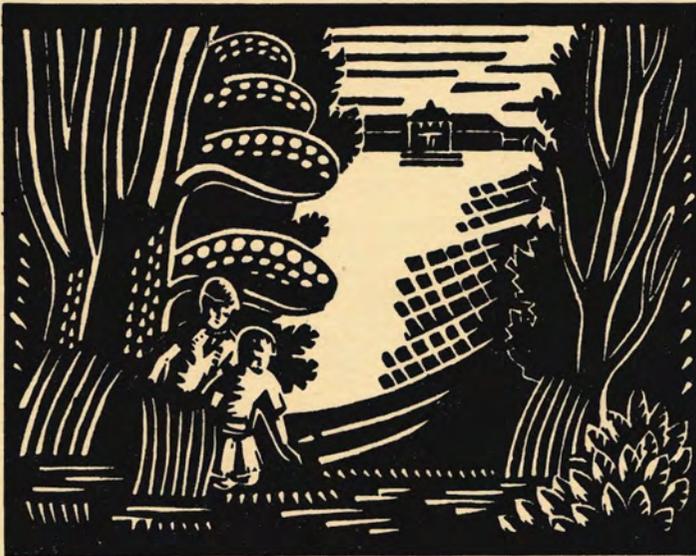
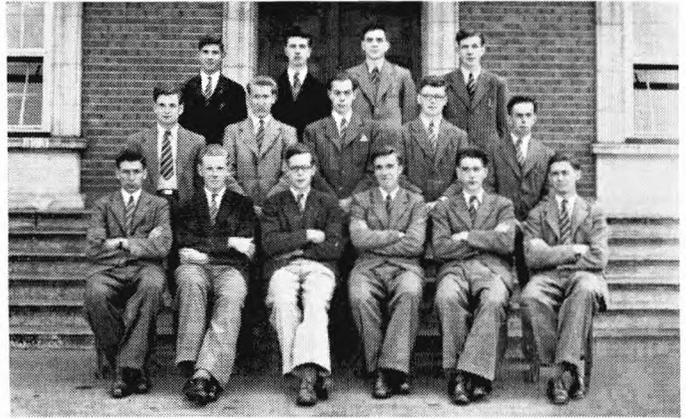


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## EDITORIAL

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WE are very pleased to introduce the Magazine with the news that it has set its own house in order somewhat this year. Contributions, whether resulting from memories of the pleas of last year's editorial and lack of enthusiasm at the contents or from the poster campaign (and we are very grateful to Hiscott (VX) for providing the material), have been surprisingly numerous and surprisingly representative of the whole School.

The visitings of the Poetic Music inspired four efforts from First Form boys who we hope will not be as shy of receiving congratulations as they were of placing their articles in the hands of the Editor. The two selected for publication are certainly worthy of appearing in the Magazine ; in addition, however, let us hope also that the exclusion of the rest will not dishearten their authors from making future efforts—we can well do with them ! The large size of this year's copy will be well worth while, one feels, if it is going to prove of interest to a larger number of readers ; we trust that it will.

S. J. GILBERT, Sixth Scholarship.

## SCHOOL NOTES

WE have great pleasure in congratulating the Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body, Mr. F. S. Foster, J.P., C.B.E., on becoming Chairman of the Essex County Council, a fitting recognition of his long and devoted service to local government. We are also very happy and relieved to know that the Chairman of the Governing Body has been able to persuade Mr. Foster to remain on the Governing Body, although it is well realised that, owing to extreme pressure of work, he may not be so regular in his attendances as heretofore. To mark the distinction thus conferred on our school, the Governing Body has invited Mr. Foster to be the guest of honour at Speech Day on the 22nd October, 1949.

We congratulate Mr. W. A. Nicholls, one of the most recent Governors to be appointed, on his election to the Chairmanship of the Chigwell Urban District Council. The two vacancies on the Governing Body have been filled by two co-opted members, Mr. R. F. J. Smith, one of our original Governors, and Mr. B. Hiscott, representing the Parents' Association.

During the course of the present school year, there have been some heavy losses in our teaching strength. Mr. G. A. Lees went to Hampton Grammar School, Middlesex, as Senior Chemistry Master and it was with great regret we said goodbye at the end of the Autumn Term to one who will long be remembered for his enthusiasm, energy and encouragement as teacher of Science, Housemaster, and master in charge of football. After a regrettable lapse of a term Mr. Lees was succeeded by Mr. J. G. Wilson, who, we are very pleased to say, shows the characteristic initiative of his countrymen in pioneering far south from his native Scotland. At the end of the Spring Term we suffered the loss of Mr. M. H. Romans who was appointed Art Master in 1939. He has gone to Eastbourne Grammar School and we wish him and his family and especially Mrs. Romans, the fullest benefit to be derived from the sea breezes. To Mr. Romans the School is indebted for many legacies of style, taste and execution, both in the Art Room and on the cricket field. To him we owe the design of the Magazine cover and the label in our prize books. Most of the pictures adorning our walls we owe to his taste and we shall long remember with pleasure his artistry with a cricket bat and with gratitude his service to school cricket. We are grateful to Mrs. Bandey for offering to take over the teaching of Art during the Summer Term and by her experience solving what might have been a difficult problem before Mr. R. A. Smethurst, A.T.D., is free to come to us from Ilford County High School. If we have depleted the teaching resources of our neighbouring Borough in this way we have amply compensated it by losing Mr. K. Goodyear who is going to the



Linocut by R. A. Hiscott, VX.

Beal Grammar School as Senior Mathematics Master. Again we shall be much the poorer by the loss of Mr. Goodyear's kindness, conscientiousness and sense of service. Mr. Goodyear's contribution to school football by precept and by example, skill and sportmanship was a full one. After a brief stay with us Mr. W. A. Stevenson left at the end of the Spring Term to become Senior Modern Languages Master at Wigan Grammar School, in his native county, and he will be followed in September by Mr. A. North, B.A. (Lond.), at present teaching at Highbury County School. We have been very relieved to call upon the personality and experience of Miss Walmsley to take over Mr. Stevenson's time-table in the interim term. Owing to the rise in numbers we have been able to appoint two additional members of staff Mr. E. S. J. McCollin, B.Sc. (Econ.), who will be teaching Economics and Geography, and Mr. R. F. Winmill, B.A., King's College, London, who will be taking English and Latin. Mr. J. W. Armstrong, B.A., Dunelm, Carnegie College of Physical Training, has been appointed Physical Training Master from September next.

The promised extension of the two wing grass lawns and the creation of a central flower bed in the foreground of the School is almost finished, although the School will have to wait until the autumn for completion of the scheme. It is planned to seed for grass the two extensions, to plant a variety of flowering shrubs in the existing lawns and to plant rose trees and lavender bushes in the centre bed with a grass border. Trees are to be planted on either side of the main drive as far as the end of the Dining Hall, cotoneasters between the two main gates and twenty Norwegian Maples and Lime Trees along the fencing from the telephone post up to the raised area of the playing field, with the object of screening off the R.A.F. Establishment adjoining.

It is good also to learn that the re-erection of the front wall, railings and two main iron gates may be completed by the beginning of the new school year. July 11th was the fifth anniversary of the flying bomb explosion that wrecked the south end of the school buildings. While we can be very thankful that the buildings will shortly lose the last signs of their war damage we are not forgetful of the irremediable loss suffered by Mr. Beresford, our Caretaker at that hazardous time. Mr. and Mrs. Beresford are now living in one of the new houses on the Roding Valley Estate within sight of the school, but if Mr. Beresford can never see again the fine sweep of the school from his garden we can assure him that he is not only within our physical vision but always in our memory. On July 11th, S. J. Gilbert, the Head Prefect, presented to Mr.

Beresford, along with a token of our sympathy and gratitude, a letter in the following terms :—

"The Boys, Staff and Governors of the Buckhurst Hill County High School, on the fifth anniversary of your accident, wish to assure you of our deep sympathy with you in your disability, our admiration at your courage in adversity and our gratitude for your devoted service to our school throughout the days of great danger. We hope that you will accept the gift accompanying this letter as a small token of our regard for you and Mrs. Beresford, as an assurance of our continued concern with your well-being and lasting remembrance of your service."

After months of progress through the necessary stages a full-length concrete wicket has been laid in the N.W. area of the playing field for the benefit of those modest cricketers of Groups two, three and four.

It has been said that school does not truly come of age until the Headmaster receives into his fold the offspring of a former pupil. This memorable milestone has, of course, not yet been passed but, according to reports filtering back to members of the Old Boys' Association, the necessary preliminary in the birth of a child to an Old Boy has now been accomplished. Contemporaries will be interested to hear that this distinction has been credited to D. G. Clarke (1938-43), a member of the original 1B.

We are pleased to congratulate :—

- S. J. Gilbert (1941-49) on his election to an Open Scholarship in English at Lincoln College, Oxford.
- P. L. V. Hickman (1942-49) for winning an Exhibition in Mathematics at Nottingham University.
- P. A. Tarran (1946-49) for winning an Open Scholarship in Engineering at University College, Southampton.
- B. A. Tarlton (1938-45) for being selected to throw the Javelin for Oxford University in the Inter-Varsity Sports at the White City Stadium, March, 1949.
- J. Parry (1941-48) and G. W. G. Hunt (1944-49) for gaining Special Entry Scholarships to the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.
- D. W. Vere (1940-47) for being awarded the Buxton prize, given to the student obtaining the highest aggregate of marks in Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology, at the London Hospital Medical School.
- R. K. Penny (1942-49) for his second appearance in the Essex Grammar Schools' Eleven against an Essex Club and Ground Eleven on the County Ground at Chelmsford, and for taking four wickets for 50 runs.

We record the totals of collections made during the year :—

	£	s.	d.
Poppy Day—Haig's Fund	2	9	1
Forest Hospital (Carol Party)	4	15	0
National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis	2	2	2
Loughton Famine Relief Committee	7	14	4
Geranium Day for the Blind	2	17	10

We are proud to record that the Dean and Chapter of Ely Cathedral have appointed Dr. S. S. Campbell, formerly music master at the School and composer of the School Song, who is now sub-warden of the Royal School of Church Music, to succeed Dr. M. P. Conway as organist and master of the choristers of Ely Cathedral. Dr. Campbell will take up his new duties in August.

The Staff are most grateful to two boys of Form Vb, Southgate and Killick, for making and presenting two coffee tables for use in the Common Room. The tables, of good design and efficient workmanship, not only serve a very useful purpose but add to the amenities of the room.

As a result of sales made through the School Clothing Exchange a donation of £2 has been sent to the Forest Hospital. Unfortunately not so much use has been made of the Exchange this year as formerly, possibly because clothing is now coupon-free. It is hoped, however, that boys who have garments and equipment discarded but in good condition will remember that through the Exchange they may benefit themselves and others.

At the close of the financial year 1948/9 the total assets of the General Purposes Fund amounted to £279 9s. 8d. Receipts totalled £148 7s. 4d., £71 1s. 6d. being made up of weekly subscriptions. Expenditure totalled £131 5s. 10d.

When the Council for Education in World Citizenship held a four-day programme of lectures and discussions for "To-morrow's Citizens" at the Central Hall, Westminster, during the Christmas holidays, among the thousands of young persons from all over the country were twelve of the Upper Sixth of this School. The proceedings were opened on the first day by Professor Arnold Toynbee, and the speakers included Sir Stafford Cripps, Dr. Gilbert Murray, Sir John Cockcroft, Senor Salvador de Madariaga and other eminent people. From reports of the meetings given later in "Current Affairs" classes, there was no doubt but that the occasion had proved not only very informative but also inspiring. We were interested to hear that one of our members, Bales, acted

as "rapporteur" for one of the discussion groups into which the assembly divided, and reported its conclusions to the full meeting. Discussions on World Affairs have been organised locally by the branch of the C.E.W.C. in North-East London. We hope that future Fifth and Sixth Forms will take advantage of such meetings when they are arranged.

### JOHN CARSON GROVER

THE School was shocked and saddened by the sudden death in St. Margaret's Hospital, Epping, of Mr. J. C. Grover, on Sunday, May 29th, about seven days after an operation for the removal of a duodenal ulcer. Mr. Grover, who succeeded Mr. Dofort as master for Physical Training in September, 1948, had been suffering increasingly from this very painful affliction and was forced to submit to a course of treatment in hospital during the second half of the Spring Term. Although his condition showed little improvement he was determined to return at the beginning of the Summer Term and train the School athletics team for the Champion Russell Cup Competition. But in spite of his resolution and courage he was forced to report to his doctor that he was in severe pain. On May 21st he was operated on and for six days there was evidence of a slow but steady recuperation, but when the Headmaster saw him on the evening of Friday, May 28th, the day after he had survived a crisis, his exhaustion was painfully obvious. He was determined and even confident that he would be back in time for the Bickersteth Cup and his last words to the Headmaster were commendatory of the captain of School athletics.

The unexpected news of his death was a most painful and grievous shock to all members of the School. The assembled School, to whom the sad news was given on the morning of the Russell Cup Competition, must have suffered a severe shock as few boys knew that Mr. Grover had had to submit to an operation. The School stood in silence to honour his memory. In the short time that he had been with us Mr. Grover had won the confidence and liking of his pupils and the esteem of his colleagues. Boys are very quick to recognise real interest in and devotion to their welfare. He was ready and always willing to give all his time and thought to maintaining and enhancing the excellent athletic tradition he took over, and night after night Mr. Grover gave his time to Gymnasium classes after school and athletic practice. His modesty was such that very few knew that he won the Long Jump Championship of his native Cambridgeshire in 1937, that he was Captain of Goldsmiths' College Athletic and Hockey teams and that he

was awarded his Hockey half-purple for London University. There is no doubt that he would have given splendid service to School games and athletics. In the Staff-room he was an amiable and unobtrusive colleague and he is mourned by all who, knowing him for so short a time, deeply deplore the loss of a young and promising master.

The Headmaster, Staff and boys of this School have jointly subscribed for a memorial to Mr. Grover, and a silver cup has been purchased to be presented each year to the winner of the Senior Cross-Country Run.

The cup is inscribed as follows :—

BUCKHURST HILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL  
SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY CUP  
PRESENTED IN MEMORY OF  
JOHN C. GROVER  
1949.

There is also room for the engraving of the names of the holders.

#### A DREAM

Soon, and I shall leave these precincts as I am, now,  
Never to return, the same ; to become  
A man, a soldier overnight ;  
To go from a world of living to one  
Where death is talked of, glorified, sought ;  
From a life of loving  
To one of struggle for existence.  
Impressions I have not wanted  
I have not had ;  
Soon—no choice  
And my life, now, here,  
Will be but a dream,  
A memory of a moment,  
A friend, a lover, a joy, a passion,  
A life—gone.

D. C. KNELL, Upper Sixth Modern.

#### SPRING

Lambs in the Spring  
Do think it fun  
To dance and jump  
And play and run.

Whereas the duck  
He thinks it nice  
To go in water  
That's not cold ice.

The blackbird thinks it fun to sing,  
The lark it beats upon the wing,  
The eagle tries to reach the sun,  
The pheasant has to dodge the gun.

Spring is an impatient season  
She hurries every hour  
Where yesterday there was a bud,  
Today there is a flower.

I'd like to know  
What nature does  
To make this Spring  
We all do love.

G. DENT, I G.

#### MR. G. A. LEES

THE Staff and Boys of this School lost a valued friend when Mr. G. A. Lees left us in December to take up an appointment at Hampton Grammar School. Mr. Lees came to us from Sudbury in 1944, and from his first term with us gave much to the School in a remarkably wide sphere of activities. As chemistry master, master in charge of football, Housemaster of Forest House and in innumerable other ways, he impressed us with his zest and energy, his wide interests and, above all, his cheerful good humour and friendliness.

In the Science laboratories, Mr. Lees proved a fine and most effective teacher whose approach was never narrow or limited in its scope. A tower of strength in the Science department, he was

always ready for, and indeed welcomed the investigation of human and scientific problems whenever interest which he knew so well how to arouse presented itself. His keen perception of the practical application of scientific knowledge to human and social needs was a most valuable feature of his work and outlook. The Sixth form in particular enjoyed the fruits of his wide and exact knowledge, but from no form were these great qualities withheld.

More than once in the columns of this magazine have Captains of Football insisted on recording, always against Mr. Lees' will, their gratitude for his unflagging encouragement of their teams' efforts, his wise guidance in their training and his extraordinary ubiquity. Whatever other calls—and they were many—were made upon his time, he was always on the touchline when the School team was playing, and his touchline manner to a remarkable degree combined general encouragement with the appropriate advice spoken quietly but most effectively at exactly the right moment. The present healthy state of School football owes a great deal to him and our players are still profiting from his legacy of hard work and skilful organisation.

As Housemaster of Forest, Mr. Lees most successfully evoked and led a very real sense of House loyalty. Not only in games and athletics but also in social activities he found room for the expression of a sense of community from which even the youngest junior could find strength.

To his colleagues who had the good fortune to enjoy his companionship his versatility and energy were enviable possessions; for to whatever occupation he gave his time and thought, whether assisting the orchestra, blowing glass or discussing professional and administrative matters, he brought the same efficiency and enthusiasm; and a large number of fruitful experiments owed their origin to his suggestion and advice.

With his departure the School has lost not only an understanding and able schoolmaster, a congenial colleague and a capable organiser but also a friend. We wish him and his family happiness and success in Middlesex and assure him of a warm welcome whenever he can find time to visit us.

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### MR. M. H. ROMANS

**A**T the close of the Spring Term the School reluctantly said goodbye to Mr. Romans. Joining us as our first Art Master in 1939 from King Edward VI Grammar School, Stafford—a school

doubly fortunate in having also numbered the Headmaster among its Staff—he was compelled to leave us in 1940 to serve with the Armed Forces. He returned again, however, at the end of hostilities to continue the work he had begun with such promise, and rapidly became a popular figure not only inside the School but also on the cricket field, and a pillar of strength to all members of Chigwell House, of which he was House Master. In fact by Staff and Boys alike he will always be remembered for his quiet competence and reassuring encouragement in the Art Room and his easy artistry and sympathetic tuition on the cricket field. His own ability as an artist has been perpetuated in many places about the School premises and particularly on the cover of the School Magazine and the inscription inside all School Prizes; his prowess on the cricket field has been admired by all followers of Woodford Wells C.C. and before that time by the supporters of Minor Counties Cricket. The first decade of Buckhurst Hill boys will bear testimony to the enthusiasm he showed for his Art and the sympathy they received in their cricket.

It may yet be written of some future master that his services to the School are beyond words; of Mr. Romans it is sufficient to say that no master ever did so much for the School with so little fuss. A man of few words himself, he never wasted speech, yet his opinions, by their incisive quality, always commanded attention. To all his work in School he brought a discipline which was strict without being stern, a high sense of chivalry acquired on the field of play, and a quiet efficiency in keeping with his whole temperament. To the boys he will always be the Art Master who was also a first-rate cricketer, to the Staff he exemplifies that thoroughness and reliability to which they all aspire but few attain; and surely no master privileged to work with him can ever forget his delicious sense of humour!

It only remains therefore for us, hiding our real sense of loss, to send our very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Romans and their infant daughter, and to hope that Eastbourne will prove to be all they had hoped.

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### LETTER FROM OXFORD

University College, Oxford.

**T**HE School's pioneer at Oxford, Sydney Bryett, has come and gone like the wind. Following humbly in his wake, Tony Price and I have so far survived the hazards of traffic in "The High" and the dangers of rustication. As this 1948/49 session draws to its close, the question of writing to "The Roding" becomes increasingly urgent.

But the problem remains of where to begin and how to proceed. I have searched in vain for that epigram that will give you Oxford in a nutshell, for some simple frame in which to fit one's first experiences as an undergraduate. I have found no guide or formula that might land the "fresher" or the stranger straight to the heart and spirit of the University. All that one can do is speak in parables and paradoxes, make random sketches and descriptions, and leave the rest to the imagination.

Picture, for example, a scene which I witnessed recently: a streamlined Studebaker gliding majestically down Turl Street, an immaculate American scholar at the wheel—no sooner has it disappeared from view than a wild-eyed student pedals furiously past on a penny-farthing, hotly pursued by a breathless mob sporting beards, walking-sticks and Victorian dress. In Oxford there is a constant conflict and intermingling of the past with the present which adds enormously to the zest in life. The newcomer must learn always to expect the unexpected.

As so much that is written about Oxford concerns the past I shall confine my attention strictly to the present. It is here in the clash and contrast between personalities, nationalities, religions and political creeds, between tastes, theories and opinions of all kinds that the richness of University life is found. There is scope for all talents and ambitions—writing and editing, acting and producing in theatre and film, debate and discussion, rowing and flying. Opportunities scream at one from every side, until one grows deaf to them all. One may chat with an artist or a philosopher, a Cabinet Minister or a "rebel," a Dominican friar or an expert in "Be-bop." One may drink to King and Empire at the Carlton Club or profess Free Love and Anarchism at the Heretics' Club. Here is a haven for both the hermit and the socialist, for the sportsman as well as the bookworm.

Nowhere else does the maxim hold so strongly—that life is what you make it. This is particularly so behind the scenes, where a grim and everlasting struggle goes on for achievement and distinction in the academic fields. Beneath the glamour of clubs and societies, the glory and the exhilaration of sport, and the pageantry of "Eights Week," there are those lone laborious hours in the library and in the study. At mid-term comes the crisis, when lectures are eliminated one by one and essays fall overdue, when Club cards stand idle and unwanted on the shelf, the work piles up, the brain is tired and the eyes begin to ache . . . Then comes the late night vigil, when an essay must be finished for a tutorial in the morning: it is well past midnight, and a solitary desk-light still burns in the vast blackness of the College library—outside the city sleeps—the silence is broken only by the scratching

of the pen and the periodic chiming of many clocks—and always present the eternal question: "To be or not to be?" . . .

It may well be that the best years of one's life lie always in the past. It is certain that much of that past is an imaginary one, and that the sombre side of the student's existence will be forgotten with the passing of time. The present cannot ordinarily be judged—it is there simply to be enjoyed or endured. And yet there are moments here when the present can be held in the palm of one's hand and contemplated, those timeless moments in a cloister or a College garden, in Addison's walk, or while drifting on the Cherwell in a punt, when the strain and tension of the nerves is relaxed, the mind is healed and refreshed, and the spirit rested. At such times one knows for certain that, whatever may be one's future dismay for opportunities missed or future memories of trials undergone, these years of undergraduate life will always be remembered with joy and lingering regret.

B. A. TARLTON (1938-1945).

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## SPEECH DAY

THE tenth Speech Day of the School was held on October 23rd, 1948, when Colonel S. S. Mallinson, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.L., J.P., distributed the prizes. After the opening hymn, the chairman, T. H. Knight, Esq., Chairman of the Governing Body, welcomed the guests and recalled that our guest of honour, Colonel Mallinson, had performed the opening ceremony of the new school in November, 1938.

The Headmaster presented his report and remarked that if the tempestuous weather which had accompanied the opening of the School ten years ago had symbolised the buffets of fate and fortune which the School had to face, yet the vigour and confidence inspiring Colonel Mallinson's inaugural address expressed hopes which he thought had not been disappointed. Referring to examination results, Mr. Taylor praised the brilliant performance of Tilly who gained distinction in all his subjects and a State Scholarship, and mentioned the seven Intermediate exemptions gained on the results of the Higher School Certificate and the good results gained by boys from our second stream. The School now had sixty-seven boys in the Sixth Form, and in spite of severe restrictions on the entry of boys to the University, the number of former pupils taking degree courses at Universities or Colleges could be considered a satisfactory index of our advanced work. A one-year course in the Sixth with an Economics basis giving an interesting and useful

preparation for professional and commercial careers was to be introduced. The Headmaster drew the attention of parents to the physical value of a Sixth Form course in which boys might mature physically without the strains attendant on the early years of City or factory life.

On the subject of out-of-school activities Mr. Taylor declared that he wished every boy could find something in which to develop his special aptitudes, but he reminded his hearers that the School could not do everything, or teach all the essential skills. The encouragement and guidance of the parent and the adventure and initiative of the boy must play their parts. The greatest single educative factor was the parental one, and the school was but one of many factors reacting on the child. On games, he referred to keenness shown in house matches and successes in representative matches, especially of the second elevens and the excellent team spirit shown. He hoped that parents would question their boys about their participation in games. In the cross-country runs 303 boys had started, easily a record; and in athletic contests with other Essex Grammar Schools we had not fallen below third place. The Headmaster reported the steady progress of the Parents' Association but said that membership could be higher still. The Old Boys' Association was gaining strength, and he found it always a pleasure to meet Old Boys at reunions. He said how pleased he was that we were retaining on the new Governing Body so many of our friends from the old, and expressed his gratitude to the Staff for their good work, loyalty and gifts of leadership. Recalling his first report in 1939 he said he hoped that no boy would leave without a sense of achievement, and that we would do our best to answer the eternal challenge of education.

After presenting the prizes, Colonel Mallison congratulated the winners and expressed his pleasure at being invited to the School. He declared that the great thing was for the home to tune in with the school. Schoolmasters he thought should bring out the qualities in boys which enabled them to bear responsibility. He remarked on the attractiveness of the School buildings, and remembered how boys he had known in the past had risen to high positions in sport, the Services, the Church and in Law. But schools are not to be judged only by them; what was necessary was a good average. Schools are often judged by the way the boys bore themselves and he believed that this school was going to build up a splendid tradition. Hard efforts put into work, he said, would be repaid a hundredfold. The best days lay ahead, and knowledge, courage, enterprise, enthusiasm and the will to serve were as necessary now as in the past. Then Colonel Mallison announced his desire to present a cup to the School to be awarded for service and thoughtfulness for others. He concluded by

declaring that the best way to enjoy life was to be humble-minded, diligent, thorough in service and useful, and by prayer to enjoy the fellowship of God which was free to all.

Votes of thanks to the visitors were proposed by Rev. A. G. Cleall on behalf of the Governors, and by R. J. Salmon, Esq., on behalf of the parents. During the afternoon the School Choir sang "Brother James' Air" arranged by Gordon Jacob, and "The Ride of the Witch" with music by Charles Wood. Ovid's "Penetralia Somni" from Metamorphoses XI was spoken by Boyce, A.F., Schiller's "Der Handschuh" by Knell, D.C., Leconte de Lisle's "Midi" by French, R.H., and Chorus IX from T. S. Eliot's "The Rock" by Burrow, J.A. Speech Day ended with the singing of the School Song and the National Anthem.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

#### GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION (1948)

Adkins, J.	*Gray, C. A.	*Nice, L. A.
*Beaumont, E.	Grimby, M. G.	*Nightingale, C. N. R.
Bellingham, G. P.	Herrick, J. A.	*Osborne, B. F.
*Bedwell, B. F. E.	*Heyward, B. A.	*Palmer, D.
Boram, R. P. J.	Higgins, J. C.	Passfield, R. J.
*Brown, A. F.	Hills, P. T.	*Pratchett, A. G.
Brown, D. R.	Hiscott, R. A.	Reed, G.
Cole, B.	*Hollingsworth, M. A.	Schooley, R. M.
Coyle, A. J.	*Holmes, G. D.	*Steff, J. C.
*Courtney, D. E.	*Hunt, G. W. G.	*Tabor, J. D.
Davis, J. F.	*Keelan, M.	Turner, D. J.
*Doye, D. M. C.	Kemp, A. J.	*Utting, S. O.
Drinkwater, H. V.	*King, R. B.	*Walker, R.
Evans, D. W.	Kirby, R. E.	*Walling, D. W.
*Everett, F. J.	*Kirman, E. G.	*Webb, R. J.
Farthing, D. H.	*Lacey, J. H. L.	*White, R. R.
Gilbert, G.	Low, R. W.	*Wilson, J. K.
*Giles, B. L.	*Matthews, C. T.	*Wright, A. G. H.
Gorton, B. R.	Millington, R. A.	

\* Have attained Matriculation standard.

#### HIGHER SCHOOL EXAMINATION (1948)

Blackwell, E. J. W.	Parry, J.
Chapman, R. F.	Raworth, A. C.
*Fleetwood, D. M.	*Roberts, D. A.
*Gilbert, S. J.	Tilly, J. (Physics, Pure Maths., Applied Maths.)
*Gray, G. M. A.	*Twizell, A. F.
*Newens, A. S.	*Washington, R. S. W.
Nyman, H. L.	

\* Have attained Intermediate standard.

Subjects in brackets denotes Distinction.

#### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Tilly, J.—State Scholarship.

Parry, J.—Special Entry Cadetship, Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

# PRIZE LIST

## FORM PRIZES

IVr	1. Howard, A. H.	IVa	1. { Brown, L. W.	IVb	1. { Clark, A.
	2. Lee, D. R.		2. { Stabler, D. A.		2. { Goswell, R. W.
IIIr	1. Doe, R. J.	IIIa	1. Ginn, R. W.	IIIb	1. Winner, D. P.
	2. Harrington, G.		2. Barrett, R. P.		2. Chapman, J. B.
IIr	1. Burt, L. J.	IIa	1. Taylor, M. F.	IIb	1. Limn, G. S.
	2. Mayo, R. F.		2. Driver, K.		2. Redding, A. G.
Ia	1. Cox, B.	Ie	1. Howes, J. C.	Im	1. Rigden, B.
	2. Brett, C.		2. Fuller, Q. T.		2. Macefield, B.

Art: Senior—Auvache, J. A.; Middle—Goswell, R. W.; Junior—Martin, C. H.

Music: Senior—Utting, S. O.; Middle—King, S. J. L.

Physical Training: Senior—Gray, C. A.; Junior—Brown, B. E.

Verse Speaking: Senior—Boyce, A.; Middle—Robinson, J.; Junior—Howes, J.

## EXAMINATION PRIZES

Higher School Certificate		School Certificate	
English	- Gilbert, S. J.	English	- Gray, C. A.
Languages	- Gilbert, S. J.	English Literature	- Davis, J. F.
History	- Newens, A. S.	French	- Lacey, J. H. L.
Pure Maths.	- Gray, G. M. A.	German	- Turner, D. J.
Applied Maths.	- Roberts, D. A.	Latin	- Hunt, G. W.
Physics	- Nyman, H. L.	History	- Davis, J. F.
Chemistry	- { Gray, G. M. A.	Maths.	- Utting, S. O.
	- { Roberts, D. A.	Science	- { Beaumont, E.
Botany	- Chapman, R. F.		- { Palmer, D.
Zoology	- Chapman, R. F.	Geography	- Courtney, D. E.
Geology	- Edwards, R. E.		

School Certificate Prize presented by  
R. W. CHAPMAN, Esq.

HOLLINGSWORTH, M. A.

Special Higher School Certificate Prize  
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"

GRAY, J.

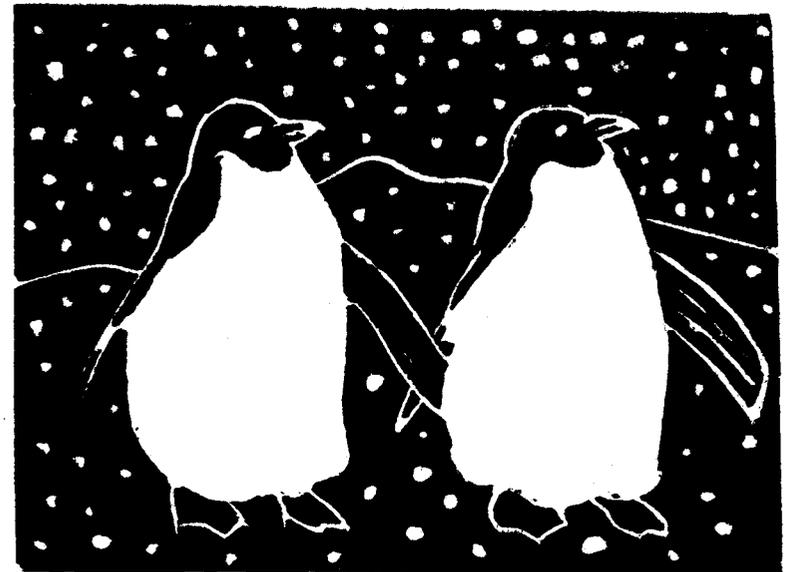
The Head Prefect's Prize, presented by  
THE GOVERNING BODY  
TILLY, J.

The "Chapman Memorial" Cup  
(The Inter-House Sports Championship, 1947-48)

HAINAULT HOUSE  
(Captain—Bales, K. F.)



Linocut by S. C. Alford. III R.



Two's Company.

Linocut by M. C. Harrington. II B.

## VERSE SPEAKING

ON Friday, May 20th, the School's Annual Verse-Speaking Competition was held in the Assembly Hall. The adjudicator this year was Mr. Hollingworth who, as a local actor, is well-known to the Sixth for his magnificent performance in the morality play "Everyman." In the audience the Junior School and the Staff were well represented but it would have been encouraging to see a few more of the Middle and Upper Schools.

The test-piece chosen for the Lower School was "The Market" by James Stephens, the Irish poet. It is a poem of fancy expressing the poet's very real disgust that a man should prefer drink, a pleasure of the flesh, to poesy. A short poem, it asked, as Mr. Hollingworth said in giving his verdict, to be rendered with "gusto." The winner was J. E. Hallett, whose enunciation was superior to his rivals'.

Thomas Hardy's very beautiful poem, "The Darkling Thrush," was chosen for the Middle School. The poet, himself spiritless and despondent, describes in this very subjective creation, the solitude and desolation of the countryside, when he is suddenly arrested and shaken from his lethargy by the joyful carollings of an old thrush. Finding himself no apparent cause for this effusion he believes the bird to be inspired by:—

"Some blessed Hope, whereof he knew,  
And I was unaware."

The winner of this group was J. W. Robinson who gave an individual interpretation of the poem. Mr. Hollingworth declared that he had shown by his judicious pauses (he alone knew the value of such), his climax, and the delivery of the last two lines, that he had understood the poem. To me he also proved how a mature voice is necessary to bring out the beauties of a poem's word-music. In this respect the other finalists were at an unavoidable disadvantage.

The most closely contested final of the three was the Upper School's, for which the test-piece was Gloucester's speech from Shakespeare's "Richard III." It is a typical speech of a Shakespeare villain, cynical and bitter over the circumstances of his birth and physical stature, and containing a determination to be a villain since in the eyes of the world, and in fact, he is one. Typical also of Shakespeare are the sonorous lines and the aptly chosen epithets; who but Shakespeare could have found a phrase like "this weak piping time of peace"? This section was the most interesting of the afternoon, and the most highly individual. S. J. Gilbert concentrated, perhaps too much, on the powerful quality of the

separate lines; P. L. Hickman stressed Gloucester's cynicism. J. A. Burrow sensed the poetry of the piece, varied his pace, and had it been an actual poem might possibly have won. As it was A. G. Wright secured the verdict mainly because he realised that it was an extract from a drama, and accordingly worked up a fine passion and delivered the speech at the speed demanded in the theatre without damaging his enunciation.

In his closing speech Mr. Taylor thanked Mr. Hollingworth on behalf of the School for his judgements and comments and expressed a personal hope that one day a festival proper—of music as well as verse-speaking—might be held in the School Hall. Thus ended the Competition in which, without doubt, the high standard set in the first was maintained.

B. W. HEARN, Upper Sixth Modern.

## HARD WORK HOLIDAY

FOR those who like hard work during their holidays there are two alternatives open—farm work or archæological work. Last August I chose the latter and spent a very enjoyable and interesting week with the Berkshire Archæological Society at Blewbury in Berkshire, the site being an Iron-Age hill-fort on Blewburton Hill. Blewbury is on the main Reading-Wantage road about fifteen miles north of Reading.

If it had not been for the rain, the cycle journey down would have been quite uneventful but on leaving rain fell in torrents. Crossing open downland in driving rain is not my idea of a comfortable ride; neither is pitching a tent in the rain on a windy hilltop, but once inside the tent all was well.

The next day, Sunday, dawned bright and clear and after a good breakfast I was eager to commence digging. This is not a day-to-day diary and so it will suffice if I recount what was found. The biggest discovery, but perhaps not the most important, was of four pagan Saxon skeletons. The discovery of these retarded work because the uncovering had to be done with such instruments as a builder's trowel, a pair of bellows, a small brush and pins. This naturally took time because meticulous care was needed, every scrap of bone being carefully preserved. An ex-army mine-detector, details of whose acquisition are best forgotten, revealed a dagger under one of the "stiffs" (our semi-technical name for skeletons). Dating was done by identifying the various trinkets and weapons found with the bones. After the Museum Superintendent had taken the skulls and other odd bones for the Museum

I went souvenir-hunting and I have at home now several bones from these bodies.

The other main discovery was of a twelve-foot deep trench running round the hill, as a protection against attack, at the bottom of which were the skeletons of a man, a dog and a small horse or pony. Numerous conjectures were put forward how they came to be there but it is probable that they either fell down while hunting or were buried there. An iron adze was found with them. These skeletons are now in Reading Museum. The cutting down the side of the hill revealed a post-hole, and soil colours showed the shape of the earthen ramparts and how they were built up.

The other finds were of a smaller nature. Hundreds of pieces of pottery came to light (I have some of these also) along with pieces of bone and charcoal. Sections of the stone walls holding back the earth ramparts were found and with the discovery of a large post-hole a fairly definite plan of the gateway to the fort was formulated. Two stone road surfaces appeared, suggesting two periods of occupation.

Whilst at camp I had the chance of visiting the famous Uffington Castle and White Horse, the latter being familiar to railway-travellers, and also the celebrated Blowing Stone at Kingston Lisle. The view from Blewburton Hill included a chimney of the Atomic Research Station at Harwell.

The R.A.F. combined their training with our work by sending out an Anson aircraft from Benson airfield to take aerial photographs of the site. I have yet to see how I appear from the air.

To some, this type of holiday may seem as dry as the bones dug up, but to others, myself included, it is an excellent way of gaining firsthand knowledge of when, where and how our ancestors lived. It certainly attracted the attention of the villagers, one of whom enquired of an excavator: "Good morning, are you looking for something?"

R. BUGGEY, Upper Sixth Modern.

## THE LIBRARY

THIS year the Library has grown at a somewhat brisker pace than in previous years owing to the allotment of the supplementary grant recommended by H.M. Inspectors and to the gradual easing in the supply and availability of books; but although there are now considerably more than 3,000 volumes on the shelves, there is still a wide expanse of vacant space and, as Gladstone wrote of his Library at Hawarden, we must still regard the School Library as in its incipient stage.

The high cost of new books inhibits any heavy flow to the shelves, but the flow has continued, while the important part that a school library should take in the life of the school has been recognised by the Essex Education Committee in the granting of a higher capitation allowance for the current year; our yearly accessions should therefore be more numerous than in the recent past.

The increased grant has coincided with a general increase in the supply of new books; no longer is it necessary to scamper off to the bookseller to commandeer one of the few copies of important or popular new books. In this direction the Librarian's life is less hectic than it was. A heartening sign, also, is the reprinting of a number of the classics which have long been out of print; so that we have been able to fill some of the gaps in the catalogue as well as replace books dog-eared and long past the pensionable stage. Some books have suffered from careless handling, some have been lost. Doubtless a small annual loss due to the negligence or irresponsibility of a few borrowers has to be accepted, yet we must say that there are some who abuse the system of comparative freedom by removing books illegally; there is room for a more lively sense of responsibility to the school community, to say nothing of the moral laxity displayed in removing books which are the property of the school.

The supply of books for Junior fiction, in particular, has extended very considerably. Well established authors and new writers continue to produce an apparently ceaseless stream of literature. The Biggles books and the ubiquitous and eternally young William lose none of their popularity and appeal, though they are closely followed by the Arthur Ransome series. Most new books for Junior fiction, though often set in a contemporary background, show none of the denigratory tendencies of many so-called adult novels, and exhibit a positive quality which testifies to the authors' faith in the incorrigible optimism of youth.

Among notable additions this year we may particularly mention Von Nostrand's Scientific Encyclopædia; the first two volumes of what promises to be an indispensable and absorbing body of Junior reference, the Oxford Junior Encyclopædia; the Oxford Classical Dictionary, fifteen years in the making; Dudley Stamp's 'The Land of Britain'; and the first volume of Mr. Churchill's History of the Second World War.

A start has been made with the repair and re-binding of books by the enthusiastic team of Beresford, Durham and King of Va who have worked under the instruction of Mr. Romans. Some thirty books have been refurbished, with growing craftsmanship as the skill of the bookbinders has increased with practice.

The Library itself has been redecorated in the Easter holidays and the war damage made good. There is therefore every attraction for boys to make full use of what must be the most pleasant room in the school for reading and browsing.

The number of books borrowed was 2,229, of which 1,296 were non-fiction and 933 fiction.

Old Boys and friends have again supported the Library by gifts of books or book tokens; to them all we express our thanks, and to the General Purposes Committee for its annual grant of nine guineas. Collections of books have been given by the following:—Mr. A. C. B. Brown, Mr. L. G. Harvey, P. J. Hobday ('43-'48), Mr. R. Keleher, Mr. G. A. Lees, J. L. Manderson ('44-'49), Mr. R. F. J. Smith, D. W. Walling (L.VI Mod.), and Mrs. I. L. Wilkins.

To those Old Boys—and there are more than we like to see—who have not yet given a book or token, we would again say that a gift to the Library is one of the best ways of returning, in some small measure, the benefits they have received from their school life and of maintaining an enduring link with the School.

We are pleased to acknowledge the contribution of periodicals from the following:—Mr. C. W. Beard (P.L.A. Monthly), Mr. V. Edwards (The National Geographical Magazine), Mr. J. A. Irving (The Linguist), S. J. L. King (Va) (The Musical Times), R. H. D. Smith (U.VI. Sc.) (Science and Religion), and Mr. E. C. Wigley (The New Statesman).

Finally, but in many ways most important, it remains to thank Twyman, the Library Prefect, for his devotion and care in supervising the daily administration of the Library; Overy for carrying out the duties of Sixth Form monitor so ably and conscientiously; and the Library monitors for their essential co-operation in the issue, recording and checking of books: King, Dunham and Beresford. Johnson, Keleher and Webster, Pavitt, Brown, Martin and Rowe, Landbeck, Blunt, Taylor and Green, Wright, Saley and Langley, Roberts, Turner and Smedley.

L.H.M.

#### GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

Donor	Title	Author
*E. G. W. Blackwell ('41-'48)	The Old Towns of England	C. Rouse
B. Bowell ('43-'48)	Cassell's French, English, English-French Dictionary	
R. F. Buggie (U.VI.Mod.)	The Bleak Age	J. L. & B. Hammond

Donor	Title	Author
R. F. Buggie (U.VI.Mod.)	A Short History of English Drama	B. Ifor Evans
R. F. Chapman ('41-'48)	The Swan Lake	Various
B. H. Chase ('38-'45)	The Revolution in Physics	E. Zimmer
J. Chown ('42-'47)	Molecules against Microbes	E. S. Duthie
J. Chown ('42-'47)	Power	M. Ruhemann
J. Chown ('42-'47)	What is Atomic Energy?	K. Mendelssohn
J. Chown ('42-'47)	Science Versus Cancer	I. Berenblum
J. Chown ('42-'47)	Drugs from Plants	T. I. Williams
J. Chown ('42-'47)	Electrons in Action	J. G. Daunt
Miss K. M. Coulson	Essex Heyday	W. Addison
A. J. Coyle (L.VI. Sc.)	Tideways and Byways in Essex and Suffolk	A. White
*G. D. Holmes ('42-'48)	The Open Book of Wild Life	R. Morse
Mr. H. J. James	A Dictionary of Chemistry	W. Nicholson
A. S. Newens ('41-'48)	Ideas and Beliefs of the Victorians	Various
H. L. Nyman ('41-'48)	This Physical World	Clark, Johnson and Cockaday
*J. Parry ('41-'48)	The Oxford Book of Ballads	Ed. A. Quiller-Couch
*J. Parry ('41-'48)	London To-day	John Deakin
J. A. Spendley ('42-'47)	Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow	J. K. Jerome
*D. Tovey ('42-'47)	The Adventure of Looking	H. Adams
*A. F. Twizell ('41-'48)	The Pick of Punch, 1947-48	Various
*J. K. Wilson ('43-'48)	London	R. Henrey
Mr. R. Wright	Soccer for Schools	Hankinson and Chadder

#### LETTER FROM LONDON UNIVERSITY

University College, London.

AFTER spending seven years of one's life in the sheltered confines of the School, beneath the paternal eye of schoolmasters always at hand with guidance and advice, it is a little bewildering to find oneself thrust amidst a sprawling conglomeration of begrimed buildings and bomb-ruins in the West End of London, for such U.C.L.

is at present—without any well-known figure to appeal to for help. This was my experience last October; it had its unpleasant moments, but when I realised that my shackles had gone with my guardian angels, I liked it. I found myself able to do as I wished when I wished, and soon decided that one of the things I had found most difficult to stomach at first, namely that I could summon up no more than seven lectures and two essay-classes to attend each week, was well-suited to my palate. Not that I took advantage of changed circumstances to do no work at all—though, as I have remarked to several friends, the lure of coffee at eleven, boating in Regent's Park and the eloquence of one's political and religious opponents are conducive to this—but I was now free to pursue my studies my own way.

Academic pursuits are, of course, but one half of University life. College societies abound and enable one to participate in almost any activity under the sun, including fencing or crusading for world government, studying the Bible or dialectical materialism and listening to jazz or Bach. At meetings one has the opportunity of hearing prominent men who regularly accept invitations to address College meetings. I have heard among others John Strachey, Kingsley Martin, editor of the "New Statesman and Nation," Harold Nicolson, M.P., the historian and journalist, Peter Casson, the hypnotist and Professor J. B. Haldane.

However, not all extra-academic activities are serious. From time to time reports appear on the meetings of bogus societies like the "Diabolical Society"—apparently held in the Devil's Cauldron! The extroverts arrange "rags" and fancy-dress parades through London, in the course of which—so I am informed—they use up their surplus energy and give rein to their natural exuberance. It seems to me that many of the most ardent supporters of these functions are actuated by one motive: to make themselves conspicuous. Other students strive after this end by cultivating a striking appearance and grow beards or moustaches, dress like tramps, or, in the case of one or two women, wear red slacks. Yet others take up peculiar philosophical, political or religious viewpoints, at variance with the rest of mankind, or adopt eccentricities of speech or action. In fact to be abnormal is the normal aim of many students in the University of London.

This is not the only unusual characteristic of one's fellows. In rubbing shoulders with men and women of innumerable nationalities, creeds and opinions, one discovers many others; students often vary considerably in age owing to the delayed careers of ex-service students and on several occasions I have chuckled silently to see someone ten years older than myself being introduced to the mysteries of Latin grammar. These older students

who often have wives and children, tend to form a group apart from those of us who have come directly from school.

All these things are strange at first after the uniformity of school life, but as usually happens, one grows accustomed to the fresh environment, forms a new circle of friends and soon takes everything for granted. And despite all its peculiarities and shortcomings, life at U.C.L. is extremely enjoyable. I would hate to take the part of a smug adviser of people still at school, especially now that I am no longer there, but I would like to say that for anyone who has the opportunity or inclination for it, university life is an extremely valuable and pleasant experience.

A. S. NEWENS (1941-1948).

### THE BEECH

How strong, how brave, how sternly proud you stand  
Undaunted by fell winter's fearful hand!  
Roots writhing under frost's chill torturing bite,  
Bare branches rigid under dread December's might,  
What inner nobleness bids you to withstand,  
Stark monument uncowed by nature's cruelty?  
What unknown joys, emotions never to be seen  
Bring to life that tracery now black once green?  
What animates that laughing leafy crowd,  
Creates anew your shade, peace-shedding shroud?  
What ethereal inspiration flows  
In spring from that celestial grey-green trunk!  
Can each fresh bud so delicately pink  
Within its sheltering sepals feel or think?  
Does every new-sprung leaf, transparent, pale,  
Possess that knowledge men pursue without avail?  
Do you some hidden wondrous purpose serve?  
Have you, O beech, a soul?

A. G. H. WRIGHT, Lower Sixth Modern.

### CAROL SINGING

ON the evening of December 22nd, after breaking up, a section of the Sixth Form celebrated the approach of Christmas in the good old-fashioned way. Meeting at Buckhurst Hill Station after dark, armed with School carol sheets and hymn books, the party set out. There were two objects in view, to enjoy the singing and to raise some money for the Forest Hospital, two collecting boxes having been obtained from the astonished Hospital officials by the writer.

After a shaky start the plan of action was perfected, two boys taking the collecting boxes in turn from door to door, one boy "pitching a note" and the programme being decided upon by a committee meeting at each lamp-post. The Buckhurst Hill area was well covered including the residence of a well-known member of the Staff. The choir at this point left the road and stole quietly up his garden path and burst into song in the porch. The expression on his face when he recognised the singers will long be remembered by those present. Those taking the collecting box found their reception by householders varying in the extreme. One unfortunate member of the Lower Sixth was treated to a political lecture.

The carollers were not by any means proficient in the art of singing; harmonising was out of the question as all but two were baritones. So the carols were sung in unison. However, the standard was high enough for the singers to be mistaken for a well-known school choir of the district, and for one resident to request the singing of "Silent Night."

We broke up at 10 o'clock after three hours of concentrated melody, in which, as was to be divulged later, £4 19s. 0d. had been collected for the hospital. The results of this venture were inflamed vocal chords and chills which, for some, were a handicap to the Christmas festivities. Even so, all who took part considered it well worth while.

A. C. JOLLY, Upper Sixth Science.

### THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

HOW easy it is, at the end of a day, to despair of building Rome! The task of constructing a strong and virile Old Boys' Association seems, on occasion, well-nigh impossible. Yet the struggle against poverty and lethargy is surely, if slowly, being won.

The newly-elected Committee was perhaps over-optimistic in believing that a transformation could be achieved in so short a time, for our attempts to arrange regular social evenings did not succeed. The King still holds too many in his service; the School still lacks the amenities we would wish. Not everywhere, however, is the outlook so dark. The Football Club has flourished. Two teams have been playing throughout the season with considerable success, and hopes are held of running a third team next season. They deserve sincere congratulation also on converting impecuniosity to comparative affluence. A Cricket and a Tennis Club have been

formed this summer, but it is too early to review their success without the aid of a crystal ball. At the time of writing, the former is seriously inconvenienced by having no home ground. The latter has the use of a court at Grange Farm, Chigwell, and it hopes to be able to hold some tournaments there later in the year.

One of the problems before the Committee was to draft a constitution for the Association. That has been achieved. Exactly how many times the draft was revised by the Committee I find it difficult to recall. Sufficient be it to say that it has seemed an Herculean task to slay this monster; when we believed it lay dead at our feet, Hydra-like it raised another head. A General Meeting has now confirmed the kill.

In an attempt to ease the Treasurer's fears, two sub-Committees were set up. The Dance Committee organised two local public dances and an Old Boys' Dance at the School on May 7th. All proved financially a success and the latter, especially, a great opportunity for the re-union of old friends. The Raffles Committee arranged a sweepstake on the Grand National which made a most welcome £5 and widely publicised the Association. Many thanks are due to these two Committees for their initiative and hard work. I know the Association would wish to thank Mr. Scott also for the work he has done in this and in previous years. Without his persistence and enthusiasm there would not have been an Association.

In the "News of Old Boys" I have placed more names than usual, but the list is neither as full nor as representative as I should wish. My apologies are due to many whom I have omitted and to those whom I have inadvertently maligned by the inadequacy of my memory and of my information.

B. H. CHASE, Hon. Secretary.

### NEWS OF OLD BOYS

- R. Bates : Now works at the Foreign Office.  
M. Beard : Has recently returned to Chatham from Norway.  
D. Boatman : B.Sc. Special in Botany at University College, London (June, 1948). Seeks Ph.D. by botanical research.  
S. A. Bryett : B.A. in History at University College, Oxford, in 1948. Now serving with R.A.F. Anticipates going to Southern Rhodesia.  
K. Button : Business course in London.

- B. H. Chase** : B.Sc. Special in Chemistry, 1948. Now pursuing Ph.D. at King's College, London, in Organic Chemistry.
- E. H. Chipperfield** : Expects to leave the Navy in July and to begin a B.Sc. in Chemistry in October.
- P. Cullen** : Works with Port of London Authority.
- D. Daniells** : Billeted at home, he controls traffic for the R.A.F.
- D. Elliott** : Taking Diploma in Social Science at the London School of Economics.
- H. Everitt** : With the Westinghouse Electrical Company. Supervises the laying of electrical signalling on the Burma Railways.
- A. W. Flower** : Teaching at Epping for the past year. Reverses the process at London University next October.
- I. Foster** : Still in the R.A.F. in Essex.
- R. Ikeson** : Works with Siemens as an assistant engineer. Now in Cumberland.
- K. Joysey** : In the throes of Finals for B.Sc. in Geology at University College, London.
- P. Laud** : Takes part of his Dentistry Finals at the London Hospital this summer.
- E. C. Mulinder** : Having taken a Diploma at the Westminster Training College he is now teaching in Loughton.
- D. Noble** : At present in the Navy at Chatham.
- R. Partridge** : Is engaged, and has resumed his study of Architecture at the Regent Street Polytechnic.
- A. C. Price** : Taking B.A. in History at University College, Oxford.
- J. Richmond** : Several years to go in the Navy. Recently returned from the West Indies.
- C. Summers** : Is engaged, and works at Claybury Hospital.
- B. A. Tarlton** : Studying for B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at University College, Oxford.
- R. Tomlinson** : Contracted pleurisy shortly before his release from the R.A.F.
- D. Tovey** : Training for Accountancy.
- L. Tovey** : Takes Intermediate B.Sc. this summer.

**F. J. B. Wall** : B.Sc. Special in Physics at King's College, London (June, 1948). Now working on Colour Photography with Ilfords.

**A. E. Willingale** : Now married ; takes Finals for B.A. in English at Queen Mary College, London.

### "SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER"

THE School Dramatic Society's production this year of Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer" represented the Society's first venture beyond the realms of the moderns. This in itself reflects credit upon producer and players alike for their progressiveness, for, while comedies of this sort make no great demands upon the players for inspired acting, their general presentation calls for advanced technical skill from all.

The choice of play was very fortunate as the Society at the moment appears to be in a transitional stage, the elder and more experienced generation having departed, the younger not having yet quite attained its promised maturity ; so that, while the Society possesses no actor of outstanding merit, its principal members have attained, both individually and collectively, a degree of perfection which apart from being a welcome event at present, augurs favourably for future productions.

An essential elegance was lent to the performance by the acting of Gilbert and Wright, as Marlow and Hastings, the two male leads. Although Gilbert at first appeared a little too debonair for the shy young lover, this seeming flaw was soon redeemed by the convincing ardour of his attentions to the disguised Kate. Wright's Hastings had an air of studied seriousness, no less commendable for its own merit than for the foil it provided for Marlow's spiritedness. Mr. Hardcastle, a difficult role for a young actor, was given a genial interpretation by Gorick ; while Lacey, as his indulged stepson, Tony, in speech, appearance and deportment, was an enthusiastic and natural caricature of a vigorous and young country squire.

The outstanding feature of this production was without doubt the excellence—the almost deceptive excellence—with which the female roles were portrayed. Geoffrey Hunt, as Mrs. Hardcastle, could not only look and act like an indulgent, or, alternatively, enraged stepmother, but, what is equally commendable, sound like one ; John Hunt, as Connie, although rather incoherent at times, was a modest and admirable match for Wright's Hastings ; Alford, partly because of his appearance, partly because of his deportment,

but largely because of his voice, filled the role of Kate Hardcastle with a demureness imparting a rare elegance to the entire production.

The minor parts amply fulfilled the requirements of humour, and the tavern-scene, if a little over-acted, was certainly enthusiastically done. The servants' awkwardness was indeed apt, but one wondered whether this resulted from good acting or from bad judgment.

Mr. Sillis gave us a production as lavish as any the School has yet witnessed, in which the somewhat protracted intervals were fully justified by the effects of the scenery when at last the curtain rose—ample tribute, I think, to the efforts of the relatively silent, yet not less essential, team backstage. Congratulations—nay, thanks,—must go to the Society for a production as Goldsmith might have wished it, "elevated, clear and elegant."

A. F. BOYCE, Upper Sixth Modern.

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#### "THOSE WITHIN THE BIRMINGHAM TRAM"

Lives like hollow trees ;  
Stark, unfeeling, spiritually dead,  
Destroyed as born, living entombed,  
Standing in dead expressionless void.

Lives like rolling waves ;  
Wandering aimless in circles unending,  
Continually busied in matter unvaried,  
Continually the same thing, the same thing incessant.

Lives like pleasure boats ;  
Engines within heads, bodies just furnaces,  
Legs for propelling, no better than crank-shafts,  
Pleasure alone their supreme occupation.

Lives without value,  
Less lasting than waves, weaker than machines,  
Less lovely than trees, what good do they serve ?  
Were we all created for such futility ?

A. G. H. WRIGHT, Lower Sixth Modern.

#### LE MALADE IMAGINAIRE

Once again Les Jeunes Acteurs Belges, accompanied by M. Liénard, came to delight the Sixth Forms of our own and neighbouring schools with an accomplished performance of Moliere's "Le Malade Imaginaire." Before the performance the visitors recited several French poems, La Fontaine's La Laitière et Le Pot au Lait in particular being presented very attractively.

I have seen the Belgian Actors present three comedies but I have no hesitation in saying that their performance this year was their greatest achievement. In this production they blended skilfully the elements of wit, humour and farce and in no way did they succumb to the temptation of over-developing the last at the expense of the dialogue. The balance achieved was a compliment to the audience and a personal triumph for the actors themselves.

We once more take the opportunity of recording our deep indebtedness to M. Liénard and his company for coming to us again at their own expense and offering us a performance of such excellent quality. We would like to think of this as an annual institution and, given the support of our fellow Sixth Formers in other schools, we are certainly hoping to avail ourselves of M. Liénard's offer to visit us again next November.

R. FRENCH, Upper Sixth Modern.

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#### L'ANGLAIS TEL QU'ON LE PARLE

and

#### LES PRECIEUSES RIDICULES

The School Hall was crowded to capacity by pupils from nineteen schools for the performance given in March by the Troupe Francaise under the auspices of the Forest Divisional Executive. We were treated to an excellent rendering of both plays and the frequent outbursts of laughter which greeted Tristan Bernard's little comedy were adequate testimony to the enjoyment of those present.

We have to thank Mr. Sandham for collecting and arranging the excellent scenery for both plays.



Montagu's Harrier.

Linocut by R. W. Blackstaff, IV A.

## THE SOCIETIES

### MUSIC SOCIETY, 1948-9

THE Music Society re-assembled in September, 1948. A meeting was called at which helpful suggestions were forthcoming and recorded. It was decided to hold weekly meetings if possible, and this has been accomplished with few exceptions. However, a great many of the boys sufficiently interested to give suggestions were, it was discovered, unwilling to support the subsequent meetings.

At the first meeting of the previous Committee there was much disagreement over the suggested policy and as a result the Chairman was forced to accept resignations from two members. This was regretted since at this early stage the Society was in need of all available assistance. Nevertheless, a few boys co-operated with Mr. Wright and arranged programmes which have been very interesting. At the end of each term boys spent much time in rehearsing for 'End of Term' Concerts in order to give good performances. At the Concerts there have been vocal and instrumental items, including pianoforte solos and duets, and items by the School Orchestra. At other meetings talks were given by the Chairman on Beethoven's Pastoral, Sibelius' First and Tchaikovsky's Fourth and Pathétique Symphonies. We have also had talks on the popular Piano Concertos of Rachmaninoff, Tchaikovsky and Grieg, and, in contrast, the unfamiliar Second Piano Concerto by Arthur Bliss. A very interesting talk on Chopin was given by Edwards of the Upper Sixth Science, and we had a programme of Organ Music and two piano recitals by the Chairman. Some of the most enjoyable of our meetings have been those which we entitled 'Something We Know' in which we included popular Overtures, Concertos and Symphonies, and the meeting to which several boys brought along their favourite records. This particular programme included works varying from Traditional to Modern Russian Music. In the Autumn term we held a programme of opera of which the main work was composed of excerpts from the famous 'Pagliacci,' and in the Spring term a programme of Ballet music including the immortal Ballet music of Tchaikovsky. Programmes of less familiar music have been the talks on the Planets Suite by Gustav Holst and those on Modern British and Russian music. The two Musical Quizzes we had were also very popular.

We should like to thank Mr. Bandey and Mr. Watkinson for their vocal items at the concerts and for their song recitals, and Dunham (5a) for his series of most beautifully painted posters displayed on the central notice-board each week.

It is indeed to be regretted that the results of so much work have not had the full support they deserved from the School in general. The concerts in particular warranted much larger audiences and much more recognition than they received.

S. J. L. KING, Secretary.

We are pleased to congratulate Willson, L. (4b) on attaining Grade II (Credit) and Chapman, D. (Upper Sixth Modern) on attaining Grade VI in the examinations of the Associated Board of Music.

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### THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

THE Dramatic Society has had a very successful season. In the Autumn we read four plays: "Oliver Cromwell" by John Drinkwater, "Captain Brassbound's Conversion" by George Bernard Shaw, "Doctor Knock" by Jules Romains and "Loyalties" by John Galsworthy. These play-readings were very useful in that they gave Mr. Sillis, our producer, a good idea of the capabilities of many of the boys who wished to take part in the School play. The climax of the Society's work was the presentation of Goldsmith's "She Stoops To Conquer" on April 1st and 2nd. Mention of this is made elsewhere in the "Roding." Previously on March 16th Act III of the play was acted at Chingford County High School in the Forest Division Secondary Schools' Drama Festival.

D. C. GORICK, Secretary.

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### THE CHESS CLUB

CHESS is quite definitely in the doldrums. The game will always have a somewhat limited appeal since it requires considerable patience from a beginner, and no little effort is needed in order to gain sufficient skill to enable the player to derive real pleasure from it. Moreover, it competes with an unofficial body of experts who prefer to hide their lights behind the protecting walls of the Physics laboratory. May we hope that members of the Sixth Form will descend to the depths in the coming year, and pass on to their juniors the fruits of their intensive researches?

S. A. HENDERSON, Secretary.

### DEBATING SOCIETY

ANOTHER year has passed during which the Society has continued to justify its existence by debates which, though few in number, have been marked frequently by intellectual brilliance. That this was the case was clearly shown by J. A. Burrow and S. A. Henderson in the splendid presentation of their "peace" ideals in the Inter-School Debate with Chigwell School, this year held in our own Library.

The future of this Society does not stand on a rock. It may be said of societies, as of books, that "some are to be tasted, others to be swallowed and some few to be chewed and digested," and it is too obvious that most members of the School, especially the Lower Sixth Forms, regard the Society as one which should not be even "tasted," still less "swallowed, chewed or digested."

We thank those members of the School and Staff who have attended the debates, Mr. Leek for our continued use of the Geography Room and Mr. Sillis, who, in the face of many difficulties and hardships, has brought us through the year content, cheerful and awaiting yet another year under his guidance.

E. C. COCKING, Secretary.

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### THE SIXTH FORM FORUM

WE have held two meetings so far this year and another is being arranged for this term. Both meetings have been fairly well attended, and the talks proved to be of great interest. Our first meeting was held on 1st December, 1948, when we were pleased to welcome Mr. Graydon. His talk, entitled "My War Experiences," was full of interest and shed light upon war-time life as seen from a soldier's point of view. He also expressed his views on the future of Europe.

At our next meeting on 28th January, 1949, Miss Crook talked on "Life in America To-day," and, as America had been in the news so much of late, we were all naturally very interested. Miss Crook dealt mainly with the similarities and differences in the American and English modes of living. She also spoke about school life in America. After the talk Miss Crook was questioned by members of the audience about various peculiarities in American life.

We are deeply grateful to the speakers and other members of the Staff who rendered great assistance to us. We hope that the Sixth Form Forum will be even more successful next year.

J. F. DAVIS, Secretary.

## THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

**I**TS exclusiveness jealously guarded, its activities of necessity obscure, dwarfed by its elder brethren, the new-formed Classical Society has slowly yet confidently flourished within its own sphere, nourished by the studious assiduity of a select few of the Upper Sixth.

With the invaluable assistance of the Classics Master, the Society's activities were extended during the Autumn term to a reading, not entirely unaided, of Euripides' "Hecuba": the Society also enjoyed two short lectures on the style, structure and substance of Greek tragedy.

With the advance of the Spring term, a sense of impending examination appreciably damped the members' ardour; yet four meetings were held; the Society heard a further lecture upon the Greek drama, and even extended this privilege to several members of the Sixth not normally within the pale.

The examinations upon us, the Society temporarily suspended its activities; but it may yet have some record to show for the closing weeks of its second year.

During the past year the members have twice been present at London performances of Greek plays; the "Medea" at the Globe, and "Alcestis" at the Institute of Education. On the occasion of the latter production a few selected members of the Upper Sixth were invited to attend and gladly availed themselves of the opportunity.

Prospects for next year are at present a little indefinite; but if the Society is to prolong its existence beyond the effective school-life of its founders, then clearly new members must be initiated. Thus we hope the scholars lower down in the school will betray no tardiness or want of zeal in emulating their predecessors.

A. F. BOYCE, Secretary.

## STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

**A**T last a School Christian Society has been formed. After a few informal meetings and with the help of certain members of the Staff, the Group, shortly to be affiliated to the Student Christian Movement, was established.

During the year the Movement has been growing slowly but surely and the meetings have remained interesting and informative,

especially because of the friendly friction of varying convictions. "Belief in God" and "What difference does it make to be a Christian?" have been discussion subjects and at one question-time queries on women's make-up and re-incarnation were answered with candour. This summer a series of talks, followed by questions about the various sections of the Christian Church, has been enjoyed.

Several other schools in the neighbourhood are interested in co-operating in the inter-school activities. We have taken a lead in this and would be glad of every reader's help in continuing with this work. The best way you can help is to come along to the meetings, and having come yourself, to bring a friend.

The S.C.M. Committee.

## MY GARDEN

There is an elm at the end of my lawn  
Where all the birds they feed and fawn,  
But they fly when they see my great big cat,  
And my scarecrow frightens them with his hat.

He waves his arm when the big wind blows,  
But when it is calm birds sit on his nose;  
There is a crow who eats all my seeds,  
And I swear I'll get him for his bad deeds.

Among my lilies once there grew  
A tiny iris of purple hue,  
But the cruel wind off his head did blow,  
And he died in winter in the cold, cold snow.

But let us leave all care aside,  
Because it is now Eastertide,  
And from my garden I will bring  
Many flowers in this happy Spring.

T. BOWRING, I.G.

## ENLIGHTENMENT ON MUSIC IN THE LIGHTER MOOD

**M**MUSIC has been defined as "the rhythmic combination of tones, vocal or instrumental, embracing melody and harmony." To the lover of the classical style, only one type of music merits respect—that of Bach, Handel, Wagner and the many other exponents of the symphony. What of the music created by the negroes in New Orleans and Chicago?

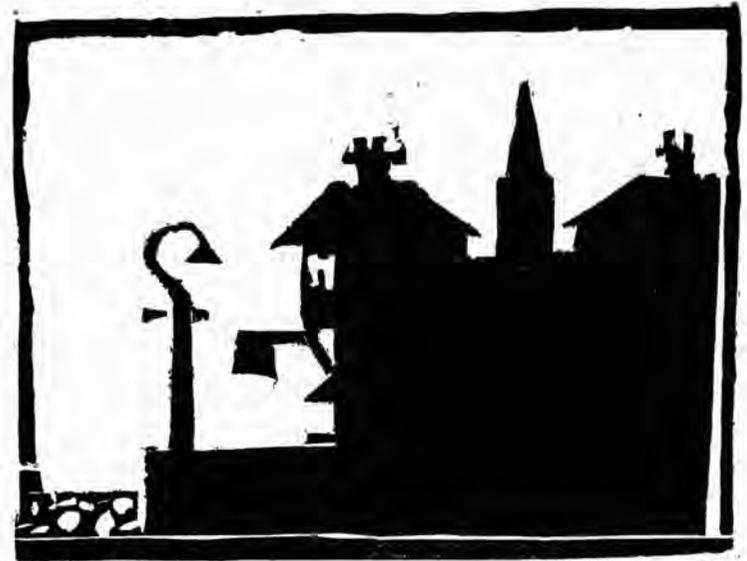
Such music is notable for the acceleration of rhythm, and the inclusion of various instruments such as the trumpet, trombone, clarinet, piano, guitar and drum. When such instruments were played together, each with a different melody, the result was given the name Jazz. The pioneers were Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, "Hot Lips" Page and "Fats" Waller. These, most of them negroes, worked out a new branch of jazz called Swing.

Swing resembles jazz in many respects ; although it is usually played by a larger band, and sometimes the alto and tenor saxophones together with a bass have replaced the clarinet. Such music, played by the band in a continuous tempo unlike that of the symphony, offers wider opportunities for dancing. The pioneers of swing are Charlie Barnet, Count Basie, Tommy Dorsey, Lionel Hampton, Harry James, Gene Krupa and the late Glen Miller.

Swing in its turn gave rise to yet another variation—that is, "Be-Bop." Be-Bop originated when the musician in addition to the dancers "let himself go." It is faster than swing and influenced to some extent by such modern serious composers as Bartok and Khachaturian. John "Dizzie" Gillespie originated Be-Bop with its new jargon, such as "a square" (that is, a lover of classical music).

The final development in light music is Modern Concert Music, where Swing and Be-Bop are combined with classical music. This was originated by Stan Kenton, when he united Bach and Handel with Gillespie and Basie. Stan Kenton has some qualifications, having played in the Philadelphia Orchestra and studied symphonic music, and has at last bridged the gap between Swing and classical music ; so "Music in the Lighter Mood" is no longer completely discordant.

E. BATTERSHALL, III A.



Silent Village.

Linocut by M. Dickinson, II B.



Herne Hill  
Linocut by  
B. C. Hyde, V B.

## SPORT

### FIRST ELEVEN FOOTBALL

WE have first to record with regret the departure of Mr. Lees at the end of the Autumn Term, and the team would like to take the earliest opportunity of expressing its gratitude to him for all that he has done and to Mr. Leek for taking over his duties.

Of twenty-one matches played nine were won, ten lost and two drawn—facts which perhaps do not warrant the statement that the team has had a fairly successful season. But it ought to be said that in seven of the ten defeats the team was not at full strength.

When Nightingale had left and Bales after much hard practice had replaced him in goal, Hayward been substituted for Hearn at right-back and Hearn moved to left-half, the team at last settled down. Before this, however, we had lost three of the four matches played: Dagenham and Monoux had very strong sides and beat us easily. In a hard match against Forest School the team had most of the play and showed signs of the better co-operation which was a feature of the matches for the rest of that term. Bales had played steadily and well in goal, even excellently against the Old Boys, and Hayward, improving with every match, and Utting, once they had rid themselves of the impression that each had his own territory to defend, developed a sound understanding. The half-back line especially was proving very strong. Trowbridge and Chambers, though young, played well on the wings and the two inside-forwards, sometimes lacking in energy, certainly knew what to do with the ball when they were in possession. We lost heavily to a brilliant Romford Royal Liberty team, but except for a lapse here team-spirit was very evident, especially so in the matches against Leyton and the Old Boys.

Unfortunately the demands of cross-country proved a stumbling block, for Bales, captain of the School cross-country team, had to run in several races. Had we not been thus disorganised, I am sure that we would have beaten Dagenham.

We have always looked forward to the usual tussle away at Forest School and, as last year, we returned muddy and victorious. The absence of Bales in the second match against the Old Boys again hampered the team and we lost a good match narrowly. Having lost to Romford 10—1 at home we were determined to win away, and with the defence playing very hard, with two excellent first-half goals from Penny and Cooper and encouraged

by Mr. Lees from the touch-line we held them to a 2—2 draw. Whether or not exhausted by this match, we were defeated in the last three games of the season; these last matches showed that ability alone cannot win a game—enthusiasm is also necessary. The former we never lacked, the latter we sometimes did.

Penny, Hills, Cooper and Howard obtained awards and Gilbert a re-award of colours.

Team: Bales; Hayward, Utting, Hiscott; Hills, Howard, Hearn; Chambers, Penny, Gilbert, Cooper, Trowbridge.

Brown, A. F., Chapman, D., Kirman and Oliver also played in the team during the season.

S. J. GILBERT (Captain).

### RESULTS

1948				
Sep. 25	Stratford G.S.	Home	draw	4—4
Oct. 2	Dagenham C.H.S.	Away	lost	1—11
Oct. 9	Sir George Monoux G.S.	Away	lost	3—8
Oct. 16	Forest School	Home	lost	1—3
Oct. 23	East Ham G.S.	Home	won	3—0
Nov. 6	Old Boys' Second Eleven	Home	won	15—0
Nov. 13	Leyton C.H.S.	Away	won	4—2
Nov. 20	Stratford G.S.	Away	won	3—1
Nov. 27	Ilford C.H.S.	Away	won	3—1
Dec. 4	Romford Royal Liberty School	Home	lost	1—10
Dec. 11	Old Boys	Home	won	4—1
1949				
Jan. 22	Dagenham C.H.S.	Home	lost	1—2
Feb. 5	Chigwell School	Away	lost	1—3
Feb. 12	Forest School	Away	won	4—2
Feb. 19	Old Boys	Home	lost	2—3
Feb. 26	Leyton C.H.S.	Home	won	5—1
Mar. 5	Parmiter's School	Away	won	5—2
Mar. 12	Romford Royal Liberty School	Away	draw	2—2
Mar. 19	East Ham G.S.	Away	lost	0—2
Mar. 26	Ilford C.H.S.	Home	lost	1—3
Apr. 2	Stratford G.S.	Away	lost	1—3

### SECOND ELEVEN FOOTBALL

Although not maintaining the high standard of past years, the Second Eleven had a successful and thoroughly enjoyable season. The record does not give a true indication of the success of the team; only on one occasion was defeat by a greater margin than two goals suffered, and no fewer than four games were lost by the odd goal. The usual difficulties of team-building were experienced, injuries and First Eleven claims being abundant, but there was

never a lack of enthusiasm and willingness, a spirit which earned convincing victories against Dagenham, Leyton, Ilford and Stratford (twice) and which accounts for the fact that a draw was played with Ilford when the School was short of one player.

The team was chosen from : Woods ; Surrey, Hiscott ; Green, Chapman, Hunt ; Kirman, Brown, A. F., Hickman, Oliver, Roberts, Brown, B. E., Gray and White.

D. R. CHAPMAN (Captain).

### RESULTS

1948				
Sep. 25	Stratford G.S.	.....	Away	won 5—2
Oct. 2	Dagenham C.H.S.	.....	Home	lost 1—3
Oct. 9	Sir George Monoux G.S.	.....	Away	lost 2—3
Oct. 23	East Ham G.S.	.....	Away	draw 2—2
Nov. 13	Leyton C.H.S.	.....	Home	won 4—1
Nov. 20	*Royal Wanstead School	.....	Away	draw 1—1
Nov. 27	Ilford C.H.S.	.....	Home	won 6—0
Dec. 4	Romford Royal Liberty School	.....	Home	lost 2—3
1949				
Jan. 22	Dagenham C.H.S.	.....	Away	won 4—2
Feb. 5	*Royal Wanstead School	.....	Home	draw 3—3
Feb. 19	Buccaneers	.....	Home	lost 1—4
Feb. 26	Leyton C.H.S.	.....	Away	lost 3—4
Mar. 5	Parmiter's School	.....	Home	lost 2—3
Mar. 12	Romford Royal Liberty School	.....	Home	lost 2—4
Mar. 19	East Ham G.S.	.....	Home	draw 3—3
Mar. 26	Ilford C.H.S.	.....	Away	draw 2—2
Apr. 2	Stratford G.S.	.....	Home	won 6—1

\* Under 16½ years.

### UNDER 14 FOOTBALL ELEVEN

The team was not very successful, winning only three games out of ten, with one game cancelled owing to fog. We had a very fine win against Ilford School, made all the more momentous by the fact that they had not been beaten previously. Very bad luck was received when the former captain, Kinnison, was forbidden to play football for medical reasons. Owing to this several changes had to be made, and as can be realised, the team suffered very much from his absence.

The following boys have represented the School in this team : Burnes, Clancy, Cook, Colby, Coxwell, Driver, Foster, Goodwin, Gould, Hawkes, Jones, P. H., Kinnison, Lindsay, Porter, Redding, Spindler, Thomas, Webb, Webster.

K. F. DRIVER (Captain).

### RESULTS

1948				
Oct. 2	Dagenham C.H.S.	.....	Home	lost 1—5
Oct. 9	Sir George Monoux G.S.	.....	Home	lost 2—5
Oct. 23	East Ham G.S.	.....	Away	lost 2—4
Nov. 13	Leyton C.H.S.	.....	Away	won 6—1
Nov. 27	Ilford C.H.S.	.....	Away	won 4—3
1949				
Jan. 22	Dagenham C.H.S.	.....	Away	lost 0—6
Jan. 29	Sir George Monoux G.S.	.....	cancelled	
Feb. 26	Leyton C.H.S.	.....	Home	won 6—2
Mar. 5	Parmiter's School	.....	Away	lost 1—6
Mar. 19	East Ham G.S.	.....	Home	lost 2—4
Mar. 26	Ilford C.H.S.	.....	Home	lost 3—4

### FIRST ELEVEN HOCKEY

Considering that this has been the first playing season of the School hockey team, it has been a most successful one. The scores of the matches lost were not, in many cases, indicative of the run of the play, and even the results of the matches won do not flatter.

In general the success of the team was due to a stout defence. A fine goalkeeper has been found in Owen, who, with two excellent backs, Jolly and McGregor, in front of him, has saved the day on many occasions. Heath, a Fourth Former, has played well at right-half, while Maitland, at centre-half, has constantly held the team together. The left-half position for the first half of the season was filled by Solomon, but the team was kindly and well helped out by Twyman and Pettit in the second half, just as the forward line was helped by Aley.

Not until late in the season did each member of the forward line discover that there were four others playing with him. The right wing consisted of Stabler and Rayner, the left wing of Southwell and Forsyth, with L. Brown at centre-forward. Rayner was the outstanding player, often being the only forward with spirit and dash.

I should like to thank Miss Faint for providing some excellent teas ; Maitland, for his invaluable work as team secretary, and above all Mr. Kingston for the hard work he has done in providing the team with clean balls and a clearly marked pitch.

This season has been a good one. The next can be even better if boys will bring their own sticks ; otherwise only a few will get a game each week.

L. W. T. BROWN (Captain).

## RESULTS

Barking Abbey	lost	7—1
Ilford Hockey Club	drawn	3—3
Loughton Youth Fellowship	won	9—2
Bancroft's	drawn	2—2
Bancroft's	won	4—3
Bancroft's Second	drawn	2—2
Loughton School	drawn	4—4
Woodford Wanderers	lost	7—2
Loughton School	won	3—2
Bancroft's Second	lost	3—1
Barking Abbey	lost	3—2
Buckhurst Hill C.A.	won	7—1
Loughton Youth Fellowship	won	2—1
Loughton Youth Fellowship	lost	3—2

### THE SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

If one estimates the success of a team by its results, then this season has been disappointing; however, if one is to take into account the enjoyment obtained by its members both in training and running then this season has been a successful one. Our first fixture was a three miles race at Woodford Green for the Smeed Cup. The School only managed to finish sixth out of seven competing schools.

Overy, 18th; Doe 22nd; Rendu, 25th; Tyler, 26th.

Millington, Oliver, Kirman and Bales also ran.

The race for the Burn Cup, over approximately four miles, was held this year at Newport, Essex. The course itself was rather different from that to which we had become accustomed, as a great deal of it was run over hard farm tracts. However, Low ran very well to finish tenth against some strong opposition. The School team repeated its performance of the previous year by finishing eleventh out of thirteen schools.

Low, 10th; Rendu, 17th; Bales, 34th; Oliver, 35th.

Doe, Overy, Millington and Tyler also ran.

In the third race of the season, the Essex Youths Championship over three miles, the School team had to be changed in order to comply with age limits. Low once again distinguished himself by finishing second, whilst the remainder of the team ran extremely well to finish fourth out of thirteen school and athletic clubs.

Low, 2nd; Overy, 17th; Coyle, 38th; Millington, 44th.

Sparks and Oliver also ran.

The following boys have been awarded cross-country Colours: Low, Overy, Doe and Rendu.

In concluding my report I should like to express on behalf of all boys connected with our branch of athletics, our deep regret at the death of Mr. Grover. I feel sure that his short stay has given us some useful advice on how to tackle next season; may his devotion to the sport be an inspiration to us all.

K. F. BALES (Cross-Country Captain).

## CROSS-COUNTRY

### or The Wind and the Rain

On Monday, April 4th, the first forms and juniors puffed whilst the gale blew; on the following day the seniors quite literally had their ardour damped. Indeed, the clerk of the weather did everything within his power to ensure that our cross-country races should be run in true British fashion, and to correct the impression he gave last year that this was a mid-summer's activity.

Nevertheless, just short of 400 members of the School turned out to make a real success of the event and, despite the elements, to enjoy the experience much more than many of them had anticipated. Our one regret was that Mr. Grover was prevented by illness from being with us to enjoy the fruits of his labours.

The Junior and Senior courses were rather longer than those used last year, so that a comparison of times would be misleading; the winners' performances were very creditable indeed under the weather conditions prevailing. Roding won both events by a fairly comfortable margin, but it was good to see all Houses represented in the leading individual placings.

We wish to congratulate all winners; Shuttlewood and Low for their rousing struggle for supremacy in the first form event; 1C for their superb packing; Lucas for his victory in the Junior Race whilst still in the second form; Doe on gaining third place in the Senior event after winning the Junior Race last year—an outstanding achievement; and the noble fellow who completed the last half of the course in bare feet.

## RESULTS

### The First Year Run

1	Shuttlewood (1W)	.....	11 mins. 45 secs.
2	Low (1C)	.....	
3	Davis (1C)	.....	

Previous Best		Holder	Year		
10 mins. 48 secs.		Dunbar	1946		
do.		Lucas	1948		
1st	1C.	2nd	1G.	3rd	1W.
(29 runners)		(27 runners)		(25 runners)	
Name	Posn.	Name	Posn.	Name	Posn.
Low	2	Peters	4	Shuttlewood	1
Davis	3	Brant	6	Burley	19
Wilson	5	Smith	9	Regardsoe	22
Kendall	7	Adams	10	Brothers	26
Newton	8	Berrecloth	11	Hiscott	27
Madgwick	14	Harrington	12	Penny	28
Hunter	15	Whitaker	13	Surridge	32
West	16	Selby	18	Hall	33
Turbin	17	Howes	20	Gascoigne	38
Carter	21	Hammersley	25	Farmer	42
Compton	23	Willett	29	Peachey	43
Hobbs	24	Brandon	31	Sharp	46
Total 155		Total 188		Total 357	

### The Junior Run (New Course)

1	Lucas (Roding)	20 mins. 41 secs.
2	Cook (Hainault)	22 mins. 5 secs.
3	Driver (Roding)	22 mins. 12 secs.

1st Roding	2nd Chigwell	3rd Hainault	4th Forest
Name	Psn. Name	Psn. Name	Psn. Name
Lucas	1 Goodwin	9 Cook	2 Hawkes
Driver	3 Brown, E.	15 King	5 Williams
Pearman	4 Lindsev	16 Smith, P.	7 Arnold
Langley	6 Hunter	18 Cordell	19 Vincent
Western	10 Thurgood	20 Betts	21 Smith, R.
Marshall	14 Evans, A.	22 Aves	30 Porter
Brotherston	26 Allen	24 Alberry	31 Bonner
Ollenbittel	28 Gowan	25 Smedley	32 Assenheim
Thomas	35 Gould	27 Munday	34 Jamieson
Clark, D.	37 Redding	29 Battershall	38 Dalton
Wright	39 Sears	41 Penhallow	47 Saley
Clark, B.	40 Abrahams	43 Bambridge	54 Burns
Sands	42 Potter	48 Rogers	59 Crisp
Spindler	44 Rolfe	53 Holste	60 Guiver
Kent	45 Haddon	64 Alford	63 Cathcart
Fogg	46 Dunn, A.	67 Knights	71 Taylor, M.
Ringwood	52 Day	74 Skeet	73 Lebentz
Phillips	57 Waters	77 Bailey	76 Dunkley
Webster	61 Wilson	86 West	80 Gooderham
Wright	65 Blunt	90 Jones, P.	81 Bennington
Total 655		Total 848	
Total 883		Total 911	

House Points	7.2	House Points	5.8	House Points	5.6	House Points	5.4
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### The Senior Run (New Course)

1	Low (Forest)	27 mins. 49 secs.
2	Madgwick (Roding)	28 mins. 29 secs.
3	Doe (Hainault)	28 mins. 44 secs.

1st Roding	2nd Hainault	3rd Forest	4th Chigwell
Name	Psn. Name	Psn. Name	Psn. Name
Madgwick	2 Doe	3 Low	1 Chambers
Tovey	6 Kirman	11 Hayes	5 Overy
Clark	8 Forsyth	12 Powell	18 Rendu
Cooper	9 Harrington	16 Ringrose	20 Sparks
Dunbar	10 Schooley	23 Deeker	22 Stabler
Tyler	13 Waller	25 Hills	24 Jolly
Oliver, R.	14 Turrell	27 Fisher	33 Hitchcock
Harris	15 Killick	29 Williams	37 Penny
Savill	17 Bales	30 Fleetwood	39 Marks
Gilbert	21 Shave	35 Hiscott	42 Smart
Coyle	28 Green	41 Walling	47 Brett
Warren	32 Horne	43 Courtney, D.	48 Brown, A. F.
Heath	46 Lee	45 Webster	60 Nice
Hayward	50 Brown	49 French	63 Knell
Pettit	55 Henderson	51 Pallant	66 Chantree
Moore	56 Milburn	52 Francis	68 Hawkings
Oliver, P.	58 Pavitt	54 Gorick	71 Lacey, G.
Green, E.	69 Pethen	64 Southwell	73 Martin
Easlea	70 Rivers	65 Surrey	80 Rayner
Giblett	72 Foster	75 Courtney, J.	81 Hubbard
Total 651		Total 750	
Total 898		Total 963	

House Points	6.5	House Points	6.2	House Points	5.7	House Points	5.6
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## ATHLETICS

### Champion Russell and Campbell Cups

The Russell Cup was held at Ashton Playing Fields on May 31st, 1949. The School did very well under the circumstances to finish fourth. This placing was due largely to the efforts of the Junior and Middle Schools, who ran consistently and at times brilliantly. Cook ran very strongly to finish first in both the 100 and 220 yards.

The Campbell Cup was presented for the first time this year, and in this meeting, which was for relay teams only, the School distinguished itself, sharing first place with three other schools. Of the six teams which should have been entered we were only able to enter four because of the demands which cricket made upon the Senior School. The two junior teams, however, won their events, as did the Middle School 4 x 440 yards team. In the other

race our chances were marred by the failure of one boy to arrive, but Piper, acting as reserve, filled the gap at the last moment and ran with a determination which helped to put his team into the final and earned the School a valuable extra point.

Although among the seniors the standard of attainment is not very high, in the other part of the School there are a number of promising young athletes who, I am sure, will in the years to come establish the supremacy of the School on the athletic field.

A. HAYWARD (Captain of Athletics).

### ACADEMIC RESULTS

We congratulate the following boys on leading their forms for the School Year, 1948-9:—

	IVA	1. Barrett, R. P.	IVB	1. Chapman, J. B.	
		2. Ginn, R. W.		2. Partridge, S.	
IIR	1. Burt, L. J.	IIIA	1. Taylor, M. F.	IIIB	1. Phillips, A. H.
	2. Mayo, R. M.		2. Clark, B. J.		2. Lebentz, T. F.
IIR	1. Rigden, B.	IIA	1. Baynes, B. S.	IIB	1. Western, A. F.
	2. Jeffery, A.		2. Vincent, R. A.		2. Bailey, K. W.
IC	1. Masters, G.	IG	1. Wilkins, N. E.	IW	1. Thomas, P. A.
	2. Adshead, D. H.		2. Selby, J.		2. Fryer, T.

### BICKERSTETH CUP COMPETITION

The standard of attainment in this competition grows steadily from year to year and it is therefore to the additional credit of our competitors that, although there has been the unfortunate lack of coaching, four of them managed to achieve first places while a number of others obtained useful points from standards and lower placings, which finally gave the School third place.

The competition was held on the evenings of the 12th and 14th July, the first part consisting of the high and long jumps and the three throwing events. On this occasion Waller did sterling work to gain four second placings, while J. Taylor won his discus event with a fine throw which left his nearest rival many feet behind. Webb, who has been jumping very well this year, was unlucky not to win the under 13 high jump; he cleared 4 ft 8 ins., which is his new school record, together with another competitor, but had to be content with second place since he had had more failures; in the long jump, however, he did not really do himself justice, his run up being at fault, but this was not surprising under the particular conditions.

On the second evening the pole vault, hop step and jump, and hurdles were held and in these events our athletes put up such a good performance that we climbed from fifth to third place. In the under 14 hop step and jump Knights obtained second place and this success was followed by that of Chambers who cleared the very good distance of 39 ft. 7 ins. to win the

under 16 event. He also ran in the hurdles and obtained a point although on no previous occasion had he faced a full flight. The School is rapidly establishing a tradition in pole vaulting; Sands won the under 13 event, Alberry was second in the under 14 group and Deeker won in the under 16 group; to this jump Deeker also added a standard in the discus and on these achievements I should especially like to congratulate him for he has trained throughout the season in a quiet, scientific way, which must inevitably have been a good example to the rest of the team.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all those boys who throughout the season have given me their loyal support and maintained the reputation of the School upon the athletic field.

A. HAYWARD (Captain of Athletics).

### THE ATHLETIC SPORTS

Sports day was organised down to the last iota; there was even the A.A.A. official handbook which, it was felt, would cover every contingency. Officialdom, however, had nothing to say about the weather. Although the competition had to be abandoned before its conclusion we saw many good performances, especially in field events, where a number of new records were set up.

Following the usual custom, some of the field events, and the mile were decided before sports day, and here the most notable successes were those of Chambers in the hop, step and jump and Auvache in the javelin, his throw earning for him the cup for the best individual performance in the Under 13 age group. Bales won the mile, and later completed the double by taking the half, both of which races he won without serious opposition. Webb also jumped extremely well to raise the Under 13 high jump record by 3 inches. Waller also did well and monopolised the Under 15 events.

On Saturday, 16th July, the afternoon began with Colton, who has done much for the School athletics, establishing a well-deserved record in the senior high jump. In the sprints Penny, Waller, Cook and Lucas established their supremacy in their respective age groups. Cook's 100 yards is especially meritorious and must be ranked as the best of the 100 yards records.

In the open field events Penny dominated the other competitors and won the shot and long jump and subsequently the javelin with a throw of 177 ft. 10 ins.—a remarkable fact when it is considered that he has only just taken up the event.

At this point in the programme the deluge began. The remainder of the events were decided on Monday afternoon, when the notable achievements were Penny's javelin throw and a number of good relay races in which two records were broken.

A. W. HAYWARD.

## SPORTS RESULTS

- (1) **Shot (under 15)**: 1 Waller (H), 39 ft. 10 ins. (Record); 2 Greenaway (H), 3 Blackstaff (F).
- (2) **Discus (under 13)**: 1 Gosford (R), 77 ft. 1 in. (Record); 2 Macefield (F), 3 West (H).
- (3) **Javelin (under 13)**: 1 Auvache (F), 107 ft. 5 ins. (Record); 2 Abrahams (C), 3 Gosford (R).
- (4) **Javelin (under 15)**: 1 Waller (H), 130 ft. 10 ins. (Record); 2 Pavitt (H), 3 Taylor, J. R. (C).
- (5) **High Jump (under 13)**: 1 Webb (F), 4 ft. 7 ins. (Record); 2 Lucas (R), 3 King (H).
- (6) **High Jump (under 15)**: 1 (Dead-heat) Fisher (F)—Waller (H), 4 ft. 10 ins.; 3 Clark, D. V. (R).
- (7) **Long Jump (under 15)**: 1 Waller (H), 15 ft. 9½ ins.; 2 Fisher (F), 3 Marsh (C).
- (8) **Hop Step and Jump (under 13)**: 1 Burns (F), 31 ft. 8½ ins. (Record); 2 King (H), 3 Hayward (R).
- (9) **Hop Step and Jump (15 and over)**: 1 Chambers (C), 38 ft. 4 ins. (Record); 2 Hayward (R), 3 Wright (H).
- (10) **Pole Vault (under 13)**: 1 Sands (R), 7 ft. 3 ins.; 2 Peters (H), 3 Cook (H).
- (11) **Pole Vault (under 15)**: 1 Alberry (H), 7 ft. 0 ins.; 2 Pettit (R), 3 Limn (F).
- (12) **Pole Vault (15 and over)**: 1 Deeker (F), 9 ft. 7 ins.; 2 (Dead-heat) Turrell (H)—Tyler (R).
- (13) **One Mile (15 and over)**: 1 Bales (H), 4 mins. 58 secs.; 2 Cooper (R), 3 Overy (C).
- (14) **High Jump (15 and over)**: 1 Colton (C), 5 ft. 3¾ ins. (Record); 2 French (F), 3 Bales (H).
- (15) **Long Jump (under 13)**: 1 Lucas (R), 14 ft. 1½ ins.; 2 Betts (H), 3 Hawkes (F).
- (16) **100 Yards (under 12)**: 1 Howes (H), 13 secs.; 2 Collins (R), 3 Hunter (F).
- (17) **100 Yards (under 13)**: 1 Lucas (R), 12.1 secs.; 2 Hayward (R), 3 King (H).
- (18) **100 Yards (under 14)**: 1 Cook (H), 11.0 secs. (Record); 2 (Dead-heat) Pearman (R)—Taylor (F).
- (19) **100 Yards (under 15)**: 1 Waller (H), 11.4 secs.; 2 Gold (R), 3 Cracknell (F).
- (20) **100 Yards (under 16)**: 1 Chambers (C), 11.4 secs.; 2 Wright (H), 3 Trowbridge (F).
- (21) **100 Yards (16 and over)**: 1 Penny (C), 11.1 secs.; 2 Sparks (C), 3 Utting (H).
- (22) **Putting the Shot (15 and over)**: 1 Penny (C), 34 ft. 11 ins. (Record); 2 Grimby (C); 3 Cooper (R).
- (23) **Discus (under 15)**: 1 Taylor (C), 80 ft. 6 ins.; 2 Pavitt (H), 3 Colby (H).
- (24) **880 Yards (15 and over)**: 1 Bales (H), 2 mins. 10.4 secs.; 2 Shave (H), 3 Gilbert (R).
- (25) **Discus (15 and over)**: 1 Deeker (F), 103 ft. 1 in.; 2 Harris (R), 3 Colton (C).
- (26) **Hop, Step, Jump (under 15)**: 1 Knights (H), 34 ft. 1 inch.; 2 Gould (C), 3 Assenheim (F).
- (27) **220 Yards (under 13)**: 1 Lucas (R), 27.9 secs.; 2 Brotherston (R), 3 King (H).
- (28) **220 Yards (under 14)**: 1 Cook (H), 25.7 secs. (Equal to Record); 2 Pearman (R), 3 Taylor (F).

- (29) **220 Yards (under 15)**: 1 Waller (H), 25.4 secs. (Record); 2 Doe (H), 3 Fisher (F).
- (30) **220 Yards (under 16)**: 1 Trowbridge (F), 25.0 secs.; 2 Wright (H), 3 Brown, A. (C).
- (31) **220 Yards (16 and over)**: 1 Penny (C), 24.2 secs.; 2 Sparks (C), 3 Howard (F).
- (32) **Long Jump (15 and over)**: 1 Penny (C), 18 ft. 4 ins.; 2 Lacey (H), 3 Trowbridge (F).
- (33) **Putting the Shot (under 13)**: 1 Hawkes (F), 33 ft. 5 ins.; 2 Lucas (R), 3 Abrahams (C).
- (34) **440 Yards (under 15)**: 1 Doe (H), 59.2 secs.; 2 Rendu (C), 3 Fisher (F).
- (35) **440 Yards (under 16)**: 1 O'Neill (C), 57.0 secs.; 2 Chambers (C), 3 Turrell (H).
- (36) **440 Yards (16 and over)**: 1 Kirman (H), 58.2 secs.; 2 Bales (H), 3 Overy (C).
- (37) **Javelin (over 15)**: Penny (C), 177 ft. 10 ins. (Record); 2 Gilbert (R); 3 Colby (H).
- (38) **Relay (under 12)**: 1 (H) Howes, Davis, B. M., Peters, Kendall, 60.1 secs.; 2 (R) Hammersley, Burnand, Barrecloth, Collins; 3 (F) Yeowell, Whitacker, Low, Hunter.
- (39) **Relay (under 13)**: 1 (R) Lucas, Gosford, Brotherston, Hayward, 55.2 secs.; 2 (H) Betts, King, MacGillivray, Smedley; 3 (F) Auvache, Hawkes, McIntyre, Burns.
- (40) **Relay (under 14)**: 1 (H) Cook, Colby, A., Smith, P. J., Knights, 53 secs. (Record); 2 (R) Pearman, Spindler, Driver, Langley; 3 (F) Williams, Lebentz, Saley, Taylor.
- (41) **Relay (under 15)**: 1 (H) Waller, Doe, Streeton, Pavitt, 52.4 secs.; 2 (R) Burt, Pettit, Clancy, Gold; 3 (C) Rendu, Hitchcock, Brett, Smart.
- (42) **Relay (under 16)**: 1 (C) Brown, L., Brown, A., Chambers, Maitland, 51.4 secs.; 2 (H) Colby, Wright, Piper, Turrell; 3 (R) Tovey, Cooper, Giblett, Clark.
- (43) **Relay (16 and over)**: 1 (C) Penny, Sparks, Colton, Hearn, 50.0 secs.; 2 (H) Schooley, Utting, Kirman, Horne; 3 (R) Hickman, Oliver, Cole, Gilbert.

### HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

- (1) Hainault, 111; (2) Roding, 69; (3) Ohigwell, 65; (4) Forest, 49.

### COMMENTARY AFTER THE NEWS

The School Sports of 1949 will be remembered for many reasons—our distinguished guest doing the honours, as far as Olympus itself would let him, in an Olympic blazer; our athletic captain unwillingly taking it all sitting down; the weather competing for first place in the quarter-mile and who can forget the record it established? The Old Boys may chuckle at their escape, but next year let them bring oilskins and gum-boots, umbrellas if they will, for run they shall.

Loyalists of Hainault will be proud of their third successive victory even though it does not win the cup outright; others will point to three Javelin records smashed in the year in which Tarlton won his blue. Cricketers will rejoice that their Captain discarded

his flannels to score a "six" and to clean-bowl two records. Colton too, after personally nursing the run-up to a stage of perfection, has at last given the school a record to beat Slade's under-fifteen jump that has, for six years, been a slight to our seniors. And if a full programme did not permit us to exhibit Deeker up the pole, we hope that before you read this in print, he will have publicly doubled Colton's best.

Of the younger generation, Cook, with perhaps the most brilliant sprint yet seen on the school field, brought the under-fourteen record for the 100 yards within a tenth of a second of Bryett's own open record, while Waller forcefully ploughed his way through all opposition and three records, to win the best performance cup for his group.

Of the Juniors, Auvache again kept up the family tradition with the Javelin and so earned the other best performance cup, while Webb and Sands gave warning that we may soon have to make longer rulers for measuring the height of the bar. Lucas, too, put in some good all-round performances to be top-scorer for his House.

While such individual performances inevitably stand out at any sports meeting, let it be noted that sixty-six boys (apart from relay teams) scored for their houses; for many of us it will remain a memory of a very keen match, the relays especially keenly contested and well-run in the way we now feel that "Buckhurst" relays always will be, showing sportsmanship at its very best. It was, we all feel, the most fitting tribute we could pay to one who in a very short time, had helped to carry our athletic tradition one step forward.

### FIRST XI CRICKET

Once again the School Team has enjoyed a very successful season, this being due not only to individual merit, but to a team spirit among the players, essential to any eleven.

The table of results shows that of ten matches played six have been won, three drawn and only one lost. The remaining fixtures are those against the Staff's and Parents' elevens.

The only match lost was that against Woodford Wells C.C., the first fixture, but since this the team has never looked back. Perhaps the most exciting match was that against Wanstead. Batting on a dampish wicket, the School Team was dismissed for the meagre total of thirty-six. Fighting back, however, the School Team had Wanstead all out for twenty-two runs.

As in previous years, the team has lacked a really good opening pair of batsmen. Of the present two, Tarran has played very consistently, his highest score being twenty-nine against Forest

School, but perhaps his best innings was that against Wanstead, when he scored fourteen out of the side's total of thirty-six. Jolly, the other, has never really got off the mark, his play often being marred by bad luck; however, he has settled down now and scored a commendable nineteen not out against East Ham. The most successful batsman has been Chapman, D. Often going to the wicket when the first batsmen have failed, he has held the side together on many occasions. His best score to date is thirty five not out, scored against the Old Boys' XI. A fast improving batsman is Roberts, the regular number four of the side, who after a bad start has figured in some good partnerships.

Of the bowlers, I think Cooper has been the most hostile and most accurate. His best performances are 6—21 against Leyton, this including a hat-trick, and 4—19 against Loughton C.C. He has taken thirty-two wickets to date. Bales, another stock bowler started the season bowling steadily, but with little luck. In the match against Dagenham, however, he took 6—13.

Of the other players, Gilbert, our regular wicket-keeper has always kept well, conceding few byes, and has scored some valuable runs, whilst L. Brown and Trowbridge, included as batsman and bowler respectively have never been called upon to show what they are really capable of. Hills, a very smart fielder and free hitting batsman has also played well.

Colours have been awarded this season to Cooper, and re-awarded to Penny and Chapman.

R. PENNY (Captain).

It only remains to add that the admirable spirit of the 1st XI is in no small measure due to the example set by their captain. To a person who is by nature quiet and unassuming, the duties of this office never come easily, but by his own enthusiasm and keenness in the field he has engendered a spirit among the others which has more than compensated for the team's weaknesses. His performance for the Essex Schools against the Club and Ground is indicative of his promise as a bowler.

### RESULTS

Date	Opponents	Results	Scores	
			For	Against
14/5/49	Woodford Wells C.C.	Lost	58	103-9
18/5/49	Forest School	Won	84	33
21/5/49	Old Boys' XI	Won	85-6	79
28/5/49	Loughton C.C.	Draw	50-8	82-9
8/6/49	Sir George Monoux G.S.	Won	52-4	50
11/6/49	Wanstead C.H.S.	Won	36	22
18/6/49	Old Boys' XI	Draw	110-5	87-9
25/6/49	Leyton C.H.S.	Won	38-5	37
2/7/49	Dagenham C.H.S.	Won	44-2	39
9/7/49	East Ham G.S.	Draw	51-2	76

## SECOND ELEVEN CRICKET

Despite the usual lack of fixtures, this season has been successful for the Second Eleven, since in six matches we have won three and lost the others creditably. The bowling has proved better than our batting, with Webster, borrowed from the Under Fifteen Eleven, as our most successful bowler, having taken 9 wickets for 17 runs.

At Royal Wanstead we met with one, Traxton, whose swerve and spin confounded our batsmen, and who undoubtedly won the game for our opponents. Prestige and confidence were recovered at Loughton, however, where Surrey hit the bowling well and Colton took 7 wickets for 6 runs. There too we had the spectacle of the tall, angular Burrow powerfully tapping the ball for singles, amassing a total of 19. The match against Wanstead County High School was lost because of our own misfielding, despite Webster's fine innings of 14. As a result of Surrey's bowling, Waller's batting, and our own excellent fielding we overcame the Leyton cricketers, but failed miserably at Dagenham after being 40 runs for 3 wickets, Utting scoring 23 runs. A record first wicket partnership between Burrow and Stabler, and hard hitting by Brown and Utting, enabled us to beat East Ham by 7 wickets. May I thank the team for their excellent team spirit which made our games very enjoyable?

### RESULTS

Date	Opponents	Results	Scores	
			For	Against
14/5/49	Royal Wanstead 1st XI	Away Lost	36	52
21/5/49	Loughton School 1st XI	Away Won	69	18
11/6/49	Wanstead C.H.S. 2nd XI	Away Lost	36	38-7
25/6/49	Leyton C.H.S. 2nd XI	Away Won	51-9	36
2/7/49	Dagenham C.H.S. 2nd XI	Away Lost	46	51
9/7/49	East Ham G.S. 2nd XI	Home Won	55-3	51

### BEST AVERAGES

Utting	.....	36 runs—4 innings	.....	9
Webster	.....	9 wickets—17 runs	.....	1.88

N. F. OVERY (Captain).

## UNDER 14 CRICKET ELEVEN

The team made a bad start to the season by losing the first two matches, at home to Wanstead and away to Leyton. In the next match, however, it showed considerable improvement in beating Dagenham and this was sustained in the match against East Ham.

The following boys represented the team during the course of the season: Aves, Driver, Gould, Hawkes, Jones, Knights, Lebentz, McIntyre, Spindler, Taylor, J., Webb, Wooler.

A. J. COLBY (Captain).

Date	Opponents	RESULTS	Results	Scores	
				For	Against
11/6/49	Wanstead C.H.S.	.....	Lost	33	38
25/6/49	Leyton C.H.S.	.....	Lost	58	59-8
2/7/49	Dagenham C.H.S.	.....	Won	*74-4	41
9/7/49	East Ham G.S.	.....	Won	*84-4	39

\* Declared.

## HOUSE NOTES

### CHIGWELL

The House Championship is not yet decided, but Chigwell is in a very favourable position, all depending on the remaining cricket matches and the rest of the athletic sports.

In football, we finished last with only eight points, this being due mainly to a lack of teamwork amongst the senior XI, and a lack of enthusiasm amongst the junior. 11.4 points were obtained in the cross-country runs, Chigwell finishing a creditable third in the competition. Chambers and Overy must be congratulated on finishing fourth and seventh respectively in the senior race. Of the two senior matches played in the cricket competition, one has been won and the other drawn, whilst the Juniors have lost their only match played. Better results than this must be obtained if we are to win this year.

There is still much to be desired in the performance of the House, but I should like to thank all those, who in supporting it with such loyalty and keenness have put it in its present position.

R. PENNY (Captain).

### FOREST

Although the House Championship has not yet been decided, Forest House is in a very strong position. The credit for this should go mainly to the Juniors, where an increase in House enthusiasm has led to much improved performances on the field.

In the football competition, the Senior team, admirably led by Hills, was undefeated. The Juniors although having a strong side on paper met with little success.

Cross-Country was as usual the House weakness and we took last place. Credit must, however, be given to the brothers Low, the elder winning the senior run and the younger finishing second in the first-form run.

Cricket was undoubtedly the house strong point. The Juniors won their three games and the Seniors although weakened by the loss of C. A. Gray, G. Hunt and C. Nightingale during the year were also unbeaten.

The Athletic Sports have been decided, and the House team seemed to consist of little more than four "men"—Deeker, Trowbridge, Fisher and Hawkes. This was not due to lack of enthusiasm on the part of the Juniors. Some strove heroically but were not quite good enough.

In short it has been a good year for Forest who stand a chance of winning the Championship for the first time since 1946. We suffered a great loss when Mr. Lees left. Mr. Graydon sportingly stepped into his shoes and seems to have inspired the House to even greater things. Thanks are also due to Tarran, Hawkes and Porter for the captaincy of House teams and to those who supported them wholeheartedly.

C. C. ROBERTS (Captain).

#### HAINAULT HOUSE

At the time of going to press the House Championship is incomplete and still extremely open, with Hainault challenging Forest strongly for premier position.

As was the case last year our Juniors strove very hard and were the mainstay of the House. In football they were unbeaten as was the case last season, it so happened, however, that the Seniors did not have the talent to emulate the grand performance of their Junior counterparts.

In the cross-country races we were unable to repeat the success of the previous year and only managed to finish second. Nevertheless there were several individual performances, namely, Cook's in the Junior Race and Doe's third in the Senior Race against boys several years older.

Cricket has once again been Hainault's stumbling-block and although we still have a Senior and Junior match to play no one can feel satisfied with our performance. In passing I should like to congratulate Colby, A. J. on his fine leadership of the School Under 14 XI during the past season.

As for the Athletic Sports which Hainault have won for the third year in succession, I should like to congratulate all those boys who helped the House to accomplish this feat, especially Waller whose efforts for the School and House were truly outstanding. In fact the House talent in the Junior School promises very well for the immediate years ahead.

In conclusion I think we may congratulate ourselves on the position which we now hold and look forward to the 1949-1950 Championship with optimism.

K. F. BALES (Captain).

#### RODING

Since the House Championship is not yet completed we can congratulate none of our rivals—we will therefore congratulate ourselves upon our present position in the Championship. As last year, the Senior Football team proved very strong and did not lose a match. The Junior team was lacking in co-ordination for the first half of the season but later settled down and played, well, enabling us to gain second place in football. Lucas led the Junior Cross-Country Team home and we won by a comfortable margin, although the difference in the actual number of points awarded on the basis of the Championship was no more than the number for a drawn match in football or cricket.

As for cricket, the Junior team has played badly and the Senior not brilliantly but doggedly. In the Sports our Juniors were mainly responsible for our gaining second place and Lucas, as in the Cross-Country, did very creditably. I do not think that Roding can win the Championship this year but, at least, we can be satisfied that every member has given of his best. A. W. HAYARD (Capt.).

#### VALETE

We send our best wishes to the following, who will be leaving at the end of this term:—

**Buggey, R. F. W.** 1942-1949; School Certificate, 1947; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949.

**Chapman, D. R.** 1943-1949; School Prefect; First Eleven Football, 1947-1948; Captain of Second Eleven Football; First Eleven Cricket; Matriculation, 1947; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949.

**Colton, A. E.** 1942-1949; Second Eleven Cricket; School Athletic Team; School Certificate, 1947; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949.

**Edwards, R. E.** 1941-1949; School Prefect, 1947-1949; Matriculation, 1946; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949.

**Gilbert, S. J.** 1941-1949; Second Prefect and Library Prefect, 1947-1948; School Captain and Head Prefect; Captain of First Eleven Football; First Eleven Cricket; School Athletic Team; Captain of Roding House, 1947-1948; Matriculation, 1946; Higher School Certificate and Exemption from Intermediate B.A., 1948; Open Scholarship in English to Lincoln College, Oxford, 1949; Editor of School Magazine.

**Harris, J. L.** 1942-1949 ; School Prefect ; School Cross-Country Team ; Matriculation, 1947 ; sat for Higher School Cert., 1949.

**Hawker, M. F.** 1943-1949 ; School Certificate, 1947 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949.

**Hayes, C. E.** 1942-1949 ; School Certificate, 1947 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949.

**Hayward, A. W.** 1942-1949 ; School Prefect ; Captain of Roding House ; First Eleven Football ; Captain of Athletics ; Matriculation, 1947 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949.

**Hickman, P. L. V.** 1942-1949 ; Third Prefect ; Second Eleven Football ; School Athletic Team ; Matriculation, 1947 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949 ; Open Exhibition in Mathematics at Nottingham University, 1949 ; Magazine Committee.

**Horne, A. J.** 1942-1949 ; School Cross-Country Team ; School Orchestra ; Matriculation, 1947 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949.

**Jolly, A. C.** 1943-1949 ; School Prefect ; First Eleven Cricket ; First Eleven Hockey ; Matriculation, 1947 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949.

**Knell, D. C.** 1942-1949 ; School Orchestra, 1947 ; School Certificate ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949.

**Madgwick, K. S. A.** 1942-1949 ; Matriculation, 1947 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949.

**Penny, R. K.** 1942-1949 ; First Eleven Football ; Captain of First Eleven Cricket ; School Athletic Team ; Captain of Chigwell House ; Matriculation, 1947 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949.

**Ranner, P. J.** 1942-1949 ; Matriculation, 1947 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949.

**Roberts, C. C.** 1944-1949 ; Second Eleven Football ; First Eleven Cricket ; Captain of Forest House ; Matriculation, 1947 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949.

**Salmon, E. J. G.** 1942-1949 ; Matriculation, 1947 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949.

**Shave, K. J.** 1942-1949 ; Captain of School Cross-Country Team, 1947-1948 ; School Athletic Team ; Matriculation, 1947 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949.

**Smith, R. H. D.** 1941-1949 ; School Prefect, 1947-1949 ; School Certificate, 1946 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949.

**Sparks, B. M.** 1943-1949 ; School Cross-Country Team ; School Athletic Team ; Matriculation, 1947 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949.

**Tarran, P. A.** 1946-1949 ; First Eleven Cricket ; Matriculation, 1947 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949 ; Open Scholarship in Engineering at University College, Southampton, 1949.

**Tedder, G. L.** 1946-1949 ; Matriculation, 1947 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949.

**Twyman, V. R.** 1942-1949 ; Second Prefect and Library Prefect ; First Eleven Hockey ; School Orchestra ; Matriculation, 1947 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1949 ; Magazine Committee.

Our good wishes go also to all Fifth Form boys and others who will be leaving at the end of the School year 1948-1949.

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**Head Prefect and School Captain :**

S. J. Gilbert.

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