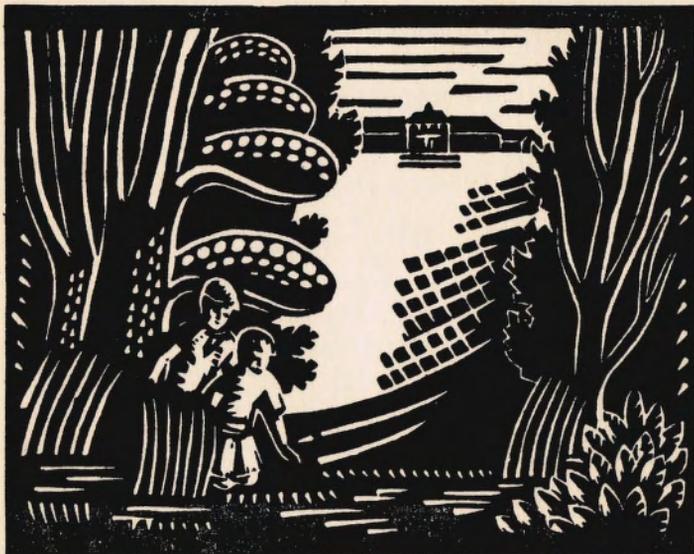


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EDITORIAL

QUESTIONERS of the prospective editorial writer may be interested, cynical, amused or inquisitive. Their question is usually the same: "Will it be about religion or world politics this year?" The questioners had best be careful, however, for the way in which the question is asked reveals their state of mind. For it is at school that these two topics first impinge to any degree upon our minds. Thus the cynical questioner is probably one who, being confronted by these twin controversial subjects, at once dismisses them from his mind and does not wish to have them brought back again even by an editorial. The interested questioner may be a seeker after truth, and one who is prepared, as all should be, to look politics and religion squarely in the face and decide for himself upon his views.

Of politics we shall say nothing, for admirable views have been expressed in previous editorials. Before we leave the subject of religion, however, we must make a plea for Christianity.

To-day more than ever before the majority of people whom we meet regard Christianity as being as dry as dust, a dead faith of miserable moralists, the common ground of belief for deniers of scientific knowledge, blind ritualists and credulous fools. How can one to-day—to use the title of an article in a well-known magazine—have "Faith in a Crucified Carpenter?" But true Christianity is the diametrical opposite of this. It has remained alive for two thousand years by virtue of its sheer vitality, and is as young to-day as it was when Christ first laid down His sacred principles of love towards one's neighbour. Perhaps some of Christ's adherents are His worst enemies, being responsible for this idea of a dull Christianity. For we are convinced that until men in this country recognise the claims of Christ upon them we shall continue to be selfish and unworthy citizens. There are only too few real Christians, but there are quite enough to prove this to be a practical

truth. We all like to meet the person who is willing to bear another's burden. Most often he turns out to be a Christian. Thus Christianity is a vital, living and practical reality and not the fusty, pious humbug that some would have us believe it to be.

Christianity for this reason causes many scientists to stumble, for here is a thing of faith which cannot be reasoned out. Yet it is alive, as is shown by its changing power in the lives of people.

We have made our plea for Christianity with good cause, for its very practical nature makes it applicable to the solution of the problems which teem in our world to-day. No editorial would be complete in these days without a reference to the world's greatest problem. Thus we propose to leave controversy for a little while and to discourse upon the atomic bomb. We are surely all agreed that it is a threat to civilisation. And what of its discoverers, the scientists? Should we, as C. E. M. Joad has suggested, tie them up in a bag and quietly dispose of them? Perhaps schoolboys do not think much upon this problem. They know that their parents do. After this war there have been no homes fit for heroes to live in or brave new worlds either. But we must not become political. Science has this time, to use a vulgar but exceedingly expressive phrase, bitten off more than it can chew. And then scientists turn to mere H.S.C. candidates and Sixth-formers and tell them that "It all depends on you." "You young people must settle this problem when your turn comes." A rather tragic and ironic legacy, this. And what a commentary upon human failing and yet of human capability. We have asked an egg of our parents and have been given a scorpion. But we cannot help thinking that if all were Christians the problems of the atomic bomb would fade into insignificance compared with the far more important question, "What good can we do to our neighbours to-day?"

And so our consideration of the atomic bomb has brought us back to our primary topic, as indeed all problems of mankind find a focus (would that man could see it!) in the attitude of man's spirit to Christ as He is shown to us in the Gospels. Did He not say, "Without Me ye can do nothing?"

D. W. VERE, Upper Sixth Science.

SCHOOL NOTES.

WE record with sorrow the death of A. E. G. Kennedy on 7th January, 1947. Kennedy had been a member of Form 1c. for his first term only, and on behalf of the Staff and boys we wish to express our deep sympathy with his parents and brother.

We congratulate the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. T. H. Knight, on his re-election to the Chairmanship of the Forest Divisional Executive Committee. The reconstitution of the Governing Body is pending the approval of the Ministry of Education. Under the Development Plan submitted by the Forest Divisional Executive Committee to the Ministry of Education through the County Education Committee, it is not planned to alter either the status or size of our school. However it is perhaps pleasant to know that at any time between 1951 and 1958 additional classrooms may be provided.

The school is suffering a very severe loss on the appointment of Mr. W. May to His Majesty's Inspectorate. Elsewhere will be found tribute to his work and influence since 1940, the year of his coming to us. We are sorry also to say good-bye to Mr. L. S. Marrington, who will be leaving to take up an appointment in Poole, Dorset. Mr. R. H. Allen, after an all-too-brief stay, has been appointed Senior Classics Master at Dartford Grammar School, Kent. We very much regret the loss of Mr. D. G. Richards, who has been appointed Senior Physics Master to the Royal Liberty School, Romford. Mr. K. Goodyear, M.A. (Cantab), joined us in January, 1947, to teach Mathematics in place of Mr. W. Ward, who is now teaching in the Senior Science Department of the South-West Essex Technical College and School of Art. We are pleased to welcome Mr. W. E. Stevenson, M.A. (Cantab), who will be teaching French, Mr. A. Bandey, B.A. (London), who will be teaching German and French, and Mr. H. Grayton, B.A. (Theol.), University of Leeds, who will be teaching Scripture and English.

Mr. J. A. Irving, M.A., L.-ès-L., has been appointed Senior Modern Languages Master in place of Mr. May.

By the time these notes are in print it is hoped that a notice board will be standing between the entrance gates. In view of the brilliant prominence of the school crest thereon it may be helpful to quote from the first number of the school magazine on the origin of the crest:

"We owe the idea of the school crest to Alderman Bottomley, a Governor of the school, who on investigation found that the land on which the school now stands belonged to a distinguished

family named the Wroths, one member of which was Lord Mayor of London. The outstanding features of their family crest were three lions' heads, argent, crowned, on a bend sable. We have adopted this crest, uncrowning the lions' heads, but adding two beech trees, to remind us that Buckhurst is derived from 'Bokhurste,' or the Beech Hill. The motto, which also was an addition, means 'rejoicing to repay what has been given.'

Great hopes were raised that buses would be running past the school in the summer term. One of the many hopeful would have been more cautious in his optimism had he re-read some words of his in the first school magazine. Two months before the declaration of war he had written :

" It is well to record this (the greenness of Roding Lane), when the new road (Ohigwell Rise) has been cut ; when traffic signs and lamp-posts have sprung up ; when the bright line of new houses creeps nearer to the school, and when there is a rumour of a bus route past its gates."

The New Year is now the earliest date promised for the buses down our lane.

The Ministry of Education held its first general inspection of the school in the last week of January, 1947. The wintry weather was then in one of its intensely freezing fits, and the panel of inspectors was forced to preface each day's work with a train journey from Liverpool Street at the time of the locomotive strike. Lest it be thought that these remarks savour of apologetics in advance we have no fear that the full report will be as frigid as the weather.

A modification is to be made in the time-table for the coming year, from a seven to a six-day basis. In each day there will be six periods of instruction, followed by a fifty-minute preparation period. School hours will remain unchanged.

We record the totals of collections made during the year :

	£	s.	d.
Haig's Fund. Poppy Day	3	12	5
Hospitals' Day	1	0	1
Alexandra Rose Day	1	15	10
Forest Hospital. By sale of unclaimed property	3	15	9
Do. Collection box	6	12	8

The total assets of the General Purposes Fund amounted to £226 0s. 4d. (£192 17s. 10d.) at the end of the financial year 1946/47. Receipts totalled £101 17s. 10d. (£88 3s. 6d) for the year, of

which £63 2s. 10½d. (£56 18s. 1½d.) was made up of weekly subscriptions. Expenditure totalled £68 15s. 4d. (£59 13s. 7d.), giving a balance of income over expenditure of £33 2s. 6d. (£28 9s. 11d.).

The amounts shown in brackets are corresponding amounts for 1945-46.

The fortunes of Barnet F.C. have this year had an unusual interest for members of the school, some of whom have cycled the long trail to Barnet on occasions. It is certain that Mr. T. H. Leek's consistently fine play at centre-half has done much to enable his club to become champions of the Athenian League and to win both the London Senior and London Charity A.F.A. Cups.

The Staff Evening, which was held during the winter term with the co-operation of the Parents' Association, was a great success, and proved extremely popular with parents and Staff alike. The subsequent questionnaire which the majority of parents kindly answered with gratifying promptitude and remarkable frankness will ensure that next year's arrangements will prove acceptable to the greatest possible number of people. In the light of experience it has been decided to hold the next Staff Evening in two parts, both of which will take place during the month of March.

The guest of honour, who is to present the prizes at our next Speech Day on October 25th, will be R. H. S. Crossman, Esq., M.P. Mr. Crossman, who is the son of Lady Stafford Crossman, one of our Governors, had a most distinguished career at Oxford, and is well known in the House of Commons as a speaker whose views always command the interest and attention of the House, especially on questions of foreign policy.

We are pleased to congratulate :

- D. W. Vere, Upper Sixth Science, on winning the Price Entrance Scholarship to London Hospital Medical School for 1947.
- R. P. R. Hunt, Upper Sixth Science, on gaining a Maxwell Scholarship to the Faraday House Institute of Electrical Engineering.
- A. A. Manning, Vc, on being first home in the inter-school cross-country race promoted by the Woodford Green A.C., in which runners from nine schools competed.
- D. Noble, Upper Sixth Modern, for being chosen to play in the cricket eleven representing the Secondary Grammar Schools of Essex against the Essex Club and Ground eleven on the county ground at Chelmsford.

- C. Selby**, Upper Sixth Science, for being the first boy in the history of the school to pass Grade VII with distinction in the piano-forte examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.
- J. R. Woolner**, V.R., for sharing first prize with B. E. Watson (1941-1944) in the senior class for the best poster on road safety in the competitions sponsored by the Chigwell Road Safety Council, and for being placed among the first 17 out of over 200 entrants for places next September at Hornsey School of Art.
- R. D. Ikeson**, B.Sc.Eng. (1938-1943), on the distinction of being the first boy in the history of the school to graduate.
- K. Hearn** (1940-1945), for being elected to represent Loughton Youth Centre at the world Youth Festival in Prague, Czechoslovakia.
- Dr. Sidney S. Campbell**, F.R.C.O., formerly music master at the School, and composer of the School Song, organist of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, on being appointed Sub-Warden of the College of St. Nicholas, Canterbury.
- The Sir George Monoux Grammar School**, Walthamstow, on the distinction gained by one of its former pupils, D. J. Insole, in being awarded, as a "Freshman," Blues for Association Football and Cricket at Cambridge University.

WHEAT.

We watch'd the wheat, yellow-gold and waving,
 Comb'd by a soft-cool breeze, and the summer
 We felt in the white heat of the yellow-gold sun,
 A halo in the warm'd cold blue of the sky.

We watch'd the reaping of the brown-gold corn
 In the yellow heat of the early autumn,
 And the sheaf fell lifeless on ochre-grey stubble
 Parch'd and hot to the dry horse hoof.

We watched the threshing of the dust-grey stack
 And the cold dry wind blew the still-parch'd husks,
 With their white-grey dust, into smarting eyes,
 Cut thirstily across the toilers' mouths, bitter.

D. Noble, Upper Sixth Modern.

IMPRESSIONS OF ENGLAND.

TO teach for a year in an English school has been an enlightening and interesting experience. Contrary to popular ideas there really is very little fundamental difference between teaching in America and in England, and the superficial differences have made the year a most interesting one.

I was told that English boys were so different from Americans. They do wear uniforms which look very nice and neat. It probably is the most desirable custom for England, but I do not want it for America. They do say "Yes, Miss," very glibly, but I found them just as difficult to keep in order as similar boys in America. I think perhaps the long strain of the war years has made them rather more restless and unstable than they were before the war. Such experiences naturally would have that effect whether parents and teachers recognise it or not. The boys are just as enthusiastic about sports as Americans, but they display their interests somewhat differently. It was interesting to find that the announcement of the winning of a musical award was greeted with as much applause as the winning of a football match.

Early in the year Miss Ford, Chairman of the Exchange Committee in England, was concerned about my being the only woman in a boys' school. She said that English schoolmasters were so shy that I would probably feel ill at ease with a men's staff. That seemed true for a week or two, but it didn't last long. The men were most helpful in assisting me to get into the routine of an English school. The admirable English institution of the Staff Room helped me a lot. How I have enjoyed tea and biscuits or buns at 11 o'clock, coffee after the noon meal, and tea after school! Those intervals with their lively conversation did much to compensate for the rather monotonous school dinners. Even the dinners evidently were healthful; at least they seem to keep me in good health.

I was a bit apprehensive about teaching English to English boys, and I am sure they must have thought my accent odd. I have always loved a good English accent when it is authentic, but I have tried not to imitate it, for mine would be only a spurious copy. However, I was rather surprised to find such diversity of accent among pupils in an English school.

I was very much interested in school athletics. I like the method of having every boy in the school participate in games, and I think we in America could learn much of the benefits of the English system, for often we become over-enthusiastic and tend

to commercialise ours rather more than is good. Certainly English boys seem a pretty healthy and rugged group under their system.

The well-planned curriculum of the school, the definite syllabus and the adequate book supply were great helps in teaching. I found the subject matter quite familiar, and needed only to be careful of differences in nomenclature and spelling. I found, too, that I knew just as much about English literature as English masters do. Perhaps the allure of distance has made me even more aware of the romance of the English literary heritage than some English people are.

Besides my school experiences my other activities have been most enjoyable. I can hardly express my deep gratitude to the masters who made my year so pleasant by entertaining me at their homes, where I enjoyed their hospitality and meeting their families so very much.

This has been a year of superlatives in many ways. I experienced the worst winter for many years. It was sometimes pretty grim. It was a new experience to teach in such cold rooms because of the unusual weather and the fuel shortage. Then there were the floods, and not long after them came the usual heat wave. When people speak to me of being in England I shall say, "Ah, but you don't know what we went through in 1947!"

Besides the superlatives of nature there were others that were more personal. Certainly I have never seen so many distinguished members of society in one year before—King, Queen, Princess Elizabeth, Prime Minister, and the inimitable Winston Churchill! I have been near enough to London to go to the theatre more often than I ever did in one year. I have seen uncounted cathedrals, historic churches, historic castles and palaces, art museums, and examples of the "stately homes of England," so many of which are now enjoyed by the common people instead of by great families only.

Perhaps the most unforgettable feature of the year has been the kindness, the courtesy, and the helpfulness of the English people wherever I met them. I understand much more fully now than ever before just why England is a great nation, for it is due to the great qualities of the English people. I only hope that in the future I can hand on to English visitors to America some measure of the kindness that has been accorded to me.

MARY E. HERBERT.

LETTER FROM AMERICA.

Allentown Pa., U.S.A.,

June, 1947.

AS I write on this hot spring day, with the sound of noisy young America on the street below and the distant laughter from the drug store at the corner where some of my Sophomore class boys, "drug store cowboys," congregate each day after school, it is difficult to realize that my sojourn as a teacher in the United States has only three weeks to run. How I sigh for you with still two more months to work! There have been times during the past year when, after reading of critical shortages, abominable weather, and difficulties at home, I have felt guilty to be in this land of plenty, no coupons and no ration points. Living with these hard-working, hard-playing Americans has proved a joyful, energetic and varied experience. Never have I met with such hospitality and kindness.

I shall start with food because this was my first delight. Too much detail would be unkind. Such dishes as heavenly pudding, angel food, and the ice cream which, as the American has it, is "out of this world," have been my undoing. May I mention a real Pennsylvania Dutch dinner, which includes seven meat dishes and seven sweets, or a "Smorgasbord," at which I was entertained last week by the High School Faculty, comprising thirty-eight different dishes. When I arrived I was judged to be a poor advertisement for rationed diet in England, but I fear I shall return a too obvious recommendation for American food.

So far I have not taken to bubble gum or wearing jeans and loafers, but I have almost renounced tea in favour of cokes and cookies. Driving a big Plymouth car at astonishing speeds has compensated for the lack of my ancient bicycle. My fondness for walking I have indulged by hiking along the trails in the mountains, sometimes with a rifle, in case a bear or a rattlesnake appeared. On one occasion only I came across a wild cat, but fortunately he chose a different path. The time when I stalled the car on a level crossing immediately in the tracks of an express train and the time when travelling down to Virginia we went into a skid on a precipitous mountain road, and after spinning around three times finally settled back into the cliff face, have been among the minor thrills in this land of the unexpected.

But I came here to teach, and you will want to know something about that. It was with some trepidation on the first morning

of term I viewed the arrival of my classes, the girls, or "Bobby Soxers," in gay and pretty clothes, with glamorous hair styles and make-up, the boys in the wildest variety of coloured garments, all chewing gum with vigour and determination. We looked at each other and wondered. Then came the request, "Tell us about England." I was overwhelmed with questions, and even now a year later, the curiosity and interest in Britain is still keen enough to lead us right out of the lesson into discussion and arguments about our two countries. It is a nice red herring we all enjoy. We found each other a little difficult to understand at first. Their leisurely speech and lively vocabulary baffled me, and they were amused at my "snippy" pronunciation. It took me a little time to get used to being greeted in the halls with a "Hi-Ya! Miss Crook," but now I reply in an equally hearty fashion. Surnames I made no attempt to learn at first, and here is the reason. Defenderfer, Laudenslager, Fenstamaker, Kuti, Kesack, Liebenguth, and Laubach are a few of them. What delight it was to find a Smith or a Jones. In written exercises my students filled me with forebodings, but on their feet before the class, making speeches or in discussion, they filled me with admiration and amazement.

One hears much of High School games. I am quite a baseball fan myself. All the students are crazy about the school teams, and justly so, for Allentown basketball and football teams are State champions. A school ball game is something to remember: vast cheering crowds under the arc lights, the band playing loudly and wildly, the majorettes in trim white and gold uniforms strutting up and down the field twirling batons, tumblers tumbling, cheer leaders in school colours, canary and blue, conducting the cheering, and everybody feeling slightly mad and punctuating the shouting with bottles of coke and doggies. You can imagine I find it difficult to create for them a picture of an English school cricket match.

The school also runs a big orchestra as well as the band, and a Cappella Choir which sings anything from negro spirituals to the latest Fred Waring arrangements beautifully and unaccompanied. There is great interest in music of every kind in this section of the State, and the majority of the students play an instrument or sing.

And last what of the countryside and, more important, the people who live here? Imagine a land of orchards and neat farms, with thousands of acres of peaches and apples, tobacco and corn. The blossoms in spring of the dog-wood, azalea, magnolia, and judas trees, and the wonderful autumn tints of last year I shall

never forget. In the woods abound the loveliest wild flowers, many of which we cultivate in our gardens at home. Three big rivers, as they carve their way through the pine-clad mountains, have created a landscape not unlike that of Switzerland. The towns, like the countryside, are clean and tidy. The homes, too, are well cared for, with their wide porches, white paint, and green grass "yards," and gardens edging the tree-shaded streets. The people, hospitable, industrious and food-loving, have a quaint side too, particularly those who are really Pennsylvania Dutch. They have a language and an art all their own: the language, a quaint mixture of English and German, and the art revealed in unusual barn signs and beautiful painted furniture and pottery. There is a story that a householder, desiring to inform the caller that the door bell was out of order, displayed the sign, "Bell don't make. Bump!"

The weather has certainly refused to behave in the usual way. As the first snowflakes fell I hastened to equip myself with imposing snow-boots, only to find that all the snow in the world was to fall on the other side of the Atlantic. My hopes of fighting my way to school through blizzards in the wake of a snow plough died an early death. Honestly speaking I have never felt really cold, and in school have gasped for air, as in my Home Room, where I do all my teaching, I could not get the temperature below 80 degrees for many weeks. If I opened the windows the students groaned and shivered, whilst the noise of trolley cars and trucks assailed our ears. Now at the end of the year I can endure noise and heat with equal composure.

You will gather that I have enjoyed my stay here. Some of my choicest stories and experiences, such as, for instance, my visit to a funeral home, must await my arrival.

It will doubtless be of comfort to know that my thoughts will be with you at examination time as I wing my way westwards to California and the Canadian Rockies.

A happy holiday to you all, and I look forward to seeing you again.

VERA CROOK.



“THIS INTERCHANGE.”

“I HAIL this interchange,” wrote President Lincoln to the people of Manchester, England, in 1863, “as an augury that the peace and friendship which now exist between the two nations will be, as it shall be my desire to make them, perpetual.” We, while not claiming a historic importance for our interchange, can be proud to have exchanged more than letters; we have exchanged living people. And “The Roding” laments that, having only a single issue a year, it is deprived of the opportunity of welcoming Mrs. Herbert appropriately in one issue, printing her contribution in another and bidding her farewell in a third. This number must serve all purposes. We rejoice to have her with us; we thank her for her delightful article and we bid her adieu.

Of her kindness and charm there is no need to remind our readers. We have all experienced that. Her wisdom, wide experience and gracious acceptance of our ways have made her presence here a privilege we shall miss when she has gone. We have learnt from her more about her people; we can appreciate the similarities between us and approach with sympathy what is divergent in our two traditions. We hope that, just as we feel we know America better because we have known Mrs. Herbert, some Americans will know England better because she has been here.

Not that we are so foolish as to suppose that Mrs. Herbert could be less of an American for having spent a year with us. Was there ever a more universal mind than that of Thomas Jefferson, third President of the United States and author of the Declaration of Independence? Visiting London in 1786 Jefferson wrote: “The city of London, tho’ handsomer than Paris, is not so handsome as Philadelphia.” Was there ever an Englishman of deeper sympathy for all humanity than William Cobbett? Arriving for the second time in Pennsylvania in 1817, he remarked that Philadelphia was a “fine city,” but that, having lived in Westminster, all other places seemed insignificant. Two great men, one from each side of the Atlantic, both with ideas on life and politics which Mrs. Herbert would approve (and both, incidentally, praising, as Mrs. Herbert has done, the loveliness of English gardens), admire what they see while confessing to a natural preference for the places of their own loyalties. No one would wish it otherwise.

There is no fence that can confine the free flight of ideas or set a limit to the range of the messages of personal experience. With Mrs. Herbert will voyage something of our life here, and with us will remain a memory of a gracious lady and the influence of her thought and personality.

E. C. W.

On Thursday, July 10th, the School was called to Assembly in order to make a presentation to Mrs. Herbert on the last day she spent with us. The boys of the School had contributed generously to a fund from which the following reproductions of paintings of the English countryside and a copy of Trevelyan’s “English Social History” were bought and presented to her by the Headmaster on behalf of the boys:

South Heighton Farm	...	J. Morgan Rendle
Peaceful Rhythm of the Downs	...	C. R. W. Nevinson
From a Window in Bucks.	...	John Nash
English Landscape	... ..	Rowland Hilder

After a graceful speech of thanks by Mrs. Herbert, three cheers for her were called and most heartily given.

A few moments later, the Staff had an opportunity of showing their appreciation of her friendliness by the presentation to her of a case of silver spoons.

LYRICS AFTER VERLAINE.

Le cyclamen du soir
Encadre ton visage
Le cyclamen du soir
Pâle sous le ciel noir
Dans mon cœur fait outrage
Le cyclamen du soir
Encadre ton visage.

Tu ris, et dans mon cœur
J'entends chanter un ange
Tu ris ; et dans mon cœur
Vibre une chanson d'or
Frêle harmonie étrange !
Tu ris. Et dans mon cœur
J'entends chanter un ange.

Un parfum divin
Flotte sur tes lèvres
Un parfum divin
De frêle romarin
Suit ta bouche mièvre
Un parfum divin
Flotte sur tes lèvres.

R. C. L. DRUCE, Upper Sixth Modern.

WALTER MAY.

MR. MAY leaves us at the end of this school year to become one of His Majesty's Inspectors. The Inspectorate thus gains a most worthy recruit ; the School loses a tried and very successful master and teacher of Modern Languages. In the case of such a loss the School may take consolation in the knowledge that it can claim, at least in some small measure, a share of the honour which election to this high office entails. Joining the staff of the School in the autumn of 1940, Mr. May was destined to make an invaluable contribution towards the life and growth of the School during the very difficult years which were to follow. His balanced judgment and sound common sense could always be relied upon to inspire and sustain all who sought his good counsel.

The boys whom he taught will probably remember him best by his firm insistence on a standard of work commensurate with their utmost ability. Mr. May was always keenly sensitive to the confidence which self-realisation engenders, and his fine psychological insight invariably enabled him to exploit latent reserves

of talent which might otherwise have failed to find expression. In his teaching, as in everything to which he turned his hand, nothing short of the best was good enough.

His scholarship will be missed in classroom and staff common-room alike. A talented student in his own particular field, his reading has ranged far and wide, and penetrated to a depth which is rarely found even among those whose studies have been more circumscribed. His own particular researches in psychology, whilst being a model of care for detail, display a comprehension of this difficult subject which commands the greatest admiration.

It is to be hoped that Mr. May, together with his wife and small daughter, will find occasion to renew his acquaintance with the School from time to time : in the meantime our sincerest good wishes go with them to the Midlands, where we hope they will enjoy robust good health and great happiness.

F. A. S.

IT was impossible to form an opinion of Mr. May from the first few lessons we had. Our minds were crammed with dumbfounding impressions : impressions of a figure gesticulating before us, shocking us with the speed of his talk, wrecking the sobriety of our minds with the violence of his reasoning, slaying the complacent with passionate wrath, encouraging the doubtful with sincere and understanding patience, and deafening the hardiest with the devastating thunder of his words, which would echo across the room, back and forth in the corridors, out on to the playing fields, and away into the forests beyond Buckhurst Hill and Chigwell.

Not for months could any pupil really believe that these apparently inconsistent impressions fitted into the character of one man. At first we thought him insincere and unreasonable. We experienced quick temper, patience, concern, irony and good humour all in a moment. At times he was hard and relentless and exasperating, yet he was just and fair ; he was punctilious and broadminded ; he was generous in praise and quick to blame ; but he would bear no malice and show no favouritism. If we were impatient of him it was because we did not understand him.

But no one would deny that Mr. May's teaching was more successful than any we had known before. After the initial shock—we were only human—and more and more as we understood him, we realised that we had to listen to every word he uttered, that we had to work with him, and that we had to learn from him, whether we wanted to or not ; from no one did we learn more quickly, more thoroughly, or more surely.

His genius as a teacher grew from his own exceptional character and extreme linguistic ability. It often seemed that his eccentricities were purposely assumed. He was a complete master of the work he had to teach, and this allowed him to practise unique methods. He spared himself no labour outside the classroom in preparation for a lesson. His astounding physical and mental energy and his confidence in himself as a teacher and in his knowledge of his subject made his teaching wholehearted, enthusiastic and incredibly fast. Lest it may seem that we were subject to a barrage of facts from a high-gearred, infallible, inhuman machine, let me say that respite was given by the rapid fluctuation of mood and voice, and that Mr. May, in whom at first we could not believe, was one of the most human teachers we knew, and had a subtle understanding of individual pupils.

By the time we left school we had nothing but respect and sheer admiration for Mr. May. We could then see that what had once seemed incompatible traits were merely the outcome of a firm adherence to strong principles. He was very well liked, even by his casualties. All his labours were for the benefit of his pupils. He was a powerful character and a fine teacher. I am incompetent to describe our impression of him fully or truly to appreciate his work. I can only thank him, say I feel privileged to know him, and wish him good fortune in his new work.

A. W. FLOWER (1938-1945).

THE WATCHERS.

At rest upon the twisted wooden seat,
 The Watchers, silent, gazing, eyes intent
 Sat huddled, leaning forward as to cheat
 The chilling cold that early evening sent.
 They watched unmoved the flitting figures glide
 Dull white against the trees of gloomy green ;
 And far away they saw a ghostly side
 Play rustic cricket with a ball unseen.
 The Watchers stirred at last, the game was done ;
 They moved sedately on, unhurried still ;
 The new-born conversation fades, is gone ;
 And trees once dull loomed black against the hill.
 And still the ancient seat of twisted wood
 Alone, in solemn silence, stately stood.

J. A. BURROW, V. R.



THE APPLE GATHERER.

Linocut by G. M. Bennett,
 Upper Sixth Science.

THE SIXTH FORM IN THE COMMONS.

LATE last year, through the influence of one of the more notable members of Upper Sixth Science—and of our pre-eminent Member of Parliament—the Upper Sixth obtained permission to venture into the red regions of the Mother of Parliaments. Owing to the great interest shown by the public in the way its affairs are being managed (or mismanaged, according to political colour) this virile section of the School had to be satisfied with four separate visits of five members.

Each party arrived at the House usually in time to see the Speaker's procession, and in the Chamber to catch his high-pitched voice opening Question Time :

Mr. Speaker : " Mr. Sparks."

Mr. Sparks : " Number 11."

Mr. Bevan : " Steps have already been taken by my right honourable friend. . . ."

This procedure puzzled us for some time until the order papers, which had been thrust into our hands on entering the Chamber were consulted. On these were printed some hundred questions addressed to individual Ministers. In order to save time the Speaker called upon the questioner, who simply gave the number of his question. This expedient tended to be rather confusing, for no sooner had one found and read the question than one realised that the answer had already been given. However the system certainly had the desired effect, for the House dealt with 87 questions in 1½ hours. The questions themselves varied. Mr. Kenneth Lindsay asked about the number of intending teachers in Emergency Training Colleges, while Sir Waldron Smithers asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer " If he was aware that the most risky investment to-day—(Hon. Members : " is to be a Tory candidate ")—is British Government securities so long as the present Government is in power ?" (Hansard.) Unfortunately time forbade any of the parties the pleasure of listening for long to the debates which followed Question Time. Two of the parties did, however, hear a Morrison-Churchill clash over the " Business of the House." I was one of the lucky ones, and it was indeed stirring to hear these two great men thrusting and parrying with fiery words.

One of the most amusing sequences was experienced by the second party. A Labour Member, Mr. Bing, had, it appeared from Hansard, said that the noble lord the Member for Horsham (Earl Winterton) was present in the House when the Army Regulation Bill was discussed in July, 1871. Mr. Bing stated with

creditable eloquence that this assertion was entirely untrue, and he apologised for any clumsiness in speech on his part which might have led to his having been misreported. Earl Winterton replied to the effect that he only asked for this public apology because he feared that some speaker on a subsequent occasion might have stated that he was in the House and made no effective protest by way of spying strangers when one of the Speaker's predecessors had a few words with Charles I.

I think that I can state without fear of contradiction that every member of the Sixth who visited the House left with an intense feeling of pride. We were proud that the affairs of State could be formulated with force of words and not by physical violence so common abroad. We were proud of the sober dignity of the old Chamber. We were proud that here indeed the world could look at a perfect model of democracy.

D. E. GLOZIER, Upper Sixth Science.

ÉLÉVATION.

Au-dessus des étangs, au-dessus des vallées,
Des montagnes, des bois, des nuages, des mers,
Par delà le soleil, par delà les éthers,
Par delà les confins des sphères étoilées,

Mon esprit, tu te meus avec agilité,
Et, comme un bon nageur qui se pâme dans l'onde,
Tu sillonnes gaîment l'immensité profonde
Avec une indicible et mâle volupté.

Envole-toi bien loin ces miasmes morbides ;
Va te purifier dans l'air supérieur,
Et bois, comme une pure et divine liqueur,
Le feu clair qui remplit les espaces limpides.

Derrière les ennuis et les vastes chagrins
Qui chargent de leur poids l'existence brumeuse,
Heureux celui qui peut d'une aile vigoureuse
S'élançer vers les champs lumineux et sereins !

Celui dont les pensers, comme des alouettes,
Vers les cieus le matin prennent un libre essor,
Qui plane sur la vie et comprend sans effort
Le langage des fleurs et des choses muettes !

Baudelaire.

SUBLIMITY.

O'er pools, o'er valleys, peaks, th' obscuring clouds,
O'er seas, beyond the sun, the airy region
Where turn confinéd all the starry spheres,
'Tis there thou wingest truly, spirit mine ;
Or like enraptured swimmers in the wave
Cleavest a bottomless infinity
With joy ineffable and virile delight.
From these corrupted fens of gloom and sin
Take far thy flight ; cleans'd be in purer air ;
Drink in the clear light which rules o'er clear realms,
As liquid sweet and holy. Happy he
Who, in the rear of sorrows and regrets
Which burden with their weary weight this life
Of mist and fog, can launch himself in space
On lusty pinion towards those tracts of light
And calm ; he fortunate is whose thoughts soar
In happy freedom with the morning larks
On joyful heavenward wing, and hovering
O'er life he understands with ease the speech
Of blooms and mute insensate things.

D. NOBLE, Upper Sixth Modern.

"THE ZEAL OF THY HOUSE."

THIS year the members of the Dramatic Society chose to perform "The Zeal of Thy House," by Dorothy L. Sayers.

Their choice involved the first attempt by this society at producing a full-length play, which, moreover, was as difficult as it was long. This was, to say the least, a very ambitious attempt.

The play is a compound of the dramatic and the morality play of the Middle Ages, and, as such, presents difficulties both of acting and of conveying the theme in the blank verse in which it is written. The story has two aspects. Firstly, the material, which is the reconstruction of the choir of Canterbury Cathedral burnt down in 1174, and, secondly, the spiritual, which is based upon the development of the character of William of Sens, the foreign contractor who is chosen to undertake the work of the choir's reconstruction. As the choir is built, stone upon stone, so the natural pride of the builder, who is a master of his art, exalts him, with the laying of each stone, far above his station, until in

his own eyes his life is "paramount with God." God is no longer the centre of all, the One to Whom praise is first given :

"Like God

I must be doing in my little world,
Lest, lacking me, the moon and stars should fail."

William's pride is the cause of his physical downfall, but such is the height to which he has risen in his own estimation that even his fall does not cure him of his sin. In confessing his fleshly sins to the Father Prior he fails to see that pride is still at the centre of his life. It is the ever-present Archangels who are needed to open his eyes to his sin, of which the penance is the relinquishing of his precious art. He accepts this, and thus comes to see that his attitude has brought its own tragic end.

The production of the play in the capable hands of Mr. Marrington was excellent. Great attention was paid to detail, and the greatest possible use was made of lighting, and the scenery, though simple, was effective. The venerability of the monks was very evident, although some were somewhat wooden. The Archangels managed to achieve a stateliness of appearance which was no doubt considerably aided by the lustre of their dress. Furthermore the producer showed his thoroughness in that the workmen of the cathedral really looked as though they were working. The main burden of the acting fell upon Dawes as William of Sens, a part which he played with zest and to which he gave a full interpretation ; Gray as the Father Prior, about whose acting nothing more need be said than that he played his part as though he had been a Father Prior all his life ; and upon Pettit as the Lady Ursula, a character which he acted with success despite his youthfulness. Aldridge, as Brother Hubert, contrived to be commendably bold in accent and action, and at the same time not to draw attention away from the central characters. Bales, as the Archangel Michael, possessed a particularly resonant voice, and played his part with convincing sincerity. The choir, under Mr. Goodchild, added greatly to the effect. The play as a whole was a closely-knit piece of teamwork, and as such every player who contributed to it merits his share of praise for its success, which, if the applause of the audience is any gauge, was unqualified.

Mr. Marrington, as producer, had the task of making the performance a finished piece of work, at the same time reaching as high a standard as possible with players whose experience must of necessity be immature. He has shown the greatest enterprise in even attempting such a play, and he has set an extremely high standard for succeeding generations.

Mention must be made of all those who helped in the production, mostly engaged in important but unseen tasks, such as the stage manager, the electricians, those who made the scenery, and everyone who contributed to the success of this ambitious and enterprising attempt at a first full-length play.

S. J. GILBERT, Lower Sixth Modern.

The close of an article on Mr. Marrington's splendid production of "The Zeal of Thy House" seems an appropriate place for the Magazine Committee—and all the School—to record their sorrow at the news of his departure from us. In the classroom, on the games field, in the Staff Room, and in so many activities, we have felt the influence of his cheerful friendliness and great powers of organisation. We shall miss him greatly, but he has given the School an example of play production which will be a challenge to us in the future. He takes with him to Poole our best wishes for happiness and success.

AUTUMN NOCTURNE.

Silence
a silk-bodied moth blunders onwards
Shuddering the night air with burring, furred wings,
Gold, rust-stained bracken and birches swing windwards,
Soft-sighing grasses stroke gossamer strings.

Frail wood-smoke incense lingers mist-drifting,
Wafted along on the languishing breeze,
The orchid's pale fragrance falls vagrantly sifting
Through the perfume of poppies and pine-scented trees.

The lilies' wax pallidness gleams in the shadows
Sombrely floating on carved leaves of jade,
The woodland flowers glow, that the warm night-mist winnows
And throng with wan spectres the dew-tinselled glade.

R. C. L. DRUCE, Upper Sixth Modern.

UNIVERSITY LETTER.

Queen Mary College,
Mile End Road, E.1.

Dear Sir,

I find it a great wrench to tear myself from the tone of "high-seriousness," for which I have a predilection, in order to banter flippantly on mundane matters. My gospel to the world tends to intrude upon all my writing. However I'll strive to be as superficial and impersonal as possible, stopping short only of the editorial "we."

I can't write anything unless I have a purpose, so let me try to point out the peculiar characteristics of London University.

Q.M.C. especially, despite its proximity to the People's Palace and the cosmopolitanism of its students, as a community stands apart from the rest of the University. Yet it is distinctly a part of London. Though there is not a great gulf fixed between the smoky atmosphere of our subterranean "bun-hole" and the smutty air of East London, which is perhaps somewhat clearer in the West, the students at the other London Colleges are for the most part strangers. Hence, though I have rattled the floorboards of the large lecture theatre at King's with applause, I have never met Chase or Wall. Yet outside in the teeming Metropolis there is a greater chance of meeting acquaintances. For example, Price and I encountered Bryett in the Victoria and Albert Museum and received an Oxford review of the French tapestries exhibited there. Similarly I have bumped into Joysey once or twice, but always in the streets and cafés, never in University College. Perhaps if there were more art enthusiasts among the Old Rodings I should run into them in the London Exhibitions which I haunt. As it is I more often meet fellows in the Forces than those at the University, which is so scattered. Another feature of Q.M.C. is its isolation from sporadic student warfare. Occasional campaigns between King's in the Strand and U.C. in Gower Street are outside our demesne. Our Leopardess, a formidable mascot, is unassailed, though match enough for "Phineas."

Of course it has often been said that Oxford has closer social ties than London, which is said to be purely a degree factory. I know nothing of Oxford, but take Cambridge. What have you? There is the Cam admittedly, but most unsuitable for punting, especially in the local style, as I soon found to my cost one torpid summer's day. Or you have Heffer's and the Fitzwilliam Museum, which has, I admit, some beautiful Epstein busts. But take London. There you find the centre of things in the British Museum, when it's open, the National, Tate, and many private Art Galleries, dozens of theatres, the speakers in Hyde Park. I confess, however, that as much time may be spent on these things

as may be wasted asleep in the drowsy atmosphere at Cambridge. But I see I am provoking the partisan spirit. I must remain superficial or I shall be drawing a moral.

What are the real advantages of London? Have you ever lain on your back in St. James's Park and watched the tired blue sky stifle a yawn behind the restless green leaves? Do you know the screeching symphony of pigeons at nightfall in Whitehall or that sweet desire to die as you gaze up the river from the new Waterloo Bridge at the misty cold flames of the yellow-hazed Westminster in October? These are the joys of London. Sticky hot hands wrinkling the cover of a newly-purchased book whilst seated on the steps of the National Gallery, red-running sky behind St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and the "artist" who sits hard by "trained in Paris," not forgetting his rival across the way who copies the "Laughing Cavalier" in chalk on the pavement, to whom I once gave sixpence as an encouragement to further development, before I discovered that that was his complete repertoire.

These are the pleasures of a London student if he will only seek them. Not, I admit, that many find much pleasure outside those establishments where entertainment is dished up like potted meat. I see I am becoming too serious, but in my closing remarks I would permit myself this laxity. The gay type of student life is not one to be admired. Serious living does not mean crabbed living. I must testify with other students that I find joy in serious living, in which the pleasures I relate above are nothing to the joy I find in serving Jesus Christ.

Yours sincerely,

A. E. WILLINGALE (1939-1946).

TO JOHN KEATS.

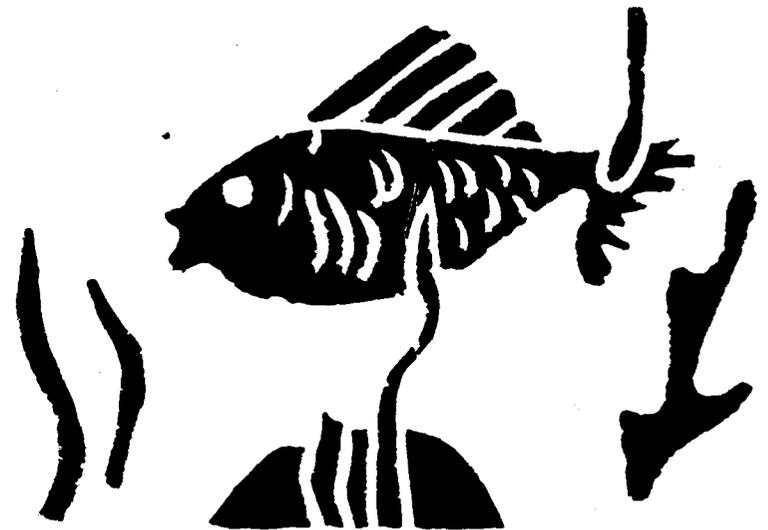
Oft have I pictur'd thy sweet heav'n-sent Muse
 Descending at thy summons still inspir'd
 By autumn's sunlight soft and fragrant dews,
 Fruits, fallen harvest and her zephyrs tired.
 The magic that the sparkle of thy verse
 Reveals in fables of an age long pass'd,
 The honied luxury, the sophist's curse,
 These pearls thought I a poet pure had cast
 By love of beauty only urg'd in mind.
 But now I see in them a soul aflame,
 A spirit striving the sublime to find;
 A second Shakespeare to his country came
 And died a martyr to his passionate love—
 A Genius and immortal, yet a dove.

D. NOBLE, Upper Sixth Modern.



(1) REFUGEE..

Linocut by K. Grimwood,
 Upper Sixth Science.



(2) FISH.

Linocut by Farthing,
 Remove.

A JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM.

THE sun was just rising one morning last summer as I ascended the rough road from Amman—the Rabboth Ammon of the Bible. The bumpy road, climbing through the barren mountains, which looked strangely mellowed in the early morning light, slowly rose from the desert plateau of Transjordan up into the naked ruggedness of the Moab Mountains. Here live only the nomadic Bedouins, and I could often see young barefooted boys tending flocks of black goats grazing on the parched tufts of grass on the upper slopes, or occasionally down in the wadis, sometimes 500 feet below, clustered by the tiny stream, now almost dry in the summer drought, were the multicoloured tents of a Bedouin family surrounded by their cow, camel, donkeys and hens.

Soon the road, here but a narrow ledge cut out of the mountain side, fell rapidly to a cluster of white flat-roofed stone houses bristling from the southern slope. As the khaki-clad Arab policeman waved me on I turned to catch a last glimpse of the town of Es Salt—the ancient capital.

The road now ran through a narrow fertile river valley where Arab peasants were ploughing the terraced fields with the primitive ox and donkey-drawn plough which has been used for generations.

The heat gradually became greater as I passed the sea level board, and still went downwards until turning a corner I saw below me the Jordan Valley, Jericho, and the sparkling waters of the Dead Sea.

Some have described this valley as the most horrible place in the world. It is a parched wilderness of brown hills that lie sweltering in the burning sunlight, a strange, dead-looking world of sandy rock twisted into weird shapes and stained and streaked by chemicals. Crossing the Allenby Bridge over the Jordan the road lay quivering before me until the green oasis of Jericho rose up, an oasis in that dreadful desolation. In the streets of mud huts, Arab houses and banana groves a herd of goats stood in the hot dust, and a number of camels sat in the full blaze of the sun, while in the market-place black-cloaked women clustered round the open shops.

Leaving Jericho behind, the dead straight road shuddered towards the mountains of Judaea, with the Mount of the Temptation dominating the valley. As the road climbed out of this sterile wilderness of overpowering heat and aimlessness I felt that I had travelled in some other planet where no man was ever meant to go.

Climbing steadily through the Wilderness of Judaea I saw no living thing, no house or sign of habitation until breasting a hill there by the roadside was a ruined stone shell with a large walled courtyard behind. It was the Inn of the Good Samaritan. As I

watched I saw a young Arab girl draw water from the old stone cisterns below the inn to fill the battered petrol tins she had on her donkey's back.

As I started off again across the low hills I could see rising up above the horizon a minaret—the first glimpse of Jerusalem. The next sign of life along the road was the Fountain of the Apostles, where on my left was the narrow footpath which runs up to Bethany, along which Christ walked on His way to the Last Supper, while the road zigzagged tortuously up the steep hillside. Stopping for a moment at the top of the hill, 2,600 feet above the Dead Sea, I looked back to see the road twisting and turning into the parched wilderness dropping ever downwards into bleakness and solitude.

But turning once more to the west I followed the road through the village of Bethany until I came to the foot of the Mount of Olives, a bare ridge with white stony paths twisting between a few stumpy olive trees, sloping up from the stricken-looking Kedron Valley, across which I could see the tawny wall of Jerusalem towering up above me on its rocky platform.

By the side of the road lay a clump of cypress trees surrounded by a wall. These trees are believed by some to be the very trees our Lord knew so well in this, the Garden of Gethsemane, and a column in the wall marks the spot where Judas betrayed his Master.

But as once again I climbed up the Kedron Valley the city walls, with the crenellated sentry walks, became more imposing, and I could see the walled-up Golden Gate through which Jesus entered in triumph. And with that scene in my mind I entered the Holy City.

D. ELLIOTT (1938-1945).

THE SOLARIUM.

SUCH a title might suggest a sundial, a terrace, balcony, or room exposed to the rays of the sun for treating illness by sunbaths and many other unscholarly expedients. In fact it is the biology laboratory.

At once a cleft is formed, for nothing is more marked than the difference between mere biologists and those exclusive students who dare to stake their precious Higher School Certificate chances on the two closely related subjects of Botany and Zoology. Fortunately the biologists are in the minority at present, so that the élite far surpass their inferior, though allied, species.

The inhabitants of the solarium are necessarily different in their activities. So varied are their intended careers that one would hardly imagine the same subjects to be of use to everyone. Perhaps

the thought crosses their minds too, because fits of depression have been known to descend on the assembled company during the arctic and tropical climates experienced within.

Naturally in such a confined space, provided by the architect for this wide subject, the whims and fancies of the occupants hit on discordant notes at times. Dissecting instruments are found to be missing from their usual haunts, books of vital importance for a last-minute prep. are not reposing on the shelf, and above all else the characteristic feature of the solarium reigns uncontrolled—untidiness.

How often are the inmates requested to clear up decaying dogfish, remove *Rana temporaria* for cremation, and eject enterprising earthworms who have erred in escaping from their temporary terrestrial torture chambers. It appears to be a practical impossibility to keep every article in the unprovided cupboards and to keep this small, glass-walled suntrap of the science department in as clean a state as the powers that be would wish. Consequently specimen tubes, cacti, reagent bottles, laboratory coats, dissecting dishes, beasts and bugs and degenerating skulls are strewn in an unholy conglomeration on the benches.

The reader must wonder at the atmosphere of such a room. It is unquestionably one of light-hearted humour, Latin mottoes (whose meaning is kept exclusively to the biologists), and never-ending series of differentiations, permutations and combinations wending their way through the ever open door to enlighten the uninterested on the doubts and difficulties of physics and maths (pure and applied).

More humour is derived from discussions on every subject, from religion to buying birthday presents, and from the horrors and delights of "The Times" and the "News Chronicle," so well matched side by side on the library table, to the scandal of the inmates of Buckhurst Hill County High School.

At this point a word might be inserted in praise of the situation of the school for biological studies. Contrary to the normal view expressed on the inaccessibility of the building, it is certainly convenient for plant ecological studies. However, expeditions to Kew Gardens and the Natural History Museum are not amiss, and indulgence in such visits (under the guidance of Mr. Shillito, who leads his disciples far from their sacred retreat "Twixt Essex lanes and trees") are much appreciated.

R. E. EDWARDS, Lower Sixth Science.

RUEFUL REFLECTIONS ON A CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.

On a day when the rain
Made it plain to the sane
That a cross-country run
Could not be,

The sun broke its cloud
And at three a large crowd
Full of glee could be seen
In the yard.

And amid groups of Staff
—Now mind you don't laugh—
Are the heroes, of course
Dressed in white.

With a hustle and a bustle
It is clear that such a fuss'll
Mean a hurry and a scurry
To the gate.

Then you rush to the front
Of this imitation hunt,
But a stitch makes you pitch
Far behind.

From the worn and weary patter
With a splutter and a splatter
You have dropped with a plop
In the mud.

As you struggle to be free
You sink right up to the knee
In the mire which seems to be
Everywhere.

And you grope and you strangle
And attempt to disentangle
The shirt well entwined
Round your neck.

But at last you've arrived
Back at school and contrived
To get mire from attire
And from limbs.

Now you're clean and civilised,
Brushed and dressed, you've realised
That a cross-country run's
Not for you.

V. R. TWYMAN, V.A.

SPEECH DAY.

THE eighth annual Speech Day of the School took place in the School Hall on Saturday, October 26th. The guest of honour, who presented the prizes, was the Rev. J. H. S. Wild, M.A., Master of University College, Oxford.

The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. T. H. Knight, presided, and welcomed to the School the Master of University College, Oxford, Miss Beevor, H.M. Inspector of Schools, and other distinguished guests. He expressed a special welcome to Mrs. Herbert, and remarked on the formation of the Parents' Association, which he hoped all parents would join, and so help to make the School a real community. He paid tribute to the devoted work of the Headmaster, and said that his faith was the mainspring of his work. After congratulating the boys who had succeeded in their examinations, he expressed the hope that those who had failed would not be discouraged. He concluded with a quotation from a hymn by the 17th century poet, George Herbert, beginning, "Teach me, O God, my King."

The Headmaster then presented his Report. He welcomed the Master of University College, and referred to the connection between the College and this School. After mentioning the continuing shortages and restrictions under which we suffered, he turned to examinations, and declared that our results were, compared with previous attainments, disappointing, although with fewer entrants than last year we gained the same number of passes in the Higher School Certificate examination and three County Major Scholarships. The number of candidates entered for the School Certificate examination was much higher than before, but

more boys failed to pass. Diagnosing the possible reasons for this the Headmaster referred to staffing difficulties, which were now having an appreciable and inevitable effect. The supply of good teachers was, he declared, the decisive issue in education to-day, and the Service of Youth, Training Colleges, Technical Colleges, and the education services of the Armed Forces were all competing for the trained graduate. Other factors were the absence of fathers on military service, the time spent by too many boys in Youth Clubs, and a false sense of security among our boys, brought on by our previous high standards of achievement. Recognising that examinations were a major responsibility which a good school takes in its stride, the Headmaster declared that it was a pernicious error to think that failure to obtain a School Certificate pass meant that a boy had largely failed in his school career.

In games we had had a very satisfactory year. The School First XI in football had developed into a fast, confident and skilful team; the cricket eleven had been very keen, and the second place in the Russell Cup at our first attempt was creditable to the athletic team, while some fine performances had been put up in the School Sports. He expressed his appreciation and gratitude to members of the Staff who organised School games.

On School Societies Mr. Taylor referred with pleasure to the rapid progress of the School Orchestra, the formation of the School Dramatic Society, the hospitality given by parents to Belgian visitors, and the corresponding visits of our boys to Belgium. He reported the widespread support accorded to the Parents' Association, in spite of the inaccessibility of the School, and he urged all parents to join and make it fully representative. The Old Boys' Association, he said, was making brave efforts to disregard the handicaps brought on by conscription.

The Headmaster then approached the subject of the new time-table, the objects of which were to adjust the disproportion in School time between formal instruction and private study, for the benefit of pupils and teachers; to relieve the strain of homework, and to provide for general activities after official school hours. He emphasised firstly that it was not our wish that work at home should be discontinued; indeed, for boys in the senior school this would not be possible; and, secondly, that parents were faced with the responsibility of seeing that the leisure now available in the evenings was not wasted. Finally, he declared that it was an experiment, to be verified, modified, or dropped.

In his references to the Governing Body, the Headmaster said that, although our Chairman, Mr. Knight, had considerably widened his educational responsibilities, he managed to retain his especial affection for this School without prejudice to his impartiality. He welcomed the Forest Divisional Education Officer, Mr. Tillet, both ex-officio and as a parent, and concluded with a tribute to the unity and loyalty of the staff, and declared that he,

advised by their collective wisdom, could feel that ours was a co-operative service for the benefit of the boys.

After presenting the prizes the Rev. J. H. S. Wild gave his address. He remarked that there was already a link between the School and University College, Oxford, since Mr. Bryett, one of our Old Boys, was now studying there. He also expressed the hope that the ties between the School and the College would be strengthened in the future.

Mr. Wild then outlined the work of Sir William Jones, one of the most distinguished members of University College, who was a Judge in India towards the end of the 18th century, the two-hundredth anniversary of whose birth the College had recently been commemorating. His opinions were ever uttered regardless of cost. His opposition to the Government's policy of maintaining a war against America, which he regarded as unjust, resulted in his forfeiting all chance of promotion. When he was abroad he devoted his leisure hours to the study of India and its people, and once wrote that it was his mission to know India better than any other European. The profits derived from the sale of his books on India, its people and its languages, were devoted to the payment of the debts of poor men imprisoned in Calcutta gaol. His mission in life was to champion and aid the oppressed regardless of personal gain.

We can learn a good deal from Sir William Jones and his unselfish attitude to life. There are many people who think that when they have done just enough to earn their pay they have done all that can be required of them. They feel no sense of obligation to other people beyond the circle formed by their own family and friends. The spirit which this school aims at teaching its members is a very different one. It is expressed in the school motto "Donata reponere laeti"—to repay cheerfully what we have been given. He said that he liked that word "cheerfully"; it was the opposite of the grudging, selfish spirit.

Lady Stafford Crossman, on behalf of the Governors, proposed a vote of thanks to the Master of University College and Mr S. J. Clapp seconded it on behalf of the parents. He remarked that now that the school belonged to the parents they should take a lively interest in its activities through the Parents' Association.

During the afternoon music was provided by Miss A. Black and C. Selby, who played Scarlatti's Sonata in D minor. The choir sang Bunyan's Pilgrim Song to music by Thomas F. Dunhill. Speeches by the boys were Horace's "Diffugere nives," by R. C. L. Druce; Goethe's "Das Göttliche," by D. J. Saward; Lamartine's "Le Lac," by D. Noble; and V. Sackville-West's "The Country Habit" (from "The Land"), by D. W. Vere. Speech Day came to an end with the singing of the School Song and the National Anthem.

PRIZE LIST

FORM PRIZES

Va—Tilly, J.	Vb—Roberts, D.	Vc—Bullman, P.
IVa—Hickman, P.	IVb—Henderson, J. Knell, D.	IVc—Horton, G.
Remove—Chapman, D.	IIIa—King, R.	IIIb—Kirby, R.
IIr—Matthews, C.	IIa—Howard, A.	IIb—Noble, C.
Ia—Brown, B.	Ib—Pendegrass, T.	Ic—Doe, R.

SUBJECT PRIZES

English - -	VI—Price, A.	V—Tilly, J.	IV—Hickman, P.
	III—Heyward, B.	II—Giblett, T.	
English Literature	V—Davey, P.		
French - -	VI—Price, A.	V—Clapp, J. Newens, A. Tilly, J.	IV—Hickman, P.
	III—Chapman, D.	II—Lacey, J.	
German - -	VI—Wilson, J.	V—Russell, A.	IV—Henderson, J.
	III—Adkins, J.	II—Lee, D.	
Latin - -	VI—Price, A.	V—Newens, A.	IV—Hickman, P.
	III—Chapman, D.	II—Matthews, C.	
History - -	VI—Price, A.	V—Chapman, R. Davey, P.	IV—Shave, K.
	III—Henderson, S.	II—Wright, A.	
Geography -	III—Cocking, C.	V—Edwards, R.	IV—Gray, C.
	II—Noble, C.		
Mathematics -	V—Chapman, R.	IV—Twyman, V.	
Pure Mathematics	II—Courtney, D.		
Applied Mathematics	VI—Fricker, J.		
Science - -	VI—Fricker, J.	V—Tilly, J.	IV—Nyman, H.
	III—Hawker, M.	II—Hunt, G.	
Physics - -	VI—Fricker, J.		
Chemistry -	VI—Fricker, J.		
Geology - -	VI—Joysey, K.		
Art - -	Senior: Austin, A.	Middle: Woolner, J.	
	Junior: Clapp, C., and Hunt, G.		
Music - -	1st: Crawford, J.	2nd: Stribling, A.	
Verse-Speaking -	Senior: Vere, D.	Middle: Twyman, V.	
	Junior: Nightingale, C.		
Chess - -	Senior: Gray, J.	Junior: Henderson, S.	

School Certificate Prize presented by
R. W. CHAPMAN, Esq.
TILLY, 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"
RATTENBURY, P.

The Head Prefect's Prize, presented by
THE GOVERNING BODY
PRICE, A. C.

The "Chapman Memorial" Cup
(The Inter-House Sports Championship, 1945-46)
FOREST HOUSE
(Captain—Hall, S. A.)

EXAMINATION RESULTS

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION (1946)

* Aldridge, P. J.	* Daniell, D. A.	Phillips, R.
* Andrews, E. J.	* Davey, P. J.	* Pike, D. C.
Austin, A. P.	* Dawes, I. F.	Raworth, A. C.
Badman, A. M.	Day, G.	Read, J. E.
Bartlett, R. W.	* Edwards, R. E.	Reekie, L. W.
Beard, M. D.	* Fleetwood, D. M.	Riches, K. H.
* Blackwell, E. J. W.	Fogg, T. E.	* Roberts, D. A.
Beaven, G. E.	* Gilbert, S. J.	* Robbins, P. W. S.
* Branch, W. B.	* Gray, G. M. A.	Russell, A. J.
Bullman, P. R.	* Gray, J.	Russell, G. R.
* Campbell, J.	Hickman, B. H. M.	* Shenpard, P. R.
Carter, P. C.	Horne, R. E.	Smith, R. H. D.
Cass, R. le G.	Howick, J. P.	* Smith, R. H.
Caville, A. E. A.	Keeble, A.	Styman, J. D.
* Chapman, R. F.	* Lowson, C. P.	* Tilly, J. F.
* Clapp, J. D.	* Mantle, J. A.	Tomlin, F.
Clark, G. A.	Morris, B. M.	Twizell, A. F.
Cole, D. N.	* Newens, A. S.	Washington, R. S. W.
Colvin, R. W.	* Parry, J.	Young, D. J. S.

* Have attained Matriculation standard.

HIGHER SCHOOL EXAMINATION (1946)

Bell, D. E.	Mulinder, E. C.
Crawford, J. C. (Oral French).	Perry, W. C.
* Fricker, J. R.	* Price, A. C. (History).
* Gilbert, J. D.	Rayment, L. W.
Horne, N. S.	Willingale, A. E. (History).
Joysey, K. A. (Geology).	Wilson, J. H.
MacLeod, N. C.	

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

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Fricker, J. R.—Essex County Major Scholarship to University College, Southampton.
Joysey, K. A.—Essex County Major Scholarship to University College, London.
Price, A. C.—Essex County Major Scholarship.
Willingale, A. E.—Exhibition in Modern Subjects to the Queen Mary College, University of London.

OLD BOY'S SUCCESS

Ikeson, R. D.—B.Sc. (Eng.), Class II Honours, University of London.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

"To promote co-operation, friendship and liaison between Parents and the School Staff."

IN spite of being exposed at the tender age of one year to the severest winter for nearly a century, the Parents' Association is not only still alive but is in the very best of health.

The outstanding event of the year was undoubtedly the Staff Evening held on 16th January—an experiment attempted upon the suggestion of the Staff and ably carried out by them with the co-operation of the Association, the success of which justifies its repetition. From the experience gained, future Staff Evenings will be planned which will be even more profitable to Parents and Staff.

A programme of meetings to cover the Winter and Spring terms is being arranged which will include a talk by the Divisional Education Officer; a Staff and Parents Brains Trust to answer questions of educational interest (questions wanted, please); a Christmas Social (even better, if possible, than the one held last year); two Staff Evenings; a debate (suggestions for subjects and offers to speak on them would be welcomed) and, it is hoped, a talk by Miss Crook on her experience in American schools. We have heard from our American visitor some of her impressions of us and some description of the American School System—it will be interesting to hear what our visiting staff has to say on the same subjects.

Last summer the Parents challenged the School to a cricket match and were well and truly beaten. As this is being written the Parents are doing their best to win glory on the cricket field by beating the School Staff. Whatever is the result of the game it will help to further the objects set out at the head of these notes, and—who knows?—the practice may make all the difference to the result of the match against the School on July 26th.

By the way, meetings are open to all Parents, even if they are not members of the Association, but we should like all Parents to be members—the subscription is only 2/6 per annum.

S. JOHN CLAPP, Hon. Sec.,
New Barn, Elevenacre Rise, Loughton.

Result of the match against the Staff :

Parents : 83
Staff : 179.

THE SIXTH FORM FORUM

AT the beginning of the School year it was decided at the suggestion of the Headmaster, supported by Mr. May and Mr. Scott, to revive under the name of the Sixth Form Forum, the old Sixth Form Committee which had ceased to exist after two years' life. The inaugural meeting of the reborn society was held on October 25th when its function was eloquently expounded by Mr. May. This was to provide an opportunity for the acquisition of knowledge of subjects not normally included in the school curriculum. A committee of two was elected to arrange for suitable speakers to give addresses of general interest and educational value.

Our first speaker was Mrs. Herbert who gave a talk on American education. This was an unqualified success, for her talk was not only informative but also extremely entertaining, and the speaker inspired not a few of her audience with enthusiasm for the introduction here of some of the features of American schools, especially their social activities—and co-education. The comprehensive range of subjects available to the American student surprised most of the audience.

Mr. F. S. Foster, Esq., J.P., Chairman of Chigwell Urban District Council and Vice-Chairman of the Governors of the School was our next speaker. His talk on local government in Britain was in a more serious vein but was no less educational. He clearly elucidated the irregularities of the structure of local government in Britain which are so difficult for the beginner to comprehend and engaged the interest of all his audience.

Mr. May gave a talk on psychology which was held in a most cordial atmosphere. He acquainted us with the vastness of the subject which only permitted him to deal with certain of its aspects. The meaning of dreams, the Freudian conception of the mind and "split minds" were but a few of the intriguing parts of the subject into which he gave us a brief insight.

A talk by Miss Bryant, Assistant County Archivist, on the archives of Essex which was illustrated by genuine old documents was most fascinating and few were not thrilled by the antiquity of some of the manuscripts which we were actually allowed to handle. The only regret of the audience was that the speech was of such comparatively brief duration and so little time was available to study the illustrative material.

Mrs. King's talk on "Life in Russia To-day," aroused the political feelings of some budding statesmen and an atmosphere like that of Hyde Park on a Sunday developed. Nevertheless the speaker

kept complete control of the situation and expertly defended herself against the salvos of questions which were fired at her.

The Society has flourished throughout the year and though it may not have fulfilled our hopes to the highest degree it has provided a varied programme in which everyone has found something of interest and intellectual value, for our attendance has been almost complete on every occasion. At the time of going to press we still have several meetings to be held. We should like to express our gratitude to all speakers, to those who kindly acted as chairmen and to everyone else who has contributed to the success of the Forum. We hope that it will continue to flourish and fulfil its purpose of providing enjoyment in an educational form for many Sixth Forms to come.

A. S. NEWENS, Lower Sixth Modern.

J. F. TILLY, Lower Sixth Science.

SCHOOL VISITS ABROAD.

Switzerland.

ON March 31st a joyful party of twenty boys and Mr. Goodchild left London en route for Basle by way of Dover and Ostend. Our crossing was very smooth; the sun shone and a slight breeze was blowing. From Ostend we caught the train for Brussels, where we arrived at 10.55 p.m. Basle was reached after stops at the frontiers of the different countries at 1.0 p.m. on the following day. After lunch which was very welcome after our long journey, we boarded the electric train which was to take us to our hosts and future homes.

In Switzerland the party was divided, some boys going to St. Gallen, others to outlying districts, myself and a few others to Zürich, a very clean, modern city. We were now in the charge of our hosts and met the rest of the party on only three occasions during the three weeks' holiday. For the first of these outings we visited the Uetliberg, a ridge overlooking Zürich, and on the second we took the train to the Rigi, a snow-clad mountain of about 18,000 ft. Here we heard the yodelling of our hosts which we failed to imitate. The third occasion was a social evening given by the World Friendship Association at Zürich Guild Hall. Dancing was preceded by speeches and toasts, first to the visitors and then to our

Swiss friends. We had many opportunities of touring the district with our hosts and their families.

We left Switzerland on April 20th, sad to leave a beautiful country. Our hosts and their families came to wave us good-bye on our long journey to London. The Channel crossing was this time much more rough and the boat was buffeted by the waves. We reached Victoria at 8.0 p.m. on Monday, April 21st, glad to be home after our journey but sorry at the end of a happy holiday in Switzerland. On behalf of the party I would like to thank Mr. Goodchild for leading us and making the party so cheerful on the tiring journey home.

F. J. MONK, V.A.

Belgium.

DURING August of last year a party from the School headed by Mr. May paid a fortnight's visit to Belgium under the scheme sponsored by the World Friendship Association. We left London in high spirits on the morning of Wednesday, August 14th and arrived in the early evening at Ostend. For most of the party Ostend was the first glimpse of a foreign town, but as our destination was Brussels we had to be satisfied with one or two hours in the town. When we arrived in the capital it was dark but the city looked to us like an American city familiar to us from the films with its brilliantly-lit streets filled with laughing people. As we were all to stay at different places in and around Brussels the party split up until the following Monday when we were to make a tour of the city. In the meanwhile, however, we were all busy discovering the delicacies of the Belgian diet, which included, for me at least, several breakfasts consisting of three eggs, bacon and either coffee or wine which were served with every meal.

On the Monday the whole party toured Brussels as previously arranged. We must have seemed strange as we went from place to place all speaking in English—the majority of us did not exercise our knowledge of French—of the experiences of the last few days. After this excursion there followed three more organised visits, one to Antwerp where we climbed the highest building in Europe, twenty-six storeys high, and went for a trip on the River Scheldt, another to Tervuren and the third to the battleground of Waterloo.

Far too soon the time arrived when we had to leave Belgium and return to bomb-scarred but victorious London after a very enjoyable visit abroad.

B. H. TAYLOR, V.C.

VERSE-SPEAKING.

THIS year again Mr. Steele was given the opportunity of welcoming Mrs. Beerbohm, of Hockerill Training College, to adjudicate at the final of the School's annual verse-speaking competition. In his opening comments Mr. Steele accentuated the value of the judge's criticisms, and expressed the hope that the competitors had benefited from Mrs. Beerbohm's remarks of the previous year.

Mrs. Beerbohm, in delivering judgment, expressed the difficulty she had experienced in choosing the winners, a fact which she attributed to the general high standard of the recitation. The major fault she found was that the speakers were liable to sacrifice form for meaning. She noted also a tendency to over-expression, more than was necessary to convey the sense of the poem; the poet should be left to speak for himself, making his meaning clear not only through appealing to his audience's intellect, but also to its feelings.

As usual the competition was divided into three classes—Junior, Middle, and Senior. Masfield, whose poetry is well suited to verbal utterance, was again represented, on this occasion by "The Wanderer"; the juniors rendered Thomas Campbell's "The Parrot," and the Middle School Sir John Squire's "The Ship." The winners were Wright (Junior), Deeker (Middle), and Glozier (Senior).

In opposition now to Price's final suggestion last year in this report I should like to recommend that the finer poets, Shakespeare, Milton, Keats, Shelley, and Wordsworth, whose appeal is so personal and so delicate, be exempted from providing subjects for verse-speaking.

D. NOBLE, Upper Sixth Modern.

THE LIBRARY.

THE flow of books has not been any easier this year than last year. It seems that what we should like to regard as a period of abnormality in regard to the scarcity of suitable books is likely to remain as the normal state of affairs for quite a long time. These are indeed the lean years. In view of the pressing need for educational books of all kinds it is to be regretted that so many books of an ephemeral nature continue to be published. In particular the dearth of suitable reprints of the Classics is most keenly felt in the English and Fiction sections of the Library.

We hope, however, to increase the possibility of acquiring suitable books by casting our net wider and availing ourselves of the resources of more booksellers than in the past.

Hence it is that in this period of austerity we are more than normally grateful to the parents, Old Boys, pupils and friends who have again this year helped to increase the resources of the Library by their gifts of books. Donations of books must continue to be one of our main sources of supply; gifts will always be most welcome. We appeal in particular to Old Boys to provide a permanent link with the School by presenting a book or books to the Library which, we hope, helped to open new worlds to them.

The slow but steady increase in books is shown in the fact that some 180 books have been added this year, bringing the total accessions to 2,580 volumes. The School Library, it may be said, performs a unique service in that, owing to the limitation of Public Libraries in the surrounding districts, it must be for many boys the main source for borrowing books. In this light the considerable part that the School Library has to play in the formation and guidance of taste and culture is self-evident. The Library should be the place where "School subjects, as such, may be forgotten, reading enjoyed for its own sake, and the artificial distinction between work and amusement, recreation, and the acquisition of knowledge broken down. Freedom and the sense of pleasure . . . are essential to the Library atmosphere." The use made of the Library by the First Forms has been most encouraging. Perhaps understandably, the number of books borrowed by First Year boys has been very considerably higher than those borrowed by boys of any other year. In all the number of books borrowed during the past year has been 1,558. Of these 809 were non-fiction and 749 fiction.

A start has been made on the rebinding of books which have done good service during the past years, but here again the cost of having books rebound and the very long time required for the operation has meant that we have been able to have only a few books rebound.

In addition to newspapers, periodicals and magazines purchased from School funds, periodicals, etc., have kindly been provided by the following: Mr. E. E. Gomm ("Punch"), Mr. Goodchild ("The Musical Times"), P. Miller ('38-'43) ("Illustrated London News" and "The Sphere"), Mr. May (various French newspapers and periodicals), Newman, 5a ("The Philatelic

Magazine"), and Mr. Wigley ("The New Statesman"). The Library has benefited by Mrs. Herbert's presence among us through her kindness in giving us copies of various American publications of literary and general interest.

In conclusion, thanks are due to the staff of Library monitors under the conscientious direction of Noble, the Library Prefect, for again playing their essential part with enthusiasm and diligence in the administration of the day-to-day business of the Library. These include Lowson, Gilbert, S. J., Madgwick, Salmon, Rolfe, Wooldridge, Heyward, Maynard, Matthews, Manderson, Wright, King, Dunham, Mason, Triolo, Johnson, Keleher, and Webster.

L. H. M.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

Donor.	Title.	Author.
Miss A. H. Black	The Listener's Guide to Music	P. A. Scholes
" "	Orchestral Conducting	A. Carse
P. R. Bullman ('41-'46)	The Talisman	Sir W. Scott
Miss K. M. Coulson	Man-Eaters of Kumaon	J. Corbett
I. Dawes ('45-'47)	Gedanken und Erinnerungen	O. von Bismarck
R. Le Gros, Cass ('41-'46)	Popular Scientific Recreations	A. M. Low
S. A. Hall ('39-'46)	Picasso	G. Stein
G. Hassan ('38-'43)	Riddles in Mathematics	E. P. Northrop
Mr. F. H. Hayes	The Book of Cricket	Sir P. Warner
Mr. L. T. Hollingbery	Shelley	E. Blunden
J. P. Howick ('41-'46)	The Jungle Book	R. Kipling
R. D. Ikeson ('38-'43)	Intermediate Physics	C. J. Smith
K. A. Joysey ('43-'46)	Where Man Belongs	H. J. Massingham
Mr. H. Main	Methode de Violin	Ch. de Benot
A. L. Stribling ('41-'46)	Beyond Personality	C. S. Lewis
" "	The Great Divorce	C. S. Lewis

THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

THE General Committee of the O.B.A. often pray whimsically that we may never have a harder task in running the Association than we have now. It is true that many difficulties remain: very few O.B.'s can give consistent support because the Universities and Services claim so much of their time, and the Association is not yet old enough to show either stability or continuity. But we have good reason to be pleased. Not only have we kept alive

this year, but we have also started kicking, and it has been reassuring to find confidence, understanding and enthusiasm in everyone who has supported any activity. The experience of those who have travelled abroad will surely be a great asset and sufficient compensation to us when they return.

It is in the thought of future years when we are established and mature that we sometimes take consolation. We hope that one day we shall have our own clubhouse and playing fields, that dozens of both normal and bizarre societies will arise from the interests a large association should have, and that dances and plays and socials will be regular and frequent. It would be unwise to say in a School Magazine what form we hope the annual dinner will take.

Despite the present difficulties and the dazzling hopes of the future, our activities this year have shown progress, and those who have taken part have not been disappointed. Our football programme was interrupted by the very bad weather after Christmas and we withdrew from the league after enjoying many matches earlier on. In January this year we intended to open weekly club meetings every Friday at the School, but the start was postponed until May, once again because of the weather. But now we have equipment for cards, darts, table tennis, badminton and boxing, some of which has been given by O.B.'s and others interested in the Association and some bought out of club funds. Any similar equipment would be a most welcome donation to us at the moment. From these weekly meetings we hope other activities, such as debating and organised physical training, will arise. Fortunately the weather had no grudge against us at the Christmas Dance, which was well enjoyed and financially successful; nor at the Cricket Match against the School, when we were excellently entertained and won by 91 runs to 45.

The Association thanks the Headmaster and Governing Body for the accommodation given us this year in the School and on the field, and is sincerely grateful to the Caretaker, who has so often and generously given his time and energy to help us. But we believe we are not presumptuous in asking the School for concessions, and we consider ourselves not as just one more social club, but as a necessary, useful and desirable part of the whole School, just as the Governing Body, Teaching Staff, current pupils and Parents' Association are all separate parts working closely together. At the moment the rest of the School can help us by giving us accommodation, encouragement and favour. Later on we shall be able to repay them, and they may be certain we shall miss no opportunity of doing so. Donata reponere laeti.

A. W. FLOWER, on behalf of the O.B.A. Committee.

THE SOCIETIES.

MUSIC.

THIS year we have seen continued strides in School music. In spite of the losses which the Orchestra inevitably suffered at the end of last year there has been still greater improvement in the performance of this team of players. The viola section, the dearth of which was lamented last year has been increased so that now all that is needed are tympani and percussion, for it is probably only supply difficulties which prevent the pipe players from obtaining something a little more orchestral.

During the autumn term visits to Concerts at the Central Hall, Westminster were resumed and the Carol Service at the end of the term was of the first order, its success being mainly due to the School Choir and Orchestra. The Music Society met for a gramophone recital given by Chapman (VR) and Jolly who produced a programme of well-chosen records.

Three meetings were held in the Spring term. The first was a talk on Mozart given by Chapman (VR) and illustrated by records. This proved to be very enjoyable. The next meeting was also a gramophone recital and was presented by Jolly. It was called "Classics for the Lowbrow." At the end of the term a concert consisting of items intended for performance at the coming School Concert was given. The performances were suitably adjudicated.

The Summer term opened with the School Concert, the second of its kind, held in the Assembly Hall on May 15th. Although the audience was smaller than on the previous occasion, those who did come were well rewarded by the high standard of performance attained by all who took part. For the first time in its history the orchestra performed an item without the support of the piano and it was very creditably executed. The pipes, choirs—School, Second-form and Sixth-form—and the violin class also performed some enjoyable items. Several ensemble and solo pieces were also performed. These included two string quartets and an original composition for violin and piano by Twyman. The proceedings were brought to a close by some lusty singing by all who attended.

At the time of writing two more meetings are in preparation: one to be a farewell to Miss Black and the other a joint meeting with the Woodford County High School for Girls which we visited last year.

On Saturday, May 17th several boys represented the School at the E.F.Y.M.A. Music Festival held at Woodford C.H.S. Some very encouraging criticisms were obtained.

We are all very sorry that Miss Black is leaving us this year, for with her we shall lose the main founder of our Music Club and

a constant supporter of its activities. We shall remember her devoted work with deep gratitude and we wish her a long and happy retirement with much joyful music making in Scotland.

C. SELBY, Upper Sixth Science.

CHESS CLUB.

THE Chess Club has considerable improvement to report since last year when our chief complaints were the smallness of attendance at meetings and the lack of young blood. This year our numbers have increased by the influx of juniors. Our main need is for mature and experienced players now that we have started playing league chess. This deficiency which explains our lowly position in the league table will probably be felt for some time to come.

In spite of our inferiority as a team, our representative won his game when the Essex Grammar Schools' Chess League beat a team of players from the Second Division in the Essex League. In addition to competing in the League (a report of which appears below) the Club has also entered for the Problem Solving Tournament organised each year by the Chess Education Society and the prize this year was won by J. Gray. This branch of our activities gives a fuller understanding of the game and provides a means of enjoying chess when neither a set nor an opponent can be found. I recommend as many as possible to enter next year's Tournament, especially those who are unable to attend the meetings or the Club.

It remains for me to thank Mr. Genser who has worked so consistently for the good of chess in the School. We must live up to the example he has set and work with vigour when the Chess Club begins its activities next term.*

THE ESSEX GRAMMAR SCHOOLS CHESS LEAGUE.

	Results to date :						
	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Agst.	Pts.
Sir G. Monoux G.S. ...	9	7	2	0	37½	16½	16
Southend H.S. ...	9	6	2	1	40½	19½	14
Ilford C.H.S. ...	10	6	1	3	33	33	13
Romford R. Liberty S. ...	11	4	1	6	36	40	9
Leyton C.H.S. ...	7	3	2	2	28½	21½	8
West Ham ...	12	1	5	6	25½	46½	7
Buckhurst Hill C.H.S. ...	10	2	1	7	28½	34½	5
Brentwood School ...	8	1	2	5	22	29	4

J. GRAY, Lower Sixth Science.

SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY.

DURING the past year the School Debating Society has flourished considerably but it has been hampered in its progress by the lack of a regular supply of speakers.

Of the five debates held during the year that on whether sport was being ruined by professionalism and gambling, and that on the nationalisation of industry attracted the largest audiences. In the former we are grateful for the services of Mr. Leek and

Mr. Mitchell who kindly came to speak on the motion ; but the debate on the nationalisation of industry was more fiercely and loudly disputed than that on sport. Dawes, who supported nationalisation declared that the days of laissez-faire were gone forever and that the control of industry by the State should take its place. Jolly, for the opposition rose in defiance and attacked the strangling hold nationalisation was having on private enterprise which had proved its worth in the past and would prove it in the future. The motion was defeated.

We are grateful for the guidance of Mr. Sillis as our organiser and for the artistic efforts of Woolner and Burrow. Our thanks must also be extended to the boys and masters who have supported the Society and made the past year a real success.

E. COCKING, V.R.

THIRD-YEAR HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

SO far the Society has enjoyed a very successful year. The four meetings held up till now have all been well attended.

During the Autumn term two meetings were held. The first was an illustrated lecture on the Art of Albrecht Dürer given by Mr. Wigley. The second meeting was a visit to the British Museum. After spending a very interesting morning examining the exhibits the party travelled to the Tower of London before returning home.

On March 7th an inter-form competition was held. The questions were on the Tudor Period and after a stern struggle the contest was eventually won by 3R with half a point more than 3A. The fourth meeting was an exhibition of articles of historical interest before 1800. A large number of the members of the school visited the exhibition which consisted of a large assortment of articles ranging from small illustrations to coins, all of which were very well arranged and labelled. An excursion to Hampton Court Palace has been arranged for the summer term and it is hoped that it will be the most successful of the year's meetings.

R. WRIGHT, Remove.

HANDICRAFT SOCIETY.

THE first meeting of this new society was held on April 30th. The membership, though restricted at present to boys from the Remove forms will be increased later on. There are fourteen members at present. Each meeting lasts 1½ hours during which each boy makes what he likes. Many different subjects have been chosen, among which are cabinet-making, miniature railway accessories, puppet scenery, scientific instruments and flying model aircraft. In the future we shall be visiting handicraft exhibitions and holding exhibitions of our own.

C. D. CLAPP, Remove.

SPORT.

FIRST ELEVEN FOOTBALL.

THE record of the School football makes a melancholy tale. It is easier in the brighter weather of the summer season to look back upon it with less gloom. But during the bitterness of the winter a resigned pessimism made its mark on the faces of all the School's keen footballers. Snowballs was finally accepted as a poor second best when the team were convinced that authority and impossibility prevented them from playing in one foot of snow. The thaw came and the pitches were saturated, and there was no second best. The result was that no games were played from January 18th to the end of the term. Many of the matches in the autumn term were contested in mud and pouring rain, conditions in which, it must be admitted, the best football is never produced. Our forward line was light, and therefore at home only on dry pitches. When confronted by a strong-tackling half-back line on heavy ground speed and art were useless ; the defence consequently was rarely relieved, and not being at all sizeable was subject to occasional lapses under continued pressure, which inevitably led to goals. It is, however, to the defence that the general narrow margins of our defeats are due. They displayed far more verve and stamina than a forward line which lacked both balance and punch. The team as a whole played well when the ground was in a favourable state, as was shown in the victory over the Old Boys and the thoroughly enjoyable game against the neighbouring R.A.F. station.

Bad luck this season took on the guise of injury. Gray, G. M., played in only six of the thirteen matches, and Wilson, the centre-half, was unable to play on four occasions. Only three, Tilly, Gilbert, and Gray, J., played in every game. In the two matches in which we always like to turn out our best team, versus Chigwell and Forest Schools, circumstances prevented our doing so, and we were forced to play several reserves, who, let it be said, were as little responsible for the defeats as anyone.

It can be appreciated, therefore, that the team had little chance to develop as a unit, moving and thinking together as a winning team can and will. True, the first signs of a growing understanding among the players did appear, but it was an understanding between two instead of between eleven men. The fact that the team was disjointed was continually being exemplified, and accordingly a sudden change in the direction of attack was rendered impossible. Towards the beginning of the season the defence was clearing the ball far ahead of its own forwards, and the opposing

team was given every opportunity of restarting an attack. It was a dangerous habit, both because the forward line was unable to score goals and because ultimately the defence made itself more work; the backs inability to rid themselves of it caused many an unnecessary display of valiance.

Once again Mr. Lees has given to the team his unflinching support and to the captain his very valuable advice. He even arrived at the Hackney Downs match to stand on the touchline through a continuous downpour, a true servant of the goddess Encouragement.

In the main the results speak for themselves. This season ours has been a battle as much against the elements as against our opponents, and if generalisations are to be made we must admit in neither contest have we come out on top.

D. NOBLE (Captain).

RESULTS.

1946.						
Sep. 21	Sir George Monoux G.S.	...	Away	lost	1-5	
Sep. 28	East Ham G.S.	...	Home	won	3-0	
Oct. 3	R.A.F. Station 2nd XI.	...	Home	lost	2-3	
Oct. 5	Royal Wanstead School	...	Away	won	10-0	
Oct. 12	Barking Abbey School	...	Home	lost	0-1	
Oct. 19	Forest School	...	Away	lost	1-4	
Nov. 9	Dagenham C.H.S.	...	Home	drew	2-2	
Nov. 23	Ilford C.H.S.	...	Home	lost	3-9	
Nov. 30	Hackney Downs School	...	Away	won	6-2	
Dec. 7	Romford Royal Liberty S.	...	Away	lost	2-3	
Dec. 11	Chigwell School	...	Away	lost	1-2	
Dec. 14	Old Boys	...	Home	won	7-0	
Jan. 18	East Ham G.S.	...	Away	lost	3-4	

Team:—Boone, Gray, J., Pike, Lowson, Wilson, D., Gray, G. M., or Woolner, Gilbert, Penny, Beard, Noble, Tilly.

The following have been awarded Colours: Noble (re-award), Tilly, Gray, J., and Gray, G. M.

The account given above adequately expresses the woe and dismay that last season brought to all those keen on football.

A word must be said of the captain, who put in some sterling work, and in scheming and finishing was an inspiration to the team. Weather, illness and injury, however, combined to prevent his efforts being fully rewarded, and we hope that with kinder conditions next season we shall be able to reap some of the benefits from his leadership last year.

G. A. L.

SECOND ELEVEN FOOTBALL.

The Second Eleven has been the most successful of the School's teams this season, having won more games than it lost. This is despite the handicap of not being able to field a regular team. Nearly every week more than one player has been ill or required for the First Eleven, and the unsettlement caused has not helped to create teamwork on the field. It is to be hoped that the function of providing a training ground for the future First Eleven players has not been unsuccessful, and that the experience the younger members have obtained will bear fruit in next year's First Eleven results.

G. B. MUMMERY (Captain).

RESULTS.

1946.						
Sep. 21	Sir George Monoux G.S.	...	Home	won	6-2	
Sep. 28	East Ham Grammar School	...	Away	lost	0-4	
Oct. 5	Royal Wanstead School	...	Home	won	14-0	
Oct. 12	Barking Abbey G.S.	...	Away	lost	2-3	
Oct. 19	Clark's College	...	Away	won	6-2	
Nov. 9	Dagenham County H.S.	...	Away	won	7-2	
Nov. 16	Royal Wanstead School	...	Away	won	4-1	
Nov. 30	Hackney Downs School	...	Home	lost	0-2	
Dec. 7	Romford Royal Liberty School	...	Home	lost	2-3	
1947						
Jan. 18	East Ham Grammar School	...	Home	won	3-2	
Jan. 25	Leyton County High School	...	Away	lost	1-3	
Mar. 1	Dagenham County H.S.	...	Away	won	8-0	

UNDER 14 FOOTBALL ELEVEN.

Season 1946-47.

With few "veterans" of the previous season to provide a framework the Under 14 Eleven was experimental rather than experienced. By October the team was taking shape, the forwards combining well and scoring good goals. Unfortunately the defence lacked stamina, and several opponents were able to win after the School had obtained a lead in the first half. There was no lack of enthusiasm however, and when the matches with Dagenham and Hackney Downs were won and a good team from Ilford held to a draw the turning point appeared to have been reached. The bad weather then intervened, and all but two of the remaining fixtures were cancelled. M. R. Cooper, the captain of the eleven, changed from centre-forward to centre-half very early in the season to remedy the weakness in this position. He adapted himself very well, playing a sound game both in attack and defence and

holding the team together. B. L. Trowbridge showed himself to be a very promising forward, and was the top scorer of the Eleven. The following boys also represented the school in the team :

C. R. Nightingale, D. Lee, A. G. H. Wright, G. W. Hunt, A. F. Brown, R. White, J. A. Adkins, L. W. Brown, D. A. Tovey, A. T. Harvey, B. D. Woods, M. J. Milbank, D. J. Rayner, and K. C. Chambers.

K.J.D.

RESULTS.

1946.					
Sep. 21	Sir George Monoux Grammar School	...	lost	2—5	
Sep. 28	East Ham Grammar School	...	lost	3—4	
Oct. 5	Royal Wanstead School	...	won	3—1	
Nov. 9	Dagenham County H.S.	...	won	4—3	
Nov. 23	Iford County High School	...	drew	3—3	
Nov. 30	Hackney Downs Grammar School	...	won	4—2	
1947					
Jan. 18	East Ham Grammar School	...	lost	3—4	
Mar. 1	Dagenham County High School	...	lost	3—4	

FIRST ELEVEN CRICKET.

The results of the matches played by the team are the only blemishes on what has been an otherwise enjoyable season. The weather generally has been kind, fixtures were plentiful, our own wickets were always very satisfactory, and all the games were contested with enthusiasm despite the pessimism which existed in the pavilion over the ultimate issue. If the success of a cricket season is to be judged by the results, as is usually the case, then this has been undoubtedly an unsuccessful one. Unfortunately only the individual players can appreciate success if it is reckoned by the enjoyment experienced by the team. It is one of the many virtues of cricket that it can be enjoyed even in the proverbial hour of defeat. This season we have had every chance of verifying this assertion. Our victories are very few and our defeats many, and no people are more conscious of the fact than the members of the first eleven themselves.

None would deny that there has been a lack of first-class cricket talent this year. The problem of forming a team out of such material as we possessed was not rendered any the easier by the inexperience shown by most of the players. Many had had no opportunity of playing regularly to bridge the vast gap between theory and practice. The batsmen knew how to play the strokes until they came up against good bowling, and the bowlers knew where to pitch a good length until they were played by good

batsmen. The average age of the team was young and there is little likelihood of its increasing until more boys stay on in the Sixth Form.

There was consequently a notable absence of the aggressive spirit in the School's cricket. It must be said, always bearing in mind the hard efforts of Saward and Chapman, R., that an opening pair could not be found to lay the foundations on which to build up a respectable total. Apart from Penny's, the bowling also was too kind to the opposing batsmen. It lacked both fire and determined method. Fielders had to be placed where they could stop likely runs and not where they could expect catches, and the bowlers too often bowled at the wicket and not to their field. Penny was the exception. His batting had an aggressiveness and brightness which seemed to border on cheerful nonchalance. He bowled with length and achieved pace off the pitch, certainly deserving more wickets than he took. His have been the best performances of the season.

In general the batting has shown more promise than the bowling and from what we can judge of the newer members of the team it would seem that in future years it must be on this department of the game that the strength of the first eleven's cricket will have to depend. But natural aptitude alone cannot make good cricketers. It is match experience, the coaching and advice of Mr. Romans, and the regular and frequent practices of which there can never be enough, that will raise the standard of the School cricket from the regrettable level to which it has sunk since the departure of the School's first generation.

To conclude, however, on a brighter note. This has been a happy if, according to the results, unsuccessful season, and the captain had every reason to be grateful to his team for their co-operation and cheerfulness during this his final term.

D. NOBLE (Captain).

Team : Saward, Chapman, R., Noble, Boone, Mummery, Chapman, D., Penny, Tilly, Gooch, Spendley, Aldridge.

The following award of cricket colours has been made this year : Penny, R.

Date	Opponents	Ground	RESULTS		Result
			For	Against	
May 10.	Iford C.H.S.	Away	36	91-8	Lost
May 17.	Dagenham C.H.S.	Home	80-9	97-7	Lost
May 21.	Buckhurst Hill C.C.	Away	13 & 37	163-6	Lost
May 24.	Old Boys	Home	45	91	Lost
May 28.	Royal Wanstead School	Away	119-9	35	Won
May 31.	Wanstead C.H.S.	Home	49	88-8	Won
June 17.	Bancrofts 2nd XI	Home	64	70-4	Lost
June 21.	Leyton C.H.S.	Home	68	38-8	Drawn
June 28.	Forest School	Away	59-7	116-5	Drawn
July 5.	Buckhurst Hill C.C. 3rd XI	Home	119-8	109-8	Won
July 12.	Sir George Monoux G.S.	Away	38	74-3	Lost
July 12.	Buckhurst Hill C.C. 3rd XI	Home	70	114-6	Lost

SECOND ELEVEN CRICKET.

The Second Eleven had eight fixtures, six matches being played and the other two, against Barking Abbey on June 7th and Royal Liberty on June 28th, being cancelled owing to rain. Having won four out of these six matches, it can be said that the team has had a successful season. In the first game we were beaten very decisively but after that the team quickly improved, drew the next match, and won the last four quite easily.

S. J. GILBERT.

Date	Opponents	RESULTS		Scores		
		Ground	For	Against	Result	
May 10.	Ilford C.H.S.	...	Home	38	81-0	Lost
May 17.	Dagenham C.H.S.	...	Away	66-5	34-6	Drawn
May 28.	Royal Wanstead	...	Away	57	16	Won
May 31.	Wanstead C.H.S.	...	Away	62-7	55	Won
June 21.	Leyton C.H.S.	...	Away	61	46	Won
July 12.	Sir George Monoux G.S.	...	Home	87-6	38	Won

UNDER 14 CRICKET ELEVEN.

The Under 14 XI won only one match of the nine fixtures completed. Generally, bowling and fielding were good enough to enable the School to dismiss the opponents for fairly low scores, but in batting the side failed badly. Confidence which is essential for success in batsmanship increased towards the end of the term when the form shown was encouraging. The best bowlers were Hunt, Trowbridge, Cooper and Brown (IIIa); the best batsmen were Trowbridge, White, Hunt and Webster. The following represented the School in the Under 14 XI during the term: Cooper (Captain), Trowbridge, White, Brown (IIIa), Brown (IIIr), Hunt, Wright, Walker, Webster, Solomon, Surrey, Warren, Watkins, Giblett, Nightingale (IIIr), Lee, Fulford, Stabler and Gold.

K.G.

RESULTS			
Ilford C.H.S.	...	Away	Lost Ilford 105 for 8 dec.; School 48.
Dagenham C.H.S.	...	Home	Lost School 31; Dagenham 36 for 4.
Chigwell School	...	Home	Lost School 21; Chigwell 66.
Wanstead C.H.S.	...	Away	Lost Wanstead 47; School 25.
Forest School	...	Home	Lost Forest 46; School 24.
Chigwell School	...	Away	Lost School 31; Chigwell 75.
Leyton C.H.S.	...	Away	Lost Leyton 57; School 51.
Loughton Sec. Mod.	...	Home	Won Loughton 63; School 77 for 5.
Forest School	...	Away	Lost Forest 153; School 80.

THE CROSS-COUNTRY RACES.

Cross-country running remains the most maligned sport in the field of School physical recreation. The reason for this is perhaps mainly psychological, but there also seems to be a strong objection to wet feet. The picture of the four House Captains trying in vain to make up a team for the School races is regrettably becoming as traditional as the runs themselves. Nevertheless, the teams still run well despite a lack of training spins.

The School runs took place on Friday, 28th March, and the following Monday in true cross-country conditions. The ground was soaked by the melting snow and ice and the going round a ploughed field on the senior course was exceptionally stiff and at least one person measured his length in six inches of mud. This state of the terrain explained the times taken, which were all slower than those of last year.

But 1B, Roding House and Hainault House are to be congratulated on coming first in the First-form, Junior and Senior races. In the Senior race Roding and Hainault tied for first place. This was the first occasion in which two teams have shared the honours.

First Year Inter-Form Race.

1B won this race for the third time and provided five out of the first ten men home. This did a great deal to win them the race. Colby of 1C, the individual winner, ran very well and finished with a clear lead on Kent and Meddings of 1B, who followed him.

The Junior Race.

Roding won this race with ease and Dunbar (R) of the second year surprised everyone by winning in fine style from Chambers (C) and Tyler (R), who were both one year his senior. As Dunbar won the First-year race last year, it seems that here we have a distance-runner of some promise. Roding also provided three others beside Dunbar and Tyler in the first eight home, and thus built themselves up a lead which Chigwell House could not reduce.

The Senior Race.

Hainault House was indeed fortunate in having four of the School Cross-country team in its numbers and these runners gained four out of the first seven places. Of these Manning won the

RESULT		
Place in team.		Place in race.
1 ...	Rush	... 11
2 ...	Woolner	... 13
3 ...	Bales	... 34
4 ...	Sparks	... 64

Kirman, Shave, Gooch and Roberts also ran.

The Essex Inter-School Inter-Schools Cross-Country Race.

This race was held at Brentwood School over a four-mile course. There were ten teams competing and the School finished fifth.

RESULT		
Place in team.		Place in race.
1 ...	Woolner	... 9
2 ...	Kirman	... 14
3 ...	Bales	... 15
4 ...	Sparks	... 32

First Annual Cross-Country Race for Local Schools, Woodford Green.

There were six schools in this race, but they included our most formidable rivals. Leyton C.H.S. deserves praise for providing five home in the first eight. We were beaten into third place by Bancrofts with a margin of 3 points.

RESULT		
Place in team.		Place in race.
1 ...	Manning	... 1
2 ...	Rush	... 9
3 ...	Woolner	... 18
4 ...	Bales	... 23

Kirman, Gooch, Sparks and Roberts also ran.

The following awards of cross-country colours have been made this year :

Full : Rush, C. W., Manning, A. A., Woolner, J., Bales, K.

Half : Sparks, Kirman, E.

C. W. RUSH (School Cross Country Captain).

ACADEMIC RESULTS

We congratulate the following boys on being first in their forms for the School Year, 1946-1947 :

- I.V.A.—1st, Hollingsworth, M. A. ; 2nd, Herrick, J. A.
- I.V.B.—1st, Schooley, R. M. ; 2nd, Moss, J. E.
- R.—1st, Hunt, G. W. ; 2nd, Walker, R.
- III.A.—1st, Lee, D. R. ; 2nd, Howard, A. H.
- III.B.—1st, King, S. H. ; 2nd, McGregor, D. G.
- IIR.—1st, Gold, E. J. ; 2nd, Johnson, D. J.
- IIA.—1st, Cromwell, D. T. ; 2nd, Waller, W.
- IIB.—1st, Bradford, W. J. ; 2nd, Partridge, S.
- IA.—1st, Landbeck, R. C. ; 2nd, Barnes, M. A.
- IB.—1st, Penhallow, B. J. ; 2nd, Green, J. U.
- IC.—1st, Burt, L. J. ; 2nd, Gardner, D. W.

MUSIC SUCCESSES

The following successes were achieved at examinations held by the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M.

Violin, Grade I :

A. F. Boyce ; D. J. Forsyth ; B. W. Hearn (with credit) ; B. A. Maynard ; R. J. Oliver ; D. A. Parrott ; J. C. Sherbird ; P. G. Solomon ; J. D. Tabor ; V. R. Twyman ; S. O. Utting (with credit) ; D. J. Walker.

Pianoforte :

Preliminary : J. Manderson.
 Grade II : A. Brown ; J. Lacey ; R. White.
 Grade IV : R. Keeling ; K. Shave.
 Grade V : D. Chapman ; G. Davis.
 Grade VII : C. Selby (with Distinction).

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

DURING the year many O.B's. have written to the "home base" of the Association, telling of their whereabouts and describing their experiences. The following summary is inevitably incomplete and we must apologise if some of the news has become out-of-date

- R. Drewe** is still in Tel-Aviv pursuing his civilian duties with Cable and Wireless Ltd., while **R. Barham**, after distinguishing himself in the O.B's. cricket match this year, is leaving for Spain with the same firm.
- J. Walker** is hoping to get home in July from Germany where he is serving in the R.A.F.
- B. McCartney** and **B. Tarlton** have both been able to use their intellectual ability in the Army, McCartney in the Intelligence Corps and Tarlton in the Education Corps.
- D. Hines** is still combining cricket and medicine at the London Hospital, but has not yet cured his own hay-fever.
- C. Summers**, in the Navy, has returned from service in the Far East and Australia, and **D. Elliott** from nine months in the Middle East with the R.A.F.
- C. Palmer** and **Garton** are in the same R.A.F. unit in Egypt and seem to have a few square miles of desert to themselves.
- P. Godfrey**, in the R.A.F., hopes to return home soon from Singapore to take up air-crew training.
- F. Haslock**, after training at the College of St. Mark and St. John, is starting his career as a teacher.
- W. H. C. Taylor**, in his time off from aeromodelling and photography, labours for the R.A.F. at the Air Ministry.
- P. Hubner's** civilian occupation has taken him to Switzerland for 2 years.

- R. **Bracey** has travelled extensively in Greece as an instructor in the R.A.E.C.
- A. **Long** is serving in the Essex Regt. in Bangalore, India, and has been commissioned.
- D. **Wiltshire**, also in India, is at Agra with the R.A.F.
- J. **Redfern** is one of many O.B's. in the R.A.S.C. He is at present in Klagenfurt, Austria.
- D. **Hockley** is an undergraduate at University College, Hull.
- R. **Bates**, serving in the Navy, is in the Mediterranean area.
- T. **Dance** has been minesweeping in the northern seas aboard H.M.S. Catherine and more recently saw the demolition of Heligoland from H.M.S. Albacore.
- The Association wishes good luck to all O.B's. and reminds them that any news they can send us will always be welcome.

VALETE

Another year has brought its "altered scene," and so we say farewell to these boys of the School's third generation who are leaving us.

- G. **M. Bennett**. 1940-1947; School Captain; Head Prefect; Matriculation 1945; sat for Higher School Certificate 1947; School Athletic Team.
- D. **Noble**. 1940-1947; Second Prefect and Library Prefect; Captain of Cricket; Captain of Football; Captain of Roding House; Matriculation, 1945; sat for Higher School Certificate 1947; Magazine Committee.
- D. **W. Vere**. 1942-1947; Third Prefect; Magazine Editor; Matriculation 1945; sat for Higher School Certificate 1947; Price Scholar at the London Hospital Medical College, 1947.
- D. **E. Glozier**. 1945-1947; School Prefect; Cambridge Matriculation 1944; sat for Higher School Certificate 1947; School Athletic Team.
- K. **W. Grimwood**. 1940-1947; School Prefect; Matriculation 1945; sat for Higher School Certificate 1947.
- R. **P. R. Hunt**. 1940-1947; School Prefect, Matriculation 1945; sat for Higher School Certificate 1947; Maxwell Scholar at the Faraday House Electrical Engineering College 1947.
- D. **B. King**. 1940-1947; School Prefect; General School Certificate 1945; sat for Higher School Certificate 1947.
- G. **B. Mummery**. 1940-1947; School Prefect; Captain of Hainault House; First Eleven Cricket; Captain of Second Eleven Football; Matriculation 1945; sat for Higher School Certificate 1947.
- C. **W. Rush**. 1940-1947; School Prefect; Captain of School Athletic and Cross-Country Teams; Captain of Forest House; Matriculation 1945; sat for Higher School Certificate 1947; Magazine Committee.

- D. **J. Seward**. 1940-1947; School Prefect; Captain of Chigwell House; First Eleven Cricket; Matriculation 1945; sat for Higher School Certificate 1947.
- A. **T. Sawyer**. 1940-1947; School Prefect; Matriculation 1945; sat for Higher School Certificate 1947; School Athletic Team.
- C. **H. Selby**. 1940-1947; School Prefect; Matriculation 1945; sat for Higher School Certificate 1947; School Orchestra.

OUR BEST WISHES GO ALSO TO:

- R. **C. L. Druce**. 1940-1947; Matriculation 1945; sat for Higher School Certificate 1947.
- B. **Fleetwood**. 1940-1947; Matriculation 1945; sat for Higher School Certificate 1947.
- M. **R. Spinks**. 1940-1947; General School Certificate 1945; sat for Higher School Certificate 1947.
- and to all Fifth Form boys and others who will be leaving at the end of the School year 1946-1947.

ATHLETIC NOTES

Champion Russell and Bressey Cups

Once again ten local grammar schools met to compete for these cups and Wanstead County High School repeated their double victory of last year by taking both cups. This year, however, Sir George Monoux School, Walthamstow, followed close upon their heels. The School could not repeat its success of last year and only managed to gain third place. This year we had six individual winners and six other places. The events were decided at Dagenham, the jumps at the County High School ground and the track events on the municipal cinder-track. The juniors did much to gain the School its final position and their standard promises greater success in future years.

In the handicap competition for the Bressey Cup, Barking Abbey School with a large number of handicap points took second place and the School was forced into fourth place.

Champion Russell Cup		Pts.
1.	Wanstead C.H.S.	54
2.	Sir George Monoux School	40
3.	Buckhurst Hill C.H.S.	34
4.	Barking Abbey School	33
5.	Leyton C.H.S.	31
6.	Royal Liberty School, Romford	26
7.	Ilford C.H.S.	24
8.	East Ham Grammar School	17
9.	Dagenham C.H.S.	6
10.	Chingford C.H.S.	5

Bressey Cup

1.	Wanstead C.H.S.	75
2.	Barking Abbey School	68
3.	Sir George Monoux School	55
4.	Buckhurst Hill C.H.S.	51
5.	Leyton C.H.S.	45
6.	Chingford C.H.S.	41
7.	Dagenham C.H.S.	36
8.	Royal Liberty School, Romford	35
9.	East Ham Grammar School	30
10.	Ilford C.H.S.	24

The individual placings were :

UNDER 13.

100 yards : Pendegrass 1st.
220 yards : Pendegrass 1st.
High Jump : Pendegrass 2nd.
Long Jump : Pendegrass 1st.

UNDER 14.

100 yards : Wright 1st.
Relay : Wright, O'Neill, Colby, Chambers. 1st.
300 yards : O'Neill 1st.

UNDER 15.

440 yards : Woolner 4th.

OVER 16.

100 yards : Gray, G. M. 4th.
220 yards : Gray, G. M. 4th.

OVER 15.

One Mile : Rush 3rd.
Long Jump : Rush 3rd.

Bickersteth Cup

The purpose of this inter-school competition is to promote interest in field events and hurdling, and it has succeeded inasmuch as there has been a greater interest throughout the School in the more scientific side of athletic training than ever before. The competition was held at the South-East Essex Technical College ground at Dagenham on the 16th and 17th July. This year we were able to enter a competitor for almost every event and our position was thus improved from seventh to fourth. The juniors again did a great deal to enhance our position. The position of the leading schools was as follows :

	Pts.	
1.	Wanstead C.H.S.	101½
2.	Leyton C.H.S.	78½
3.	Sir George Monoux School	72
4.	Buckhurst Hill C.H.S.	56½
5.	Earl's Colne Grammar School	55½

Other schools taking part were Ilford C.H.S., Romford Royal Liberty School, South-East Essex Technical College, Westcliff C.H.S., West Ham Grammar School, Dagenham C.H.S., and Chingford C.H.S.

Individual Results

UNDER 13.

Long Jump : Waller 2nd (Standard).
Discus : Waller 3rd (Standard).
Shot : Pendegrass 1st (Standard).
Pole Vault : Barrett 1st.

UNDER 14.

High Jump : Wright 4th.
Discus : Deeker 2nd (Standard).
Shot : O'Neill 4th (Standard).
Pole Vault : Nightingale 1st (Standard).

UNDER 15.

High Jump : Hearn 4th.
Pole Vault : Forsyth 2nd.
Hop, Step and Jump : Clapp 4th (Standard).

UNDER 16.

Long Jump : King 2nd (Standard).
High Jump : Colton 3rd.
Javelin : Perry 3rd (Standard).
Shot : King 4th (Standard).
Pole Vault : Chown 4th.
Hop, Step and Jump : Hayward 4th (Standard).

OVER 16.

Long Jump : Rush 4th (Standard).
Shot : Boone 4th.
Pole Vault : Gray, J. 3rd.

C. W. RUSH (School Athletics Captain).

The following awards of athletic colours has been made this year :

Full : Rush, C. W., Gray, G. M., Bennett, G. M., Woolner, J., Hayward, A.

Half : King, D., Gray, J., Boone, D.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS

Saturday, July 19th, 1947

Following last year's procedure a number of events were decided before Sports Day, and on Monday and Tuesday, July 14th and 15th, all the field events for the under 15 and under 13 age groups, the Mile, and the Hop, Step and Jump took place. The latter event was introduced into the Sports for the first time this year.

The following boys are to be congratulated on setting up new records :

Pavitt (H). Throwing the Javelin. Under 13. 94 ft. 5 ins.
Sparks (C). Putting the Shot. Under 15. 34 ft. 11½ ins.
Kirby (H). Throwing the Discus. Under 15. 76 ft. 7 ins.
Deeker (F) also threw the Discus 75 ft. 6½ ins. and beat the previous best.

The "giants" of the second year, Pendegrass and Waller, both of Hainault, figured in most of the under 13 events, Pendegrass gaining first place in the High Jump, Long Jump and Putting the Shot, second place in the Hop, Step and Jump and third place in Throwing the Discus; and Waller obtaining three second places.

J. R. Taylor (C), a first year boy, must be congratulated on doing extraordinarily well against his second year opponents, winning the Discus with a throw of 69 ft. 2 ins. and obtaining third place in the High Jump, Javelin and Shot. It will be very interesting to see what he can achieve next year.

Hearn (C) and Woolner (C) jumped well in the under 15 events, but could not equal the rather amazing feats of their predecessors. Woolner also won the Hop, Step and Jump with a very good performance of 35 ft. 7 ins.

As we are now using a Standard Javelin made of metal instead of a bamboo one, Auvache's throw of 119 ft. 11 ins. cannot fairly be compared with Tarlton's best throw, but was certainly a good effort.

Gold (R) although handicapped by lack of size, demonstrated his agility by beating his much larger opponents in the Hop, Step and Jump, under 13, and Rush (F), the School Athletics and Cross-Country Captain, won the over 15 event with a good leap of 36 ft. 11 ins.

The result of the Mile was never in doubt. Rush (F) took the lead from the start and never looked like losing it. His pace judgment had not the accuracy of a Lovelock or a Wooderson but will no doubt improve with experience. He ran very strongly throughout and returned the good time of 4 mins. 57.4 secs., only 2.4 seconds short of Rattenbury's record. Shave (H) ran in his usual easy style and Roberts (R) in his dogged one, and Shave managed to win the duel for second place.

At this stage the points scored were as follows: Hainault 37; Chigwell 27; Forest 12; Roding 8.

On previous occasions we have always been favoured with good weather on Sports Day but this year our run of good fortune came to a very moist end. A good crowd of boys, parents and friends braved the elements and undertook the unpleasant journey to the School. In spite of the weather the programme was carried through without a break. It was a damp but far from dispirited audience that witnessed Hainault win the "Bryett" Inter-house Athletic Cup for the first time and by a decisive margin.

The only record broken during the afternoon was in Putting the Shot, over 15, when Boone (H) improved by 8 inches his 1946 performance of 33 ft. 3 ins. This was the first event and took place in teeming rain, which makes this effort even more meritorious. The rain then eased up, but by this time the track was exceedingly wet. It was decided to continue however and in spite of the conditions several of the times put up were not far short of the best recorded.

Tilly (C), Chown (R) and Sparks (C) all scored in the Sprints, over 16, under 16 and under 15 respectively, Woolner tying with Sparks in the 100 yards. In the under 14 and under 13 Sprints the same names occupied the first three places, but O'Neill

(C) and Waller (H) showed their superiority over Wright (H) and Pendegrass (H) at the longer distance. Diminutive Gold (R) cheerfully followed the "giants" home and Chambers (C) gave O'Neill and Wright a good run in both races. Waller's time of 27.2 secs. was 0.9 seconds slower than the time of his heat on the previous Monday when he set up a new record. This seems to indicate that more record holders might have found their names missing from next year's programme had conditions been more favourable.

The 440 yards, over 16, was won by Rush (F) who undoubtedly had designs on Rattenbury's time of 56.2 secs. He set his own pace and won easily, but could only manage 57.8 secs. Bennett (F) and Gilbert (R) provided an exciting fight for second place and crossed the line together.

As in the mile, the result of the 880 yards was never in doubt. A. A. Manning (H) led all the way and his time of 2 mins. 16.8 secs. was a good one. Roberts (R) ran second throughout, and the only moment that promised excitement was when Horne (H) increased speed down the second lap. But Roberts was too far ahead to catch, and Horne's effort only ensured third place for Hainault.

The High Jump was won by Bennett (F) at 4 ft. 11½ ins. Had the take-off not been so soft and treacherous he might have achieved a record as he has been credited with 5 ft. 1 in. Colton (C), the only competitor to demonstrate the Western Roll style of jumping tied with Chapman (R) for third place, but had taken more jumps.

Rush (F) added to his successes by winning the Long Jump with 18 ft. Boone (H) was third and also won the Discus with a good throw of 97 ft. 3 ins.

In Throwing the Javelin, Perry (C) who has thrown 140 ft. was only able to take second place to Fishlock (C) who managed 125 ft 6 ins. with the metal javelin.

Space does not permit mention of all those who did not achieve first places, but Hayward (R) who obtained three second places and one third, Clapp (H) two seconds and one third and J. Gray (F), King (F), Knott (C) and Low (F) did sterling work for their respective houses.

C. N. R. Nightingale and J. Gray who recently competed for the School in the Bickersteth Cup Competition gave a demonstration of Pole Vaulting, Nightingale clearing 6 ft. 6 ins. and J. Gray 8 ft. It is hoped to include this event in the Sports at some future date.

As last year the Inter-Form Relays provided amusement and keen competition and more than one boy went home with muddy shorts.

The Inter-House Relays rounded off the afternoon's programme and were fiercely contested. Hainault won four out of six and emphasised their superiority in this year's competition.

Mr. B. A. Campbell, the Warden of the Ashton Playing Fields and one of the Governors of the School, presented the medals to the winners of the events and the "Bryett" Cup to Mummery, Captain of Hainault House.

K.J.D.

RESULTS

100 Yards. Under 12.

1. Battershall (H). 14 secs.
2. Goodwin (C).
3. Keelan (H).

100 Yards. Under 14.

1. Wright (H). 11.9 secs.
2. Chambers (C).
3. O'Neill (C).

100 Yards. Under 16.

1. Chown (R). 1.7 secs.
2. Melhuish (H).
3. Hickman (R).

220 Yards. Under 13.

1. Waller (H). 27.2 secs.
2. Pendegrass (H).
3. Gold (R).

220 Yards. Under 15.

1. Sparks (C). 26.2 secs.
2. Hearn (C).
3. Low (F).

220 Yards. 16 and over.

1. Tilly (C). 24.4 secs.
2. Gray, M. (R).
3. Gray, J. (F).

440 Yards. Under 16.

1. Gale (F). 59.8 sec.
2. Shave (H).
3. Hayward (R).

880 Yards. 15 and over.

1. Manning (H). 2 m. 16.8 s.
2. Roberts (R).
3. Horne (H).

High Jump. Under 13.

1. Pendegrass (H). 4ft. 1in.
2. Harrington (H). 4ft. 0in.
3. Taylor, J. (R). 3ft. 9in.

High Jump. 15 and over.

1. Bennett (F). 4ft. 11½in.
2. Rolfe (F). 4ft. 10½in.
3. Chapman (R). 4ft. 9½in.

Long Jump. Under 15.

1. Woolner (C). 16ft. 9½in.
2. Clapp (H). 16ft. 0½in.
3. Sparks (C). 15ft. 0½in.

Hop, Step and Jump. Under 13.

1. Gold (R). 30ft. 0½in.
2. Pendegrass (H). 30ft. 0in.
3. Dunbar (R). 27ft. 11in.

100 Yards. Under 13.

1. Pendegrass (H) 12.2 secs.
2. Waller (H).
3. Gold (R).

100 Yards. Under 15.

1. Sparks (C). Tie :
2. Woolner (C). 12 secs.
3. Clapp (H).

100 Yards. 16 and over.

1. Tilly (C). 11.3 secs.
2. Gray, J. (F).
3. Bennett (F).

220 Yards. Under 14.

1. O'Neill (C). 26.5 secs.
2. Wright (H).
3. Chambers (C).

220 Yards. Under 16.

1. Chown (R). 26 secs.
2. Hayward (R).
3. Hare (F).

440 Yards. Under 15.

1. Woolner (C). 61.4 secs.
2. Low (F).
3. Kirman (H).

440 Yards. 16 and over.

1. Rush (F). 57.8 secs.
2. Bennett (F) }
3. Gilbert (R). } Tie

One Mile. 15 and over.

1. Rush (F). 4 m. 57.4 s.
2. Shave (H).
3. Roberts (R).

High Jump. Under 15.

1. Hearn (C). 4ft. 8in.
2. Knott (C). 4ft. 7in.
3. Wright (H). 4ft. 6in.

Long Jump. Under 13.

1. Pendegrass (H). 14ft. 11in.
2. Waller (H). 14ft. 4in.
3. Gold (R). 13ft. 8in.

Long Jump. 15 and over.

1. Rush (F). 18ft. 0in.
2. Hayward (R). 16ft. 9in.
3. Boone (H). 16ft. 6½in.

Hop, Step and Jump. Under 15.

1. Woolner (C). 35ft. 7in.
2. Clapp (H). 34ft. 10in.
3. Brown (C). 32ft. 11in.

Hop, Step and Jump. 15 and over. Shot (6 lbs.). Under 13.

1. Rush (F). 36ft. 11in.
 2. Hayward (R). 35ft. 1in.
 3. King (F). 34ft. 11in.
1. Pendegrass (H). 34ft. 10in.
 2. Waller (H). 32ft. 11½in.
 3. Taylor (C). 27ft. 2½in.

Shot (8.8 lbs.) Under 15.

1. Sparks (C). 34ft. 11½in.
2. Wright (H). 32ft. 1½in.
3. O'Neill (C). 31ft. 10in.

Discus. Under 13. (2.2 lbs.).

1. Taylor (C). 69ft. 2in.
2. Waller (H). 63ft. 5in.
3. Pendegrass (H). 62ft. 10in.

Discus. 15 and over. (3.3 lbs.).

1. Boone (H). 97ft. 3in.
2. King (F). 91ft. 10½in.
3. Coulton (C). 81ft. 2in.

Javelin. 15 and over.

1. Fishlock (C). 125ft. 6in.
2. Perry (C). 108ft. 3in.
3. Wiggins (H). 95ft. 0in.

Inter-House Relay. Under 12.

1. Hainault : Keelan, Knights, Smith, Battershall. 61.5 secs.
2. Chigwell : Goodwin, Hunter, Taylor, Buggy.
3. Forest : Saley, Taylor, Lebentz, Arnold.

Inter-House Relay. Under 13.

1. Hainault : Waller, Streeton, Dunlop, Pendegrass. 57.6 secs.
2. Roding : Gold, Pettit, Dunbar, Oliver.
3. Forest : Hunt, Kempton, Kinneson, Webster.

Inter-House Relay. Under 14.

1. Hainault : Colby, Lacey, Piper, Wright. 54.1 secs.
2. Roding : Watson, Cooper, Tyler, Tovey.
3. Forest : Surrey, Southwell, Nightingale, Triolo.

Inter-House Relay. Under 15.

1. Hainault : Clapp, Turner, Kirby, Kirman. 54.5 secs.
2. Forest : Wood, Low, Maynard, Auvache.
3. Roding : Coyle, Chambers, Oliver, Warner.

Inter-House Relay. Under 16.

1. Roding : Hayward, Hickman, Chown, Gooch. 52.1 secs.
2. Forest : King, Burton, Gale, Hare.
3. Chigwell : Penny, Perry, Twyman, Colton.

Inter-House Relay. 16 and over.

1. Forest : Rush, Gray, J., Glozier, Bennett. 49.6 secs.
2. Roding : Noble, Gilbert, Roberts, Gray, M.
3. Hainault : Manning, Grimwood, Mummery, Boone.

Inter-Form Relay. Under 12.

1. IB ; 2. IA.

Inter-Form Relay. Under 13.

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

Inter-Form Relay. Under 14.

1. IIR ; 2. IIIB ; 3. IIIA.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS :

Hainault	.....	99
Chigwell	.....	68
Forest	.....	58½
Roding	.....	50½

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

First Year : 1st, IC ; 2nd, IB ; 3rd, IA.
 Second Year : 1st, IIA ; 2nd, IIR ; 3rd, IIB.
 Third Year : 1st, IIIR ; 2nd, IIIA ; 3rd, IIIB.
 Fourth Year : 1st, VR ; 2nd, IVA ; 3rd, IVB.
 Fifth Year : 1st, VA ; 2nd, VC ; 3rd, VB.

CHAPMAN MEMORIAL CUP, 1946-1947

On going to press, the Senior Cricket Tournament is still incomplete and therefore the winning House remains unknown. However, here are the Championship points as they stand after the Football, Cross-Country Runs and Athletic Sports :

	Football	Cross Country	Sports	Total
Chigwell	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	2	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Forest	2	$\frac{3}{2}$	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Hainault	1	2	3	6
Roding	3	3	0	6

HOUSE NOTES

CHIGWELL

Throughout the past year the fortunes of Chigwell have varied with each Inter-House contest. In both the Football and Cross-Country competitions the House has occupied the fourth position, and in the Cricket could manage to gain only third place. In the Athletic Championship, the House did a little better, finishing in second place, in spite of a vigorous challenge by Forest.

It is with considerable regret that I am forced to the conclusion that the position of the House in the Championship competitions, is almost entirely due to a lamentable lack of enthusiasm among a large proportion of its members who, for some reason known only to themselves, remain curiously apathetic to any call upon their services. Particularly was this true with regard to the Cross-Country competition : for both Junior and Senior Runs, I experienced the greatest difficulty in building the necessary teams. Only by whole-hearted support can the House hope to attain that final position of eminence that has so far eluded it.

I am confident, however, that with the co-operation of every member of the House, Chigwell has the talent and the ability to achieve success.

Finally, I should like to convey my grateful thanks to those who have supported the House with such keenness and loyalty during the year. I am certain that their unselfish efforts will bear fruit in the future.

D. J. SAWARD, Captain.

FOREST

At the beginning of the School year there was much speculation concerning the probable result of the House Championship, and it was very difficult to make any guess. The hopes of Forest House rested mainly on a good average standard among both seniors and juniors, and on enthusiasm which, I believe, was not to be equalled in any other House. Our juniors have proved themselves worthy of the decision to give equal points to both seniors and juniors and have done very well, especially in football and cricket. The seniors were very unlucky in having very few of the School's sports "stars" in their numbers, but those we had certainly pulled their weight. The whole House owes a debt to Mr. Lees, our Housemaster, whose unflinching enthusiasm, which was proved by his moral and physical encouragement, has maintained our hopes and energies. Gray, J., our football and cricket captain has also set a fighting example to his teams by his skill and personality. I believe that we might have gained a better position in the cricket championship if the tournament had not been run on a "knock-out" basis, but time was against us. We eagerly looked forward to Sports Day but the rain was enough to damp the keenest ardour and we could only finish third. On the whole I feel that the final result of the House Championship will not adequately repay the enthusiasm of Forest House, but I know that everyone has given of his best.

C. W. RUSH, House Captain.

HAINAULT

As the Cricket Championship has not been completed at the time of writing, the final position in the House Championship are not known, but sufficient has been decided to know that Hainault is not in the first two. Once again we started off by losing the Football Championship. Of six Junior and Senior matches played, a solitary game was won. The Senior success in the Cross-Country Run was cancelled out by the Junior failure. As if to atone for this, the Juniors were the main instruments of our first victory in the Sports. In this department, Pendegrass distinguished himself by gaining 17 points, which must be something of a record.

There is no single formula for football success but in the matter of the Cross-Country Run there is great scope for improvement. The Cross-Country Run concerns every boy, for here it is not only the first few who gain points; the fortieth is as important as the first. The tradition has grown that one must be coaxed and cajoled before finally surrendering and allowing one's name to be added to the Cross-Country list. It would greatly help future House Captains if boys would forego these tiresome preliminaries.

I should like to thank the boys who have enthusiastically supported the House throughout the year, particularly those few, not selected for teams, who have encouraged the House teams from the touch-lines. The success in future years depends upon the enthusiasm of boys such as these and the day when Hainault will win the Championship for the first time cannot be far away.

G. B. MUMMERY, Captain.

RODING

With only the final match of the Senior Cricket Tournament yet to be played, it seems certain that Roding House will win the Chapman Memorial Cup. In every field but one this year, the House has gained the greatest success. The exception is athletics, which in previous years has been our strength.

Roding won the football competition without dropping a point during what was admittedly a curtailed season. The Senior eleven, containing more than a few School First XI players, won every match and the Junior eleven, for the first time given equal points to the seniors, played hard and courageously to win two matches and draw one.

The Cross-Country Run similarly brought the House two wins. Dunbar leading the Juniors to victory by arriving home first. In the Senior run we drew for first place with Hainault House.

The winning of the cricket is easily within our grasp for the worst we can gain is two seconds, senior and Junior, a result which is sufficient to carry us to the top.

The spirit of all members of the House this year has been gratifying to observe. The possibilities of defeat have not been envisaged. Enthusiasm as well as talent have given the House teams a confidence which has brought Roding to a clear-cut and I believe unprecedented victory in the House Championship.

D. NOBLE, Captain.



SCHOOL PREFECTS 1946/47.
Standing: Selby, Sawyer, Grimwood, Seward, Rush, Glozier Hunt, Vere.
Seated: King, Noble, The Headmaster, Bennett (Head Prefect), Mummery.

Head Prefect and School Captain :

G M. Bennett.

Second Prefect and Library Prefect :

D. Noble.

School Prefects :

Glozier, D. J., Grimwood, K., Hunt, R., King, D. B.,
Mummery, G. B., Rush, C. W., Saward, D. J.,
Sawyer, A. T., Selby, C. H., Vere, D. W.

House Captains :

Chigwell : Saward, D. J. **Hainault :** Mummery, G.B.
Forest : Rush, C. W. **Roding :** Noble D.

School Football Captain : D. Noble.

Second XI Football Captain : G. B. Mummery.

School Cricket Captain : D. Noble.

Second XI Cricket Captain : S. J. Gilbert.

School Athletics Captain : C. W. Rush.

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