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Careers in the Coal Industry.—Modern Coalmining is very largely a new industry. More accurately, it is an old and vital industry which is being reconstructed to serve the present and future needs of the nation. While other forms of energy will help, the main source of power in the foreseeable future will continue to be coal.

Technical Careers.—Many well-paid and absorbing jobs are available and the Coal Board are ready to train you for them, either through a University Scholarship or—if you prefer to earn and learn at the same time—by taking you into the industry straight from school and providing technical training without loss of pay.

University Scholarships.—Highly-trained mining engineers are urgently needed. The National Coal Board offer a hundred University Scholarships a year: most are in Mining Engineering, but some are available in Mechanical, Electrical and Chemical Engineering and in Fuel Technology. They are worth about the same as State Scholarships and successful candidates receive them in full—parents' financial position makes no difference to the value of the awards.

Practical Training.—When you have qualified—either through the University or through technical college while working—you are eligible for a two or three year course under the Coal Board's management training scheme. Each trainee has a course mapped out for him personally and a senior engineer gives him individual supervision. If you come in to the industry on the mining engineering side, you have a very good chance of becoming, between the ages of 25 and 30, a colliery undermanager at a salary between £900 and £1,200 a year—or even a colliery manager with a salary in the range £950 to £1650.

Other Careers.—There are also good careers in the Board's Scientific Department and in administrative posts. Young men and women of good educational standard (who have preferably spent some time in the sixth form or have attended a university) are also needed in such fields as marketing, finance and labour relations.

Full details can be obtained from any Divisional Headquarters of the Board or from the National Coal Board, Hobart House, London, S.W.1.

"THE TEMPEST", MARCH, 1955
(right) T. E. Hardiman as Prospero



(below: l. to r.)
W. P. Jamison as Trinculo
D. P. Onwood as Caliban
and
T. M. Hooley as Stephano



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EDITORIAL

I have a rather unusual exhortation to make to the school in opening this issue of the magazine: an exhortation to pride, to an attitude bordering almost upon arrogance. It has occurred to me that it has often been the custom for past writers to encourage boys to work and play together, with the assurance that it is only thus that results can be achieved. Since this seems rather to give the impression that the school's record is not all that it might be, I determined to examine it objectively. I found that there was little justification for this vague feeling of inferiority. The supplement to the 1953 magazine, reviewing the first fifteen years of the school's history, showed that we have built up a worthy reputation, a reputation of which, I feel, we are not fully aware.

There can be little doubt that we have every right to be proud of our school's achievements in the sporting field. We have, for example, shown ourselves to be the equal of any school in the district at cross-country running and at athletics. We consistently send a large proportion of our Sixth Form on to the Universities, and now can expect to gain rather more than our fair share of State Scholarships. We can justifiably be proud of the fact that we are speedily building up a tradition of first-rate organised holidays, largely through the enthusiasm of some of our teaching staff. The School Play this year was of a very high standard, and one really felt that the Senior Dramatic Society was attaining a very successful maturity. The Verse-speaking Competition also produced better results than ever before, and the competitors were all highly praised by the adjudicator. Last, but by no means least, we can now certainly feel that our Parents' Association is gaining strength with time; this year we have received greater proof than ever that a large number of the parents are willing to come forward to help the school on every possible occasion and in a diversity of ways.

It appears, in short, that although we are a relatively "young" foundation we have every reason to feel ourselves as fine a community as any school in the neighbourhood.

I feel that we do not, at the moment, exhibit sufficient pride in our school. The principal cause of this is, to my mind, a kind of apathy which seems to grip boys about half-way through the school, and which fosters the conviction that one need only be a schoolboy

for seven hours of the day. This is not a supportable conviction, for it is from our appearance when outside the school that the world makes its judgement of the school as a whole. We are perpetually, in fact, representative of Buckhurst Hill County High School. There are numerous ways in which we can demonstrate our pride in the school to the outside world. Although not wishing to advocate the suppression of energetic self-expression, I do think that we should endeavour rather more to keep our enthusiasm within the bounds of dignity when in public. It would also be of credit to the school if we could be sure of a large crowd of supporters at the various inter-school contests. The wearing of school uniform is also an extremely important aspect of this problem; there is a strong tendency to shed school caps at the earliest opportunity, and to arrive at school functions dressed in the most variegated clothing. We have a well-designed uniform, and this, together with such innovations as house ties and Colours blazers, should provide ample scope for such "showing off" as is necessary.

Let us, therefore, take stock of our school, and try to show the public, and other schools, that we look upon ourselves as belonging to a very worthwhile community. We shall one day, as Old Boys, be able to boast that we were members of Buckhurst Hill County High School, and support our school "against the envy of less happier lands".

D. H. CLARKE, Sixth Scholarship.

SCHOOL NOTES

The third Chairman of the Governing Body is Mr. J. Alban Davies, J.P., who has succeeded Alderman F. S. Foster. Among his many interests education claims a greater part of Mr. Davies' time; he is the Treasurer of the University College of Wales and a governor and a member of the Council of the National Museum of Wales; he is also a governor of the National Library of Wales. In 1951 Mr. Davies was High Sheriff of Cardiganshire. Among Mr. Davies' sporting interests Rugby Football has pride of place for he is Vice-President of London Welsh and Chingford Rugby Football Clubs, and he has played for London Welsh, Old Merchant Taylors and Eastern Counties fifteens. By the time these words are read parents will have met Mr. Davies in his official capacity of Chairman of the Governing Body when he opened the School Bazaar; they will soon get to know how very fortunate the School is in having a gentleman of his range of interests and force of character as Chairman of the Governing Body.

We are happy to report that Mr. T. H. Knight maintains his long association with the School as Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body.

All parents, Staff, and boys will join to congratulate Alderman Sir F. S. Foster, C.B.E., J.P., on receiving a knighthood in the Queen's Birthday Honours list, and on becoming Chairman of the Essex County Council for the second time. No man who has served the interests of his country can have more deserved these high honours, and we are proud that Buckhurst Hill is one of the schools of which Mr. Foster is a governor. In spite of the very heavy calls on his time, it is rare for him to miss the terminal meetings of the Governing Body. The School was very pleased to send Sir Frank a telegram of congratulation on his knighthood.

We regret the loss by resignation from the Governing Body of Mr. W. A. Nichols, Chairman of the Chigwell Urban District Council, and of Dr. Rich. In thanking these gentlemen for their services to the School we hope that they will remain in their minds as in our feelings "friends" of the school.

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It is with great regret that we say goodbye to Mr. C. W. King at the end of the school year on his return to Whitby Grammar School in his native county. For six years he has given his energy, skill and enthusiasm to the service of the School in a variety of ways. He has raised the standard of equipment, teaching, and craftsmanship in woodwork by his own high standards of industry and thoroughness, and in innumerable other ways he has added to the beauty and convenience of the School by his taste and skill. He has wrestled almost to exhaustion but not frustration with the problems posed by having to stage the School plays on a school platform but, as a true son of Yorkshire, he has refused to be beaten by any seemingly insuperable obstacle. By planning the layout and taking charge of the erection of stalls, sideshows, etc., for the School Fete, Mr. King revealed himself as the man for the occasion and quite indispensable. Mr. King has taken a good deal of trouble to provide a bookmarker adorned with the School Crest for use with the lectern he designed, so that evidence of his goodwill and taste will happily be part of our daily furniture. The annual display of his pupils' work has been an impressive indication of Mr. King's skill as a teacher; the respect with which he has been held by pupils and colleagues is a testimony to his vigorous, forthright, but generous nature; we are all truly sorry at losing him.

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To meet the staffing requirements posed by the extra admission of an entire form of thirteen year old pupils next September, Mr. E. Johnson, B.Sc.(Lond.) has been appointed to assist with General Science in the Main School and Chemistry in the Sixth. Mr. Johnson has played Rugby Football for Northampton and Blackheath teams but it may be, if one may judge solely from build,

that his chief service to School sport will be to reinforce the bowling of the Staff Eleven in its two "blood" matches with the Parents' and School Elevens.

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Elsewhere will be found an account of the evolution, both ideal and material, of the Cricket Pavilion, but at the risk of repetition the earliest opportunity must be taken in these pages of thanking Mr. Joseph Taylor, one of our parents, for his most valuable and generous services as honorary architect. He has given freely of his time, professional skill, and experience, thereby saving the Parents' Association normal costs which would have added substantially to its financial obligations. Those familiar and professionally concerned with the study of the plans have commented most favourably on the ingenuity and skill with which Mr. Taylor has made the fullest use of the limited money and therefore ground area at his disposal, and it is hoped that a permanent tribute to Mr. Taylor's services will find a place in his pavilion.

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Our very grateful thanks, also, are due to Mr. L. D. Gerrish for his most generous gift to the School of our dominating flag-staff and its erection "in situ." Here again it would only be fitting and proper that some small record of Mr. Gerrish's magnanimity should be inset on the site. By the time these words are read, most parents will have seen the Union Jack and the School Flag flying from the masthead on the occasions of the Bazaar and Sports Day. We are not permitted to name the maker and donor of the School Flag, but it was a very happy and generous thought of the family concerned to present it to us as an expression of their thanks to the School. It need hardly be said that in numerous other ways the School has long been in their debt.

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Possibly the only but most regrettable omission from the anniversary number of "The Roding" in 1953 was a record of the good works done by parents since the foundation of the School. In 1942 parents subscribed over half the cost of the Bechstein grand piano in the Hall; in 1950 more than half the cost of the Show Case for the display of cups and trophies in the Crush Hall had been met by the Parents' Association, and in the same year forty limes and sycamores had been bought and planted alongside the Roding Lane boundary of the School Field, together with five bench seats, again an expression of goodwill from many parents. And so we come to this year with its o'ertopping gifts of pavilion and flagstaff. Nor must we omit to mention the practical skill of those parents who have helped with the construction of the cricket sight screens this summer.

Through the generosity of the General Purposes Committee the School now possesses, for the first time in its history, a pair of wooden sight screens, a welcome addition to the amenities of school cricket. We acknowledge with gratitude the valuable help given by the fathers of Berry and Nash of 3A and Smith of 4A, who have been responsible, under Mr. King's supervision, for their construction; and we do not forget the kindness of several members of the Parents' Association Committee, who have supplied the extras required for completing the screens.

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We are very grateful to Mr. W. Jarrett for a gift to the Biology Laboratory of a heated aquarium with accessories and some interesting stock.

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This year, for the first time, a group of parents made a large number of costumes for the Senior Play, "The Tempest." The venture (despite all the hostile winter weather could do) was a great success; to distinguish professional from amateur costumes would indeed have been a task.

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As a result of the splendid response of both boys and parents, the Christmas collection was the best we have had as yet. Cheques to the total value of little short of £40 were sent to the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis and the National Spastics Society. The Poppy Day collection amounted to £3 17s. 11d., and Forest Hospital Amenities Fund was sent this year a cheque for £5 0s. 1d.

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Special mention ought to be made of a new school record when they are increasingly hard to establish. We offer congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hawker of Hillside Avenue, Woodford Green, whose fourth son, Alan, will be following Geoffrey, Michael, and John as pupils of the School. It may encourage other parents intent on breaking this record to know that the fifth Hawker is a girl. The other standing "family" record set up in 1944 of the contemporaneous school membership of three sets of three brothers, the Gilberts, the Whites and the Fleetwoods, looks like holding pride of place for ever.

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Mr. F. J. Matthews, donor of the Inter-House Music Cup, was so impressed by the effort of last year's runners-up, Forest House, that he awarded a plaque in their honour. At his wish the School was invited to use the plaque for any award it wished, provided it would encourage any aspect of school music.

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The new colour scheme in the Crush Hall has won most favourable praise; the entrance to the Hall is lighter and the wall

space provides an admirable gallery for pictures. It was decided to hang original paintings of scenes of rural Essex. Mr. E. C. Wigley and Mr. R. A. Smethurst kindly presented one each of their own paintings. The remaining three paintings were purchased at the Annual Exhibition of the Essex Art Club; one is a view of Finchingfield by Walter Spradbery, and the other two are scenes of Epping Forest painted by two of his pupils.

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Since our last issue six more university or college crests have been presented to hang in the Hall: those of Balliol, Keble, and Hertford Colleges, Oxford; Trinity College and Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge; and of Keele College, University of North Staffordshire.

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The Headmaster and two of the Staff were entertained at Oxford on the week-end of May 21st-22nd by Old Buckwellians in residence at the University. Mr. Wigley writes:

This is the third time that members of the Staff have been invited to share a memorable and enjoyable experience at Oxford. On this occasion we were met at the station, given tea in Eric Crook's rooms at Balliol, and dinner at the Eastgate where we met Mr. Steele, our former Second Master. There followed conviviality, conversation—occasional reflective, more often amusing, partly reminiscent and partly prospective—a little late dallying in the High, and we retired, the Headmaster to his College, Mr. Scott to Balliol, and Mr. Steele and I to rooms belonging to Christ Church. Next morning after breakfast in Hall, some of us visited venerable buildings, flowering gardens, historic halls and churches in fine spring sunshine before parting at midday. To our hosts, J. A. Burrow (Christ Church), R. J. Oliver (Lincoln), E. D. Crook (Balliol), I. A. Donaldson (Hertford) and J. W. Robinson (University) we repeat our grateful thanks.

For ten years the succession of Old Buckwellians at Oxford has been unbroken, and, assured now at least until 1959, it should be an encouragement and an example to present and future boys to keep the line unbroken.

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The Headmaster was amused to receive two anonymous effusions during the course of the school year. The first was the result of a purely family homily given to the school at Assembly on what appeared to the Head as an unbecoming sartorial habit of some cyclists riding with their trousers tucked halfway up to their knees and displaying some six inches of bare leg above their socks. The anonymous correspondent had been amused by the report he had read in the national evening paper "The Star," for he writes "to the Head with the unpleasant-looking Staff" in justification of which he quotes the

following sentence: "The Headmaster said, 'I believe it is a continental style but I think it looks unpleasant, and so do the Staff'."

The second contribution is reproduced in full. Presumably composed by one of our parents others may deem it fair justification:

LINES WRITTEN IN DEJECTION NEAR CHIGWELL

(More in sorrow than in anger)

Year after year it's just the same;
We come, by Governors invited,
To hear a man with famous name;
And homeward go, our ardour blighted.

Acoustically, you may plead,
The Hall makes voices hard to train;
Yet Drinkwater we heard indeed
Without the need our ears to strain.

Now, dear Headmaster, is it fair
That we who come time after time
Should find ourselves, once we get there
The mere spectators of a mime?

The moral cannot long be hidden;
If men of fame have not the skill
To reach the ear of parents bidden,
Ignore such men for good or ill;

Choose someone less who has a voice
Then in his humbler words may we
(And not because he's done) rejoice;
"Be fair, dear Sir; try it and see."

As it is hardly possible for the Headmaster to invite potential speakers at Speech Day to submit to a voice test, it may be added that the Governing Body has agreed to the installation of a microphone and two amplifiers in the Hall.

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We are pleased to congratulate:—

- L. A. Crapnell ('48-'55), for winning the senior 100 and 220 yards sprints at the Champion Russell Inter-school Athletic Sports and for equalling the existing record of 10.3 secs. for the 100 yards.
- J. F. Davis ('44-'51), for being awarded a First Class Degree in the Honours School of Geography by the University of London.
- J. A. Burrow ('43-'50), for his appointment as Lecturer in Mediaeval English Literature at King's College, London.

P. Levine ('45-'51), for his First Class Degree in Chemical Engineering at London University and for his election as President of the Union at Imperial College.

C. E. Cocking ('43-'50), for his election as President of the Junior Common Room, Wills Hall, University of Bristol.

M. Davey ('49-'54) and B. E. F. Macefield ('47-'55), on gaining State Scholarships.

SPEECH DAY

The sixteenth annual Speech Day of the School was held on Saturday, 23rd October, 1954, when Sir Alexander Carr-Saunders, Director of the London School of Economics and Political Science, was the guest of honour and presented the prizes. The afternoon's proceedings were presided over by the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. F. Foster, who had kindly agreed to replace Mr. T. Knight, the retiring Chairman, until such time as a more permanent arrangement could be made.

The Headmaster began his address by welcoming Sir Alexander; the school was proud to have as its guest the Head of a famous and unique college, a sociologist with an international reputation.

The Headmaster then paid tribute to the School's first Chairman of the Governing Body. Mr. Knight's loyalty, guidance and devotion were recognised with deep gratitude, and Mr. Taylor hoped it might be possible that some permanent record of his service should find its fitting place within the School.

In turning to the results of the General Certificate of Education for which the University of Cambridge papers had been taken for the first time, the Headmaster revealed the School's high successes. He pointed out, however, that the crucial factor was not so much the quality of teaching, which remained at a high level from year to year, but the quality and response of the pupils. He added that the School was still adhering to the principle of a broad general education up to the end of the fifth year.

The main emphasis in the Headmaster's speech was upon the purpose and nature of Sixth Form studies. At that stage, the climax of grammar school education, there was a risk of spoiling the means to attain the end so that the Sixth Form course tended to be regarded as no more than a speedway to the university. The modern student had to carry a double burden by which most of his privileged predecessors had been unhampered: he had to learn not only for leisure but also to earn a living in a very competitive world. His attitude was conditioned by the atmosphere of his times of which a cold current was economic urgency and pressure. Mr. Taylor cited the decline in the practice and love of literature

as a symptom of the times and stressed that parents and teachers had a duty to be aware of such symptoms in order to be able to diagnose the malady and prescribe a remedy. The only prescription he knew was to put first things first and strive that knowledge might flourish and abound for its own sake.

Finally the Headmaster referred to the School's fine sporting record, thanked the Parents' Association for their ever-ready support, and wished increasing success to the Old Buckwellians. The School, he believed, would be ultimately what the boys made it, and the promise and achievement of so many made him confident that, like Hopeful in "The Pilgrim's Progress," they could go on their way rejoicing.

Sir Alexander Carr-Saunders began by supporting the Headmaster in stressing the importance of books. It was one of the more unfortunate aspects of our national tradition that the Englishman was extremely reluctant to purchase a book; such an act was likely to induce a feeling of guilt at one's "extravagance." Sir Alexander maintained that one of the best ways to judge a man was by his library. A second weakness in the English tradition, our reluctance to learn foreign languages successfully, he censured as little better than arrogant; it was of real importance, to ourselves and to the world, that we should become linguistically more accomplished.

Sir Alexander then turned to the problems facing the grammar schools today. The supply of technicians adequate for the country's need was only a relative matter, he felt; but the provision of wisdom and sense of purpose was far less easily achieved, and to that end the grammar school should be dedicated. Towards the achievement of its aims, the grammar school should not only provide a sufficient range of subjects, including political, economic, and social studies (here Sir Alexander stressed the need for greater flexibility in university entrance requirements), but should also foster enjoyment of music, literature, drama, ballet, and the other arts. No man would have wisdom and a sense of purpose who was not a full and well read person; it was impossible to overstress the importance of those activities and studies which go right to the root of character. From what he had seen for himself and read in the magazine, Sir Alexander was confident that the School was providing those essential two sides of a purposeful grammar school education.

Mr. F. H. Charlesworth proposed a vote of thanks to Sir Alexander on behalf of the Parents' Association, and Mr. G. H. Hawker seconded it for the Old Buckwellians. During the afternoon J. Drinkwater spoke D. H. Lawrence's "Snake," while music included Schubert's "The Miller," a negro spiritual, and two chorales by J. S. Bach, "Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word" and "With Voice and Verse."

PRIZE LIST

FORM PRIZES

1a. Maple, M. H.	1b. Haynes, J. R.	1c. Claydon, M. F.
2a. Hawker, J. F.	2f. Cornwell, B. W.	2g. Cornwell, N. A.
3a. Richards, P. M.	3b. Smith, R. A. J.	3c. Baker, D. A. V.
4a. Freeman, J.	4b. Purssord, A. D.	4c. Giggie, B. R.

Art—Middle: West, G. R.; Junior: Hale, T. K.

Gymnastic—Senior: Bootle, D. T. C.; Junior: Hardy, F. S.

Verse Speaking — Senior: Dodkin, J.; Middle: Lowery, R. S.
Junior: Forsyth, I. P.

Woodwork—Third Year: Verlander, F. M.; Second Year: Tyler, G. J.

EXAMINATION PRIZES

General Certificate of Education

" Ordinary " Level (Cambridge).		" Advanced " Level (London).	
English Language	Richards, B. H.	French	Clarke, D. H.
English Literature	Stewardson, M. P.	Latin	Clarke, D. H.
Geography	Waite, B. D. A.	History	Gordon, J. D. M.
History	Waite, B. D. A.		Cooper, D. F.
Latin	Richards, B. H.	Geography	Gordon, J. D. M.
French	Richards, B. H.	Economics	Cooper, D. F.
German	Vitler, R. H.	Pure Mathematics	Crapnell, L. A.
Mathematics	Daniels, A. J.	Applied	
General Science	Drake, J. F.	Mathematics	Davey, M.
Art	Meddings, J. G.	Physics	Macefield, B. E. M.
Music	Charlesworth, D.	Chemistry	Onwood, D. P.
Woodwork	Loader, J. J.		

Prize awarded by the Parents' Association
for the best results at " Ordinary " Level
RICHARDS, B. H.

The Old Buckwellians' Cricket Bat
Awarded to the most improved Cricketer of the year
SPINDLER, R. F.

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

The Mallinson Cup
" to the boy with the year's best record of service to the School "
HAYWARD, D. J.

The Head Prefect's Prize presented by
THE GOVERNING BODY
CROOK, E. D.

The " Chapman Memorial " Cup
(The Inter-House Sports Championship, 1953/54)
FOREST HOUSE
(Captain: McIntyre, A. S.)

EXAMINATION RESULTS

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATIONS SYNDICATE, 1954

" Ordinary " Level:—

Abrahams, M. D. (4)	Freeman, P. B. (4)	De Naeyer, P. M. (1)
Aplin, C. F. (8)	Freeman, T. J. (4)	Owen, A. (6)
Ashdown, C. R. (6)	French, K. J. (1)	Page, M. G. (7)
Banfield, C. G. (3)	Goodson, B. H. (2)	Partridge, W. H. (5)
Beard, J. H. (7)	Green, P. B. (4)	Peck, B. R. (3)
Bishop, W. H. (1)	Greenwood, J. R. V. (8)	Perkins, A. J. (7)
Bolding, P. T. (4)	Harman, J. P. (5)	Perring, B. G. (1)
Bright, B. J. (1)	Harrison, T. G. G. (2)	Richards, B. H. (9)
Browning, D. G. (6)	Hartnell, G. W. (5)	Roe, W. D. (3)
Carter, E. G. (5)	Hartog, W. B. (8)	Rogers, J. (5)
Chapman, B. E. (4)	Hiscott, B. (3)	Samuels, L. S. T. (7)
Charlesworth, D. (9)	Hornett, C. R. (3)	Savill, R. (2)
Chew, W. H. (5)	Howard, B. R. (1)	Smith, T. M. (6)
Cobb, D. I. (9)	Howlett, R. P. (7)	Stephenson, G. (5)
Cockburn, D. L. (7)	Howse, B. H. (3)	Stewardson, M. P. (9)
Colgate, B. M. (6)	Irving, J. (8)	Tilly, D. G. (3)
Combes, R. M. (7)	Jackson, M. J. (2)	Turner, B. J. (7)
Cooper, M. A. (6)	Jefferies, A. (7)	Vitler, R. H. (8)
Crouch, B. C. H. (1)	Jesty, J. (2)	Waghorn, C. J. (5)
Cullen, A. E. (4)	Lavery, P. (4)	Waite, B. D. A. (8)
Daniels, A. J. (8)	Lee, D. J. (7)	Waller, A. H. (8)
Davidson, H. L. M. (5)	Leveridge, M. E. (8)	Wiggins, K. P. (9)
Davey, B. (7)	Liddell, I. G. (9)	Williams, R. D. (6)
Dodkin, J. (8)	Loader, J. J. (6)	Wilson, A. D. (9)
Dungate, A. H. (6)	Marriott, K. R. M. (9)	Wilson, A. J. (3)
Drake, J. F. (9)	Mason, R. N. (3)	Wilson, P. J. (7)
Drinkwater, J. A. (7)	Meddings, J. G. (5)	Wiseman, A. J. (7)
Eves, M. R. M. (1)	Moore, B. A. (7)	Wright, M. N. (1)
Faulkner, J. W. (7)	Moore, C. B. (8)	

Number in brackets denotes number of subject passes.

The following members of the Sixth also obtained passes at " Ordinary " Level:—

Brothers, H. G. (French)	Hayes, D. R. (Latin)
Davis, B. M. (Economics)	Hayward, D. J. (French)
Edwards, C. P. (Spanish)	Hobdell, E. J. (Economics, Maths.)
Farmer, P. G. L. (French, Maths.)	Thomas, P. A. (Economics)
Gray, G. W. P. (English Language, Physics, Chemistry)	Stock, P. J. (Chemistry)
	Tucker, L. F. (German)

" Advanced " Level:—

ARTS:

Bambridge, A. M.	History, Geography, Economics, Art.
Carney, D. J.	History, French, Music.
Clarke, D. H.	Latin, English, French.
Cooper, D. F.	History, Geography, Economics.
Edwards, C. P.	French, German, Art.
Gordon, J. D. M.	History, Geography, Economics.

Advanced Level:—ARTS—continued

Howes, C. J.	History.
King, M. W.	French, German.
Leatherland, H.	History, Geography, Economics.
McIntyre, A. S.	Art.
Saley, B. R.	Art.
Smith, R. G.	Woodwork.
Spindler, R. F.	Economics.
Stapleton, F. J.	Latin, History.
Tucker, L. F.	French, History.
Western, A. F.	History, Geography, Economics.

SCIENCE :

Crook, E. D.	Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics.
Davey, M.	Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics.
Alford, S. C.	Physics, Chemistry, Zoology.
Bennington, R. E.	Pure Maths., Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.
Fuller, Q. T.	Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Chemistry.
Landbeck, R. C.	Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Macefield, B. E. F.	Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics (Distinction), Chemistry.
Pearman, R.	Pure Maths., Physics, Chemistry, Zoology.
Rigden, B.	Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics.
Smith, P. S.	Pure Maths., Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.
Willingale, P. T.	Pure Maths., Applied Maths.

Lower Sixth—

Crapnell, L. A.	Pure Maths. (Distinction), Applied Maths., Physics.
Masters, G. R. J.	Physics, Chemistry.
Onwood, D. P.	Physics, Chemistry.
Yeowell, D. A.	Chemistry.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

State—Davey, M., Macefield, B. E. F.

The Baring "Essex" Scholarship in Modern History at Hertford College, Oxford—Donaldson, I. A.

County Major Scholarship—Crook, E. D., Crapnell, L. A.

County Major Exhibition—Alford, S. C., Arotzky, J., Bennington, R. E., Clarke, D. H., Cooper, D. F., Fuller, Q. T., Gordon, J. D. M., Landbeck, R. C., Leatherland, H., Madgwick, K. S., Pearman, R., Rigden, B., Robinson, J., Smith, P. S., Sparks, B. M.

OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES in FURTHER EDUCATION

Chapman, D.	1943-50	B.A. (Hons. Jurisprudence), Class II, Oxford.
Davis, J. F.	1944-51	B.A. (Hons. Geography), Class I, London.
French, R. H.	1942-50	B.A. (Hons. French), Class III, Oxford.
Gilbert, S. J.	1941-49	B.A. (Hons. English Language & Literature), Class II, Oxford.
Jolly, A. C.	1943-49	B.Sc. (Hons. Chemistry), Class III, London.
Lane, J.	1942-49	B.Sc. (Engineering), London.
Levine, P.	1945-51	B.Sc. (Hons. Chemical Eng.), Class I, London.

Henderson, S. A.	1943-50	B.A. (Hons. Modern History), Class III, Oxford.
Pratchett, A. G.	1943-50	B.Sc., General, London.
Taylor, B. H.	1942-47	B.Sc. (Economics), Class II, London.
Twyman, V. R.	1942-49	M.B., B.S., London.
White, E. F.	1940-45	B.Sc (Hons. Botany), Class II, London.
Wright, A. G. H.	1944-51	B.A. (Hons Modern History), Class II, Oxford.

OLD BOYS AT UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

(taking up residence after September, 1954 or not previously reported)

Alford, S. C.	1946/54	Southampton University.
Arotzky, J.	1948-53	Southampton University.
Banfield, C. G.	1948-54	Bartlett School of Architecture, London University.
Bambridge, A. M.	1946-54	London School of Economics and Political Science, London.
Carney, D. J.	1947-54	Royal Academy of Music, London.
Chapman, J. B.	1946-52	University College of North Staffordshire.
Cooper, D. F.	1948-54	London School of Economics and Political Science, London.
Crook, E. D.	1949-54	Balliol College, Oxford.
Davey, M.	1949-54	Queen Mary College, London.
Donaldson, I. A.	1946-54	Hertford College, Oxford.
Dunbar, I. M.	1945-52	University College of North Staffordshire.
Gray, G. W. P.	1947-54	Faraday House.
King, M. W.	1948-54	Queen Mary College, London.
Landbeck, R. C.	1946-54	Southampton University.
Leatherland, H.	1949-54	Southampton University.
Madgwick, K. S.	1942-49	University College, London.
Mayo, R. F.	1946-54	St. John's College, Cambridge.
Rigden, B.	1947-54	Southampton University.
Robinson, J.	1945-51	University College, Oxford.
Smith, P. S.	1946-54	Middlesex Hospital Medical School.
Sparks, B. M.	1943-49	Queen Mary College, London.

We asked last year's Editor of "The Roding" to send us his comments upon his National Service experiences, feeling they would interest those members of the Sixth who will be faced with this prospect in the near future.

Officers' Mess,
Marne O.T.W.,
Catterick,
Yorkshire.

As a young National Service officer I find myself in somewhat strange circumstances. In my official capacity I have to command and exact respect from men many years my senior both in age and experience, while in my social role I mix with brother officers whose sphere of interest is totally opposed to my own.

Throughout my few months in the Army and, in particular, the Royal Corps of Signals, it has been the contrast and the new width of experience which has impressed me. Boredom and absence of mental effort are the prime evils of the break in one's life which National Service can be; I have attempted to overcome these obstacles by undertaking the responsibilities of a commissioned rank.

Putting aside the difficulties, annoyances, and disturbances of the early weeks, Service life has broadened both my outlook and my knowledge. Personal contacts have been invigorating; the first few months of general military training one mixes with all types and all classes—men straight from school, university graduates, labourers, skilled technicians, upper and lower classes, rich and poor. At a later date when one begins commissioned training the majority of one's associates are of similar background and with comparable interests, but there is sufficient diversity to promote argument and debate: graduates from many different universities—ancient and red-brick—holding many different degrees; boys from public schools and from grammar schools; some to whom life and success have come easily and others who have not been so fortunate; people with widely varying moral and religious convictions. Conversation, discussion, and learning are bound to be stimulated.

Apart from this social growth, the bias of my learning has been radically altered. After the general, all-embracing teaching of the Lower and Middle School, the Sixth Form course is bound to impose specialisation. After three years' rigid study of the Humanities in the Sixth and the contemplation (at least) of even greater specialisation at Cambridge, it has been refreshing (I will not say pleasant) to gain some knowledge of the considerable physics demanded nowadays in a modern technical arm, beginning with the fundamentals of electricity and magnetism and proceeding through the complexities of line equipment (telephones, teleprinters, telegraph, etc.), wireless circuits and transmission.

I will not initiate a recruiting campaign; but it seems to me that, if National Service is looked upon as an opportunity to extend one's range of learning and experience rather than as a void and pointless waste of time, then the maximum benefit can be derived from it—and this is very far from inconsiderable.

J. A. TAYLOR (1946-1954)

University College,
Keele,
Staffordshire.

To the Editor.
Sir,

Hereclitus said, "Polythamy . . . the learning of many things . . . does not teach understanding." Our stay at Keele is apparently

to prove otherwise. Today in this modern, industrialised world university colleges tend to become unduly specialised. The essence of the Keele experiment is the breaking-down of this departmentalisation and the stressing of fundamental relationships between subjects. To this end we have been forced to undertake labyrinthian journeys amidst the ramifications of a course entitled "The Development of Western Civilization." With results not out, we are left to wonder whether we or civilization deserve to progress any further. After this foundation year the three-year Degree course follows, with four new subjects (two principal and two subsidiary). The University has the distinction of being the only college to confer its own B.A. Honours Degree.

The stigma of being in the Potteries and mistaken as students of ceramics is seen to be false when one enters what the Press has called "an intellectual Klondyke." Contrary to expectations, the site of the college is magnificent; Keele Hall, the central building, is of Elizabethan foundation, in the heart of Staffordshire countryside. The associated parkland, besides providing all necessary facilities, has extensive woodlands and fine lakes. As one of us found, you don't have to be brilliant here to make a splash.

We believe that this College, so new in its foundation and ideals, offers (dare we say it?) a more comprehensive education than can be found elsewhere. The scientist and the artist are both given an insight into the other's position and made to realise that neither by himself holds the ultimate truth. Thus the community at Keele of students and teachers may be said to be drawing upon the oldest conceptions of university life, while pursuing its aim of providing an education suitable for present-day needs and opportunities.

J. B. CHAPMAN (1946-52)

I. M. DUNBAR (1945-52)

IMPRESSIONS

Des idées sur la vie anglaise, l'Angleterre et les Anglais, j'en avais quelques-unes avant cette année. De belles idées françaises, distinctes et claires comme des principes, et telles qu'on les trouve dans les livres ou en voyageant pendant les vacances. Mais après un an ici, s'il me faut avoir une opinion, il semble que je ne trouve plus rien qu'un peu de brouillard; à la place des idées claires, une foule d'impressions aussi en désordre qu'un jardin anglais.

Grave influence du milieu, dit une vieille théorie de chez nous; influence des brumes du Nord et du ciel brouillé. Influence des gens rencontrés, plutôt.

Peu de rencontres en effet où quelque principe ne se soit effondré. En quelques mois, un véritable massacre. J'avais lu, par exemple,

que la queue était une passion " typically English " ; maintenant je dois avouer qu'à Paris on ne fait pas moins la queue qu'à Londres, et c'est partout le même ennui d'une discipline à observer. On m'avait dit que tout Anglais recevait dès la naissance la prudence et le flegme des vieillards du continent ; mais dix jours après mon arrivée, je commençai, dans la voiture d'un ami londonien, des courses-poursuites endiablées telles qu'on n'en voit en France que dans les " westerns."

Un autre lieu commun c'est que tout le monde en Angleterre s'exprime par understatement. On arrive donc sur ses gardes et décidé à multiplier par dix chaque demi-mot qu'on aura compris ; mais dès la descente du train, pour un simple coup de coude, c'est un " awfully sorry " ; et dans le bus qui vous emmène c'est une avalanche d'extremely, terribly, fantastic et autres terrific. Alors on se ravise et on veut diviser par dix, mais comme s'il n'attendait que ce signe l'understatement sort aussitôt et vous prend au dépourvu. Le temps d'être à nouveau sur vos gardes, le voici reparti.

C'est comme cela que j'ai vu mourir tous mes clairs principes. Ce qui les a remplacés peu à peu, c'est le plaisir croissant que j'ai pris à vivre ici. Plaisir de découvrir souvent une hospitalité charmante, où ce qu'on eût cru d'abord de la froideur n'était que de la discrétion et finalement de la délicatesse. Climat amical de l'école : conversations tranquilles ou amusées avec les maîtres, visages souriants des tout jeunes élèves, discussions cordiales avec les plus vieux, où l'enseignement se change en loisir.

Partout il a suffi d'attendre un peu pour découvrir une atmosphère d'accueil véritable : point de préjugés mais une compréhension amiable. Des gens qui souvent surprennent mais se conforment toujours plus à leur humour et à leur instinct de la bonne compagnie qu'aux " principes " qu'on trouve dans les livres.

Ce sont ces souvenirs que je vais remporter d'Angleterre. Revenu en France, j'aurai tout le loisir d'en déduire de nouveaux principes.

G. HÉRY.

If it is true that the visitor abroad is in some sort and for better or worse his country's ambassador, then France is fortunate in having been represented among us by our " Assistant " for the school year now ending. All who have met M. Gérard Héry have been impressed by his pleasant manner, sound judgment, and wide intellectual interests. To that most difficult of lessons, foreign language conversation, he brought patience and tact, good humour, a determination to understand and be understood, and audibility. We shall miss the French voice resounding in classroom and corridor when Monsieur Héry returns to Anjou to breathe once more his native air, that " douceur angevine " for which the exiled poet longed. He takes with him as we bid him " bon voyage " our best wishes for continued happiness and success in his future career.

J.A.I.

THE SCHOOL PAVILION

This year a memorable milestone in the history of the school has been passed, for work is now well under way on the new Sports Pavilion. The value of the building in further raising the prestige of the school need not be emphasised, but for those of us who have had the privilege of being closely connected with school during the long period of planning money-raising activities and of watching the idea develop from its embryonic stage, the pavilion will have profound sentimental associations. It is not merely a useful addition to the school's premises, it is a monument, a memorial to two great events in the school's life in which parents, staff and boys have enthusiastically participated, the Fête and the Bazaar. Our individual recollections of these achievements will inevitably fade, but the stately red-bricked edifice looking out over the central cricket square towards the road will stand as a constant reminder of the toil and sacrifice which have made its erection possible, and will, it is to be hoped, inspire future members of the school to make similar efforts in order to obtain those amenities which have not yet been provided.

D. CHARLESWORTH,

Sixth Lower Modern.

THE SCHOOL ELECTION

When the date of the General Election was announced the School Debating Society, hoping to stimulate interest in public affairs, organised an election in school. It was stated that this election would be open to all members of the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Forms, and that anyone might stand as a candidate provided that he could produce eight nominees and a deposit of half-a-crown. No fewer than seven candidates eventually fulfilled these conditions : Communist, Fascist, Independent, Independent Nationalist, Socialist, Liberal, and Conservative.

Soon posters, "A", "U", and "X", began to appear all along the South Corridor. Meetings were arranged after school at which the candidates endeavoured to present their points of view to the constituents. Before long bright favours appeared, adding some gaiety to the normal solemnity of the school uniform, especially when three or four different colours were worn by the same person. Meetings also took place in the playground when the day drew near, and megaphones were employed with great gusto.

At last the great day arrived and polling took place. The statement of totals was eagerly awaited, though few could have foreseen the actual result, a tie.

T. E. Hardiman	.....	(Conservative)	.....	.....	73
J. C. Howes	.....	(Liberal)	.....	.....	73
F. J. Legg	.....	(Labour)	.....	.....	19
J. Jesty	.....	(Fascist)	.....	.....	14
I. G. Liddell	.....	(Independent Nationalist)	.....	.....	13
G. Browning	.....	(Independent)	.....	.....	9
S. D. W. Norton	.....	(Communist)	.....	.....	3
Spoiled Papers	.....	.....	.....	.....	15

Total poll — 219. Percentage voted— 88%

D. H. CLARKE (Sixth Scholarship)

T. M. HOOLEY (Sixth Upper Modern)

SIXTH SCHOOL FORUM

"The proper study of mankind is man," so we are told. The Forum this year has gone one better, for, not only have we studied Man, but women, Communism, art, jazz, scientific humanism, French schools, English schools, Public Schools, photography, juvenile delinquency, the Belgian Congo, and twice as much else.

Some of the highlights of a very successful year have been Mr. Mayo's coloured photographs of Switzerland, Mr. Samway's dry humour as he expounded the mysteries of the Public Schools system, Mr. Walter Spradbery's opinions and reminiscences on art and artists, M. Héry's comparison of schooling in England and France, Hooley and Hunter outlining the development of jazz, Mr. Ingham's very amusing talk on America, and Mr. Tillett's cogently argued talk on educational equality of opportunity.

It was at a Forum meeting that the first shots in the School's General Election campaign were fired, four of the candidates being afforded time to lay their programmes before the Sixth Form, and it was at the Forum that an hour was given to a "party political talk" by our eminent Sixth Form Communist. He made no conversions, though this cannot be said of the Scientific Humanist who followed some weeks later. After such controversial subjects, we redressed the balance: a very interesting address by a missionary who had spent many years in the Belgian Congo was followed by Mrs. Lamb's explanation of the finer points of juvenile delinquency.

Indeed, the only minor blemish in a very successful year has been an undue reluctance to ask questions from the floor, but as in the recent election this may have been due, not to apathy, but to deep thought and contented agreement.

C. HOWES,

Sixth Upper Modern.

" INTO SOMETHING RICH AND STRANGE "

The Tempest

March 25th and 26th, 1955

I thought this production a triumph. A triumph supposes a victory over odds. Over what odds? Why is this masterpiece so seldom performed? It has all any audience might desire. A tender tale of young love? There are Ferdinand and Miranda. Thrills? There are two attempted murders, there is political intrigue, there is suspense. Fun and games for the groundlings? Caliban, Trinculo and Stephano. Fantasy, spectacle, mystery? There are visions, airy spirits, dancing, music, bucolic junketings. There must be a reason why it is so seldom performed and when performed so seldom liked. It cannot be for a deficiency; then it must be for a supercharge: it is written in great but difficult verse.

It was reported recently in our leading educational journal that Shakespeare survives even being performed by schoolboys. Even? Given verse-speakers of the quality of Hardiman, Drinkwater, Rees, and others, good coaching and a good audience, how can poetic form, save in an unregenerate age, be a disparagement? Let schoolboys today give us Shakespeare as they did 350 years ago, and may they continue to do so.

It is true that it is not an easy play to cast; and there is that awful first scene. The part of Ariel usually presents a problem. Mr. Whiting was exceptionally fortunate in having an Ariel in D. J. Sewell whose singing bettered his acting, and that was very good. Even his mask-like face betokened an elfin spirit. And the music with the poetry made the play. If at times the too, too solid actors and the naturalistic scenery made Prospero's island rather like the Cornish Riviera or Bermuda beach, back at once came the illusion with the music. Immediately Mr. Ray's exquisite tunes crept upon the air we were transported to a world where Prospero's medieval necromancy was credible; to where the remote Bermoothes ride, or to the fountain Arethuse on the southern Sicilian shore, or to the far-famed Cyclades. At the sound of such music anything might happen—Caliban burst into poetry—"that when I waked I cried to dream again"—and all things suffer a sea-change into something rich and strange.

Terrence Hardiman's Prospero deserves first praise. It was a performance that grew in power as the evening advanced. Clear, almost flawlessly-spoken, he rose to dominate the proceedings. If he lacked a noble rage, his temperament was unforcedly conciliatory for a play whose mood was reconciliation. David Clarke's Alonso, King of Naples, partook of a noble sorrow, though a little over-dejected and hence occasionally inaudible. David Lee's Sebastian was a simulated rogue, very well-played though not quite in character. Michael Stewardson, in the part of Antonio, the usurping Duke of

Milan, really looked like the portrait of Cesare Borgia, and his was a convincing performance. C. J. Robinson was perhaps not quite suitable for the part of Gonzalo; he had the garrulity and the generous feelings but not quite the scale of the part. J. M. McManus and M. G. Mullins played well in the supporting parts of Adrian and Francisco. John Drinkwater's Ferdinand was all one could wish—admirable. "Admir'd Miranda," played by S. J. Rees, lived up to her description and her name. The wonder at the brave new world was gently indicated, clearly spoken and keenly felt.

D. P. Onwood's Caliban was deservedly popular; his antics, his costume, his voice and his acting qualities, gave us an entirely successful portrait of the earthy monster, with a hint, also, of the pathos of the part. He declaimed the verse—"the isle is full of noises" well, though his voice was a little gritty with a monster's growlings to do full justice to the poetry. Trinculo, played by W. P. Jamison, was a droll clown—a natural jester who delighted the audience as he was meant to do. T. M. Hooley played Stephano with a robust humour, a perfect foil both to the frolicsome Trinculo and the subhuman Caliban. Altogether an excellent trio.

The "insubstantial pageant" of Iris, Ceres and Juno (the goddesses were played by J. M. Lowe, I. P. Forsyth and R. S. Lowery) posed a pretty problem. Technically, like the Barmecide feast carried on and borne off by an onrush of small boys grotesquely masked as spirits, it was a minor triumph. The boys, though slight enough for spirits and having the right voices, were nevertheless not imposing enough for goddesses whose manifestations in classical legend might be expected to be larger not smaller than life. The dancing of the nymphs and reapers, the lighting—especially the lighting—the make-up, properties and costumes in which so many willing hands and skilful fingers bore their part, under the guidance of the producer, Mr. Whiting, contributed excellent parts to an excellent whole. The scenery, painted by T. Hardiman and R. W. G. Adams, won wide approval; and the singing, off-stage, by the Madrigal Group perfectly supported Sewell's outstanding musical performance.

Altogether it was a most memorable performance, perhaps the most memorable school performance I have seen. I might end where I began. Why is this sparkling jewel of a play so seldom seen?

E.C.W.

JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

This year the Junior Dramatic Society departed from its usual custom of presenting an evening of one-act plays as its Christmas entertainment and gave us instead a full-length play, "Lady Precious Stream," by S. I. Hsiung. This was an unusual choice and a bold one. The Chinese traditional style (if that is what it is) ceases to

be a joke after the first act, but the actors still have to follow it in their task of entertaining the audience. However, neither the formality of the piece nor the strange conventions appeared to worry the Juniors, who romped merrily through the play to give us all a delightful evening.

There were some notable individual efforts. John Rogers gave a cool and confident performance as the poker-faced Hsieh Ping-Kuei, the gardener who became King of the Western Regions, while John Gerrish put plenty of spirit into the part of the wilful minx Precious Stream. Francis Day made a fine Amazon, booted but faithful, of the Princess of the Western Regions, the other woman in the life of the unpredictable Hsieh. The part of Wang, the Prime Minister who was a power in the land but not always in his own house, was capably acted by Michael Nott, who brought out a good deal of the humour of the character; and members of Wang's family were vividly impersonated by Robin Harrington as Silver Stream, Graham Marson as Madam Wang, Ian Forsyth as Golden Stream, and John Hudd as the Dragon-General Su (in accents not wholly Asiatic). James McManus deputised at short notice as the braggart Wei, the villain of the piece. His performance perhaps showed more self-conscious artistry than appeared in any of the other parts. More a great deal of credit must also be given to the innumerable attendants, property men, soldiers, maids, wild geese, wardens and other minor characters who graced the play; for they made a large contribution to its success. That we were able to appreciate so fully the charm of the piece was due to the genuine acting and team-work of the cast and the very effective production of Mr. Mead.

Excellent support was given to the actors by the Society's wardrobe department, who managed to produce so many colourful and varied costumes. Let us hope that the success of this venture will lead the Junior Dramatic Society to tackle other full-length plays.

F.W.

LIBRARY

We are particularly grateful for the many gifts which have been received since the last issue of the "Roding." They include: St. George for Ethiopia (Beatrice Playne) from Lady Crossman; The Way of a Ship (Alan Villiers) from P. A. Gray (1947-54); Ten Novels and Their Authors (W. Somerset Maugham) from H. Leatherland (1949-54); Mach One ("Mike" Lithgow) from E. D. Crook (1946-54); Man Meets Dog (Konrad Z. Lorenz) from P. J. Stock (1948-54); Seven Years in Tibet (Heinrich Harrer) from P. J. Wilson (1949-54); Collected Poems (C. Day Lewis) from F. J. Stapleton (1947-54); Gladstone—A Biography (Philip Magnus) from L. F. Tucker (1949-54); Collected Poems 1928-53 (Stephen Spender) and The Struggle for Mastery in Europe, 1848-

1918 (A. J. P. Taylor) from K. P. Wiggins (1949-54) ; The Teachers' Commentary (G. Henton Davies and Alan Richardson) from R. M. Combes (1949-54) ; Classic Art : The Great Masters of the Italian Renaissance (H. Wölfflin), British Political Parties (R. T. McKenzie), and Drawing at the Zoo (Studio Publications) from R. Pearman (1946-54) ; Politics in the Age of Peel (Norman Gash) and The Film of "Murder in the Cathedral" (T. S. Eliot and George Hoellering) from D. R. Hayes (1946-54).

The present Librarians are : I. Whitfield (VI U.M.) ; O. Easteal, D. J. Hughes, R. S. Lowery, P. M. Richards, S. W. Millis (4A) ; A. J. Croot and J. R. Dowsett (3A) ; P. W. Lawrence and D. R. Selby (2H) ; J. F. Waller (1G) ; D. J. Whear (1W). They have proved efficient and industrious and have been very ably led by T. M. Hooley, the Library Prefect. We are also greatly indebted to Mr. Smethurst and his squad of bookbinders. Without them many books would be lost to the Library.

VERSE-SPEAKING COMPETITION

We were pleased to welcome as adjudicator this year Miss J. Morrell of Loughton County High School, who stressed the importance both of clear enunciation and deep understanding ; she looked for poems spoken as entities, not broken up into their component parts.

The Junior piece, Hardy's "Weathers," forced the speakers to watch for the change to the more sombre mood so characteristic of the poet. Lawrence's overall grasp of the poet's intention gained him first place, while very pleasing performances were given by Rutherford, Lowe, Lewis and McVey. In W. B. Yeats' "Wild Swans at Coole," a deliberately "testing" poem selected for the Middle School, it is imperative to give the right dramatic emphasis but without over-stressing. Most of the competitors tended to over-dramatise and McManus alone produced the overall contemplative note without throwing away such lines as

"All suddenly mount

And scatter wheeling in great broken rings

Upon their clamorous wings."

Other creditable interpretations were given by Lowery, who gained second place, Hardy and Rees. Roy Campbell's "Horses on the Camargue" called for imaginative understanding, sustained concentration and efficient memorising (this latter being notably absent from this year's Senior contestants). Hardiman's interpretation was somewhat too intense, Charlesworth's too relaxed ; Stewardson seemed rather unsure of himself, while Drinkwater,

the winner, paid the poem the compliment of a varied yet controlled rendering which approximated most nearly to the poet's intention.

After the comment upon last year's competition, it is pleasing to record that most competitors in all three sections attempted to achieve a unity. The general standard, as Miss Morrell remarked, was most encouragingly high.

I. S. WHITFIELD, Sixth Upper Modern.

MUSIC

The Music Society began the year with a concert after school given by Society members, the choice of items representing the changes in forms of musical expressions which have taken place over the years. Later, we were privileged to have Mr. Sillis with us to speak on Ravel. Throughout the term regular lunchtime recitals of gramophone records were given to both seniors and juniors. One recital witnessed the playing of the first 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ r.p.m. recording on the new gramophone. In addition, visits have been made to various professional concerts at reduced rates. In all our activities we have been greatly assisted and guided by Mr. Ray, and it is to him we would express our warmest thanks.

D. LEE, Secretary.

Christmas Music this year followed the time-honoured pattern of performances by the School interspersed with items by the whole audience. A happy innovation was the introduction of two Christmas poems read by Drinkwater. In addition to the well-loved favourites we had Praetorius's "Three Kings," a "Polish Carol" by Bax, the Cowboy Carol and a spiritual "Peter, Go Ring Dem Bells." There were two major works: Britten's Motet for Double Choir "A Hymn to the Virgin" and "Christmas Day—a Fantasy on Carols" by Holst.

The Summer Concert had to be moved from its original date because of the General Election, and it was most pleasing to find that we had a large audience in spite of the new date coming in a very busy period.

The orchestra opened with a Handel "March and Trio" which was the fullest orchestral sound we have heard so far in the Hall. After a group of folksongs by the Choir came two items by small groups—first the recorder group ; then a small choral group comprising altos and basses demonstrated that the period of settling in a boy's voice need not be a silent one—in fact they made a very pleasant sound. The Orchestra's next contribution, the Minuet from Mozart's G. Minor Symphony, was followed by a delightful performance of a "Smuggler's Song" by D. Sewell

(treble). The last and main item of the first half was "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast," for which we were most fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Glynn Williams. This is the largest work so far tackled by the Choir and the boys rose to the occasion admirably.

After the interval the orchestra played the "Trumpet Voluntary" of Purcell with D. J. Morris as soloist. The Madrigal Group sang "All Creatures Now" by Bennett and accompanied D. Sewell in three songs written for this year's production of "The Tempest." D. Charlesforth played with a string quartet from the Orchestra (Fuller, King, Wilkins and Pratley) the third movement of Mozart's Clarinet Quintet and the concert ended with the Choir singing Parry's setting of "Blest Pair of Sirens."

The House Competition will be at the end of the Summer Term this year so that no account of it can be included in this magazine. Three of the houses are reported to be preparing madrigals and the set song is "Afton Water."

The Orchestra has continued to expand and the overall standard of playing is rising remarkably. Since Lee has undertaken to struggle with the bassoon, we now have at last a complete woodwind section, a landmark in the Orchestra's history. Lister on the double bass and the growing 'cello section provide a firm foundation to support the ever-increasing hosts of violins; the introduction of a 3rd Violin section is an excellent idea since it enables players to get an orchestral grounding although their technique is still in the elementary stages. Morris and Longman form a rapidly progressing brass section. The Orchestra will feel greatly the loss of its leader, Fuller, who is leaving this term. He is by far the longest-established player, having enriched the violin section with his fine playing throughout his school career.

The Choir has maintained its usual high standard and displayed its abilities to the full in the Christmas and Summer Concerts. Although the treble and alto sections are as strong as ever, the tenor and bass sections are very small in proportion. If only more members of the Senior School would realise the unrivalled enjoyment that can be got out of making music oneself, the Choir would swell. Let it be hoped that the present trebles and altos will not lose interest when their voices, too, have broken.

Members of the School have taken part in outside musical activities this year as previously. A section of the choir and orchestra took part in the E.F.Y.M.A. Festival in the spring and Charlesworth played the Cimarosa Concerto in B Flat for Clarinet with the Festival Orchestra. The Madrigal Group achieved a notable success in the Wanstead and Woodford Musical Festival in May. Wilkins was awarded the Associated Board's Gold Medal for the best performance in the British Isles at the Grade VI Spring Examinations.

LITERARY SOCIETY

This year's activities have been somewhat unusual in that the papers have all been read by members of the Staff. While the standard of exposition and discussion has thus been kept high, it is confidently hoped that next year will bring a fresh willingness and ability on the part of Sixth Formers to offer contributions.

Mr. Sillis introduced us to the novels of Evelyn Waugh, his paper being illuminated by hilariously funny extracts from such books as "The Loved One," read by Mr. Foister. This meeting indeed stimulated such interest that the Library, which at that time possessed none of Waugh's novels, now has a very representative (and well used) set. Mr. Ray's enthusiastic account of Christopher Fry's dramatic progress led to a division of opinion as whether his verse represents inspired exuberance or poetically irresponsible swashbuckling. What was undeniable, however, was the sheer entertainment value of some of the extracts selected by Mr. Ray. Romanticism was the subject of a paper by Mr. Stansbury which was a delight to hear—urbane and polished in the best King's College, Cambridge, manner! Mr. Watkinson led a team which presented a reading of Dylan Thomas's "Under Milk Wood," a performance which the actors clearly enjoyed preparing as much as the audience enjoyed hearing. Finally Mr. Buckley of Downing College demonstrated the Leavis critical method in a very shrewd and, one must add, infinitely testing analysis of undergraduate poetry.

C. HOWES, Sixth Upper Modern.

DEBATING SOCIETY

I am indeed extremely pleased to announce that the Debating Society has taken a great turn for the better this year. Several new speakers, Messrs. Browning, Hardiman, Charlesworth and Hartog, have infused into the society not only a new wealth of debating skill, but what is far more important, an expectation that questioning and arguing will now have a keener edge; such an expectation has attracted bigger audiences, and this in its turn has thrown up more speakers. We were able to arrange a new fixture this year with Bancrofts which, with our two annual debates against Woodford County High School and our meeting with Chigwell, has caused our inter-schools meetings as well as our domestic affairs to become increasingly attractive.

Apart from these good omens for the future, the Society has had two unusual happenings this year. First, we were invited to a mass debate by East Ham Grammar School, presided over by the Editor of "The Observer," at which over two hundred attended. Our other great activity, perhaps *the* event in the history

of the Society, was the organisation of the Election with its three weeks of campaigning by seven candidates, five of whom lost their deposits, and the organising of the ballot and counting on 26th May. Never has the Society been so well attended or attracted such wide interest—we even managed to get a small column in “The Star.”

Last, but by no means least, I should like to thank Mr. Sillis for his enthusiastic leadership of the Society, which has helped it in good times as well as in bad. It would indeed be a sad day for school debating should he vacate the chair.

C. HOWES, Secretary.

ART CLUB

Throughout the past year the Art Club has continued to meet each week on alternate Thursdays for seniors and juniors. I am sorry to say that there has been a fall in attendance of senior members, but several new members have been enrolled for the junior evenings. During the meetings many boys have enjoyed painting, designing, sketching, and modelling. The printing department, known as “The Roding Printers,” has had great success in printing tickets and programmes for School activities and in producing a School Christmas card. All the Club members are greatly indebted to Mr. Smethurst for making our meetings possible and for his helpful encouragement.

J. GOODMAN,
Secretary.

JAZZ CLUB

In the Christmas Term a long cherished ambition of many members of the school was realised: a Jazz Club was formed. Every fortnight since then a meeting has been held at which records of every type of jazz, from Armstrong to Ventura, have been played. We had one visit from an Old Buckwellian who played us selections from Goodman's Carnegie Hall concert. We are very grateful to Hunter, who brought his gramophone to every meeting, without which it would have been impossible to found the Club. Membership is open to Fifth and Sixth Formers, and we are pleased to report that we have an average attendance of twenty-five. We hope that the Club will continue to grow next year.

D. H. CLARKE, Sixth Scholarship.
B. K. HUNTER, T. M. HOOLEY, Sixth Upper Modern.

THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT GROUP

The Group met on a number of occasions but regular meetings, apart from the Autumn term, were impossible as other school activities continually made demands on the time of interested members. However, a number of meetings were held. During the Autumn term five members of the staff introduced discussions on various parts of the Creed. Three questions sessions were held at the beginning of the Spring term and special meetings discussed “Christianity and Pacifism,” “Christianity and Communism” and methods by which Jesus taught.

Plans have already been made for the Autumn term of the next school year. A number of local ministers of different denominations have been invited to speak on a variety of subjects. It is hoped that these meetings will be well supported and that many will take the opportunity of meeting ministers from other parts of the Christian Church.

The members are anxious to point out that the Student Christian Movement is interdenominational and that it presents an ideal opportunity for boys from different branches of the Christian Church to meet together for discussion and fellowship.

H.G.

CHESS

This has been a very quiet year. Meetings have been held regularly on Tuesdays and Fridays, but there is a disturbing lack of new members from the Junior School. New players are welcome at any time.

E.D.

COMBINED FIELD WEEK, CUMBRIA, 1955

The penetrating sound of young voices in fairly close harmony pierced the scent of the evening air, echoed around the hills and hummocks of Borrowdale, and sent a violent shiver across the surface of Derwentwater as two green coaches wound along the road towards Windermere. Inside the coaches were the members of a mixed party of geographically-minded senior pupils from six Essex schools. Among the company were the Lower Sixth Geography group from Buckhurst Hill; the day was Friday, 13th April, and for us a whole week of touring in delightful weather lay ahead.

The course, aimed to give Sixth Formers the benefits of field work for later training, enabled much useful work to be done. Coach visits were made to Carlisle and to Workington and Whitehaven, where some descended into the bowels of the earth to inspect a coal mine while others visited a large steel works. Hard walking enabled

us to climb Helvellyn and Sca Fell Pike, whilst we and our sandwiches left Cumbria altogether for one day to view the karstic topography surrounding Malham, Yorkshire.

We were greatly assisted by Mr. Shiel and Mr. Wood of Windermere Grammar School, who acted as companionable guides. Our thanks are due to the patient masters and mistresses who accompanied us, to the coach-drivers and their steeds, and to the Headmistress of Annisgarth Girls School, who provided excellent fare and proved to be a good-humoured and tolerant hostess to the whole party of seventy. We can assure the staff that the saddest hour of the tour was that in which we turned for home, leaving the drumlins behind us.

D. J. LEE,
Sixth Lower Modern.

SKI-ING INSTRUCTION

Holiday in Switzerland, 1954-55

On Tuesday, December 28th, 1954, a party of fifty-three school pupils and seven adults from the Forest Division left Victoria Station for Melchtal, near Lucerne, for a ski-ing holiday.

We saw our first snow just before we reached Melchtal when the bus came through the mountain mists into glorious sunshine which glistened on the mountain peaks, making the snow shine like gold. In Melchtal, a tiny village 3,000 feet above sea level, we completely filled "Alpenhof-Post Hotel." Immediately after lunch we were each given ski-boots, ski-sticks, and skis, and made our way to the slopes where our Swiss ski-ing instructors gave us a short test. After this we were put into four groups, A—D.

On each of the next few days we had two hours' instruction and two hours' free practice, although the more zealous did much more than that. By the end of the week most of us were ready to pass the Bronze Medal Test which called for a performance of (i) ski-ing downhill with four stem turns, two to the right and two to the left, (ii) climbing a hill with skis on, (iii) traversing, (iv) side-slipping. Not all those who could did, in fact, take the test owing to financial difficulties (it cost five francs).

This holiday was greatly enjoyed by all, and we are sure that all the party will be eager to go again next Christmas.

J. HAMSHERE, R. CONWAY,
2A.

SAILING

It is hoped to stimulate interest in sailing and to make annual school party holidays on the Norfolk Broads. So it was that in the Easter vacation this year a party of Sixth Formers (Douglas, Hunter, Howes, Selby, Mullins, and Adams) made a week's trip to train future commodores. Unfortunately Mr. Webb was unable to accept our invitation owing to injury; however a four- and a two-berth boat were hired and a rather care-free week started at Wroxham.

The facilities for provisioning boats and buying fresh produce during the voyage are well organised, and the costs of the holiday were very reasonable. Of course, school parties will have to be limited in numbers, and may have to be restricted to senior boys. All boys interested, however, should either learn to swim or brush up their strokes and see Mr. Webb and any number of the "crew" mentioned above who is staying on next year.

R. W. G. ADAMS,
Sixth Upper Modern.

EASTER HOLIDAY MOUNTAIN WALKING AND SCRAMBLING IN SNOWDONIA

On Monday, 18th April, forty boys, accompanied by their three leaders, Messrs. McCollin, Cave and Franklin, left Euston Station to spend a nine days' holiday amidst the beautiful mountains of North Wales.

The first four nights were spent at the admirable Capel Curig Youth Hostel, and from there three attacks were made on the neighbouring mountains. On the first day, Glyder Fawr (3,279 ft.) and Glyder Fach (3,262 ft.) were climbed, in fine weather. After the ascent, via the Devil's Kitchen, which is an imposing cleft in the walls of Cwm Idwal, everyone descended a long ridge back to Capel Curig and large cups of tea.

The second day was spent amidst the rolling, grassy slopes of the Carnedd. After a steep slog up to the summit of Pen yr Oleuwen (3,210 ft.), a fine ridge walk followed, with magnificent views of the surrounding country. This walk took us over Carnedd Dafydd (3,426 ft.), Carnedd Llewelyn (3,484 ft.) and then down over the Craig yr Ysfa ridge. Most of the party continued on down the flanks of Pen yr Halgi Du, but a small party of sunburnt seniors made a steep descent from the ridge, by means of some scree, to a lake, with intent to paddle.

On the third day the party split up and the seniors climbed Tryfan (3,010 ft.) by the steep North face, while the others climbed up via the Heather Terrace and the West face. The elite (seniors) made their second ascent of Glyder Fach by the exciting rock

scrambles up the Bristly Ridge, endeavouring to put into practice that part of the Climbers' Code which says "Climbers should not attempt to fly down steep rock faces."

The party left for Snowdon Ranger Youth Hostel on the next morning, and after dumping their kit, most members spent the remainder of the day walking in the Nantlle Hills, again in fine weather.

It couldn't last. It didn't! The sixth day brought with it mist and rain, and under these conditions Snowdon was climbed by the Snowdon Ranger Track.

On the following morning everyone left by bus, in fine weather, for the Llanberis Pass. From here the senior group climbed Snowdon via Crib Goch, a knife-edged arrête, over three thousand feet in height, which was negotiated with care, as no one fancied having to climb back after a rapid descent. Finally, some climbed Y Lliwedd (2,947 ft.), thus completing the Snowdon Horseshoe.

The final day was a free one, and nearly everybody went to Caernarvon. Those at Snowdon Ranger made their way into Caernarvon in the "lush" seats of a Whiteway "luxury" bus. (I believe this bus service to be an example of the oldest known form of transport in Wales).

At last, however, a truly magnificent holiday came to an end, and we left Bangor Station for Euston late on the following morning. On arriving at Euston our three leaders disappeared too rapidly in the direction of the Underground to allow anyone to say much, so may I now take the opportunity of thanking them on behalf of the whole party and say, "Roll on next Easter in the Lake District."

I. LIDDELL,
Lower Sixth Science.

SUMMER HOLIDAY TOUR OF SWITZERLAND, 1954

On Monday, 16th August, fifty-four boys, two masters and an "old boy," now a teacher, left Euston Station for a nineteen days tour of Switzerland. After an unexciting Channel crossing, the party were faced with a ten hour train journey across France to Basle.

The first six days of the holiday were spent in the Ticino Province, "the Italian South" of Switzerland. For three days we were accommodated at youth hostels in Lugano from where we ascended Mount San Salvatore by the funicular railway and visited Milan in Northern Italy. Since our departure from London we had so far had hot sunshine, but when we moved to the youth hostel at Locarno the rain started to descend and we were to experience pouring rain for two of our three days there. However, fifteen members of the party kept to the arranged programme and, despite

the driving rain, walked round the bank of Lake Maggiore to Ascona and Porto Ronco, returning to Locarno by lake steamer. On the 22nd, the rain stopped and the sun appeared once more as the party walked up the vineyard-terraced slopes of the Valle Orsonone to Loco—a typical one-street Swiss village.

The following day the party left Locarno, and travelling via Domodossola, Brig, and the Simplon Tunnel (12½ miles long) arrived at Zermatt (5,300 ft.) in the late afternoon. The next day started with rain and low-lying clouds which blotted out all parts of the mountains above 8,000 ft. Nevertheless, we decided to chance the ascent of the rocky ridge of the Gornergrat by the mountain railway. Once on the summit at 10,290 ft. we obtained some marvellous views of snow-covered mountains and glaciers on which the sun formed ever-changing patterns of shadow.

The 26th August brought our departure from the youth hostel at Zermatt to the one at Faulensee bie Spiez, which was a charming chalet, splendidly situated on the bank of Lake Thunersee. The first day excursion from Faulensee was a walk up the steep path from Kandersteg to the corrie lake of Oeschinensee. The second excursion started from Reichenbach and involved an eight mile walk up the glaciated valley of the Kiental to Griesalp. The last four nights in Switzerland were spent at the Wengen Youth Hostel perched high above the famous Lauterbrunnen Valley. Magnificent views of the valley and the towering peaks of the Jungfrau and Breithorn could be obtained from the verandah. The members of the party will always remember the splendour of the rising and setting sun as it illuminated the ice-capped summits causing ever-changing colours. On the 30th August we travelled on the mountain railway to Grindelwald. Here we visited the Upper and Lower Grindelwald glaciers, including the ice grottos cut into their snouts. The crevasses were closely inspected and photographed. Some of the party took the opportunity of using the Firstbahn—one of the longest and highest chairlifts in Europe.

Without a doubt the most outstanding day of the tour was the 31st August when we had a day excursion by mountain railway to Jungfrauoch (11,340 ft.). The train climbed to Eiger Glacier Station and then entered the four and a half mile tunnel cut upwards through the mountains. After an inspiring journey up the mountain the party alighted at the Jungfrauoch station and emerged from the darkness of the tunnel into brilliant sunshine and a world of snow-capped peaks and giant glaciers.

The following day was a free one and the party split up into small groups. Visits were made to Interlaken, Müren, and the Staubbach and Trümmelbach Falls. On the 2nd September the long journey home began with a short train journey to Berne (the Swiss capital) where six hours were spent in sight-seeing. The thanks of all the party go to Mr. McCollin for organising such a splendid holiday.

M. ALCOTT, 5A.

INDUSTRIAL VISITS

The following visits were made during the school year :—

- 1st and 8th October.—Late evening visits to the editorial offices and presses of the "Daily Mirror." (30 boys.)
- 29th October.—1, Cadby Hall, J. Lyons and Co. Ltd. (40 boys.)
2. Faraday Buildings (Toll, Trunk and Continental Telephone Exchanges) and the International Radio. (40 boys.)
- 1st and 2nd November.—1. Peek Freans Biscuit Factory at Bermondsey). (15 boys each day.)
2. Editorial offices and presses of the "Evening Standard." (15 boys each day.)
- 28th December.—1. Faraday Buildings and the International Radio. (30 boys.)
2. Cadby Hall, J. Lyons and Co. Ltd. (30 boys.)
- 30th December.—Robertson and Woodcock Ltd., "Trebtor" Sweet Factory, Forest Gate. (35 boys.)
- 31st December.—1. C.W.S. Tea Factory and Warehouse, Aldgate. (30 boys.)
2. C.W.S. Flour Mill, Silvertown. (30 boys.)
- 1st March.—1. Imperial Paper Mills, Gravesend. (65 boys.)
2. Van den Berghs and Jurgens "Stork" Margarine Factory. (65 boys.)
- 12th and 26th March.—Tilmanstone Colliery, East Kent Coalfield. (35 boys on each visit.)
- 7th April.—Cadbury Works, Bournville. (130 boys.)
- 13th April.—Ford Motor Works, Dagenham. (120 boys.)
- 14th April.—1. The Kettering Iron and Coal Company blast furnaces. (28 boys.)
2. Ironstone Mines of Stewart and Lloyds Ltd. in the Corby area. (28 boys.)
- 15th April.—The Corby iron, steel and steel tube works of Stewart and Lloyds. (28 boys.)

E.S.J. Mc.

SCHOOL YOUTH HOSTELS ASSOCIATION GROUP

Nearly one hundred and fifty members of the school have joined the Youth Hostels Association and the Y.H.A. triangular badge has become a familiar sight around the school. The activities of the group have been well supported and apart from the traditional Easter and summer tours, a special week-end was held in March in the

Weald to introduce over forty boys to youth hostelling and geographical field work and map reading.

The following tours have been carried out by the Group :—

- 26th—29th July.—An approximately 200 mile cycle tour of the Weald, spending the nights at the Holmbury St. Mary and Alfriston Youth Hostels. (16 boys.)
- 16th August—3rd September.—An approximately 800 mile tour of Switzerland with a day visit to Milan in Northern Italy. The outward journey was across France and the return journey through France, Luxembourg and Belgium. (54 boys.)
- 18th—20th March.—Week-end in the West Surrey and Sussex Hill Country, spending the nights at the Milford Youth Hostel. (45 boys.)
- 14th—15th April.—A two day visit to the open cast iron ore workings, blast furnaces and steel works in Northamptonshire. The night of the 14th was spent at the Kings Cliffe Youth Hostel. (28 boys.)
- 18th—26th April.—Mountain walking and scrambling in Snowdonia. The nights were spent at the Capel Curig, Snowdon Ranger and Llanberis Youth Hostels. (39 boys.)

The following tour has been planned for the summer holidays :—

- 9th—30th August.—A three-week tour of Scandinavia staying at Odense and Copenhagen (Denmark), Stockholm, Vikarbyn and Gothenburg (Sweden) and Oslo (Norway). This tour is in the place of the one which was suggested in the last edition of "The Roding." Owing to increased costs on the Swedish State Railways, the week in the Arctic North was found to be too expensive.

It is hoped to carry out the following tours during the next school year :—

EASTER HOLIDAY.—Nine days mountain walking and scrambling in the Lake District (approximate cost £5).

SUMMER HOLIDAY.—Three week tour of Austria (approximate cost £28).

A number of boys have requested very advanced notice of future summer holiday tours. It is hoped that the following information will help them and encourage them to save :—

LIKELY FUTURE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

- 1957 Cycling tour of the Netherlands with a visit to North Belgium (£20).
1958 Switzerland (£30).
1959 The German Rhinlands (£25).

E.S.J. Mc.

WEEKLY FILM SHOWS

Providing boys are willing to attend in sufficient numbers to cover the cost of hiring the films, the following feature films are being booked for showing after school during the next school year :—

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| " The Titfield Thunderbolt " | " Alf's Button Afloat " |
| " The Blue Lamp " | " Fame is the Spur " |
| " I Believe in You " | " The Clouded Yellow " |
| " Malta Story " | " Trouble in Store " |
| " Kidnappers " | " Hunted " |
| " Doctor in the House " | " The Intruder " |

E. S. J. Mc.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Following my usual practice at this time of the year, I have been reading through the Committee Minutes and my notes on the past year's activities, and for the first time, I am left with the impression that the social side of our Association has been more than usually neglected, and indeed, even on the more serious side the number of meetings has not been overwhelming.

Your Committee felt that the last Annual General Meeting was more than usually successful, and those attending will remember that for the first time when the business meeting had been concluded, we adjourned to the Dining Hall where refreshments were provided. One of the main objects of this innovation was to enable parents to get to know each other and renew friendships made during the work entailed by the Fete. I must not forestall the decisions of the Committee by saying that the next Annual General Meeting will be on similar lines, but I do suggest it is most likely, and I would definitely extend a very warm welcome to all new Parents.

Parents will recall that a Debate on The Advantages to Teachers and Pupils of a four terminal year took place on the 11th November, 1954, and that invitations to attend were given to the Parents' Association of The Wanstead High School and Ilford County High School. The Christmas Social on Saturday, 4th December was, as

usual, very well attended and I think greatly enjoyed by everyone. A Special Talk on Careers given by Mr. R. J. Blofeld, M.A., County Careers Adviser, took place on the 20th January and although it might be expected that parents of the older boys would be more particularly interested in such a lecture, there is no doubt of the very real interest that all parents have in possibilities for their sons' future careers irrespective of their age. Finally, an Evening of " Any Questions " on 17th February gave an opportunity of putting questions to the Headmaster and Members of his Staff that called for both serious and lighthearted replies.

Although it might be said that the general meetings of the Association have not been outstanding in number, your Committee have indeed had a busy year, for I find that they have had meetings in every month throughout the year, either in regard to the general business of the Association, the building of the Pavilion, or in connection with the Bazaar, which was held on Saturday, 4th June. In addition there have been a large number of meetings between all those parents who were taking an active part in running the Bazaar.

Perhaps it would be as well to review the position with regard to the Pavilion as it stands at the moment. Most parents will know that the Coronation Fete, and the grant from the Essex Education Authorities, produced a sum of £1,300. The next step was to obtain all the necessary approvals and produce plans and specifications to enable a selected list of builders to tender. This, however, took far more time than was originally estimated and it was not until March, 1955, that the Committee met to open the tenders. During the time which had elapsed, prices of materials and wages had altered and in spite of adjustments to the specification, the lowest figure amounted to £1,846. The Committee closely examined every possible method of meeting this extra expenditure without either dropping the entire scheme or putting up a Pavilion that would be entirely unworthy of the School and the effort that had been made to obtain it. The generosity of two parents in offering a loan of £150 each, free of interest, decided the Committee, and the order was given to proceed with the building of the Pavilion. Attention was then turned to the suggestion of running a Bazaar. There was now a very definite object in view, and somehow the balance of the money had to be raised. The result has been very satisfactory indeed for the splendid sum of approximately £334 was raised and your Executive Committee are indeed grateful for the magnificent way in which the Parents of our School, Staff and Boys supported the Bazaar. Particularly, however, are our thanks due to Mr. and Mrs. J. Alban Davies for the kindly and gracious way in which they declared the Bazaar open, and for the very real interest they evinced in the aims and efforts of the Parents' Association. It would be invidious to single out any individual for special thanks, when such a large number of parents and friends gave so much of their time and worked

so hard for success. The Committee therefore desire me to place on record their deep appreciation and thanks to all those who gave so willingly to ensure the success of the Bazaar.

During the year an appeal was made to enable the School to have a Flagstaff. Contributions were coming in when the Committee received a letter from Mr. L. D. Gerrish offering to provide and erect a suitable Flagstaff at his own expense. This offer was gratefully received and the Flagstaff admired by many who saw it for the first time when they visited the School for the Bazaar. The donations which had already been received have covered the cost of a Union Jack of suitable size; the balance of the contributions being allocated to the Pavilion Fund.

My son has now left School just over twelve months, and those parents who were at the last Annual General Meeting will recall that Mr. Seabrook was then appointed as Assistant Secretary in view of my own resignation in October next. May I, therefore, ask each and every parent to accord him the same helpful and friendly co-operation that has made my six years as your Secretary such a pleasure and so ensure that the Parents' Association will go forward from strength to strength.

LESLIE W. FARMER,
Hon. Secretary.

Bazaar—4th June, 1955

Summary of Accounts
Receipts

	£	s.	d.
Programmes	87	17	0
Donations	2	12	6
Stalls—Grocery	16	16	3
Needlework	40	5	10
Home Made Cakes and Confectionery	17	19	6
Toilet and Stationery	17	17	8
Flowers, Bedding Plants, etc.	12	19	7
Men Only	26	0	0
White Elephant	15	0	0
Bottle Novelty	20	5	7
Household Sundries	18	9	8
Shows—Films, Marionettes, Punch & Judy, Conjuror	22	18	0
Old Boys—Darts	13	14	0
Catering—Side Shows—Competitions, etc.	207	2	1
	<u>£519</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>8</u>

After defraying all expenses the amount realised for the new pavilion fund is £334 7s. 1d.

The members of the original Committee of the Parents' Association will be grieved to learn of the death of Mr. E. R. Read, father of John Read (41-46), who was the first Honorary Treasurer of the Parents' Association. Members of the present Committee were saddened by the death of one of its most enthusiastic members, Mrs. I. E. Wiseman, mother of Richard Wiseman (50-55).

THE OLD BUCKWELLIANS

Secretaryship of an Association such as ours can be a very sobering experience, and never more so than when composing the annual article for the "Roding." Back in 1945, when the first report appeared, it occupied little more than half a page, since when it has grown with the Association to more than ten times its original size. And as one reads one's predecessors' polished epistles one is all but overwhelmed . . . at which point, enter the Hon. Treasurer, balance sheet aflourish, muttering "subscriptions" and "five bobs" in menacing mood.

So if you received this copy of the "Roding" from the Association you may breathe freely, but if not, a line (and P.O.) to :—

COLIN J. BRADLEY,
32a Park View Gardens,
Woodford Avenue,
Ilford.

(Phone WANstead 8262).

will make a wise, generous and faithful (if not an honest) Old Buck of you.

And now on with the Sub-sections' reports.

Old Buckwellians Social Activities

Hon. Social Secretary:
D. K. SLADE,
102, Thorold Road, Ilford.

Our Dances have continued to increase in popularity since last year's report and I have every hope of setting yet another profit record. The success of the Dances is surely reflected in the profits made, and the total for 1954 (approx. £87) is very encouraging. We cannot expect the support to improve continually without making the Dances more attractive, and it is with this in mind

that I am booking a 6-piece band for our next Xmas Dance on 17th December, 1955. It is very improbable that our Dances will appeal to everybody, but if you have any genuine suggestions or criticisms which you think will improve our popularity I will be only too pleased to hear of them. Meanwhile you can all help by attending our Dances with your friends on the last Saturdays in September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May.

A new idea was introduced at our last Xmas Dance, when supporters were invited to bring along a gift to put on the tree which we were giving to the Children's Ward of King George V hospital. The idea, the Dance, everything was a great success and we sent nearly 100 presents, including sweets, books, toys and dolls to the children. We hope to repeat the idea this year and send the tree to an even more dependent "family" of children.

So much for the Dances.

Since last year we have started a Club on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Netley Hall, Newbury Park. A very enjoyable evening can be offered here for no more than the cost of the refreshments you consume. The main attractions are Darts, Snooker, and Table Tennis, but it is obvious that there is plenty of scope for other activities providing that we get a good attendance. Up to now it has fluctuated between 10 and 30—nowhere near good enough. May I urge you to give this new venture your support by coming along and bringing your friends (of either sex) with you?

It has been said that lack of money stops Old Boys from supporting our functions more often. I realise that money is hard to find, but I suspect that some of you are guilty of having short arms and deep pockets!

See you in September. Happy Holidays.

D. K. SLADE.

Old Buckwellians Football Club

Hon. Secretary:

J. F. TILLY,

46, Hawthorn Road, Buckhurst Hill.

(Phone BUCKhurst 7251)

At the commencement of the 1954/55 season the Club's playing strength was sufficient to justify the running of four sides. These consisted of three Senior sides and a Junior side, the latter being made up of players under eighteen. Unfortunately, this position did not last until the season's end and the Third Eleven had no games during the latter half of the season. This Eleven

did, however, play sufficient games to merit the award of the Dunlop Shield, which is presented annually to the team with the best record in the Club. In the Leagues we did not fare as well as in the previous season, but, to be optimistic, we were not relegated from any of the Leagues and hope to do better next season.

While we may not have been very successful on the field of play we have made improvements to the ground at Bradwell Road, and the year has been a good one financially. At Bradwell Road further drains have been laid, the goal-mouths resown, a tarmac path now leads to the ground and a general redecoration of the pavilion and surrounds is at present in hand.

No report would be complete this year without mention of Mr. Dunlop. He has decided to resign from the Chairmanship of the Club, although he assures us that he is going to continue to take an active interest in the Club's activities. In the last few difficult years he has been one of the Club's mainstays and it was with regret that the Committee accepted his resignation. We hope to see him at most of our games this coming season and thank him for his efforts in the past.

As usual we look forward to welcoming new members and hope for another influx of new blood from the School. Without the introduction of new, young talent we cannot expect to exist for long, and any boy desirous of joining the Club should contact me at the address given at the top of this report.

At the recent Annual General Meeting the Officers for the ensuing year were elected. They are:—

President:	J. H. Taylor, Esq.
Chairman:	B. McCartney.
Vice-Chairman:	L. Tovey.
Secretary:	J. F. Tilly.
Treasurer:	R. E. Horne.

J. F. TILLY.

Old Buckwellians Cricket Club

Hon. Secretary:

B. T. ASTLEY,

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Coming, as it does, rather less than half way through our season, it is difficult in this report to give a really "up to the minute" account of our fortunes; on the other hand, there has been plenty of opportunity to digest and analyse last season's performance, and it can be said that "Jack" Sutton's pious hope,

expressed in last year's report, for a successful season was pretty well fulfilled. We won 15 games, drew 9 and lost 10, managing to win nearly all of the more important matches.

This season's results so far have not been so good—on going to press we have won only two out of some nine matches played—but this apparent retrogression is probably due to our having a large number of new players in the team who are still settling down, and we are confident of attaining much better results as the season goes on.

Compared with last season, our membership has increased considerably, and an especially welcome sign is the fact that this increase is most noticeable among the younger members. We were very glad to have back with us Dicky Barham, whose impressive performances as a bowler and with the bat have been very valuable to the Club.

Unfortunately the Club's financial position is none too bright, and it cannot be expressed too strongly that ALL subscriptions will be needed if we are to keep out of the "red," so please make a special effort to see John Rivers, our Hon. Treasurer, or drop him a line at 82 Elgin Road, Seven Kings.

To conclude on a more congenial note, it remains to mention the many enjoyable fixtures to come, especially our, by now, almost traditional August Bank Holiday match at Brede, near Rye, in Sussex. For once we cannot "plug" our Summer Dance, as it is fixed for the 24th June . . . but then you will, of course have been to it!!! As for the School match, well, last year we won, and we will strain every nerve to avoid blotting our copy-book; in fact, we hope to thrash them more soundly than ever!!

G.F.H.

Old Buckwellians Hockey Club

Hon. Secretary:

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The Hockey Section of the Old Buckwellians has, in the season just past, run both a First and a Second Eleven for the first time. The experiment has proved a great success in improving both the standard of play and the membership of the Club. The players, of course, consist entirely of ex-pupils of the School, and in view of the comparatively small number of people leaving who wish to continue playing hockey (or who wish to play for the first time) it seemed at the beginning of last year like taking a big step in the dark to arrange games for a Second Eleven which had yet to be formed. However, by a certain amount of (verbal!!!) persuasion, both Elevens were filled.

From the point of view of matches won and goals scored the record of the First Eleven in the season just finished has been better than any previous season during its existence. This was partly due to there being a Second Eleven from which tried and experienced players could be taken into the fairly stable First Eleven.

The record of the Second Eleven could have been better but it is hoped that it will not be long before they overcome their teething troubles as a new team and begin to make progress.

Some of the best games, for interest and enjoyment, have been played against the School Eleven, and it has become a standing joke amongst the hockey fraternity associated with the two sides that, as yet, the O.B.'s have either been beaten or held to a draw. However, this state of affairs cannot continue (we hope!) and we assure the School that NEXT season

M. J. CUMING.

Agony Column

Roy Savill has just finished his 8 weeks' squarebashing before going to the R.A.F. School of Music on a 5 year Regular engagement. Alan and Mrs. Hornsby now live in Neasden. Roy Webb is back from West Africa and Fred Perry is expected back from there by Xmas. Brian Moran plays Soccer for London University and Ian Dunbar attends University College, North Staffs. Colin Bradley has a new car. Sub-Lieut. Arthur Brown is serving on board H.M.S. "Thunderer" at Plymouth, but hopes to be in Malta soon. Peter Jay works on the electric railway at Penistone, Yorks. Don Hines lives in Eltham and missed the Annual Dinner—he was on night shift in a Mortuary! Raymond Caswell survives the Gunner purgatory at Oswestry. Ian Cathcart is now learning watchmaking in Exeter. E. N. and Kenneth Smith are living in Canvey Island and St. Johns Wood respectively, while Michael "Doom" Page studies hard at Eastbourne Grammar. John "Titch" Rivers won some sweets in a raffle at the O.B. Dance but lost the lot to his voracious companions. Malaya has lost Bill Waller (for demob. from the Sappers) and gained John Harnden on a 4 year contract; Bill wants to be a Librarian. The bulk of the Cricket Club were involved in a party after the Whitsun Dance and washed a car down in a liquid rather thicker than mere water. Fred Haslock wants to swap his cuckoo clock and radiogram for somewhere to live so that he can marry Muriel. Keith Tarry is in business in Covent Garden (NOT the Opera). Doug. Clarke is back in Australia and Robin Alberry's 'bike was stolen just before his holidays. Ken Bray has taken up jive: Brenda likes it too. Mike Meddings has a car, four punctures, two new tyres, a carburettor on fire, a short circuit at Highgate and the exhaust pipe

through the floor. Vincent Booth is back from India and Dicky Barham's leave from Brazil ends in mid-August. On July 30th Peter Aldridge is off to Pinto River, Near Aneroid-as-in-Barometer, Saskatchewan to teach for a year or so. John Macgillivray is National-Servicing with the Home Fleet. Roy Goshawk's Austin 7 appears to be vintage 1931, Peter Levine is at the City and Guilds College and Keith Self is now an EX-"Redcap" R.A.F. Mr. and Mrs. Tony Flower and son Peter (born Xmas Day) are in Germany at the Windsor School, Hamm. Late last year Roy Ikeson was in Tain, Rossshire, but has since moved. Ben McCartney's nuptials are scheduled for July 16th but Joe Cramp prefers gay batchelor-dom. Alan Charlwood is studying at the Royal College of Music and Brian Hutchins serves aboard H.M. S/M "Untiring." Balliol College, Oxford shelters Eric Crook. John Jasper is in the R.A.F. at Horsham St. Faith while Junior Technician Michael Hawker teaches radar near Weston-Super-Mare and finds Ft./Sgts. comparatively human—sometimes!! Ron Clements hopes to enter the Ministry on leaving Christ's College, Cambridge, and David Gorick has paid his annual subscription (laggards please note). Michael Fishlock is working in the R.N. Yard, Trincomalee, Ceylon, and last August J. A. Spendley was in Swedru, Gold Coast Colony: he believes that "Stud" Saward may still be in Nigeria. Ken Button insists that certain rumours are groundless—he still intends to stay single! Charlie Summers is still in Jersey.

ENGAGEMENTS: Paul Smith and Yvonne Winter; Douglas Hills and Anne Bartholomew; Alan Charlwood and Cherry Carter; John Rendu and Anne Baird (Easter '54); Doug. Clarke; Mick Dunlop; Philip Ranner.

MARRIAGES: Malcolm Beard; Reg. Chapman; Peter Cooper; Peter Jay; "Gabby" Brown; Eric Marcus; D. Hoffman; Wally Aley; Frank Final; John Martin; Charles Rush; R. Bracey; Roy Greenaway; Ron Colvin; V. R. Twyman; Derek Green.

BIRTHS: J. Gilbert—a son; Des Slade—a daughter, Beverley Karin; John Baggott—a daughter, Angela Susan; Ian Wilson; Frank Watson—a son, Michael (in Canada); "Dan" Boone—a son, Matthew; Tony Flower—a son, Peter.

The contemporaries of Alan Ramplin (1941-44) will be grieved to hear of his death in H.M. Submarine "Affray" that sank with all hands in the Solent, 1951.

General Notes

The recruiting drive foreshadowed in last year's report has met with reasonable, though not spectacular, success. The main features were a Circular to all Old Boys not already contacted and a Visitation on all New Leavers during the Summer Term at School; this last is not new, but has been expanded in scope, and is now a regular fixture.

The Sixth Annual Dinner was again held at Pimm's Restaurant, Bishopsgate, on April 1st and can fairly be said to be as successful as ever. In spite of an unavoidable increase in price, attendance was up on last year's, and (balm to the Treasurer's soul) the loss borne by the Association fell to just over £9. Among our guests were our recently elected Vice-Presidents, Mr. T. H. Knight and Mr. (now Sir) Frank Foster.

The Parents' Association Bazaar on June 4th saw us operating a Darts Stall, realising £13 14s. gross and at least two *very* sore throats!! However, Des. Slade still managed to run an auction afterwards, to the tune of £18-odd, as only he can.

It was with regret that we accepted Malcolm Beard's resignation from Committee owing to a bad bout of pneumonia: his services have been greatly missed. We wish him and his bride the best of good luck.

On the financial side, the accounts for 1954 showed a profit of just under £19. As the subscriptions alone barely cover the cost of sending out the "Roding" and the Newsletters, our other activities depend almost entirely on the Dance profits. It follows that not only is the Annual Subscription a very good bargain indeed, but that support of all our functions is essential for the well being of the Association, quite apart from the enjoyment to be found therein.

I would like to say a word of thanks, both for myself and for the Association, to all those gallant people who do so much behind the scenes. It is impossible to mention even a fraction of them here, but their activities range throughout the whole fabric of our organisation, from coaching the Sports Sections to catering at Dances, in higher administration and in clearing up the mess afterwards. Their services are indeed deeply appreciated, for without them we could not accomplish the half of what we do.

As for the future, our plans are legion, but all our efforts necessarily depend on adequate support: given this we confidently predict that the coming year will be our best yet. So come along, and bring your friends as well—you'll never find a better "bet" if you outlive Methuselah.

GEOF. HAWKER.

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NOTES FOR YEARS 1—3

First Year. In House football matches McVey and Beresford played for Forest ; Hibbitt, Howard and Rutherford for Chigwell ; Robertson, Hurn, Batten and Moore for Hainault. Moore, McVey, Rutherford, Batten and Hurn all represented the School. IG won the inter-form football. They also won the inter-form cross-country run, with IW second and IN third. Waller and Moore seem to be our promising athletes ; the Russell Cup Relay Team was composed of Rutherford, Skerry, Moore and Greenslade. McVey and Moore have played for the School Junior Cricket XI, while Beresford, Hinkin, Nice and Rutherford have represented their Houses. Campbell, Brown and Rochester have passed the Scouts' Tenderfoot Tests. Vince and Seabrook travel to places like Morden, Sutton and Merton collecting bus numbers. IW and IN have books about hobbies ; IG and IN have form magazines, started by Clark and Lloyd. IG also had a form library. Binet has 6,000 stamps, 460 of them German. Campbell, Brown, Hart, Wayman, Bresford, Nicholls and Downham attended violin classes, while other boys played various instruments like the recorder. All three forms started on an R.I. book or project with Mr. Graydon. Hibbitt, Waller, Skerry, Childs and Machin took part in the School Play, "The Tempest." Invalids this year have included Greenslade, North, Chappell, Goswell, Musgrave, McVey, Morden, Beresford and Arnold. Robertson, Davis and Greening all joined us after the start of the first term.

E. MOORE, IG ; A. E. SKERRY, IN ; C. J. HIBBITT, IW.

Second Year. Among the 2nd year undertakings were industrial visits to Ford's at Dagenham, and Cadbury's chocolate factory just outside Birmingham. Over 100 boys took part in the former visit, Second Formers including Claydon, Hamshere, Conway, Adams, Gerrish, Buckley, Gilbert, Harrow, King, I. T., Nelson, Lodge, Marson, Rushbrook, Forsyth, Coates, Brasier, Chowns, Goddard, Jesty, Millis, Murrell, Colby, Lee, Ellis, Gaotley, Drummond, Snashall, Sadgrove, Warren, Lawrence, Caryl, Clark, Hebden, Johnson, Bassett, Little and Sweeting. Hudd, Day, Gerrish, Marson, Forsyth and Harrington played leading parts in "Lady Precious Stream" ; others in this Junior Play were Williams, K., Hebden, Porter, Robertson, Johnson, Goddard, Jesty, Stevenson, Ellis, Delaney, Warren, R. F. Williams, Haynes, Bassett, Goatley, Clark, Lawrence, Gilbert and Selby. Chowns is entering for the Guildhall School of Music examinations in elocution. Gerrish, Sewell, Forsyth, Hamshere, Harrington, Williams, R. F., Lowe and Findley had parts in the Senior Play, "The Tempest." 2A have been making a model of the village of Hadleigh in Suffolk, after a series of composition periods with Mr. Whiting. The form also has a puppet group, which has made its own puppets. The Under

13 Football XI included nine regular 2nd Year players : Conway, Claydon, Cornford, Odell, Delaney (captain), Robertson, Bassett, Sweeting and Smith. On Sports Day there were several fine performances by Second Form boys. Carter threw the javelin 102 feet and Stevenson won both the 100 yards and 220 yards in times better than the 3rd Year's. Other winners were : Carter in the shot, Marshall in the hop, step and jump, Claydon in the long jump, and Coates in the discus. Felgate, Forsyth, Gilbert, King, R. J., Luhman, Snashall, Chowns and Drummond are taking violin lessons, while the Second Year is well represented in the Choir and Orchestra.

M. F. CLAYDON, R. D. CRICK, 2A.

Third Year : Steward and Green have left us, but we welcome Smith from Ealing Grammar School. Brown, Bull, Oliver, Greenwood, Scott, Fisher, Thomas and Shepherd represented the School in Athletics. After playing only three weeks' hockey, we feel we did well to lose only 3—4 to the Fourths. Third Year boys made up most of the Junior Basketball teams. Bernstock has been presented with a new bat by Debden C.C. Casualties and invalids have included Dimitriou, Missin, Gathergood, Leveridge, Fleming and about 30% of the Thirds (struck down by 'flu !). Hardy takes riding lessons, Batchelor is the authority on aircraft. Hawker, Scott, Chapman, Perring, Perry, and Rochester are members of the choir. Bernstock and Hardy D. F. D. collect chemicals by the dozen. Hady K. performed admirably against Fourth Year rivals in the Verse-speaking Competition. The Third Year was represented in the Junior Play (notably by Rogers, Salter, and Bourne) and in "The Tempest" by Rogers and Laithwaite.

T. CARTER, 3A.

Lack of space, particularly acute this year, has forced the Editor regretfully to exclude many contributions. In this connection he would like to thank Mullins, Appleby, Crick, Forsyth, Gerrish, Stewardson, Stean, Lawrence, Sargood, Hudd, Haining, Hardiman, Hooley, and Browning.

Photographs in this issue of "The Roding" are by Selby, Sixth Upper Science.

FOOTBALL REPORT

After the initial practice games it became apparent that there would be few outstanding performers who would command a regular position in the 1st XI and, as events proved, many changes had to be made in an attempt to field a team which combined skill and stamina. The main weakness lay in the forward line where cohesion and scoring power were sadly lacking. The most effective

inside forward, Jackson, departed at Christmas and left a gap which was never adequately filled. Legg and Hunter, both players with great energy and enthusiasm, possessed neither the ball control nor the skill in distribution to lead the line effectively. On the wing both Wilson, A. J. and Davidson showed great promise, but too often lacked support. Although the leading goalscorer, Trace, never seemed to exert himself to the full, he has undoubted ability but must show greater mobility in moving from defence to attack. The comparative weakness in the forward line threw additional work on the defence where the outstanding player was Little, who ably filled the pivot position. On his flanks, Freeman and Legg were untiring in their tackling and were at their best on a heavy ground and when the game was in the balance. Saward at right back distributed the ball well, often prompting attacks with short passes; in the air he had no equal in the team. His partner, Bailey, made good use of long clearances and improved with every match. Behind them, in goal, the agile Brooks made many brilliant saves and installed a degree of confidence in the rearguard by his anticipation.

Team: Brookes; Saward, Bailey; Freeman, Little, Legg; Davidson, Trace, Hunter, Spindler, Wilson, A. J. Also played: Alcott, Jackson, Lavery, Adams. Colours were awarded to Jackson, Little, Saward and Wilson, A. J., and re-awarded to Spindler.

R. SPINDLER, Captain.

2nd XI Football

This year has provided a most enjoyable and successful season's football, as our record will show:

P 20, W 19, L 1, GF 108, GA 14.

Our record of success can be attributed to fine teamwork, for there were no outstanding individualists. The forwards combined well and, apart from the match we lost, seemed able to score almost at will. The defence, with the forwards taking most of the work, played capably and well together. Boys who represented the School: Macefield, Hetherington, Shepherd, Allen, Bedding, Beard, Hooley, Appleby, Skinner, North, Alcott, Smith, Loader, Adams.

T. M. HOOLEY, Captain.

Mention must be made of the keen and capable leadership shown by Spindler and Hooley during the season. The former played with his customary skill and coolness, whether in defence or attack, and proved once again his versatility, whilst the success of the 2nd XI was in no small measure due to Hooley's experience and enthu-

siastic encouragement; a special award of colours was made to him in consequence. Both have served the School well in their capacities as players, selectors and captains.

Under 15 XI Football

This season has proved to be quite successful, as the records show:

P 15, W 11, D 0, L 4, GF 73, GA 34.

The spirit of the team was always good and they were good losers as well as winners.

Team: Simmonds, Newland, Robinson, Pingree, Allen, Benstead, Coulston, Rimmer, Gower, Tyler, Shepherd.

D. GOWER, Captain.

Under 14 XI Football

P 18, W 7, D 3, L 8, GF 48, GA 65

The team did not have a very successful season. This was largely due to the fact that, as a team, the boys were on the small side and found it difficult to deal with heavy grounds and a heavy ball. Nevertheless, everyone played hard, and Brown, the captain, and his team deserve to be congratulated on their determination to go on fighting to the final whistle.

The team was drawn from the following boys: Brown (captain), Cottrell, Terry, Randall, Langford, Wood, Fisher, Missin, Gathergood, North M., Davis, North P., Salter, Hardy.

Under 13 XI Football

Although the season started very disappointingly, they backed up to their job splendidly and played with vigour and spirit throughout. Both the attack and defence played reasonably as a whole, but our strength was in our defence as we had a good goalkeeper and a sound pair of backs.

The following boys represented the School: Cornford, Conway, Crick, Knight, Claydon, Delaney, Robertson, Sweeting, Moore, McVey, Smith, Bell and Bassett.

B. G. DELANEY, Captain.

RESULTS

		1st	2nd	u. 15	u. 14	u. 13
		X1	XI	X1	X1	X1
Sept.	18. Parmiters School	1-1	9-1	8-6	2-8	1-7
	25. Leyton C.H.S.	1-1	4-0	3-4	3-3	0-6
Oct.	2. East Ham G.S.	3-5	2-1		2-7	2-4
	9. Romford, Liberty School	0-2	4-3	6-5		8-3
	Royal Wanstead School				8-0	
	16. Stratford G.S.	0-0	5-0	0-2	4-4	5-0
	23. George Monoux G.S.	1-2	3-0		1-2	1-1
	30. Ilford C.H.S.	5-1	10-2	2-5	3-0	2-2
Nov.	6. Barking Abbey	4-2	4-0		2-5	
	13. Cranbrook College			7-0		12-0
	13. Forest School	3-0	8-1		2-0	0-1
	20. Brentwood School			4-1		
	20. Chigwell School	2-6		Chigwell (u. 13½)		6-1
	Royal Wanstead		9-0			
	Loughton School			10-1		
	27. Romford T.S.	1-3	4-1		2-13	
	Loughton School			10-1		3-1
Dec.	4. Old Boys	1-0				
	Royal Wanstead School		12-1		5-1	
	11. Palmer's School	0-1	2-1	5-1	1-2	1-7
Jan.	29. Stratford G.S.	1-1	7-0	3-0	3-0	2-2
Feb.	5. George Monoux G.S.	0-4	6-0			3-1
	12. Parmiters School	0-1	2-0	3-4		1-2
Mar.	5. Romford, Liberty School	0-4	5-0	5-3		1-4
	Beal G.S.				5-4	
	12. Romford T.S.	4-1	6-0		1-13	
	Loughton School					3-3
	19. Palmer's School	2-2	1-2	7-2	1-1	1-3
	26. Old Boys	2-5	5-1			
	Beal G.S.				3-2	1-6
Total		31-42	108-14	73-34	48-65	53-54

(School scores are placed first).

HOCKEY

This year the team had a slight set-back as far as prestige is concerned, since it did not manage to hold its own against several teams of similar playing standard. Most of our difficulties were, as last year, due to a shortage of players on whom we could call in cases of illness, injury, or cross-country commitments. It is to be hoped that in future years this position will not be so acute as it has been in the past. In spite of this and numerous cancellations, it has been a season of general improvement in teamwork. The team spirit remained throughout the season, even during our less brilliant moments when co-ordination suffered through absences.

The team was selected from Douglas, Clarke, Whitfield, King, Kreetzer, Cullen, Barrett, Abrahams, Prentice, Carpenter, Meddings, Cockburn, Mullins, Waller and Davey. Colours were awarded to Whitfield and re-awarded to Douglas and Clarke.

P12, W3, D2, L7, GF19, GA31.

J. A. H. DOUGLAS, Captain.

I should like to congratulate Douglas, who has been responsible for the fine spirit shown by the team. He always led his team with enthusiasm and showed an excellent example by his hard work and determination.

L. F. B.

GYMNASTICS CLUB

The club has necessarily been less active this year. There are, however, several promising boys in the junior forms and the increasing strength of the senior department promises well for a generally improved standard in inter-school competitions. No further progress has been made in the negotiations for the purchase of a trampoline, but all members look forward to the day when the "upper atmosphere" may be explored with the knowledge that a safe landing can be guaranteed. An enjoyable evening was spent at the Divisional Gymnastics Championships, in which twelve schools competed. The School team performed well to finish 4th. Team: Morris, D. J., Bootle, Wood, Hardy, F. and Bett. To date the senior and junior house championships have not been decided, but competition this year should be very keen.

R.M.W.

BOXING TEAM

Owing to the unfortunate accident to Mr. Webb, the Boxing Team of 1954-5 suffered something of an eclipse. Nevertheless much training was still done and encouraging enthusiasm was shown by many First Year boys and by the old stalwarts. Next year we hope to continue in a more adventurous manner with more fixtures than previously, and I do not doubt that, with the coming of the 1955-6 season, we shall once more be able to batter each other about in the Gym on Monday nights with more success than ever.

B. HUNTER, Sixth Upper Modern.

BASKETBALL

This has not been a very successful season, and we have played our usual set of matches against Wellington Avenue without a

victory. The School's best performance was against a combined 1st and 2nd team from Leyton C.H.S., when the team played some good basketball to win 39-29.

Brookes in defence and Saward in attack are the most improved players in the side and with Loader, a fast and reliable player, will form a sound basis for next year's team. Hooley, the vice-captain, experimented with himself in attack, but did not play well until he returned to the defence. Macefield played well at centre, but did not always use his height to the best advantage. Alcott in defence and Davey in attack proved to be very capable reserves.

R. SPINDLER, Sixth Upper Modern.

TENNIS

Enthusiasm for tennis has been maintained this year, even though the free use of the Grange Farm courts is no longer possible. A few matches with other schools have been arranged for later in the term, and I expect that the team will do reasonably well.

R. SPINDLER, Sixth Upper Modern.

CROSS-COUNTRY REPORT

The 1954-55 season has provided the most successful cross-country team the school has had. They won every schools invitation race and finished second in the Essex Youths Cross-country Race.

We began the season with only two of last year's team and our prospects did not seem exceptionally bright; but with extremely hard work the team improved considerably, and we won an early success in a match against Leyton C.H.S. This gave added incentive to the team, and we trained even harder. Our training was soon rewarded by our victory in the Wadham Harriers Schools Invitation Race, in which all the team finished in the first ten.

After a match against Chigwell School, which we won, came the Highgate Harriers Schools Invitation Race. Although weakened by the absence of Meddings, the team ran strongly to win this much coveted race for the first time. A week later the team was again successful, this time winning the "Smeed" Cup.

During the holidays training was continued, and in January the School finished second to Woodford Green A.C. in the Essex Youths race for clubs and schools.

On the return to school the team continued to improve and, after winning matches against Leyton C.H.S. and Bancrofts, recorded their best performance ever to win the Burn Cup. A fortnight later the team wound up a very successful season by winning the Orion Harriers Invitation Race for the first time.

In conclusion I should like to thank all members of the team for their wonderful co-operation, and Mr. Cave for his great encouragement.

Boys representing the School were: Meddings, Davidson, Mundy, Smith, Hart, Auger, Selby, Hunter, Ryan, Tidiman, Howes, and Brothers. Colours were awarded to Davidson, Mundy, and Smith, and were re-awarded to Meddings and Davis.

B. M. DAVIS, Captain.

SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY RUNS RESULTS, 1955

Individual Results:

1st Year Race—		Time
1. Moore E.	(1G)	
2. Nicholls P.	(1G)	
3. Beresford, P.	(1G)	
Junior Race:		
1. Marshall	2H (F)	10 mins., 11 secs.
2. Moore E.	1G (H)	
3. Nicholls P.	1G (F)	
Middle School Race:		
1. Oliver R.	3A (R)	18 mins., 23 secs.
2. Brown D.	3S (H)	
3. Wilkins D.	3S (R)	
Senior Race:		
1. Davis B.	U6M (H)	23 mins., 51 secs.
2. Meddings J.	5A (F)	
3. Davidson H.	L6M (H)	

First Year Race:

1. IG.	2. IW.	3. 1N.	
Junior	Intermediate	Senior	Final
1. Forest	1. Forest	1. Hainault	1. Hainault
2. Hainault	2. Hainault	2. Roding	2. Forest
3. Chigwell	3. Roding	3. Forest	3. Roding
4. Roding	4. Chigwell	4. Chigwell	4. Chigwell

THE ATHLETICS TEAM

The story of this year's Athletics Team is one of individual success, solid teamwork, and hard training with the result that the athletic prestige of the School has been maintained at a high level.

For the third year in succession we have gained 2nd place in the Champion Russell Cup. Outstanding in this competition was the sprint double of Crapnell, who equalled the existing 100 yards record (10.3 secs.), the 880 yards of Meddings, the running of the U.14 relay team, and the quarter miling of Gower. In the Forest Division U.17 Cup we were unlucky not to win, being only two points behind Wanstead, and afflicted by injuries. As a result of this competition, no fewer than fourteen boys have been selected to run in the Essex Championships. Yet another 2nd place was gained in the "Herring" Medley Relay Cup, while the team won an invitation relay at Beal.

Unfortunately, at the time of writing the Bickersteth Field Events Trophy has not been held, but the School should acquit itself well, for excellent standards have already been reached by many boys, among whom Little, Wilson, Haver, Morris, Gower, and Macefield in the Seniors and Moore in the Juniors are outstanding. Also eagerly awaited is the "Campbell" Cup, which we won last year and which we hope to retain until 1956.

Perhaps the greatest individual success yet achieved was the winning of the "Glenny" Cup (100 metres), held among twelve schools, by Crapnell, who has proved one of the most able sprinters the School has yet had.

In conclusion I should like to offer the thanks of the Athletics Team to Mr. Cave and Mr. Webb for their untiring efforts, and to express appreciation to our former Athletics Captains, Alan and Derek Haywood, for presenting a fine cup to the School for the best House in jumping events.

B. HUNTER, Captain.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS

11th June, 1955

The traditional rain, so often associated with our Sports Day, kindly decided not to trouble us this year. Nevertheless the hope that many records might be broken was rather dashed by the presence of a strong and blustery wind which impeded sprinters and long distance runners alike. Despite this handicap the Mile record was broken convincingly by Meddings who, as a result of this victory and his further successes in the 440 and 880 yards, was awarded the John Henry Taylor Cup for the outstanding Senior performance.

A fitting conclusion to the day's events was the Prize-Giving, for which our guest was W. J. Hicks, Esq., Sports Editor of the "News Chronicle."

B. K. HUNTER, Captain of Athletics.

RESULTS

- 100 Yards (under 12) : 1 Waller (R), 13.6 secs. ; 2 McVey (F) ; 3 Rutherford (C).
- 100 Yards (Under 13) : 1 Stevenson (C), 12.4 secs. ; 2 Foster (H) ; 3 Carter (H).
- 100 Yards (under 14) : 1 Thomas (F), 12.6 secs. ; 2 Scott (H) ; 3 Greenwood (H).
- 100 Yards (under 15) : 1 Morris (R), 12.2 secs. ; Smith P. (R) ; 3 Coulson (F).
- 100 Yards (under 16) : 1 Sewell (C), 12.0 secs. ; Prentice (H) ; 3 Hetherington (R).
- 100 Yards (over 16) : 1 Crapnell (C), 11.0 secs. ; Onwood (F) ; 3 Hunter (F) and Spindler (R).
- 220 Yards (under 13) : 1 Stevenson (C), 27.4 secs. ; 2 Foster (H) ; 3 Claydon (F).
- 220 Yards (under 14) : 1 Scott (H), 28.2 secs. ; 2 Thomas (F) ; 3 Greenwood (H).
- 220 Yards (under 15) : 1 Gower (R), 26.0 secs. ; 2 Robinson (F) and James (R).
- 220 Yards (under 16) : 1 Prentice (H), 25.8 secs. ; 2 Sewell (C) ; 3 Hetherington (R).
- 220 Yards (over 16) : 1 Crapnell (C), 24.6 secs. ; 2 Hunter (F) ; 3 Spindler (R).
- 440 Yards (under 15) : 1 Gower (R), 58.0 secs. ; 2 Hancock (F) ; 3 Wilkins (R).
- 440 Yards (under 16) : 1 King R. (R), 59.6 secs. ; King P. W. (H) ; 3 Hart (R).
- 440 Yards (over 16) : 1 Meddings (F), 55.0 secs. ; 2 Hunter (F) ; 3 Willingale (H).
- 880 Yards (over 15) : 1 Meddings (F), 2 min. 8.2 secs. ; 2 Davis (H) ; 3 Davidson (H).
- 1 Mile (15 and over) : 1 Meddings (F), 4 min 43.6 secs. (Record) ; 2 Davis (H) ; 3 Mundy (R).
- Discus (under 13) : 1 Coates (H), 77 ft. 6 in., 2 Colby (R) ; 3 Buckley (H).
- Discus (under 15) : 1 Morris (R), 116 ft. 2 in. ; 2 Drage (R) ; 3 Nice (F).
- Discus (over 15) : 1 Wilson (C), 113 ft. 10 in. (Record) ; 2 Alcott (C) ; 3 Carpenter (H).
- Javelin (under 13) : 1 Carter (H), 102 ft. 1 in. ; 2 Stevenson (C) ; 3 Knight (R).
- Javelin (under 15) : 1 Gower (R), 114 ft. 4½ in. ; 2 Tyler (F) ; 3 Shepherd (H).
- Javelin (over 15) : 1 Macefield (F), 156 ft. 8 in. ; 2 Adams (C) ; 3 Little (R).
- Shot (under 13) : 1 Carter (H), 32 ft. 1 in. ; 2 Colby (R) ; 3 Foster (H).
- Shot (under 15) : 1 Pingree (F), 41 ft. 2 in. ; 2 Morris (R) ; 3 Haver (H).
- Shot (over 15) : 1 Macefield (F), 34 ft. 8½ in. ; 2 Clarke (R) ; 3 Alcott (C).
- High Jump (under 13) : 1 Moore (H), 4 ft. 3 in. ; 2 Colby (R) ; 3 Claydon (F).

High Jump (under 15) : 1 Morris (R), 5 ft. ; 2 Haver (H) ; 3 Hunter (F) and Delfgou (R).

High Jump (over 15) : 1 Hart (R), 5 ft. ; 2 Clarke (R) ; 3 Macefield (F).

Long Jump (under 13) : 1 Claydon (F), 13 ft. 11 in. ; 2 Hudd (H) ; 3 Foster (H).

Long Jump (under 15) : 1 Coulston (F), 16 ft. 1½ in. ; 2 Low (F) ; 3 Gower (R).

Long Jump (over 15) : 1 Spindler (R), 18 ft. 0½ in. ; 2 Beard (F) ; 3 Crapnell (C).

Pole Vault (under 13) : 1 Moore (H), 6 ft. 9 in. ; 2 Robertson (R) ; 3 Hudd (H).

Pole Vault (under 15) : 1 Morris (R), 7 ft. 6 in. ; 2 Wood (H) ; 3 Brewster (H).

Pole Vault (over 15) : 1 Little (R), 7 ft. 0 in. ; 2 Alcott (C) ; 3 Smith, R. G. (R).

Hop, Step and Jump (under 13) : 1 Marshall (F), 31 ft. 3 in. ; 2 Williams R. (H) ; 3 Carter (H).

Hop, Step and Jump (under 15) : 1 Shepherd (H), 33 ft. 4 in. ; 2 Coulston (F) ; 3 Low (F).

Hop, Step and Jump (over 15) : 1 Spindler (R), 37 ft. 2 in. ; 2 Little (R) ; 3 Crapnell (C).

Relay (4 x 110) (under 12) : 1 Forest, 58.4 secs. ; 2 Chigwell ; 3 Roding.

Relay (4 x 110) (under 13) : 1 Hainault, 56.4 secs. ; 2 Forest ; 3 Chigwell.

Relay (4 x 110) (under 14) : 1 Hanault, 55.4 secs. ; 2 Roding ; 3 Chigwell.

Relay (4 x 110) (under 15) : 1 Roding, 52 secs. ; 2 Forest ; 3 Hainault.

Relay (4 x 110) (under 16) : 1 Roding, 51 secs. ; 2 Hainault ; 3 Chigwell.

Relay (4 x 110) (over 16) : 1 Forest, 49.8 secs. ; 2 Roding ; 3 Chigwell.

Old Boy's Race : 1 Gosford, 26.2 secs. ; 2 Coyle ; 3 Williams.

Best Performance Cups : Under 13 : Stevenson (C) ; Under 15 : Morris, D. J. (R) ; Over 15 : Meddings (F) ; Hayward Cup (jumping events) : Roding.

"Bryett" Inter-House Athletic Cup : Roding.

CRICKET

1st XI

So far the team is enjoying its best results for four seasons, a success which we hope to maintain for the remaining matches. That is not to say, however, that our cricket has always been entertaining ; the team has been too reluctant to play any forceful attacking strokes, and even the most promising batsmen have often played a negative game. Spindler has captained the side with firm efficiency on the field and sympathetic encouragement in the pavilion. He has handled the bowling shrewdly and has not been afraid to experiment with both players and batting order.

Of the team Adams has fulfilled last year's promise as No. 1 to become the team's most successful batsman, and this together with his fielding at cover has been a great asset to the side. His partner on most occasions has been either Bailey or Bolding, but both of these have been disappointing. Drake J. has been the latest to try the opening position and is the most promising batsman for next season ; he must, however, curb his tendency to play back on to his stumps. Macefield has strengthened the middle batting much more than last season, but still lacks a forcing off drive ; he has, however, sacrificed personal safety to hold seven catches at silly mid-on. The other middle batsmen, Saward and Brookes, have played very well at times and hold great promise for next season. Trace and Gower have both contributed to the tail-end batting, but have served the team much better with their bowling. Trace is probably the most promising left-arm slow bowler the school has produced for some years and has bowled very effectively to take 28 wickets. Gower bowls fast medium and has averaged two wickets a match, a good performance considering that he is only in the fourth year. He would bowl even better if he bowled with his head as well as his arm. Simmonds, another fourth year boy, has kept wicket very well, but must practise taking the ball with a flowing action as opposed to snatching at it.

We offer our sincere thanks to the many non-cricketers who have made our games so enjoyable ; in particular to Mr. Kingston for his work on the wickets, to Miss Bellerby's staff for serving the teas, and to Masters and his assistants for keeping the scores.

Colours have been re-awarded to Spindler, and awarded to Adams and Trace.

R. F. SPINDLER, Captain.

Congratulations to Spindler and Adams on being selected to play for the Essex Grammar Schools XI against an Essex Club and Ground XI.

2nd XI

So far this season the 2nd XI has played very well. Of the seven matches already completed five have been won and one resulted in a tie.

Nobody has been really outstanding and our success lies in the many promising younger players. Rimmer and Thurgood have developed into very able batsmen during the season, whilst Pingree, who has a tendency towards carelessness, has also batted well. Bowling is the team's strongest point, as we have seven regular bowlers upon whom we can call. Jesty and Pingree have bowled consistently with reasonable success, whilst Drake M. has turned

into a fast and accurate opening bowler. On the whole the fielding has been good, although recently lack of practice has caused a deterioration in catching ability.

Under Fourteen XI

This is the best fielding side I remember. The close-catching and ground fielding has always been of the highest order. This, as much as anything else, has been responsible for the success of the side. With the bowling mediocre and the batting suspect, the fielding has often kept down the runs to a minimum and the catching has turned what looked like defeat into victory. Greenwood, the captain, deserves special mention in this connection, as well as for his capable handling of the limited talent at his disposal.

HOUSE REPORTS

CHIGWELL

This has been another disappointing year for the House. Owing mainly to considerable weakness in the Junior School, we have finished last in all the Games Championships so far completed. We have, however, much higher hopes for the results of the Cricket Championship, in which we have won the only two matches played so far, and for the Swimming Gala. We are also confident of success for our Music Group, which has established a good tradition in winning the Matthews Cup for the last three years. I must congratulate Hooley, who has worked very hard as Captain during the past year, and urge other members of the House to raise the much greater enthusiasm which will be needed before Chigwell can ever hope to win the Games Championship.

L. A. CRAPNELL.

FOREST

With the cricket and swimming competitions still to be decided, I feel we must congratulate Hainault on winning the House Championship, for they are in what must be an impregnable position. Forest House up until the start of the cricket competition was leading the other Houses, but by losing the three senior and junior games lost all chance of keeping the Inter-House Championship which was won so well last year. The House was only third in the Athletics Competition, but I must congratulate Meddings on setting up a new record for the mile; since he is staying with the House next year, we can, I think, expect still better performances

from him in the future. Although we have not done as well as last year, I am sure the Juniors in the House will eventually form a championship-winning combination similar to that existing last year.

B. MACEFIELD.

HAINAULT

Although the final result of the Inter-House Competition is not yet decided, the House is leading the championship and stands a very good chance of winning for the sixth time. So far we have tied for first place with Forest in the Football and Cross-Country Championships and finished second in the Athletics Championship; with two matches outstanding, we are undefeated at cricket. This year's successes have not been due to a wealth of sporting talent but rather to a fighting spirit and an enthusiasm to win. Although the Senior teams have done very well, it is our Juniors who deserve special mention for they have finished either first or second in every sport. Many boys have contributed in no small measure to the success of the House, but mention should be made of Moore of the First Year whose enthusiasm has been a wonderful example to everybody. Lastly, I should like to thank my Junior House Captain, Brown, for his invaluable support.

B. M. DAVIS.

RODING

In general this has been a good year for the House and we are almost certain to finish second in the House Championship. As in recent years, the House performed badly in the Cross-Country runs and this seriously handicapped our chances of becoming "Cock" House. The football was not up to its usual standard with the Juniors gaining only four points to the Seniors' eight. We increased our supremacy at basketball, gaining 20 points out of a possible 24. In the Athletic Sports we gained a surprising 20 points victory and carried off the "Hayward" Cup for jumping events. Here our success was due to all-round teamwork in the Middle and Senior events with two outstanding performances from Gower and Morris, D. J., who won seven events between them. The cricket matches decided so far indicate that we shall lose our first position to Hainault after two seasons at the top. Finally I should like to thank all members of the House for a successful year and urge them to support next year's Captain as they have supported me.

R. SPINDLER.

Spindler has lead the House with enthusiasm and deserves congratulations for what has been a most successful year on the Games field.

L.F.B.

School Captain and Head Prefect :

B. E. F. Macefield.

Second Prefect :

D. H. Clarke

Third Prefect and Library Prefect :

T. M. Hooley.

Prefects :

R. W. G. Adams, L. A. Crapnell, J. A. H. Douglas, Q. T. Fuller,
T. E. Hardiman, J. C. Howes, B. K. Hunter, G. R. J. Masters,
J. I. Selby, R. F. Spindler.

House Captains :

Chigwell : T. M. Hooley.

Roding : R. F. Spindler.

Forest : B. E. F. Macefield.

Hainault : B. M. Davis.

Captain of Football : R. F. Spindler.

Second Eleven Football Captain : T. M. Hooley.

Captain of Cricket : R. F. Spindler.

Second Eleven Cricket Captain : T. M. Hooley.

Captain of Basketball : R. F. Spindler.

Captain of Athletics : B. K. Hunter.

Captain of Cross-Country : B. M. Davis.

Captain of Swimming : J. Seward.

Captain of Hockey : J. A. H. Douglas.

Magazine Committee :

D. H. Clarke, D. Charlesworth, T. M. Hooley, B. E. F. Macefield.

VALETE

Adams, R. W. G. (1948-55). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1955 ; Entrance to Cranwell R.A.F. College ; School Prefect 1954-5 ; 1st XI Cricket ; 2nd XI Football ; School Athletics Team ; School Cross-Country Team.

Brothers, H. G. (1948-55). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1955 ; School Cross-Country Team.

Clarke, D. H. (1950-55). Intermediate Exemption, 1954 ; County Major Exhibition to University College, Oxford ; School Prefect, 1953-5 ; Second Prefect, 1954-5 ; School Hockey Team, 1951-5 ; School Athletics Team ; Editor of School Magazine.

Crapnell, L. A. (1948-55). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1955 ; Entrance to Trinity College, Cambridge ; County Major Scholarship, 1954 ; School Prefect ; 2nd XI Football ; School Athletics Team (equalled Russell Cup 100 yards record, 1955).

Davis, B.M. (1948-55). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1955 ; Entrance to London School of Economics ; Hainault House Captain, 1954-5 ; School Cross-Country Captain, 1954-5 ; 2nd XI Football, 1953-5 ; 2nd XI Cricket Captain, 1955 ; Athletics Team.

Douglas, J. A. H. (1950-55). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1955 ; Entrance to University College, London ; School Prefect, 1954-5 ; School Hockey Captain, 1954-5 ; Swimming Team.

Edwards, C. P. (1947-55). Intermediate Exemption, 1954 ; County Major Exhibition to Reading University.

Fuller, Q. T. (1947-55). Intermediate Exemption, 1954 ; County Major Exhibition to Southampton University ; School Prefect, 1953-5 ; Leader of School Orchestra, 1953-5.

Guy, M. A. (1948-54). School Prefect, 1954.

Hobdell, E. J. (1948-55). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1955 ; Entrance to Birmingham University ; 2nd XI Football, 1954-5.

Hooley, T. M. (1947-55). Entrance to the University of North Staffordshire ; School Prefect, 1953-5 ; Library Prefect, 1954-5 ; Chigwell House Captain, 1953-5 ; School Orchestra ; 1st and 2nd XI Football, 1952-5 ; 2nd XI Football Captain, 1954-5 ; 2nd XI Cricket Captain, 1954-5.

Howes, C. (1947-55). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1955 ; Entrance to University College of the South-West, Exeter ; School Prefect, 1954-5 ; Secretary of the Debating and Literary Societies ; School Cross-Country and Athletic Teams.

Macefield, B. E. F. (1947-55). State Scholarship to St. Catherine's College, Cambridge ; School Prefect, 1953-5 ; Head Prefect and School Captain, 1954-5 ; Forest House Captain ; 2nd XI Football, 1953-5 ; 1st XI Cricket, 1954-5 ; School Athletics Team ; Secretary of Chess Club.

Masters, G. R. J. (1948-55). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1955 ; Entrance to Balliol College, Oxford ; School Prefect, 1954-5.

Onwood, D. P. (1948-55). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1955 ; Entrance to Balliol College, Oxford ; County Major Exhibition, 1954 ; School Athletics Team ; School Play.

Selby, J. (1948-55). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1955 ; School Prefect, 1954-5 ; School Cross-Country Team.

Smith, R. G. (1948-55). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1955 ; Entrance to Shoreditch Training College ; 2nd XI Football, 1953-5 ; School Cross-Country and Athletics Teams.

Spindler, R. F. (1946-55). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1955 ; West Ham Exhibition to Nottingham University ; School Prefect, 1954-5 ; Roding House Captain, 1954-5 ; 1st XI Football, 1952-5 ; Captain of Football, 1954-5 ; 1st XI Cricket, 1953-5 ; Captain of Cricket, 1955 ; Captain of Basketball, 1954-5 ; School Athletics Team.

Thomas, P. A. (1948-55). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1955.

Wilkins, N. E. (1948-55). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1955 ; Entrance to Reading University ; School Orchestra.

Willingale, P. T. (1949-55). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1955 ; 2nd XI Cricket, 1955.

Yeowell, D. A. (1948-55). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1955 ; Entrance to Bristol University ; School Athletics Team.

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