guineas for the purchase of an Art prize. Furthermore, the welcome return of Mr. Romans should urge those with sufficient enthusiasm to think really seriously about the project and to take the initiative themselves.

D. NOBLE, Lower Sixth Modern.

Reproductions of the following paintings have been acquired :

- "The Avenue," by Hobbema.
- "Christina, Duchess of Milan," by Holbein.
- "Portrait of the Artist's Mother," by Whistler.
- "The Bridge at Moret," by Alfred Sisley.
- "White-Fronted Geese," by Peter Scott.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMATIC SOCIETY

REPORT

We opened the school year with an increased membership enabling us to present the following plays: The Workmen's Play from Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "The Thread of Scarlet" at the end of the Autumn Term; "The Princess and the Woodcutter" by A. A. Milne; "The Gulling of Malvolio" from Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night"; "The Trial of Toad" by A. A. Milne (acted by Form IB) and a repeat of the Workmen's Play at a Dramatic Evening for the parents on May 31st. The proceeds of this evening's entertainment will be used to furnish a "props" cupboard. The actors in this year's plays were: Bales, Boyce, Buggay, Cocking, Day, Dawes, Fishlock, Fogg A. H., Gorick, Gray J., Grimbly, Harniman, Harris, Henderson, Hobday, Keeling, Kirman, Ranner, Rolfe and Stribling. Miss Crook produced and Aldridge and Chapman R. F. were stage managers. Thanks are due to the "make-up men," Mr. Marrington, Mr. Romans and their apprentice, Bales.

Next year we hope to break the bonds of the one-act play and produce something of wider scope, although we regret that we shall not have Miss Crook to guide us then.

W. T. HARNIMAN, Secretary.

CRITICISM

The School's dramatic activities, still represented solely by the Middle School Dramatic Society, this year gave us two performances, one to the School at the end of the Autumn Term, and the other, to boys and parents on May 31st. For the first, a scene from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (more of that later) was coupled with "The Thread of Scarlet," a tense piece concerning murder and the execution of an innocent man. The actors heightened the mysterious atmosphere of the beginning by mumbling their words, but this ended with the entrance of the landlord who forced the others into clarity. That the last line was lost was not the fault of the players but of the audience. The curtain is meant to fall upon the climax of the play, for those final words reveal the identity of the murderer. On this occasion it fell upon a group of actors apparently stricken with horror at an untimely burst of laughter, and the line had to be repeated when the dramatic moment had passed. Our invincible sense of humour, can, it seems, be misplaced. This had been quite an ambitious choice, but the acting and production, including sound effects, had justified it.

The second performance given in the form of a Dramatic Evening for parents and boys, was made up of four playlets. The first, by A. A. Milne, was "The Princess and the Woodcutter," a fairy story as the title suggests and one with light humour intermingled. This was a merry little piece which went over well. Next came "The Gulling of Malvolio," three scenes from "Twelfth Night." This had more comedy in it and the performers rose to the occasion. In fact the acting was good enough to overcome the rather long intervals between the scenes. Form IB presented A. A. Milne's reconstruction of "The Trial of Toad." Appearances suggested that the entire form took part in this, for there was the satisfying sight of the entire stage packed with actors, many of them in very ingenious and effective animal costumes. The play was a joyous affair; all the performers were completely unself-conscious and audible and every point in the comedy scored. Lastly came the Dramatic Society's party piece, the Workmen's Play from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and indeed they do it very well. It was an improvement on the first performance presented to the School at Christmas-time in that the Athenian courtiers were audible as well as the workmen. That every one enjoyed themselves need hardly be added. The audience came determined to be entertained and right royal entertainment they received. It is usual to end an article such as this with the words, "It would be invidious to pick out a single member of the cast but I feel I must mention . . ." I agree with the first part. The Middle School Dramatic Society are a company, a team and a very good one.

D. E. BELL, Upper Sixth Modern.



EAGLE

Linocut by J. L. Harris, IV A

SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY

The old Fourth and Fifth Form Debating Society has now opened its ranks to the whole School with the result that attendance has increased. There still remains the fault, however, that we have only the regular panel of speakers to draw on. Apart from these much of the success has been due to the energetic support of Mr. Hollingbery, whose departure has been a great loss both to the Society and to the School.

The most important debate of the year, in which two masters took part, was held on the motion: "That a World-State provides the only reasonable hope of lasting peace." This was carried by three votes—a close finish in a large meeting. The other debates, though not so successful, have helped to build up a foundation on which we hope to build a flourishing society in the future. It remains only to thank Hickman for his excellent posters and to extend a hearty invitation to everyone for next year.

J. GRAY, Secretary.

THE CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club has had a rather stormy time this year. The attendance, at first the best in the Club's existence, has slowly fallen to a handful of faithful followers. We suffer most from the lack of new blood; few members of the Junior School seem to be interested in the game, mainly, I think, because it takes too long to learn to play.

However, the Club managed to form a team to play against the masters and carried the victory. It is so exhilarating to meet a master over a chess-board and to beat him! Another match against the Royal Liberty School, Romford, was not so successful and we lost six games to two.

We congratulate Cocking of Remove on winning a prize in a Chess Problem Contest held throughout the London area last term. During the Christmas holidays, three members attended the Junior Chess Congress at St. Bride's Institute, but they failed to reach the required standard.

We welcome Mr. Dolman to the Club in Mr. Hollingbery's place. A series of championships, both junior and senior is, at the time of writing, in full swing. We eagerly await the results.

P. SHEPPARD, Secretary.

THE THIRD-YEAR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Society has had up to now a very good season. The four meetings so far held have all drawn over twenty participants. It was agreed that there would be two meetings a term and we still

have to arrange our summer programme. The first meeting was an excursion to the National Maritime Museum and the Observatory at Greenwich. The next was in the form of a lantern lecture on the "Castle." Cocking gave a carefully thought-out lecture ably helped by Hayward and Hickman (IVA) working the lantern.

In the Spring Term an inter-form competition was held with questions on medieval and early modern history. Remove proved worthy winners over IIIB and IIIA. This meeting was perhaps the most successful of all. The fourth meeting was an excursion to the Tower of London and the Monument. The Tower had only just been re-opened and the Crown Jewels were not displayed.

I think this has been the best year the Society has had and I would like to thank all boys who have contributed to this success.

S. A. HENDERSON, Secretary.

SPORT

FIRST ELEVEN FOOTBALL

Season 1945 — 1946

The record of the School First XI for the season, whilst registering an aggregate of twelve wins, seven defeats and three drawn games, should cause a great deal of satisfaction to those who have supported the team throughout its progress. For the players themselves, I think that, perhaps, mingled with satisfaction, there might have been an underlying pang of regret that the luck of the game had not been more often theirs. Their regret can be traced back to both the matches against Ilford C.H.S. and the last matches against Sir George Monoux G.S. and Chigwell School. In the Ilford game we should at least have drawn both or even won the home fixture, so well did our fellows play against their most formidable opponents of the season; and we certainly might have won the Monoux and Chigwell matches.

It is perhaps significant that these three teams provided our strongest opposition, Ilford being the only team to achieve a double victory, but consolation can hardly be sought therein when we might quite easily have secured three more victories. However, bad luck must not be stressed too much. In one game, yes! Against Ilford at home, especially during the second half, many good forward moves against a strong defence resulted in a continual barrage of shots at the visitors' goal, the agile Ilford keeper saving some, but most of which were stopped by the uprights and crossbar. Seldom have uprights been so shaken in one match! But with

Monoux and Chigwell, as in most other matches, a certain amount of stress should be laid on the forward line's inability to complete a good move by banging the ball hard into the net. Timidity against usually weightier defences might often have been the cause, since on various occasions every one of the forwards and half-backs proved that they could hit a ball as hard and accurately as the rest.

Of the defence there is no such definite criticism. At times they did tend to hang on to the ball too long, but they cured themselves of this long before the season's close. The art of distributing the ball in order to change the direction of attack was still lacking in the team at the end of the season however. So often did our passes go exactly where the opposing defence expected them, and so infrequently did we catch our opponents going the wrong way. Read alone, at inside-right, was conscious of this in his play and results often came with his efforts.

Without doubt the constructive player of the team was Fogg. Playing at right-half, his long sweeping ground passes were irreproachable, and certainly the dream of any forward. But we needed a forceful centre-forward—Gold played more of an inside forward game—and so halfway through the season he was tried at half-back and Fogg led the forward line. Both played well in their new positions, Gold especially, and stayed in them for the rest of the season. Fogg brought his stay at centre-forward to a fine conclusion with three good goals against the Old Boys' XI.

The School won both matches against the Old Boys, and rightly felt quite proud of the achievement, having such stalwarts of previous years as Bryett, McCartney, Tovey, Wheatley, Clarke, Hines, Partridge and others pitted against them.

Everybody must have noticed with pleased surprise the sudden interest of the County in Secondary School football. During the season their coach visited us on two consecutive Senior Games afternoons and on one Friday for the Juniors, giving us useful tips on heading and trapping, etc. The visit was greatly appreciated and the two senior elevens benefited by it noticeably. Also five boys: Foster, Boone, Noble, Gilbert S.J. and Beard, of whom we hope to see more next year, were invited to participate in a football instruction course during the Easter holidays, sponsored again by the County. Thus the inadequacies of past seasons have been partially improved, but I, for one, would like to see the introduction of a League Table and Cup into our football. Competition, if anything, will raise the standard and such an innovation would surely bring a larger crowd to the touchline which of course is always desirable. But in contrast with other seasons the First XI cannot complain; they were usually well supported. They have also to thank Mr. Lees who gave unflinching advice and encourage-

ment throughout the season, never failing to turn up at matches and giving them much of his valuable time.

In conclusion, then, the School First XI has enjoyed a successful season. I think it may be compared even with the School's previous best. Having played in all but one of the previous seasons myself, I am convinced that better teamwork has never existed in our First XI football. Teamwork is the essence of good football and this season we have striven with some success to achieve it.

This season's First XI consisted of : Jones, Rattenbury, Pike, Gold, Foster, Gray G.M., Bates, Read, Fogg, Noble, Tilly. Beard and Gilbert J. also played.
R. H. T. BATES, Captain.

Footnote.—With characteristic modesty the captain, Bates, has omitted to mention the part played by him in the team's success. The essence of the success gained was, as he says, teamwork; and it is largely due to his example and encouragement that such a first-class team spirit was developed. The fact that reverses only served to stimulate the team to extra efforts was another result for which he was largely responsible. The First XI have had a fine season under a fine captain. G.A.L.

1945		RESULTS			
Sep. 29	2/4 Batt. Essex Cadets	Home	lost	1—7	
Oct. 13	Chigwell School	Away	won	5—2	
Oct. 20	Barking Abbey School	Home	lost	1—3	
Nov. 3	East Ham G.S.	Away	won	1—0	
Nov. 10	Dagenham C.H.S.	Away	draw	2—2	
Nov. 14	Forest School	Away	won	7—1	
Nov. 17	Sir George Monoux G.S.	Home	lost	3—5	
Nov. 24	Ilford C.H.S.	Away	lost	2—3	
Dec. 1	Leyton C.H.S.	Away	won	3—2	
Dec. 8	Royal Liberty School, Romford	Home	won	5—3	
Dec. 15	Old Boys	Home	won	6—3	
1946					
Jan. 19	S.W. Essex Technical College	Home	won	6—0	
Jan. 26	Ilford C.H.S.	Home	lost	2—3	
Feb. 2	Barking Abbey School	Away	won	4—2	
Feb. 9	Dagenham C.H.S.	Home	lost	2—3	
Feb. 16	Chigwell School	Home	draw	2—2	
Feb. 23	Forest School	Home	won	8—3	
Mar. 2	East Ham G.S.	Home	lost	3—5	
Mar. 16	Leyton C.H.S.	Home	won	4—1	
Mar. 23	Sir George Monoux G.S.	Away	draw	3—3	
Mar. 30	Old Boys	Home	won	9—1	
Apr. 6	S.W. Essex Technical College	Home	won	6—3	

SECOND ELEVEN FOOTBALL

Season 1945—1946

Playing for the first time as a regular team throughout the season, the Second Eleven drew its last game in April to finish with a record of 8 matches won, 2 drawn and 5 lost, despite inroads made into the team from time to time by illness and the First Eleven's need for reserves. The full results are as follows :

1945		RESULTS			
Sep. 29	Loughton School	Home	won	14—0	
Oct. 20	Barking Abbey G.S.	Home	draw	1—1	
Nov. 3	East Ham G.S.	Home	won	4—0	
Nov. 10	Dagenham C.H.S.	Away	lost	1—3	
Nov. 17	Sir George Monoux G.S.	Home	won	2—1	
Nov. 24	Ilford C.H.S.	Away	lost	1—5	
Dec. 1	Leyton C.H.S.	Away	won	4—3	
Dec. 8	Royal Liberty School, Romford	Home	lost	1—2	
1946					
Jan. 19	Clark's College	Away	won	4—2	
Jan. 26	Ilford C.H.S.	Home	won	5—0	
Feb. 2	Barking Abbey G.S.	Away	won	2—1	
Feb. 9	Dagenham C.H.S.	Home	won	5—0	
Mar. 2	East Ham G.S.	Home	lost	1—3	
Mar. 16	Leyton C.H.S.	Home	lost	1—2	
Apr. 6	Clark's College	Home	draw	2—2	

UNDER 15 FOOTBALL ELEVEN

1945		RESULTS			
Oct. 13	Chigwell School	Away	won	4—0	
Nov. 14	Forest School	Home	won	2—0	
1946					
Feb. 16	Chigwell School	Home	lost	2—5	
Feb. 23	Forest School	Away	won	5—0	

UNDER 14 FOOTBALL ELEVEN

Season 1945—1946

The School Under 14 Football XI in its first season with a full fixture list has played sixteen matches this season of which it has won eleven and lost five. The most keenly-contested games were those against Ilford C.H.S., whom we defeated twice, and Chigwell School. The following boys have represented the School in the Under 14 team : Andrews, Bowden, Chapman, D. Cooper, Doye, Gorick, Greenaway, Hayward, Hills, Hunt, Kirman, Knott, Oliver, Parsons, Pryor, Reed, White, Woolner.

1945		RESULTS			
Sept 24	Chigwell Council School	...	won	3—1	
Oct 6	Dagenham C.H.S.	...	lost	0—2	
Oct 13	Clark's College	...	won	6—0	
Oct. 20	Barking Abbey School	...	won	4—0	
Nov. 3	East Ham G.S.	...	lost	1—3	
Nov. 17	Sir George Monoux G.S.	...	won	2—1	
Nov. 24	Ilford C.H.S.	...	won	3—0	
Dec. 1	Leyton C.H.S.	...	won	2—0	
1946					
Jan. 19	Clark's College	...	won	9—1	
Jan. 26	Ilford C.H.S.	...	won	1—0	
Feb. 16	Clark's College	...	won	4—0	
Mar. 1	Chigwell Council School	...	lost	1—3	
Mar. 2	East Ham G.S.	...	lost	1—4	
Mar. 16	Leyton C.H.S.	...	lost	1—5	
Apr. 4	Chigwell Council School	...	won	1—0	
Apr. 6	Clark's College	...	won	9—0	

THE CROSS COUNTRY RACES

THE traditional three cross-country runs were repeated this year, the 1st Year and Junior on April 8th and the Senior on April 9th. Owing to the fact that the English summer occurred in March and part of April, the going was very hard, and conditions rather warmer than one normally associates with cross-country running. Chigwell Brook was a mere dribble, and what had been a quagmire, well churned by the hooves of cattle, had more the appearance of an R.A.F. target area in miniature. These small craters were quite unyielding to the foot and their negotiation required considerable care and something of the ability of a mountain goat.

In spite of the shortage of slippers a good number of boys trained hard during the month before the races, and their enthusiasm and keenness resulted in new records being set up in all three events.

Form 1A, Forest House, and Roding House must be warmly congratulated on winning the 1st Year, Junior and Senior races respectively for the first time since their institution.

First Year Inter-Form Race

This race was won comfortably by 1A who provided the first two men home and secured six of the first fifteen places. The 1B team was the first to finish, and 1A owe their victory to the splendid running of Dunbar and Barrett. As the runners passed along the path between the playing field and the R.A.F. station Dunbar was already in the lead and running very smoothly and strongly. He finished in good style in the record time of 10 mins. 48 secs., beating the previous best by 10 secs.

The Junior Race

The Junior Race developed into a close contest between Forest, Chigwell and Hainault, with Roding not far behind. Chigwell had the first man home and the first team to finish. They were narrowly beaten, however, by Forest, whose runners were more evenly spaced, and who thus registered their first win in this race.

Woolner (C.), who was sixth in the Junior event last year, ran with great determination to finish first in the record time of 19 mins. 28 secs. Chambers (C) had the distinction of being the first 2nd year boy to finish and did well to secure sixth place.

The Senior Race

In this event no less than three runners beat the previous best time of 23 mins. 23 secs. set up by Hughes (H) in 1943. Rattenbury

(C) ran very stylishly to finish a comfortable winner in 22 mins. 25 secs. thus cutting nearly a minute off the previous best.

This was a fine performance and the new time will be hard to beat. Lowson was second in 22 mins. 23 secs., having gone round in his usual dogged manner, and Young arrived in 22 mins. 39 secs. Rattenbury's fast time is no doubt due in part to the fact that he had such good opposition to push him along, and all three runners deserve our warmest congratulations.

The competitors who had represented the school in previous races against other schools and clubs, filled all the early places but one, Bray, who was 21st last year, running very hard to achieve 5th place.

The Roding team were first home and won the Senior Race for the first time by a clear margin of 74 points.

RESULTS

First Year Inter-Form Race

Previous Best		Holder		Year	
10 mins. 58 secs.		Tyler (1A)		1945	
1	Dunbar (1A)	10 mins. 48 secs.	
2	Barrett (1A)	10 mins. 59 secs.	
3	Pettit (1B)	11 mins. 12 secs.	
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1.	1A.	2.	1B.	3.	1C.
Dunbar 1	Pettit 3	Gold 7
Barrett 2	Pendegrass 4	Webster 8
Spain 5	Warren 9	Young 13
Rendu 6	Rivers 11	Harrington 16
Walmsley 10	Heath 12	Keleher 18
Pepperell 15	D'Arcy 14	Oliver 19
	39		53		81
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Junior Race

Previous Best		Holder		Year			
19 mins. 36 secs.		Gold (R)		1944			
1	Woolner (C)	19 mins. 28 secs.			
2	Kirman (H)	19 mins. 43 secs.			
3	Wood (F)	19 mins. 58 secs.			
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1.	Forest	2.	Chigwell	3.	Hainault	4.	Roding
Wood 3	Woolner 1	Kirman 2	Cooper 9
Low 5	Chambers 6	Higgins 4	Coyle 11
Andrews	..... 7	Sparks	..... 10	Diver	..... 8	Warner	..... 15
Guttridge	..... 13	Hearn	..... 19	Henderson	..... 12	Tovey	..... 16
Nightingale, J.W.	..... 18	Millington	..... 20	Lee	..... 14	Giblett	..... 17
Williams	..... 25	Wetherall	..... 21	Noble	..... 24	Webb	..... 22
Triolo	..... 26	Brown, L. W.	..... 23	Green, J. L.	..... 31	Milbank	..... 28
Nightingale, C.N. 27	Chapman 29	Harvey 36	Watson 35
Hunt 32	Brown, A. F. 30	Turrell 37	Oliver 40
	156		159		168		193
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Senior Race

	Previous Best	Holder	Year
	23 mins. 23 secs.	Hughes (H)	1943
1	Rattenbury (C)	22 mins. 25 secs.
2	Lowson (R) ... ..	...	22 mins. 33 secs.
3	Young (F) ... ..	...	22 mins. 39 secs.

1. Roding	2. Hainault	3. Forest	4. Chigwell
Lowson 2	Warren 8	Young 3	Rattenbury ... 1
Gold 4	Foster 10	Bray 5	White 15
Beard 6	Bales 13	Rush 9	Price 16
Horne 7	Shave 17	Sortwell .. 22	Davey 19
Noble 11	Mummery ... 18	Pike 25	Lane 21
Gooch 12	Horne, R. E. 20	Bettis 30	Pratt 24
Caville 14	Horne, A. J. 23	Bennett 31	Saward 36
Day 26	Russell 27	Fogg 32	Pryor 45
Roberts 28	Robbins ... 48	Gale 33	Perry 46
	110	184	190
			223

Championship Points

	Junior	Senior	Total	Pts.
Roding	0	6	6	3
Forest	3	2	5	1½
Hainault	1	4	5	1½
Chigwell	2	0	2	0

FIRST ELEVEN CRICKET

THE departure of the remaining members of the original first eleven last year caused most people to forecast a gloomy future for the school's cricket. Mr. Romans' return did help to alleviate this pessimism and the team has benefited considerably from his coaching. The season, as expected, has however, not been a successful one. The side lacked both a batsman who could be relied upon to score consistently and a bowler whose aggressiveness was sufficient to disturb the opponents' opening pair. Earlier in the term the weather interfered not only with our opening matches but also with our valuable net practices on Tuesday evenings. The first match following this bad spell, played against Forest School, showed how much we had lost in that time. Price alone of the bowlers could find a length, and the batsmen, with the exception of Read, merely served to display the quality of the Forest attack. Rain caused the cancellation of the fixtures against Dagenham and Ilford, the latter being a return match in which we had hoped to redeem in part the heavy defeat inflicted on us early in the season.

Our opening match against Sir George Monoux School failed to reveal any fighting spirit in the side. It did show nevertheless, that the tail-end was far too long and that below number five in

the batting order there was no-one likely to score much-needed runs. The game against Ilford brought us our severest defeat. Feelings of inferiority seized the team when Bryan and Feen took our opponents' total to 101 and our batting faded out before bowling little above the ordinary. In the two most enjoyable games of the term—against the Headmaster's XI and the first match with Wanstead—the side began to give some promise of form, batting and bowling with more confidence. It came as a disappointment and an anti-climax that Wanstead beat us so easily in the return game after the draw which time alone had forced in the first match. Our only win of the season was against a team from the neighbouring Royal Air Force station which we defeated comfortably.

If batting and bowling have fluctuated this year there has been consistent alertness in the field and few runs have resulted from slowness and misfielding. Were cricket to depend more on this branch of the game and on team-work, then doubtless more success would have attended us during the season. D. NOBLE (Capt.)

RESULTS

Date	Opponents	Ground	Scores		
			For	Against	Result
May 11.	Sir George Monoux G.S.	H.	47	50.5	Lost
May 18.	Ilford C.H.S.	H.	24	113.4	Lost
May 25.	Wanstead C.H.S.	H.	74.8	42.5	Drawn
June 7.	Headmaster's XI	H.	96.4	20.9	Drawn
June 29.	Forest School	A.	66	131.9	Lost
July 6.	Wanstead C.H.S.	A.	38	88.9	Lost
July 18.	R.A.F. Station	H.	70	36	Won

SECOND ELEVEN CRICKET

The record of the Second Eleven this season is one of gradual improvement in the games we have been able to play, all but three of the matches being cancelled because of rain. The first of these three matches was played against Wanstead and the School were decisively beaten. The next match was against Coopers' Company School whom we were able to defeat thanks to a useful 29 scored by Fogg and to the fact that Kind took 5 wickets for 17. The third match, that against Wanstead had rather an unfortunate result owing to a mistake in the scoring. It was thought that the School had won by one run, but on closer inspection the match was found to be a draw.

RESULTS

Date	Opponents	Ground	Scores		
			For	Against	Result
May 25.	Wanstead C.H.S.	Away	32	57	Lost
June 26.	Coopers' Company Sch.	Home	60	52	Won
July 5.	Wanstead C.H.S.	Home	64	64	Tie

UNDER 15 CRICKET ELEVEN

Under 15 XI v. Chigwell School

at Chigwell, June 1st, 1946

Result : Match drawn. School 73 for 8 declared ; Chigwell 47 for 7.

Gray C. and Gale opened for the School innings, Gale's wicket falling with the score at 12. Gray continued to bat with patience and determination and made 16 valuable runs. Chapman D. later gave valuable support and contributed a well-made 12. With the score at 73 for 8, Gooch (8 not out) declared the innings closed.

Chigwell made a promising start and put on 20 for the first wicket. With the score at 32 for 4 the School bowlers began to get on top, the next three wickets falling for the addition of only 7 runs. Brooks and Butler however, played out time taking the final score to 47 for 7.

Reed and Perry bowled well, the former taking 4 for 8 and the latter 2 for 21.

Under 15 XI v. Coopers' Company School

at Ashton Playing Fields on June 22nd, 1946.

Result : School won by 45 runs.

The School batted first and made 68 for 5 declared, Chapman D. again batting well for 24 not out. Gooch gave a bright display including a 4 and a 6 in his 15 runs, and Gilbert S. J. made a useful 16 not out.

Coopers were dismissed for 23 runs, due to the good bowling by Perry (5 for 12), Reed (3 for 5) and Gray C. (2 for 3), backed up by good fielding, no fewer than nine batsmen being caught out.

UNDER 14 CRICKET ELEVEN

Under 14 XI v. Forest School

at Buckhurst Hill on June 18th, 1946.

Result : Forest won by 31 runs.

Forest opened quietly against the steady bowling of Reed and Oliver. Reed, in fact, bowled ten maiden overs in succession and it was not until Sebley (No. 6) and Jefferies (No. 8) were together that runs came more freely. Forest declared at 52 for 9. Parsons (3 for 6), Cooper M. (2 for 19), Reed (1 for 52), Oliver (1 for 10) and Trowbridge (1 for 2) shared the wickets, while Woolner made three good catches.

White R. and Parsons began the School innings and put on 16 for the first wicket. Of these Parsons scored 15 by productive

if unorthodox methods. There followed a procession to and from the wicket, the remaining ten batsmen totalling 6 runs between them. The School innings finally passed away with the score at 21.

This is the only fixture that the Under 14 XI has played and it has no reason to be discouraged. On the contrary, the keenness shown by these juniors augurs well for next season when it is hoped that more matches will be arranged.

CRICKET — JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES

- May 24. Roding v. Hainault. Roding won by 17 runs.
Roding : 26. (Davies 14). Reed and Keelan, 5 wickets each.
Hainault : 9. Oliver 8 for 4.
- June 14. Chigwell v. Forest. Chigwell won by 10 runs.
Chigwell : 32 (Chapman 18 not out) ; Hunt 6 for 15.
Forest : 22. Parsons, 5 wickets.
- June 28. Forest v. Hainault. Forest won by 1 wicket.
Hainault : 21 (Reed 11).
Forest : 22 for 9. Utting 5 for 6 ; Hunt 4 for 8.
- July 5. Chigwell v. Roding. Chigwell won by 34 runs.
Chigwell : 42 (White 12 ; Brown L. 12) ; Cooper 4 for 8 ; Davies 4 for 10.
Roding : 8. Parsons 6 for 2 ; Knott 4 for 6.
- July 12. Champion House (Chigwell) v. The Rest. Draw match.
The Rest : 68 for 5 declared (Cooper 27 ; Hunt 29).
Chigwell : 65 for 5 (Jolly 16 ; Chapman 15 not out).

Final Positions in Junior House Championship.

1st	Chigwell.
2nd	Roding.
3rd	Forest.
4th	Hainault.

ATHLETIC NOTES

This year has seen a revival of many pre-war athletic competitions and it is very pleasing to be able to record that the School has met the best of the local schools and clubs and has achieved a considerable measure of success. The efforts of the seniors were ably supported by those of some very promising juniors which augurs well for the future.

BURN CUP

The Essex Schools Cross Country Race for the Burn Cup was held at Bancrofts School on Saturday, March 2nd. The course was about four miles long through Epping Forest and the going was very heavy. A blizzard raged during the greater part of the race, making the afternoon very uncomfortable for the runners and spectators alike. There was a very good sprinkling of Buckhurst Hill supporters and their patience and endurance were amply rewarded when P. Rattenbury came into view and ran in first with Wanstead providing a close second. The other scoring members of the team were Beard (18), Young (24), and Gold (31). Warren (36), Horne (38), White (39), and Rush (45) also ran very well and helped to increase the score of other teams. The team result was as follows: 1st, Wanstead C.H.S.—32 points; 2nd, Bancrofts School—40 points; 3rd, Brentwood School—46 points; 4th, Buckhurst Hill C.H.S.—74 points. Altogether thirteen schools took part in the race and Rattenbury and the whole team are to be congratulated on their fine performance.

THE ESSEX YOUTHS' CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

This event was run from Loughton on Saturday, March 23rd, and the runners were within sight of the School all the way. The course consisted of two laps of about 1½ miles each and the finish up the side of the Roding Valley was a stiff one. Unfortunately the School was unable to field its best team as both Rattenbury and Young were suffering from injuries. Beard ran very strongly and was first man home for the School. He gained fifth place against some very good running by Chigwell and our old rivals, Wanstead and Bancrofts. The other scoring members were Gold (20) and Horne (25) giving the School a total of 50 points. Not far behind were Warren (30) and White (31). In spite of the fact that all the School team obtained better places than in the Burn Cup, we were sixth, the race being won by Chigwell with the remarkably low total of 13 points.

CHAMPION RUSSELL AND BRESSEY CUPS

A comprehensive programme of flat races and jumps was held on the Wanstead High School ground, the finals taking place during the afternoon of Tuesday, June 18th. Wanstead carried off both the Champion Russell Cup for the school scoring most points, and the Bressey Cup which is awarded on the result of a handicap competition depending on the total number of boys in the competing schools. The cups were presented by Mr. Sidney Wooderson. Ten local grammar schools were represented and the School did remarkably well in securing second place to Wanstead in both competitions. The final placings were as follows:

Champion Russell Cup				Pts.
1	Wanstead C.H.S.	...	...	73½
2	Buckhurst Hill C.H.S.	...	...	51
3	Royal Liberty S. Romford	...	...	37
4	Leyton C.H.S.	...	...	35
5	Barking Abbey School	...	...	24
6	Ilford C.H.S.	...	...	22
7	Dagenham C.H.S.	...	...	12½
8	Sir George Monoux School	...	...	7
9	Chingford C.H.S.	...	...	6
10	East Ham G.S.	...	...	2
Bressey Cup				Pts.
1	Wanstead C.H.S.	...	...	93½
2	Buckhurst Hill C.H.S.	...	...	68
3	Barking Abbey School	...	...	59
4	Leyton C.H.S.	...	...	47
5	Royal Lib. Sch. Romford	...	...	44
6	Chingford C.H.S.	...	...	42
7	Dagenham C.H.S.	...	...	41½
8	{ Ilford C.H.S.	...	...
	{ Sir George Monoux S.	...	...	22
10	East Ham G.S.	...	...	17

The result was due to good running and jumping by both seniors and juniors as the individual placings show and the whole team is to be congratulated.

UNDER 12.

100 Yards :—

Pendegrass 2nd ; Gold 3rd.

Relay :—

Pendegrass, Gold, Cracknell, Marsh 1st.

UNDER 13.

100 Yards :—

Wright 1st ; O'Neill 4th.

Relay :—

Wright, O'Neill, Colby, Chambers 1st.

220 Yards :—

O'Neill 1st ; Chambers 2nd.

Long Jump :—

Lacey 4th.

UNDER 14.

100 Yards :—

Sparks 4th.

300 Yards :—

Sparks 4th.

UNDER 15.

High Jump :—

Chapman, G. S. 4th.

UNDER 16.

100 Yards :—

Foster 4th.

Relay :—

Foster, Gray, J., Gray, G. M., Boone 2nd.

440 Yards :—

Young 1st ; Gold 4th.

OVER 16.

100 Yards :—
Bates 4th.

Relay :—
Bates, Macleod, Rush, Mulinder 4th.

220 Yards :—
Bates 3rd.

OVER 15.

880 Yards :—
Rattenbury 1st.

Long Jump :—
Boone 1st.

High Jump :—
Gray, G. M. 4th.



ROGUE ELEPHANT

Linocut by A. E. Colton, IV C

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS

A RECORD crowd of boys, parents and friends attended the Annual Sports on Saturday, July 13th, and in spite of some threatening clouds at midday, our traditional luck held and the afternoon was fine and warm. Chigwell House won the "Bryett" Inter-House Athletic Cup and in doing so broke the chain of successes of Roding House in this competition. Forest managed to beat Hainault for second place by one point.

The standard of performance throughout was a high one, five records being broken and one equalled. Wright (H.) broke Taylor's 1939 record in Throwing the Javelin (under 13) with a throw of 92 ft., and also did very well to win in Putting the Shot and the High Jump (under 13). O'Neill (C.) beat his winning time in the Russell Cup to establish a new record of 27.4 secs. in the 220 yards (under 13) with Wright (H.) taking second place. O'Neill was also second in Throwing the Discus (under 13) and we shall undoubtedly hear more of these two junior boys in future years.

Young (F.) and Rattenbury (C.) won the 440 yards (under 16) and 440 yards (over 16) respectively, both beating the previous best performances by Bryett. Young's time was the faster (55.2 secs) and was a very fine effort. These two runners had already competed in the 880 yards, Rattenbury being first (2 mins. 14.6 secs). and Young second. Rattenbury could have beaten his own record of 2 mins. 13.3 secs., but was undoubtedly conserving his energy for the 440 yards. He took the lead at the start and held it with Lawson (R.) running close behind. Lawson gallantly challenged him at the final bend but could not match Rattenbury's finishing burst. Lawson then had the mortification of seeing Young, who was making a tremendous spurt, get his head in front to beat him for second place.

Rattenbury also won the Senior Discus and the Mile which was held for the first time and was run the previous Tuesday. His time was 4 mins. 55 secs—a very creditable performance—and once again Lawson gave him some stiff opposition and finished close behind.

With his third and last throw, Read (F.) beat Tarlton's Javelin record of 149 ft. 5 ins. This record was not Tarlton's best effort, but was considered a very good one, and Read is to be congratulated on bettering it by nearly 10 ft.

The Senior High Jump developed into a tussle between Bennett (F.), Spinks (R.) and Gray, G. M. (R.) who all jumped very well. Gray was the only competitor to clear 5 ft., thus equalling Wheatley's record of last year.

Bates ran well to win the 100 yards and 220 yards (over 16) in 11.0 secs. and 24.0 secs. respectively, and if it had not been for

an adverse breeze, might have equalled Bryett's records in these events.

The Inter-Form Relays (of gymnastic as well as athletic character) provided some amusement and very keen competition. The winners were IC, IIR, and IIIA.

The climax of the afternoon came with the Inter-House Relays which were all 4 x 110 yards this year. There were some close finishes and Hainault managed to win three out of six and beat the one previous best time at this distance.

Mr. H. W. Payne, who was eight times Essex Cross Country champion, then presented the "Bryett" Cup to Bates, the captain of the winning house, and the medals to the individual winners.

K.J.D.

RESULTS

100 Yards. Under 12.

1. Gold (R.). 13.1 sec.
2. Streeton (H.).
3. Cracknell (F.).

100 Yards. Under 14.

1. Sparks (C.). 12.1 sec.
2. Howard (F.).
3. Woolner (C.).

100 Yards. Under 16.

1. Gray, J. (F.). 11.5 sec.
2. Foster (H.).
3. Boone (H.).

220 Yards. Under 13.

1. O'Neill (C.). 27.4 sec.
2. Chambers (C.).
3. Wright (H.).

220 Yards. Under 15.

1. Wilson (H.). 25.8 sec.
2. Maybury (C.).
3. Hayward (R.).

220 Yards 16 and over.

1. Bates (C.). 24 sec.
2. McLeod (H.).
3. Fogg (F.).

440 Yards. Under 16.

1. Young (F.). 55.2 sec.
2. Foster (H.).
3. Gold (R.).

880 Yards. 15 and over.

1. Rattenbury (C.). 2 m. 14.6 sec.
2. Young (F.).
3. Lowson (R.).

High Jump. Under 13.

1. Wright (H.). 4ft. 2in.
2. Southwell (F.).
3. Nightingale (F.).

High Jump. 15 and over.

1. Gray, M. (R.). 5ft. 0in.
2. Bennett (F.).
3. Spinks (R.).

100 Yards. Under 13.

1. O'Neill (C.). 12.6 sec.
2. Wright (H.).
3. Chambers (C.).

100 Yards. Under 15.

1. Maybury (C.). 12.1 sec.
2. Hickman, P. (R.).
3. Gale (F.).

100 Yards. 16 and over.

1. Bates (C.). 11 sec.
2. McLeod (H.).
3. Mulinder (C.).

220 Yards. Under 14.

1. Sparks (C.). 26.3 sec.
2. Howard (F.).
3. Woolner (C.), Diver (H.).

220 Yards. Under 16.

1. Gray, J. (F.). 24.6 sec.
2. Gray, M. (R.).
3. Boone (H.).

440 Yards. Under 15.

1. Gale (F.). 61.1 sec.
2. Hare (F.).
3. Chapman (R.).

440 Yards. 16 and over.

1. Rattenbury (C.). 56.2 sec.
2. Rush (F.).
3. Bennett (F.).

One Mile. 15 and over.

1. Rattenbury (C.). 4 min. 55 sec.
2. Lowson (R.).
3. Rush (F.).

High Jump. Under 15.

1. Chapman (R.). 4ft. 7in.
2. Colton (C.).
3. Hearn (C.).

Long Jump. Under 13.

1. Trowbridge (F.). 14ft. 3½in.
2. Nightingale (F.).
3. Lacey (H.).

Long Jump. Under 15.

1. Sparks (C.). 16ft. 0in.
2. Gale (F.).
3. Hayward (R.).

Putting the Shot (6lb.) Under 13.

1. Wright (H.). 36ft. 9½in.
2. McGregor (R.).
3. Cooper (R.).

Putting the Shot (12lbs.). 15 and over.

1. Boone (H.). 33ft. 3in.
2. Gray, J. (F.).
3. Young (F.).

Throwing the Discus (1½ kg.). Under 15.

1. Manning (R.). 73ft. 5in.
2. Fishlock (C.).
3. Wilson (H.).

Throwing the Javelin. Under 13.

1. Wright (H.). 92ft. 0in.
2. McGregor (R.).
3. Trowbridge (F.).

Throwing the Javelin. 15 and over.

1. Read (F.). 158 ft. 9in.
2. Bates (C.).
3. Price (C.).

Inter-House Relay. Under 12.

1. Hainault : Pendegrass, Streeton, Dunlop, Waller. 58.2 sec.
2. Roding : Gold, Petit, Dunbar, Oliver.
3. Forest : Spain, Kempton, Kinnison, Cracknell

Inter-House Relay. Under 13.

1. Hainault : Wright, Harvey, Goswell, Colby. 57.1 sec.
2. Roding : Tovey, Watson, Cooper, Milbank.
3. Chigwell : O'Neill, Brown, A. F., Brown, L. W., Chambers.

Inter-House Relay. Under 14.

1. Chigwell : Sparks, Knott, Doye, Woolner. 53.7 sec.
2. Hainault : Diver, Kirman, Henderson, Clapp.
3. Forest : Hiscott, Maynard, Low, Howard.

Inter-House Relay. Under 15.

1. Hainault : Wilson, D., Bowden, Wiggins, Melhuish. 52.2 sec.
2. Roding : Heyward, Hickman, Chown, Taylor.
3. Chigwell : Maybury, Twyman, Penny, Perry.

Inter-House Relay. Under 16.

1. Forest : Young, Kind, Read, Gray, J. 49.4 sec.
2. Roding : Andrews, Gray, G. M., Kellman, Gold.
3. Hainault : Foster, Last, Robbins, Boone.

Inter-House Relay. 16 and over.

1. Chigwell : Bates, Clapp, Rattenbury, Mulinder. 49.1 sec.
2. Forest : Rush, Glozier, Fogg, Bennett.
3. Hainault : Wilson, J., Mummery, Grimwood, McLeod.

Inter-Form Relay. Under 12.

1. IC; 2. IB; 3. IA.

Inter-Form Relay. Under 13.

1. IIR; 2. IIA; 3. IIB.

Inter-Form Relay. Under 14.

1. IIIA; 2. R; 3. IIIB.

Long Jump. 15 and over.

1. Gold (R.). 17ft. 10in.
2. Mulinder (C.).
3. Beard (R.).

Putting the Shot (4kg.). Under 15.

1. Fishlock (C.). 33ft. 0in.
2. Manning (R.).
3. Hickman (R.).

Throwing the Discus (1kg.). Under 13.

1. Deeker (F.). 69ft. 10in.
2. O'Neill (C.).
3. Sawyer (C.).

Throwing the Discus. 15 and over.

1. Rattenbury (C.). 99ft. 3in.
2. McLeod (H.).
3. Colvin (C.).

Throwing the Javelin. Under 15.

1. Perry (C.). 118ft. 3in.
2. Fishlock (C.).
3. Turner (H.).

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

		Points
1st	Chigwell	81½
2nd	Forest	62½
3rd	Hainault	61½
4th	Roding	52½

The Inter-Form athletic competitions held during the School examinations resulted as follows :

First Year, 1st : IC ; 2nd : IA ; 3rd : IB.

Second Year, 1st : IIA ; 2nd : IIB ; 3rd : IIR.

Third Year, 1st : IIIB ; 2nd : IIIA.

Fourth Year, 1st : IVA ; 2nd : IVC ; 3rd : IVB ; 4th : IIIR.

CHAPMAN MEMORIAL CUP, 1945-1946

On going to press, the Senior Cricket Tournament is still incomplete, so that the winning House remains unknown. However, we give the Championship points gained for the Football, Cross Country Runs and Athletic Sports :

				Cross			Total
				Football	Country	Sports	
Chigwell	3	0	3	6
Forest	2	3	2	7
Hainault	0	1½	1	2½
Roding	1	1½	0	2½



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HOUSE NOTES

CHIGWELL

At the moment of writing, there are still two sporting events, cricket and athletics, to be completed, but I can say in all sincerity that we expect to do well in both these. We finished first at the close of the House football matches, honours going chiefly to the Junior 1st XI captained by Chapman, which did not drop a single point in all its six games. In the Cross-Country Runs we were not so fortunate ; the Juniors did well to take second place ; the Seniors, however, came last. We had the consolation of seeing a Chigwell man home first in both races, Rattenbury in the Senior and Woolner in the Junior event. Thus, if defeated, we were certainly not disgraced.

Neither are we disheartened. Chigwell has never yet won the House Championship, but she has the ability to do so this year. Possessing as we do a fine bunch of athletes and a fair proportion of the School's cricketers, there is no reason why we should not do well in the remaining activities. Enthusiasm, talent and loyalty have not been lacking in the House and with maximum efforts our members may well expect to achieve full success.

I can now add the results of the House Athletic Championship and the Junior Cricket. As I predicted, the House did well in Athletics, winning the contest by a comfortable margin over Forest House, our closest rivals. May I extend hearty congratulations to all members of the athletic team ? Special honours go to Sparks for the finest Junior individual performance and to Rattenbury in the Seniors.

Cricket, too, has brought us success. The Juniors won the competition again, as they did during the football season. The senior matches have not yet been played, but we feel confident that we can follow the fine example set by the Junior team and thus win the Championship for the first time in the history of the House.

R. H. T. BATES, Captain.

FOREST

At the time of going to press the result of the House Championship is even more unpredictable than last year. At present, Forest House stands second to Roding. Chigwell beat us in the Football competition by three points. In the Cross-Country Run the juniors ran well to finish first, Wood, Low and Andrews gaining third, fifth and seventh places respectively. Inspired as they were by this result, the seniors could only finish third in their run.

There is a general feeling, I think, that the Inter-House Competition is likely to have a close and exciting finish. For the first time, Roding is having to fight for the Athletic Championship now that they have lost Bryett. We shall also feel the pinch where cricket is concerned, having lost Flower, Tarlton and Wheatley. On the other hand there is plenty of young blood which will make itself felt in the future. I should like to mention the invaluable help the juniors are making in maintaining the prestige of their House. They realise that the junior results can make all the difference in the final placing in the House Championship. Last September Hills was unanimously elected Junior Captain and has since filled this position admirably.

Athletics need not be the weak point of the House as was related in the last issue of the Magazine. This was proved on July 13th when Forest House came second to Chigwell in the Athletic Sports Championship. For this result we have to thank the keenness of all those competitors representing the House, some of whom spent many hours at practice. Such work rewarded Read, who beat the Javelin record by several feet.

The Junior Cricket Championship has been decided, with Forest Juniors third. The Senior teams have not yet played, so the final positions in the House Championship table are still unpredictable.

S. A. HALL, Captain.

HAINAULT

Despite four teams which seemed to be set for a line of victories, ill-luck has once again dogged Hainault's footsteps. The Senior team managed to win only three games in all in the football season, although the First XI did manage to draw against Forest. Hainault made a very promising start, gaining 12 points out of a possible 16 against the subsequent winners, Chigwell. And then the defeats started. Everybody did his best, but the force of events was too much. There were frequent absences and as a result a team whose members were playing out of position. This, together with the forwards' lack of size and weight, was the fundamental cause of defeat.

The Juniors had a successful season and won many more matches than the Seniors. But they also won as many matches as any other junior team and it seems a pity that after playing so well, they should finish at the bottom. Clearly a reform is needed. It would be far better to make the points system uniform, so that a Junior team earns as many as a Senior team for a win and a draw. Only thus can the standard of House Football be truly assessed. The outstanding players were Jones, Boone and Foster for the Seniors and Reed, the captain of the Juniors.

In the Cross-Country Runs, Hainault did better than last year and in the final assessment shared second place with Forest. In

both Junior and Senior Runs, Hainault had more than half their men home in the first twenty, but the remainder did not pack so well and this resulted in a large final total. In the House Championship, Hainault has $1\frac{1}{2}$ points so far, all gained from the Cross-Country.

Hainault came bottom in Junior Cricket, mainly because not all the available material was used. Walker of the Second Form, a fine young bowler, was left out of both matches and this certainly contributed to the defeat of an already weak bowling side.

Every Hainault boy was keen on athletics this year, but the House was not good enough to beat Chigwell and Forest. Boys to be congratulated are Boone, Wright and the members of the Relay teams. The last-mentioned gained 24 points out of the House total of $61\frac{1}{2}$.

Thus it will be seen that Hainault has had very little luck this year, but the enthusiasm of the boys is bound to pay dividends in future years.

J. H. WILSON, Captain.

RODING

Perhaps the greatest tribute which can be paid to Roding House this year is that it has successfully survived the departure of Bryett, its first Captain. To date, only two results in the Inter-House Competition are known and both do great credit to the House. The first of these is football. Although at first this may appear rather disappointing, as the House came third, it is in fact encouraging for the two senior elevens succeeded in gaining first place in senior school football. It was in the junior school that we were unfortunate, since of all the points possible in the House games only one was gained by a Roding team from a second eleven draw against Chigwell. Despite this disappointing junior result we have a number of promising footballers, notably Oliver, the captain and Davis the goalkeeper. The main reason for the junior defeats was the fact that the players failed to keep to their positions and were too easily drawn.

The other result known is that of the Cross-Country Run. Here the House succeeded in gaining first place. Once again, however, we were unfortunate in our junior team which, despite some valiant efforts, came last. The senior team won, however, packing nine men home in the first fifteen. Special mention must be made of Lowson's achievement, coming home a close second to Rattenbury of Chigwell.

Of the Inter-House cricket, only the junior games have been played, and Roding were able to gain second place. The first match was an easy win, for Hainault was dismissed for nine runs, but this success was followed by an even more startling defeat, when Chigwell dismissed Roding's junior eleven for eight runs.

Athletics proved our greatest defeat, for Roding fell from top to bottom of the table. The competitors for the House did well on

the whole, but despite their efforts which included two firsts in the High Jump, a first in the senior Long Jump and another in the Under-12 100 yards, they could not muster sufficient points to improve our position. The junior results were very encouraging and give ground for optimism in forecasting the results of future athletic competitions.

L. W. RAYMENT, Captain.

ACADEMIC RESULTS

We congratulate the following boys on being first in their forms for the School Year, 1945-1946 :

VA : Tilly, J. ; VB : Roberts, D. A. ; VC : Bullman, P. ;
 IVA : Hickman, P. ; IVB : Henderson, J.D., Knell, D. ;
 IVC : Perry, F. ; IIIR : Chapman, D. ; IIIA : King, R. ;
 IIIB : Kirby, R. E. ; IIR : Matthews, C. T. ; IIA :
 Howard, A. ; IIB : Noble, G. ; IA : Brown, B. ;
 IB : Pendegrass, T. W. ; IC : Doe, R. J.

MUSIC SUCCESSES

The following successes were achieved in this year's Associated Board R.A.M. and R.C.M. Examinations :

Pianoforte (Practical) :—

Grade I : A. Brown, J. Lacey, R. White (credit).
 Grade II : R. Gooch, K. Shave.
 Grade II : D. Chapman, R. Keeling.
 Grade IV : G. Davis, I. Dawes.
 Grade V : R. Hunt, P. Rattenbury.
 Grade VI : C. Selby.

Rudiments of Music, Stage I :—

D. Chapman, G. Davis, I. Dawes, R. Gooch, R. Keeling, K. Shave, R. White.

VALETE

We bid farewell to the second generation of pupils who will be leaving at the end of this term. They took the reins from the pioneers ; they now leave them to those who follow after.

- A. C. Price.** 1939-1946 ; School Captain ; Head Prefect ; First XI Cricket ; Matriculation, 1944 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1946 ; Magazine Committee.
- J. H. Wilson.** 1939-1946 ; Second Prefect and Library Prefect ; Captain of Hainault House ; First XI Football ; First XI Cricket ; Matriculation, 1944 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1946.
- J. D. Gilbert.** 1939-1946 ; Third Prefect ; Sergeant, A.T.C. ; Magazine Committee ; Matriculation, 1944 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1946.

R. H. T. Bates. 1939-1946 ; School Prefect ; Captain of Ohigwell House ; Captain of Football ; School Athletic Team ; General School Certificate, 1944 ; sat for Higher School Certificate 1946.

J. C. Crawford. 1939-1946 ; School Prefect ; Leader of School Orchestra ; Matriculation, 1944 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1946 ; Corporal, A.T.C.

S. A. Hall. 1939-1946 ; School Prefect ; Captain of Forest House ; Matriculation, 1944 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1946.

N. S. Horne. 1939-1946 ; School Prefect ; School Orchestra ; Matriculation, 1944 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1946.

J. D. Lane. 1942-1946 ; School Prefect ; School Orchestra ; Matriculation, 1944 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1946.

E. C. Mulinder. 1939-1946 ; School Prefect ; Matriculation, 1944 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1946 ; School Athletic Team.

W. C. Perry. 1939-1946 ; School Prefect ; Corporal, A.T.C. ; Matriculation, 1944 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1946.

T. E. Pratt. 1940-1946 ; School Prefect ; Matriculation, 1944 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1946.

P. Rattenbury. 1939-1946 ; School Prefect ; School Athletic Team ; First XI Football ; General School Certificate, 1944 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1946.

L. W. Rayment. 1939-1946 ; School Prefect ; Captain of Roding House ; Captain of Second XI Cricket ; General School Certificate, 1944 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1946.

OUR BEST WISHES ALSO GO TO :

D. E. Bell. 1939-1946 ; Matriculation, 1944 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1946 ; Magazine Committee.

B. E. Chamberlain. 1939-1946 ; General School Certificate, 1944.

J. R. Fricker. 1940-1946 ; Matriculation, 1944 ; Higher School Certificate, 1945.

K. A. Joysey. 1943-1946 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1946.

N. C. Macleod. 1939-1946 ; Matriculation, 1944 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1946.

A. E. Willingale. 1939-1946 ; Magazine Editor, 1946 ; Matriculation, 1944 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1946 ; Exhibitioner at Queen Mary College, London, 1946.

—and to all Fifth Form boys and others who will be leaving at the end of the school year, 1945-46.

Head Prefect and School Captain :

A. C. Price.

Second Prefect and Library Prefect :

J. H. Wilson.

School Prefects :

R. H. T. Bates, J. C. Crawford, J. D. Gilbert, S. A. Hall,
N. S. Horne, J. D. Lane, E. C. Mulinder, W. C. Perry,
T. E. Pratt, P. Rattenbury, L. W. Rayment.

House Captains :

Chigwell : R. H. T. Bates.

Hainault : J. H. Wilson.

Forest : S. A. Hall.

Roding : L. W. Rayment.

School Football Captain : R. H. T. Bates.

School Cricket Captain : D. Noble.

Second XI Football Captain : A. C. Price.

Second XI Cricket Captain : L. W. Rayment.

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