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*"Donata reponere læti"*

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## EDITORIAL

At last, after a struggle prolonged for several centuries, we find ourselves within reasonable distance of removing poverty from this land—only to be faced with further problems which, in their complexity and seriousness, seem almost to eclipse the former ones. The breaking down of the outer door of the prison, which followed economic liberation, has revealed another thicker, heavier barrier to freedom, namely spiritual poverty. The fact of the matter is that money cannot buy everything: the continual squabbling over wage claims is an indication that large numbers of people are realizing how limited are the satisfactions money can give. It has been tried, and found wanting.

Yet although dissatisfaction is spreading among such people, no alternative solution has been forthcoming. Neither culture nor Christianity seems able to reach them. It is a primary characteristic of aspects of truth that they are transposable into forms readily understandable by all; yet the so-called "intellectuals" show little concern about this formidable task, content to bandy about technical phrases whose meaning is known only to themselves. The inborn ability to perceive the fineness of beauty is soon battered to death by the chaos of modern suburbia—in particular the hoardings and advertisements pasted indiscriminately in town and countryside.

Such people live in a world of superficial "small talk"—proof that the popular Sunday papers have done their work well. And once having succumbed to the temptation of "everydayishness," as is so easily done, they discover that grosser and more violent stimulants are now needed to evoke any response from their minds. Wordsworth wrote in 1802: "A multitude of causes, unknown to former times, are now acting with a combined force to blunt the discriminating powers of the mind, and, unfitting it for all voluntary exertion, to reduce it to a state of almost savage torpor. The most effective of these causes are the great national events which are daily taking place, and the increased accumulation of men in cities, where the uniformity of their occupations produces a craving for extra-

ordinary incident, which the rapid communication of intelligence hourly gratifies." His words could hardly be more relevant to today. The successful launching of the third Russian 'sputnik' just recently produced only a quarter of a minor column in a certain reliable newspaper (that is, as reliable as newspapers will ever be). It is doubtful whether the 'sputniks' will be headline news again unless the Russians send up an elephant!

It has been observed that the reputation of natural science has suffered through having too much attributed to it. Particularly in the nineteenth century there was widespread belief in some sort of scientific predestination, of unalterable processes leading relentlessly from one event to another. Following this, popularizers of science such as Julian Huxley led people to believe that science had disproved the truth of Christianity, and could answer all their problems. Yet now that science has become the centre-pin of our culture, we discover that no scientist is prepared to be dogmatic about anything: after Einstein had modified the Laws of Newton, regarded as sacrosanct by the nineteenth century, no scientist dared to be so cocksure as his predecessors. No wonder then there is apathy! Natural science is found to be inadequate, Christianity is rejected, and a purposeless materialism fills the vacuum. Without convictions men have become pieces of driftwood,

"Feathers for every wind that blows,"

and Yeats' prophecy has become true:

"The best lack all conviction, while the worst  
Are full of passionate intensity."

It is natural that many of the symptoms of this disease should be evident in school life. Even the most zealous House Master must be sometimes wearied by the degree of apathy and halfheartedness he is constantly meeting. In the Sixth Form the search for truth for its own sake is all too rare; too often learning has become merely a means to a fatter pay-packet or a better examination result, and little interest is shown in athletics, general studies, or anything which can be 'done without.' Yet now more than ever before this country needs men and women with strong convictions, capable of firm leadership in accordance with high principles, and with the realization that the heavy inner door which now bars man's way to freedom, that is spiritual poverty, can only be broken down by one Person:

"Take me to You, imprison me, for I  
Except You 'enthral me, never shall be free" [Donne].

P. COWLING, VI Scholarship.

## SCHOOL NOTES

We record, with very great regret, the death of Mr. E. Harris, an original member of the Governing Body. A resident of Epping for over 65 years, he always took a deep interest in the local boys proceeding to Buckhurst Hill. His interest in our school was more than parochial, as was seen by his frequent presence at school functions in spite of his years and the journey his visits entailed. His regard for the school was shared by Mrs. Harris, who invariably accompanied him to Buckhurst Hill, and to whom we offer our condolences.

It is a matter of the greatest satisfaction to us all that the removal of the Chairman of the Governors from Chigwell to Regents Park has not severed his valued connection with the school.

We are pleased to welcome new members of the Governing Body in Mrs. Pollitt, Colonel Parr-Marley and Mr. Reade, and we hope that they will find their membership of the Governing Body both interesting and rewarding.

In the last two years there have been numerous changes in the teaching Staff and this year, in particular, we have suffered some severe losses through the various promotions gained by those who have been with us long enough to be called old friends. The quartet of Messrs. Foister, McCollin, Wilson and Winmill have all served the school excellently for the best part of ten years and their more or less simultaneous departures must be a grievous blow, even if their promotion has long been due and expected. When we have to add the loss of Mr. Horne who has filled a valuable niche in the Mathematics Department for seven years it will be realised how difficult it is going to be in a period of scarcity to replace these gentlemen. Against this heavy loss we can congratulate ourselves on the return of Mr. Johnson as Senior Chemistry Master, after a brief excursion to Leyton County High School; a providential recompense for the even briefer sojourn with us of Mr. Boulwood who, like the early explorers, aimed at reaching Canada but found himself in Jamaica.

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It is meet and right first to pay a well earned tribute to Frank Winmill, the most senior in service of those leaving us. He is going to take up the heavy responsibility of Head of the English Department of the William Morris Technical School at Walthamstow, and he is well qualified by scholarship and experience to do so successfully, for he has served loyally as second English Master under all three Senior English masters in our history. Since 1950 Mr. Winmill has been Librarian, in which lengthy period the Library

has expanded greatly under his direction. The duties of school librarian are many, various and onerous and call for a variety of gifts, literary, organising and technical ; Mr. Winmill most competently met all demands on his time and patience with his characteristic urbanity ; he would be the first to acknowledge the help given him by senior boys, but their readiness to assist him is a testimony to his innate gift of getting the best out of his pupils. He is a very good judge of character and let it be said, emphatically, that he has always been ready to emphasise the good rather than underline the weak qualities of those he taught. He has for some years taken the larger share in organising the annual Verse Speaking Competition, and on three occasions has produced the senior play ; "Androcles and the Lion," "The Rivals" and "The Taming of the Shrew" revealed characteristic touches of inspired producing. Frank Winmill was always game to undertake anything for the good of the school ; whatever he did, he attacked with gusto, even to keeping wicket for the Staff eleven. Many boys will remember him with gratitude for his real and patient concern for their progress, and few could have failed to gain from him something of his knowledge and love of literature.

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It is not easy and perhaps unnecessary to do justice to Mr. McCollin's unbounded energies and manifold contributions to the welfare of the boys of this school. He was appointed primarily to introduce the teaching of Economics in the Sixth Form ; that this subject is now well-founded is a testimony to his hard work and enthusiasm ; two of our State Scholars read Economics in the Sixth and Jack Freeman won an Exhibition in Economics at Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge. Outside the classroom Mr. McCollin was Careers Master and he tackled this high responsibility with his characteristic energy and thoroughness. As for school journeys at home and abroad it is impossible to recount how many excursions he has organised, but it is enough to say that in this respect Mr. McCollin has put Buckhurst Hill very much on the map, and literally hundreds of boys have enjoyed foreign travel and learned the pleasures of community through his inspiration. We owe the weekly film show to him, and his devotion to the school S.C.M. Group cannot be forgotten by those sharing his spirit. Chingford County High School, whither he has gone as Senior Geography Master, has yet to learn of the variety of his activities and the force of his initiative ; we who know the wealth of his resources will long remember his influence on the life of this school, and wish him every success in his new appointment.

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A measure of continuity is most desirable in the teaching of any subject in a school. At the same time, when a member of staff

does leave, the longer his stay has been the greater the wrench will be in parting. So it was with Mr. Wilson who left us at the end of the Easter Term after just nine years—a long time in the life of a school which is only just about to embark on its twenty-first year. The school owes Mr. Wilson a very considerable debt of gratitude for the great devotion he displayed, during the whole time, to the teaching of his subject. The Chemistry teaching of the school has benefited immeasurably by his efforts, and Mr. Wilson leaves much behind him which will long outlive his stay. The lapse of a whole term without a successor has been most regrettable, but the appointment of Mr. Johnson, who served for some time under Mr. Wilson's guidance, will ensure that whatever damage has resulted will soon be well and effectively repaired. Mr. Wilson was also a regular supporter of the Student Christian Movement Group and he will certainly be missed there. Our very best wishes go with him to Epsom, and we hope he will find the fulfilment of his aspirations at the Glyn Grammar School, Ewell.

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Mr. Foister leaves us at the end of the school year upon his appointment to Westminster City School. He joined us in September, 1950, and we soon came to appreciate his quiet dignity, his ready wit and his keen sense of the absurd. During these eight years he has gained the respect of all members of the school and his departure is deeply regretted.

Mr. Foister's educational influence has not been limited to his French and German classes. He has entered wholeheartedly into the corporate life of the school and contributed in many ways to its welfare. Both the School Choir, of which he has been a prominent and talented member, and the Dramatic Society, which owes so much to his skill in the art of make-up, have especial cause to regret his departure.

We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Foister and their young son our best wishes for the future.

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Seven years ago there arrived in this school a Master to teach Mathematics. It is not on record whether the luxuriant growth which now graces his upper lip arrived with him or whether it was a subsequent development. Suffice it to say that it appears not to have inconvenienced him either in the discharge of his school duties or in those other activities in which he has participated. That

Master, and his moustache, will be departing at the end of this term for a more important post at Northampton Grammar School. We say good-bye to Mr. Horne with great regret. He has effectively taught Mathematics at every level in the School. In addition we have cause for deep gratitude for the work he has done in connection with printing and in managing the business side of a considerable number of school productions—musical and dramatic. Our good wishes go with him in his new work.

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The prospect of filling Mr. McCollin's place for the summer term before Mr. E. P. M. Chesterton comes to us in September was remote until, most happily and providentially, the Headmaster was given the name of a Mr. Hector Stebbins, B.A. Com., University of Melbourne, who is over here for a post-graduate course in education at the University of London. Fortunate it was for us that Mr. Stebbins could not start his course until September for he has rescued us from an awkward impasse with a modest and gracious urbanity. Mr. Stebbins has been teaching Economics and Geography at Caulfield Grammar School, Western Australia, where he is also Housemaster of the boarding house. By Australian standards this school is reckoned an old foundation, dating from 1880, and has pioneered the "country activity" scheme by which, using a property of 100 acres about 40 miles from the main school, boys in the middle-school forms gain experience in communal living "down on the farm" for two weeks and practical knowledge in dairying, agriculture and animal husbandry. We hope we may be able to make a small record by including an Australian in the Staff cricket eleven.

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When listening to the news of the coup d'état in Algeria we were surprised to hear the voice of Patrick Smith from Tunisia. Mr. Smith, who was our first Modern Languages master and who can be seen, the largest, probably, of our original teaching Staff of four in the first group photograph, has been B.B.C. Correspondent in a number of important world centres, Berlin, Cape Town, Vienna, Cairo and Rome. If only we could catch him on one of his infrequent rests in this country what a great deal he could say to the Sixth Form Forum.

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John Ringrose, who won an Open Mathematical Scholarship, to St. John's College, Cambridge, in 1950, has been elected to a

Mathematical Fellowship of the same college and is thus the first former pupil to win this very high academical honour. Doctor Ringrose was the school's first Wrangler in the examination for Part Two of the Mathematical Tripos at Cambridge in 1952 and took also First Class Honours in Mathematics at London University. He is at present lecturing at King's College, Newcastle, and is holding his Fellowship "in absentia."

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Among the suggestions for celebrating our "coming of age" with the completion of the next school year is a dinner for the survivors of our original entry in 1938. Their present whereabouts are unlikely to be the same as recorded on their school record cards and if the eyes of any of them do chance to read this note will they please let us know their present address. It is hoped that the Dinner can be arranged on the evening of 14th September, the first day in the school calendar 1938. Other suggestions include the production of a play by Old Buckwellians and a concert representative of the best musical talent of which we can boast.

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We are pleased to congratulate :—

- T. E. HARDIMAN ('48-'56) for being chosen, as a "Freshman," by the Cambridge University Marlowe Society, to play King Philip in its production of "King John." He is also cast in its current production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."
- G. C. PRATLEY ('51-'58) for being awarded second prize and the "very high commendations" of the judges in the competition for the "Elizabeth Stokes" Scholarship for the piano at the Royal Academy of Music.
- J. R. REDFERN ('39-'44) for being elected Urban District Councillor for the Chigwell Ward.
- J. FREEMAN ('50-'57) and J. A. JOHNSON ('50-'57) for gaining State Scholarships in 1957.
- L. A. CRAPNELL ('48-'55) of Trinity College, Cambridge, for gaining first class Honours in Part One of the Mathematical Tripos.
- B. P. TONG ('46-'54) of St. John's College, Cambridge, for gaining first class Honours in Part One of the Natural Sciences Tripos and for being elected a Scholar of his college.

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The Headmaster and two members of the staff were entertained at Cambridge for the week-end May 31st—June 1st by Old Boys in residence at the University. Mr. Wigley writes :

Cambridge on the eve of May Week when a warm sun lightens smooth lawns and majestic buildings, flowering gardens, lime avenues and old bridges, and the slow movement of the populated river may be well-known but cannot be too well praised; and our visit there was rendered richer by the occasion. This is the fourth time that members of the staff have been invited to spend a memorable and enjoyable week-end as guests of Old Boys at the older universities, and the first at Cambridge. The Headmaster, Mr. Scott and I were met at the station, driven in John Taylor's roomy and mature Rolls Royce to Brian Tong's rooms at St. John's where we were given tea, followed by a walk through Clare, and Clare Garden, an admiring glance at the re-decorated Hall of Trinity and the Great Court, a few moments in the incomparable King's Chapel and a short visit to Emmanuel. We dined at the Red Lion with nine Old Buckwellians, followed a little later by a tenth. Perhaps we may also imagine that we were accompanied in spirit if not in person by an eleventh, our Fellow of St. John's, J. R. Ringrose. The Headmaster spoke informally of our sense of the compliment paid the School by this invitation, and Terence Hardiman's reply expressed the affectionate loyalty of the Old Boys at Cambridge. The by now convivial gathering continued in Brian Richards' rooms at St. John's, where reminiscence and new impressions competed uninterruptedly except for Frank Mayo's flashlight photographs and Terence Hardiman's and Michael Stewardson's short absence for rehearsal with the Marlowe Society. So the evening ended and we retired to guest rooms at St. John's College or to lodgings.

To our hosts—R. F. Mayo (St. John's), J. A. Taylor (Fitzwilliam House), B. P. Tong (St. John's), B.E.F. Macefield (St. Catherine's), L. A. Crapnell (Trinity), T. E. Hardiman (Fitzwilliam House), M. P. Stewardson (Kings'), E. Crook (St. John's), B. A. Richards (St. John's) and J. Freeman (Fitzwilliam House) we repeat our grateful thanks, adding that it was Eric Crook, the first from the school to matriculate at both the older universities who proposed the repetition by the banks of the Cam of what he had attended on the banks of the Cherwell. As for ourselves we can perhaps add to the intrinsic pleasures of this delightful time our impression, that the Old Boys at Cambridge enjoyed spacious and gracious living, hard work and recreation, a pride in their great university and a hospitable and easy companionship. There has been an unbroken succession of Old Boys at both Oxford and Cambridge since 1950, and in these more competitive times we must hope that their traditions will be as happily maintained.

## SPEECH DAY : 31st OCTOBER, 1957

Mr. B. A. Campbell, in the regretted absence of the Chairman of the Governing Body (Mr. J. Alban Davies, J.P.), took the chair on the occasion of the school's nineteenth annual Speech Day. He introduced the guest of honour, Mrs. E. F. M. Hollis, Chairman of the Essex Education Committee, stressing her part in Essex's remarkable post-war school building achievement.

The Headmaster, in opening his address, referred to Mrs. Hollis's "sympathy, authority and much wisdom", and paid a moving tribute to the late Mr. T. H. Knight, the first Chairman of the school's Governing Body.

The year's academic record, he considered, was very satisfactory. J. Freeman had won the school's first open award in Economics at Cambridge; Advanced Level results had surpassed expectations, more and more boys of good average ability were entering the VIth form, and more were going up to university than ever before although standards of admission were rising steadily. Sixty per cent of Ordinary Level candidates had passed in four or more subjects, over fifty per cent in six or more. "We live," commented the Headmaster in Orwellian idiom, "in an age when paper results are despised because they stress that some are more equal than others."

He expressed his appreciation of the school's musical life, notably "Charlesworth's piping and Pratley's piano playing," and mentioned the honour won by N. Wilkins, an Old Boy of the school, in having his Quartet for Brass Instruments accepted for performance by the Society for the Promotion of New Music.

The Headmaster noted the school's ever-widening range of sporting activities. While there had been no notable team successes, T. Carter had set up a new batting record with a score of 83 and J. G. Meddings had ended his school career with a series of athletics records likely to stand for a long time. The Swimming Pool Fund, thanks to the energy of the Parents' Association, now exceeded £1,000.

The school's first "open day" had recently been held. "Window dressing," he claimed, "is justified if it corresponds to what is under the counter and I can assure you shareholders that our prospectus is not bogus nor our balance sheet rigged." A school was entitled to boast only "of its liberality in giving all it can to those who ask so much from it. Never has it been so urgent a duty for the schools to infuse a sense of values, and never more difficult in an age when material values are so dominating and obsessive." The Headmaster concluded with a call to work "with a vision of service and spurring sense of shortcoming."

After presenting the prizes, Mrs. Hollis stressed to the parents present the importance of VIth form education as a means of building character by encouraging the shouldering of responsibility. To the boys she emphasised the Headmaster's reference to values. "You have got to make a choice," she said, "between what is trashy and what is worth while." After commenting on the value of foreign travel she made a timely and appropriate appeal to the boys to play their full part in public affairs when they left school. "If you are not careful," she warned, "you will find that you will be in a world which is nearly being run by women."

A Vote of Thanks to Mrs. Hollis was then proposed by Mr. A. McC. Findlay on behalf of the Parents' Association and seconded by Mr. P. L. Miller on behalf of the Old Buckwellians.

Interspersing the speeches was the School Choir, accompanied by members of the School Orchestra, singing "Cold's the Wind," Purcell's "Fairest Isle," the spiritual "Little David, play on your Harp" and "Bobby Shaftoe." J. M. Lowe spoke George Herbert's poem, "The Pulley", and the Head Prefect, P. G. Cowling, presented the guest of honour with a prize book and a short speech of thanks.

#### FROM "JUVENESCENCE"

At rebirth  
The new-built earth  
Stirred, warm within the snow of winter.  
Valleys, brimful,  
Overflowed with liquid light that spills  
Like crystal on the slopes of hills  
Translucent, cool  
As water  
Steady in a silver pool.  
Very early  
In the morning,  
In the evergreen serenity  
Now dawning  
On this first day of the week,  
Moves  
A man with cheek  
Aglow  
Stepping strongly over snow  
Between tall trees and tumbled graves  
Towards the church.  
The search  
Is over. There inside  
Where altar fires consume the filth,

Refine  
The ore of life, like rich red wine  
That bubbles on the hearth,  
The nature of the earth laid bare is tried  
And tested in a crucible  
Until  
Reduced and crucified  
As in a forge, the metamorphic rock outflows  
As fluid gold.  
God's foundry sounds with heavy blows  
As smelted metal  
Splashes in the mould,  
The lustre of a rain-washed petal.  
Sounds slowly settle.  
Silence closes round the chapel,  
And by faith  
Earth  
After strife  
Died into life.

P. COWLING, VI Scholarship.

#### POEM

The rich hangings play tunes in the breeze  
Long, slender, ice-like, glass-like  
Sceptres, hanging by a silken thread.  
Doves coo, in the windows darting,  
Then, suddenly,  
Almost as suddenly as the vision begins,  
It ends, the palace has encountered the ground.

And all this happens,  
Not once, but countless times,  
And has been, and will be,  
Forever.

And yet the little boy, looking upwards  
Can only exclaim  
"Coo, it's snowing."  
One may never know whether he  
Has found these visions,  
And not being able to speak his mind  
Is at a loss for words,  
Or whether he, like countless  
Others, have eyes, and yet are  
Blind.

S. WELLS, IV F.

## UNIVERSITY LETTER

Fitzwilliam House,  
Cambridge.

A friend of mine recently remarked that if it were not for the work he had to do he would enjoy Cambridge. Certainly one is dangerously free to neglect one's studies, and it is advisable sometimes to forget that there are one hundred and sixty public-houses, five Espresso bars, two theatres, ten dance-halls, and six cinemas in this academic town.

But certain entertainments are not to be missed. Poppy Day in November is the official 'Rag Day,' when six thousand students turn the town into an insane Carnival, and the police force discreetly lock themselves in their station. In the Easter term punting on the river is a delightful sport, provided one keeps the pole out of the reach of the practical jokers on Trinity Bridge. The May Races and the May Balls are excuses to unwind after the torments of examinations.

Most students will find that their interest are catered for by the innumerable groups and societies, which cover everything from tiddlywinks to politics, and Esperanto to acting. But to make more than one a full-scale activity will not help towards a double-first. . . It is surprising, though, how few want a double-first—and how fewer get one!

TERENCE HARDIMAN.

## EXPLORING IN LAPLAND

Last summer I was fortunate enough to take part in the 1957 expedition of the British Schools Exploring Society to Finnish Lapland. The party, consisting of 62 boys with 12 leaders, sailed from Newcastle on the 29th July, and reached Tromsø on the Norwegian coast (about 250 miles inside the Arctic Circle) by the 2nd August. First the stores were taken by truck to Nunnanen, a Lapp settlement. Then base camp was established 10 miles further north near a Finnish frontier post, and two weeks spent humping equipment from Nunnanen to base camp. In the meantime a preliminary look at the land was taken on reconnaissance marches. Shortly afterwards the Survey party, of which I was a member, moved out, not to return to base camp until the end of the expedition. The rest of the party spent the time in weekly marches, fanning out over a wide area, and specializing in meteorology, geology, photography and biology. By the end of the expedition the Survey Party had mapped an area of about 250 square miles, basing their survey on the existing—but uncountoured and inaccurate—Finnish maps.

Progress through this terrain was often quite difficult, owing to the widespread, treacherous, low-lying boggy basins and the sometimes heavy rain, not to mention a pack weighing on average 65 lbs.

We left Lapland just before the autumn snows were due to begin, and were enjoying home comforts again by mid-September. Though in retrospect one tends to forget the large amount of hard work involved in such an enterprise, the memory remains of a very enjoyable and worthwhile experience.

F. M. VERLANDER, Upper VI Modern.

## PARIS, 1957

"Où est 'l'Union Chrétienne,' s'il vous plaît?" It was July 29th, and I had just arrived at Gare St. Lazare, Paris. Bewildered, excited, and aching on account of two bulging cases, I struggled into a packed tram. "Rue de Trévisse, s'il vous plaît." By eight p.m. I had found the Christian Union, and was being shown to my palatial room by Willy Monet, my Swiss companion during my stay in Paris. Tired by the journey, and by the enthusiastic welcome given to me as "Monsieur Michèle, l'Anglais qui va travailler dans l'Union," I looked forward to a long sleep.

But I awoke at five-thirty a.m.! Paris street cleaners: cursing them gently, I dressed and went into the streets to watch these human alarm clocks. Most intriguing!

Today I began my work as receptionist in the U.C. After a formal introduction to M. Faïsse, the Pastor-director, I sat down nervously behind a counter, suspiciously eyeing the telephone switchboard which Madame Délécaux, the secretary, had explained to me. Of course I panicked whenever a bell rang, and was completely baffled by the rapid, fluent French jumping out of the ear-piece. There was only one solution to this—"Madame Délécaux, aidez-moi!" This 'system' of answering phone calls continued, in a diminishing form, for many days.

In my free time I visited all the "places" in Paris. I was amazed by the grandeur, the abundance of churches, the throbbing vitality of the city—and equally by the squalor, vulgarity and poverty. By reason of the stifling pace of Parisian life and the crowds on the boulevards, I enjoyed most of all the cool peacefulness of the precincts of Notre Dame.

As I blended into Parisian life so my French improved—until six a.m. on Saturday, August 3rd, when, startled awake, I heard: "I'm staying here till he wakes up! I'm a British subject. . . ."

It was Ron and Albert Lello. From the time of their arrival my French progress ceased, and the fun began. We collected

Tidiman, and together with our own peculiar sense of humour laughed our way through Paris : getting wedged in the lightning-swift-closing doors of the Metro ; forcefully admiring 'The Bell' in Notre Dame ; arguments in 'pigeon-French' with hotel proprietors ; bread-roll skittles in the Champs Elysées. . . .

Meanwhile at the Union I had become acquainted with a very nervous Italian youth who made me realize how little I was aware of my own good fortune in life. In contrast to this humbling encounter I met a big, bold, brash, cash-crazed American, a Dutch atheist, a Japanese university lecturer, mysterious Orientals, Cockneys, and so on. It was very spiritually rewarding for me to live in a Christian society, to talk and mix with foreigners with different views from myself. I also made the acquaintance of a Catholic priest. From all these sources I drew some ideas to develop my conception of life, which was becoming definitely a Christian one.

On Saturday, August 24th, while strolling through Paris late at night I met a brass-banded, lanterned and bannered procession. Being curious, I joined it. After stopping traffic along the boulevards and causing considerable disturbance it fell apart in the police yard. It was the annual "Liberation Day" procession.

On the Friday before my return the Union organized a visit to 'Le Malade Imaginaire' in the Tuileries Gardens. This was very atmospheric and impressive. And so I returned to England on Tuesday, 3rd September, after a mentally and physically exhausting five weeks in Paris, glad to sample again the enjoyable taste of good English tea !

M. J. ALCOTT, VI Scholarship.

### "LOVE'S LABOUR'S WON"

28th and 29th March

The emphasis of the Senior Dramatic Society's production, by Mr. Winmill, of "The Taming of the Shrew" was more on the process of taming than on the problem of the Shrew, the "devil's dam" whose vices turn to virtues when she is suitably man-handled by a hero of comparable spirit. Yet Katherine was tamed with robust efficiency by a Petruchio whose high spirits never flagged. J. M. Lowe's Kate was a humorously (in the Elizabethan sense), obstinate "gal" who could crack the riding whip, if need be, rather than a "wench stark mad or wonderful froward." Her eventual "lord, king and governor" was played, with an easy, world-at-my-heel nonchalance, by M. J. Alcott.

Although both these leads, particularly Petruchio, were responsible for the main fire of the play, the less extravagant roles were ably filled with real individual touches. R. Harrington was a dry, sceptical Grumio, B. Dimitriou an earnest, bewildered Hortensio,

whilst J. D. Lewis, as the Haberdasher, was a little master of the right sartorial gesture.

Our attention was further entertained by the other love-plot of the play which was quite dashing sustained by K. R. Brewster as Tranio, with G. J. Rutherford as a light-hearted, country (Zomerzet) Biondello. Lucentio (D. R. Maskell) really came into his own not so much as the lover disguised unpromisingly of all things as a schoolmaster (Shakespeare's choice of counterfeit) but as a suppressed humorist who, whilst giving a Latin lesson to his "pupil-mistress," revealed another side to his dual profession by his musical advice to the clumsy Hortensio : "Spit in the hole, man—and tune again." Even P. G. Cowling's playing of Baptista portrayed a philosophic father with his eye on what every daughter's father should at least observe in his prospective son-in-law : his bank-balance. Finally R. L. Connell created a pedant, touchingly local.

The production was colourful, and, within the limitations which the school's stage sets upon a Shakespeare play, seemed designed to exemplify Dr. Johnson's comment on the comedy as "popular and diverting"—not least in the moral of Petruchio for a boys' school : "thou hast tam'd a curst shrew."

J.D.D.

### "JOURNEY'S END"

Last July the Sixth Form Drama Group continued the tradition founded the previous year and produced a play to round off the dramatic activities of the school year—and to round off the school acting careers of many of the performers. The play, "Journey's End" by R. C. Sherriff, was chosen, cast, produced and staged solely by members of the sixth form.

The main burden fell on M. D. Abrahams as producer and performer of the leading part. As the ex-public school Company Commander he was wholly convincing, especially when confronted by a former hero-worshipping junior in the shape of an hysterical subaltern, played characteristically by J. A. Drinkwater. Another typical performance, also a swan song, was A. J. Perkins' forceful but friendly Colonel. M. J. Alcott had a difficult part to play as the complaining, neurotic Lieutenant, but succeeded in conveying the right mixture of guile and genuine fear. However, in this front-line atmosphere of tension it was scarcely surprising that the comic characters were welcomed. G. W. Brookes, whose acting ability had been discovered late — but fortunately not too late — was memorable as the cheerful cockney Platoon Commander unaware of his insensitiveness. "The 'ight of 'is 'olly 'ocks" in itself made the evening worthwhile. Similarly unperturbed, D. R. Maskell as the officers' waiter made his mark by deliberate underplaying.

The set, representing the inside of a front-line dug-out, was a difficult one and its effectiveness was a tribute to the first-class team work it must have required. In fact, it set the seal on a production of high attainment and one which makes us look forward to the continuance of the tradition of an annual sixth form play.

J.A.I.

## THE SPOKEN WORD

This year, as an experiment, the finals of the annual verse-speaking competition were held in the Library, and the occasion gained in intimacy as a result. The adjudicators were the Headmaster, Mr. Wigley and Mr. Leek.

The Junior School Competition was something of a Banks holiday, in that S. R. Banks (1A) was competing against his brother A. E. Banks (2A), last year's winner. The other two survivors from the preliminary round were R. S. Hyde (IN) and M. H. Johnson (IB). "Adlestrop" by Edward Thomas was the set poem and proved to be a testing piece. In the poem of his own choice, "The Windmill" by H. W. Longfellow, the younger Banks's firmness and authority were conspicuous and it was this, no doubt, that won him the prize.

Again, in the Middle School Competition, an eminently suitable choice of voluntary poem brought the winner his prize. G. J. Rutherford (4A), who performed with his customary fervour, was narrowly the winner from the sensitive J. D. Lewis (4F) and the cerebral T. J. Hammond (4A).

There was an even closer finish in the Senior Competition, where the deliberate and weighty P. G. Cowling (6 Schol.) was awarded the prize with a majority of one mark over the dramatic B. Dimitriou (L6M). The third finalist, J. M. Lowe (5A), was by no means disgraced in this excellent company.

Throughout, the verse-speaking was of an exceptionally high order and produced a stimulating and entertaining occasion, which deserved more support than it received.

J.A.I.

## LIBRARY

First mention must be made of the library prefects and monitors who have in good spirit so steadily carried out their daily tasks: J. Myers (2A), R. J. Mynott (2A), P. R. Willmer (2A); R. N. King (3B); J. F. Waller (4F), D. J. Whear (4F); P. W. Lawrence (5a); J. M. Lowe (5A), H. R. Lloyd (5A) and finally P. Robjant (5A), who must be congratulated for his excellent work as librarian

in charge of newspapers and periodicals. There have been this year two Library Prefects: B. W. Tidiman who terminated a useful period of office upon his leaving school at Easter, and S. W. Millis who culminated a long library career by a most quietly efficient summer term.

A separate section of the library has been set aside for books relevant to General Studies in the Sixth Form—a section which is growing and which is open to all suggestions for interesting books (those who are leaving may well wish to take advantage of this opportunity).

We hope in the course of the next few years to buy original paintings for the library walls. It is intended, as money becomes available, to collect a small but rewarding gallery of some light pictures in a room admirably suited, functionally and architecturally, for that purpose. The first picture, through the generosity of its artist, has been hung: a delicate and most fresh water colour, "Near Warley," by Mr. R. A. Smethurst.

We are grateful for the gifts which have been received this year. These include:

- "Edmund Wilson of the Antarctic" (George Leaver): D. I. Cobb (1949—57).
- "The Turn of the Tide" (Arthur Bryant): P. B. Green (1949—57).
- "On Poetry and Poets" (T. S. Eliot): D. Charlesworth (1949—57).
- "Guide Book to Western Thought" (E. L. Allen): A. W. Medlock (1952—57).
- "The Englishman's Castle" (John Gloag): A. J. Perkins (1949—57).
- "The World of the Soil" (E. John Russell): A. J. Perkins (1949—57).
- "Disputed Barricade" (Fitzroy Maclean): J. J. Loader (1949—57).
- "Modern Science and the Nature of Life" (W. S. Beck): J. J. Loader (1949—57).
- "Racing Dinghy Handling" (I. Proctor): A. C. Bell (1953—58).
- "Autobiography" (Charles Darwin): D. P. Onwood (1948—55).
- "A Hundred Years of Evolution" (Julian Huxley): B. H. Richards (1949—57).
- "Six Wings" (George Sarton): M. P. Stewardson (1949—56).

J.D.D.

## SIXTH FORM FORUM

Both subjects and visitors involved in this year's Forums were as varied and interesting as ever. We were particularly honoured by the long-expected visit of the Right-Honourable John Strachey, M.P., who gave us an eye-witness account of the Polish "Revolution" of October, 1956, which helped to put the events of those weeks in their proper perspective.

Old Boys, members and ex-members of the staff, and even members of the Sixth Form were prevailed upon to address the Forum: we were pleased to welcome back Mr. H. K. Whiting, and to hear from him an account of the conditions in a new London Comprehensive School; Tidiman and Alcott, of the Scholarship Sixth, gave a joint talk on their impressions of Paris in 1957, which proved entertaining and instructive. From the Parents' Association we were glad to welcome Mr. Greenwood, who gave his recollections of a recent world tour, and Mr. Langford, who spoke on the manifold varieties and uses of glass. Other topics included the Kashmir problem, the patronage of the Arts, Humanism, the dangers of intolerance, Disarmament, South Africa.

In closing, we must record unqualified praise for Mr. Ivor Richard, who, in a talk on "The Individual and the Law," spoke with an eloquence, an ease, and a sense of humour which have seldom been equalled within the walls of the library.

P. MERCER, Upper VI Modern.

## MUSIC

This year we shall be losing a most remarkable musician in G. C. Pratley. He has contributed very much to school music for he is not only a most able pianist but he is an equally competent 'cellist, and his experience as a member of the London Schools' Symphony Orchestra has been a very good influence in the School orchestra. He is a very fine accompanist and has helped in many ways 'behind the scenes'; teaching the 'cello to younger boys and making musical arrangements are only two examples of his willing service.

Pratley demonstrated his versatility in the Summer Concert by playing a Chopin Nocturne on the piano and an Elegy by Fauré on the 'cello, and his composition "A May Carol" was sung by the School choir with great conviction: apparently they enjoyed it in spite of its considerable technical difficulties for them.

We offer him all good wishes in his studies at the Royal Academy of Music, and hope that he will often come back to play to us and with us again at school.

We were glad to have with us again Mr. J. F. Harrop who is an old friend of the School. He played with Pratley the very exciting piano duet arrangement of the accompaniment to Borodin's "Prince Igor" Dances, which the choir sang with considerable verve. There are a few members of the choir who can just remember our previous tentative shot at this, and it was good to see the courage with which the second attempt was tackled, especially with regard to high notes and speeds. Some of the younger boys reported to their families in this connection that we were to sing 'Kismet.' There is no truth, however, in the rumour that we are to put on 'My Fair Lady' next year!

The School Orchestra has been of more consistent quality than ever before and it is encouraging to observe that Pearn, Imms, Luckett, Perkins and Reader, who are all very valuable members, are still only in their third year. It will be a good thing for the standards of the group that there will be a relatively small number of leavers this year, and we are very glad that W. Painter, who has been a very steady and reliable Leader, still has another year with us.

The Junior Orchestra has worked well and steadily improved in standard as its members have surmounted the difficulties of playing in a team, and there will soon be some useful promotions to the School orchestra.

We wish to thank Miss E. Timms and Mr. G. Wareham for their work with the violin classes and the wind class, and for their achievements within the short time at their disposal each week. It is now fairly certain that we shall have the services of a 'cello teacher from the beginning of next term.

Two more woodwind instruments have been added to the School's collection available on loan, another oboe and another bassoon. The most pressing need is now for brass instruments, and it is hoped that the orchestra fund will be able to meet this need before too long.

When at the end of last summer most of the experienced tenors and basses of the choir left school, it seemed the ideal moment to realize the wish of the several parents and Old Boys to sing with the School Choir. The circular sent out halfway through the autumn term, however, had a most unexpectedly enthusiastic reception and as a result nearly sixty singers joined with an enlarged School Choir, and brought the total number of performers with the orchestra to nearly two hundred. This in itself made the Christmas performance of Handel's 'Messiah' an exciting occasion. It is hoped to do something of similar scope to celebrate the School's twenty-first year.

A two-piano recital was given in the Spring Term in aid of the Swimming Pool Fund. Mr. J. F. Harrop and Mr. D. E. Ray

were the pianists and there was a pleasing measure of support from parents to help the Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Derek Smith gave a demonstration recital to the Sixth Form Forum. Their playing of the French horn, trombone and tuba was most enjoyable and there was a lucid explanation of the theory behind the production of the sound in the brass instruments.

The energy and enthusiasm of S. W. Millis as secretary of the Music Society had been evident in the activities mentioned elsewhere. His two talks on Beethoven's symphonies were on a very high level indeed and he has continued to provide weekly notes about "This Week's Composer" throughout the year.

A past member of the choir and orchestra N. E. Wilkins (1948-55) has had a composition, a brass quartet, accepted for performance by the Society for the Promotion of New Music, in London. He is at present studying in Paris for a term as part of his course in Modern Languages at Nottingham University, and we are very pleased to hear that he has been accepted as a composition pupil for the period of his stay in Paris by M. Darius Milhaud, one of France's leading composers.

The Inter-house competition for the Matthews Cup was won again by Hainault House, with Chigwell as runners-up.

D.E.R.

### "MESSIAH"

A large audience applauded enthusiastically the School's performance of the "Messiah" last December. The School hall resounded to the music of a choir of 180. One hundred of these were boys and members of the staff and the rest parents, Old Boys and friends of the School. There was an orchestra of 24.

It was more than a remarkable occasion, as the Headmaster said—it was a moving experience. Such moments are rare, but when they occur, they have a profound and inexpressible effect; for good singing realises and releases *esprit de corps* as nothing else. For it is reasonably certain that the youngest first form treble was at one with the most experienced soloist in a musical offering as appropriate as it was accomplished. On no previous occasion in the history of the School have boys, Old Boys, staff, wives of staff, parents, friends and others joined with one heart and voice to the glory of God, the service of music and the advantage of the School's Christmas charities.

One might suppose that the result was achieved by meticulous and detailed planning over a considerable period of time. If so, nobody appears to have noticed it. Enthusiasm is less communicated

by rehearsal schedules than by personal inspiration. As the Headmaster said, it "snowballed." Such things happen when Mr. Ray purposefully but not noticeably struck the first sparks of enthusiasm among a few of the large circle who look to him for guidance in musical affairs.

The singing of the soloists, Miss Hilda Hanson (soprano), Miss Sylvia Clewer (contralto), Mr. David Charlesworth (tenor), and Mr. Cecil Lloyd (bass) was much appreciated by the School to whom they have given a quite exceptional contribution, and by the audience of the evening to whom they gave some wonderful singing. A Sixth form boy, D. J. Morris was the trumpet soloist in "The Trumpet shall sound" and Miss Eileen Timms, who teaches the violin at the School, led the orchestra brilliantly. Another Sixth former, G. C. Pratley, played the 'cello continuo; yet another, W. Painter, led the second violins. And all played and sang with a spirit that must still delight the mind's eye and memory's ear of all who were present.

E.C.W.

### THE MUSIC SOCIETY

Although the highest attendance at any meeting this year has only been eighteen, the Music Society has continued to flourish. The year began with a tribute to the late Jean Sibelius, given by S. Millis. The meetings during the year have included a talk on Tchaikowsky, by J. Gerrish, an experimental programme of twentieth century German music, and introduction to Bruch and Mendelssohn, given by J. Hayden, a discussion of Bach by B. W. Tidiman, and two programmes on Beethoven, given by S. Millis.

A visit was made to the Royal Festival Hall at the beginning of the Summer Term, and later, a very successful piano recital was given by members of the School. "Live" concerts such as this reveal a considerable amount of musical talent in the School.

It is hoped to have, before the end of the term, a talk on Chopin, to be given by Pratley.

S. MILLIS, Upper VI Modern.

### THE JUNIOR MUSIC SOCIETY

Following the commencement of lunch-time recitals at the beginning of the year, great enthusiasm was shown among first formers, with as many as fifty attending, especially at the popular "Own Choice" recitals. We also had a programme including both jazz and classical music. Some proof of real interest was shown when some junior boys attended the after-school talks of the Music Society proper.

B. MOUNTFORD, IIA.

## LITERARY SOCIETY

Owing to the somewhat bizarre literary tastes of the members of this year's Upper Sixth, it has been difficult to construct a programme to satisfy everyone. We have, however, managed to include a series of papers which, while satisfying their cravings for the esoteric, were of sufficient general interest to appeal to the rest of the Sixth Form. There were two play readings: Shaw's "You Never Can Tell," and Tennessee Williams's controversial "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." The latter reading was unfortunately but poorly attended, and it was left to the stalwarts of the Upper Sixth "Eng. Lit." group to manifest their devotion to the playwright by imitating, enthusiastically if not accurately, the accents of the Deep South.

Continuing the vogue for American literature, Mr. Ingram contributed a paper on Ernest Hemingway, which stressed the essentially constructive nature of his work, and did much to dispel the stigma formerly associated with this writer through his preoccupation with the dumb-ox hero-type.

D. R. Maskell (UVI M) followed with an address on "Science Fiction" for which he claimed the astounding distinction of being the only form of literature worthy of survival in the future. But such over-ambitious claims paled into insignificance beside the overall erudition and the profound prophetic insight displayed so freely by the speaker.

The year's programme was rounded off by a paper on the poetry of Dylan Thomas delivered by Mr. Bell. This poet has for the Upper Sixth the double attraction of being both obscure and Celtic and the paper was therefore received with enthusiasm. It is regrettable that the attitude of the Lower Sixth towards the Literary Society has so far been one of complete apathy, and one can only hope that the situation will improve next year.

P. MERCER, Upper VI Modern.

## DEBATING SOCIETY

"Any society which can remain on the rocks for years and yet still keep afloat must have something," as Mr. Sillis, our Chairman, once said. While this has still applied in some degree to the past year's activities, it is encouraging to note that a larger number of fifth-formers than usual have been "regulars" at the seven debates held.

As usual, the debate with Woodford County High School proved a major attraction: well over twenty boys found their way to Woodford to discuss euthanasia. Sport was a fitting topic for the debate with Chigwell School, but there was a marked apathy

among the Buckhurst Hill contingent to speak from the floor; in contrast the Chigwell boys displayed much skill and wit, one referring to Cicero to support his contention, and another to the well-known verse in the Beatitudes: "Blessed are the peacemakers!" Other subjects included censorship, advertising and nuclear disarmament.

B. W. TIDIMAN, VI Scholarship.

## SCHOOL STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT GROUP

A varied programme was arranged for and carried out during the Autumn and Spring terms. The eighteen meetings took the form of visits from guest speakers, two "Any Questions" sessions with five members of the school staff forming the panel, films, and group discussions. The meetings were generally well supported by members of the fifth and sixth forms.

The guest speakers included Rev. Harold Johnson of the Buckhurst Hill Congregational Church ("What is the Use of Missionaries?"), Dr. J. S. Pippard, Consulting Psychiatrist of Claybury Mental Hospital ("Religion and Healing"), Rev. Brian Duckworth, Youth Secretary of the Free Church Federal Council ("Sunday Schools Today"), Rev. Harry Graydon, Minister of the Union Church, Woodford Green ("Christianity and Everyday Life"), Rev. Cyril Hooper, Youth Secretary of the Church Missionary Society ("The Work of the C.M.S."), and the Rev. Dr. T. H. Burkill, Minister of the Ray Lodge Congregational Church ("The Second Advent"). Six Fact and Faith films were shown. During Holy Week, the silent film of the 1920s, "King of Kings," was reverently received. When rehearsals for the school play began to reduce the number attending, a series of discussions were held. The topics were "Growing Up," "The S.C.M. Member and His Home," "The S.C.M. Member and His Club," "Youth and the Church."

E.S.J. Mc.

## SIXTH FORMERS' CONFERENCE

From January 6th-11th a party of seven senior boys from the school attended the Methodist Sixth Formers' Conference at Highbury, Weston-super-Mare, at which 70 Sixth Formers from schools all over the country were present. By no means all of us were Methodists—in fact there was a large non-Methodist minority comprising members of most of the larger denominations. Thus it was possible for a great many stupid inter-denominational prejudices to be removed by meeting other young Christians. Friendships were quickly made and parting was for many a difficult thing. The

great advantage of this Conference was that one was able to mingle freely with some of the most intelligent men in the country—the adjective “eminent” may be used without exaggeration—asking whatever questions one wished.

It is not surprising that the popularity of these Conferences is increasing: the opportunity to converse with men like Professor Charles Coulson, M.A., Ph.D., F.R.S., is not easily come by.

P. COWLING, VI Scholarship.

## FEATURE FILMS

The following films were shown during the school year:—“The Happiest Days of Your Life,” “Animal Farm,” “Simba,” “Teckman Mystery,” “Scrooge,” “Man of the Moment,” “The Dam Busters,” “The Ladykillers,” “The Importance of Being Earnest” and “Henry V.”

During the Spring term, there was a considerable reduction in the numbers attending the film performances. If the lack of support continues next term, the showing of feature films after school will have to come to an end. Provisional bookings have been made so that the following films can be screened during the Autumn term:—“The Wooden Horse,” “The Long Arm,” “Reach for the Skies,” “Everything but the Truth,” “Private’s Progress” and “Up in the World.” Mr. Chesterton has kindly agreed to show these films providing attendances are sufficient to cover the cost of film hire.

E.S.J. Mc.

## THE ART CLUB

Throughout the year there have again been several outstanding boys who have drawn attention to their own aspects of Art. Lino prints have been popular during the weekly meetings, and S. R. Kirby and R. A. Newnham of I.N. have been regular “diggers of the block.” As usual J. B. Harvey of the Lower VI Science has fired enthusiasm among the younger boys with his somewhat weird models, while the contemporary style has been represented by S. A. Norton of IV C. Each Thursday the enthusiasm of the members has resulted in some very interesting and ambitious work.

J. GOODMAN, Upper VI Modern.

## THE CHESS CLUB

This year has seen the revival of the school Chess Club, with Mr. Walmsley and Mr. Hattam in charge of the senior section, and Mr. Bell the juniors. The membership of the senior section was

about twenty—most of them sixth formers. During the Spring term matches were played against Chigwell, Bancroft’s and William Morris Schools, of which the first two were lost and the third won. The following boys represented the school in these matches: Waud, Leveridge, Roberts, Tidiman, Millis, Connell, Painter, Hart, Pearce, Strauss and Holman.

A. K. ROBERTS, Upper VI Science.

## PRIZE LIST

### FORM PRIZES

|                    |  |                    |
|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| 1m. Mynott, R. J.  | 1n. Banks, A. E.                       | 1s. Sansom, R. J.  |
| 2a. Hyde, T. W.    | 2i. Jefferies, G.                      | 2b. Reed, G. C.    |
| 3a. Norgett, M. J. | 3j. Vince, J. M.                       | 3w. Sargood, A. J. |
| 4a. Claydon, M. F. | 4b. Brazier, C. M.                     | 4c. Chowns, T. M.  |
|                    | 4r. (Hart, E. A.<br>(Wiltshire, A. N.) |                    |

Art—Middle: Lee, G. R. Junior: Jordan, M. G.

Gymnastic—Senior: Hardy, F. S. Junior: Docking, R. W.

Verse Speaking—Senior: Drinkwater, J. A. Middle: Hart, E. A.  
Junior: Banks, A. E.

Headmaster’s Prize “for the finest speaking of the year”—Drinkwater, J. A.

Music—Matthews Plaque: Pratley, G. C.

Woodwork—Third Year: Skerry, A. E. Second Year: Docking, R. W.

## EXAMINATION PRIZES

General Certificate of Education, Cambridge

| “Ordinary” Level   |                                      | “Advanced” Level   |                |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| English Language   | { Bull, J. M.<br>Bernstock, M. E.    | English Literature | Cowling, P. G. |
| English Literature | Thomas, P. R.                        | French Language    |                |
| Latin              | Bernstock, M. E.                     | and Literature     | Tidiman, B. W. |
| French             | Hills, J. B.                         | German Language    |                |
| History            | { Dimitriou, B.<br>Gathergood, A. R. | and Literature     | Lister, I. M.  |
|                    | { Davis, J. H.                       | Latin              | Tidiman, B. W. |
| Geography          | { Jones, A. W.                       | History            | Freeman, J.    |
| Mathematics        | Batchelor, J. F.                     | Geography          | Cowling, P. G. |
| Science            | Bernstock, M. E.                     | Economics          | Freeman, J.    |
| Art                | Brewster, K. R.                      | Pure and Applied   |                |
| Music              | Hawker, J. F.                        | Mathematics        | Johnson, J. A. |
| German             | Tidiman, B. W.                       | Physics            | Johnson, J. A. |
|                    |                                      | Chemistry          | Johnson, J. A. |
|                    |                                      | Biology            | Playle, M. D.  |

Prize awarded by the Parents’ Association  
for the best result at “Ordinary” Level

BERNSTOCK, M. E.

The Old Buckwellians’ Cricket Bat

awarded to the most improved Cricketer of the year

LITTLE, R. E.

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"  
LITTLE, R. E.

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

The "T. H. Knight Memorial" Prize presented by  
The Staff  
PERKINS, A. J.

The Head Prefect's Prize presented by  
The Governing Body  
WILSON, A. D.

The "Chapman Memorial" Cup  
(The Inter-House Sports Championship 1956/57)  
HAINAULT  
(Captain: Waud, B. H.)

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

#### LOCAL EXAMINATIONS SYNDICATE, 1957

##### "Ordinary" Level:—

|                       |                        |                       |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Atkins, R. J. (9)     | Ferrier, B. J. (7)     | Oliver, R. F. (10)    |
| Bacon, M. J. (3)      | Fisher, M. G. (5)      | Oliver, W. R. (1)     |
| Badcock, R. F. (3)    | Gathergood, A. R. (7)  | Painter, W. A. (9)    |
| Bambridge, R. J. (2)  | Gilders, J. L. (4)     | Payne, A. M. (2)      |
| Batchelor, J. F. (9)  | Greenwood, C. A. (7)   | Pearce, G. A. (7)     |
| Bennett, C. F. (2)    | Haining, P. A. (2)*    | Perring, J. R. (2)    |
| Benson, M. A. (1)     | Hardy, D. F. D. (8)    | Pointing, M. K. (8)   |
| Bernstock, M. E. (9)  | Hardy, F. S. (6)       | Randall, A. G. (7)    |
| Berry, N. J. (6)      | Hardy, K. A. (4)       | Riley, A. E. (1)      |
| Billett, J. W. (3)    | Harrison, G. A. M. (1) | Robson, T. P. (7)     |
| Bourne, K. (2)        | Harvey, J. B. (6)      | Rochester, R. R. (3)  |
| Brewster, K. R. (9)   | Hawker, J. F. (10)     | Rogers, J. W. (9)     |
| Bridges, R. W. A. (3) | Hills, J. B. (10)      | Ronan, R. G. (4)      |
| Browning, R. J. (6)   | Hobbs, J. H. (6)       | Salter, E. J. J. (2)  |
| Bull, J. M. (9)       | Jarrett, G. W. (2)     | Scott, G. C. (7)      |
| Carter, T. (8)        | Jones, A. W. (8)       | Shephard, D. E. (8)   |
| Chapman, J. C. (10)   | Kershaw, P. (3)        | Sherwood, G. J. (3)*  |
| Clements, B. (2)      | Leveridge, P. W. (10)  | Simmons, C. A. (3)    |
| Cork, D. C. (1)       | Longman, D. G. (1)     | Sykes, F. J. (8)      |
| Cornwell, B. W. (4)   | Low, S. A. (7)         | Terry, I. H. (6)      |
| Cornwell, N. A. (2)   | Martin, G. E. (3)      | Thomas, P. R. (6)     |
| Cox, B. L. (8)        | Medlock, A. W. (4)     | Tyler, G. J. (10)     |
| Croot, A. J. (7)      | Missin, D. B. (5)      | Wilkins, D. T. G. (3) |
| Davis, J. H. (9)      | Moore, A. E. (3)       | Wood, R. C. (5)       |
| Dimitriou, B. (10)    | Nash, P. T. (8)        | Woollard, D. J. (9)   |
| Dowsett, J. R. (9)    | Nott, M. N. (8)        | Wright, G. S. (7)     |
| Drage, J. M. (4)      |                        |                       |

Number in brackets denotes number of subject passes.

#### EXAMINATION RESULTS—continued

##### "Advanced" Level:—

##### ARTS:

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Alcott, M. J.       | English Literature, French, Latin.           |
| Brookes, G. W.      | Latin, French, German (Ordinary Level).      |
| Cowling, P. G.      | English Literature, Latin, Geography.        |
| Davey, P. C.        | History, Geography, Economics.               |
| Drinkwater, J. A.*  | Latin.                                       |
| Freeman, J.         | History, Geography, Economics (distinction). |
| Frost, M. E.        | Geography, Economics.                        |
| Hetherington, R. S. | Geography, Economics.                        |
| King, P. W.         | French, Economics.                           |
| Kinnison, J. M. P.  | Geography, Economics.                        |
| Lello, D. A.        | Geography, Economics.                        |
| Lister, I. M.       | English, German.                             |
| Penstone, J. N. H.  | History, Geography, Economics.               |
| Perkins, A. J.      | Geography, Economics.                        |
| Thornley, R. D.     | English.                                     |
| Tidiman, B. W.      | Latin, French, History.                      |

(\*additional passes)

##### "Advanced" Level:—

##### SCIENCE:

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| Childs, J. D.      | Physics, Chemistry, Botany.   |
| Crisp, P. M.       | Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.  |
| Davey, A.          | Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.                             |
| Gold, A.           | Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry (Ordinary Level).                                 |
| Green, P. B.       | Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.  |
| Hambley, J. R.     | Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, (distinction), Chemistry.              |
| Hornett, C. R.     | Physics (Ordinary Level), Chemistry (Ordinary Level).                             |
| Irving, J.         | Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.  |
| Jesty, J.          | Mathematics.  |
| Johnson, J. A.     | Mathematics (distinction), Further Mathematics, Physics (distinction), Chemistry. |
| Little, R. E.      | Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.                             |
| Meddings, J. G.    | Botany, Art, Zoology (Ordinary Level).  |
| Playle, M. D.      | Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.   |
| Prentice, E. J. H. | Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.                             |
| Shepherd, J. W.    | Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.  |
| Unwin, J.          | Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics.  |
| Warren, M. E. E.   | Mathematics, Physics.   |
| Waud, B. H.        | Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry (Ordinary Level).                                 |

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

**Open Scholarship**—B. H. Richards, "Townsend" Scholarship in Natural Sciences at St. John's College, Cambridge.

**Open Exhibitions**—D. Charlesworth, Choral Exhibition at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. J. Freeman, Exhibition in Economics at Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge. M. P. Stewardson, Exhibition in Natural Sciences at King's College, Cambridge.

**State Scholarships**—J. Freeman, J. A. Johnson.

**County Major Scholarships**—P. G. Cowling, J. Freeman (Hon.), J. R. Hambley, J. A. Johnson (Hon.), R. E. Little, B. W. Tidiman.

**County Major Exhibitions**—M. J. Alcott, J. D. Childs, B. M. Colgate, P. M. Crisp, J. A. Drinkwater, A. Davey, A. Gold, G. Hartnell, R. S. Hetherington, J. Irving, D. A. James, I. M. Lister, J. N. H. Penstone, E. J. H. Prentice, J. Unwin, B. D. A. Waite, B. S. Webster, D. J. B. Stone, D. R. Hayes.

## OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES IN FURTHER EDUCATION

|                     |         |  |
|---------------------|---------|--|
| Arotzky, J.         | 1948-53 | B.Sc. (Hons. Chemistry), Southampton.                                |
| Bambridge, A. M.    | 1946-54 | B.Sc., Econ. (Hons. Economics), Class II, London.                    |
| Carney, D. J.       | 1947-54 | G.R.S.M.   |
| Cooper, D. F.       | 1948-54 | B.Sc., Econ. (Hons. Economics), Class II, London.                    |
| Crook, E. D.        | 1949-54 | B.A. (Hons. Physics), Class III, Oxford.                             |
| Donaldson, I. A.    | 1946-54 | B.A. (Hons. Mod. History), Class II, Oxford.                         |
| King, S. J. L.      | 1944-49 | B.A. (Theology, Music), Class III, Cambridge.                        |
| Landbeck, R. C.     | 1946-54 | B.Sc. (Hons. Physics), Class I, Southampton.                         |
| Leatherland, H.     | 1949-54 | B.Sc. (Hons. Economics), Class II, Southampton.                      |
| Loriot, J. S. R.    | 1947-52 | Certificate in Agriculture, Essex Institute of Agriculture, Writtle. |
| Macefield, B. E. F. | 1947-55 | B.A. (Nat.Sc. Tripos, Pt. I), Class I, Cambridge.                    |
| Rigden, B.          | 1947-54 | B.Sc. (Engineering), Southampton.                                    |
| Robinson, J. W.     | 1945-51 | B.A. (Hons. English Lang. & Lit.), Class III, Oxford.                |
| Smith, P. S.        | 1946-54 | B.Sc. (Hons. Physiology), Class I, London.                           |
| Tedder, G. L.       | 1946-49 | B.A. (Hons. Jurisprudence), Class II, Oxford.                        |
| Walker, R.          | 1942-49 | B.Sc. (Hons. Engineering), Class I, London.                          |
| Webb, R.            | 1944-50 | B.Sc. (Hons. Engineering), Class II, London.                         |

## OLD BOYS AT UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

(taking up residence after September, 1957, or not previously reported)

|                 |         |                             |
|-----------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Aplin, C. F.    | 1949-57 | Birmingham University.      |
| Childs, J. D.   | 1950-57 | Nottingham University.      |
| Cobb, D. I.     | 1949-57 | Southampton University.     |
| Colgate, B. M.  | 1949-56 | Sheffield University.       |
| Crapnell, I. A. | 1948-55 | Trinity College, Cambridge. |
| Crisp, P. M.    | 1950-57 | Sheffield University.       |
| Daniels, A. J.  | 1949-57 | Manchester University.      |
| Davey, A.       | 1950-57 | Battersea Polytechnic.      |
| Drake, J. F.    | 1949-57 | Nottingham University.      |

## OLD BOYS AT UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES—cont.

|                     |         |   |
|---------------------|---------|---|
| Freeman, J.         | 1950-57 | Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge.                         |
| Gold, A.            | 1950-57 | Woolwich Polytechnic.                                 |
| Green, P. B.        | 1949-57 | Sheffield University.                                 |
| Hambley, J. R.      | 1950-57 | Manchester University.                                |
| Hetherington, R. S. | 1951-57 | Liverpool University.                                 |
| Irving, J.          | 1949-57 | Manchester University.                                |
| James, D. A.        | 1945-51 | Southampton University.                               |
| Johnson, J. A.      | 1950-57 | Manchester University.                                |
| Liddell, I.         | 1949-57 | Nottingham University.                                |
| Lister, I. M.       | 1950-57 | St. David's College, Lampeter.                        |
| Little, R. E.       | 1950-57 | Manchester University.                                |
| Loader, J. J.       | 1949-57 | Nottingham University.                                |
| Masters, G. R. J.   | 1948-55 | Balliol College, Oxford.                              |
| Onwood, D. P.       | 1948-55 | Balliol College, Oxford.                              |
| Prentice, E. J. H.  | 1950-57 | Manchester University.                                |
| Richards, B. H.     | 1949-57 | St. John's College, Cambridge.                        |
| Stewardson, M. P.   | 1949-56 | King's College, Cambridge.                            |
| Unwin, J.           | 1950-57 | Birmingham University.                                |
| Waite, B. D. A.     | 1949-54 | South-West Essex Technical College and School of Art. |
| Webster, B. S.      | 1950-55 | South-West Essex Technical College and School of Art. |
| Wilkins, N.         | 1948-55 | Nottingham University.                                |
| Wilson, A. D.       | 1949-57 | Manchester University.                                |

## YOUTH HOSTELLING ACTIVITIES

Two talks were given on youth hostelling during the school year, and the demand for application forms for membership was the greatest yet experienced. Many members of the school went youth hostelling either individually or in small groups. The usual Easter and Summer tours arranged by the school group continue to be very popular, and the large number of boys wishing to participate necessitates the parties being made up of boys from forms above the second year.

The main activities were :

Summer holiday, 1957—Tour of Switzerland by 60 boys.

Easter holiday, 1958—Mountaincraft course in North Wales with 40 boys.

This summer holiday, 60 boys will be touring in the Rhine Valley of Germany and in Northern Switzerland.

The plans for the next school year are :

Easter holiday, 1959—Mountaincraft course in the Lake District (2nd—10th April). Cost : approximately £6 10s. 0d. Party leader—Mr. R. T. Cave.

Summer holiday, 1959—Tour of Austria (13th August—4th September). Cost : approximately £29. Party leader—Mr. R. M. Webb.

E.S.J.Mc.

## INDUSTRIAL VISITS

Industrial visits were paid this year to the Tilmanstone and Snowdown Collieries in Kent, places of special interest in the City of London (including the Stock Exchange, G.P.O., and Midland Bank), J. Lyons & Co., Ltd. (Cadby Hall), Ford Motor Works at Dagenham, Cadbury Bros., Ltd. (Bournville), the Kettering Iron Company's Blast Furnaces, the Northamptonshire Iron Ore Mines, and Stewart & Lloyds Ltd., at Corby.

E.S.J.Mc.

## SUMMER TOUR OF SWITZERLAND, 1957

On the 16th August a party of 48 boys and 3 girls left Victoria Station on their way to Basle, via Belgium and Germany, where they arrived at 6.45 the following morning. It was not till 3 p.m. the same day that Wengen Youth Hostel was reached. This hostel, at which five days were spent, is situated on the side of the Lauterbrunnen Valley, and overshadowed by the mighty Jungfrau. Excursions were made from here to Mürren, to the Trummelbach Falls, to Jungfrauoch, and to Grindelwald, where the party risked their lives in the Bahn chair lift, the longest and highest in Europe.

The next hostel visited was Zermatt, where the time was mostly spent in mountain-walking. On our way to St. Moritz in the Glacier Express, the train suddenly drew to a halt in a small village station. To our surprise a brass band marched out on to the platform and began to play, and the concert went on for about an hour. We could only assume that this was the only way the band could find an audience!

At St. Moritz we enjoyed several days of bright sunshine, and excursions were made to various places, notably the Morteratsch Glacier. Finally we stayed at Engelberg Youth Hostel, which proved to be most pleasant place at which we stayed. After a most enjoyable holiday the return trip was uneventful, except that one member missed the train and arrived home a day later.

M. E. BERNSTOCK, Lower VI Science.

J. F. HAWKER, Lower VI Science.

## EASTER MOUNTAINEERING COURSE IN SNOWDONIA

At half-past eight on Thursday morning, the 10th of April, a coachload of boys, accompanied by Messrs. Cave and Franklin and a van, driven by Mr. McCollin and containing three members of the élite, left Wanstead Station for a mountaineering course in Snowdonia. The party descended on Capel Curig Youth Hostel at about half-past five and took up residence for three nights.

A "training run" was taken on the 11th over Glyder Fawr and Fach. The next day we started climbing in earnest over Tryfan, the older members of the party climbing the north face, where the day before, someone had fallen off and died. On the 13th the main party climbed about in the Carneddy group of mountains, while the rest of us, worn out by the previous days' exertions, climbed Moel Siabod, before being carted to Llanberis or Snowdon Ranger hostels according to age.

On Monday the older members climbed Snowdon via the Llanberis track, meeting the rest of the party, who brought our lunches, on the summit. In the evening all the party were taken by coach from Beddgelert to Snowdon Ranger hostel, where we spent the afternoon, our rucksacks having been collected in the morning from Llanberis.

As it was snowing the next morning, we ascended Snowdon again, to see the "view." Wednesday morning was spent in being transported to Dolgelly youth hostel. The afternoon being free, most of the party trudged into Barmouth to see the sights, only to find that it was early-closing day.

On the last day it rained and the injured were taken to hospital in Dolgelly while the rest of us set out to meet them there. After an hour straining with maps and compasses we found ourselves back at the youth hostel. Undaunted, however, we set out again and reached Dolgelly—the only place in Wales where Lyons' fruit pies are sold—in time for lunch.

The dull, wet, cheerless afternoon was spent haring round mountains somewhere to wear us out for the journey back to mother and food on the next day.

J. C. CHAPMAN, Lower VI Science.

## THE ATHLETIC SPORTS

The Nineteenth Annual Athletic Sports Meeting was held on Saturday, 7th June, on the School Playing Field. The guest of honour was Mr. S. A. Bryett, an old boy of the school, and a member of the Achilles Athletics Club.

A pleasing feature of the meeting was the fact that there was a greater degree of keen rivalry than normal — after the preliminary events the three houses were separated by only three points. It was obvious that each house had put in a lot of hard work for the meeting.

Six new records were set up:—the Hainault under twelve relay team set up a time of 57.4 secs.; the Forest under fifteen relay team set up a time of 49.8 secs.; in the under thirteen Hurdles,

Hopkin (H) attained a time of 12.8 secs.; and in the over fifteen age group Wilkins (R) bettered his own High Jump record with a jump of 5 ft. 5 in., Drage (R) put the Shot 40 ft. 3 in. and Morris (R) threw the Discus 126 ft. 11 in.

Three records were equalled :—Myers (C) equalled the under thirteen High Jump record of 4 ft. 7 in.; Stevenson (C) equalled the under sixteen 220 yards record of 24.6 secs. and Claydon (F) equalled the over fifteen Hurdles record of 16.0 secs.

The best performance prizes were awarded as follows :—the Under Thirteen Cup was won by Myers (C), the Under Fifteen Cup by Rutherford (C), and the "John Henry Taylor" Cup for the best senior performance was won by Morris (R). The "Hayward" Cup for jumping events was won by Roding House, and the "Bryett" Inter-House Athletics Cup was won by Hainault House, under the able captaincy of K. Hardy.

After the distribution of the cups and medals, the Headmaster introduced Mr. Bryett, who was one of the "founder-pupils" of the school in 1938. While at school Mr. Bryett was awarded the "John Sargent" Cup for the "finest sportsman of the year" 1941, and he subsequently became the first member of the school to go to Oxford University, where he gained a Half-Blue in athletics. Mr. Bryett began by congratulating those responsible for the extreme efficiency with which the meeting had been run. He praised both the organisation on the track and the speed with which the results had been calculated and recorded. He went on to congratulate the successful competitors and to console those who had not done quite as well. He said that the competitors in most of the events that he had watched seemed to be doing quite a lot better than when he was at school. Nevertheless his own two records, the over fifteen Long Jump and over sixteen 220 yards remain unbeaten.

The winners in each event were as follows :—

|                              |               |             |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 100 Yards, under 12 .....    | Barber (R)    | 13.6 sec.   |
| 100 Yards, under 13 .....    | Myers (C)     | 12.6 sec.   |
| 100 Yards, under 14 .....    | Herbert (H)   | 12.4 sec.   |
| 100 Yards, under 15 .....    | Overy (F)     | 11.4 sec.   |
| 100 Yards, under 16 .....    | Tye (C)       | 11.6 sec.   |
| 100 Yards, 16 and over ..... | Morris (R)    | 11.0 sec.   |
| 220 Yards, under 13 .....    | Hopkin (H)    | 27.8 sec.   |
| 220 Yards, under 14 .....    | Herbert (H)   | 27.2 sec.   |
| 220 Yards, under 15 .....    | Batten (H)    | 26.0 sec.   |
| 220 Yards, under 11 .....    | Stevenson (C) | 24.6 sec.   |
| 220 Yards, 16 and over ..... | Morris (R)    | 25.0 sec.   |
| 440 Yards, under 15 .....    | Overy (F)     | 57.2 sec.   |
| 440 Yards, under 16 .....    | Stevenson (C) | 55.8 sec.   |
| 440 Yards, 16 and over ..... | Cowling (R)   | 55.6 sec.   |
| 880 Yards, 15 and over ..... | Langford (F)  | 2m. 7 sec.  |
| 1 Mile, 15 and over .....    | Wilkins (R)   | 4m. 43 sec. |
| Hurdles, under 13 .....      | Hopkin (H)    | 12.8 sec.   |

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|--|------------------|-----------|
| Hurdles, under 15 .....                          | Rutherford (C)   | 12.0 sec. |
| Hurdles, 15 and over .....                       | Claydon (F)      | 16.0 sec. |
| High Jump, under 13 .....                        | Myers (C)        | 4' 7"     |
| High Jump, under 15 .....                        | Ackah (R)        | 5'        |
| High Jump, 15 and over .....                     | Wilkins (R)      | 5' 5"     |
| Long Jump, under 13 .....                        | Cossey (H)       | 12' 10"   |
| Long Jump, under 15 .....                        | Rutherford (C)   | 15' 10½"  |
| Long Jump, 15 and over .....                     | Burr (R)         | 16' 9"    |
| Hop, Step and Jump, under 13 .....               | Myers (C)        | 30' 8½"   |
| Hop, Step and Jump, under 15 .....               | Ackah (R)        | 33' 10"   |
| Hop, Step and Jump, 15 and over .....            | Williams, R. (H) | 35' 3½"   |
| Pole Vault, under 13 .....                       | Carter (R)       | 6' 3"     |
| Pole Vault, under 15 .....                       | Moore (H)        | 8' 3"     |
| Pole Vault, 15 and over .....                    | Morris (R)       | 9' 6"     |
| Putting the Shot, under 13 (6 lb.) .....         | Shepherd (H)     | 34' 8"    |
| Putting the Shot, under 15 (8.8 lb.) .....       | Davis P. (F)     | 40' 2"    |
| Putting the Shot, 15 and over (12 lb.) .....     | Drage (R)        | 40' 3"    |
| Throwing the Discus, under 13 (2.2 lb.) .....    | Carter (R)       | 76' 6"    |
| Throwing the Discus, under 15 (2.2 lb.) .....    | Nice (F)         | 112' 8"   |
| Throwing the Discus, 15 and over (3.3 lb.) ..... | Morris (R)       | 126' 11"  |
| Throwing the Javelin, under 13 .....             | Logan (C)        | 87' 8"    |
| Throwing the Javelin, under 15 (bamboo) .....    | Anderson (H)     | 115' 4"   |
| Throwing the Javelin, 15 and over (metal) .....  | Carter M. (R)    | 142' 9"   |
| Relay (4 x 110), under 12 .....                  | Hainault         | 57.4 sec. |
| Relay (4 x 110), under 13 .....                  | Hainault         | 55.8 sec. |
| Relay (4 x 110), under 14 .....                  | Hainault         | 54.2 sec. |
| Relay (4 x 110), under 15 .....                  | Forest           | 49.8 sec. |
| Relay (4 x 110), under 16 .....                  | Forest           | 49.6 sec. |
| Relay (4 x 110), 16 and over .....               | Roding           | 49.0 sec. |
| Final House positions :—                         |                  |           |
| 1. Hainault .....                                | 112 points.      |           |
| 2. Roding .....                                  | 96 points.       |           |
| 3. Forest .....                                  | 77 points.       |           |
| 4. Chigwell .....                                | 60 points.       |           |

## CROSS COUNTRY 1957/58

This year's team was altered from last year's only in the loss of Meddings, so that as the season progressed performances improved as expected. Consequently we were rather disappointed only to win one trophy, while Leyton won two major trophies after we had shown superior form in several "friendly" matches, and particularly in the "Burn" Cup race. And again in the "Burn," we were unlucky to miss winning the cup by only a few points: we had three runners together at the front of the field, but the remainder of the team was too far back. In a similar way the team finished second in the "Smeed" and the "Highgate." The poorest performance was the "Orion" Cup race, in which we finished fourth. However we won the "Wadham" Cup, the Ilford A.C. Schools' race, and all but two of our friendly matches.

The Junior team performed with similar results, winning their "friendly" matches and the Woodward Shield, but losing the Forest Division Cup which we had held for two years.

Since some of our members run for clubs as well as the school, end of season fatigue was evident, particularly because of the "spate of fixtures." As we hope to retain a fairly similar team for next year, we should see more tangible results then.

Colours were awarded to Langford, Oliver, and Batchelor and re-awarded to Wilkins.

J. F. BATCHELOR, Lower VI Science.

### SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS 1957

| Junior : |      | Middle School : |      | Senior : |      |
|----------|------|-----------------|------|----------|------|
| Forest   | 1591 | Roding          | 1357 | Forest   | 1001 |
| Chigwell | 1203 | Forest          | 1093 | Chigwell | 722  |
| Roding   | 1193 | Hainault        | 818  | Hainault | 675  |
| Hainault | 830  | Chigwell        | 693  | Roding   | 668  |

#### Individual Result.

##### First Years.

|     |          |    |           |
|-----|----------|----|-----------|
| 1st | Oliver   | 1N | 10m. 41s. |
| 2nd | Williams | 1N | 10m. 46s. |
| 3rd | Dear     | 1G | 10m. 58s. |

#### 1st Year Race—

##### Form Championship.

|     |         |        |
|-----|---------|--------|
| 1st | 1N—1081 | points |
| 2nd | 1B—1487 | "      |
| 3rd | 1G—1567 | "      |

#### Junior School Race—

|     |                  |       |                           |
|-----|------------------|-------|---------------------------|
| 1st | Grant (F) 2H     | ..... | 9 mins. 45 secs. (Record) |
| 2nd | Munday (R) 2M    | ..... | 10 mins. 19 secs.         |
| 3rd | Mockridge (F) 2A | ..... | 10 mins. 21 secs.         |
| 4th | Marshall (R) 2M  | ..... | 10 mins. 22 secs.         |
| 5th | Gerrish (C) 2H   | ..... | 10 mins. 39 secs.         |

163 boys ran

#### Middle School Race—

|     |               |        |       |                   |
|-----|---------------|--------|-------|-------------------|
| 1st | Rutherford    | (C) 4A | ..... | 18 mins. 21 secs. |
|     | Nicholls      | (F) 4F | ..... | 18 mins. 33 secs. |
| 3rd | Bassam (F) 4A | .....  | ..... | 18 mins. 35 secs. |
| 4th | Walden (F) 4F | .....  | ..... | 19 mins. 18 secs. |
| 5th | Overy (F) 4A  | .....  | ..... |                   |

157 boys ran

#### Senior School Race—

|     |               |       |                   |
|-----|---------------|-------|-------------------|
| 1st | Shephard (R)  | ..... | 25 mins. 28 secs. |
| 2nd | Wilkins (R)   | ..... | 25 mins. 33 secs. |
| 3rd | Batchelor (F) | ..... | 25 mins. 35 secs. |
| 4th | Oliver (R)    | ..... | 25 mins. 42 secs. |
| 5th | Langford (F)  | ..... | 26 mins. 6 secs.  |
| 6th | Stevenson (C) | ..... | 26 mins. 7 secs.  |

123 boys ran

### ATHLETICS TEAM

At the time of going to press, the athletics programme has been only half completed. Nevertheless it can be seen already that school athletics is up to its usual high standard.

The season began with a bang, when E. Stevenson gained second place in the Quarter Mile event in the London Athletic

Club Schools' Meeting. His German opponent beat him by only a foot. His time of 52.9 secs. was excellent, considering that he is only a fifth-year athlete.

The Forest Divisional Sports provided some very good performances. The under fifteen team did very well in winning both the Relay Cup and the Field Events Cup. The School Team finished second in the overall result. Notable senior performances were those of D. Wilkins and C. Chapman in winning the under seventeen Mile and Half Mile respectively. The time for the Mile was 4 mins. 45.8 secs., and that for the Half Mile was 2 mins. 5.5 secs. Stevenson won the under seventeen Quarter Mile, in 52.7 secs., and Long Jump with a jump of 18 ft. 10½ in., while Morris managed to scrape home in the under nineteen Pole Vault. Pole Vaulting is a school strong point, since K. Hardy and E. Moore gained first and second places in the under seventeen event, while R. Docking and A. Brett gained first and third places in the under fifteen age group. In the under fifteen age group, R. Overy won his Quarter Mile in the excellent time of 56.5 secs., while J. Myers won the under thirteen High Jump at 4 ft. 7 in. As a result of their performances in the Forest Divisional Sports, 11 boys have been selected to represent the Division in the County Sports to be held at Chelmsford on the 21st June.

A few more successes have been achieved. The Malcolm Cup for the invitation Quarter Mile event in the Romford Royal Liberty School Sports was won by E. Stevenson. The school medley relay team of P. Cowling, E. Stevenson, J. Chapman and D. Morris gained third place in the Herring Cup race in the County Championship at Southend. The most notable performance was that of Cowling, in running his Half Mile in the time of 1 min. 59.9 secs. R. A. Langford did very well to gain second place in the 1 Mile invitation race for the Clarke Cup at the Romford Technical School Sports. His time was 4 min. 47 secs.

It is planned to hold matches with Bancroft's and Chigwell Schools, and these, together with the Russell, Chapman and Bickersteth Cups and the Old Boys' Match, should keep the team well (and, it is hoped, successfully) occupied for the rest of the term.

D. J. MORRIS, Upper VI Science.

### CHAMPION RUSSELL CUP, 1958

For the past three years the weakness in the school athletics team has been its lack of good sprinters. The strong cross-country runners, however, have ensured strength in the middle distance events.

The Russell Cup has eluded the school since its inception and as the school team has finished runners-up three times in the last five years one feels the time should not be far distant when we would be able to clinch the championship. The competition is weighted on the sprinting events and apart from some very promising first year material, the team again faced disadvantages.

After the preliminaries on June 6th, our position looked satisfactory, but middle distance athletes faced a heavy task if the school was to be successful. On the final day, the strong running of D. Wilkins, who eventually won the first event (1 mile, O.17) was to be the first of some fine running by all our middle distance boys. In fact, it will be a long time before we shall gain 1st places in the 1 mile O.17, (Wilkins), 880 yds. O.17 (Langford), 880 yds. U.17 (C. Chapman) and 440 yds. U.17 (Stevenson).

With the rest of the team running extremely well the last event was faced with the fate of the school team depending on the result of Romford's runner in the 220 yds. O.17. The school at this stage were leading by 2 points.

The eventual outcome was a win for Romford in the 220 yds. and the Russell Cup, whilst the school once again were runners-up

#### Positions—

- 1st, Romford R. Liberty School—32 points.
- 2nd, B.H.C.H.S.—30 points.
- 3rd, Ilford C.H.S.—26 points.
- 4th, Dagenham C.H.S.—24 points.

Twelve schools competed.

R.M.W.

### THE ATHLETICS MATCH VERSUS THE OLD BOYS

It is to be hoped that a tradition was started on the 24 June, 1957, when the first athletics match against an Old Boys team was held. Considering the lack of publicity, the number of Old Boys present was surprisingly large. Nevertheless the School Team won by a comfortable margin.

The results were as follows :—

**100 Yards :** 1 Morris (S), 2 Haining (S), 3 Gosford (O.B.), 4 Bacon (S), 11.0 secs.

**220 Yards :** 1 Stevenson (S), 2 Lucas (O.B.) 3 Chapman (S), 4 Foster (S), 25.0 secs.

**440 Yards :** 1 Meddings (S), 2 Bray (O.B.), 3 Cowling (S), 4 Williams (S), 55.6 secs.

**1 Mile :** 1 Meddings (S), 2 Lowson (O.B.), 3 Bray (O.B.), 4 Hancock (O.B.), 4 mins. 36 secs.

**Relay (8 x 110) :** 1 Old Boys, 2 School "A," 3 School "B," 1 min. 41 secs.

**High Jump :** 1 Chapman (O.B.), 2 Slade (O.B.), 3 Wilkins (S), Sudasono (S), 5 ft. 8 in.

**Long Jump :** 1 Robinson (O.B.), 2 Haining (S), 3 Stevenson (S), 4 Williams (O.B.), 16 ft. 1½ in.

**Triple Jump :** 1 Morris (S), 2 Slade (O.B.), 3 Williams (O.B.), 4 Williams (S), 36 ft. 10 in.

**Pole Vault :** 1 K. Hardy (S), 2 Chapman (O.B.), 3 Freeman (O.B.), 4 Wood (S), 9 ft. 1 in.

**Discus :** 1 Alcott (S), 2 Bowden (O.B.), 3 Wilson (S), 4 Freeman (O.B.), 119 ft. 8 in.

**Shot :** 1 Pingree (S), 2 Drage (S), Bowden (O.B.), 4 Landbeck (O.B.), 40 ft. 3 in.

**Javelin :** 1 Appleby (S), 2 Little (S), 3 Gosford (O.B.), 4 Davis (O.B.), 113 ft. 3 in.

The evening was made even more interesting by displays from two members of the Woodford Green Athletics Club. Gerry Carr gave a demonstration of discus throwing, while Ron Bowden performed with the hammer.

It proved to be a most enjoyable evening's athletics, probably because of the lack of the normal cut-throat competition at all other athletics meetings! We hope that the Old Boys will not let us get away with it quite so easily this year!

D. J. MORRIS, Upper VI Science.

### GYMNASTICS

This season the Gymnastics Team realised a four-year-old ambition. They won the Forest Divisional Athletics Championship Shield for the first time, and by a fairly comfortable margin. The team consisted of :—F. Hardy, K. Hardy, R. Wood, J. Gilders, E. Moore, L. Milston, R. Docking and D. Morris.

Apart from competitive gymnastics, two very successful displays have been put on this season : the first on Open Day and the second at the recently held Bazaar.

It is to be hoped that, since most of the present team will be with us next season, the high standard of performance will be maintained.

D. J. MORRIS, Upper VI Science.

### FOOTBALL

#### 1st XI

| P. | W. | L. | D. |
|----|----|----|----|
| 23 | 4  | 18 | 1  |

Looking at the results of this season's matches, one would immediately think that this year should be recorded as a failure. This is far from the truth. Although 18 matches have been lost,

the attitude of the players has always been enthusiastic and of more value than match successes. The greatest difficulty this year has been the selection of the 1st XI, for with no outstanding players and many of equal ability, the team was continually changing, and only towards the end of the season did a stable 1st XI emerge.

At the start of the season Cornford showed every promise of becoming a fine goalkeeper, but through injury and illness he lost his place to the ever-improving Waud. In the defence there was considerable variation, with Arben, Terry, Sherwood and Cowling all playing often, Appleby, switching between all three half-back positions, played soundly through the season. Gathergood, at right-half, was the most consistently good player, with hard tackles and sensible passes. In the forward line Murrell developed quickly into a fine, sturdy player with plenty of force and drive. Coates, who switched from inside-forward to centre-half, grew to be a sturdy, reliable and thoughtful half-back. Tyler, Maskell and Morris played well, though the latter failed to find his old zeal and dash which would have been so valuable to the team.

Colours were awarded to Appleby and Alcott.

M. J. ALCOTT, VI Scholarship.

## 2nd XI

The 1957-58 season was quite a successful one for the 2nd XI, and even though injuries were followed by the subsequent borrowing of our players by the first XI, the team spirit remained. It was because of this team spirit that we were so successful and that one cannot pick any player as outstanding.

Our main strength seemed to lie in the defence, and although our forwards were keen, on several occasions they seemed to lack that effective finish to their moves. Top goal scorer was Benjamin who had 32 goals to his credit.

| Record | P. | W. | L. | D. |
|--------|----|----|----|----|
|        | 21 | 12 | 9  | 0  |

**Players:** Waud, Cornford, Arben, Terry, Robertson, Maskell, Claydon, Gatherwood, Roberts, Odell, Benjamin, Coates, Salter, Murrell, Wilkins, Airs, Bassett, Wood, Burr, Pingree, Cowling, Smith, Williams, Delaney, Brewster.

I. TERRY, Lower VI Science.

## Under 15 XI

This was an exceptionally successful season for us, as the results indicate. Over one hundred goals were scored, due not only to the speed and power of the forwards, but to the determina-

tion of the defence who added the necessary drive from behind. It was found that as soon as the opposing forwards had been checked by our half-backs Robertson, Wells, Cowling or Nice (who deserve honourable mention), the game was as good as won. Trainis showed himself to be a safe goalkeeper, Buckley and Hurn were sound full-backs, and the forward-line consisted of fast, powerful players. Our regular team was Trainis, Buckley, Hurn, Robertson, Cowling or Nice, Wells, Miller, Rutherford, Batten, Davis and Moore.

E. MOORE, IV A.

## Under 14 XI

The start of the season was rather disappointing, and we had to wait just before Christmas for our first win—a good win of 7—1. There followed a win of 4—0 and another of 5—0. The team spirit played a large part in these successes, and together with the skill of half-backs Docking and Berrett, and of Stephenson in the attack, turned our usual disadvantage in height to a more level status. Hassall, in goal, saved the team on countless occasions by his fine play.

Regular team members were Hassall, Herbert, Cox, Bassett, Berrett, Docking, Ottley, Lovell, Low, Stephenson, Shanks and Brown.

G. BASSETT, III A.

## Under 13 XI

Our team played well during the first half of the season, winning five and drawing three out of their twelve games. However, in the second half of the season we collapsed, winning only three games in eleven. Little was the top goal-scorer with 21 goals, followed by Trott with 14 goals. Aston and House played particularly well in the defence.

The regular team was: Carter, Hall, Cossey, Dover, Aston, House, Terry, Grant, Trott, Little and Munday.

K. GRANT, II H.

## CRICKET

We opened the season with probably more optimism than we have been able to afford in recent years and there was every prospect of a good term's cricket, when we were overtaken by three calamities, two of them minor in themselves and the third the curse of all cricket enthusiasts—the weather. We had scarcely started our fixtures when we most unfortunately lost our grounds-

man, Mr. Kingston, and this difficulty was followed almost immediately by the bus strike. We surmounted both of these troubles with ease, but the wettest June for years was one obstacle that we could do nothing to remove. We were indeed grateful for the return of the buses, but more especially were we sorry to hear that Mr. Kingston had been forced to give up through ill-health. We wish him good fortune in his lighter work.

It is refreshing to read in the team reports which follow of the team spirit and enthusiasm revealed at all stages; the one quality now most needed is the determination to play hard and with the utmost effort. This would produce the consistency which at the moment is lacking.

#### 1st XI

This season the first eleven, ably led by Pingree, has been reasonably successful, and has never thoroughly disgraced itself, although on one or two occasions it has come desperately near to so doing. The team as a whole has played as a team should play, with good spirit even when the prospects were not too bright. Each member has played his part, making an outstanding contribution to a particular match, but no one player has been consistently conspicuous. The bowling has been steady, the fielding sound, and the batting, as ever, the unknown factor. Each player has been worthy of his place, and in particular Waud has given most valuable service as vice-captain, and towards the end of term as captain. Thanks are due to Penny, who for the past two seasons has kept the scores most willingly and conscientiously.

The following have represented the School during the season : Pingree (capt.) ; Waud (vice-capt.) ; Appleby, Brewster, Carter, Greenwood, Wiltshire, Wilkins, Sherwood, King, Rogers, Coates and Benjamin.

R. A. PINGREE, Upper VI Science.

#### 2nd XI

After our first fixture we were handicapped by the fact that certain boys were unable to play because of travelling difficulties, but we eventually settled down and played well as a team—except for one occasion when we were dismissed for nine runs. Our opening pair, Smith, A. and Benjamin scored freely, and Benjamin eventually earned his promotion to the 1st XI, as also did Coates. Of the other batsmen, Bernstock, Moore, A. and Airs have shown some promise, though others too on occasion made a useful score. Our bowling however was always our strongest feature, with the Captain, Gathergood, Tyler and Bernstock sharing most of the wickets. The fielding improved as the season advanced, and Moore, A. and Smith, R. shared the duties of wicket-keeping.

The following boys represented the 2nd XI :—Low (capt.) ; Benjamin, Coates, Airs, Murrell, Smith, A., Smith, R., Gathergood, Moore, A., Bernstock, Tyler, White, S., White and White, R. Scorer :—Low, D.

S. A. LOW, Lower VI Modern.

#### Senior Colts

This eleven has been the most successful cricket team this year so far. Several matches have been won by a considerable margin, and only one lost. This success has been due not merely to the individual skill of certain players, but to a fine spirit of teamwork and to firm and imaginative leadership. Rutherford, as captain, has set a high standard with his batting and bowling, which has been a great encouragement to the rest of the team. Moore, as opening batsman, has shown himself defiant and dogged, though perhaps a little over-cautious at times. His running between the wickets has also on occasion been too leisurely. In fact the running of the whole team has been perhaps the weakest feature of their play, as the number of run-outs in the score book will indicate. Several other batsmen have shown their ability to play strokes, often in copy-book style, but have failed to make high scores through lack of confidence and concentration. In a year's time some of these should do really well, if they can remedy these deficiencies.

The team has lacked slow bowlers and has relied upon medium pace attack from Rutherford, Herbert, Tasker and Davis. There has however been a tendency to bowl short, although each of these bowlers has had his successful matches.

The wicket-keeping of Moore has been of a high standard, and the fielding has always been good, which has been encouraging to the bowlers.

From watching this team play I find their determination to win very evident, and also their intention of enjoying every minute of their cricket.

The following boys have represented the Senior Colts :—Rutherford (capt.) ; Moore, Anderson, Batten, Hurn, Davis, Herbert, Frizelle, Reader, Tasker, Tarry and Garnier (who has also scored throughout the season). G.E.M.

#### Junior Colts

The Junior Colts have always played with evident enjoyment, although with not a great deal of success, so far. What success they have had is largely attributable to the able captaincy and consistent batting of Munday and the accurate bowling of Tarry, whose two styles of bowling have brought him many wickets. The

batting together of Grant, the wicket-keeper, and White, a left arm bowler, at times has produced a number of runs and a great deal of amusement because of their understanding and speed in running between the wickets. The other batsmen have often started promisingly but sooner or later—usually sooner—have given way to an irresistible urge to swing wildly and agriculturally, with fatal results. Of the remaining bowlers, Logan could be fast and dangerous, but all too often has not been accurate enough.

Already the team has displayed great ability and a good spirit. Success will surely follow its acquisition of experience.

The following boys have played for the team :—Munday (capt.) ; Tarry, B., Aston, Davis, Little, Hardwick, Grant, White, B. T. R., Mockridge, Logan, Cossey, Chambers and Sheppard. James has been a very reliable scorer. J.A.I.

The members of all teams are once again indebted to Miss Bellerby and her staff for the service of teas throughout the season.

## HOCKEY

The fixture list for this season was more ambitious than ever before, despite the inexperience of the team. The Autumn term began disastrously, with the team conceding 25 goals in the first six matches, which were all lost. However, T. Carter, previously an inside-forward, took over at right-back, and this was the key to the transformation of the team, which improved almost beyond recognition.

After Christmas, K. Hardy joined his brother as a regular member of the team, taking over in goal from R. Overy, who preferred to play in the forward line. Forsyth, in the half-back line, always hit firmly and constructively, though he seemed to be just a little too slow. At centre-half Lodge was always lively and persistent, but lacked at most times the final "punch" required from that position. Dow, at outside-right, was frequently an inspiration to the team, while F. Hardy impressed all with his terrier-like tenacity.

Certainly this season was not a success as regards results, but team spirit fully compensated for the lack of victories. Moreover we can confidently look forward to more success next season, as we shall almost certainly be able to play exactly the same team.

Colours were awarded to T. Carter and re-awarded to Greenwood. T. Carter and K. Hardy were selected to play for Essex in the inter-county tournament at Petworth, Sussex, during the Easter vacation, Hardy being awarded his Essex colours.

|              | P. | W. | L. | D. | F. | A. |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Record ..... | 22 | 4  | 13 | 5  | 38 | 70 |

C. GREENWOOD, Lower VI Modern.

## BASKETBALL

The first fixture was purposely played against Leyton County High School, for we knew that we would learn much from this experienced team. Though beaten in all three matches against them, their high standard of play helped to raise our mediocre standard, so that we won our other three matches with comfortable margins.

By using his height and speed to advantage Langford developed into the best player in the team, and, with Morris always supporting him well, scored many clap-worthy baskets. Appleby and Cornford gave capable, regular performances, and Smith R. capable irregular performances due to a tonsil operation.

The team was : Appleby, Alcott, Smith R., Langford, Morris, Cornford.

M. J. ALCOTT, VI Scholarship.

## BADMINTON

Though the team was comparatively young and inexperienced, the encounters with Woodford County High School and Monoux Grammar School were very enjoyable. The experience gained in these matches should go to make the team stronger next year. A number of promising new players attended the club, and towards the end of the first term there was quite a long waiting list of boys wishing to play.

Those who represented the School were Hudd, Powell, Stevenson, Airs, Hurn, Wilkinson and Moore.

E. MOORE, IV A.

## TENNIS

Once again the School has had the use of the Grange Farm tennis courts on games days. On the departure of Mr. Buckley we welcome Mr. Ray as master in charge of tennis. There are several promising newcomers, of whom Dow is outstanding. So far, seven fixtures against other schools have been arranged for this season. Our first was against Chigwell and, although we lost by six matches to three, it was enjoyed by all concerned. Our team on that occasion was : Dow and Roberts ; Ronan and Arben ; Claydon and Lodge.

A. K. ROBERTS, Upper VI Science.

## HOUSE NOTES

### Chigwell House

Chigwell have not won this year's Inter-House Championship. A few years ago this statement would have been a foregone conclusion, but in recent years, and notably this year, Chigwell have become a force to contend with. No longer does one hear derisive or superior comments, and no longer gasps of astonishment at a Chigwell win.

Why don't we win the Championship? The answer is that our ability is not equally divided between the various sports. Enthusiasm is the only way this deficiency can be overcome, and at long last enthusiasm is evident.

Football, basketball and cross-country have provided us with the majority of our points, with athletics, cricket and swimming still to be decided. Alcott, who captained the House earlier this year, Stevenson, and Frizelle, have worked vigorously and consistently towards the victory that will ultimately come.

J. J. APPLEBY, Upper VI Modern.

### Forest House

This year Forest have a great opportunity to regain the Inter-House Championship and with it the title of Cock House.

So far the House has made supreme efforts in both cross-country and basketball, and although there were one or two disappointing turn-outs in the football matches, Forest by no means disgraced itself. At present the House is in an excellent position to maintain its lead to the end, provided that enthusiasm does not begin to falter.

R. A. PINGREE, Upper VI Science.

### Hainault House

This year there has been a welcome increase in enthusiasm throughout the House, particularly amongst the first and second forms; so long as this is fostered during the next few years, a much-needed development of House loyalty will spread through the School. The senior section of the House has greatly improved its performance in all the sporting activities. At the start of this term we were nine points behind Forest, but could well close this gap and develop a finish closer than that of last year.

I should like to thank Mr. Gorick for taking over the task of Junior House Master in place of Mr. Johnson, and also Herbert, the Junior House Captain, for his help throughout the year.

B. H. WAUD, Upper VI Science.

### Roding House

Contrary to performance in previous years, the House won the football championship; most of the credit for this win goes to the Junior team, who, under the able captaincy of Docking, dropped only one point in twelve. The House did quite well in the cross-country, and in the gymnastics competition gained second place, the Junior team gaining first place in their section. The one big House disappointment was the basketball competition, in which we finished an undistinguished last. Though the House senior cricket team does not appear to be very strong, we hope to make up by retaining the Athletics Cup and doing well in the swimming. Unless anything untoward occurs, we should finish the year in a good position.

D. J. MORRIS, Upper VI Science.

### School Captain and Head Prefect :

P. G. Cowling.

### Second Prefect :

M. J. Alcott (1957-58).

B. H. Waud (1958).

### Library Prefect :

B. W. Tidiman (1957-58).

S. W. Millis (1958).

### Prefects :

J. J. Appleby, M. J. Arben, M. J. Brill, R. L. Connell, O. Eastel, J. Hayden, G. N. Hunter, D. J. Morris, S. D. W. Norton, P. A. Othick, R. A. Pingree, R. A. J. Smith, F. M. Verlander.

### House Captains :

Chigwell : M. J. Alcott (1957-58).

J. J. Appleby (1958).

Forest : R. A. Pingree.

Hainault : B. H. Waud.

Roding : D. J. Morris.

### Sports Captains :

Athletics : D. J. Morris.

Basketball : M. J. Alcott.

Cricket : R. A. Pingree.

2nd XI Cricket : S. A. Low.

Cross-Country : J. F. Batchelor.

Football : M. J. Alcott.

2nd XI Football : I. H. Terry.

Gymnastics : D. J. Morris.

Hockey : C. A. Greenwood.

Swimming : R. A. Langford.

## THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

At the Annual General Meeting in October, Messrs. A. H. Carpenter, F. H. Charlesworth, H. George and J. B. Sleightholm did not seek re-election to the Executive Committee as their sons were no longer in the school. We should like to express to these gentlemen our grateful thanks for all their good work for the Association extending over a considerable number of years. To fill the vacancies on the Committee we welcome Mr. C. Seabrook who has succeeded Mr. Sleightholm as Honorary Treasurer, Mr. B. C. Gilbert and Mr. J. A. Cox, and feel confident that they will prove very useful committee men.

On the 23rd November, a Grand Dance was held at The Sir James Hawkey Hall, Woodford Green, with the result that the Swimming Pool Fund was increased by £64. The event was considered so successful that the same hall has been booked for a similar function on the 17th January, 1959.

The Annual Christmas Social was held at the School Hall on the 7th December, and although there was a smaller attendance than in previous years all those present appeared to enjoy themselves.

We would again thank all those ladies and gentlemen who helped in any way with the provision of refreshments, etc., at the Dance in November and the Christmas Social.

On the 20th February, we received a second visit from Dr. John Burton, B.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., who spoke to us on the subject of adolescence. Dr. Burton first showed us a film, which posed certain questions in regard to family life, and then invited us to divide into several discussion groups in various class rooms. We later met again in the assembly hall for a general discussion. The most entertaining, and probably the most fruitful contribution to the meeting was that made by five gentlemen of the Sixth form, Messrs. Batchelor, Bernstock, Billett, Dimitriou and Wood, each of whom addressed the meeting and gave us the benefit of his experience in the difficult art of growing up.

I do not feel I could possibly close this report without adding a most sincere word of thanks to Mr. A. J. Wells who took over the Secretaryship of the association when I was taken to hospital very suddenly last June. I am sure all will agree that Mr. Wells did a fine job of work and I am now finding it difficult to maintain the high standard he set during my rather long illness.

H. E. SEABROOK, Hon. Secretary.

### The Bazaar

The Bazaar took place on Saturday, May 10th, and in spite of the bus strike was well attended. It was declared open by Mr. John Reid, Captain of the visiting New Zealand cricket team.

After the opening ceremony Mr. Reid displayed great patience and good humour in satisfying the horde of small boys who lined up with their autograph books.

Thanks again to Mr. Brill, the stalls were beautifully decorated in Spring colours; the generosity of many parents and friends had loaded them with good things, and as soon as the Bazaar was opened a brisk trade was done.

The side-shows did good business, and Mr. A. H. Lello delighted audiences with his displays of conjuring, whilst the film shows in the Geography Room provided further entertainment. The inner man—and boy—were well catered for by the Prefects' confectionery and ice cream stall in the Crush Hall, and by Mr. Worby's staff of willing helpers in the Dining Hall.

An innovation this year was the photographic studio run by M. W. Bone and M. S. Logan of the 2nd Form. Their display of apparatus looked most professional, and only preoccupation elsewhere prevented me from sampling their skill.

The School's contribution to the occasion took the form of gym displays on the grass, led by Mr. R. M. Webb, and an exhibition of Arts and Crafts in the Art Room, arranged by Mr. R. A. Smethurst.

I would like to record our thanks to Miss K. M. Coulson, the School Secretary, for all her help before and during the Bazaar, and to Mr. H. B. Samways, who spent the entire afternoon on the stage, making announcements for us over the loud speaker system; maybe the One above sees all, but it must have been thirsty work.

Some of the ladies who staffed the stalls have remarked upon the apparent magic with which the furniture for the stalls and side-shows appeared in their right places on Friday evening, and with equal magic were whisked away on Saturday evening. For this we have to thank the organising ability of Mr. Langford and Mr. Pearman, and their willing band of helpers, as well as Mr. R. S. Orrowe, who was also responsible for the very fine model of the proposed swimming pool, displayed on Mr. Moore's stall in the Dining Hall.

Our thanks are also due to those parents who provided a car ferry service from Buckhurst Hill and Chigwell stations.

We were delighted to have helping at the Bazaar the following parents of Old Buckwellians:—Mr. and Mrs. Combes, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Charlesworth, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Pearman, and Mrs. Perkins. And, of the Old Buckwellians, our good friend Mr. Des. Slade not only ran the Darts sideshow during the after-

noon, but was also his bright and breezy self as auctioneer at the end of the evening.

Finally—the net result of the Bazaar—a profit of £384 for the Swimming Pool Fund, which when the Bazaar closed stood at £1,767, not including the £500 voted by the Essex County Council.

H. GREENWOOD, Chairman.

### The Swimming Pool

In March, Mr. Worby and I visited Chelmsford, where we were very courteously received by Mr. W. C. B. Smith, Deputy County Architect. Mr. Smith suggested the lines on which we should approach the technical problems involved, and we have since seen the Metropolitan Water Board, Chigwell U.D.C. and the Essex Rivers Board.

Mr. Smith has kindly undertaken to design the Pool for us, and we are satisfied the money at our disposal is sufficient to enable us to plan operations. When the working drawings have been approved, and permission given to go ahead, a meeting of helpers will be held.

It is expected that the pool will be 100 ft. x 24 ft. with a maximum depth of 6 feet. It will initially be an open air pool, but we hope so to design it that it may subsequently be enclosed.

H. GREENWOOD, Chairman.

### THE OLD BUCKWELLIANS

After a storm the sun must shine. That is certainly the feeling one gets, thinking back over the affairs of the Old Bucks for the past couple of years. This time last year things looked very glum, but now we have a unified Association, with a Management Committee who work unstintingly to fulfil the aims and objectives of the Old Bucks.

I hope that all our prospective Members, both for this year and future years will read this. It is the main object of the Old Bucks to assist all past scholars of the School to keep in touch with one another, and to provide similar sporting activities to those played at the School, amongst old friends. We try to achieve the former by publishing regular Newsletters; you will see below some reports from our sporting sections. Every Old Boy is eligible to join the Association, and in fact when boys leave School they automatically become temporary Members until the end of the year, so that they may see for themselves the advantages of membership.

What has been going on during the last year? To begin with, at the end of the last School year a very successful event was introduced. This was the Athletic Match, Old Bucks versus The School. This opened up such a wealth of lively competition between "the young shavers" and the "not so young" that we believe this will be a well supported annual meeting. Our thanks go to Brian Davis for organising the Old Bucks team.

We have held another Christmas Draw, which yielded quite a sum towards the Clubhouse Fund. For those who are not familiar with this pressing ambition, I will explain that it is the intention of the Association to find a Ground in the Chigwell area which will accommodate all the pitches we require, together with sufficient room for expansion and for the building of a Clubhouse. We are at present negotiating for just this type of Ground and can only hope we shall be fortunate. The Dances at the School proved to be a drag on the organisers. We have therefore changed our venue to the King's Head at Chigwell. There have been three Dances there to date, which, with the added attraction of the immediate surroundings have been well attended.

Then of course came the Annual Dinner. This year it was decided to revert to the original practice of holding the Dinner locally, with the result that we had close on 90 people attending at Marios' Restaurant, Ilford. I have had an astonishing number of Members and Guests take the trouble to write to thank the Committee for a most enjoyable evening, proof enough that it was successful. We hope to make Marios our permanent address for future Dinners, and to that end, next year we have reserved their room for April 10th.

In conclusion, we extend a hearty welcome to all those new members who have paid their 10s. subscription ; we would like to see more new faces from this year's leavers playing for our various Clubs.

P. L. MILLER, General Secretary.

#### Old Bucks Hockey Club.

Somehow or other, the Club has fielded two teams again this year, with the Team Secretary consuming quantities of aspirin and having cold towels applied to his aching head. The results of the matches have been most encouraging, in spite of some fixtures being cancelled. Of a total of 36 games played, there have been 8 wins, 9 draws and 17 losses recorded. These compare favourably with last year's results. The outstanding feature of the Club's year has been the attendance of a dozen or so members at two Hockey Festivals, one at Teddington and the other at Ramsgate. A most enjoyable and indeed successful time was had by those who attended, especially at Ramsgate. The latter will most probably be an Annual feature in the Club's calendar. The pitches at Hainault and Grange Farm have been used and the Club has a full fixture list for next year.

Thanks go to those members who have played consistently and regularly throughout the year, and we hope to see some fresh blood in the Club for the coming year.

C. POTTER,  
Hockey Club Secretary.

#### Old Bucks Cricket Club.

Once again, the Cricket Club can report many entertaining games in 1957 and early 1958. Admittedly, we do not have a general strength of some of the strong London Club teams, but we feel that we enjoy our matches far more than these teams do, with their serious "win at all costs" attitude. Whilst always trying for a good game, we try to make for a pleasant atmosphere on and off the field, rather than a viciously personal one. Last season was a successful one in every way, and in this magazine one must state that the School has not beaten us for some years. Doug. Clarke, who topped the averages, had a great day at Brede on August Monday, when he scored 84 not out and took 7 for 23. Ches. Warren, who took over 50 wickets altogether, finished off the Season with a hat-trick to beat Old Beals. Jack Sutton also bowled consistently well, whilst the wicket-keeping was in the capable hands of Mick Dunlop and Bill Roberts. We were glad to offer to Terry Carter, from the School XI, a game during holidays, and he made two good scores.

This Season, we have a full and interesting fixture list, including several local Old Boys' teams, Lloyds, Trumans, Sawbridge-worth, South Woodford, Brede (in Sussex on August Monday), Loughton, and at the School on July 5th.

We play until the end of September, and anyone can join the "happy throng" by phoning Charlie Summers, BUCKHURST 0462. We have made a good start to 1958 under Captains Ken Button and Doug. Clarke, and when the Association Ground materialises, which we hope will be soon, I am sure the Cricket Club will go from strength to strength, in view of the obvious advantages all round.

We all congratulate R. E. Little, now at Manchester, who won the Old Buckwellians Cricket bat last year. We trust he will join the Club when he returns to the district.

One last plug : the Club Dance is to be held at the Roebuck, Buckhurst Hill, on September 5th. Please come along, for as in our Cricket, we aim to be happy. Tickets from Charlie Summers.

CHARLIE SUMMERS, Cricket Club Secretary.

#### Old Bucks Football Club.

In many ways this past season has been one of our most successful, and certainly our most satisfactory. Whilst we have won neither promotion nor cups with our three elevens, the overall performances were good. The 1st XI finished third in Division One of the Old Boys' League and with a little more luck earlier in the season might well have won promotion.

The Reserve and 3rd XI's were not quite so successful, but their final positions were very satisfactory. All three teams suffered an early exit from their various cup competitions but our turn of success might well come next year.

Our membership this year was in the region of 45 and remained constant throughout the season, in contrast with previous years when it tended to drop considerably as the end of the season drew near. This year, too, our finances were run to a strict budget which produced a modest but satisfactory profit, which in turn will enable us to renew many items of equipment next year.

There is every indication, then, that next season—our eleventh—will be better than last. In order to provide more football for the new leavers, whom we are hoping to welcome, we shall be running four elevens, which we can accommodate comfortably at our ground at Bradwell Road, Buckhurst Hill. We are most anxious, therefore, to have as many new members from the School as possible ; as long as you can kick a ball you will be assured of many games of enjoyable football with us.

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Through correspondence and visits the Headmaster has gleaned the following items about former pupils :—

- M. J. ARNOLD (1946-51).—Was recommended on 14th March by the W.O.S.B. for training as an officer.
- P. BARBER (1952-57).—Was at the Fenchurch Street Branch of the Midland Bank with John MacGillivray (1947-52).
- D. G. BROWNING (1949-56).—After completing his National Service in the Royal Navy with a voyage to the West Indies in honour of the visit of Princess Margaret, is going up to Reading University in October.
- C. R. DEEKER (1944-49).—Recently paid the School a visit on his holiday from New Zealand where he is a lumber man. Judging by his ample proportions one must assume that Colin's pole vaulting activities have been superseded by pulling up the odd trunk or two.
- P. DUCLOS (1948-53).—Has completed his National Service with the R.A.F. in Kenya.
- E. FALLOWFIELD (1947-52).—Is Second Mate with the Cultex Oil Company.
- JOHN HAMBLEY and JOHN JOHNSON (both 1950-57).—Are sharing digs in Manchester. There is quite a group of former pupils in this part of England—A. J. Daniels, R. E. Little, J. J. Loader and A. D. Wilson.
- W. T. HARNIMAN (1942-46).—Has been sent by his firm to Trinidad for a year.
- G. A. M. HARRISON (1952-57).—Is now working for the General Steam Navigation Co.
- D. C. KNELL (1942-49).—Is a Field Representative with General Motors Acceptance Corporation of Canada, Ltd., and is probably the first former pupil to adopt Canadian nationality.
- V. J. LINDSEY (1945-50). — On completion of his Training College course at Trent Park, Middlesex, is hoping to teach in Essex.
- IAN LISTER (1950-57).—Has broken new ground by gaining a place at St. David's College, Lampeter.
- N. F. OVERY (1942-50).—Visited School on two occasions when on holiday from Bangkok.
- M. C. PATTERSON (1951-55).—Starts at Essex Institute of Agriculture, Writtle, in the autumn.

- D. S. PEACHEY (1948-54).—Was recommended on 11th October by the W.O.S.B. for training as an officer.
- K. RIMMER (1951-56).—Is with the Australian & New Zealand Bank.
- P. H. ROGERS (1946-52).—Now at the South-West Essex Technical College, is hoping to obtain a university place in order to teach.
- J. SAWARD (1949-57).—Was, when last reported, a gunner in the Royal Artillery.
- T. M. SMITH (1949-54).—Has sat for the Civil Service Customs & Excise Examination.
- B. A. TARLTON (1938-45).—Has returned to England from Ceylon and, in spite of a tempting offer from Harrisons & Crossfield to renew his contract, has decided to remain at home where, it is rumoured, he has accepted a post with a travel agency.
- ROY WALKER (1944-49).—Has obtained a post with a firm of consulting engineers in Toronto, Canada.
- A. H. WALLER (1949-55).—is with Ilford Research, Ltd.
- R. J. WEBB (1944-50).—Who took a second class Honours degree in Electrical Engineering and who has taken a position with de Havillands Propellers in their guided weapons laboratory, is thinking of a teaching career. His wife is the sister of J. J. Loader.
- J. WOOLNER (1943-47).—Has accepted a post as Art Master at Saffron Walden Technical School.

#### VALETE

- Alcott, M. J.** (1950-8). County Major Exhibition to Leeds University; School Prefect 1957; 2nd Prefect 1957-8; Chigwell House Captain 1957-8; 1st XI Football Captain; Basketball Captain; Athletics and Gymnastics teams; Debating and Literary Societies, and S.C.M.; School and Sixth Form Plays.
- Appleby, J. J.** (1950-8). School Prefect 1957-8; Chigwell House Captain 1958; 1st XI Football; 1st XI Cricket; Basketball, Athletics, Gymnastics and Swimming teams; Sixth Form Play; Art Club.
- Arben, M. J.** (1951-8). School Prefect 1957-8; 1st XI Football; Tennis team; School choir.

**Benjamin, M. F.** (1951-8). 2nd XI Football; 1st XI Cricket.

**Brill, M. J.** (1951-8). School Prefect 1957-8; Athletics team; Debating Society.

**Connell, R. L.** (1956-8). School Prefect 1957-8; Literary and Debating Societies; School Play; Chess team.

**Cowling, P. G.** (1950-8). County Major Scholarship to Leeds University; School Prefect 1957; Head Prefect and School Captain 1957-8; 2nd XI Football and Athletics teams; Literary and Debating Societies, and S.C.M.; School Choir and Orchestra; School and Sixth Form Plays; Editor of School Magazine.

**Easteal, O.** (1951-8). School Prefect 1957-8; Debating Society; Craft class; School Play (scenery).

**Goodman, J.** (1951-8). Art Club Secretary; School Play (scenery).

**Hunter, G. N.** (1951-8). School Prefect 1957-8; Debating Society; Art Club.

**Langford, R. A.** (1951-8). Cross-country, Basketball and Athletics teams; Swimming Captain.

**Lloyd, I. J.** (1951-8). Debating Society.

**Lowery, R. S.** (1951-8). Debating Society; Gymnastics team; S.C.M.; School Play.

**Maskell, D. R.** (1950-8). 1st XI Football; Literary and Debating Societies; School and Sixth Form Plays.

**Mercer, P.** (1953-8). Debating Society; Secretary of Literary Society; S.C.M.; School Play; Secretary of the Sixth Form Forum Committee.

**Millis, S. W.** (1951-8). Library Prefect 1958; Debating and Literary Societies, and S.C.M.; Secretary of the Music Society; School Play; Chess team.

**Norton, S. D. W.** (1951-8). School Prefect 1957-8; Secretary of Debating Society 1958; Literary Society; School Play (lighting).

**Oates, M.** (1951-8). School Plays (scenery).

**Onwood, M. G.** (1951-58). Literary and Debating Societies.

**Othick, P. A.** (1951-8). School Prefect 1957-8; Debating Society; Art Club.

**Penny, D. J.** (1951-8). School Play (lighting); Art Club; Chess Club.

**Pingree, R. A.** (1953-8). School Prefect 1957-8; Forest House Captain 1957-8; 2nd XI Football and Athletics teams; 1st XI Cricket Captain; Essex Grammar Schools Cricket XI.

**Pratley, G. C.** (1951-8). Music Society; School Orchestra; London Schools Symphony Orchestra.

**Richards, P. M.** (1951-8). Member of Sixth Form Forum Committee.

**Roberts, A. K.** (1956-8). 2nd XI Football team; School Play; Secretary of Chess team; Captain of Tennis team.

**Smith, R. A. J.** (1951-8). School Prefect 1957-8; S.C.M.; Art Club.

**Stephens, B. P. R.** (1951-8). Chess Club.

**Tidiman, B. W.** (1950-8). County Major Scholarship to Reading University; Library Prefect 1957-8; Secretary of Debating Society 1957-8; Music Society; S.C.M.; Chess team.

**Verlander, F. M.** (1951-8). School Prefect 1958; Craft Club; S.C.M.; British Schools Exploring Society.

**Waud, B. H.** (1950-8). School Prefect 1957-8; 2nd Prefect 1958; Hainault House Captain 1957, 1957-8; 1st XI Football and 1st XI Cricket teams; Debating Society; S.C.M.; Chess team.

**White, S. J.** (1951-8). 2nd XI Cricket team; School Play (lighting).

**Yeshin, L.** (1951-8). Chess Club.

Our good wishes go also to all Fifth Form boys and others who will be leaving at the end of the School Year 1957-8.

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