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Two reasons compel me to be brief. One is the shortage of paper, and the welcome absence of warlike interruption to our work requires only an expression of gratitude. Thus, at the end of our fourth year the school completes its second year in peacefulness, for the routine inspection of gas-masks and air-raid shelter practice remain the sole reminders of our former vicissitudes. There are minor indications of our present discontents; equipment of all kinds is increasingly difficult to obtain, and we are holding on tenaciously, with the splendid support of parents, to our high standard in school uniform, but lack of materials and coupons may force us to give ground temporarily.

In this last year the school has grown most perceptibly. The distant antipodes of our buildings are fully populated, and the school, in its adolescence, is already outgrowing its habiliments. In physique and voice, at least, the seniors seem far removed from the juniors. Our numbers exceed three hundred, and for the first time I am finding the greatest difficulty in identifying every single one of last September's entry. My colleagues, also, can know only by hearsay of the existence and reputation of an increasing number of boys. The shadow of the first public examination falls across the path of our original new boys, some of whom will become our first "old" boys in a year's time. Our elevens during the year have done very well, and have fully earned the right to play the first teams of bigger and older schools. The organisation of school games on a House basis has been of benefit to the general standard of play and teamwork. The double shift system for lunch has worked well, and the experience gained will be invaluable in organising the provision of something like 360 hot lunches daily next September.

These are pleasant and satisfying signs of growth, and we look forward with confidence to the strains and stresses of the coming important year, at the end of which the School will know how its academic efforts bear comparison with the general standard. This challenge we dare await with sober expectations. Peace does not seem as imminent as I ventured to hope in my previous review, but with every year that passes the School is consolidating its foundation. Devoutly thankful for past mercies and not unmindful of our blessings, we await with patience and increasing hope the day of deliverance, eager to realise the promise of the past four years.

THE HEADMASTER.

SCHOOL NOTES

We record with regret the resignation of three of our Governors. Alderman J. B. Shimmin has gone to live in the Isle of Man and Messrs. R. R. Wilkins and E. V. Symon have been compelled to withdraw owing to the pressure of war work. We take this opportunity of giving a very hearty welcome to Mr. L. W. Liell, Councillor Frank S. Foster, J.P., and the Rev. E. Sutton-Pryce, who have accepted invitations to take the places of the retiring Governors.

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The School was shocked and saddened to learn of the very sudden death of Godfrey Nice, entered in September, 1939, from heart failure in North Wales, whither he had been evacuated in December, 1940. Masters and boys join in expressing their deep sympathy to his parents in their great sorrow. The School mourns the loss of a very charming and highly promising boy.

Stanley Conner entered the school at the same time as Godfrey Nice. His death, though not so stunning in its suddenness, is an equally heavy loss to the School. In his first term his shy and reticent nature was a little overwhelmed, but he stuck to the work with such quiet determination that he took his form prize and became one of the most reliable and capable boys in his form. The Headmaster and the Senior Prefect represented the School at the funeral, and wreaths were sent by the School and colleagues of form IIIB.

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Four additional teachers have been appointed to meet the annual expansion of the School in September next. Two permanent appointments have been made in the case of Mr. F. Bateman, M.Sc.Lond., and Mr. H. V. Ansell, M.A.Oxon., who are to teach Mathematics and Science respectively. Mrs. E. M. Barnes, M.A.Cantab., will teach Latin and English, and Miss U. Gottschalk, B.A.Lond., German and French.

Since our last issue we have welcomed to the Staff Mrs. Trotter, B.Sc., Mrs. Ries, B.Sc., L.R.A.M., and Miss Crook, B.A. One permanent appointment was made for last September in the case of Mr. D. C. Wren, B.A.Cantab., and Mr. S. A. Watson has been temporarily transferred to us from Sir George Monoux School, Walthamstow, to teach history in the place of Mr. Johnson.

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A cup in an original and attractive design has been kindly presented by Mr. F. H. Guard, to be held annually by the winner of the Inter-House Football competition. Forest House was the first to gain this distinction. We desire also to record with gratitude the gift of ten pounds by the Chairman of the Governing Body towards the cost of providing an Inter-House Games Championship trophy. As something other than a cup or shield is desirable the Headmaster is anxious to receive suggestions for such a symbol of sporting prowess.

At Christmas the School showed its now usual appreciation of the efforts of the kitchen staff by a generous Christmas box. The dinner scheme is one of our most flourishing and important activities, and this is largely due to the hard work of the cook, Mrs. Sutton, and her assistants. Of our 310 boys 270 take lunch daily, and all of them must appreciate the opportunity of a hot dinner additional to normal rations through a school canteen with its many priorities.

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Exercising his flair for organisation a member of the Third Form staged an auction during the early part of the Spring Term. Unclaimed lost property of every variety was offered to a large concourse of buyers. Excitement ran high at times, and fabulous sums changed hands when such highly-valued articles as silver propelling pencils with six differently coloured leads came under the hammer. The proceeds, amounting to over six pounds, were contributed to the Piano Fund.

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The School cricket team was fortunate in receiving a coaching visit during the season from Mr. Crabtree, the British Empire XI. and Essex player, whose sound constructive criticism proved very helpful. We wish to record our gratitude to Mr. Crabtree for his visit, and hope that we shall be similarly favoured in the future.

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On Speech Day a team of boys from the Second, Third, and Fourth Forms gave a physical training display in the School gymnasium. The display consisted of free-standing exercises, exercises at the wall-bars and agility, and terminated with an effective tableau. More spectators than could be accommodated at one sitting saw the display, and the agility of the boys and their enthusiasm and smartness were much appreciated.

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The dignity and charm of the Assembly Hall has been greatly enhanced by two gifts. The Bechstein grand piano now admirably fills the wide open space between the stage and the first row of chairs, especially now that the choir seats are set on either side of it. The want of a reading desk has been felt for some time, and Mr. Steele has very kindly given one to the School in memory of his parents and brother. Great care was taken that the desk should harmonise in line and shade with the present stage furniture, and to ensure this its design was entrusted to the craftsmen who made the original furniture.

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From time to time the Headmaster hears from those members of the Staff now on national service in other fields. Captain Lloyd, after taking an intensive course of instruction in the most modern

anti-aircraft college in the country, is now an Instructor of Gunnery; Mr. Smith was very much in his element not very far from Portland Place; Sergeant-Instructor Dofort was giving physical training of a curative nature to patients suffering from shell shock; Radio Officer Crocker, after passing more and more examinations in less and less time, had graduated in all the arts and sciences of his subject; Cadet Romans has been subjected to the most rigorous training—but a quotation from his letter deserves a paragraph to itself; A/C Campbell has widened his musical horizon extensively, and has been reported to be “swinging it” on a Wurlitzer.

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The body to which Cadet Romans belonged had the privilege of being singled out for an experimental “toughening up” process. We give a quotation from his letter. “On Sunday we completed the first exercise, consisting of a two-mile cross-country run, being allowed twenty minutes to do it in. We were, of course, attired in battle order, with respirator, steel helmet, gas cape, haversack and water bottle. Fortunately, by good staff work, the rifles which should have been carried did not arrive in time for the start. I suppose they wanted to make the conditions as near as possible to those of actual warfare! Twenty minutes seems a generous allowance in which to cover two miles, but nevertheless the experience was not one that I would wish to repeat. I finished second in my squad of eight in eighteen minutes, the first home being an ex-Guardsman. This now allows the privilege of taking part in the next performance, in which we are expected to cover ten miles in two hours, firing five rounds on the range if and when we reach our destination. Other little items include scaling unscalable walls, jumping over or into streams of unbridgeable width, but out of kindness of heart or clerical error on the part of the authorities we are to be excused jumping twenty feet into six feet of water and swimming one hundred yards in full kit.” We conclude by suggesting that the school bowlers of the immediate post-war years will have to suffer for this.

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In future boys entering the School will not be allocated to Houses until the end of their first year. In this way a fairer and more equitable distribution of the available talent can be attempted, although this may partly invalidate the present geographical basis of allocation. The Senior House competitions will be held within the fifth and fourth years and the Junior within the third and second years. The first year boys will have a games afternoon to themselves.

Let it be recorded as an indictment of the weather prevailing at the beginning of our cricket season that a cross-country run

was hurriedly substituted for the first senior cricket practice on April 28th and that our, admittedly small, pavilion was blown off its base by the long prevailing North-Easter. Such was the devotion of the more skilled cricketers to the god of their idolatry that they frustrated the competitive intention of the House run by cantering more in the leisurely style of fieldmen between overs. A formation of nine succeeded in the difficult feat of finishing in a dead-heat.

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Thanks are due to the various boys who have given or lent objects for display in the Geography Room. We are particularly grateful to Beard (IA) and his father for contributing most generously. Their gifts enable us to see for ourselves samples of commodities about which we read but of which we have very vague ideas—antimony, aloes, raw rubber, and chicle for chewing gum, to name but a few. The interest shown by the boys in the different articles shows how much they are appreciated.

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We congratulate the following pupils of Miss Anne Black on passing their examinations of the Associated Board of the R.A.M. and R.C.M. for the piano: Grade II., P. Rattenbury; Grade III (with credit), C. Selby; Grade IV., B. Tarlton.

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The splendid spirit of some parents is well illustrated by the following extract from a letter received by the Headmaster: “Will you please accept the enclosed 10s. as a further donation towards the much needed piano? It represents part of the enforced saving on the family milk bill.”

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Miss Crook has kindly organised a party of 39 boys to see a performance of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” by the Robert Atkins Open-Air Theatre Company, at the Coronation Gardens, Leyton, on July 22nd.

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Dr. R. W. Revans, the Deputy Chief Education Officer, British International and Cambridge Athletic Blue, paid a visit to the School on Thursday afternoon, July 16th, to demonstrate the technique of various field events, such as the High and Long Jumps, the Discus, Javelin and Shot. We are greatly indebted to Dr. Revans’ valuable and inspiring demonstrations on this occasion.

ACADEMIC RESULTS, 1941-42

The following boys have the distinction of attaining the first place in form as a result of the year’s work:

	A	B	C
Fourth Year	Flower, A. Tarlton, B.	Bryett, S.	Marks, S.
Third „	Price, A. C.	Button, K.	Myers, D.
Second „	Bennett, G.	Gwilliam, A. P.	Diver, D.
First „	Edwards, R.	Russell, G.	Read, J. E.

SPEECH DAY.

The third annual Speech Day was held in the Assembly Hall on Saturday, 18th October, when the Bishop of Barking gave away the prizes and addressed parents and boys. Mr. T. H. Knight, the Chairman of the Governing Body, presided.

The proceedings were opened by the singing of Bunyan's Pilgrim Song by the assembly, followed by the King's speech from Shakespeare's "Henry V.," vigorously declaimed by R. D. Ikeson. The choir, under the direction of Mr. A. S. Wagstaff, gave two renderings during the afternoon, Handel's "Let the bright Seraphim" and Bach's "Joy of man's desiring." R. J. Harrison sang Bach's "My heart ever faithful." A very fluent recital of La Fontaine's fable, "Le Corbeau et Le Renard," was given by A. W. Flower.

The Chairman said that there were four points uppermost in people's minds when thinking of national education. First and foremost was the kind of religious education the young were receiving, and the second related to the standard of feeding in the schools. He said parents need have no doubt whatever about these two points at the Buckhurst Hill County High School. The other two points were connected with the Youth Service Movement, and the Chairman emphasised his belief that it was to the senior boys of the secondary schools that the Youth Service should look for its future leaders.

The Headmaster reported that steady progress had been maintained throughout the year. He said that many Headmasters had viewed with apprehension the thought of employing women on the staffs of boys' schools, but that he had found them a valuable addition. What may have been lost on the playing fields had been made up in the form-rooms. He wished to impress on parents the value of a hot mid-day meal to growing boys, not only for its physical good, but for the community training which most day schools lacked. The Headmaster mentioned that on one afternoon a week each boy would have the choice of either attending one of the School societies or of going home at 2.45, and the choice made would be a guide to parents and to himself. The standard reached in games had been excellent, and the only defeats suffered had been against much older opponents. That the school was better known and more widely appreciated was revealed by the increasing number of parents who had put the School first on their list of preferences.

The Bishop of Barking recalled the days of his youth, when the prizes were merely handed out by the Headmaster and not in the presence of visitors, and how much of the sting was taken out of the proceedings by the fact that holidays followed at once. Nowadays he thoroughly enjoyed Speech Days, but they could be a great bore both to the boys and to the visitor. It was a great thing in life to try never to feel bored. If a real

and sincere contribution was made to whatever station in life they happened to find themselves, then that would prevent them from ever being in a state of boredom. The boys were making their School, but not only did the pupils make the School, the School made the pupils. The best foundation for education and one which built the best character was laid in a religion which gave the Lord first place in a boy's life.

Mr. J. Ranger, Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body, proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop of Barking, which was seconded by Mr. S. Tarlton, on behalf of the parents.

A display of Physical Training, under the direction of Mr. G. R. Harding, was given in the Gymnasium.

PRIZE LIST

FORM PRIZES

IIIA Chapman, A. S. } Tarlton, B. A. }	IIIB Bracey, R. G. } Bryett, S. A. }	IIIC Hassan, G.
IIA Price, A. C.	II B Pratt, T. E.	II C Hall, D. P. } Myers, D. }
IA Bennett, G. M.	IB Salmon, R.	IC Willis, N. E.

SUBJECT PRIZES

English

III Chapman, A. S.	II Willingale, A. E.	I Hockley, E. M. J.
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French

III Tarlton, B. A.	II Fricker, J.	I Hockley, E. M. J.
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History

III Palmer, C.	II Sibbons, J. L.	I Salmon, R.
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Geography

III Tarlton, B. A.	II Sibbons, J. L.	I Willis, N. E.
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Mathematics

III Chapman, A. S.	II Sibbons, J. L.	I Hockley, E. M. J.
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Science

III Chase, B.	II Pratt, T. E.	I Oakley, B. D.
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Latin

II Price, A. C.

German

III Flower, A. W.	II Fricker, J.
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Art

Willingale, A. E.

Chess

Moncrieff J.

The "John Sargent" Cup, presented by
Lt.-Col. Stuart S. MALLINSON, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.L., J.P.,
"for the finest sportsman of the year,"

BRYETT, S. A.

The Inter-House Sports Championship, 1940-1941,

won by

FOREST HOUSE.

(Captain—Flower, A. W.)

THE LIBRARY

We will dwell on the bright side first, a brightness which has certainly dispelled many of the shadows caused by the difficulties of present-day library work. Quite unexpectedly a friend of the School, Mr. G. Cook, sent along forty-four almost new volumes from his own scholarly library. It was a gesture that for its munificence would have been most deeply appreciated at any time, but in the present unhappy dearth of books it was doubly welcome. From the appended list it will be seen that the volumes embrace every interest, though French books and Art publications preponderate. In most cases they were issued just before the war, at a time when there was no deterioration in paper or binding.

As to the regular slow accumulation of books on the shelves the difficulties remain the same as they were last year, only they are worse. It is a matter for regret that many of the books of reference now arriving are printed on poor paper, but if they are procurable at all the School has reached a stage when we cannot postpone their purchase to an uncertain future date. The aggregate has reached 1,670 volumes. It would be possible to mention many new titles; but almost at random the eye will catch sight of the Cambridge History of English Literature, the Gilbert Murray series of translations of Greek plays, Percy Scholes's Oxford Companion to Music, and Banister Fletcher's History of Architecture.

As the School has grown the administration of the Library has become more complex. Partly to meet that difficulty the Second Prefect, Flower, was appointed Library Prefect last September, and his work, which he has done most efficiently, has been of great value. He has been ably supported by a loyal band of Library monitors: Final, Elliott, Boatman, Butler, Price, Vines, Fricker, Bradley, Jay, King, Stonham, Fleetwood, Beecham, Salmon, Hunt and Chopping.

The number of volumes borrowed throughout the year was 4,291. That figure gives some indication of the amount of work which takes place in the Library. It is a pity that just a few boys do not exercise that care which a book demands, so that the lives of some of them are being shortened unnecessarily. The matter is serious because many cannot be replaced, re-binding is most expensive, and new books are poor in quality. This is therefore an appeal that every boy will at all times take particular care of his Library book.

There are many occasions when boys have to be turned away because the Library can accommodate no more. No one regrets that more than those in charge. We look forward to the day when there will be more furniture, but in the meantime the School will help by supporting Flower and the monitors when it is necessary to regulate traffic.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

Presented by Mr. G. Cook.

Turner	By C. Mauclair
Georgian Art	By R. Fry
Art in the U.S.S.R.	By C. G. Holme
Ancient Church Chests and Chairs ...	By F. Roe
Masterpieces of British Art	By W. L. Soldes
Early English Water-Colour Drawings ...	By A. J. Finberg
Masterpieces of Figure Painting	By C. G. Holme
La Peinture Anglaise au XVIII ^e me Siècle ...	By T. Borenius
The Architecture of England	By F. Gibberd
Cezanne	By G. Rivière
A Short History of Painting in England ...	By M. F. de Montmorency
The Glory that was Greece	By J. C. Stobart
Blenheim	By G. M. Trevelyan
Ramillies and the Union with Scotland ...	By G. M. Trevelyan
The Peace and the Protestant Succession ...	By G. M. Trevelyan
Wanderings in Anglo-Saxon Britain	By A. Weigall
Medieval People	By E. Power
Ridge Way Country	By H. W. Temperley
Eminent Victorians	By L. Strachey
Short Stories by Russian Authors	By R. S. Townsend
The Musical Companion	By A. L. Bacharach
Voyages of Elizabethan Seamen	By E. J. Payne
English Gothic Churches	By C. W. Budden
Voyages of Discovery	By J. Cook
Modern Biography	By Lord D. Cecil
An Inland Voyage	By R. L. Stevenson
Catriona	By R. L. Stevenson
New Arabian Nights	By R. L. Stevenson
Modern Travel	By H. M. Tomlinson
Plays	By R. B. Sheridan
The Master of Ballantrae	By R. L. Stevenson
The Path to Rome	By H. Belloc
Le Rouge et le Noir, Tome 1	By H. B. Stendhal
Le Rouge et le Noir, Tome 2	By H. B. Stendhal
Les Silences du Colonel Bramble	By A. Maurois
Les Discours du Dr. O'Grady	By A. Maurois
Le Meunier d'Angibault	By G. Sand
Vers Ispahan	By P. Loti
Chronique du Règne de Charles IX. ...	By P. Merimée
L'Île Inconnue	By P. de Coulevain
L'Aventure de Ladislas Bolski	By V. Cherbuliez
Le Comte Kostia	By V. Cherbuliez
Criquette	By L. Halevy
Arènes Sanglantes	By V. B. Ibanez

Presented by Miss E. Rose.

The Cyclopedia of Classified Dates ...	By C. E. Little
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WARSHIPS' WEEK.

The School's "Warships' Week" was held during the four days of March 2—5. The total aimed at was the modest figure of £100, with the reward of a half-day's holiday for the Form with the largest contribution. But Mr. F. S. Foster, the Chairman of the local National Savings Committee, paid the School a visit and offered to approach the Governors and ask for a whole day's holiday for the School if that total was doubled and passed.

The offer was promptly accepted, and the amended target was set at £200. Each Form set itself out to earn that holiday, and from day to day Mr. Campbell's indicator showed the rapidly mounting figure.

The first day's total was £143 2s. 3d., almost three-quarters of the way to the target, and the best Form was IVb. Tuesday saw us within thirty shillings of the £200, the total being £198 10s. 3d., and the best Form IVa. On Wednesday the target was left a long way behind, for the total had reached £335 18s. 4d., helped by Form IIIc., whose contribution was the largest up to date, and which was to prove the second largest of the week.

The last day saw each Form striving its utmost and pushing the grand total up to £452 8s. 8d., with Form IIIa. contributing the highest daily total of the week. The target had been easily passed, and the holiday (taken on July 9) well won. Form IIIa. came out with the best Form average for the week, and they took their half-holiday on May 26. In a little over two years the School has saved £1,300

D.C.W.

SEARCHLIGHT

Houses and trees were a black silhouette.

Up from the darkness below,
Vivid and bright shot a silvery sword
Eagerly seeking the foe.

Grim, unrelenting, it followed its course,
Searching the overcast sky,
Probing and finding its secrets out
With cold, staring, challenging eye.

Ranging the stars in the dazzled sky,
With power expressed in each ray,
Silently, softly it disappeared,
Leaving the moon to its sway.

H. EVERITT.

THE PIANO

March 26th, 1942, was a most important date in the musical history of the School. A large audience—parents and boys—gathered in the School Hall to listen to the second Recital of Music arranged by Miss Anne Black and her friends, and the programme in its brilliance was designed to celebrate an occasion no less than the public christening of our grand piano. We welcomed the Chairman of the Governors as a member of the audience, and, very fittingly, our own music master and inspirer—home on sick leave—as an artist.

The piano itself has an interesting history. The School opened with a useful, not-to-be-despised upright, which is now doing most needful service in the temporary music room. But everyone realized that this instrument was entirely unworthy of its position in the Assembly Hall. Such a hall demands not only an organ but also a good grand piano. The organ must probably wait for a generous donor or the end of the war, but the piano seemed within the realms of possibility, especially after the Third Annual Speech Day. On that impressive occasion the unbecoming sounds of the older instrument were forced upon our attention, and the Headmaster immediately sent a letter to parents suggesting a solution to the difficulty. If they would contribute £50 the County Council would very probably double that amount, assuming that a piano could be purchased for £100. Collecting proceeded through the winter term, and the total was soon in sight. Meantime the Headmaster was keeping his eye on the market, and heard that just the instrument we required—a handsome second-hand Bechstein of remarkably good tone—was to be found at the Wigmore Galleries. Some experts reported favourably, and by the early days of March the piano was in the Hall. We are now used to its special features, notably the wonderful richness of its bass.

As was to be expected pianoforte music was in chief evidence at the recital, which appropriately opened with performances by three boys, Tarlton, Andrews and Selby, who have learnt their music at the School. Mr. S. S. Campbell, who received an unmistakable welcome, played the first movement of a Beethoven Sonata (Opus 10, No. 2) with characteristic perfection, and Miss Marguerite Thompson played selections from the works of Beethoven, Chopin and Liszt. Nothing could have illustrated the scope, power and sensitiveness of the piano better than her scintillating renderings of the Rondo from the Waldstein Sonata, the Chopin Scherzo in B Flat Minor, and the Liszt Study in B Flat.

Mrs. Dickson and Miss Eileen Tunbridge, artistically accompanied by Miss Goldie, played duets for two violins: three movements from Purcell's Golden Sonata and the slow movement from Bach's Concerto in D Minor. As vocalists we welcomed Mrs. Donald Gould and Miss Tunbridge, who both sang Old English

songs, the former "Go from my window" and "Gathering Daffodils" and the latter "Cherry Ripe." They united in the negro spirituals "Deep River" and "The Gospel Train," arranged as duets.

That the old piano could work wonders was amply proved at the first recital, which was arranged by Miss Black on December 19th, 1941. She was joined by Mrs. Ries in York Bowen's "Rustic Dance"—a spirited and musicianly performance. Later in the programme she played a pianoforte arrangement of Bach's chorale "Mortify us with Thy Grace." Miss Rosemary Howard contributed some 'cello solos with confident artistry; they were "Allegro Appassionato," by Saint-Saens, and works by Albeniz and Hellendaal. It was at this recital that Miss Tunbridge first delighted us with her charming singing—and comments—of Folk Songs from Sussex and the Hebrides and Bach's "My heart ever faithful."

Most of us by now have read what Lorenzo said of the man "that hath no music in himself." That such do not exist amongst us was demonstrated by the recent debate on music which is recorded elsewhere in these pages. And now a new society, founded expressly for the purpose of making, listening to and understanding music, has spontaneously taken its place in our midst. It is a matter for congratulation that this should happen so shortly after the publication of Mr. Campbell's words last year. It augurs well for the musical future of the School.

R.S.

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.

The report given in the last issue of the Magazine was complete up to the week ending 4th July, 1941, when the assets of the Fund totalled approximately £27 10s. 0d. Between that date and the end of the school year there was an expenditure of about £5 10s. 0d. in excess of income for the same period; this sum was almost identically the same as the expenditure in excess of income on the School Magazine Account. The present school year, opened, therefore, with the Fund showing a balance on all accounts of some £22. Receipts up to 3rd July, 1942, totalled a trifle over £35 10s. 0d., of which practically £34 was made up of weekly form contributions. Expenditure up to the same date totalled just over £13 10s. 0d., giving a balance of £44. This compares very favourably with the £27 10s. 0d. at this time last year, especially in view of what has been achieved. The Fund was used in the earlier part of the year to launch a new school venture, the Garden, at a cost of a little over £6. It is hoped that this will prove to be a profitable investment. The resources of the Fund were also drawn upon to the extent of a few pence short of £3 10s. 0d. to make up the £50 which the school undertook to raise towards the cost of the new piano. The only other items of expenditure of any consequence were expenses in connection with the Library and School Games.

F.A.S.

SOCIETIES

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

President : The Headmaster.

Chairman : The Second Master. **Secretary :** W. H. C. Taylor.

Committee : S. Bryett, A. S. Chapman, A. Flower, J. Gosling, G. Hassan, B. McCartney, A. C. Price (Assistant Secretary).

The Second Master's ability to make boys wilt under his gaze and tongue has been used for a good purpose for the past year. Naturally, speakers for debates are shy, and never yet has one actually volunteered to propose, oppose, or to second. But after they (including the Committee) have been tackled by the useful offensive weapon they have set to work enthusiastically.

Consequently, a feature of the past year's speeches has been the great gusto with which the problems have been tackled. Even a motion concerning ghosts has been thrashed out. It must have been interesting, as I did not notice as many watches being pulled out, so that boys could find out whether or not they would catch "the early." One who can attack any subject "with gusto" is Bryett. His popularity served him well formerly in any debate, but I must say that in the past year his methods of speaking, and again his "gusto," have served him better. He can speak with a minimum of notes (among the members a point in any speaker's favour), has very definite opinions on seemingly every subject under the sun, and seems to have unlimited information on every one. Although a touch of hyperbole has been used in this description, it will serve to give an indication of Bryett's form of speaking. Chapman's methods are, to my mind, altogether different. His are, very briefly speaking, to flatter the members, make a comparatively long speech of a high order, and hope for the best. Incidentally, neither he nor I will forget our embarrassment when, near the end of one of his long speeches, I slipped him a short note as a reminder that he had been speaking too long. He appeared confused, and one or two of the less informed started to giggle. To understand exactly what this means one has to be giggled at while on a platform. Flower always produces an

exacting, straightforward speech, and uses his good nature, together with his smile, to the full. For fear of favouritism, and to do justice to McCartney (a better reason), he (McCartney) does likewise. Harrison seems to be in a class of his own, and may be called upon at any time to give an entertaining speech. Price, like Flower, is also one of the exacting type. Although he is one of the Committee, even the Second Master has the greatest difficulty in procuring his services for a debate. This has become a classical joke among the other members of the Committee, as Price has never been persuaded to do anything more than to second, and sometimes he is even able to wriggle out altogether. Perhaps Price believes that he makes up for his deficiency by supplying many of the motions.

They have been of a great variety, and this is not referring only to those suggested by Price. Two days after the beginning of the second term, for instance, a debate was held to decide which were the better, love or murder films. Chase, from whose mouth witticisms flow as freely as quicksilver, proposed the motion in support of the first type of film. For some reason or other, probably the members' bloodthirsty natures, the motion was defeated. There have been at least two debates on a very important subject, namely, that of military strategy. In the first term the strategists turned out in force to decide which was the more important to England, air power or sea power. By the very narrow margin of one, or it might be two, votes, air power prevailed. In the second term another "military" debate was held, which, unfortunately, did not attract as many members as had been hoped for. It was, however, decided that the Suez Canal is (or was) more important for Britain than Singapore. At that time Singapore was being besieged. It was in this debate, members may remember, that the Secretary performed, for some reason, the duties of both Secretary and Chairman. He became flustered through trying to write notes while calling upon a speaker, and confused the name of the latter, much to the delight and evident satisfaction of some of the members. Two debates have been held on School matters. The first was on co-education, and the other had the motion that School holidays should be shorter.

The members in the past year have shown a keener interest than was once the fashion. They have always shown their approval of any speech or part of one. They listen attentively to the speech, sum it up, and applaud according to the general opinion. One who always receives full applause is Harrison.

This might be, and probably is, because of the quality of his speeches, or it might be that many of his fellow-form members are always present, though form favouritism has largely come to grief in the past year. The members now nearly always vote for the side with the best speeches. There has also been a tendency among them to stand up and have their say when the chance comes in the open debate. Fricker never misses the chance. In his own way he plods along endlessly, while dozens of points occur to his mind that have occurred to no one else.

The Debating Society offers its grateful thanks to all those boys who have helped during the School year: to Hassan, who never misses a meeting and who is willing to speak when any gap has to be filled; to Turbin, also a helpful supporter, who, with Harrison, had what seemed to be the audacity to oppose the motion that classical music is preferable to modern jazz; and to Ikeson, a tactful speaker, who has proposed two difficult motions—on co-education and athletics respectively. For the others who have been helpful during the year, as there are so many, lack of space forbids us to do more than add their names. They are Riddell, Witherick, Arnold, Gosling, Partridge, Marks, Bell, Slade, Smith, Miller, Bradley, Hines, Foster, Tarlton, Swanborough, and Chamberlain.

I would like to make two appeals. Boys have been met who have not attended a debate for a whole year and who imagine them to be stiff and boring, or who even think that they are forced to speak. I recommend them a lively debate, where they will probably change their minds. Finally, I plead with the members not to be too hard on the poor Secretary, who has to write up minutes of speeches which he could not comprehend, and about which he sometimes has no notes.

The Mock Trial

By far the best attended and most entertaining of the Debating Society's meetings was the Mock Trial, held in the Assembly Hall on March 20th, 1942.

Although the trial had been previously rehearsed the great majority of the speeches, the qualities of which were excellent, were impromptu, as often they had to be if an unexpected question was asked. The "Judge" at the trial was Mr. May, for whom, unfortunately, the correct robes arrived immediately after the

adjournment. The prisoner's knees quivered when "Sir Anthony Chapman, K.C.," who, with Butler, was counsel for the prosecution, quoted Shakespeare with great accuracy. "Sir Sidney Bryett, K.C.," replied, with D. Wilson, for the prisoner. The witnesses were dressed according to their occupations. McCartney was a short-sighted, ex-big game hunter, and he was indeed short-sighted at the trial, as he was wearing unsuitable spectacles, borrowed from Tarlton; Fricker, in greasy overalls, was Eric Whistle, an engine driver; Bradley retained his own name, as he played the part of a Buckhurst Hill schoolboy; Partridge was the well-dressed plaintiff; Hassan played the part of William Coattail, waiter at the Queen's Head, Chigwell; the prisoner, James Snatcher, was proprietor of the Queen's Head. By far the most entertaining witness was Ikeson, playing the part of Elizabeth Fairlawn, Snatcher's fiancée and a modern miss; Price, with correct aloofness, was Clerk of the Court; Chipperfield, with a borrowed helmet, was prison constable; and Boatman the usher; whilst the jury, of which Hines was foreman, returned the verdict with dignity.

Fortunately, Mr. May, in the capacity of Judge, was not obliged to say spiteful things about the prisoner in the presence of nearly the whole School, as Snatcher was found not guilty of stealing a bottle of smelling salts.

W. H. C. TAYLOR.

If the Senior Debating Society may be said to reflect the intellectual development of the School, the past year has been one of marked progress. Minds are more alert, logic is more certain, and there is clearer evidence of the very real pleasure which may be derived from the clash of ideas. It is no exaggeration to say that some of the speeches have reached a very high standard, and have been at the same time most entertaining; and they have all been prepared carefully. The above account contains no reference to the eloquence of the Society's Secretary. Whatever the subject—murder, ghosts, or more serious matters—he may always be relied upon to produce effective arguments; he is, moreover, a very businesslike official.

R.S.

THE MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

Meetings of the Modern Languages Society recommenced in the autumn at intervals of three weeks. An excellent start was given by K. Smith with an extremely interesting and gruesome talk on tortures in various countries, which was attended by 105 members. All went away with their thirst for blood completely quenched, and, in the case of more sensitive members, with rather pale complexions. This constituted the 12th meeting since the initiation of the Society.

The 13th meeting had Mr. Formby as a speaker on "Three French Mathematicians." Although the meeting drew fewer members it was none the less very interesting. An inter-class spelling bee took place at the 14th meeting, and there was a good audience. At the 15th meeting Mr. Wren gave an amusing talk on his experiences in France, and at the following meeting Mr. Campbell gave a talk on French and German Art.

Since its first glorious start this year it is feared that the attendance had steadily dropped down to as low as twenty. New ideas had to be thought of for meetings, and one was tried out at the next meeting. B. Butler gave a very enlightening talk, with Modern Russia as the topic. A discussion followed, which was very successful, masters and boys taking part in it.

The next two meetings were competitions on French Grammar between the third forms. Here the attendance was around the thirty mark, a large part being competitors. Mr. May, however, came to the rescue with an entertaining talk, backed up by a film, on his journey down the Rhine.

The 21st and last meeting this year was run on the lines of a previous one, which had been very successful. Firstly, a talk on Modern Germany was given by Messrs. Davies and May working in conjunction, and this was followed by a long discussion, which terminated inevitably on an all-out argument on the principles of Socialism.

In future meetings it is hoped to have more of these political discussions, which have brought forward several young politicians with very definite opinions on various subjects. It is hoped that more will come and give their support to these meetings, and it may be said with safety that their time will be well spent.

B. TARLTON (Secretary).

THE SCIENCE SOCIETY

Committee : W. Taylor, S. Bryett, B. Chase, D. Hines,
B. McCartney, R. Partridge.

Secretaries : B. Chase, R. Partridge.

The inaugural meeting of the Science Society was held in the Assembly Hall on Friday, 26th September, 1941. The first item on the agenda was the election of the six members of the Committee. When this had been done Mr. Scott outlined the form which the future activities of the Society should take, and then the meeting was concluded with some striking experiments on "Colour." These experiments were so designed as to give questions on which the audience could ponder, and provided Messrs. Bryett and Taylor with the substance for their lecture on "Some Problems in Colour," which was held in the Lecture Theatre on Friday, 24th October, 1941.

On one occasion Tarlton and Ikeson gave short talks, aided by miniature working models, on the "Gyroscope" and "The Steam Engine" respectively. Hassan addressed a meeting on "Kites," a subject with which he proved himself to be very well acquainted, and at the last meeting of the Spring Term Mr. Scott gave some breath-taking experiments on "Flames and Explosions." The posters for these lectures throughout the term have been ably painted by B. Butler, and to him the Committee extend their grateful thanks. It has been found necessary to abandon the idea of any meetings during the Summer Term, due to counter demands out of doors, especially in the garden.

Throughout the year facilities have been given in the laboratories for boys to perfect their experiments for future meetings and to follow up the study of a subject of interest to them. Certain members of IVB in particular have made use of these opportunities to good effect.

Ever since our first meeting the attendance has been very good, and we hope that in future it will be kept up until the Science Society meetings are looked upon almost as part of the School timetable.

R. PARTRIDGE, Secretary.

BUCKHURST ACADEMY

Chairman : A. E. Willingale.

Secretary : R. Ikeson.

Committee : Butler, Vizard, Pettit.

With the increased time available for meetings the scope of the society has been considerably increased this year. Attempts have been made accordingly to increase the activities of the Academy. The making of a puppet theatre was commenced, but the project is as yet incomplete. It is hoped that next term there will be a revival of interest in puppetry, and that we may look forward to puppet plays with scenery, costumes and dolls made by members of the Academy.

During the year a comprehensive lecture on Architecture was delivered by Miller, who illustrated his talk with photographs and diagrams. This meeting was only moderately attended, but we believe that more frequent lectures of this type would become popular. Other meetings were devoted to discussion, demonstrations of landscape and portrait painting, and to practical work.

The most important event of the year has been the annual exhibition of pictures by members. While the number of exhibitors was perhaps smaller than last year the standard was definitely very much higher, and the exhibition, which was open for a week, may be considered highly successful. Several members are now painting in oil and tackling a great variety of problems of subject and technique. The 65 exhibits included drawings (Ikeson's work being particularly striking), still-life, landscapes, portraits, biblical and topical subjects. D. Wilson, who exhibited some remarkable paintings, showed a personal landscape, which, however, showed an intelligent acquaintance with Constable's work. Willingale also exhibited a variety of works notable for their sensitive drawing and fresh colour and approach. Welcome new members this year have been Turbin and K. Smith, the latter specialising in drawing scenes from everyday life full of humour and activity. Other new members who show promise are Kelly and A. Read.

To sum up, achievement by a small number of members has been high, and while this is gratifying we hope that the society will continue to develop and enlarge during the coming year.

R.A.C.

THE GARDEN.

The gardening scheme, which was started at the end of the Winter Term, has made good progress. A piece of ground near the northern end of the school was ploughed, harrowed, and divided into eight plots, each to be managed by a team of four or five boys. The work started with a great deal of enthusiasm. It was found, however, that there was much hard digging to be done before the ground would be fit for planting. The boys got to work on their plots for the first time during the Easter holidays. Seed potatoes obtained by the school were planted whenever possible, but owing to the lack of rain the plots were at times too hard for digging. However, after a few weeks all the potatoes were in, and then tomato plants, raised in the Solarium, were put out. The boys brought along from their homes cabbage plants, marrow plants and beans, which were planted in convenient parts of the plots. The plots have been tended regularly, and in spite of the hot, dry weather there are good prospects that abundant crops will be the reward for all the hard work which has been done so cheerfully.

D. K. SLADE, Form 3a.

The idea of a School Garden had been considered for some time before the project was finally undertaken, and when all the boys interested were invited to foregather towards the end of February to talk the matter over there was a very good response. Since then over 30 boys have put in some very good work, and in spite of a cold dry spring, followed by an equally hot dry summer, good progress has been made. Much of the preliminary spade-work was done during the Easter holidays. Some plots are now showing a luxuriant crop of potato blossom, and apparently some secret investigations below the surface have revealed that growth is proceeding no less satisfactorily there too.

The variety and vehemence of the remarks with which Slade and Willingale have derided one another's efforts have been matched only by their enthusiasm to get on with the job. Summer's frequent enquiries as to the time of the next meal have won him a reputation, which might well remain with him for the rest of his school career. Redfern's dogged digging has met with universal admiration, while Butler and Wall have made a very thorough investigation of the lower strata on most of their plot.

As a result of the dry weather digging has been behind schedule almost from the outset. This has necessitated some curtailment of the original cropping plans decided upon. Most of the ground will have been very thoroughly worked by the winter, however, and next season should certainly bring the full fruits of all the hard work which has been done. This year's potato crop should provide a reasonable balance to start off the new season after the loan from the General Purposes Fund has been repaid, and it is hoped that before very long the garden will prove to be a valuable source of income to the Fund.

F.A.S.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

President : The Second Master. **Secretary :** A. S. Chapman.

Committee : B. A. Tarlton, B. Butler, J. Crawford, J. D. Lane,
D. King.

The germ of an idea is oftentimes difficult to trace. Possibly this one originated from Mr. Campbell's early attempts to arouse interest in the minds of those who had either ignored music or whose conception of music was limited to the popular dance melodies. Certainly it was under the inspired guidance of this musician that the beauty of the great masters was first unfolded to many. Miss Searl's introduction as a violin tutor added more interest and ability to the musical side of the School. Later, to our infinite regret, Mr. Campbell had to leave us to join His Majesty's Forces, but before doing so he brought to the School Miss A. H. Black as a pianoforte teacher. Miss Black's ability and love for music quickly made themselves apparent, and her energy developed and fostered the growing interest. When enthusiasm for music is so kindled, the formation of a Music Circle or Society resolves itself into a necessity. It was not surprising, therefore, that a meeting was held on the 30th April, 1942, under the auspices of Miss Black, to initiate the Buckhurst Hill Music Society. A Secretary and Committee were duly appointed, and within two weeks the first concert had been performed.

The nascent society received immediate and wholehearted support from the Headmaster, who kindly placed the Main Hall at the Society's disposal. It had already been decided that the subject of the first concert should be "A contrast of the works of Bach and Handel," which, of course, would take skilled musicians many hours to present in any degree of entirety. Undaunted by the vastness of this task, however, the School musicians played as varied a selection of the works of those two great masters as their technique would allow. This was preceded by a short talk, providing a background to the lives of the two men. The reception of the whole performance was sufficient incentive in itself to justify a second concert.

A second concert was given woven around the subject "Beethoven, Bach and Brahms." On this occasion the Society was more ambitious, and a total of twelve works was performed. The programme was varied. There were orchestral items, pianoforte and vocal duets, and violin, 'cello, pianoforte and vocal solos. At the end of the concert Miss Black announced to the assembly that a visit was proposed to a Promenade Concert at the Albert Hall. It was anticipated that a maximum of ten boys might support this rather ambitious scheme, but no fewer than forty-eight boys supported it. Altogether over sixty tickets were ordered. The date decided upon was July 10th, which was a Beethoven Concert. The atmosphere of the performance alone carried away most of the party, but Solomon's perfection in the "Emperor" Concerto left those students of the pianoforte in a state of ecstasy.

Another concert by our own musicians is being prepared, and it is expected that the visit to the Royal Albert Hall will inspire our own players to attain greater heights. The Society is fortunate on being honoured by the Second Master, Mr. Steele, who has consented to become its President. The Society will, no doubt, flourish under his Presidency. We are very much indebted to Mrs. M. L. Ries for the keen interest she has taken in the Society and for the practical assistance and guidance she has given in these early days.

We now look forward to the time when the Society can produce a full orchestra, when it can itself play some of the major works of classical music. Perhaps when this day does arrive the original members of the orchestra will reflect, with some slight amusement, that on the occasion of the first concert their repertoire was so slight as to necessitate their playing the March from Scipio as not only the opening but also the concluding item on the programme.

A. S. CHAPMAN.

JUNIOR MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

The inaugural meeting on 22nd May, 1941, of this now flourishing society was the outcome of a suggestion put forward by Bray, then of IA. Sheen was elected Chairman, Bennett Secretary and Othick, Wiltshire and Noble members of Committee.

The first three meetings in the summer term were devoted to talks on various topical subjects, some of which were illustrated by Oakley's epidiascope, while at the last meeting Forest House won a competition in the form of a card game invented by IA; on this occasion French was the only language used by players and judges alike.

A wide range of subjects covered the Christmas term: talks on model aircraft and seaplanes, a sing-song, a rehearsal of IIA's play, and a game called "Animal, végétal, minéral." These were meetings at which the first formers seemed thoroughly at home. One of the meetings was conducted entirely in French.

A spelling bee, in which the challengers IIB lost to IIA, was followed to conclude the term by a play entitled "Les gâteaux de noc," of which IIA were authors and producers. Salmon, disguised in a doggy outfit lent by Jay, Rudolph and Rush as fat ladies in company with Bennett as thin man, Noble and Dance as perpetrators of the cakes, Hawker as the mischievous brother, Wiltshire as the naughty baby, Sheen as the baker-cum-villain, and Cramp as a very capable Mme. Desgranges provided real entertainment for two audiences of juniors and one of seniors.

The next term opened with an exhibition by the first forms of Vocabulary Albums and Models. The albums were a most complete and varied selection of French subjects, while the models, especially those of the Eiffel Tower and a French goods train, attracted much notice.

An oral competition among the first forms was won by IC, who gave a fine performance, and the term concluded with a reciting competition, in which IIA beat IIB, though it must be said that both sides gave excellent renderings from poems by Leconte de Lisle, Vigny and Francis Jammes.

Three matches of Grammatical Cricket this term have provided some tense moments. Mr. Davies gave a very interesting talk on Nazi Secondary Schools, and Mrs. Ries very kindly played the piano for a sing-song. We hope to conclude this term's meetings with another competition in French similar to that held a year ago.

The Society has so far been very successful, and we look forward to many more interesting meetings.

G. F. HAWKER, Secretary.

JUNIOR DEBATING AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Owing to the introduction of dramatics into our activities the name of the Society has been changed to the above.

During the Xmas Term an interesting series of meetings reached a climax in the Mock Trial. At the end of the term the original officials were asked to resign, and a new and more representative Committee was elected, with Hawker, IIA, as Chairman; Beard, IA, as Secretary; and Gilbert, IA, Kearns, IB, and Read, IC, as Committee members.

Plays with varied and amusing plots, "The Trial of Toad," "Under the Skull and Bones," and "Gas Masks" were acted during the last two terms. We were also entertained by a First Form presentation of "Charades." The debates were all well supported, and among other questions it was decided that "It is better to be fat than thin," "School is a necessary evil," "The good old days never existed," and "Trespassers should not be prosecuted." We have been fortunate in our speakers, discussion has been lively, and latterly some of our more diffident members have been persuaded to take the floor.

Since it was founded the Society has been a great success, and all hope for many more enjoyable times in the future.

G. F. HAWKER, Chairman.

CHESS CLUB

Two Inter-School matches were played this year against the Royal Liberty School, Romford. The team consisted of Tarlton, Moncrieff, Guard, Mulinder, and Tredinnick, in the first match, but in the second match Tredinnick was replaced by Illing, a promising player. Our team won the first match, scoring $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$, but in the second our team lost by $2\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Feb. 27th.			May 30th.		
1. Tarlton	...	Won	1. Tarlton	...	Draw
2. Moncrieff	...	Lost	2. Moncrieff	...	Won
3. Guard	...	Lost	3. Guard	...	Lost
4. Andrews	...	Won	4. Andrews	...	Lost
5. Mulinder	...	Draw	5. Mulinder	...	Lost
6. Tredinnick	...	Won	6. Illing	...	Won

The School Tournament, played in the knock-out style, was won by Tarlton, a good and steady player.

The Junior Tournament is unfinished at the time of writing, but Daniell and Beard, two new boys, have made a very good beginning, and there should be an interesting final game between the winner of these and Blake, of IIA.

J. MONCRIEFF, Secretary.

CURRENT EVENTS

President: Miss Rayner.

Chairman: C. W. Rush.

Secretary: R. N. Salmon.

Committee: A. Arbery, P. Jay, J. E. Martin,
N. E. Willis.

The Society started in September, 1941, and has had meetings in the Geography Room every week. There have been few really large attendances, but there have been a few loyal supporters.

Throughout the year members have given talks and lectures on the war, the instruments of war, and certain countries overrun or engaged in the war. There have been two exhibitions, one of instruments of war, including some fine models and drawings, and one of stamps, of which there were many interesting specimens. A number of discussions were held. Some were on "The conduct of the war," one on "How shall we aid Russia?" and two rather amusing discussions in which members stepped into the shoes of a certain great statesman and gave their views as if they were that person. At one meeting an extremely amusing trial of Hitler was held. There was a prosecuting counsel (Mr. Churchill) and for defence (Herr Himmler). A jury was picked and witnesses from certain occupied countries were called. Hitler was proved guilty and nearly lynched, much to the joy of the audience but not to Miss Rayner's.

There has been a diary of the war kept since the starting of the Society. Each week boys allotted to the task gave in reports on land, sea, and air activities.

On the whole the Society has progressed quite well, and has proved an interesting activity every Wednesday afternoon, and we hope it will continue to be so in the future.

C. W. RUSH.

D. M. J. HOCKLEY.

SPORT

FOOTBALL

As the first game of the season, against St. John's Club, Epping, was not likely to be a very hard match it was an opportune moment to experiment with the 1st XI. Hughes became goalkeeper while Flower partnered Partridge at right back; Tovey filled the outside left position and partnered Wheatley. The result of this game, which was very one-sided, was 8-0 in the School's favour. Although this score was very promising the team as a whole was not satisfactory, and so the players who had been excluded from the previous match, namely, Barham, Clark, R. J., and Riddell, returned to play against Ilford County High School, our first away match.

The weather during this game was very poor, but we scored an overwhelming victory by eight goals to one. By half-time Baggott, Chapman, Walker, and Wheatley had brought the School's score to 4-0. Our opponents, however, were not to be deterred. With ten minutes to go they were eight goals down, but they did not give the game up as lost. Instead they attacked our goal strongly and put the ball past our goalkeeper—the first goal conceded of the season; but we had accomplished a fine victory.

The following week the same school sent a stronger team—their 2nd XI.—to play us on our ground. Hines made his first appearance for the 1st XI. as goalkeeper during this match, and he retained that position for the remainder of the season. He was thoroughly tested by our opponents' strong forward line in the first half, but he stopped every shot magnificently. The defence, however, could not keep up with the gruelling pace set by the Ilford forwards, and the ball was put into our net three times. Thus we lost our first match by three goals to nil.

We were determined to win our next match against Loughton School 1st XI., for we had never had the pleasure of defeating them. Unfortunately the game did not go as we had wished, and consequently we lost by four goals to one, which was scored by Walker.

On 1st November we played Leyton County High School on our ground, but the game was very uninteresting apart from the fact that we won by four goals (Chapman 3, Wheatley 1) to two.

Bryett, our right back, came into the limelight in the first half of the game against Forest School, which we won by 7-2. He received the ball in our penalty area, and much to everyone's surprise he made a solo run from his position right to the opposite corner of the field, from where he scored a brilliant goal. Truly a remarkable if not risky performance! The other scorers for the 1st XI. were Chapman and Wheatley.

Three weeks later we opposed Loughton School for a second time, and they were held throughout the first half. During the second half, however, the opposing forwards overwhelmed the 1st XI. defence, and when the final whistle was blown we had conceded five goals against their two, both scored by Chapman.

The return match with Forest School was played on December 6th, and the game was ours from beginning to end. Marks a newcomer to the team, proved his worth by scoring a goal in the first half. Bates, Chapman, Clark, R. J., Marks, and Wheatley scored seven goals between themselves for the 1st XI., while the defence played its part by repulsing every attack successfully. The final score was 7-0 in our favour.

The last match of the first half of the season was played against Chigwell School on their ground. It was a close game during the first half, and after twenty minutes' play the Chigwell centre-forward scored a fine goal, which gave Hines no chance. The School team was not demoralized, however, and soon Chapman put us on even terms with our opponents. After the restart we attacked strongly and continuously, and without doubt we deserved the overwhelming victory of six goals (Baggott 2, Chapman 4) to one.

Our return match with Leyton County High School was played on January 31st on their ground. It had rained hard overnight and the ground was frozen hard. The conditions were terrible. By half-time we were losing by three goals to one, which was scored by Marks. Instead of recovering, as we had hoped to do during the second half, we deteriorated, and the final result was Leyton County High School 4, Buckhurst Hill County High School 1.

A fortnight later we played Chigwell School at home, and we had no difficulty in beating them by 6-0 (Bates 1, Chapman 2, Wheatley 2, 1 own goal).

On February 28th Mr. Boyden, Headmaster of Chigwell Elementary School, brought his team, which mainly consisted of old boys, to our ground, and although we defeated them by six goals to nil, they certainly gave us a hard and very enjoyable game.

The next School match was played against St. John's Club, Loughton, and was played on our ground. Like the previous game we had to play very hard to obtain the victory of 7-3. In this game Taylor came in for Clark, R. J., and played a very useful game; Bates, Baggott, Chapman, Marks, and Wheatley scored for us.

The last game of the season was against Loughton School, who had so far beaten us every time we had played them. This time, however, we were determined to make no mistakes. The result was that they were soundly beaten by seven

goals to nil. Walker again scored by a penalty kick. Chapman added two to his total during this match, thus bringing his total number of goals during four seasons with the 1st XI. to fifty. He is the first member of the School team to do this, and we heartily congratulate him.

The School team first choice was: Hines; Bryett and Partridge; Walker, C. J., McCartney, Taylor; Bates, Baggott, Chapman, Wheatley, Marks, and Clark, R. J.

1941	Opponents	Result
H.	St. John's Club, Epping	Won 8—0
A.	Ilford C.H.S. under 15 XI	Won 8—1
H.	Ilford C.H.S. 2nd XI	Lost 3—0
A.	Loughton School 1st XI	Lost 4—1
H.	Leyton C.H.S. under 15 XI	Won 4—2
H.	Forest School under 15 XI	Won 7—2
H.	Loughton School 1st XI	Lost 5—2
A.	Forest School under 15 XI	Won 7—0
A.	Chigwell School	Won 6—0
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A.	Leyton C.H.S. under 15 XI	Lost 4—1
H.	Chigwell School under 15 XI	Won 6—0
H.	Mr. Boyden's XI	Won 6—0
H.	St. John's Club, Loughton	Won 7—3
H.	Loughton School 1st XI	Won 7—0

B. McCARTNEY.

Two changes only, at outside left and goal, were made in the team of the previous year, and a harder, faster and more combined game was the rule. On most occasions the team played very well indeed, with skill and dash. Hines, the first valuable find from the weekly House matches, was a great asset as soon as he had gained confidence and experience. His agility, anticipation and strength saved his goal on many exciting occasions, although his evasion of forward rushes and his carrying and punting of the ball were less good. Bryett and Partridge at back enjoyed advantages of height which were nullified by their inability to head the ball. Bryett's speed was invaluable in defence, but his offensive use of it tempted him too often to leave gaps in his rear. McCartney was the lynch-pin of defence and attack, and if anything in his uniformly splendid game was outstanding it was his heading in its courage and effectiveness. Walker played consistently well at right half, whereas Clark, R. J., seemed to have lost his speed and vim. Chapman, in the centre of the front line, played a very hard game and scored a number of fine goals, at the same time curbing his individualism for more combined efforts. Wheatley regained something of his early promise, and scored some astute goals through his positional sense in the goal-mouth. Baggott, after starting the season at outside left, was brought inside, where he played well and shows the greatest promise. The team, however, was weakest at inside forward, as neither inside man would regularly fall back, fetch and carry the ball in that intermediate zone between wingers and half-backs. Bates, increasingly fast and strong, worked very hard, and gave much to the side, and Marks on the other wing relied almost entirely on a useful turn of speed and commendable doggedness of purpose. Next year the first eleven will be facing those of older and numerically bigger schools, against whom it promises to do well.

J.H.T.

CRICKET

We began this season with the hopeful remembrance once more of our first cricket season, in which we had won every game. A repetition of this did not seem unreasonable, for I think on paper we had a team this year which, with the welcome inclusion of Drewe, who has once again joined our ranks, excelled any other eleven we have had.

The first match of the season was played against Forest School on our own ground. It was a brilliant afternoon, with a cross wind, and Forest, winning the toss, went in to bat on a fast wicket. D. G. Clarke took the first wicket with an inswinger when the score was 3, and two more Forest men were dismissed for another 20 runs. A stubborn fourth-wicket stand was broken by R. J. Clark, who had Morgan l.b.w. for 20 with his second ball. The fast bowling of Drewe, Walker and Hines had its effects, and with the score at 56 seven wickets had fallen. The eighth was well taken by Wheatley, after which Forest made a stand lasting until the tea interval, when, with 88 on the board, they declared. We opened our innings with Chapman and Flower, who were soon parted, however, when Chapman was bowled by a good ball from the Forest captain. Hines followed and made a quick and stylish 10. Palmer came in with the score at 18, and he and Flower made a record third-wicket stand of 110. This carried our total beyond that of Forest, and at the close of play the score had reached 128 for two wickets. Walker had bowled well for the School, six of his 12 overs being maidens, while Hines, Drewe and R. J. Clark shared six of the wickets.

Our next game was played at home against Ilford County High School. The pitch was very wet, but the sun broke through, and Ilford, winning the toss, elected to bat first. Drewe and Walker opened our attack and each took a wicket, but it was not until Wheatley and R. J. Clark came on that wickets fell with any frequency. All bowling proved ineffective against the last pair, who were making a defiant stand, until McCartney took a catch off a ball from Button and ended the innings with the score at 75. Flower and Chapman were soon parted, and Hines came in to make a stand of 28, when he, too, was dismissed, and Palmer joined Chapman. Not long after Chapman was run out for 18. Wickets then began to fall quickly, and eight men had been dismissed for 47 runs when Drewe went in with just over ten minutes to go. Hitting two sixes and scoring 18 in one over he made our score equal to that of Ilford. He and D. G. Clarke managed to get the needed run in the last over, and our last wicket fell when we had made 81. And so we won one of our closest matches. The wicket suited Wheatley, who, in six overs, took 3 wickets for 7 runs. R. J. Clark took 3 and Button 2 of the remaining wickets.

The next week we met Loughton, the only team to beat us last season. We lost the toss, and, rather surprisingly, were put in to bat on a hard, dry wicket. Flower and Hines were soon dismissed, but Palmer joined Chapman, and made 26 out of a stand of 57. Chapman, who had been batting consistently and well, reached his 50, and with McCartney, who played very well to score 17, brought the total to 125. At the arrival of the tea interval three more runs had been added, making our score 128 for five wickets, of which Chapman had made 66 not out. Drewe and Walker opened our attack against the Loughton team, and proved so devastating on the hard wicket that no other bowler was needed. The whole opposition was dismissed for 28 runs, and Walker, having four maidens in six overs, took seven of the wickets for one run apiece. Loughton, who had until now won every game against us, were at last defeated.

Our first match against Ilford had been very close and exciting, which served to make our return game very interesting indeed. We batted first on a soft wicket, and runs were not quickly forthcoming. Hines, coming in to succeed Chapman, who was out on reaching double figures, livened up the game with some very good shots. He and Flower put on over 60 before Hines was bowled by a leg ball for 32. Flower continued to bat with Palmer, and no more wickets fell. Scoring had been generally slow, and with just over an hour to go we declared with the score at 88. Our bowling was opened by Drewe, who took two wickets in his first over. Wickets fell, but the score mounted, and with twenty minutes remaining Ilford needed 21 runs and had four batsmen to get them. Drewe and R. J. Clark were doing very well, and with only five minutes to go Drewe took the last wicket. Another very close game. Once again Drewe had bowled well, taking seven wickets in nine overs for 31 runs. The scoring on the whole was slow, and the result could never be forecast before the last wicket fell.

On June 27th we played at home against Wanstead High School, who, on winning the toss, decided to field first. Chapman and Flower opened up, and put on 43 for the first wicket before Flower was bowled and gave place to Hines. He left when the score was 68, and Palmer joined Chapman, who was, however, l.b.w. for 34 not long after. Drewe quickened up the scoring then, and when we declared with four wickets down the score was 107. Wanstead had now nearly an hour and a half in which to get the runs. But they did not score more than 50, and we could only take seven wickets. The pitch did not respond at all to the efforts of our bowlers, except, perhaps, in the case of Drewe, who for 13 runs had taken five wickets. And so the game was drawn. Given a few more overs we may well have reached a result, since two wickets had fallen in the last over.

This year we met once again Cranbrook College, against whom we had not played for two years. On winning the toss we batted first, and Palmer and Hines were put in to open the innings. They attacked right from the start, and both scored very quickly. Boundaries to the leg were not at all infrequent, and in half an hour they had scored 50. They continued to score quickly, so that each made half a century before time forced us to declare. They had made an opening partnership of 121 and still were not parted. With an hour to go Drewe and Walker opened our attack, and two wickets had fallen at 15. But scoring was very slow, and only seven wickets were down when stumps were drawn. R. J. Clark was at this time bowling very well, and in three overs had taken three wickets. Had we been able to claim an extra quarter of an hour the game may possibly have been won. As it was Cranbrook had scored only 60, but the game was drawn.

Our last game of the season was played on July 4th in the afternoon, against a team from the neighbouring Balloon Barrage. Winning the toss they batted first. None of our bowlers achieved much success at first, although all were bowling well. Drewe kept up a continually good attack, but the runs mounted up. The opposing opening pair passed 50, and no wicket fell until Drewe capped a very good spell of ten overs when he took the first wicket with the score at 81. Cope, the other opening batsman, passed his 50, and came within three of his century before he was run out. The Balloon Barrage had put up a total of 167, which we had to pass in the remaining hour and a half. Our wickets fell quickly to the opening fast bowlers, and only 20 runs had been scored when the fifth wicket fell. Drewe quickened up the scoring by making a lively 25, and R. J. Clark played well to score 28. He and Walker were our two batsmen when stumps were drawn with the score at 97 for seven. This game saw yet another draw. Also this was the first time any side had scored a hundred runs against us and the first time a 50 had been scored off our bowlers by one batsman.

Although we did not fare as well in this match as we would have wished, it must be remembered that this was the first team of men we had encountered other than the masters. On looking back over our games this year, however, it is found that out of a total of seven matches four were won and the others drawn, which gives us just a little consolation for the broken records in the last game.

Once again the School Cricket Team has had a successful season, as the table of results will show. This has been due not only to individual merit, but to good teamwork from the players as a whole, and there is no doubt that the experience of past seasons has served to develop that team spirit which is an essential element of the great summer game.

In the field the team has proved to be an efficient and well-balanced combination. Positioning, catching and throwing-in have all been good, and if the ground fielding has left something to be desired the fault can be traced to an outfield which has been particularly dry and hard during a season when the Clerk of the Weather has been kind to cricketers generally. It has been possible to call upon an extremely varied attack, fast, medium and slow spin bowlers all being included in the team. Batmanship has ranged from the classical, correct style of the opening men, able to score quickly all round the wicket, to the hitters lower down in the batting list, who have proved their ability to score quickly in an emergency.

No little credit for the success of the team has been due to the genial captaincy of Flower, who quickly gained the confidence and support of the players under his command. From his position behind the stumps he has been well able to keep a watchful eye on his bowlers and the placing of the field, and a wave of his gloved hand has been sufficient to elicit an immediate response to his wishes. If any criticism is to be made of his captaincy it is that he has not always made full use of the wide range of bowling at his disposal. Contrast in the style of bowling at each end of the pitch will always serve to unsettle the batsman, and variety of attack will keep him on the defensive. As a batsman Flower has taken part with Chapman in opening stands which have laid the foundations of victory for the team. His powerful driving and clean leg glides when playing fast bowling have been a delight to watch, but he must learn to be less impetuous when facing a slower delivery, and must wait for the right ball to hit. Chapman's stroke play continues to improve. Endowed with the patience and power of concentration essential to the successful cricketer he is well fitted for the position of opening batsman in the team, and should develop into a very fine batsman indeed. The running between the wickets of Chapman and Flower in partnership should serve as an inspiration and example to those who have not yet mastered one of the most difficult arts in cricket. Too often possible runs are wasted or valuable wickets are thrown away because of lack of understanding between batting partners. Hines has made valuable contributions to the total runs scored during the season. His chief fault is a tendency to try to turn the straight good-length ball to leg, and this has proved his undoing on more than one occasion. As a bowler he has had devastating spells, and might well have been given more opportunity to make use of his bowling talent. Palmer is now growing a more forceful batsman, and is overcoming his previous tendency to step back whilst making his shots. His driving in particular is of a high standard. McCartney's clean fielding and quick returns have set a good example to the team in the field. Always on the alert and

quick on the ball he has saved many valuable runs for his team. The inclusion of Drewe has strengthened considerably the team's bowling. He has been the regular opening bowler, and on pitches which have given him little help he has always been a menace to the batsman. His fast bowling, which has improved considerably during the season, has not only taken wickets, but has served as a foil to the bowler at the other end of the pitch who has found his work easier as a result of the sting in Drewe's attack. As a hitter, too, Drewe has had some success, and on one occasion at least his threshing bat was able to turn possible defeat into victory. Walker has been the other opening bowler, and has returned some excellent averages, besides being a reliable fieldsman. D. G. Clark has not been so successful with the ball this season, but has been an invaluable change bowler. R. J. Clark bowls his off-spinners cleverly and with success. When runs have been required he has proved himself capable of making them. He should develop into an extremely useful all-rounder. Wheatley, too, has the makings of a good slow bowler, and should endeavour to develop his natural leg-break action. Were it not for the success of Drewe he would undoubtedly have been called upon to bowl more often. When batting he must conquer the tendency, possibly a legacy of early days on bad wickets but for which there is no longer any excuse, to draw away when making his stroke. Button and D. W. Clarke have also been loyal members of the team during the season and have given valuable support.

Two first-year matches have been played during the season against Ilford County High School. In the first game Buckhurst Hill were the winners by 53 runs to 45, and in the second Ilford had their revenge when they beat us by 47 runs to 40. Both games were exciting and enjoyable, and the fielding and general attitude of the first-formers shows great promise. Mention may be made in particular of the batting of Read and Tilly and of the bowling of Harniman and Jones.

G.R.H.

MATCH SUMMARY

Date	Opponents	Result	Scores	
			School	Opponents
May 9th	(H) Forest School under 15 XI.	Won	128—2	88
May 16th	(H) Ilford County High School...	Won	81	75
May 30th	(H) Loughton School	Won	128—5	28
June 13th	(A) Ilford County High School...	Won	88—2	74
June 20th	(H) Cranbrook College	Draw	121—0	62—7
June 27th	(H) Wanstead County High School	Draw	107—4	50—7
July 4th	(H) Balloon Barrage	Draw	91—7	167—2

ATHLETICS

The Athletic Sports, successful culmination of a term's intense athletic effort, were held on Saturday the 11th of July, before an interested and enthusiastic crowd of boys and their parents. Previous trials, in which most of the boys of the School had taken part, had been ably organised by the House Captains, and teams to represent the four Houses—Chigwell, Forest, Hainault, and Roding—had now been selected.

It was evident from the first that Roding were determined to carry off the honours. That they were able to do this was due in no small measure to the splendid performance of Bryett, who proved himself, beyond all doubt, to be the School's outstanding athlete. Bryett was the winner in no less than six events, and his performance with the discus and the shot were of special merit. This was the first time that the discus had been included in the Sports Day programme, and Bryett proceeded to demonstrate his ability by throwing a distance of 124 feet 2 inches. His shot putt, too, of 42 feet 7 inches, was a School record, and an example of perfect co-ordination of muscular effort. The Captain's efforts were splendidly supported by the junior athletes of the House, Webb winning the 100 and 220 Yards, Hardy the Long, and Perkins, the High Jump. It is worthy of mention that Webb's time for the 100 Yards (12secs.) was exactly the same as Bates', of the 3rd year,

In the field events the high jumping of Hines, who cleared a height of 5 feet at the centre of the bar, was well applauded by an appreciative audience, whilst Tarlton deservedly carried off the honours in throwing the javelin with a distance of 142 feet 9 inches—again a record throw for the School. Of the track events it was the 880 Yards, included for the first time in our programme, which brought the most interesting finish. At the end of the final lap Bracey challenged Chapman strongly, but he had left his effort a little too late, and Chapman passed the winning-post in fine style with a clear lead—truly an exciting and a gruelling race and a good performance on the part of the winner.

In presenting the Championship Plaque to Roding House and the medals to individual winners, Mr. J. Ranger, Vice-Chairman of the Governing Body, first congratulated the winners upon their splendid performances. He then pointed out that in sport, no less than in life, the vast majority must always be the losers, and it was to these that much of the credit was due. It was the losers who always provided the opportunity and the stimulus for the success which the winners achieved. The aim of the School and its Staff was not only to train winners, but to help the average individual, who must play so important a part in the progress and development of our nation.

G.R.H.

RESULTS

100 Yards, 1st Year

1. Foster (H), 12.9secs.
2. Boone (F).
3. Gold (R).

100 Yards, 3rd Year

1. Bates (C), 12secs.
2. Vizard (C).
3. Macleod (H.)

220 Yards, Junior

1. Webb (R), 23.7secs.
2. Watson (H).
3. Tilly (C).

440 Yards, Senior

1. Bryett (R.)
2. McCartney (H).
3. Pitteway (F).

High Jump, Junior

1. Perkins (R), 4ft. 4ins.
2. Rudolf
3. Hardy (R).

Long Jump, Junior

1. Hardy (R), 15ft. 11in.
2. Webb (R).
3. Grimwood (H).

Putting the Shot, Senior

1. Bryett (R), 42ft. 7ins.
2. Drewe (H).
3. Flower (F).

Inter-House Relay, Junior

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| 1. Roding | Pegrum, Gold, Webb, Hardy |
| 2. Forest | Bennett, Rush, Boone, Salmon |
| 3. Hainault | Foster, Reekie, Grimwood, Watson. |
| 4. Chigwell | Davies, Blake, Taylor, Tilly. |

Inter-House Relay, Senior

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| 1. Chigwell | Bates, Vizard, Walker, Chapman. |
| 2. Roding | Marks, Tovey, Wall, Bryett. |
| 3. Forest | Miller, Elliott, Pitteway, Bracey. |
| 4. Hainault | Ikeson, Hughes, Clarke, D. G., McCartney |

Throwing the Javelin, Senior

1. Tarlton (F), 142ft. 9ins.
2. Taylor (C).
3. Drewe (H).

The Picking-up Race, a prize event, was won by Beard (1a).

Final House Totals

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| 1. Roding | ... | ... | ... | 50 points. |
| 2. Chigwell | ... | ... | ... | 27 points. |
| 3. Forest | ... | ... | ... | 20 points. |
| 4. Hainault | ... | ... | ... | 17 points. |

THE INTER-HOUSE GAMES CHAMPIONSHIP

Last year, the first year of the Championship, the competitions in football and cricket were determined by matches between the senior teams from each House. That is to say about a dozen senior boys from each House determined the result of the Games Championship. This year each House every week put into the field four teams, senior and junior, first and second elevens. Thus more than half the number of boys in each House can influence the result of the Games Championship, for the House gaining the highest number of points from the combined efforts of their four teams wins the Championship. In football, competition was on the League basis, each House playing every other an equal number of times, but in cricket, where the season is short and the game more leisurely, the knock-out basis was preferable. In athletics this principle has always been recognised, and this year the Junior Cross-Country Run counted as well as the Senior. Next year this important principle can be extended by allowing not only the first six runners to score but the first twenty. One of the most valuable objects of the whole scheme is the match practice gained and the team spirit assimilated by the juniors, a theory which this year's experience has confirmed.

There is not space to describe individual matches, but mention ought to be made of Bryett's inspiring captaincy of Roding's senior soccer eleven. Starting the season with some heavy defeats he refused to allow them to depress his side, and worked hard to get the utmost out of a mediocre side to such an extent that Forest House, the winners, were beaten on one occasion.

INTER-HOUSE GAMES CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	Football.	Cross-Country.	Cricket.	Athletics.	Total.
1. Forest	3	1½	2½	1	8
2. Roding	1½	1½	1	3	7
3. Chigwell	1½	0	2½	2	6
4. Hainault	0	3	0	0	3

THE CROSS-COUNTRY RUNS

This year, in keeping with the principle adopted for the other inter-House events, the juniors took part in the inter-House Cross-Country with their own run. Fifty juniors took this opportunity of winning points for their House over the first course ever run at the School, the original one used by Mr. Dofort when taking the present fourth-form boys, then in their second term at the School, for a canter across country. This course, about two miles long, makes a wide circular sweep in the vicinity of the school, so that the runners are visible from the playing field for more than half the course. As the runners came down the footpath alongside the playing field, E. White, the elder, running very easily and lightly, had already drawn away from his field, with Webb, heavier in build and style, forcing himself a little in keeping to White's heels. White had no difficulty in shaking off his immediate pursuer, and won very confidently and comfortably in some 17 minutes. This, however, was not the only family triumph, for his brother Victor was only just beaten into third place by Gold, a splendid achievement by these two first-year boys. Chigwell House, by gaining five places in the first eleven runners home, won with a score of 51 points to Hainault's 63, with three places in the first ten. Forty-nine out of the fifty runners completed the course.

The Senior Run was held on the following Monday afternoon over a new course, which will probably be retained as the traditional one for years to come. Farmer Furse very kindly gave permission for the course to cross New Barns Farm by the main track, thus avoiding the dull and tiring drag up Chigwell Rise and bringing the runners at once into real country. The course, on reaching Luxboro' Lane, turned left up its steady slope into Chigwell Road, left again along to the Fire Station, where the runners cut across part of Chigwell Golf Course into Hainault Road. On crossing the railway Bridge the track was sharp right around Winter's large field, alongside Vary's orchard, over a stile, down a very muddy slope across Chigwell Brook by the plank bridge, up the footpath crossing Meadow Way, and into the path alongside Grange Court into Chigwell Road, right to St. Mary's Church, where the runners, stimulated by gaining the summit, now had an encouraging sprint down Roding Lane to the School.

The day was warm and bright, there had been no rain for a week, and 61 boys turned out. Bryett, who had been nursing a rather curious fear of being boxed in by the mob, at once drew away, and had opened up a lead of some two hundred yards by the time he entered the Golf Course, followed at a very respectful distance by Chapman, Hughes and McCartney, whose only ambition at this point seemed to lie in contesting second place.

But the leader, who had not previously run over the full course nor taken the trouble to make sure of it, which would have been a reasonable precaution, mistook the course, and on discovering his error so exhausted himself that he abandoned any attempt to finish among the leaders. Chapman is to be congratulated on seizing his opportunity with such determination by beating Hughes into second place—his second second. McCartney ran with deceptive steadiness and strength to finish third, while Harnden ran finely to gain fourth place in the race and first in his House. Beecham and Hall, T. J., who finished eighth and ninth respectively, lost some valuable seconds in retrieving their shoes from the slough between the stile and the plank bridge, really very much less viscous than is customary at this time of the year. Yates, however, pluckily forcing his light weight into tenth place, finished off a very pretty piece of packing for Hainault, who, with five places in the first ten, won easily with 48 points to Forest's 75. This was the order of precedence when the junior result was added to the senior. Of the 111 runners in both runs all but one finished the courses. The average of the two winning teams was almost the same.

RESULTS

Junior

1. Chigwell.	2. Roding.	3. Hainault.	4. Forest.
White, E. 1	Gold 2	Morris, B. 5	Bennett 4
White, V. 3	Hardy 8	Cramp 7	Rush 13
Floyd 6	Webb 9	Foster 21	Salmon 14
Gutteridge 10	Caville 12	Catmull 22	Pike 16
Davies 11	Perkins 15	Mummery 25	Read, J. 23
Blake 20	Pearman 17	Warren 28	Fleetwood 29
—	—	—	—
51	63	93	99

Senior

1. Hainault.	2. Forest.	3. Roding.	4. Chigwell.
Hughes 2	Bracey 5	Harnden 4	Chapman 1
McCartney 3	Pitteway 6	Paternoster 13	Partridge 7
Beecham 8	Richmond 11	Marks 14	Boatman 12
Hall, T. 9	Elliott 15	Copcutt, G. 19	Slade 17
Yates 10	Baggott 18	Tovey 21	Bates 24
Clarke, D.G. 16	Hodder 20	Andrews 22	Pettit 39
—	—	—	—
48	75	93	100

House Points

	House Points			Total.	House Championship.	
	Junior	Senior.				
Hainault	1	6	7	3
Forest	0	4	4	1½
Roding	2	2	4	1½
Chigwell	3	0	3	0

HOUSE NOTES

FOREST HOUSE

Forest House began its activities this year with the football competition, held on a League basis. There were four teams, two senior and two junior, and, mainly by the junior first elevens having won all of its nine matches, Forest finished at the end of the Autumn Term well above the other Houses.

Since the football could not be continued in the Spring Term the cross-country runs were held. Forest was unfortunate to finish last in the junior run just behind Hainault, although in the senior run it came second. When the two runs were taken together Forest tied for second place with Roding.

After the cross-country and football competitions Forest was in first place. In the Athletic Sports which followed, however, the House came third, only a few points behind Chigwell. This meant that the cricket competition, which by this time was practically over, would not have a great effect upon the final championship results. As it happened Forest and Chigwell tied for first place, and Forest thereby became the winner of the championship for 1941-42.

A. W. FLOWER (Captain).

RODING HOUSE

The outlook which confronted us at the beginning of the year was far from being a rosy one, and we were more hopeful than confident about the outcome of the tournament.

In football the House played very well and did better than was expected; we drew for second position with Chigwell. The cross-country run was next, and both juniors and seniors ran well enough to secure second position, this time with Forest.

Cricket proved to be our weak spot, for we lost most of our matches, and we were lucky to obtain the one point awarded for third position. Thus our last hope was the athletic competition, and it was proved by subsequent events that it had not been ill founded. The team, both seniors and juniors, performed well, and we won comfortably.

The final result this year was better than that of last, for the House moved up from fourth to second position, and perhaps next year it may gain those extra points needed to achieve success.

S. A. BRYETT (Captain).

CHIGWELL HOUSE

Despite the considerable talent present in Chigwell House in the form of School team players the House only succeeded in obtaining third place during the year's contest. This resulted mainly from insufficient support from junior sides. Throughout the season two seniors stood out from the remaining body of the House as regards performances. Hines, a newly-discovered goal-keeper, proved a much needed last line of defence on the football field. He also scored most runs and took most wickets at cricket. Walker was indispensable as a centre-half, besides bowling unchanged in the two cricket matches. In the cross-country run the juniors set an example which the seniors would do well to emulate. E. White did particularly well to win this strenuous event. The athletic sports went much as was expected. Bates demonstrated his turn of speed in sprints, and the senior relay team ran with surprising precision. It is clear, therefore, that the House has the talent to win the tournament, provided there is a more active response from those who cannot shine as outstanding sportsmen.

A. S. CHAPMAN (Captain).

HAINAULT HOUSE

The House activities began with the Inter-House Football Tournament, which consisted of three rounds. Hainault senior and junior elevens scored 26½ points, which compared unfavourably with Forest's 99 points and Chigwell and Roding's 95 points.

Our hopes were raised, however, by the junior and senior cross-country runs. In the junior race the Hainault representatives (Morris, B., Cramp, Foster, Catmull, Mummery, and Warren) came in third, while the seniors (Beecham, D., Clarke, D. G., Hall, T. J., Hughes, Yates, and McCartney) came first, and when the senior and junior points were added together the final result was: 1, Hainault; 2, Forest and Roding; 4, Chigwell.

In spite of the good bowling displayed by Barham, Button, Clarke, D. G., Drewe, and Jones during the cricket season the House did not do itself justice. It must be noted, however, that in the match with Roding, our Senior 1st XI. scored a total of 156 runs for eight wickets, which is a House record.

On Sports Day Foster, representing Hainault in the first form 100 yards, ran a very good race and came first. In the corresponding race of the third and second years Macleod and Watson secured third place, while Drewe also came third in Javelin, Discus, Long Jump, and second in the Shot Putt. Thus for the year 1941-42 Hainault House was fourth with three points.

B. McCARTNEY (Captain).

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