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EDITORIAL

"Donata reponere laeti"

MOST of my predecessors have expounded in the editorial their views on various topics, mostly religious and political; but taking my cue from S. J. Gilbert, the 1948 Editor, I will endeavour to write for the whole school, rather than produce a literary masterpiece for the digestion of the Sixth Form.

Searching around for a suitable line of thought it suddenly became apparent to me that as yet no-one has written an article or editorial on the school motto. At this last word I fear many will be tempted to throw down the magazine in disgust, but I hope tolerance will prevail a little longer in the reader's mind.

What does the motto mean? A rough translation is "Repay joyfully those things you have received." This is not far removed from Christ's own words, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Here is something for the members of the school to take to heart. Education is given us and we have the opportunity to use or abuse it. Surely we ought to do our best to repay all that we have received from the school by loyal service to it, and carry that spirit of service into our lives as citizens? Our school will however not achieve greatness while the members of it only show interest in the school sporting activities. The honour of the school must be maintained not only on the sports' field, but also in the examination halls, in business life, in fact at all times and in all places—even in a 'bus queue!

The world needs men willing to serve their fellows without thought for any advantage for themselves. If such a spirit can be bred in this school, and in others, then perhaps we shall see an improvement in the common attitude to life. To-day with the welfare state a feeling has arisen that spells disaster. Benefits are always expected but no effort is made to deserve them, or to show gratitude for them by greater service to one's fellow men. Our school can provide those men who will lead the community by their example of unstinted service in all walks of life. Will future generations be able to say that we have lived up to the honour of the school and the spirit of its motto? Will it always be said that members of the school give of their best? I hope so.

Perhaps this editorial has assumed the character of a moral lecture but at times such things must be written. If I have belaboured my theme I crave the reader's indulgence, for there seems to be no other place, or opportunity, for me to express it.

D. C. GORICK, Sixth Scholarship.

SCHOOL NOTES

THE death of Alderman A. W. Green, J.P., a former member of the Governing Body, recalls a note in the first magazine published in July, 1939. In an account of the beginning of the school it was recorded that Mr. Green, as Chairman of the County Education Building Sub-Committee, was present at nine o'clock of the morning of September 15th, 1938, to view the entry of the eighty-nine original pupils into the school and to give a short address. This was characteristic of Alderman Green's interest and thoroughness by which our school benefited in many unsuspected ways.

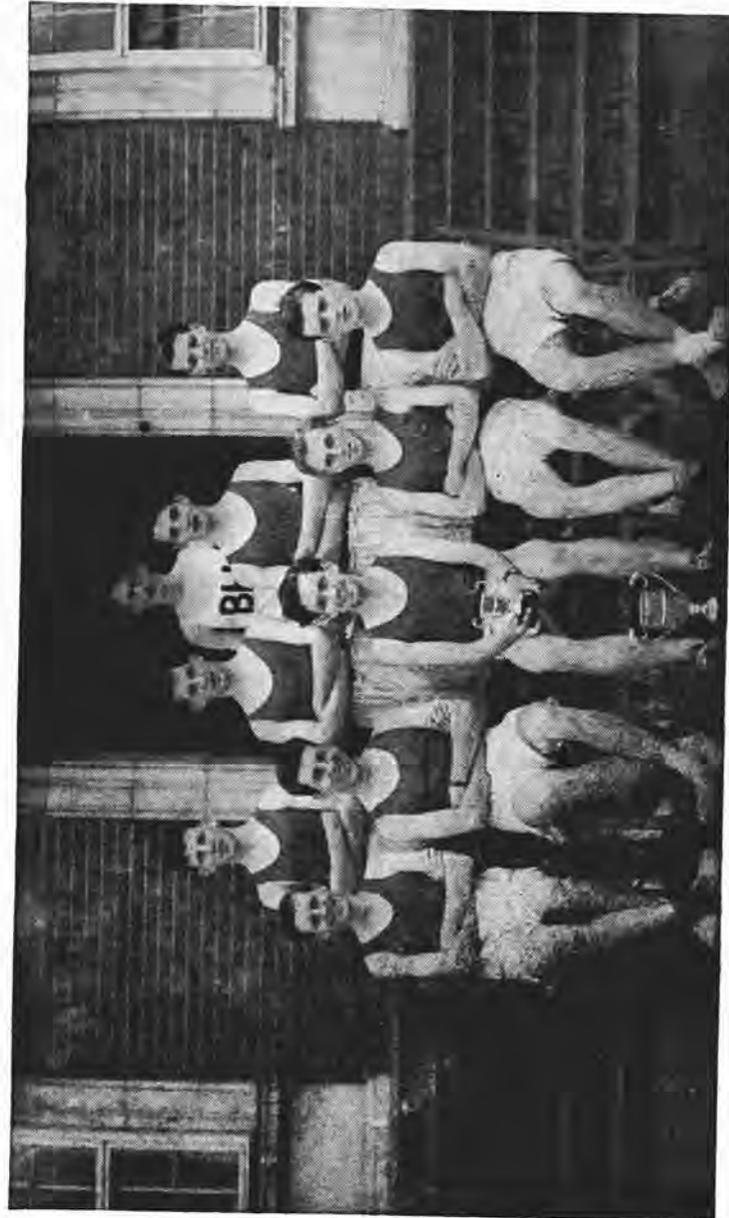
We regret also the death of Sir Charles Bressey, C.B., C.B.E. Our first Speech Day was held on July 20th, 1939, and Sir Charles honoured the school by presenting the prizes and giving an address. The Headmaster said "that the presence of Sir Charles was a happy omen for the future of the school and he hoped that Sir Charles would endow the young school with the qualities of design, vision and boldness for which the Bressey Report was so distinguished."

We record with gratitude the gift of three more cups to adorn our rapidly filling showcase. The Chairman of the Governors has presented a handsome cup to be held by the House winning the Inter-House Cricket competition. By a happy and spontaneous thought of the donor it is named the "Beresford" Cup, in honour of our old friend and wartime Caretaker.

Mr. E. Henderson, father of Stuart (1943-50), has kindly given a cup for the House winning the Inter-House Cross Country event. This completes the quartet of cups for Inter-House Competition, apart from the "Chapman Memorial" Cup held by the House winning the Games Championship.

The father of the Headmaster has given one of his golfing trophies to be held annually by the boy adjudged to have made the "outstanding senior performance in athletics." R. J. Doe is the very worthy first holder and may it inspire him to attain championship rank in his running.

Staffing problems, common to all schools with the general shortage of graduate teachers tends to be accentuated in a school with a relatively young staff some of whom have commenced their careers in it and who in the natural course of events obtain promotion to senior posts. Certainly it is pleasing to record such promotions but it is hard to say good-bye to those who have earned them. Messrs. Bandey and Mitchell left at the end of the Spring Term to take up posts at Burnage High School, Manchester, and Keighley Grammar School, Yorkshire. Mr. Wright is going at the end of the Summer Term to Cheshunt Grammar School, Herts. Without doubt the severest loss the school has suffered in its history will be



CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM, 1950-1951

that of Mr. Steele who joined the Staff in 1939 at the beginning of its second year and who as Second Master and Senior English Master has made as great a contribution to the welfare and scholarship of the school as anyone. Alderman Newton's School, Leicester, will indeed be fortunate to have the benefit of Mr. Steele's ripe wisdom and experience.

As well as trying to repair the depredations in our teaching strength we have been attempting to make two additional appointments necessitated by rise in numbers. But no sooner had Mr. R. Webb, of Loughborough College, been appointed second master for Physical Training than Mr. Armstrong learned that he had been awarded by the British Council in conjunction with the Swedish Government, one of three scholarships for a year's course in physical education tenable in Sweden. So we will have to wait for another year before P.T. periods can be "stepped up" from two to three a week for most forms. The second additional post has been utilised to appoint another Science master, Mr. S. W. Horne, B.Sc.Lond., who has been teaching for the last four years at the Royal Grammar School, Colchester. Mr. E. Still, B.A., of King's College, London, is to succeed Mr. Bandey as German Master and Mr. Wright is followed by Mr. D. Ray, B.A., L.R.A.M. Mr. G. A. Mead, B.A., King's College, London, will be teaching Mathematics and Geography and Mr. K. Whiting, M.A., Fitzwilliam Hall, Cambridge, has been appointed Senior English Master.

It is fitting to end these Staffing notes by expressing our appreciation of the timely and providential aid given by Miss Walmsley and Miss Pinkin in taking over the timetables of Messrs. Bandey and Mitchell for the Summer Term. We are getting pleasantly accustomed to Miss Walmsley's summer visitations, *de ex machina*, but there can be few boys, if indeed any at all, who were pupils when Miss Pinkin served her teaching practice at this school in 1944.

Mr. C. W. Lloyd, one of the three original assistant masters appointed in 1938, has been appointed Headmaster of Hutton Grammar School. Mr. Lloyd taught History and Geography and was in charge of cricket. One of our historic photos in the school scrap book is of the first cricket match played by the school against Barking Abbey School when the only eleven consisted of eleven-year-olds. By this snap and by his appearance in the first School group "Panora" Mr. Lloyd's association with the school is recorded. After demobilisation from the R.A. in which he quickly rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Mr. Lloyd became a Housemaster at Gresham's School, Holt.

One of the incidental but none the less valuable services rendered by "The Newsletter," the weekly bulletin issued by the football section of the Old Buckwellians, is the information casually

and sometimes facetiously recorded about its players. We take this opportunity of congratulating all Old Boys everywhere who have attained their majority, and we thank the Press Secretaries of the Football Club, Roy Webb and Peter Redfern, for reminding us how many of our former pupils are passing this important milestone in their lives.

How delighted we are to record the full re-establishment of the school gates and railings destroyed on July 11th, 1944. We can at last rely on secure means of keeping out the more earnest pupils early in the morning and other interested parties late at night. May we express our pleasure at the appearance of the drive and forecourt and our appreciation of the foresight and determination of those insisting on its completion? In the autumn a dozen more trees will be planted to extend the line of trees across the forecourt to the north end of the front drive.

A second artificial wicket has been laid down, after careful consideration of the various recommendations made by the M.C.C. as a result of their joint experiments with the National Playing Fields Association. This "Bituturf" wicket is an attempt to reproduce, by means of a bituminous preparation overlaid on concrete, a surface which approximates as closely as possible to natural playing conditions, and it responds in a similar manner to water and roller.

Inter-Collegiate Soccer at the ancient universities is by tradition a very hearty and tough warfare. We are, therefore, pleased to record that University College, Oxford, with two of our former pupils, Brian Tarlton as captain and David Noble as secretary, finished on top of the Inter-Collegiate League. History does not record when "Univ" previously gained this most exalted position.

With the retirement, towards the close of last season, of Mr. Leek from first-class amateur football, we insist, very much against his wishes and natural modesty, to record some details of his very distinguished career for the benefit of past, present and future members of the school. After captaining Birmingham University F.C., he played a number of matches for elevens representing English and British Universities in this country and as far afield as Budapest and Frankfurt. He toured Australasia with an F.A. team in 1937 and was chosen to tour South Africa in 1939. His biggest disappointment was caused by his inability to accept an invitation to represent Great Britain in the 1936 Olympic soccer competition. Between 1935 and 1939 he gained seven international caps for England and during the war he played for an R.A.F. eleven in the Inter-Services Competition. He played one of his best games at centre-half for Barnet in the final of the Amateur Cup in 1948, and there can be little doubt that it was his consistent play as pivot of the defence that enabled Barnet to dominate the Athenian League

in post-war football. Mention must also be made of his County games for Lancashire, the Midlands, and Hertfordshire. Possibly the most historic matches in which he played the leading part, historic as far as this school is concerned, for it is unlikely that such glorious victories will ever be repeated, were those in which the Staff beat the first eleven twice in the same season.

We are pleased to congratulate :—

- A. G. Wright (1944-51) on the award of an Open Exhibition in History to Merton College, Oxford.
 - J. F. Davis (1944-51) for winning an Open Scholarship in Geography to the London School of Economics.
 - D. Hines (1938-45) for being the first old pupil to qualify as a doctor.
 - B. H. Chase (1938-45) for being the first of former pupils to gain his Doctorate of Philosophy and D. Boatman for emulating his contemporary's example so speedily.
 - G. W. G. Hunt (1944-49) for "passing out" First Class from the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, and for winning the French prize.
 - A. J. Hardy (1940-45) for winning the Essex County Senior 100 yards championship in 1950 and 220 yards in 1951.
 - R. O. Lightfoot (1940-47) for a lacrosse Trial for the South against the North of England.
 - D. W. Vere (1940-47) for maintaining his annual winning sequence by being awarded the Lethaby prize in Chemical Pathology at London Hospital.
 - A. W. Flower (1938-45) for being elected President of the Students Union Society of the College of S. Mark and S. John.
 - D. C. Gorick (1943-51) for his brilliant performance as "The Miser."
 - R. J. Doe (1945—) for being first man home in the "Burn" Cup, the "Smeed" Cup, the School Cross-Country Run and for establishing new school records for the Mile and Half-Mile.
 - J. F. Tilly (1941-48) for gaining a first class in Part I of the Mathematical Tripos at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge.
 - J. R. Ringrose (1943-50) for gaining a first class in the Preliminary Part II of the Mathematical Tripos at St. John's College, Cambridge.
 - M. R. Cooper (1944-51) for being elected Captain of the Essex Grammar Schools Cricket XI.
- The Old Buckwellians Football Club for its outstanding success this season and in particular, the First and Reserve elevens for

finishing first and second respectively in their divisions of the Old Boys' League.

The following collections have been made during the year :—

	£	s.	d.
Royal Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	16	7	
National Association for Prevention of Tuberculosis.....	2	1	8
Loughton Famine Relief Fund.....	6	9	9
Forest Hospital Patients' Amenities Fund (From fines for lost property.)	6	6	11
Forest Hospitality Committee (for German children)	5	8	3

SONNET

O child with the angel's tear-kissed cheek,
 Dancing in the sun flecks on altar rails,
 Sowing seeds of beauty while the world wails
 For the glory in the hands of the meek.
 Do not flee and leave the white flag-stones bleak
 As when the moon's softness flinches and pales
 Before the dawn's hardness. Wait till man hails
 The power in the blade of grass, the bird's beak.
 But only your sorrow lives on in earth
 While we stand sighing after the still-born
 Smile, the tear stain ; O yellow furze blaze,
 Dream of a fleeting moment killed at birth
 Like silver dew-drops of the early morn
 Living and dying in the sun's first rays.

A. G. H. WRIGHT. Sixth Scholarship.

"WHERE E'ER YOU WALK"

EVER since saplings had been planted along the front drive the civilising urge to plant trees where none grew before found no difficulty in choice of prospective avenue. The Roding Lane boundary of the playing field deserved cover and possibly protection ; a long avenue of trees would in fullness of time provide shade, give some sense of containment to the field and compensate for the likely lopping of trees in Roding Lane, a melancholy necessity already begun. But it was felt by the Governors that this was not the time to ask the Education Committee to pay for such embellishments and it was agreed to invite subscriptions from all " friends of the school." The appeal was subtly timed just before Speech Day and not only did the Headmaster beg through the ear but the Art

Master, Mr. Smethurst, challenged and arrested the eye by a cunningly placed poster. The original force of the appeal lay in the opportunity of buying one tree for ten shillings with the promise that each tree would bear in perpetuity the name of the donor. In fact, however, much more than enough money was subscribed and with the consent of subscribers the balance, after forty trees had been purchased, was devoted to acquiring five rural bench seats, spotted by the Chairman of the Governors. One of the seats bears a plated inscription as follows :—

" The trees and seats along the Roding Lane boundary of the playing field were provided by " Friends of the School " November, 1951.

The avenue of alternate limes and sycamores have now taken firm root, have " sprung " their first foliage and already present a pleasing long line which will increase in stature and beauty. The school takes this opportunity of thanking all those friends who have so willingly and graciously added to its amenities and trust that they and successive generations of friends will derive much satisfaction and quiet joy in listening to the sound of the willow in the shade and scent of sycamore and lime, or as John Chandler Harris puts it :

" Good luck to dem w'at come and go
 W'at set in der shade er de sycamo."

If there be any subscriber who may feel defrauded of his own arboreal monument, let him be consoled by the reflection that Governors, parents, teachers and pupils " come and go," a name is but a name in years to come, but that he gave presence and purpose to a tree that will endure, inseparable from the school it serves to adorn.

J.H.T.

" TREE FUND "

Receipts		Expenses	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
From Donations	60 16 10	To Purchase of Trees	24 9 10
		„ Purchase of Seats	27 10 0
		„ Gratuity to Groundsman	2 0 0
		„ Postages, etc.	11 3
		„ Bronze Plaque	1 16 0
		Balance	4 9 9
	£60 16 10		£60 16 10

TRAPPED

O white yacht sweeping and sailing
Dipping and hailing
The long, red shore
Reflecting in the deep, blue water,
Silently we study you
With purple mountains in the distance
Reflecting in an instance
The white yacht sailing,
Gently splitting the glass-blue water
Swiftly, silently healing the clean-cut sore
Sailing and hailing the low, red shore.
O white yacht collecting our thoughts
Reflecting them in the deep, blue water,
The long, red shore, the purple mountains,
Perfect picture towing our
Intent looking
Transcending time this way and that,
Eternal yacht sailing eternally on an
Eternal lake
The purple mountains that break
An eternal sunset reddening
An eternal low, red-sand shore, deadening
Our souls to time—
O inimitable—in thee we find conclusion
And fulfilment,
Gazing forever, intent.

J. ROBINSON, Upper Sixth Modern.

RALPH STEELE

MR. RALPH STEELE joined the Staff of the School in September, 1939. The fateful years which lay ahead were to prove a very severe ordeal for a new School embarking on only its second year, and the fact that the School emerged triumphant, if not unscathed was due in no small measure to his loyal service. His high professional standards were to prove a source of inspiration to Staff and Boys alike, and as Second Master he was to the Headmaster both wise counsellor and true friend. The boys who have continued their literary studies in the Sixth Form owe him a particularly large debt of gratitude; under Mr. Steele's inspired direction, their studies quickly assumed a new significance for them, and many of our Old Boys will cherish very happy memories of Mr. Steele's classes.

The Annual Verse Speaking Competition owes its inception to Mr. Steele's initiative. Although it is a rare gift of the chosen

few which enables them to declaim with the feeling and delicacy of some of the finalists in this Competition, it has been the means of bringing to the many some splendid examples for study and emulation.

The present dignity and excellence of the School Library is a tribute to Mr. Steele's work as Librarian from 1939 to 1943. Mr. Steele took over the Library from the Headmaster at its most formative period when the foundation of a good School Library was being laid. This he achieved with characteristic thoroughness, industry and good taste and if any one aspect of school life reflects Mr. Steele's influence more than another it is surely this.

Our very best wishes go with him to Leicester where he takes up an appointment at Alderman Newton's School. We bid our farewell with a deep sense of gratitude, and assure him and his wife of a hearty welcome whenever they are able to visit us here "by Roding Stream."

I CAN vaguely remember our first encountering Mr. Steele when he replaced our regular English master. He commanded our respect and attention. I have never seen it otherwise—surely because he knew how to teach and to make us take as great a part as possible. He concentrated on winning not coercing interest. Nevertheless he remained for us rather forbidding. Especially we recall him in former times at the morning Assembly, that frown, remonstrating and dissuading, as though of irritation.

And the first knowledge of him when one passed to the Sixth Form; for most of us it was still the frown, the replica of the Assembly Hall frown in the Library in the afternoon. But it was as a prefect that I came to know him, of his ideas and his character. We relied on his steady support; we were so much concerned that the boys should run the School as far as possible—and we found him as much concerned as we were—we relied on his encouragement and his advice readily offered and given, advice that came from an experience wide enough to enable him to make it unobtrusive.

And one realises now that teaching English was only a small part of his activity. Not that his subject had not for him a great importance—it had. But teaching was only a step in education; a school was not for him a place where one learnt to pass an examination in English, but where one learnt how to make the best use of one's abilities, to work through oneself, the individual, to the

many, the community. Certainly, he specialised but his was an unblinkered specialisation. He was as much concerned for what we call Science as for the Arts.

Then, when one knew him better one linked that frown of his with his humour—they were not so very far apart. And one linked his humour with his youthfulness, his youthfulness of spirit, for his mind was open, ready, eager to entertain and accept what came to it unknown. Perhaps it is useless recording the qualities of his character, the abstractions don't mean anything to those unacquainted with him. But did anyone ever see him angry? Perhaps I did, I don't know; for it is something that has not lodged in my memory, something rare and almost alien to him. He controlled himself. Anger, violence, were elements negative in society, in education, in school; his control brought him the calmness and the dignity by which he is probably most remembered; and it also gave him courage, the courage to overcome the effects of an injury to his spine which should have taken him more often away from the School.

I do not know whether he was very popular generally in the School; perhaps too few knew him well enough. But for those who knew him . . . for me half my school goes with his going.

STUART J. GILBERT (1941-1949).

TO A GOLDFISH

Idly basking in the sun,
In the calm, clear, pool,
Every day this course you run,
In water fresh and cool.
Among the reeds you often hide,
Floating by the waterside.

Covered in a coat of gold,
Of a radiant hue,
Treasures bright of joy you hold,
When the sky is blue.
O little fish your life is gay,
Playing, every summer's day.

D. J. LEE, 2a.

K. DEANE STOUT

OUR last issue reported that we were to welcome Mr. K. Deane Stout, M.S., of Stair Technical High School, Knoxville, Tennessee, U.S.A. at the beginning of the new school year. By the time this issue appears in print we shall have paid our farewell tributes to Mr. Stout, and shall be left with happy recollections and reflections on his stay with us.

The mere fact that Mr. Stout was anxious to avail himself of the facilities offered by the Fulbright Trust to come and work with us here in this country for a year on an exchange basis is at once flattering and encouraging. Such an undertaking involves very much more than the gratification of personal aspiration, for there are responsibilities to be discharged which make heavy demands on time and energy.

Mr. Stout was soon at his ease in the Staff Common Room, and whether the discussion centred on the Dollar Gap, the Burnham Scales—or Cricket, he always showed a sympathetic concern and ready appreciation of our point of view. Boys are often an enigma to the most experienced of us; it would not be surprising therefore if they proved to be rather more refractory material to work upon than their elders. He has always readily shared with us his first impressions, and later, more considered opinions formed of all he has seen and heard, and much of what he has had to say was stimulating and produced food for thought about some of our more settled ways with which we had come to feel well satisfied. It would be unfair to anticipate anything which he himself might have to say elsewhere, but one can rest assured that his natural modesty will prevent him from doing full justice to his indomitable optimism. The way in which he carried through his plans for a Christmas tour of the Continent when the fates, not the least of which was the weather, had conspired to bring them to nought certainly captured our imagination and provided us with an excellent example of courageous enterprise.

Mr. Stout will be leaving us on Friday, 13th July. After another lightning tour which is to take in Scandinavia and Germany, he will finally sail for home with his wife and young family on Saturday, 11th August. Stephen, who has spent eight of his nine months in this country is all but a Briton, Sylvia's speech will certainly cause more than a flutter when she reaches home; Mr. and Mrs. Stout—you take with you our sincerest good wishes and esteem, and we trust that you, like us, will have many happy memories of your stay with us here in England.

Mr. D. H. MITCHELL

MR. MITCHELL left us at Easter, after nearly five years of loyal service to the school, to join the staff of Keighley Grammar School. We are conscious of the loss of an able teacher and he takes with him our best wishes for success in his new post.

The many boys who learned mathematics through Mr. Mitchell's guidance could appreciate his deep love for his subject and his skill in presenting it to them. He had an enthusiasm for education and a profound understanding of boys which enabled him to dispense sympathy and firmness wisely.

A privileged few will remember him for encouraging them to blow their own trumpets. Others may have fond memories of trivialities—the faintly professorial air as he passed by in the corridors, the intensity which he brought to his exertions in refereeing or in the staff cricket matches (which his colleagues will confirm extended also to indoor relaxations), or even the hazards of crossing the main entrance gateway in his early motoring days!

Mr. Mitchell gained not only the affection of the school, but also, before he left us—and this will be news to many readers—the companionship of a wife. We extend to them both our warmest wishes for many years of happiness in their new venture.

Mr. A. M. BANDEY

WE have suffered a twofold loss in the appointment of Mr. Bandey to teach German in Burnage High School, Manchester, for his departure has also brought to an end Mrs. Bandey's happy association with the school. She filled the gap in the Art Department on two occasions and we take this opportunity of again recording our gratitude for the valuable contribution she made to the school by her pleasing personality, her enthusiasm and, not least, her sympathetic encouragement to the less gifted of her pupils.

Mr. Bandey joined us in 1947 and we soon came to appreciate his sincerity and his quiet dignity. It was due to these qualities and to his deep interest in his pupils' welfare that his educational influence was not restricted to his French and German classes. He readily co-operated in all school projects and activities, played on occasion for the Staff XI versus the School, was a permanent member of the school orchestra and frequently sang to us in the school concert and carol service. The Sixth Form boys whom he introduced to German are grateful to him for the time he devoted to them after school over a long period and certain members of the present Fifth Form wish to take this opportunity to express to him

their appreciation for escorting them to Germany last summer and doing so much to ensure the success of their visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bandey take with them to Manchester our best wishes for their continued success and happiness.

Mr. R. WRIGHT

THIS term we are reluctantly to say goodbye to Mr. R. Wright, our Music Master since 1948 who will be joining the Staff of Cheshunt Grammar School in September. During his stay with us, Mr. Wright has made a most valuable contribution to the music of the School and his loss will be felt by us all, juniors, seniors and staff alike.

We have all, even the least musical of us, been impressed by the music he has given us on communal and public occasions; though some of us are unqualified to judge the skill of his playing, we all felt pleasure in hearing it and sensed the joy he had in its performance. At Assembly, Speech Days, Carol Services, concerts and recitals his music-making has been a service to us all and we are grateful to him for it.

To the juniors and middle school boys he has given much that they will long remember, the satisfaction of well-trained concerted singing, understanding of musical notation and to some the pleasure of playing an instrument. Boys of the upper school have been inspired by his enthusiasm and he has given a great deal of time—during lunch intervals and after school—to furthering among many boys the love of music which he holds so dear. The School Choir and Orchestra which he has devotedly trained showed the excellence of their training and their love of the work on the occasion of the very successful concert conducted by Mr. Wright on the evening of May 31st—an event reported elsewhere in this magazine. To one of the audience, at least, the alternation of recorders and strings in Handel's "Slow Music for a Ballet" seemed an inspiration; and the individual as well as the choral and orchestral music which was then presented, combined skill in performance with love of the work.

With his departure, the School has lost a most capable master and the Staff a good friend. We wish him happiness and success in his new work, and assure him of a warm welcome when he comes to visit us.

MONSIEUR A. STOESEL

AS the Summer term ends, we realise that the time has come once again to say "au revoir" and "auf wiedersehen" to our Modern Languages assistant. During the eight months he has been among us, M. André Stoessel has impressed us by his zest and high spirits and by a unique combination of quaint humour and deep seriousness. Being bilingual in French and German he devoted his talents to teaching conversations in both languages and thanks to his strong personality and his gift for dramatisation he succeeded admirably in eliciting sounds and sense from even the most inarticulate. He proved a keen sportsman and although he did not learn to appreciate the niceties of our Summer game he was always to be seen on Day 5 during the football season playing with characteristic enthusiasm and vigour. We learn with some self-congratulation that M. Stoessel has been so happy here that he has decided to stay on in this country and in bidding him farewell we would express to him our best wishes for his success in his new post and our hope that his "joie de vivre" will ever continue undiminished.

In vallibus comitatus Eburaci ambulavimus atque in vertices collium enixi sumus.

Dans le comté de York nous avons grimpé les collines pour descendre dans les vallées.

Or—

"WE HAVE HIKE IN YORKSHIRE"

In Yorkshire we have hiked a lot,
In weathers all, both cold and hot,
And by this time we've quite forgot
The miseries we suffered.
We really miss our Yorkshire food,
The mountain air which did us good,
The packhorse bridge on which we stood,
Blea Moor with grouse is covered !
For those who did not mind the rain,
I hope that you will go again,
In spite of wind-raw face and pain
See Whernside's conquered !

A tour in detail will not interest the reader much, and so some little sketches and incidents may convey the joys of youth-hostelling in Yorkshire better.

On April 12th, thirty-two people got very wet walking from Aysgarth to Kettlewell. Why did they do it? I don't think they really know, but they're very proud of having done it !

On April 14th, those same people accompanied by a "mountaineer" walked from Kettlewell to Malham, mile upon mile of

Mastiles Lane, hemmed in by stone wall and relieved by occasional snow showers.

In Settle there is a "naked man" whose gluttonous attractions induced many to enter—do not worry, it is only a café—but we defy anyone to find one where eggs are poached better and laid on finer buttered toast.

Near Dent there is a bull. Normally he is quite inoffensive but when three oddly attired members of an Essex school appear in his field and think he is a cow, then he waxes wrathful and charges with might and main. Only some fine high jumping over stone walls saved an unpleasant quarrel. Further enquiries to Dunlop, Chapman J. B., and Rolfe.

Of course the tour was not always concerned with bad weather, food and bulls. There were beautiful sights to be seen. Snow showers hurrying across the valleys and hills, blotting out the landscape as with a fog. Lambs—on one occasion the party was instrumental in returning a more adventurous youngster to its mother—were a constant source of amusement.

Perhaps the best day was in Dentdale, where three stalwarts climbed Whernside, and the rest wandered where they wished. It was a beautiful spring morning, with the bees clustering round the catkins in the hedgerows. Dent was a pretty little village and "The George and Dragon" provided a most excellent dinner (accompanied by the groanings of the lift bringing up the food from the subterranean kitchen). This was the last proof one needed to realise that Yorkshire breeds strong people. The vigour with which the lift was raised was phenomenal . . .

And now they're off to Scandinavia ! Isn't anyone ever satisfied ?

D. C. GORICK, Sixth Scholarship.

SONNET

You thrush ! You solitary nightingale
Hurling forth a full heart on every breeze !
You never know the dull ache when words fail
And living thoughts, rooted in the soul, freeze
With none to weep for the still-born blossom.
I drown in green seas of eyeless feeling.
While your song flies the waves free and lissom
Knowing no fear of self-revealing.
Weep, O mine eyes, pour forth your sorrows
Unrestrained by head-hard ropes of silence.
Know you not that wisdom grows through grief
And tears give life to the seeds the heart sows ?
Send the lifting phrases liting hence
Till the gold lies dead and far beyond relief.

A. G. H. WRIGHT, Sixth Scholarship.

UNIVERSITY LETTERS

Christ Church,
Oxford.

Dear Sir,

The lowest common denominators in Oxford life are the colleges, the city, the parks, and the river. Beyond this, general statement cannot go. It is possible to say only that the Cherwell is deeper than the Roding (I have fallen in both), that the parks are surrounded by trees, that the city is chaotic, and that the colleges are—well—all different.

These are facts common to everyone, but "a fool sees not the same tree that a wise man sees"; and, although it is not necessarily a question of wisdom or folly, everyone is noticeably experiencing an Oxford which differs sharply from your own. What you see is determined partly by conscious decisions—the societies you join, the games you play, the amount of work you do, etc.—partly by your own particular susceptibilities.

The weather alone, for me at least, transforms Oxford hourly. On a sunny afternoon you can enjoy life sweetened and condensed. Rain, a dark evening, and the persistent chimes of Merton clock, can cloud this pleasure with melancholy. In any weather a walk down one of the side streets into the slums of West Oxford, or through the commercial bustle of the Corn, puts a different face on things.

Behind even the academic mask lies complex many-sided life, and it is a continual encouragement—though an illogical one—to find that distinguished names are in fact fat (or less often, thin) men, with baggy sports jackets, and pursuits incompatible with their dignity; who make frequent jokes against colleagues of an opposite persuasion, and have even been seen leading assaults against a rival college on Eights' night. Indeed, the whole character of "work," in the English school at least, is a pleasant surprise—but perhaps the subject is inappropriate for a letter which is to appear on the last day of summer term; and it is not at the centre of Oxford, anyway.

What is, I don't know; and if I did, I couldn't express it in terms which would be generally applicable. A broad conclusion, which has to be thinned almost out of existence to be valid, is that Oxford life, lying somewhere in the no man's land between debauchery and asceticism, slavery and pastoral indolence, is predominantly a "good thing."

Yours sincerely,

JOHN A. BURROW.

St. John's College,
Cambridge.

Dear Sir,

As I recall some of the experiences of the past year and wonder how, through them, I can present a balanced picture of life in Cambridge, my first feeling is one of gratitude at being so fortunate as to come here. From the windows of my college room I look down across the Cam to the Backs, with the magnificent lawns and flower beds, and beyond, to the trees which screen the college sports field. A few games of tennis are in progress; here and there are groups of undergraduates, probably discussing every conceivable subject; and others are content with a quiet walk on this very fine summer's evening. The scene is familiar, especially at this time of year, and it is one which represents an important side of University life. For here is ample time for leisure, and here a people, learning to use it to the best advantage.

This time of leisure, together with the possession of "A room of one's own," bring a freedom which is essential to college life. There is the opportunity to make friends; to ask them in for coffee, or tea, just when we please, and knowing that on us rests the entire responsibility for the success or failure of the event. The talk may be "hot air," and soon forgotten; but the friendships remain. And because we depend only on ourselves, we become better hosts, better guests—and better friends.

Then there is the opportunity for relaxation. Local theatre productions are excellent, and all who so desire, may play or watch almost any sport they care to name. There are few who have never spent a quiet afternoon at Fenner's—even fewer who have never spent an hour or two lazily punting on the Cam.

Let me add a word on this most important subject. Punting is an art which is quite indispensable, and which can be acquired with little difficulty. However, should punt and punter part company in midstream, the latter becomes eligible for membership of the recently formed "Damper Club." Initiation ceremonies are arranged for more skilled persons, who, nevertheless, wish to join!

And what of work? A certain amount must be done, at least by those who wish to enjoy the delights of Cambridge for a full three years. But study, in such an atmosphere of great scholarship, guided by those who in their own field are the authorities of this age, becomes a pleasure, and an integral part of college life.

For the benefit of those contemplating a university career, I would remark finally that the efforts required at school are amply rewarded. Even if you can only go to Oxford, it may be worthwhile: what more can I say?

Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. RINGROSE.

University of Bristol.

Dear Sir,

Looking back over the past academic year spent at this University, in the renowned and ancient city of Bristol, it can be stated that a good foundation has been laid. This is a city renowned in the past for the pioneer work of Overton Wills, the founder and first Chancellor of the University, of Friese-Greene, the inventor of cinematography—and of the inventors of neon lighting—and in the present for having Winston Churchill as the University's Chancellor, and Professor Powell as a Nobel Prize Winner for his work on cosmic rays.

There are two thousand five hundred students at the University reading degrees ranging from Music to Biological Chemistry; a fair proportion of these live at home or in lodgings and the rest in the well appointed Halls of Residence, such as the pleasantly situated Wills Hall, described by the Chancellor as "The finest Hall of Residence for gentlemen in the United Kingdom." Besides the University proper there is the Students' Union housed in the notorious "Vic" Rooms where ninety societies and clubs, among them the Society of Change Ringers and the Spelæological Society, have their headquarters. Here two weekly dances and a host of other activities take place. University sport is well catered for by the extensive playing fields and tennis courts at Coombe Dingle, the well-appointed Gymnasia at the Union, squash courts at the University Health Centre and ample boating facilities on the Avon at Saltford.

Thus is Bristol, and life at Bristol has been both work and play. The year has shown, however, that these two must be carefully blended together and that to achieve this balance one must develop a sense of values and of responsibility. University life offers an opportunity for this. Whether one accepts this opportunity or not determines the success that is made of life at the University.

Yours sincerely,

R. K. PENNY,
E. C. COCKING.

FROM THE ARMY

11 Air Formation Signal Regt.,
B.A.O.R. 15.

Dear Sir,

Many of the more distinguished old boys of this school have written articles to this magazine with the imposing title of "University Letter," wherein they give as original an account as they can of their impressions of University life in their first year. I cannot, however, remember a letter from a National Serviceman, and so, as such a person with nearly a year's service, perhaps I am setting a precedent. The rest of this short article includes one or two of my impressions during my first term, the basic training which is the lot of every National Serviceman.

There are many fearful things to threaten a new recruit, not the least of these being the tales of comrades gone before, and the unfortunate does not usually adjust himself during his first ten weeks. He faces in the first few hours the ghastly business of "jabs," and who would not dread the direful wait, while the strongest faint and the weaker ones illogically survive the effects of the needle. Then, as fast as they can be thrown, his uniform, boots, underclothes and webbing equipment are provided. Little attempt is made to fit any of these, for a soldier ever thrives on luck. At last, with a pile of blankets, two sheets and a pillow, he is marched thence to the place of sleep, a self-conscious idiot, wilting beneath the scorn of old soldiers of the previous intake.

He may, however, be lucky and find the N.A.A.F.I. still open, and it is some relief to learn that N.A.A.F.I. tea is not nearly so bad as comedians would have him believe. From that moment his spirits revive, and God help him if they don't, or he will surely crack under the strain of putting an initial shine on a pair of new and greasy boots, or green blanco on white webbing. These chores occupy a great part of the early weeks, and worry is forgotten in this compulsory attempt to create a soldierly self-respect.

After some preliminary lectures by extremely important-looking officers, the real training begins, and some degree of content is realised. The work on the parade-ground, and with rifle and Bren in the fields, combined with the regularity of adequate meals, promote a physical well-being which is perhaps surprising but certainly gratifying. After a fortnight there comes the unbelievable joy of being able to tease the next batch of apprehensive newcomers. Every recruit (on his first day) vows that he will never do this, but he regards himself as an old soldier to those that come after.

With initial fear dispelled, the soldier takes an interest in the people he meets. He is justly wary of the Major who commands him, and of the Captain who is second-in-command. Brigadiers and

Generals have no place in his world. A mere Major is enough. A more terrifying figure, to N.C.O.'s and privates alike, is the R.S.M. He is *the* man on the camp. Invariably he has a voice to shake Mount Everest, and almost invariably a bulk and mien to daunt the staunchest heart. He never speaks, always shouts. If he asks a question, he usually answers it himself, in this wise—"Do you think your hair is a trifle long? GET IT CUT!" The last three words, following swiftly upon the question, are bawled an inch from the ear, whereat tiles fall from the N.A.A.F.I. roof, and you endeavour to sink through the nearest crack in the ground. He is the man who, at the sight of a minute crumb of bread on an otherwise spotless hat, asks sweetly, "Did you breakfast off your beret, IT'S FILTHY?" Oh, a brute of a man, God save us from the like!

The Platoon Sergeant is almost as terrible a man to his own platoon. Mine accused me of carrying half the training area on my boots—this at the sight of a single blade of grass. But most of them turn out human in the end, and they usually have a personal interest in their men.

The actual training is interesting work and a complete change from the boredom of cleaning kit. It is enjoyable to learn about military weapons, and to be initiated into some of the tricks of the fighting man's trade. It is good to fire the rifle and find the kick easy to counteract; to fire the more accurate and more deadly Bren and find no kick at all; to fire the squat and temperamental Sten and find it the most difficult of the lot to keep on the target. Lastly for the normal recruit, it is good to throw hand-grenades and feel the nerves which precede the operation so quickly changed to confidence when it is successfully performed. Map-reading schemes and route marches, an essential part of the training which can be so uncomfortable and boring, are not the least so if the soldier has any love of nature and the open air.

Yes; it is good fun, and I haven't mentioned the factor usually brought forward first when talking about army life. I mean the comradeship and the experience of meeting other men with different jobs and different outlooks on life. But this a thing which is not immediately obvious to the serving soldier; it is rather the result of retrospection. However, he does find this fact; that you can get to know the men you sleep with better in ten weeks than you can ever hope to know most of your friends in civil life. That leads in a way to my greatest regret since joining the army. When I return home on leave, I find my old society collapsed, and my friends impatient with other interests. But perhaps that's inevitable anyway, and it's a very small regret to balance against a great deal of pleasure. I wish anybody who is on the brink of his two years, the very best of luck.

B. W. HEARN (1943-1950).

MY DREAM

Over the heath and up the hill,
Down the valley and past the mill,
Through the cornfields and the wheat,
The sunniest weather do I meet,
Across the meadow and over the stream
That's where I go in my favourite dream.
Through the woods and the swaying trees
With the sun and a cool breeze,
Through the cornfields and the rye,
Into the green grass where I lie,
Across the meadow and over the stream
That's where I go in my favourite dream.

V. M. SHARP, 1B.

ECHOS

DECEMBRE sombre et sévère a installé mes "Penates" sous d'autres cieus d'où les ivresses méditerranéennes ont fui. Albion en effet n'eut point de cesse à agiter ses ailes trempées sur une nation, qu'un laborieux travail de patience et de persévérance a rendue éminemment britannique. Cet hiver qui m'a jeté, tel un Ulysse moderne, sur ce rivage hospitalier a été généreusement fourni en "English weather." Après une performance extraordinaire l'Angleterre, toujours à la conquête de nouveaux records, a battu cette année le record du "English weather." Le ciel eut beau se fendre à tous les points cardinaux, il n'a pas su briser la résistance anglaise et après de longs mois d'attente, l'Angleterre a gagné "sa bataille de l'eau lourde." Sans doute le ciel a-t-il eu pitié de ses enfants insulaires aux prises avec les rigeurs des "Ration Books;" aussi leur a-t-il accordé des rations supplémentaires d'eau pour les consoler.

Au milieu de ce déluge a flotté une arche nouvelle; je veux parler de cette citadelle qui se nomme B.H.C.H.S. Elle a vaillamment résisté aux assauts répétés de la tortueuse Roding. Les eaux troubles de l'onde envahissante n'ont guère pu entamer les parois de ce haut lieu de sciences et d'"intelligentsia," animé par les feux du "Staff Room," ruche laborieuse, autant bruyante qu'active. Toutes les facultés de l'esprit se trouvent là, réunies à composer la symphonie des harmonies parfaites. La tourterelle botanique de Darwin roucoule amoureuxment avec le pigeon de Faraday.

Le mathématicien attire l'attention publique par ses discours "collegium logicum"; les sinus épousent les tangentes et décrivent des paraboles hallucinantes au sommet des progressions arithmétiques.

Quant aux géographes, ils auscultent la météorologie en songeant aux chaleurs tropicales, et les humanistes rêvent de douceurs et de rythmes Sapphiques.

Les visages expriment une tendresse naïve et enfantine quand le géant Olympique rêve gentiment sur la longueur infinie de ses longs pieds croisés sur la table. Bientôt paraîtra un nouveau volume de la "Défense et Illustration de la Langue Française," corrigée et augmentée par le dieu au front libre, dégagé et fuyant qui manie la gouache, couleurs et pinceau avec perfection.

"Chaucer," dans sa course effrénée vers les constellations poétiques, entre toujours en conflit avec les sciences économiques; celles-ci n'apprécient pas toujours les saveurs de la poésie médiévale et dérangent l'âme de Chaucer un peu égarée parmi les choses terrestres. Mais laissons notre humaniste essoufflé glaner les richesses de Chaucer sur les pas des pèlerins de Canterbury et laissons le "Dr. Oeconomicus" errer allégrement vers l'avenir d'un système d'économie nouveau qui puisse se passer de Ration Books.

Mais "oratio sit quam brevissima," parce que le papier fait partie également de l'Economie Nationale. Le tour d'horizon fut bref et je veux terminer le broissage de mon tableau en souhaitant longue et heureuse vie à tout ce monde sympathique du Staff Room, où se rencontrent des valeurs humaines inestimables. Prêtons un instant une oreille attentive au flot des harmonies permanentes, au chant suave des flûtes enchantées qui s'élèvent dans le Hall de l'Ecole. Leurs voix nous élèveront vers la haute patrie des cœurs où règnent les valeurs authentiques de l'esprit qui dépassent les frontières naturelles d'un monde artificiel.

Au moment où j'écris ces mots les ivresses d'un soleil prodigieux ruissellent sur l'Angleterre. Tout aspire à la Résurrection, à la purification par le feu et mes meilleurs vœux vont vers tous les membres du Staff Room pour qu'ils restent toujours dans l'atmosphère de la joie active chantée par Beethoven dans sa grandiose ronde symphonique.

A. STOESSEL.

SPEECH DAY

THE twelfth annual Speech Day of the School was held on Saturday, October 14th, 1950, when Sir Pelham Warner, M.B.E., President of the M.C.C., was the guest of honour and presented the prizes.

Mr. T. H. Knight, Chairman of the Governors, presided and welcomed the guests. Sir Pelham, he said, was conferring an honour on the School by his presence and he wished him to be assured of our gratitude. He acknowledged the School's indebtedness to Mr. B. A. Campbell for the great many ways in which he had

shown kindness and given help. He welcomed Mr. Deane Stout and hoped he would have the happiest memories of his visit here. Another guest who was here not in the flesh but in the spirit was Mr. J. H. Taylor, the Headmaster's father, and Mr. Knight declared that we could share something of the pride the Headmaster had on his father's being awarded honorary membership of the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews. The Chairman urged parents to play a vital part in the school community and support the Headmaster and the Staff.

The Headmaster, presenting his report, welcomed Sir Pelham Warner and reminded his hearers of his great achievements in the golden age of English cricket. Quoting the editorial of the last School Magazine, Mr. Taylor said that Speech Day, too, could be the occasion of presenting a satisfactory pattern or mosaic of school life and he proposed to speak as frankly as decorum and tradition permitted in modest praise of what we had been able to achieve and with regret for where we appeared to have failed. Referring to School Certificate results, Mr. Taylor said that our candidates in 1950 were fewer in quantity and more average in quality because the fourth-year form normally due to take the examination was held back by the age restriction. As a result of the Higher School Certificate Examination, five boys had gained County Major Scholarships, and one, E. C. Cocking, had gained a State Scholarship. Here the Headmaster paid a tribute to Cocking as a boy who will long be remembered and rarely equalled as Head Prefect. The School was proud of the Open Scholarship successes of D. J. Walker, M. A. Hollingsworth, R. K. Penny and J. R. Ringrose, the latter gaining a Major Open Scholarship in Mathematics at St. John's College Cambridge before he was seventeen. He spoke of the changes in organisation resulting from the introduction of the General Certificate of Education and declared that he was content to lose no opportunity for experimentation presented by the new requirements. Two other changes were referred to, the standardisation of marks and a greater flexibility of transfer from form to form. He drew the attention of the audience to the results at School Certificate level of our first candidates in Economics and Economic History and spoke of the number and range of industrial visits.

In our Games, the Headmaster said that we could look back on a year of increasing enthusiasm and activity, maintaining and increasing our prestige; worthy of mention being the victories of the Soccer First XI and the Under 14 team. The School was proud of R. K. Penny's being Vice-Captain of the Young Amateurs of Essex, and of his Junior County Cap. He said he was happy to announce that the School had been presented by Mr. Knight with the "Beresford Cup" to be awarded to the House winning the Cricket Championship, in honour of our war-time caretaker whose

devotion to duty and thought for others on 10th July, 1944, would inspire others, and this cup would keep its remembrance alive. Turning to cross-country running, Mr. Taylor remarked that this was our best season, for the School was second in the Burn Cup, open to all Essex Grammar and Public Schools, and first in the Smeed Cup for local Grammar Schools, and Rendu and Doe deserved special mention for their consistently fine running. We had finished second in the Bickersteth Cup, but fell from our established place among the leaders in the Champion Russell Cup. He declared that the Hockey season proved that the game had justified its introduction, giving 19 boys a chance of representing the School.

Speaking of out-of-school activities, the Headmaster suggested that the wise parent should watch with anxious care the use a boy made of his leisure time; what books he read and what he listened to. He was grateful to the Education Committee for the provision of a film projector to enable us to educate taste and train discrimination. Since the parent is called upon more and more to share the teacher's responsibility, he was concerned that the parents he generally had the pleasure of meeting were not those he was most anxious to consult. He could illustrate from the Parents' Association and the Old Boys' Association both the degree of success and failure in reaching the ideal of corporate consciousness and service; for out of over a thousand parents, the Association had a membership of 229, and of approximately 600 old boys there were some 100 fully paid-up members. But we were not fighting a losing battle against indifference; having progressed so far, we were impatient of all brakes and drags of which we had our share. We were not unworthy of our trust in making a reputation for this new school. He claimed that this was an efficient school and our Honours Board showed that our boys could equal the achievements of the best. Moreover he claimed that it was a happy school, and the great majority of boys were proud to be members of it. As in cricket, so in school, the greatest individual prowess and technical skill does not confer the highest satisfaction of all—that arises from one's having raised the standard of the game by one's contribution to it. So we, parents and teachers, ardently desire that boys may reverence the game, play the game and serve the game of life itself.

After presenting the prizes, Sir Pelham Warner said how delighted he was to come and present them. He had just been given by the School a book on the British Empire and he thought it appropriate since he had made a duck in every part of the Empire. He said how much cricket meant to him and that his love of it would remain with him to the end. It is the greatest and the most difficult of games; it enriches and ennobles life and adds a zest which one keeps as one gets older. Coming among young people, he said, added to that zest, to keep him going until the umpire says in the end, "eliminado"—a reference to a press account of an

innings he had had in Valparaiso. At Rugby where he had been at school, the great Headmaster, Thomas Arnold had founded the prefect system on trust and discipline. So, in captaining a team, a man must trust and lead, not drive his men. In life as on the playing field, things should be done not as well as possible but better than that.

Alderman F. S. Foster, C.B.E., J.P., proposed a vote of thanks to Sir Pelham on behalf of the Governors and H. Greenwood, Esq., seconded it for the parents. During the afternoon, D. C. Gorick gave a performance in French of Act IV, Scene viii of Molière's "L'Avare" and the winners of the School Verse-speaking competitions, D. J. Lee (Junior school), J. C. Howes (Middle school) and J. W. Robinson (Senior school) gave poems by Jan Struther, John Masefield and V. Sackville-West. The School Choir gave songs by Purcell and Eric Thiman, and Speech Day came to an end with the singing of the School Song and the National Anthem.

PRIZE LIST 1950

FORM PRIZES

4r 1. Mayo, R. F.	4a 1. Taylor, M. F.	4b 1. Arotzky, J.
2. Landbeck, R. C.	2. Clark, B. J.	2. Gore, E. W. A.
3r 1. Rigden, B.	3a 1. Baynes, B. S.	3b 1. Dunn, W. C.
2. { Davey, M.	2. Leatherland, H.	2. Harrington, M. C.
{ Fuller, Q. T.		
2r 1. Masters, G. R.	2a 1. Harrington, R. C.	2b 1. Riches, K. M.
2. Kendall, T. D.	2. Compton, M. L.	2. Stock, P. J.
1w 1. Willcocks, M. E.	1c 1. Richards, B. H.	1h 1. Irving, J.
2. Smith, T. M.	2. Drake, J. F.	2. Aplin, C. F.

Woodwork—Middle: Gowan, P. J.; Junior: Newton, B. E.

Art—Middle: Matthews, C. V.; Junior: Adams, R. W. G.

Verse-Speaking—Senior: Robinson, J. W.; Middle: Howes, J. C.; Junior: Lee, D. J.

EXAMINATION PRIZES

Higher School Certificate—		School Certificate—	
English	Wright, A.G.H.	English	Martin, C. H.
French	Lacey, J. H. L.	French	Brown, B. E.
Latin	Gorick, D. C.	Latin	Burt, L. J.
History	{ Gorick, D. C.	History	Ginn, R. W.
	{ Wright, A.G.H.	German	Lewis, F. E.
Geography	Davis, J. F.	Geography	{ Goldsmith, K. T.
Physics	Hollingsworth,		{ Barrett, R. P.
	M. A.	English Literature	Waller, W.
Chemistry	Hollingsworth,	Mathematics	Burt, L. J.
	M. A.	General Science	Burt, L. J.
Pure Maths.	Hollingsworth,	Art	Martin, C. H.
	M. A.	Economics	Surrey, A. J.
Applied Maths.	Palmer, D.		
Geology	Bales, K. F.		

School Certificate Prize presented by
R. CHAPMAN, Esq.
BURTT, L. 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"
PENNY, R. K.

The "Mallinson" Cup
"to the boy with the year's best record of service to the School"
PENNY, R. K.

The Head Prefect's Prize presented by
THE GOVERNING BODY
COCKING, E. C.

The "Chapman Memorial" Cup
(The Inter-House Sports Championship, 1949/50)
HAINAULT HOUSE
(Captain—Wright, A. G. H.)

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION, 1950

*Baker, D.	*Ginn, R. W.	*Martin, C. H.
*Barrett, R. P.	Goldsmith, K. T.	*Milburn, G.
Blackstaff, R. W.	Goshawk, R. H.	Moore, B. W.
Bradford, W. J.	Green, E. J.	*Partridge, S.
Brown, B. A. V.	*Green, J. U.	Pavitt, H. D.
*Brown, B. E.	Hawkins, A. G. F.	Pettit, A. R.
*Brown, G. A.	Heath, P. C.	Rendu, J. A.
*Burtt, L. J.	Hunt, J. A.	Rivers, J. G.
Chambers, K. C.	Hyde, B. C.	Rowe, G. A.
Chapman, J. B.	Iverson, A. T.	Self, K. W.
*Charlwood, A. S.	James, D. A.	Sharpe, E. R.
Clancy, B. J.	*Keleher, C. R.	*Waller, W.
*Courtney, J. B.	King, P. B.	Warren, R. C.
Cracknell, D. J.	Kinnison, A. P. J.	Webster, A.
Cromwell, D. T.	Levy, J. E.	Wilson, L. H.
*Dunbar, I. M.	*Lewis, F. E.	Winner, D. P.
*Fulford, R. S.	McGuinness, T. H.	Yeowell, N. C.
	Marcovitch, G.	

* Denotes Matriculation Exemption.

HIGHER SCHOOL EXAMINATION, 1950

ARTS

*Bedwell, B. F. E.
Bugey, R. F. W.
*Davis, J. F. (Geography)
*Gorick, D. C.
Hearn, B. W.
Lacey, J. H. L.
Matthews, C. T.
Overy, N. F.
Walling, D. W.
Wright, A. G. H.

SCIENCE

Bales, K. F.
*Cocking, E. C. (Physics, Chemistry)
*Gorman, M. D. P. (Pure Maths.)
*Hollingsworth, M. A. (Pure Maths.)
Palmer, D.
*Penny, R. K.
*Roberts, C. C.

* Denotes Intermediate Exemption.

Subjects in brackets denotes Distinction.

OPEN : SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Walker, D. J.—Minor Open Scholarship in History to Trinity College, Oxford.

Ringrose, J. R.—Major Open Scholarship in Mathematics to St. John's College, Cambridge.

Hollingsworth, M. A. } Open Scholarships in Engineering to Uni-
Penny, R. K. } versity College, Southampton.

STATE : Cocking, E. C.—Bristol University.

COUNTY MAJOR :

Davis, J. F. ; Gorman, M. D. P. ; Gorick, D. C. ; Hollingsworth, M. A. ; Penny, R. K.

Exhibitions : Salmon, E. J.—Queen Mary College, London.

Roberts, C. C.—Nottingham University.

OLD BOYS' ACADEMIC SUCCESSES

Bracey, R. G.	1938-44	B.Sc. (Physics), University College, Exeter.
Chopping, D. P.	1940-45	B.Sc. (Econ.), University College, Exeter.
Elliott, D.	1938-45	Certificate in Administration and Social Studies, London School of Economics and Political Science.
Hines, D.	1938-45	L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. (Eng.)
Mummary, G. B.	1940-47	B.Sc. (Physics), University College, Leicester.
Sawyer, A. T.	1940-47	B.Sc. (General), Queen Mary College, London.
Bray, R. K.	1940-46	B.Sc. (General), South-West Essex Technical College.
Gilbert, J. D.	1939-46	B.Sc. (General), Queen Mary College, London.
Hassan, G.	1939-43	B.Sc. (Eng.), Woolwich Polytechnic.
Hawker, G. F.	1940-45	B.Sc. (Physics), Northampton Polytechnic.
Watson, F. H.	1940-45	B.Sc. (Eng.), South-West Essex Technical College.

OLD BOYS' AT UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

(taking up residence after September, 1950, or not previously reported).

Bell, D. E.	1939-46	University College, Oxford.
Boyce, A. F.	1943-50	Magdalen College, Oxford.
Burrow, J. A.	1943-50	Christ Church, Oxford.
Cocking, E. C.	1943-50	Bristol University.
Druce, R. C. L.	1940-47	University College, London.
Hollingsworth, M. A.	1943-50	University College, Southampton.
Penny, R. K.	1942-50	Bristol University.
Ringrose, J. R.	1943-50	St. John's College, Cambridge.
Roberts, C. C.	1944-50	Nottingham University.
Salmon, E. J.	1942-49	Queen Mary College, London.
Tilly, J.	1941-48	St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.
Walker, D. J.	1943-50	Trinity College, Oxford.
Washington, R. S. W.	1941-48	Queen Mary College, London.

Bugey, R. F.	1942-50	St. Mark & St. John Training College.
Glozier, D. E.	1945-47	Goldsmiths College, London.



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THE LIBRARY

ANY report on the library for this year must begin with a reference to Mr. Moore, who left last summer. The 1950 issue of "The Roding" mentioned that the library was his special domain and praised his zeal and diligence. I should like, as his successor, to pay tribute to his wisdom and efficiency and to acknowledge how valuable his guidance has been.

One of the outstanding features of the last three terms has been the new bookbinding service. Under the capable and benevolent direction of Mr. Smethurst, a number of books have already been tastefully rebound and many more are undergoing treatment. We are very grateful to the Art Department for their co-operation. To save well-used volumes from the scrap-heap is a worthy achievement, and to save the library the cost of replacing essential ones, in these days of diminishing grants and rising prices, a noble work.

Many books, on a variety of subjects, have been added during the past year. Among them are a number of gifts (listed below), for which we are very grateful. Other notable additions include: Harrod's John Maynard Keynes; Martin Turrell's *The Novel in France*; Guthrie's *The Greeks and their Gods*; *The Mystery of Keats*, by J. Middleton Murry; Griffith Taylor's *Geography in the Twentieth Century*; Clifford's *The Commonsense of the Exact Sciences*; *The Technique of Water Colour Painting*, by Richmond and Littlejohns; Tovey's *Essays in Musical Analysis*, Volumes 1—6; Sturt's *The Wheelwright's Shop*; and Eastham's *Introduction to Economic Analysis*. Furthermore, we continue to offer a varied selection of magazines and periodicals and in this connexion we should like to thank the following for their support: Mr. V. Edwards (*The National Geographical Magazine*); Mr. Adams (*The British Survey*), Mr. J. A. Irving (*The Linguist and The Young Briton*) and Mr. E. C. Wigley (*The New Statesman*).

The staff of the library deserve a special acknowledgement. Davis, the Library Prefect, has set a fine example by his thoroughness and sense of responsibility. To him, and to Gorick (for his help and interest) and to the library monitors our thanks are due. The monitors this year have been: Johnson, Clarke, Keleher (until April) and Barrett of the Sixth Form; Landbeck (5A), Jones, R. H. (5B), Wright and Sear of 5C; Carney and Cooper of 4A and Brown (4C); Game, Madgwick, Harrington, Adshead and Guy of 3A; Hills, Adams, Riches, Marshall, Morrison and Wilkins of 3B; Sharp (3C); Lee, Smith and Wiggins (2A); Chapman, Wilson, A.D. and Howlett of 2B, and Oakes (2C).

Finally, a word to the borrowers—the important people. The library is for you. It can be the source of great pleasure and happiness. We only ask you to help us and yourselves by using

it properly. The rules to be observed are not made for their own sake. They are there to enable you to use the library to better advantage and to preserve for you the books you may one day need.

The library contains nearly four thousand volumes and there should be something for everyone. If you have any suggestions to make with regard to additions and improvements, the Library Prefect and I will always be pleased to listen.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

Donor	Title	Author
Mr. Bandey	Der Struwelpeter	Dr. Heinrich Hoffmann
Mr. Bandey	Max und Moritz eine Bubengeschichte	Wilhelm Busch
Mr. Boyce	The Waltz	M. Carner
Mr. Boyce	Opéra Comique	M. Cooper
Mr. Boyce	The Orchestra	A. Carse
Mr. Boyce	The Proms	T. Russell
Mr. Boyce	New Zealand, land of my choice	E. Roberts
M. A. Barnes (Va)	Lord Clive	T. Macaulay
D. J. Carter (IIIa)	Let's See if the World is round	H. Mielche
Miss Coulson	The Mind of the Maker	D. L. Sayers
M. André Crochu	Précis de Stylistique Française	J. Marouzeau
T. D. Giblett (1944-1950)	The Jungle is Neutral	F. S. Chapman
D. C. Gorick (1943-1951)	Biggles—Secret Agent	W. E. Johns
D. C. Gorick (1943-1951)	Biggles Flies East	W. E. Johns
D. C. Gorick (1943-1951)	The Scouts of Seal Island	P. F. Westerman
D. C. Gorick (1943-1951)	The Airship "Golden Hind"	P. F. Westerman
D. C. Gorick (1943-1951)	The Boy Ranchers Omnibus	W. F. Baker
D. C. Gorick (1943-1951)	Aces of the Air	H. Hayens
D. C. Gorick (1943-1951)	General Science	I. C. Joslin
G. F. Hawker (1940-45)	Anthony and Cleopatra	Ed. Dover Wilson
G. F. Hawker (1940-45)	The England of Elizabeth	A. L. Rowse
G. F. Hawker (1940-45)	The Beginning of the Gospel	T. W. Manson
G. F. Hawker (1940-45)	The Truth of the Gospel	A. B. Caird
G. F. Hawker (1940-45)	The Lady's not for Burning	C. Fry
Mr. J. A. Irving	Cassell's New Eng.-Fr.; Fr.-Eng. Dictionary	J. Boielle
E. G. Kirman (1943-1950)	Greek Tragedy	G. Norwood
A. Potter (IVa)	L'Aigle de Mer	E. Peisson
D. J. Walker (1943-1950)	On Art and Socialism	W. Morris
D. W. Walling ('43-'51)	The Secret of Forest Hall	N. P. Greig
D. W. Walling ('43-'51)	Great Exploits in the Air	Monk and Winter
D. W. Walling ('43-'51)	Paris at Bay	H. Hayens
D. W. Walling ('43-'51)	Mark Seaworth	W. H. G. Kingston
D. W. Walling ('43-'51)	Cleverly Sahib	H. Hayens
D. W. Walling ('43-'51)	Stephen goes to Sea	A. O. Cook
E. Sharpe (1944-1950)	Atlas of Essex 1777	Chapman and André
T. G. Killick (1945-1950)	The Poems of John Donne	Ed. Grierson
T. G. Killick (1945-1950)	A Sleep of Prisoners	Christopher Fry

SPLIT

Desire impossible grips
 My soul,
 I only know what I desire,
 Yet like little ships
 In bottles
 My goal
 Is unattainable
 And the fire
 Inextinguishable.
 Stretched on the rack
 Of being,
 Reality and unreality
 Tear and hack
 My twisted body
 Fleeing
 From reality and unreality
 To triviality.

J. ROBINSON, Upper Sixth Modern.

"THE MISER"

FOLLOWING the precedent set up last year the Dramatic Society again presented a play by a foreign author—Molière's "The Miser" in a version by Miles Malleson.

The play contains all the elements of a successful comedy. An amusing leading character is provided by Harpagon whose egocentricity is founded upon an obsession for money, a topic so fraught with opportunities for farce that the author has little difficulty in exploiting them. Incidents such as Cléante's unwitting plan to borrow money from his own father or the proposed marriage between the aged Harpagon and the young and economical Mariane, illustrate the farcical situations which a pecuniary subject affords. Secret love affairs, another great sphere of interest for the comedian, form a considerable part of the plot and their frustration and solution in the final, and as usual improbable, dénouement, are typical of the spirit of comedy.

Gorick, as Harpagon, dominated the stage as the personality of the miser dominates the play. He made full use of the great scope which the part provides and under the guise of a gaunt figure and anxious expression, imbued the character with vitality. As his covetousness came before every other consideration, so the theft of the money deprived him of his main joy in life. The only force which had driven him along, even if along a perverted course, an obsession for money, was suddenly removed leaving his

naturally unstable mind in a state of complete collapse. At this tragic climax, Gorick's superb characterisation reached its consummation as he portrayed the frustration of an inward collapse which hardened into an attitude of bitter and yet pathetic defiance.

The rest of the cast, in admirable period costume, ably supported Gorick. Wright's was the voice of moderation in the midst of a promiscuity of passions and idiosyncrasies, and his portrayal of Valère, the steward whose tact and sympathy endeared him to Harpagon, was extremely convincing. As Cléante, Grimbly's ardour, like his moustache, appeared a little superficial but he was nevertheless competent in the part. Hoffman was a robust Jacques whose diverse talents extended to cooking and driving, and Keleher's almost aggressive loyalty as the faithful servant of Cléante sometimes necessitated unscrupulous stratagems. Robinson did justice to a comparatively small part, but Guiver's voice did not quite live up to the splendour of his dress.

Of the female rôles, we were presented with not only three very credible members of the fairer sex but also some diversities of feminine personalities. Hallett was an attractive and somewhat petulant Elise, while Mariane, played by Drinkwater, was pleasantly demure and restrained. In contrast, Jones, R. H., as the coquettish Frosine, was extremely amusing in her attempts to exact remuneration from the miser.

Some members of the cast suffered from using their natural voices when they were unable to maintain the artificial tones which they had assumed and the resulting oscillation was a trifle disconcerting. Also, they displayed the perennial problem of not knowing what to do with their hands. Nevertheless, the play set in a simple but effective scene was a very creditable result for the producer, Mr. P. A. Gray, and provided an enjoyable and pleasantly diverting evening.

D. J. JOHNSON, Upper Sixth Modern.

MUSIC

MMUSIC in all its forms entails the appreciation of two elements which being inter-related and inter-fused are hardly distinguishable. Primarily music must appeal to the intelligence, involving the appreciation and understanding of such things as form, style and other technical ingredients which all add to one's enjoyment of the second appeal—that to the emotions. The proportions of these two elements decide the type and durability of the music. For example, the appeal of modern dance-music, immersed as it is in cheap sentiment, is merely limited to the emotions; its effect is not enduring; the intellectual element must be present for the emotional element to last and for the music to be well balanced.

Serious, or "classical," music, so termed "a vulgo," is thus proportioned and as such requires constant listening for its full appreciation. In connection with that modern cacophony—jazz—however, there could be much discussion over its various attributes: originating on an exotic rhythmic basis, its appeal is essentially emotional and thus perhaps its effect is merely momentary. If considered as an art, however, involving the appreciation of style, technique and harmony, jazz cannot possibly be appreciated at first hearing.

There are many styles which evolve from the varied realm of self expression, ranging from the restrictive contrapuntal "dixieland" to the complete abandonment embodied in modern "bop," and to "afro-cubanism" with the predominant African flavour. Always, however, the inherent spirit or goad is self-expression and the art in jazz depends upon the will of true exponents to play "extempore" and not become commercialized to the detriment of their art.

One might hope that true jazz, when the listener has mastered its many intricacies, will at length come to be ranked with serious music and emerge from being deprived to the heights of the true art of music. It rankles one when jazz is condemned "out of hand" as an unintelligible blare, while the music of modernists like Bartok, equally incomprehensible to its hearers, receives pretentious applause.

B. F. E. BEDWELL, Upper Sixth Modern.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

TTHIS year, somewhat like the previous one, has been noticeable for several major changes in the executives of the Association. At the Annual General Meeting in October, 1950, it was decided to ask Mr. T. H. Knight, Chairman of the Board of Governors, to act as the Association's first President and Mr. J. H. Taylor, the Headmaster, to act as Vice-President. I need hardly say how gratified the Parents' Association was in receiving the very cordial assent of both Mr. Knight and the Headmaster.

Parents will doubtless still retain very clear memories of the services rendered to the Association by its former Chairman and Social Secretary, and I know they will be pleased to learn that by an amendment of the by-laws it has been possible to show some measure of our appreciation as both Mr. R. Chapman and Mr. R. A. Chapman have accepted the invitation to become honorary life members of the Association.

There is no doubt that every parent will by now have heard of our American exchange Master, Mr. K. Deane Stout. With those who missed his talk given in the Assembly Hall last January we can only commiserate. To cover such a wide field of differences in education so that an English audience could easily follow him, while at the same time recounting many humorous incidents was no mean feat, and Mr. Deane Stout undoubtedly "held" his audience during the entire evening.

Another experiment has been tried this year, and has proved, I think, successful. Talks on Careers were given by parents covering their respective vocations. No less than six careers were covered in this way, and time was allowed during the evening for questions. In addition, these parents were kind enough to offer to give advice privately to parents whose sons might wish to follow one of these careers.

The Christmas Social once again proved to be the social event of the year and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Practically all the hard work falls on the shoulders of our Social Secretary, and those of us who know the vast amount of work which has to be put into arranging those cups of tea and refreshments at our functions, quite apart from a major event like the Christmas Social, feel that the Association may well congratulate itself in obtaining the cheerful and energetic services of Mr. Shuttlewood.

A Whist Drive was also held in February, and proved to be a very enjoyable evening. It had been decided to hold it in the Dining Hall so that smokers should not be deprived of any aid to concentration. Your Committee, however, would be grateful for a larger attendance at any future Whist Drive.

The Annual Cricket Match between Staff and Parents will take place on the 14th July and between the School and Parents on the 21st July. I hope it may be possible to append the result of these matches before going to print.

Once again I feel I must draw all parents' attention to the desirability of becoming members of the Parents' Association. The subscription is only 2s. 6d. per annum, and surely neither apathy nor cost should prevent anyone from joining.

LESLIE W. FARMER,

(Hon. Secretary.)

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Woodford Green, Essex.

ANNUAL VERSE SPEAKING COMPETITION

MR. DONALD FRANCOMBE, this year's adjudicator, first briefly addressed his audience on the merits of English poetry claiming that that was a sure foundation on which Englishmen could base their pride in their national heritage.

Sir Alan Herbert's little lyric, "My Ship," was then eagerly recited by Lee, Charlesworth, Stewardson and Appleby, from the Junior School. Lee gained the appreciation of the audience by his individual and sensible rendering of the poem, and Mr. Francombe justly appointed him the winner.

Howes, Hallet, Adams and Holste from the Middle School then proceeded to cope with "The Joy of Living," by Browning. The difficult cadence of this poem and the consequent need for subtle breath-control was only really managed by Howes; and then only at the expense of speaking rather too slowly to sound really enthusiastic about life. His extremely careful pronunciation, too, tended to take some of the boy-scout vigour out of the poem. However, he managed more than the others to kick the separate images into life and give some mobility to the whole. He was awarded first place by Mr. Francombe.

Gilbert, Hoffman, Wright A. G. H. and Wright S. J. of the Senior School then proceeded to interpret the agony of blind Samson. Gilbert and Wright A. were called upon to repeat their renderings as Mr. Francombe, torn between their different interpretations, found it impossible to decide the winner. Gilbert's rendering represented the frustrated Samson indulging in disguised verbal aggressiveness (which later on in the play solidifies into a crushing of the pillars). Wright accepted the speech at its face value and gave an elongated moan of self-pity tinged with perplexity. One feels that Milton, whose own frustration from his blindness and political disillusionment was largely sublimated in his later poetry (including "Samson Agonistes") and whose comfortable married life negated what remained of his frustration, would have preferred Wright's interpretation—as did Mr. Francombe. But both had adequate cathartic and cathartic effects, and we record our thanks to them both.

The Headmaster, reminding us of Mr. Francombe's many local aesthetic activities, thanked him for his admirable adjudication.

J. ROBINSON, Upper Sixth Modern.

THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

THE most significant occurrence during the past year which has affected the Old Boys' Association has undoubtedly been the official adoption of a name: The Old Buckwellians. It has caused considerable controversy and was only accepted after long deliberation, but our task now is to make it a name of which we can well be proud in the future; and we feel that decided progress in that direction has been made this year.

Our Cricket and Football Clubs, as will be seen in their respective reports, are steadily becoming stronger not only in their standard of play but in their membership. In the autumn we confidently anticipate the formation of a Hockey Club under the enthusiastic leadership of Tony Jolly. Needless to say, the immediate problem is players and we should welcome the support of past and present members of the School. The question, too, of Basket-ball is being actively approached by the Association Sports Committee, and we may well see a regular team playing in the near future.

Turning from sport, we have found that increasing interest is being shown in the social side of the Association. We have held our first dance of the year, which was indeed well supported, and we hope gradually to make this a monthly social occasion. Theatre parties, too, are now a regular monthly feature and will in due course cater for most tastes.

Reports of these activities are published in an Association News-letter, which is distributed to all members at the beginning of every month. This, as far as we are able to ascertain, has met with encouraging success, a significant pointer being that our paid membership numbers are constantly rising.

We are confident that the Old Buckwellians, as an Association, are progressing towards a much envied maturity, slowly it must be admitted, but most surely. And we find it an opportune occasion to thank Mr. Scott, our Chairman, and Basil Chase for the considerable efforts they have made in the past towards the development of our Association.

B. McCARTNEY, Hon. Secretary.

OLD BUCKWELLIANS F.C.

The Club entered its third season on a much sounder footing than it had previously experienced. Both playing and non-playing membership had increased considerably, and more members were taking an active interest in the organisation of both the playing and

social sides of the Club. This expansion brought with it more support from members of the Parents' Association, and at the same time instilled into all playing members added confidence in their ability to make their third season their most successful to date.

Four teams represented the Club's weekly playing strength. The First and Second elevens had been entered in the 2nd and 4th Divisions of the London Old Boys' League where, as official records will show, they gave a very good account of themselves.

The 1st XI succeeded in completing the season's league fixtures without losing a game, and consequently finished top of their division, six points ahead of their nearest rivals. They also performed well in the League Senior Cup, being narrowly beaten in the quarter finals by the eventual cup winners.

The 2nd XI were also making the Old Buckwellians a Club to be reckoned with in their division. They closed the season, having lost only two games, as runners-up, losing the top berth on goal average.

The Junior XI did the Club great credit, by finishing fourth in their division of the Forest Youth League, and reaching the semi-final of the Johnson Cup.

Unfortunately the "A" XI, who were playing friendly matches, had their season upset by the bad weather conditions which made the availability of pitches very difficult. However, they managed to produce the club's third highest goal scorer of the season.

A great deal of the credit for these successes must undoubtedly go to the parents who undertook the tasks of team managers to the 1st, 2nd and Junior XI's, namely Messrs. Dunlop, Boone and Cook, and the club is greatly indebted to them for their services.

The social side of the club was developed with the twofold task of providing additional funds, and cultivating the support of all people connected with the interests of the Association. The first object was achieved by the running of some very enjoyable dances and a Christmas Draw. The second task was successfully accomplished by the members who produced the weekly news-sheet, which had a greater demand than had been anticipated. Thus the Social Committee and the Press Secretaries had the satisfaction of seeing their hard work pay dividends.

It can be seen therefore that the club has completed a most successful season, during which it has brought the Old Boys' Association to the notice of many clubs and schools in and around the London area, and a reputation for good clean sportsmanship has been established.

L. TOVEY, Asst. Secretary.

THE OLD BUCKWELLIANS CRICKET CLUB

Since last year the playing membership of the club has increased to about twenty, and both a Saturday and a Sunday XI are now playing.

Bad weather at the beginning of the season caused the cancellation of a number of fixtures and no matches were played until Whitsun when, in glorious sunshine, the Old Boys drew with the Old Heronians at Wanstead.

Our playing record since then has been satisfactory, considering that the club is still growing and that some of our fixtures are with fairly strong teams. Out of ten games played, two have been won, four lost and four drawn.

As last year, net practice is held at the School Nets on Tuesday evenings and new players would be very welcome. More players are still urgently needed and if the numbers swell sufficiently we have hopes of fielding a further team next year, but to do this a minimum playing membership of thirty will be required.

R. O. LIGHTFOOT, Secretary.

CYCLING TOUR OF WALES

DURING the summer holidays of 1950 a party of 19 boys under the guidance of Mr. McCollin spent a fortnight, from August 22nd to September 4th, cycling round Wales and the Border country, using the Y.H.A. for accommodation. The party left Paddington early in the morning, reached Newport by mid-day, and from there cycled to Crickhowell.

We proceeded northwards via Brecon, Llandrindod Wells, Dolgelly and Harlech. A visit was made to the Elan Valley in which are the reservoirs which supply Birmingham. The scenery of the valley was its huge dams forming gigantic waterfalls was extremely impressive.

The party continued along the north coast and returned to South Wales via Flint, Wrexham, Llangollen, Hereford, Shrewsbury, Ludlow, the Wye Valley and Chepstow. The average daily distance was between forty and fifty miles and the total for the fortnight was approximately six hundred miles. There were halts for lunch or tea at most of the big towns and members of the party wandered where they would.

The Youth Hostels visited, varied considerably, ranging from a small country house with oil lamps and a water-pump just inside the back-door, to a 57-roomed mansion with all mod. con.

Unfortunately the weather was not as kind as it might have been and the waterproofing qualities of our cycling capes were

often put to the test. However the party was not depressed and was rewarded with some marvellous scenery during what fine weather there was.

Groups from the party climbed both Cader Idris, 2927 ft., near Dolgelly, and Snowdon. Unfortunately the summit of Snowdon was in the clouds and the usually magnificent views were totally obscured, but fine weather on the way down afforded a fine view of Llanberis Lake and, in the distance, of Anglesey.

Apart from a few punctures and a little sickness at Ludlow there were no major accidents and nobody regretted having made the journey in spite of a few hilly stretches of road. Our sympathies were extended to Hammersley who had to go to Hospital on the second day. All thanks are due to Mr. McCollin for a most enjoyable and unforgettable holiday.

J. H. L. LACEY, Upper Sixth Modern.

“AM ANFANG WAR DAS WORT”

WENN man deutsch schreibt, denkt man unwillkürlich tief, weil man sofort von etwas Unerfassbarem ergriffen wird, das wie der Lorelei-schmerz, oder wie die von dem Dichter Novalis erträumten blaue Blume der Sehnsucht wirkt.

“Am Anfang war das Wort”—Wir können die Bedeutung dieses Satzes nicht genug ergreifen, da die Menschen den göttlichen Wert des Wortes verloren haben, und somit haben sie den Anfang zerstört. Das Wort liegt gebrochen und in dieser Zeit der Geisterstockung ist der Mensch aus dem Kinderreich getreten.

Höfisches Epos, Minnesang und Volkslied sind verklungen, und neue Ausartungen des Geistes, wie Impressionismus, Expressionismus, Dadaismus, Neue Sachlichkeit, u.s.w., kämpften um den ersten Platz. Die Kunst wurde zu einer von einem zerstörten Geist regierten finsternen Anschauung, und die positiven echten Werte sind verschwunden. Um die Besorgnisse des Krieges wach zu erhalten, spielt man mit der Illusion des Friedens; um die Menschheit zu heilen muss man sie zuerst erschlagen.

Das Individuum unfähig die alten Werte zu erkennen, sucht auf eigenen Kosten “seine Wahrheit” “in einem Zeitalter, das unter Satan’s Sonne steht; Satan aber ist ein neuer Prometheus, der keinen anderen Glauben hat, als den Drang nach Glauben.”

Unter diesen Elementen, worin Freud und Adler sich zurecht finden würden, lassen sich jedoch nüchterne Zeichen eines neuen Humanismus bemerken.

Nietzsche betrachtete “die Musik als Spätling jeder Kultur” und nun möchte ich sagen: moderne Kunst ist der Vorläufer

neuer Geistesrichtungen. In Kunstmalerei hat das Reich der Farbe das unerhörte Gebiet des Unbewusstseins zum Ausdruck gebracht.

In Plastik wird der Stein von einem abstrakten Geist belebt.

Überall aber hinter diesem scheinbaren Chaos waltet ein kühner Schöpfer. Alles kehrt unwillkürlich zu den kosmischen Harmonien zurück, und strömt zusammen zur Einheit in der Vielheit.

Das ist, was die Architektur des "Festival of Britain" hat zeigen wollen: hinter der scheinbaren Unordnung herrscht eine höhere Ordnung, die über die Vielheit regiert; hinter der scheinbaren Unordnung des wissenschaftlichen Fortschrittes ist ein führender Geist verborgen, der alles seinem Willen unterwirft.

Wir müssen Vertrauen gewinnen in diese Darstellungen der unendlichen menschlichen Möglichkeiten, und wir müssen wissen, dass der Mensch eine göttliche Schöpfung ist und deswegen kehrt er trotz allem zur ursprünglichen Ordnung der Natur zurück.

Die Natur ist so komplex und trotzdem folgt alles einer herrlichen Ordnung. Obschon die Natur manchmal als Chaos erscheint, wird ihr unendliches Treiben und Wirken von dieser höheren Ordnung geleitet.

Diese kosmische Ordnung soll zum morgigen Humanismus werden und dann können wir den tiefen Sinn folgender Worte begreifen: "Am Anfang war das Wort."

A. STOESEL.

LA TROUPE ATHALYC

DURING the Autumn term, "La Troupe Athalyc," that talented Belgian company, directed by M. Liénard, presented Molière's "Le Malade Imaginaire" to an audience which included members of neighbouring schools.

The actors performed with great zest, and the humour, both subtle and obvious, of the comedy was greatly appreciated by the audience. After the curtain Gorick made a speech of thanks in French and presented two books to the eight year old "Louison" who had given a delightful performance.

It was hoped by everyone that M. Liénard would bring his troupe to entertain us again in the near future.

J. H. L. LACEY, Upper Sixth Modern.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT

THE School Concert was held on the 31st May, 1951, and it is with great satisfaction that we report the success of the event. The orchestra, which was formed early in the year, gave a very convincing performance in its three groups of pieces by Charles Woodhouse, Handel, and Hanson. The two choirs, taken from first and second year boys, gave an adequate rendering of their very difficult pieces, lack of concentration being the chief fault. We are of the opinion that such activities should be encouraged in the school, and hope that a concert will become an annual event.

C. T. MATTHEWS, Upper Sixth Modern.

D. E. HOFFMAN, Lower Sixth Modern.

INDUSTRIAL VISITS

Owing to the popularity of the industrial visits made last year, a further series of visits have been made through the kindness of the respective managements. The following factories, installations and shipping have been visited:—

- Oct. 30th. Cadby Hall, J. Lyons and Company Ltd.
The Editorial Offices and the Printing Presses of the Daily News Ltd. ("News Chronicle" and "The Star").
- Oct. 31st. Ford Motor Company Works at Dagenham.
- Dec. 29th. C.W.S. Warehouses and Tea Factory at Aldgate.
C.W.S. Flour Mill, Victoria Dock.
- Jan. 2nd. Union-Castle Steamship Company liner S.S. "Warwick Castle" at the Royal Albert Dock.
"Trebtor" Sweet Factory (Robertson and Woodcock Ltd.) at Forest Gate.
- Jan. 4th. A second visit to the C.W.S. Warehouses, Tea Factory and Flour Mill.
- Feb. 26th. Long-Distance Telephone Exchanges, Faraday Buildings and the International Radio.
General Post Office Sorting Offices and Underground Railway.
Hudson's Bay Company Fur and Cold Storage Departments.
- Apr. 26th. London Airport.

FILMS

Considerable use has been made of the new Debric Sound projector during the year, as a visual aid to teaching in the classroom and for the screening of films each Thursday in the Hall after School. The Thursday film programmes have consisted of either a selected feature film or related documentary films on a particular subject or theme.

The feature films this year have included "The Common Touch," "Tale of Two Cities," "The True Glory," "Bush Christmas," "The Last Chance," "Vice Versa," "Man of Aran," "The Great Barrier," "The Guinea Pig," "The Keys of the Kingdom," and "The 39 Steps."

Documentary films have been shown on the following subjects and themes :—Modern Inventions, English Justice, Norway, United States of America, Steel, Transport (Canal and Railway), The Gas Industry, The Farming Year, Petroleum, Fishing and Shipbuilding, Town and Country Planning, Pattern of Britain—Farming, Timber, and the two "Fact and Faith" films, "God of Creation" and "Dust and Destiny."

SCHOOL YOUTH HOSTEL ASSOCIATION GROUP

Nearly one hundred and fifty members of the School have joined the Youth Hostels Association. Our School membership has steadily increased throughout the year. Apart from individual and small group tours, four party tours have also been arranged. The first of these was a cycle tour of Wales undertaken by one master and nineteen boys, the second a walking tour of the Pennines and Yorkshire Dales with three masters and thirty boys. Both of these are described more fully in this Magazine. The third tour was a new experiment consisting of a long weekend in the Weald staying at two hostels and including Field Work and Map Reading. It is hoped that further weekends of this nature will be possible to arrange. During the Summer Holiday, three masters and thirty-six boys will be touring Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

THE SOCIETIES

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

SEVERAL play readings were held in the autumn term to discover those elusive members of the school possessed of dramatic ability. The plays read included "Henry IV, Part I," Bernard Shaw's "St. Joan," and Moliere's "The Miser." Miles Malleeson's version of the latter was adopted as the school play and was produced on April 6th and 7th. Mr. Gray has become producer this year in place of Mr. Sillis. Our thanks are extended to both of them, the former for his unsparing efforts this year, and the latter for the hard work and enthusiasm which has carried the society along so well in the last few years.

D. C. GORICK, Sixth Scholarship.

DEBATING SOCIETY

DESPITE a certain reluctance among members to speak from the floor, the society has had a successful and enjoyable year. In none of the five wordy battles so far joined with other schools have our colours been lowered, not even by the ancient enemy at Woodford. Our range of subjects too, has been gratifyingly wide. We have refused to view with apprehension the spread of Communism, and have had no further use for etiquette. Euthanasia, the B.B.C.'s monopoly and the Festival of Britain have been approved; but we have looked with scorn upon the disruptive tendencies of the United Nations and the unstable elements of Socialism. We have even preferred the cultural "dirty work" of Picasso to the claims to immortality of Gromyko and Gilbert Harding. Perhaps the three primary elements in this year's enjoyment have, however, been a series of inspired posters, the excellent teas and a well-nigh perfect chairman.

A. G. H. WRIGHT, Secretary.

SIXTH FORM MUSIC CLUB

IT was with great enthusiasm that members of the Sixth Form received the news that a music club was to be started especially for their benefit. We are extremely grateful to Mr. Wright for supplying most of the records. The music played has been of a very varied nature, ranging from Old Masters such as Bach and Handel to the latest moderns such as Vaughan Williams and Shostakovitch.

D. HOFFMAN, Lower Sixth Modern.

ART CLUB

THE ART CLUB, with its Senior and Junior sections, once again has had a successful year. Those boys of the school who think themselves artists and those who have a natural ability in this direction, have met every fortnight to exercise their talents in some medium or other. Both their enterprise in approach and success in completion have satisfied their artistic desires and those of the Art Master who has our thanks for the success of the organisation.

D. W. WALLING, Secretary.

C.E.W.C.

SEVERAL successful meetings have been held during the past year, including three Conferences and Dances combined (a true inspiration), one of which was held at our own school.

The annual Christmas Holiday Conference organised by C.E.W.C. and held at the Central Hall, Westminster, was well-attended by the school. Señor Salvador de Madariaga, the ex-Spanish Ambassador, and Dr. Garbett, the Archbishop of York, opened and closed the conference, which lasted for four days. These two speakers surrounded the lectures (on the U.N. development of under-developed areas) with a philosophic framework and provided a firm scaffolding on which the various speakers, who included Dr. Charles Hill, M.P., The Rt. Hon. Maurice Webb, M.P., and Mr. Ritchie Calder, built with their different subjects.

J. ROBINSON, Upper Sixth Modern.

I.S.G.

IN an atmosphere alternating between humour and sobriety subjects ranging from Nudism to the Present Parliamentary System have been discussed at meetings of the Inter-Schools' Discussion Group, held fortnightly at various local schools, meetings which select members of the Sixth Form occasionally attend.

We must thank Roy Seaman of Sir George Monoux Grammar School who has acted as secretary for the past year.

J. ROBINSON, Upper Sixth Modern.

S.C.M.

THIS year the school Student Christian Movement group has flourished. We have been privileged to hear some good speakers, to see some outstanding films and to voice our opinions in some interesting discussions, which together have formed a varied and interesting programme.

The attendance this year has fluctuated; and we would make an appeal to those who attended occasionally this year to make an effort to attend more regularly and form the nucleus for next year's group. The group extends a warm welcome to all members of the school, whatever their inclinations, ideas and thoughts may be on the religious side of life.

D. W. WALLING, Chairman.
J. F. DAVIS, Secretary.

THE CRAFT CLASS

THIS activity continued to flourish quite well during the Autumn and Spring terms but with considerable falling off during the lighter evenings. A variety of work has been produced and the lathe has been put to good use.

As usual the thanks of the Stage Manager of the Dramatic Society are due to those boys whose unstinted generosity of time and effort were invaluable in preparing the set.

It is hoped that next year more advantage will be taken of the facilities of this class by the members of the senior school for whom this class was originally started.

C.W.K.

STAMP CLUB

THE Stamp Club restarted last term and we had quite a good attendance. This number I am sorry to state has gradually decreased. At the end of the spring term we lost the services of our president, Mr. Bandey, but we are hoping that Mr. Watkinson will take his place. We shall be very pleased to welcome more stamp collectors to our future meetings.

C. J. WAGHORN, Secretary.

SPORT

FIRST XI FOOTBALL

AT the commencement of the season, with a team of new players, prospects of great success were none too bright. However results proved this pessimism unfounded. Of the eighteen matches played, ten were won, three drawn and five lost, and of seven away matches, six were won and one was drawn.

The key to the success of the team lay in the two speedy, opportunist wingers, Gold and Cook. The former with his speed

and positioning appeared in the centre to put the finishing touch to many attacking movements, while the latter always had the goal as his objective, dashing in from the wing and shooting on the run. Unfortunately Cook was unable to play during the spring term because of illness and his place was taken by Kinnison, an able deputy and a tireless worker. Redding also displayed energy at inside left, but Knights, who came into the team at centre forward near the end of the season had little opportunity to show his true merit. At right half was Lacey who did not however live up to his earlier promise although this may have been partly due to a positional change later in the season. Hawkes, a fourth former, played well at inside right and should be a valuable member of next year's side. Colby, at centre half, distributed the ball well but he will have to improve his right foot kicking. Coxwell at right back played delightful football throughout the season; slow on the turn, he atoned for this by fine positional play. Dunlop played at left back at the beginning of the season but lost his place to Self who, although lacking in football skill made up for it by his enthusiastic and untiring efforts. Woods in goal was erratic, but on occasions he played extremely well, and if it had not been for his excellent display on our first visit to Romford we would have lost by a considerable margin.

Throughout the season a high team spirit prevailed whether in defeat or success. It showed itself in the match against the Old Boys' 2nd XI where we fought back from being two goals down, and forced a draw. A most enjoyable game was played against King Edward VI G.S., Chelmsford, on a Wednesday owing to a postponement because of fog. Despite the heavy and almost treacherous conditions under-foot the standard of football was high and after a closely contested game we lost by the odd goal in three. We suffered our heaviest defeat against the Old Boys' 1st XI although the score flattered their form on the occasion. This robust football put us in a losing vein and, after being 2-1 up at half-time against Stratford we lost by 4-2, the defence conceding three goals in the last quarter of an hour. The four matches following another robust game, against the Old Foresters 2nd XI, were cancelled because of bad weather. Of the remaining three matches, two were won and one drawn. Our highest victories of the season were at the expense of Leyton C.H.S. and Ilford C.H.S., 10-1 and 5-0.

Besides congratulating ourselves we must be proud of the 2nd XI's record of losing only two of their fourteen matches.

Team: Woods, Coxwell, Self, Dunlop, Lacey, Colby, Cooper M. R., Cook, Kinnison, Hawkes, Knights, Redding, Driver, Gold.

Colours were awarded to Coxwell. Cooper gained a re-award. M. R. COOPER, Captain.

That the past season has been most successful is due largely to the boundless energy and enthusiasm of Cooper. For four years he has played a notable part in School football, and with a happy combination of modesty and skill has proved himself to be a most popular and effective captain.

1950		RESULTS			
Sep. 16	Dagenham C.H.S.	Away	Won	1-0	
23	East Ham G.S.	Away	Won	5-4	
30	Old Foresters 2nd XI	Home	Drawn	3-3	
Oct. 4	Forest School	Away	Won	5-2	
7	Sir George Monoux G.S.	Home	Lost	1-3	
21	Ilford C.H.S.	Home	Won	5-0	
28	Romford Royal Liberty School	Away	Won	2-1	
Nov. 4	Stratford G.S.	Home	Won	5-1	
11	Leyton C.H.S.	Home	Won	10-1	
18	Old Boys 2nd XI	Away	Drawn	3-3	
29	King Edward VI G.S.	Chelmsford	Home	Lost	1-2
Dec. 2	Barking Abbey School	Away	Won	2-1	
9	Old Boys 1st XI	Home	Lost	1-9	
1951					
Jan. 13	Stratford G.S.	Home	Lost	2-4	
20	Old Foresters 2nd XI	Home	Lost	1-2	
Feb. 24	Romford Royal Liberty School	Away	Won	2-0	
Mar. 10	East Ham G.S.	Home	Drawn	3-3	
17	Barking Abbey School	Home	Won	4-1	

SECOND XI FOOTBALL

THE 2nd XI had a most successful season losing only two matches out of fifteen, with two games drawn. Although the forward line was hardly ever the same two weeks running, for the most part it was very effective. The wingers were often sluggish however and slowed the movements down considerably. Evans played extremely well at left half, and Kinnison when not in the 1st XI, played a fine, bustling game in the forward line. Gould played well in goal and brought off many fine saves. We unfortunately lost the services of Oliver at right half in the spring term through illness.

Team: Gould; Surrey, Dunlop; Gorick, Greenaway, Evans; Tyler, Kinnison, Knights, Jones, P., Spindler. Driver, Oliver, Marshall, McIntyre, Aves, Burns, Harrington, Western and Goodwin also played.
D. C. GORICK, Captain.

The Under 16½ team won two of their three matches.

Thanks are extended to E. G. Carter and P. L. Harrison of 2A for their loyal service as linesmen during the season.

UNDER-14 FOOTBALL XI

THE Under-14 XI did not have such a good season as was expected, winning three matches, drawing three and losing six. Through injuries the team was frequently changed.

The following boys represented the school :—

Peters, Willett, Brant, Wilson, Warren, Waller, Dent, Watkins, Hunter, Hammersley, Ewen, Hobbs, Surridge, Llewellyn, Kendall, Adams, Harrington, Smith, R. G., Hallett, West, Berrecloth.

A. BERRECLOTH, Captain.

The Under-15 XI won one match and lost one.

UNDER-13 XI FOOTBALL

THE Under-13 team had a very poor season. Owing to bad weather six fixtures were cancelled; of the remaining six matches five were lost and only one game won. Our heaviest defeat was by East Ham G.S.' Under-14 team. The boys who have played for the team this season are :—Beard, Brookes, Harman, Howlett, Jackson, King, Lavery, Loader, Partridge, Peck, Rogers, Saward, Smith, Turner, Waghorn.

J. H. BEARD, Captain.

HOCKEY, 1950—51

ONCE again the hockey eleven finished the season having lost more matches than they won. This season however was particularly satisfying, because of the four games played against other schools the school managed to win all of them.

Yet again, the main trouble with the team was that it was not given the chance to settle down, for of the twelve games played there was not the same team for two consecutive games. This state of affairs is not of course conducive to the formation of a strong team.

In all, fifteen boys played for the school at one time or another throughout the season, and we were sometimes assisted by Mr. Armstrong or Mr. Barnett.

Of all these the team which was, perhaps, most representative was :—Derwent, Delfgou, Alberry, Doe, Maitland, Brown, G., Guiver, King, Taylor, M. F., Chapman, J. B. and Wright, A. G. H.

In conclusion I wish to thank John Davis, Sixth Scholarship, for his unceasing assistance in the capacities of both player and umpire.

D. MAITLAND, Captain.

RESULTS

1950			
Sep. 30	Hornchurch H. C.	Won	2—1
Oct. 21	Bank of England H. C.	Lost	1—2
Nov. 11	Westminster College 2nd XI	Lost	2—4
18	Bank of England H. C.	Lost	2—3
25	Westminster College 2nd XI	Drew	1—1
1951			
Jan. 20	Loughton School	Won	6—1
27	Bancroft's School	Won	4—3
Mar. 3	SS. Mark and John College	Lost	4—10
10	Hornchurch H. C.	Lost	1—2
21	Bancroft's School	Won	3—2
31	Epping H. C.	Lost	1—3
Apr. 7	Loughton School	Won	4—1

THE CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

THOUGH the weather tried its hardest to prevent it, the School cross-country team has again left little to be desired in its performances, gaining both the "French" and "Smeed" Cups and finishing runners-up in the "Burn" Cup. It was a pity that on two occasions we were unable to field our strongest team through age requirements, yet even with that handicap we have by no means disgraced ourselves.

Highgate Harriers' Inter-Schools Invitation Race, December 9th.

On a gruelling course over Parliament Hill Fields the team was unique in supplying two of the first ten to finish but with several of the regular team ineligible we could only manage to finish seventh out of twenty-one schools.

Doe 5th, Tyler 6th, Dunbar 40th, Keleher 71st. Brown, G., Oliver, Wright, S. J. N., and Cuming also ran.

"W. J. Smeed" Cup for Local Schools, 17th February.

The team retained the Cup after a trying race over the water-logged Woodford Green golf course. Sixty-six completed the course—our last man being 34th. Wanstead C.H.S. was 2nd and Ilford C.H.S. 3rd.

Doe 1st, Tyler 2nd, Lucas 4th, and Harrington 15th. Williams, Dunbar, Keleher and Coyle also ran.

"Burn" Cup for Essex Schools, March 3rd.

For the second successive year we finished runners-up to the hosts who this year were Romford Technical. The course containing a large proportion of hilly ploughland obviously favoured the initiated but our second out of 17 schools showed our all-round strength. Felsted School were 3rd.

Doe 1st, Tyler 2nd, Williams 17th, Harrington 20th. Dunbar, Meddings, Coyle and Keleher also ran.

Essex Youths' Race for the "French" Cup.

Age qualifications restricted the team to five runners but all finished in the first half of the field of 110 runners. Out of 17 clubs and schools the team finished 1st with 15 points, 2nd were Essex Beagles, 35 points, and third, Woodford Green A.C. who were, incidentally, the home team, 46 points.

Doe 2nd, Tyler 5th, Harrington 8th. Dunbar and Wright, S. J. N., also ran.

Four of last year's team, Coyle, Doe, Dunbar and Tyler, have benefited from experience but the newcomers, especially Harrington, Lucas and Williams, have performed no less meritoriously. The systematic hard work put in during training has helped set a standard which future teams will find hard to better.

Colours this year have been awarded to Harrington and Lucas, with re-awards to Doe and Tyler.

R. J. DOE, Captain.

THE SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY RUNS

Friday and Monday, April 16th and 19th

WITH conditions this year being easily the worst on record for all three races (and entry entirely voluntary!) every runner to enter and finish the course deserves praise for what may be justly termed an Olympian performance.

On the Friday the First-Year race was monopolised by Waller (1c) who led from start to finish. 1a, however, with Marshallsay 2nd and Pellen 3rd romped home in the team event. In the Junior race the river crossings were omitted because the water was dangerously high. Davis (Hainault) ran brilliantly to win by one minute from Shuttlewood (Chigwell) with Harrison (Forest), a second-former, in 3rd position.

By the following Monday the river had flooded the fields in several places and the Senior course was shortened during the race. But even this move failed to avoid two fields covered to a depth of some inches. Doe (Hainault) won by 42 seconds, but honours in this race must go to Lucas (Roding), a fourth year boy, who ran very strongly to beat Tyler (Roding) for 2nd position.

With 9, 5, 7 and 3 points being awarded in each of the Junior and Senior races Hainault scored 16, Roding 14, Chigwell 10 and Forest 8.

R. J. DOE, Cross-Country Captain.

GYMNASTICS

A GYMNASTIC Competition consisting of vaulting, agility, rope climbing and beam work, was held in the gymnasium on March 29th. The competition was divided into two parts, a Junior Section (1st, 2nd and 3rd years) and a Senior Section (4th and 5th years). Next year it is hoped to include 6th form gymnasts.

In the Junior Section a good all-round performance by J. A. Peters gave him first place, E. S. Oakes a 2nd former, did very well to finish second.

Among the Seniors the rope climbing of B. G. Lucas and K. R. Waterland, the hand-walking of R. Alberry, and M. W. King's neatly executed agility sequence, were among the best features. However, the general standard of the work was not high; landings were heavy and uncontrolled, and the beam and rope work was taken too quickly to show balance and ease. In spite of this the competitors enjoyed themselves, tried very hard, and achieved promising results.

	Junior		Senior	
1st	J. A. Peters (3b).....	31 pts.	M. D. King (5a).....	30 pts.
2nd	E. S. Oakes (2c).....	30 pts.	J. Delfgou (5c).....	28 pts.
3rd	C. T. McDowell (3b).....	28 pts.	R. Alberry (5b).....	27 pts.

J.W.A.

BASKETBALL

THIS year basketball moved to the Sixth Form and met with more enthusiasm. Only two of last year's team were left at school but the Sixth and Fifth forms produced some new talent. Unfortunately the lack of fixtures due to the fact that few schools in the area play basketball, prevented the team developing extensively. Out of only four matches played, two were won and two lost.

Players: Chapman, J. B., Colby, Cook, Cooper, M. R., Delfgou, Greenaway, Harrington, Self, Tyler, Wright, A. G. H.

K. W. SELF, Captain.

SPORTS DAY

SPORTS DAY has at last been brought forward to the first Saturday in June and for the first time in the present generation's memory it has been accompanied by real athletics weather. As a result, the general standard in track events was considerably higher than in previous years, although the shorter training period necessitated by the new date caused a number of disappointments in the field events.

In the events decided before Sports Day, Doe's victory in the mile was undoubtedly the outstanding performance. After being content to remain in second place for most of the race, he produced a truly Bannister-like last lap with which to shatter the existing record by eight seconds and thoroughly avenge last year's defeat by Tyler. Burns also performed very creditably in adding another nine inches to Chambers' record in the hop, step and jump, under 15.

On the actual day, Doe was again pre-eminent, though Marsh and Lucas also took full advantage of well-nigh ideal conditions. All three established new records, in the 880 yards, 100 yards open and 440 yards under 15 respectively. Lucas also equalled the existing record for the 220 yards, under 15. In the open shot, Cooper added another nineteen inches to his own record, while Roding produced the usual climax to the afternoon's programme by creating a new record in the under-15 relay.

In addition to those already mentioned, the following must also be commended: Gosford for being placed in six events, Tyler for making Doe run so hard and Freeman, who scored no fewer than fifteen points. This latter feat gained Freeman the cup awarded for the best under-13 performance, a distinction which was won by Lucas in the under-15 and by Doe in the open divisions.

The final touch to Sports Day was added by the closeness of the struggle between Chigwell, Hainault and Forest for the distribution of the last three places. Roding had established an almost impregnable ascendancy on the second preliminary day and it was left to the three lesser houses to provide the excitement, which they did to the satisfaction even of the House Captains. But it was the enthusiasm behind this excitement which was the real key-note of Sports Day and it is only to be hoped that it will prove a good omen for the school athletics team's season.

A. G. H. WRIGHT, Captain.

- 100 Yards (under 12): 1 Skinner (F), 13.0 secs.; 2 Wiseman (F), 3 Debnam (C).
 100 Yards (under 14): 1 Merrison (R), 12.0 secs.; 2 Hunter (F), 3, Collins (R).
 100 Yards (under 16): 1 Taylor, M. F. (F), 11.2 secs.; 2 Knights (H), 3 Greenaway (H).
 220 Yards (under 13): 1 Freeman (C), 28.4 secs.; 2 Wilson (C), 3 Crouch (R).
 220 Yards (under 15): 1 Lucas (R), 25.4 secs.; 2 Gosford (R), 3 Burns (F).
 220 Yards (16 and over): 1 Marsh (C), 24.2 secs.; 2 Wright (H); 3 Maitland (C).
 440 Yards (under 16): 1 Driver (R), 60.2 secs.; 2 Taylor, M.F. (F), 3 Hunter (C).

- 880 Yards (15 and over): 1 Doe, R. J. (H), 2 mins. 6 secs. (Record); 2 Tyler, N. (R), 3 Coyle (R).
 High Jump (under 13): 1 Freeman, P. B. (C), 4 ft. 5 ins.; 2 Chapman, B. E. (R), 3 Jackson, M. J. (F).
 High Jump (15 and over): 1 Cooper (R), 5 ft. 1 in.; 2 Arnold (F), 3 Clark, D. W. (R).
 Long Jump (under 15): 1 Hayward (R), 16 ft. 4 ins.; 2 Lucas (R), 3 Burns (F).
 100 Yards (under 13): 1 Wilson (C), 12.8 secs.; 2 Freeman (F); 3 Crouch (R).
 100 Yards (under 15): 1 Gosford (R), 11.4 secs.; 2 Hayward (R), 3 Burns (F).
 100 Yards (16 and over): 1 Marsh (C), 10.8 secs. (Record); 2 Wright (H), 3 Maitland (C) and Gold (R).
 220 Yards (under 14): 1 Hunter (F), 28 secs.; 2 Merrison (R), 3 Collins (R).
 220 Yards (under 16): 1 Taylor, M.F. (F), 25.0 secs.; 2 Pearman (R), 3 Meddings (F).
 440 Yards (under 15): 1 Lucas (R), 56.2 secs. (Record); 2 Cooper, D. F. (H), 3 Wedge (H).
 440 Yards (16 and over): 1 Doe R. J. (H), 56.8 secs.; 2 Cooper, M. R. (R), 3 Lacey, G. (C).
 One Mile (15 and over): 1 Doe, R. J. (H), 4 mins. 46 secs. (Record); 2 N. Tyler (R), 3 Milburn (H).
 High Jump (under 15): 1 Lucas, B. G. (R), 4 ft. 11 ins.; 2 Webb, A. L. (F), 3 Gosford, G. W. H. (R).
 Long Jump (under 13): 1 Freeman (C), 15 ft. 4 ins.; 2 Cooper, M. A. (H), 3 Crouch (R).
 Long Jump (15 and over): 1 Self (C), 17 ft. 11½ ins.; 2 Tyler (R); 3 Lacey (H).
 Hop, Step and Jump (under 13): 1 Cooper, M. A. (H), 30 ft. 6 ins.; 2 Debnam, R. A. (C); 3 Williamson, R. J. (R).
 Hop, Step and Jump (15 and over): 1 Maitland (C), 37 ft. 10 ins.; 2 D. Knights (H), 3 Harrington (H).
 Shot (8.8 lbs.) (under 15): 1 Gosford, G. W. (R), 37 ft. 3½ ins.; 2 Abrahams, T. (C); 3 Burns, A. (F).
 Discus (2.2 lbs.) (under 13): 1 Turner, B. J. (H), 54 ft. 5 ins.; 2 Oakes, (H), 3 Pellen, A. E. (C).
 Discus (3.3 lbs.) (15 and over): 1 Colby (H), 95 ft. 2 ins.; 2 Taylor, J. R. (C), 3 Wright, A. G. H. (H).
 Javelin (under 15): 1 Auvache (F), 135 ft.; 2 Tong (H); 3 Clarke (R).
 Pole Vault (under 13): 1 Williamson, R. J. (R), 5 ft. 10 ins.; 2 Chapman, B. E. (R), 3 Oakes, E. S. (H).
 Pole Vault (15 and over): 1 Tyler, N. (R), 5 ft. 10 ins.; 2 Limn (F), 3 Waters (C).
 Hop, Step and Jump (under 15): 1 Burns (F), 37 ft. 4 ins. (Record); 2 Abrahams (C), 3 Marshall (R).
 Shot (6 lbs.) (under 13): 1 Wilson, A. D. (C), 33 ft. 10½ ins.; 2 Freeman (C), 3 Williams (R).
 Shot (12 lbs.) (15 and over): 1 Cooper (R), 38 ft. 7½ ins. (Record); 2 Grimbley (C); 3 Taylor, J. R. (C).
 Discus (3.3 lbs.) (under 15): 1 Macefield, B. (F), 104 ft. 4 ins.; 2 Gosford, G. W. H. (R), 3 Hawkes, L. R. (F).
 Javelin (under 13): 1 Beard, J. H. (F), 89 ft. 3 ins.; 2 Freeman, P. B. (C), 3 Wilson, A. D. (C).

Javelin (15 and over) : Maitland, D. (C), 150 ft. 4 ins. ; 2 Dunlop, M. (H), 3 Self, K. W. (C).

Pole Vault (under 15) : 1 Sands, J. A. (R), 7 ft. 4 ins. ; 2 Gosford, G. W. (R), 3 Peters, J. A. (H).

Old Boys' Race—220 yards : 1 Chambers, 24.2 secs. ; 2 Foster, 3 Mulinder.

Inter-House Relay (under 12) : 1 (F) Cecil, Skinner, Wiseman, Bullen, 59.8 secs. ; 2 (C) Debnam, Pellen, Sibbons, Winstone, 3 (R) Little, Bedding, Gedge, Cowling.

Inter-House Relay (under 13) : 1 (C) Wilson, Freeman, Saward, Cullen, 56.2 secs. ; 2 (H) Oakes, Turner, Davidson, King, A. C., 3 (F) Roe, Beard, Meddings, Wiseman.

Inter-House Relay (under 14) : 1 (H) West, Peters, Howes, Davis, 54.2 secs. ; 2 (R) Collins, Bernard, Merrison, Berrecloth, 3 (C) Waller, Regardsoe, Harrington, Wilson.

Inter-House Relay (under 15) : 1 (R) Hayward, Gosford, Lucas, Brothers-ton, 51.0 secs. ; 2 (H) Macgillivray, Betts, Cooper, D., Wedge, 3 (F) Webb, Burns, Scoones, Crisp.

Inter-House Relay (under 16) : 1 (H) Knights, Battershall, Greenaway, Colby, 51.6 secs. ; 2 (R) Pearman, Langley, Wright, Spindler, 3 (F) Williams, Meddings, Palmer, Arnold.

Inter-House Relay (16 and over) : 1 (C) Marsh, Lacey, Self, Maitland, 49.4 secs. ; 2 (R) Gold, Tyler, Cooper, M. R., Burt, 3 (H) Lacey, Brown, Harrington, Wright.

THE ATHLETICS TEAM

THIS season has been one of individual achievement rather than team success. With three boys representing Essex in the National Championships and another who certainly ought to be, the school's athletic reputation has undoubtedly been strengthened. But in team competitions our standard has fallen slightly. Yet second out of four competing schools in the Campbell Cup, fourth out of sixteen in the Bickersteth Cup, equal third out of eleven in the Russell Cup, and second out of twelve in the 15-17 age group in the Forest Division Sports are positions which still justify some self-satisfaction. The gaining of five first places and seven standard awards in the Essex Junior and Youths' Championships might even be cause for pride.

Nevertheless, the most gratifying aspect of the season has been the individual successes. Doe has been undefeated in the mile and Lucas has likewise overcome all opposition in the 440 yards. Hayward has proved himself the first consistently good long jumper the school has had in this scholastic generation and Marsh has turned into a very sound sprinter.

There have been some disappointments such as our inability to avenge that solitary point in the Campbell Cup. But, on the whole, the season has been a pleasant one and the weather, following the example of Sports Day, has been a friend throughout.

A. G. H. WRIGHT.

CRICKET

1st XI

The results of the cricket season to date show that the team has had a rather disappointing summer. Of the ten matches already played, four have been won, four lost and two drawn, and four remain to be played.

Six members of last year's eleven were available once again, and this made the strength of the team, particularly in batting, look formidable on paper ; but in action there was often an unexpected collapse, either through careless strokes or because of poor running between the wickets. The most successful opening pair were Cooper, S. J. and McIntyre of the several players tried in this position since the opening of the season. Knights failed to maintain his early success, and Gold never produced his form of last season. Hawkes came into the side late in the season and with Surrey was always capable of scoring quick runs. Dunlop always made his contribution with the bat, but his wicket-keeping fell short of last year's standard. Cooper, M. R. was too often pre-occupied with the leg-gance, but played a very sound innings against the R.A.F.

Again this year there was a variety of bowling talent. Cooper, M. R. continued his success of last season ; Colby, bowling medium paced left-arm round the wicket, took a number of wickets early in the season, but recently has been inclined to bowl too fast, thus sacrificing length and direction. Both Surrey and Hawkes have bowled to a good length, and helped to keep the runs down. Lacey has bowled very well on occasion and with success, but at times he has been put off by the aggressiveness of some of the opposition. McIntyre bowled only a little, but when he did he managed to take the last two or three wickets quite cheaply. The fielding has not reached a high standard, but the ground fielding has been made more difficult by the dangerous nature of the out-field.

We are indebted to G. Gilbert for his invaluable services as scorer.

The team was represented by :—Cooper, M. R., Surrey, Gold, Cooper, S. J., Dunlop, Lacey, Knights, Colby, McIntyre, Hawkes, Gould and Marsh.
M. R. COOPER (Captain).

At the end of this season we shall lose several members who have served the School with credit for the past two seasons, not the least of whom is Cooper, M. R., an old Colour and this year's Captain, who has also won distinction in other cricket circles this term. Their places must be filled next year, and in this respect a pleasing feature of this term's cricket has been the promise of such boys as McIntyre and Hawkes in the 1st XI, Wooler in the 2nd XI, and Banfield, Barfoot and Kendall in the Juniors.

1st XI CRICKET RESULTS

Date	Opponents	Result	Scores	
			For	Against
May 12.	Romford Technical S.	Lost	46	48
May 16.	Forest	Lost	39	40-7
May 19.	Chelmsford, King Edward VI G.S.	Won	83	31
May 23.	R.A.F. XI	Won	59-4	58
May 26.	Headmaster's XI	Match Abandoned.		
May 30.	Romford Royal Liberty S.	Drawn	73-8	97-9
June 16.	Ilford C.H.S.	Won	47-1	45
June 20.	R.A.F. XI	Drawn	101-6	104-9
June 23.	East Ham	Lost	27	39
June 30.	Barking Abbey G.S.	Lost	35	38-7
July 7.	Old Boys' XI	Won	90-7	88

2nd XI

The batting of the 2nd XI this season has seldom come up to expectation, and the side has continually been saved by the efforts of only one or two batsmen. A universal tendency to defend even against mediocre bowling was the cause; too few runs were the result. Wooler distinguished himself as an opening batsman and often set a firm foundation upon which the team failed to build. Of the other batsmen who occasionally did well, Aves was the most promising. The bowling was fairly good, with Marshall and Taylor as two good medium paced bowlers; Greenaway, always a potential wicket-taker, was, however, often far too erratic. The wicket-keeping was usually adequate but balls on the leg were let through, which could have been stopped by more lively use of pads.

The team was represented by:—Bedwell, Wooler, Walling, Lebentz, Jones, P., Taylor, J. R., Webb, Aves, Marshall, Thomas, Greenaway and King.
B. F. E. BEDWELL (Captain).

Junior XI

It has been a season of team building and searching for talent. Very few of last season's Junior XI were available again this year, so that the team lacked experience. However, there are a number of boys who have shown that they have the necessary skill, both batsmen and bowlers, but they have not had, as yet, enough match experience to give them the confidence required when the team finds itself in difficulties. Too often has the batting failed completely when the early wickets have fallen cheaply, and bowlers have sometimes become erratic at critical points in the game.

The fielding has been keen and adequate on most occasions, but vital chances in more than one game have been missed. Bowlers have been rather slow to plug holes in the field, and, with lively pitches, extras have often exceeded runs from the bat. Progress has been made all round. It is the will to win which must be fostered now.

HOUSE NOTES

CHIGWELL

OUR final position in the House Championships has proved this to be yet another year of futile attempts to wrest the championship from Hainault House.

That these attempts have proved so futile is mainly due to the feeble responses on the part of most boys in the House. The refusal by boys to play football or cricket or to run in the cross-country or athletic sports made the task of team building almost hopeless. As a consequence the results obtained were very mediocre.

In conclusion I would like to congratulate Hainault House for continuing their outstanding run of successes, and to hope that some future captain of Chigwell House will achieve that seemingly impossible task of arousing some enthusiasm within the House.

D. J. MAITLAND.

FOREST

This year Forest has, unfortunately, obtained poor results all-round, and the general spirit has too often left much to be desired. I would hasten to praise the few who gave of their best, particularly that "happy band" now in the Fourth Form: next year's results will be largely in their hands, and I believe their enthusiasm can again rise to the occasion. My thanks are due to Mr. Graydon, the Housemaster, and to Gorick, both of whom freely gave their valuable advice.

The senior football team played well, but obtained mixed results. The senior cricket team seems capable of great things, although only one match has been decided to date. In both spheres the juniors were provided with very little talent, and their exertions were rewarded quite inadequately, despite courageous leadership by Surridge. Grand running by some of the senior members in the cross-country was made to appear only mediocre in the table of results, because so many boys preferred not to compete; but at athletics, Forest improved greatly upon last year's performance—however, the relays were again our downfall.

Recalling the low attendance at House meetings I think it is necessary to reiterate some perennial advice: it is imperative that each member should make an **individual** effort to revive the old Forest spirit—in this manner I am sure we can win that elusive championship. Like my predecessor, I sincerely hope good luck will attend Forest's efforts in future.

A. J. SURREY.

HAINAULT

With the House Championship won for the fourth successive year, these notes ought, perhaps, to be used for the distribution of congratulations. Certain sections of the House undoubtedly deserve them; junior teams which can gain maximum points in three out of four sports are indeed something of which to be proud. In the senior teams, however, there have been too many individuals who, conscious of three previous years of success, have tended to wait for victory to come to the House of its own accord and have consequently been too much pre-occupied with their own glory. Team effort has been giving way to individualism. The old willingness to forget the significance of personal achievements in enthusiasm for the whole has been lost. Ken Bales showed us the value of that enthusiasm and it is far more important that we should keep it alive than that we should win the House Championship. We can say, without being unduly conceited, that we have a unique tradition of House spirit; but that spirit can only continue to live if, in future years, everyone in the House makes a whole-hearted effort and excludes his own personal considerations.

A. G. H. WRIGHT.

RODING

With the school year rapidly drawing to its close, the positions in the House Championship are not yet decided, with only outstanding cricket matches to be played. Nevertheless we can congratulate Hainault on winning and ourselves on finishing a close second.

In the football competition we finished second. The seniors did not live up to their early promise, but the juniors, finishing up well after a poor start, changed almost certain failure into success. We again came second in the cross-country; in the senior race we must congratulate Lucas (4th year) and Tyler on coming second and third respectively. This proved a strong footing for our senior victory, though in the junior race Roding only came third.

In the athletic sports, we gained first place; I am only sorry that we did not get more points in these to help us in our tussle for the Chapman Memorial Cup. Here I must thank Mr. Barnett, our Housemaster, and all the boys, whose willing and enthusiastic co-operation made this a successful Roding year.

M. R. COOPER.

Head Prefect and School Captain :

D. C. Gorick.

Second Prefect :

A. G. H. Wright.

Third Prefect and Library Prefect :

J. F. Davis.

School Prefects :

Bedwell, B. F. E., Cooper, M. R., Cooper, S. J., Doe, R. J., Greenaway, D., Grimby, M. G., Lacey, J. H. L., Levine, P., Maitland, D., Matthews, C. T., Surrey, A. J., Walling, D. W.

House Captains :

Chigwell : Maitland, D.

Hainault : Wright, A. G. H.

Forest : Surrey, A. J.

Roding : Cooper, M. R.

School Football Captain : Cooper, M. R.

Second Eleven Football Captain : Gorick, D. C.

School Cricket Captain : Cooper, M. R.

Second Eleven Cricket Captain : Bedwell, B. F. E.

School Cross-Country Captain : Doe, R. J.

School Athletics Captain : Wright, A. G.

School Hockey Captain : Maitland, D. J.

Magazine Committee :

D. C. Gorick (Editor).

B. F. E. Bedwell, J. Blunt, S. J. Cooper, J. F. Davis, D. R. Hoffman,
P. B. Marsh, J. W. Robinson, A. J. Surrey, A. G. H. Wright.

VALETE

- Bedwell, B. F. E.** (1944-51). H.S.C. (Exemption from Intermediate B.A.), 1950; School Prefect; Captain of 2nd XI Cricket.
- Cooper, M. R.** (1944-51). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1951; School Prefect; Captain of Roding House; Captain of 1st XI Football and Cricket; Athletics Team.
- Cooper, S. J.** (1949-51). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1951; School Prefect; 1st XI Cricket; Entrance to Imperial College of Science, London.
- Davis, J. F.** (1944-51). H.S.C. (Exemption from Intermediate B.A.), 1950; Third Prefect and Library Prefect; County Major Scholarship; Entrance Scholarship to London School of Economics; 1st XI Hockey; S.C.M. Secretary.
- Gorick, D. C.** (1943-51). H.S.C. (Exemption from Intermediate B.A.), 1950; Head Prefect and School Captain; Library Prefect, 1950; County Major Scholarship; Entrance to Reading University; Secretary of the Dramatic Society, 1949-51; Captain of 2nd XI Football; Editor of School Magazine.
- Grimbly, M. G.** (1945-51). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1951; School Prefect.
- Lacey, J. H. L.** (1944-51). H.S.C., 1950; School Prefect; Athletics Team.
- Levine, P.** (1945-51). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1951; School Prefect; Entrance to Imperial College of Science, London.
- Maitland, D.** (1947-51). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1951; School Prefect; Captain of Chigwell House; Hockey Captain 1949-51; Athletics Team.
- Surrey, A. J.** (1944-51). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1951; School Prefect; Captain of Forest House; 1st XI Cricket.
- Walling, D. W.** (1943-51). H.S.C., 1950; School Prefect; Chairman of S.C.M.; Secretary of Art Club; Entrance to University College of S.W. Exeter.
- Wright, A. G. H.** (1944-51). H.S.C., 1950; Second Prefect; School Prefect, 1950; Open Exhibition to Merton College, Oxford; Captain of Hainault House; Captain of Athletics; 1st XI Hockey; Secretary of the Debating Society.
- Barrett, R. P.** (1945-51). Sat for Ordinary Level G.C.E. Economics, 1951.

- Clarke, R. L.** (1945-51). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1951.
- Coyle, A. J.** (1943-51). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1951 ;
School Cross-Country Team ; Athletics.
- Cuming, M. J.** (1944-51). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1951 ;
School Cross-Country Team.
- Dunlop, M. G.** (1945-51). Sat for Ordinary Level G.C.E.
Economics, 1951 ; 1st XI Cricket.
- Giles, B. L.** (1944-51). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1951.
- Janes, J. F.** (1944-51). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1951.
- Kinnison, A. P. J.** (1944-51). Sat for Ordinary Level G.C.E.
Economics, 1951.
- Marsh, P. B.** (1945-51). Sat for Ordinary Level G.C.E. Economics,
1951 ; Athletics Team.
- Palmer, D.** (1943-51). H.S.C., 1950.
- Robinson, J. W.** (1945-51). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1951.
- Sunaway, M. E. A.** (1944-51). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E.,
1951.
- Tyler, N. E. W.** (1944-51). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1951 ;
School Cross-Country Team ; Athletics Team.
- Wilson, L. H.** (1946-51). Sat for Ordinary Level G.C.E.
Economics, 1951.
- Woods, B. D.** (1944-51). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1951 ;
1st XI Football.

Our good wishes go also to all Fifth Form boys and others who
will be leaving at the end of the School Year 1950-51.

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