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EDITORIAL

Signs of the present world-wide struggle for freedom and existence are difficult to trace in the general routine of our School. Apart from a general shortage of teaching staff and games equipment, only the continual awe-inspiring spectacle of 'square-bashing' given weekly by the A.T.C. serves to remind us here of the tremendous events of world-shaping importance taking place on the Continent. From some points of view this state of affairs is very gratifying, but there remains the constant danger that this very remoteness from the bitter struggle tends to induce an indifference of attitude to the greater decisions which lie ahead and which are the personal concern of us all.

Since the outbreak of the war one of the most significant developments in our way of life has been, perhaps, the increasing emphasis laid on Youth. This wave of new feeling had its manifestations before the war, though with widely differing motives, in two mutually hostile societies : Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union. We may note a few of the forms in which this recognition of the importance of youth has appeared in our own country. Foremost of all comes a nation-wide Youth Movement which has grown enormously of late and which, after the war, will continue its invaluable function of finding creative outlets for the immense energies of youth. Then, of course, there are numerous plans in the making for the extension and improvement of our educational system amounting almost to a complete rebuilding, which reforms we hope will encounter little delay in their execution.

One thing, however, which in the past has been sadly lacking in our educational system, is more comprehensive instruction in what might be regarded as a fundamental necessity in a democratic education—that is, in the acceptance of civic responsibility. All pupils should receive a deliberate education in politics, be taught the structure and working of democracy and their part in it, the meaning of freedom, and acquire some knowledge of economics, local government and current affairs. Discussions on vital issues of the times should be promoted and the pupil taught to understand, appreciate and to challenge the society in which he lives. It is hard to believe that discussions in schools about the present order and the reforms which might be desirable are often frowned upon. Such an attitude surely denies the basic principles of democracy, which assumes man's desire and capacity for self-government, and is not conducive to the creative initiative of the people, on which the vitality of democracy depends.

It was largely due to this lack of education in citizenship added to a sense of remoteness from national and international problems that our fathers failed hopelessly in creating a lasting peace after the last world war. The intellectual advanced enormously the knowledge and the powers of man but divorced himself from the equally important task of applying them practically and beneficially to daily life. The present war has brought home forcibly the sense of past failure and frustration, the sense that something is fundamentally wrong with our Western civilisation and the feeling that we must look not as we have done, to present and past achievements, but to the possibilities of the future, outlooks which find expression in the accent on the importance of youth. Only the bitter experiences of the past and a grim determination in solving the problems of the peace and of world reconstruction can aid us in the greater task of creating an enduring world peace. The successful execution of this rests in our hands. We are the generation on whom the main burden is to fall.

B. A. TARLTON.

SCHOOL NOTES

At the recent triennial election of the Governing Body, Mr. T. H. Knight was unanimously re-elected Chairman and Mr. Frank Foster accepted the invitation to act as Vice-Chairman. The School can be congratulated on having the wisdom and sincerity of these two gentlemen to guide it during the transition from war to peace.

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At a time when the constitution of Governing Bodies is under reconsideration it may interest parents to know the composition of our own. There are six county representatives, one of whom must be a woman. They are :—

T. H. Knight ; F. S. Foster, J.P. ; Mrs. A. E. Hardy, C.C. ; Mrs. C. C. Chisholm, J.P., C.C. ; A. W. Green, C.C. ; A. E. Hinton.

The two Governors nominated by the Chigwell Urban District Council are :—

R. J. F. Smith and the Rev. E. Sutton-Pryce.

The Epping and Waltham Abbey District Sub-Committee have two nominations :—

Lady Stafford Crossman and Mr. E. Harris.

Messrs. B. A. Campbell and L. W. Liell, J.P., are co-opted members and Mr. J. Hewitt, J.P., C.C., as Chairman of the South-West Regional Committee, is a member, ex-officio.

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We regret the number of changes in the teaching staff this year. Mr. S. S. Campbell resigned at the end of the Autumn term on his decision to accept the offer of an important post as organist and choir-master at Wolverhampton. Mrs. Lamb left just before half-term in February and we have pleasure in congratulating her on the birth of a son. Mr. R. A. Campbell obtained a post at the Ipswich School of Art and Mr. D. R. Michael went first to the Erith Technical College before taking up a permanent post on the staff of the day school at the South-East Technical College. Dr. Atkins was with us for two terms only before going to Gainsborough Grammar School. Miss Gottschalk, Mrs. Dale and Mr. Ansell left at the end of the summer term, the former going to Kirby Secondary School, Middlesbrough, and the latter to Dorking County School. To fill these vacancies we have already welcomed Miss I. Brookman, Miss E. George, Mrs. J. M. Kirk and Messrs. Parlons and Hollingbery. The advent of Mr. J. New to take our physical training at the beginning of the Spring term was most welcome.

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A number of permanent appointments have been made for September. Mr. A. Goodchild, Mus. Bac., will teach music and

junior subjects ; Mr. M. Genser, B.A., Modern Languages ; Mr. C. H. E. Govier, B.A., French ; Mr. G. A. Lees, B.Sc., Science ; Mr. P. E. Sillis, B.A., History ; Mr. W. Ward, B.Sc., Mathematics and Mr. E. Sandham, B.A., German.

Mr. E. C. Wigley has been made responsible for the teaching of History in the School.

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Apart from two air-mail letters from Captain S. R. Crocker and a visit in May from Major C. W. Lloyd, there is nothing further to report from members of the Staff on Active Service. Mr. S. P. J. Smith, whom our seniors will remember as one of the three original Staff and who has been seconded to the B.B.C. for the last four years, has resigned to take up a permanent appointment with the Corporation arising out of the war.

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Commencing in October last 18 senior boys have augmented the School's Fire Guard resources. Two of them on one unusually broken night explored the lofts over the Science Laboratories.

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Lieutenant Sharp, R.N.V.R., D.S.O., gave a talk on Combined Operations to the senior school on April 26th. The lecturer described very realistically the approach of the naval convoy to Dieppe where he was commanding a ship. Lieut. Sharp made all those listening to him appreciate the great complexity of the vast amphibious operations then pending.

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To while away many a tedious hour in the shelters in that harassing year 1941, Mr. R. A. Campbell sketched members of the then 1b and 1c as they waited for the 'All Clear.' This he expanded into a pen and wash drawing which has been purchased by the War Artists' Advisory Council and which is due to be exhibited at the National Gallery.

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Milk money is paid in advance and any boy may claim rebate for absences incurred in the previous term. Very few boys do so, as the balance so accruing is given to the Red Cross. This year over £10 has been handed over to this most deserving of all objects.

More than £10 was collected as the result of the auction sale of lost property accumulating in the Secretary's office and unclaimed over the year. The auctioneer again was Slade, whose volubility, aided by the innate covetousness and lack of proportion displayed by the younger members of the school achieved another surprising total for the benefit of the Prisoners-of-War Fund.

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At the beginning of the Autumn term, Mr. B. A. Campbell, one of our Governors, was able to arrange an exhibition game of American soft-ball given on the playing field by teams of American

and Canadian soldiers. The novelty was highly amusing to the spectators who were impressed by the speed of the game, the brilliance of the fielding and the running commentary of the performers. Never has there been greater danger of a riot on the field than when the kindly visitors began giving away slightly damaged clubs to all and sundry.

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After careful consideration the balance of the money in the Chapman Memorial Fund has been spent on the purchase of a silver cup to be known as the 'Chapman Memorial House Challenge Cup,' to be held annually by the House winning the Sports Championship. The cup, with its simple lines and dignity, is an impressive and worthy tribute to Chigwell's first House Captain. A shield on the plinth bears an inscription similar to the wording of the plaque in the Assembly Hall.

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In the seventh year of the history of the school there will be three sets of three contemporary brothers ; the Whites, of Chigwell ; the Fleetwoods, of Loughton, and the Gilberts of Woodford. There will be 15 pairs of brothers.

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The school roll in September next is expected to be about 475, with over 40 boys in the Sixth Form, Upper and Lower.

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In the Essex Junior Athletic Championships of 1943, held on the playing field of Bancroft's School, on July 31st, B. A. Tarlton retained his Championship with the Javelin. Although his winning throw of 143 ft. was not quite as good as that in the previous year, his increased height and strength and form during the present season lead us to hope that he will bring off the hat-trick with his record throw in this summer's Championships.

S. A. Bryett, who did not defend his Championship in the Long Jump owing to a jarred and tender heel, ran exceedingly well in the 220 yards flat, winning his heat very easily and leading all the way in the final until the last 10 yards, when, in a whirlwind finish, he was beaten into third place, a yard behind the winner.

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On Saturday, June 17th, 1944, at the Polytechnic Stadium, Chiswick, the Southern Junior Championships were held. It was the second time that representatives of the School—Bryett, Tarlton and Taylor—had entered for these sports. Results were better than last year, Tarlton coming second in the Javelin event with 143ft. 9ins., and Bryett securing a third in the Long Jump with 19ft. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins., although an unlucky no-jump deprived him of a better

position. Perhaps the high-spot of the afternoon was provided by a German bomber which was seen heading straight for the Stadium amid a cloud of 'ack-ack' but which, to the relief of all, banked steeply and made off the way it had come. It is hoped that the School will be well represented at the forthcoming Essex sports to be held at Bancroft's.

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The Advanced Laboratories are now completed and in full use. Work was not actually begun on the site until 1st November, 1943, so it was not until the opening of the Spring term that we were able to make use of them. The furnishing and servicing were carried out by Messrs. Baird & Tatlock, Ltd., who, in spite of wartime restrictions and shortages, have left us with something of which we are justly proud. A good deal of the apparatus and other equipment had already been accumulated in preparation for the time when the laboratories would be ready to receive it, and here again, in spite of wartime difficulties, we have managed so far to satisfy our immediate needs. We are most grateful to the County Education Committee for their very generous treatment.

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Once again we wish to thank boys who have given articles of interest for the museum in the Geography room. Among the exhibits received are some beautiful Maori weapons and tools, carved from dark native wood, brought by Wooldridge (1c) and some West African products from Beard (3b).

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During the past year the School Clothing Exchange has sold more than fifty articles of games kit and uniform. This service which has been much appreciated can only be continued if boys will bring their outgrown articles of school uniform and games kit in good repair. Cricket trousers are, however, more appreciated in May than in June, and football boots in September.

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In the Spring term a large party of seniors went to the New Theatre to see the production of 'Hamlet' with Robert Helpmann in the title role. Later in the year a party of second-year boys enjoyed the performance of 'The Merchant of Venice,' given by Ilford County High School.

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On Tuesday, October 19th, one of the members of the Modern Sixth, W. H. C. Taylor, took part in a broadcast in German to Austria. The broadcast was in the form of an interview on the subject of the A.T.C., and was arranged for us by Mr. S. P. J. Smith, a former member of the Staff of this School and now on the staff of the B.B.C. Some hours of rehearsal preceded the three-minute broadcast. Taylor, with his fellow Sixth-formers, heard the recorded broadcast next day at school.

Just as we go to press, comes news of the shattering blow which the School suffered on the first day of its premature summer holidays. We have not the time at the moment to report on this catastrophic event. We can only record our deepest sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Beresford and their family in their suffering, our full appreciation of their services to the School and our hope soon to see them again. For ourselves, we cannot but be thankful that the School was not in session on that fateful day.

CYRIL JOHNSON

By the sudden death of Mr. Johnson, who was killed in a flying accident last October, we have lost one who exemplified a rare blend of the scholar, schoolmaster and citizen. His fine, well-disciplined intelligence and his passionate love of truth were qualities calculated to create the pure historian which in fact he was. Educated at the Strand School and King's College, London, he might easily have made his mark in some branch of historical research, had he cared to undertake the task. But it was characteristic of him that, though well equipped for this and fully aware of its importance, he was not likely to find full expression in doing it.

To his career as a schoolmaster he brought an enthusiasm and skill which would inevitably lead to success. He fully realised all the possibilities of a new school, and gave to Buckhurst Hill the ripe experience of seven years spent in two other comparatively-new schools: Nantwich Grammar School and Swanwick Hall School. The work of Senior History Master offered him scope for his own particular interests, but he is certain to be remembered vividly by everyone for his football, cricket and cross-country running. He combined energy as a player and coach with quiet competence as an organiser in all matters connected with the playing field.

Added to this, his high sense of duty led the citizen in him to seek important war-time tasks. He became a warden the day after he arrived in the district, and was very shortly hard at work with the A.T.C. Squadron in Loughton.

To see the man complete, however, with all his qualities and gifts taking their natural place, it was necessary to see him in his own home. He was particularly happy in his home life, and it seemed appropriate that he should be so. With no parade of high principle, he spoke ill of no one, made excuses for everyone and was always quietly doing the job in hand.

Old Boys will wish to join present members of the School in offering our deep sympathy to his widow and daughter, not forgetting the little son whom Mr. Johnson never saw. R.S.

SPEECH DAY

The fifth annual Speech Day was held on Saturday, 30th October in the School Hall. The Lord Chief Justice of England, Viscount Caldecote, was the guest of honour and gave away the prizes, and Mr. T. H. Knight, Chairman of the Governing Body, presided.

The proceedings opened with the singing of Clifford Bax's hymn "Turn back, O Man." The Chairman, after welcoming the Lord Chief Justice, the Bishop of Barking, Mr. J. C. Pawson, Chairman of the County Higher Education Committee, and other distinguished guests, congratulated the school on having in one sense attained its majority; for the first boys to enter the school had recently taken their first public examination. He paid tribute to the Headmaster and Staff and said that they had a right to be proud of their boys.

The Headmaster, in presenting his report added his welcome to the eminent people present and declared the first public examination results to be satisfactory. Out of an entry of 60, 52 passed the General School Certificate and 32 reached Matriculation standard. 62 "Very Goods" were gained of which Tarlton won 6, Chase 5, and Flower and Ikeson 4 each. He thanked the Staff for their hard work and sound teaching, the boys for their application, stamina and loyalty and the parents for their co-operation. "Believe me," he said, "the great merit of what may be called our system of education in mass in that all boys have roughly an equal chance, and ability and hard work will always bring their reward in school as well as outside it. One conclusion I have come to is that the School Certificate is a test of character as well as of ability. The first public examination is not competitive but qualifying and the qualifications demanded are not unreasonable in their standard. The average boy working steadily under sound and conscientious teaching should take the School Certificate in his stride. Determination, perseverance and pertinacity count very nearly as much as intelligence." . . . "There are two points I wish to emphasise. Every one of our fifth-year boys was allowed to enter since they were all judged to be making serious efforts.

This is the only condition on which I insist and I cannot conscientiously ask the County Education Committee to pay the entrance fee of 45/- for a boy who is not putting enough into his work. Secondly, in pursuance of my general policy, no boy was allowed to scrap one or more subjects to concentrate upon the fundamental and minimum subjects to make certain of a pass. I do not put the passing of the School Certificate Examination first in value but as broad a general education as is possible under existing conditions. Will any boy really apply himself diligently to a subject which he knows he may by-pass at the critical stage?"

The Headmaster expressed his pleasure that 40% of last year's fifths were remaining at school for a further two years in the Sixth Form. "These two years can be the most formative in a boy's life, when he learns to think and work independently and when his rapidly maturing mind embarks on that stimulating and exciting voyage of discovery in the world of ideas." He thanked the Education Committee for completing the Science Laboratories and referred to the foundation of an A.T.C. Flight in the School under F/O. S. H. Atkins, a newcomer to the Staff. The numbers on the roll were 63 and he hoped that they would soon be 100. He paid a tribute to the hard work of organisation which fell to Mr. May and the members of the Staff who helped him in the running of the school's Harvest Camp at Ardleigh in August. He referred to the excellent performances of the boys on Sports Day and the large entry (45% of the full roll) who took part in the cross-country runs. He feared a decline from the excellent standard of achievement in field sports owing to the impossibility of replacing old equipment. The school suffered a heavy loss when Mr. G. R. Harding left to take up a full-time appointment under the County Youth Service. The school had recently heard with great sorrow of the death in a flying accident of Mr. Cyril Johnson, Senior History Master. It had lost a magnificent schoolmaster who knew no bounds to the generous service he gave to the life of the school. We had lost a power for good in the post-war years and this school could ill afford to lose men of his fine spirit.

After recording his thanks to the Staff, the Governing Body, the boys and their parents and to his Secretary, the Headmaster concluded: "There can be very little doubt that the Norwood Committee is right in advocating a more practical, more balanced, less scholastic curriculum for the generality of pupils. I believe that secondary education to-day works at too high a pressure in too short a time within too narrow a course and has too few manual, physical and cultural outlets. To give but one example of this lack of balance; of my Staff of 21 teachers, I am at present allowed

one man only, fully qualified by training and experience, to direct our physical education, or to put it another way: out of a school week of some 30 hours, roughly only two are devoted to physical recreation. But do not mistake me; I most firmly believe that the intellectual training we try to give here is of the greatest value to those boys gifted to receive it. Further, I also hold most strongly that the disciplines of concentration, application and re-application benefit every boy in some degree however dull his natural aptitude for this kind of education. The question, however is, do we obtain the best results by subjecting every boy to an academic curriculum? I do not think so. Moreover, I believe that the narrow range of school instruction is partly responsible for the unattractiveness of the profession to those men whose educational instincts and interests are not limited to the scholastic. And through the teacher I come to my final point. The life-blood of education, as of all living, is the man of noble and generous spirit. Spirituality is the basis of human life and must underlie all human activity. The supreme educative force is the impression of the rarer and finer spirit on the impressionable—what Professor Drummond calls the alchemy of influence. We all wish our sons to be fired by such currents and it is of the most vital importance that education, by widening its range and humanising its nature, irresistably attracts in greater and greater numbers the man

'Who comprehends his trust and to the same
Keeps faithful with a singleness of aim.'

Viscount Caldecote, after presenting the prizes, said that it was a great pleasure for him to take part in as important an occasion as the present ceremony indeed was. He congratulated the Headmaster on the great success achieved in difficult times. He had recently performed a similar function at the oldest school in the country, the King's School, Canterbury, as he was now performing at one of the youngest. In this period of radical changes he was glad that Speech Days had not been abolished. They are indeed indispensable. Speaking on the religious basis of education, Viscount Caldecote said that the truth on which public school education had been built was that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." A second important factor in English education was the team-spirit and another was many-sidedness. He did not think it altogether a bad thing that the young were somewhat intolerant. It showed that they were thinking for themselves and they became more reasonable as they grew older. They should form their own opinion on all subjects, but should not hesitate to "cross the floor of the House" as the Prime Minister had done on more than one occasion. He concluded by wishing the school all success.

The vote of thanks to Viscount Caldecote was proposed by L. W. Liell, Esq., J.P., on behalf of the Governors, and seconded by H. Chipperfield, Esq., on behalf of the parents.

During the afternoon music by Beethoven and César Franck was played by the music master, Mr. S. S. Campbell, and the Choir sang "Brother James' Air" arranged by Gordon Jacob and "Go forth with God" by Martin Shaw. Among the speeches spoken by boys of the school were Horace's "Iustum et tenacem propositi virum" spoken by N. Willis, and a passage from Schiller's "Die Glocke" beginning "Aus der Wolke" which was spoken with spirit by K. S. Hearn. Ronsard's lovely sonnet, "Quand vous serez bien vieille" was spoken by B. A. Tarlton and the stirring words from Milton's "Samson Agonistes"—"O, how comely it is and how reviving to the souls of just men long opprest"—by S. A. Bryett.

Speech Day came to an end with the singing of the School Song and the National Anthem.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION, 1943

PASS LIST

(Boys obtaining Matriculation exemption are starred).

*Barham, R. W., Beecham, D. V., *Boatman, D. J., *Bracey, R. G., *Brazier, B. R., *Bryett, S. A., Burgess, E. J. N., *Butler, B. D., *Chase, B.H., *Chipperfield, E. H., †Clarke, D. W., Cousins, E. C., Cruchley, A. E., Dance, T. E., *Elliott, D., *Everitt, H. W. J., Final, F. G., *Flower, A. W., *Garton, R. G., Gosling, J. D., *Harnden, J., *Hart, R. V., *Hassan, G., *Hines, D., *Hodder, P. J., *Ikeson, R. D., Ireland, G. V., †Lightfoot, R. O., Long, A. E., Ludlow, E. W., *Marks, S. C., *McCartney, B., *McInnes, J. W., Miller, P. L., *Palmer, C. W. J., *Paternoster, I. C., *Partridge, R., Pitteway, B. H., *Riddell, W. M., Slater, G., Smith, K. J., *Swanborough, F. G., *Tarlton, B. A., *Taylor, W. H. C., Toogood, M. J., *Tovey, L. A., Walker, C. J., *Wall, F. J. B., Wheatley, D. H., Witherick, D., *Wilson, D. G., *Wilson, R. T.

† Obtained Matriculation exemption, December, 1943.

PRIZE LIST

FORM PRIZES

Va—Flower, A. Tarlton, B.	Vb—Bryett, S.	Vc—Marks, S.
IVa—Price, A.	IVb—Hill, G.	IVc—Copcutt, P. Myers, D.
IIIa—Bennett, G. IIa—Edwards, R.	IIIb—Gwilliam, A. IIb—Clark, G. Russell, A.	IIIc—Diver, D. IIC—Roberts, D.
Ia—Hickman, P.	Ib—Discombe, D.	Ic—Shave, K.

SUBJECT PRIZES

English - -	V—Chase, B.	IV—Price, A.	III—Bennett, G.
	II—Edwards, R.	I—Twyman, V.	
English Literature	V—Cousins, E. and Tarlton, A.		
French - -	V—Cousins, E.	IV—Hill, G.	III—Bennett, G.
	II—Campbell, J.	I—Carroll, D.	
German - -	V—Flower, A.	IV—Hill, G.	III—Salt, G.
	II—Clark, G.		
Latin - -	IV—Price, A.	III—Willis, N.	II—Edwards, R.
History - -	V—Bryett, S.	IV—Price, A.	III—Wiltshire, D.
	II—Arbery, A.	I—Harvey, J.	
Geography - -	V—Tarlton, B.	IV—Price, A.	III—Wiltshire, D.
	II—Edwards, R.	I—Twyman, V.	
Mathematics - -	V—Chase, B.	IV—Guard, K.	III—Bennett, G.
	Tarlton, B.		
	II—Wallis, D.	I—Hickman, P.	
Science - -	V—Tarlton, B.	IV—Fricker, J.	III—Hawker, G.
	II—Roberts, D.	I—Twyman, V.	
Art - -	Senior : Ikeson, R.	Junior : Watson, B.	

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, 1942-43

won by

RODING HOUSE

(Captain—Bryett, S. A.)

Priez pour les élèves de M. Mai.

Monsieur, vous êtes un très bon maître,
Rempli de pitié, peut-être,
Pour vos élèves qui ennuient
Tout le monde et vous aussi.
Je pense que ça, c'est leur esprit.

Mais ayez de la patience,
Je parlerai pour leur défense.
Ils volent des pommes, cela je sais,
Et dans l'école ils jettent la craie :
Mais toujours ils désirent la paix.

Assis devant votre écritoire
Vous voyez une goutte noire
Sur la mauvaise écriture—
Vous n'êtes pas excessivement dur—
C'était la plume, ça c'est sûr.

Si un garçon ne s'arrête
Et ne lève pas la casquette,
N'entrez donc pas en fièvre !
Ne frappez pas ce pauvre élève !
C'est sûr qu'il marchait dans un rêve.

Si vous voyez un coquin
Frappant les autres de la main ;
Si vous lui parlez mille fois
Il ne vous répondra pas
Parce qu'il a la tête de bois.

Si j'étais un peu fou
Je n'écrirais pas beaucoup.
Mon petit poème est fini
Mais une chose je vous prie :
Gardez ces mots en votre esprit.

D. W. VERE, IVa.

Faux ! faux ! absolument faux !

Ne pensez pas, mon cher auteur,
Que votre pauvre professeur
Puisse être un animal sans cœur.
Ce n'est pas vrai, écoutez bien—
Tout est possible, excepté rien.

Ennuyé par ses bons élèves,
Hanté par eux dans tous ses rêves,
Vivant sans paix jusqu'à ce qu'il crève—
Que donne-t-il donc comme récompense ?
(Voix sépulcrale du fond de la classe :)
"Des impositions immenses!"

D'immenses impositions ?
C'est impossible, il est si bon !
J'ai tort, dites-vous ? Mais non, mais non.
Tout le monde peut faire une erreur—
Excepté votre professeur.

Vous pensez donc, élève si cher,
Que c'est un homme par trop sévère ?
Quelle idée extraordinaire !
Même un poète peut avoir tort !—
Le cœur de M. Mai est d'or !

J'entends un rire, ah, si cruel
Pour un brave homme si paternel.
Vous trouvez donc tout naturel
Que tous ces garçons-ci se moquent
Et disent entre eux : "Il est toc-toc" ?

Quand je vous flanque, mon cher ami,
Ce n'est pas vous qui êtes puni,
C'est moi qui souffre, je vous le dis !
Les larmes me montent vite aux yeux—
C'est un grand mouchoir que je veux !

Et maintenant je vous adresse
Un désespéré S.O.S.
Toujours, mon cher, la politesse !
Noblesse oblige ! (C'est ce que je crois)—
De tous mes torts, pardonnez-moi !

W.M.

THE SIXTH FORM COMMITTEE

The Sixth Form has fulfilled all expectations by failing to realise its responsibility, the proximity of the Higher School Certificate Examination, and believe it or not, its own importance as a vital gear-wheel in the machine of school-life. The engineer, Mr. May, controlling this particular cog, has maintained equilibrium with considerable success. The subdued remnants of the notorious *ib* have provided us with that extra *je ne sais quoi* to which no other form dare lay claim.

Any person venturing to disturb the sanctity of Room 23, and many tremble at the thought, would be struck, metaphorically, in the ear by the tranquillity and absence of noise and in the eye by the array of blue and gold curtains surmounting a section of astonishingly clean wall. The cleanliness is due to the untiring efforts of the scrubbers, who were prepared to sacrifice that delightful period of rest—a Saturday morning—for the benefit of the common cause. An example, surely, of socialism at its best.

I sincerely believe that one of our most important activities has been our meetings on Friday evenings. We have delved, with a modicum of success, into the depths of death, spiritualism and religion. Our ideas were filtered and separated one from another. Once tested, they were returned to the mental vats, to ferment and produce vaporous notions. We can only hope, however, that the final product will be a knowledge and understanding surpassing that of Plato.

Other meetings consisted of recitals of gramophone records of wide variety. No one would deny that the selections were truly heterogeneous since all present were impressed by the change of sentiment from record to record. Some of us were inwardly distressed by the censorship imposed; some works, recognised as masterpieces by some among us, were suppressed. This was probably a directing of our æsthetic senses into orthodox channels.

Our enthusiastic acceptance of the suggestion that members of the Sixth Form should perform fireguard duties has resulted in a general elevation of financial status. An outlet for this undreamed-of wealth has been found in theatre visits, which are now regular occurrences. Most, though perhaps not all, of these exodi have been immensely enjoyable and one at least proved highly eventful. By this means we have had an opportunity of studying the works of Smetana, Tchaikovsky, Lewis Carroll and others of equal repute. We have had also the opportunity of seeing old boys again, for many of them managed to accompany us. The sight of these old faces warmed our hearts and re-kindled the fires of friendship.

These schemes are due for the most part to the Committee. The thrashing-out of such problems left the first committee in need of a period of mental convalescence, although our chairman appears to be of a sufficiently sturdy constitution to be unaffected physically by these titanic verbal struggles. The present assembly is as virile as could be desired. We can only wait for time to show the full results of their labours.

On behalf of the committee I should like to offer our most sincere thanks to Mr. Wigley and Mr. Wren for their help in

two of our meetings. The latter gallantly allowed himself to become the object of multitudinous salvoes of questions. He proved himself more than a match for our guns and has taught us much in the art of defence.

This brief resumé is insufficient to give anything like a complete picture of the activities of the first Sixth Form, but it must appear crystal-clear to the least imaginative that we have pursued knowledge, understanding and eternal truth with the utmost avidity. Some of us have, I fear, found truth in the old proverb : "Ne'er cast a clout till May is out"; this, I feel, needs no further explanation. We shall pursue this elusive truth with ever-increasing vigour. Let us look forward eagerly to the coming terms when we and our successors shall together seek to solve the problems that have so far defeated Man in his long and arduous climb up the steep and mountainous path which leads ever to a more complete understanding of the Universe.

B. H. CHASE.

TRANSLATION

("The brightest things in Baudelaire are anything else but gay."

—G. K. Chesterton.)

Recueillement

Sois sage, ô ma Douleur, et tiens-toi plus tranquille,
Tu réclamas le Soir ; il descend ; le voici :
Une atmosphère obscure enveloppe la ville,
Aux uns portant la paix, aux autres le souci.
Pendant que des mortels la multitude vile,
Sous le fouet de Plaisir, ce bourreau sans merci,
Va cueillir des remords dans la fête servile,
Ma Douleur, donne-moi la main ; viens par ici,
Loin d'eux. Vois se pencher les défuntas Années
Sur les balcons du ciel, en robes surannées ;
Surgir du fond des eaux le Regret souriant ;
Le Soleil moribond s'endormir sous une arche,
Et, comme un long linceul traînant à l'Orient,
Entends, ma chère, entends la douce Nuit qui marche !

—Baudelaire.

Meditation

Be still, my Grief, wise in tranquillity,
Evening which you implore descends, is here ;
The city's dark enshadowing atmosphere
Yields peace to some, to some anxiety.

While the base multitude mortality,
Impelled by Pleasure's whip, this hangman fear,
Gathers in servile feast Remorse's tear,
My Grief, my Sorrow, give your hand to me,
Come far off. See the years which Time has bought
Lean down in outworn robes from Heaven's court ;
Smiling Regret rise from the watery deep ;
The dying Sun couch his low-vaulted light ;
And, trailing her long shrouds from the Eastern steep,
O hear, my Grief, soft treads advancing Night. E.C.W.

ARDLEIGH, AUGUST, 1943.

The hill seemed unending. The head wind which had been so troublesome for all the previous forty or so miles appeared to be rapidly strengthening as if determined to prevent the curious cavalcade from reaching the summit. The cluster of bicycles, for it could scarcely be called a line, presented a spectacle which caused many a stolid labourer to pause a moment in the fields and wonder who these foreigners were. On these bicycles, adorned with parcels of all shapes and sizes, rode twenty or so of the boys who were to attend the School's first harvest camp at the village of Ardleigh near Colchester. The party at length reached the top of this last hill, passed through the village and swept through the white-painted gates of Bovill's Hall, a Georgian manor-house. Here they were hospitably received by Mr. May, McCartney, and Marks who had arrived several days before.

After a meal prepared by Miss Crook and her assistants, Miss Heath, Ireland and Fricker, the boys soon settled down for the night. The next day was Sunday and everyone was aroused early for church. When the reason for this early awakening was disclosed a surprising proportion of "nonconformists" was discovered. Church over and a good meal demolished, the "boys of Bovill's" set to work and built a field-oven at the expense of a partly-ruined summer-house, and repaired a supplementary water pump.

Thus passed the first two days of the camp. On Monday morning, however, to the violent ringing of bells, several groups of cyclists in motley attire armed with tins of sandwiches and bottles of cold tea or water flashed out of the drive on their way to the various farms. Each working party on the average consisted of four or five boys. The first day seemed to pass only too slowly for all of us as we found our first acquaintance with pitching, carting, chaff-bagging, stooking and "spudding" to be extremely painful. After about seven hours of work in the fields we were all glad to drag ourselves on to our bicycles and struggle back to

Bovill's. Here we ate until we could scarcely move but everyone managed to crawl on to his palliasse and was soon enjoying that deep sleep which only the satisfied stomach and the exhausted muscle can evoke. The next morning we were rudely aroused by the raucous sound of an alarm clock which Taylor tried to put out of commission with a boot. Then after a good breakfast of porridge, eggs, potato-cakes and bread and marmalade, we again set off with packed lunches only to find that the muscular reaction to the labours of the previous day was severe and cycling was an effort. The stiffness soon wore off however, and very soon we were all initiated into the mysteries of harvesting. The only excitement came when it was pay-day or when small domestic triumphs such as the repair of a remarkable shower-bath were achieved.

The day's programme was nearly always the same. We rose at seven, breakfasted at eight and arrived at the field at nine where we worked for about eight hours. Then home to the Hall in the evening for a hot bath and dinner. Thus the weeks wore on with harmonious monotony while we all became proficient at the century-old tasks of the land. The only break was on Saturday when Colchester was explored or Clacton visited. Sunday afternoon was reserved for personal activities. Letters were written, shirts washed, socks darned and wood chopped.

To the organising ability and immense labours of Mr. May we owe the success of the camp, and also to Miss Crook and Miss Heath who ministered so ably to our creature comforts. We are grateful to Mr. Scott, the Headmaster and Mr. Steele for the encouragement of their presence. Mr. Joyce, the caretaker of a neighbouring house, put us greatly in his debt by numerous helpful actions.

That then is the incomplete picture of the harvest camp which is conjured up in my mind. It may not appear very attractive to any one reading this bald account and yet it was a great experience. The healthy work in the open air among very hospitable people together with the knowledge that we were doing a good job of work served to make the three weeks very pleasant, but I feel that it was the intimate and simple communal life of the camp which made it extremely successful and so very enjoyable. S. A. BRYETT.

Sonnet. Un enfant dans un jardin.

Etincelant clairement dans le soleil chaud,
Parmi les feuilles vertes brille l'étang d'eau,
Dont les petits poissons, rouges et jaunes d'or,
Nagent nettement comme rayons de couleur.

Il y avait alors un enfant jeune et vif
Qui jouait près du tronc noir et pourpre de l'if,
Ce géant qui déploie ses grandes branches brunes
Le soir aux rayons d'argent de la belle lune.

Encore cet enfant jouait dans l'herbe d'or,
Jetant de petits cailloux dans le ruisseau clair
Qui coule à l'étang où venaient les vieux pêcheurs.

Plumant des pétales il les lança sur l'eau
Où elles surnagèrent par les glaï euls hauts
Tandis qu'un éphémère voltigeait dans l'air.

R. DRUCE, IVa.

IMPRESSIONS OF A CROSS-COUNTRY RUN

Every year towards the end of the Spring term dread draws an awful white pall across the notice-board. A bold spirit ventures to cast his eyes upon the neat typewritten sheet and immediately Fear grips him. Glancing round, he makes off at a discreet pace through the line of least House-captains. Others risk swift perusals and their immediate horror is clearly shown by a distinct recoil, after which they sidle off. Then come the House-captains in pairs. Warm, sometimes white-hot discussion of some new rule develops.

The announcement of the annual Cross-Country Run has been made. Soon notices for each House appear with neat spaces ready for volunteers. Some come forward and boldly scrawl their names on the sheet, usually making a series of holes in the execution of this difficult feat. Campaigning begins. A House-captain is seen to accost a trembling victim, question him closely, wave aside all his excuses and lead him finally to the notice-board. Lack of equipment is no excuse. The captains produce the required articles most mysteriously. Even the Headmaster descends to lending a pair of running-shoes which is presented with compliments to a protesting athlete. For a few weeks there is spasmodic training for those with the spare time. As the fateful day approaches the campaigning is intensified. When it arrives it is noticeable that competitors take more care of themselves than usual. At lunch, mouthfuls are small and last long. The pudding, which it seems is a five-year-old tradition on Cross-Country day, is masticated with deliberation.

On the afternoon of "der Tag" the competitors stand in a crowd of juniors, timekeepers and Staff. Jackets are finally whipped off, fifty boys are lined up in forty feet like kippers on a slab.

After the start they head for the gate in fine style. At a hundred yards they feel grand. At two hundred some think that the pace is too fast. At Mr. Furze's farmhouse stands Mr. Scott with his pipe : here there is a general lack of breath. Luxborough Lane means the beginnings of stitch. Then comes excruciating agony both mental and physical : indeed, the former seems the harder to bear. Thoughts chase each other round a confused brain. What is the use of all this ? What makes me plod on with a smack, smack, smack of the foot on the hard cruel road and a thud, thud, thud of a straining striving heart ? Fifteen minutes will see it all finished. But those fifteen minutes ! Each measured so slowly by the brain and so quickly by the watch at the other end. There is a back in front of me. I will pass it. I try to pass it. I cannot pass it. I hate that back and its jolting singlet. It is all I can see. Someone hurries past me and despair comes too. What this sport will make one do !

Here we are at last ! Someone nearby lengthens the pace. We pass through the gates. We tear along in a mad rush for the end to the shrieks of a cheering, hysterical crowd. Blindly we grope for a card, make a few enquiries and then drop down, thankful that it is over.

W. H. C. TAYLOR.

BASEBALL

It was announced towards the end of the 1943 Summer term that a baseball match between an American and a Canadian team had been arranged to take place on the school playing-field. Everyone looked forward to the coming event, for the terminal examinations had produced the usual strained atmosphere. We were unlucky, however, for the game had to be postponed until the first Friday of the Autumn term.

The two teams arrived in huge 'trucks' and the game, watched enthusiastically by Staff and boys was soon in progress. To many of us at first the game seemed to be a jumble of hitting, running and shouting. Two of the players, hearing that only a few understood the game, very kindly and patiently explained it to us in a low interesting drawl. After this it was possible for us to cheer good hits with confidence. During an interval between games the two teams distributed among the boys baseball bats, balls and gloves which were most eagerly received by the luckier ones. The games restarted and the excitement continued unabated to the end. Time was found for eight games altogether. At the end of the seventh game, four had been won by the Canadians and three by their opponents. The excitement could not have been greater. The Canadians were the favourites and they came

up to our expectations by defeating the Americans by five games to three, although at times it certainly seemed that the afternoon was going in favour of the Americans.

The standard of playing of both teams was high and for this very enjoyable afternoon the hearty thanks of the school are due to the Americans and the Canadians. We hope they will visit us again.

B. McCARTNEY.

THE LIBRARY

The past year has been notable for the large number of books that has been presented to the library by parents, boys and well-wishers of the school. This is a gesture which at any time is greatly appreciated, but doubly so in these times of dearth. The list of presentations below indicates how fortunate we have been, and our thanks are given to those who have so kindly helped to fill our shelves. The aggregate has now reached 2,057 ; and to Daniell, of Form 3a, must be given the credit for the bulk of the work of preparing nearly 350 books for the library.

At the beginning of the year the library was opened for the Sixth Form outside the usual hours, and it is now open continuously for private study. The coming year will see a further extension of the activities carried on there, and the radiators which have been installed will add to the physical comfort at any rate of readers and workers.

The list of periodicals has been extended to include the "Times," "Listener," "John o' London' Weekly," and "Discovery." Miss Rayner has kindly continued her weekly gift of the "Spectator," Mr. Steele his "New Statesman and Nation," and Beard (Form 3b) the P.L.A. Monthly. We are indebted to Mr. E. E. Gomm for very kindly presenting us with a copy of "Punch" every week.

The number of volumes borrowed throughout the year is 3,098. Of these, 1,548 were fiction, 1,550 non-fiction. These figures indicate the amount of work and time freely given by the library monitors, whose quiet efficiency and loyal dependability make the library work run so smoothly. McCartney, the Library Prefect, has continued to give his invaluable support, assisted by Boatman, Price, Final, Vines, Fricker, Bradley, Jay, King, Stonham, Beecham, Caville, Howick, Reekie, Sparling, Newens, Gray, Daniell, Robbins, Spendley, Salmon, Wiggins and Wilson.

The suggestions book continues to be well used, but it would be better before making an entry to consult the card-index to see whether the book is not already on the shelves.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

Presented by	Title	Author.
Dr. S. H. Atkins	... Complete Works of Lewis Carroll.	—
Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Beales	Norway ...	A. Rothery.
Mr. J. A. Beecham	... Complete set of Dickens's Works, 16 Vols. ...	—
Mrs. Cockerell ...	... Zoology ...	T. D. A. Cockerell.
Mr. F. H. Hayes	... The Bible Picture Book	M. J. Chalmers.
Mr. T. H. Knight	... Golf, My Life's Work...	J. H. Taylor.
Mr. A. Orbell ...	... War and Peace ...	L. Tolstoy.
" "	... British Seamen ...	D. Mathew.
" "	... The British People at War ...	—
" "	... The Bayeux Tapestry ...	E. MacLagan.
Mr. A. W. Rablen	... London Triumphant ...	S. R. Jones.
Mr. J. A. Saward	... Essex ...	A. Mee.
Mr. J. F. Shillito	... Mammals, Reptiles and Fishes of Essex ...	H. Laver.
Mr. S. P. J. Smith	... The Bishop of Munster and the Nazis ...	P. Smith.
Mrs. S. Trotter...	... The Biology of Insects...	G. H. Carpenter.
Mr. A. B. Wall...	... Mediæval England ...	H. W. C. Davis.
" "	... History of Costume and Armour ...	Kelly & Schwabe.
Mr. E. C. Wigley	... Factors in American History ...	A. F. Pollard.
B. Brazier ('38-43)	... Leonardo da Vinci ...	L. Goldscheider.
B. Butler ('38-43)	... National Gallery Illustrations—Italian Schools.	—Continental Schools.
" "	... The "War's Best Photographs" ...	—
S. Marks ('38-43)	... John Bull's Other Island	G. B. Shaw.
J. McInnes ('38-43)	... A Christmas Carol ...	C. Dickens.
K. J. Smith ('38-43)	... The English Countryside	H. J. Massingham.
" "	... Flowers of the Country-side ...	C. J. Lane.
L. Tovey ('38-43)	... Garibaldi ...	P. Frischauer.
R. T. Wilson ('38-43)...	Selected Essays ...	T. S. Eliot.
W. H. C. Taylor (VI Mod.)	The Wealth of Nations. Vols. 1 & 2 ...	A. Smith.
J. D. Gosling (VI Mod.)	The Cambridge Modern History, Vol. XI ...	E. A. G. Lamborn.
" "	Poetic Values ...	W. Wordsworth.
G. J. Keiller (Form 4b)...	The Prelude ...	J. W. McSpadden.
" "	Robin Hood ...	R. M. Ballantyne.
" "	Coral Island ...	—
J. L. Kearns (Form 3b)	Adventures of Don Quixote ...	M. de Cervantes.
R. Day (Form 2a)	The Nameless Island ...	P. F. Westerman.
" "	Boys of the Priory School	F. Coombe.
" "	Cruise of the Air-Yacht Silver Cloud ...	R. Walker.
" "	All about our Wonderful Ships ...	A. Williams.

Gifts to the Library—Continued

Presented by	Title	Author.
K. S. A. Madgwick (Form 2a)	Maanhaar ...	A. A. Pienaar.
" "	Atlantic Adventure ...	C. O'Brien.
" "	Peter the Whaler ...	W. H. G. Kingston.
E. J. G. Salmon (Form 2a)	Nature Pioneers of the Insect World... ...	J. Ritson.
" "	The Children's Story of the Bee ...	S. L. Bensusan.
B. H. Taylor (Form 2c)	Sea-Toll of our Time ...	R. L. Hadfield.
J. R. Melhuish (Form 2c)	For Cross or Crescent ...	G. Stables.
R. K. Penny (Form 2c)	Dog Crusoe ...	R. M. Ballantyne.
B. A. C. Pryor (Form 2c)	In Savage Africa ...	V. L. Cameron.
J. C. Chown (Form 2c)	The Golden Pool ...	R. A. Freeman.
B. Wiggins (Form 2c)...	Hatherly's First Fifteen...	M. R. Clark.
B. Astley (Form 2c) ...	Tom Brown's Schooldays	T. Hughes.
B. A. Hutchins (Form 2c)	The Big Five ...	G. Adath.
A. E. Colton (Form 2c)	A Tale of Two Cities...	C. Dickens.
" "	Uncle Tom's Cabin ...	H. B. Stowe.
R. W. Low (Form 1a) ...	Air below Zero...	B. Heming.
" "	Biggles sweeps the Desert	W. E. Johns.
D. C. Gorick (Form 1a)	Sunken Gold ...	J. G. Rowe.
" "	Dolphin hits the Air-Trail ...	M. Poole.
J. W. H. Leverton (Form 1b)	Wild Man of the West...	R. M. Ballantyne.

D.C.W.

1591 FLT. AIR TRAINING CORPS

As predicted in the previous magazine, an A.T.C. flight was formed at the beginning of the school year. A call for recruits was made by the Headmaster and Dr. Atkins, to which 63 boys of the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Forms responded. Our C.O., F/O. Atkins, announced that lectures and parades would be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school hours. Thus our first lecture, of a general nature, was held on October 5th, and the first parade on the 7th. In those days we suffered from lack of equipment, but Mr. Richards soon had us learning Morse with the help of his own raucous buzzer. Thus passed the first month and a half: Morse instruction on Tuesdays and a general lecture and parade on Thursdays. The glorious time came when uniforms arrived. Cdt. Morris, transferred from an Ilford squadron, was quickly promoted to become our first N.C.O. Parade was then held in two separate flights. Flt. 1 consisting of those with uniform and Flt. 2 of younger, provisional cadets, mostly from the Fourth forms.

Thus we progressed. A batch of cadets passed Phase "A" proficiency test by December. On February 8th we received a visit from S/Ldr. Nicholls (District Inspecting Officer for Schools)

and S/Ldr. Holder (from Headquarters, London Command). Each expressed his satisfaction at the unit's progress. For a few weeks at the end of the Spring term we were without an officer, as F/O Atkins was absent for three weeks, and left at the end of the term. However, although somewhat at a loss, the flight continued its activities with Mr. Bateman as acting C.O. In March expectation ran high. We were to have our first flight. On March 25th, in charge of Mr. Bateman, 20 hopeful cadets marched smartly to an operational station. However, we were disappointed, as the necessary aircraft failed to arrive—or even, we believe, to start out. Our disappointment was lessened somewhat by our inspection of a modern fighter aircraft and of a crashed enemy machine. Our first experience of flying came on April 20th, when 27 cadets visited the same station, this time in charge of P/O. Bateman, fresh from an officer's course. We were told that only 20 cadets could be taken, so that 7 cadets marched off ruefully to inspect the station. But, when they were on the other side, P/O. Bateman arrived and announced that flights were available. Those cadets traversed the 2,000 yards in record time. Thus all 27 cadets were airborne that day. In this Summer term several provisional cadets have transferred from Flt. 1, leaving only 7 in Flt. 2. Both flights now visit a nearby R.A.F. station after lectures for drill and we are also promised lectures, films and weapon-training. Our first visit was on D-Day, June 6th, when we were drilled and treated to a "pukka gen" on Invasion by the versatile Cpl. Boorman.

That is a brief history of 1591 Flt. as a whole. There have been occasions when small groups of cadets have engaged in some outside activity. On May 5th, the flight was represented by Cpl. Taylor, Cdts. Pettit, Perry, Gilbert, Cullen and Denton in the first round for the London Rotary Club Cup for aircraft recognition. Having no official training at all, the team did well to be placed 6th out of 11 teams. The flight's three N.C.O.'s, Sgt. Morris and Cpls. Taylor and Copcutt attended, on May 20th—21st a course at an operational station. Some disappointment was caused by the emphasis laid on drill and drill-instruction, to the total exclusion of furthering our practical knowledge of aircraft. Temporary Cpls. Perry and Elliott were more fortunate in this respect on their course at a different station on May 27th-28th.

It is hoped that two camps will be held this year. One, which the majority of the cadets will attend, will be a Flying Training School, and the other, which only ten cadets can attend, will be at a Royal Naval Air Station.

Although our number has now decreased to about 45, the loyalty of those who remain is indisputable. There is great keen-

ness in lectures and tests as is shown by the zest for taking wing-spans to the ultimate degree of accuracy. All are eager to become fully proficient by passing the Phase "B" test. Nearly everyone has passed Phase "A," and some cadets have now to pass only Navigation and Calculations to be proficient. P/O. Bateman lectures with great competence on Calculations and Navigation. Mr. Richards continues to buzz Morse at us with a new oscillator, in spite of his onerous Home Guard duties and he is also doing Aldis lamp work with us. Mr. Scott, too, has taught the Wireless class. To these three and to F/O. Atkins are due the thanks of the whole flight. We must also thank 2nd Lt. J. F. Shillito and Mr. New for carrying out the proficiency tests in Drill and P.T.

We have benefited lately by being small in number, as exactly the same equipment is allotted to us as to a full-strength squadron. However, probably seventeen cadets will be leaving this term. Thus we need recruits. Provisionals will be recruited from the older boys of the Third forms. We are hoping for a good response from this quarter. Those who join may find things difficult and will be excluded from some of the senior flight's activities—though not all. The preliminary training will later stand them in good stead. Besides these provisional cadets there will be needed a number of recruits from the new Fifth and the lower and upper Sixth forms to fill the depleted ranks of Flt. 1. Although any recruits from these latter forms will be behind some of their form-mates who joined earlier, they will find the lectures a pleasant and useful supplement to the routine school activities. It has been the request of some cadets about to leave that they should remain members of the Flight. Although this creates a difficult problem of time and timing, the suggestion is being given careful consideration.

W. H. C. TAYLOR, Cpl., 1591 Flt., A.T.C.

Phase "A" Proficiency Examination

The following have passed Phase "A" of the Proficiency Examination :

Sgt. Morris, Cpl. Taylor, Cpl. Copcutt, Cdts. Bradley, Cullen, Chapman, Elliott, Everitt, Firman, Gilbert, Harbott, Harnden, Hughes, Macleod, Perry, Pettit, Treacher, Vines, Wiltshire.

These cadets are now classified as Cadet (First Class) as from May 19th 1944.

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND

This report covers the three terms ending with and including the Spring term in accordance with the announcement made at this time last year.

Detailed balance sheets for each term as approved by the General Purposes Fund Committee have already appeared on the School Notice boards, and the various items of income and expenditure are summarised below :

Receipts.	£ s. d.
By weekly form contributions	53 13 5
,, Donations, etc.	1 9 10
,, Sale of Magazine	21 4 3
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	£76 7 6

Expenditure.	£ s. d.
To Printing of Magazine	22 0 0
,, Expenses in connection with School Games and other activities	11 1 1
,, Periodicals, etc., for School Library	3 7 0
,, Photograph	0 7 9
,, Cheque Book	0 4 2
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	£37 0 0

Excess of income over expenditure for the twelve months was therefore £39 7s. 6d., bringing the total assets of the Fund up to £121 10s. 11d., as compared with £82 3s. 5d. at the same time last year. A further £56 5s. 0d. was invested in National Savings during the year, bringing our total holdings there up to £75 and leaving us with a balance at the bank of £46 10s. 11d. F.A.S.

NATIONAL SAVINGS GROUP

The "Salute the Soldier" Campaign came in the middle of the Summer term. In "Wings for Victory" Week we had doubled a previous target of £250. It seemed unreasonable to increase this again, since a greater total might be practically beyond achievement. For "Salute the Soldier" Week therefore a target of £500 was set.

The result can be seen in the figures for each day's collection : Monday, £52 ; Tuesday, £153 ; Wednesday, £145 ; Thursday, £126 ; Friday, £299. So our total for the week for £775. For this we must thank all those who made a special effort to exceed their previous savings, and the Form Masters and Mistresses who undertook the daily task of collecting and recording the money.

A particular debt is owing to Mrs. Kirk and her helpers for the attractive chart which recorded each Form's progress during the week. On a map of the English Channel the invasion barges were shown moving to their allotted beaches. Congratulations to the nine Forms who, as their barges indicated, reached their targets, and particularly to the Sixth Form and Second Year B, first and second respectively in the race.

A competition was held for the best individual Form Progress Indicator, and some very ingenious ones were prepared. At the time of writing this, the winning Form has not yet been announced.

Perhaps it might be well to remind members of the Group that in the long run it is regular and not spectacular saving that counts. Our weekly Savings Totals, as they have been recorded on the notice boards each Friday, have not been very imposing. For some time before the "Salute the Soldier" Week they averaged £8 6s. 0d. This represents fourpence-halfpenny a head. The figures for separate Forms reveal that two contribute a disproportionate amount of our total. The Sixth average two shillings each, and it might be argued that older members have more opportunity to save, were it not that the other Form proves to be First Year C. They have an average per head of one-and-a-penny. Though only about one-ninth of the school in numbers, these stalwarts together provided five-elevenths of our National Savings total.

This makes the figure of fourpence-halfpenny just quoted even less satisfactory, since eight-ninths of the School contribute so little to it. Some Form averages make melancholy reading : three are below a penny, one less than a farthing. Boys do not all have the same pocket money : some, their elders gloomily observe, have far too much : others, more prone to speak for themselves, plaintively assert that they get very little. But there are few who could not with ease save sixpence a month, and if those who at present bring less than this did only as much, the School's National Savings figures would show a distinct improvement. We ought to set this as a bare minimum. Oarsmen have a name for the fellow who does not pull his weight. Let's borrow their slogan, "No passengers."

L.T.H.

SOCIETIES

MUSIC SOCIETY

President : Mr. R. Steele.

Chairman : Mr. S. S. Campbell. **Secretary :** B. A. Tarlton.

Committee : E. Chipperfield, A. Andrews, J. Crawford, J. D. Lane, D. King, C. Selby, A. L. Stribling.

The Music Society has held several meetings during this school year. Towards the close of the Summer term of 1943 it realised one of its aims in inviting artists from neighbouring schools to perform here. Loughton, Leyton and Woodford Girls' Schools sent representatives and the meeting was attended by a large and interested School audience. In the Autumn term the Society was fortunate in obtaining, through Miss Black, the services of the Pollard's String Quartet. At the end of the Autumn term the Music Club suffered a severe blow in the loss of Mr. S. S. Campbell who had been an enthusiastic and energetic member. His successor, Miss Brookman, was welcomed by the Society in the succeeding Spring term. During this term two meetings of the Society were held, in both of which the programmes consisted of individual and group items played by members of the School.

For the second year in succession the School was well represented at the Epping Forest Youth Musical Festival which was held in two sessions: on Saturday, 20th May, at Woodford, and on Saturday, 10th June, at Walthamstow. At the first session entries were made for piano, violin and 'cello solos, piano duets and trios. The second session was attended by the School choir and orchestra, and the criticisms were on the whole highly satisfactory.

B. A. TARLTON.

During the year the following boys have passed examinations conducted by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy and Royal College of Music: Piano, Grade I, R. Gooch, D. Chapman; Grade II, J. Leverton (with credit); Grade III, R. Hunt; Grade IV, P. Rattenbury, R. Edwards; Grade V, A. Andrews, C. Selby, (with credit); Rudiments of Music, Grade II, M. Rudolf; Grade IV, B. Tarlton.

CURRENT EVENTS

Although fresh activities such as the A.T.C. have made demands on the time of members, the society has continued to hold meetings throughout the year, usually on alternate Tuesdays. The Geography Room has often been in demand for other purposes and we have sometimes had to hold our meetings in the Lecture Theatre.

Talks have been given and discussions held on a variety of subjects. There have been several general discussions on the conduct and progress of the war. Lively discussions have also been held on several subjects including the Education Bill (introduced by J. Martin) and Post-War Housing (by R. Edwards). Members have delivered talks on a large number of topics of current interest ranging from the work of the Post Office, given by Sheppard and of the Police, given by P. J. Aldridge, to Farming in Wartime (A. C. Arbery) and the British Army (C. Rush).

Although attendances have not been large, the society has given those present an opportunity to air their views and has been a source of interest and enjoyment to many. It is the desire of members that it should continue to remain so in the years to come.

J. MARTIN.

FIRST YEAR GROUPS

Successful meetings were held during the Autumn and Spring terms. Initial difficulties due to inexperience in organising meetings of this kind were quickly overcome. Most of the work fell to the lot of boys serving on the committees, but ideas were plentiful and little persuasion required to find "volunteers" to take an active part in proceedings.

Most popular were inter-form competitions of different kinds and talks by several members of the Staff, including Miss Rayner, Miss Gottschalk, Mr. Ansell and Mr. Wigley. On one occasion Madgwick (2a) brought along slides of Switzerland and gave an expert running commentary.

At Christmas, Form 1b entertained us with a short play "Robin Hood," although they had been severely handicapped by absence of members of the form. Additional entertainment was supplied on this occasion by "ladies" of the cast, whose retreating

forms, forgetful of certain discrepancies in costume, presented a view of too obvious schoolboy attire.

Each boy serving on the committees had an opportunity to take the chair, and many filled the role with surprising confidence and grace.

We should like to thank Higgins and Hiscott of 1b who made the posters each week.

C. PRYKE and F. WOOD (1c), Secretaries.

BUCKHURST ACADEMY.

This year the Buckhurst Academy has been very unfortunate in losing its founder and invigorator, Mr. R. A. Campbell. The overshadowing examinations have brought a fall in membership. On the other hand we have a new member, Mr. Wigley, who has attended our meetings and at the beginning of the year gave an interesting talk on "The Growth of the English House." Mr. Campbell before his departure was most enlightening on the subject of "Surrealism." The time at our disposal in a few subsequent meetings was spent in designing mural paintings which, sadly enough, never came to fruition.

The Academy look forward to a grand renaissance next year when it hopes to receive the support of many more potential artists.

A. E. WILLINGALE.

ACADEMIC RESULTS

We congratulate the following boys on being first in their forms for the School-year 1943-4 :

	A	B	C
V	A. Price.	K. Button.	C. Summers.
IV	G. Bennett.	G. Salt.	R. Webb.
III	J. Tilly.	G. Clark.	P. Bullman.
II	P. Hickman.	D. Knell.	R. Penny.
I	R. Oliver.	M. Gorman.	D. Doye.

THIRD YEAR HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Committee : Gray, G. M., Chapman, R. F., Pike, Kearns, Kibblewhite, Orrey.

Secretary : Chapman, R. F.

The Society was founded in November, 1943 by Mrs. Dale and Mr. Wigley. Three indoor meetings have been held, one outdoor excursion and an exhibition.

The first meeting, held on the 8th December took the form of a lantern lecture on "Medieval Sports and Pastimes" given by Gray, J., of 3a. The slides, while showing the interesting variety of pleasurable occupations of those distant days, also revealed how much the medieval boy or girl had in common with his present-day descendants. There was quite a large, and we think an interested audience.

Kearns of 3b was our next lecturer. His subject was "Medieval Travel" and this too was illustrated with lantern slides. There was again a large attendance and some interesting features of travel in the Middle Ages were represented, including a map of a route from London to Rome which looked strange to modern eyes. This meeting was held on February 2nd.

On the 23rd February, a competition in the form of a historical "quizz" was held for the third forms. The winner was Harniman of 3a to whom a prize in the form of a book on architecture was presented.

With the coming of the Summer term, outdoor meetings seemed called for and a ramble was arranged for June 3rd to visit Waltham Abbey after a walk through Epping Forest passing Loughton Camp on the way. There was a good response, 21 boys mainly from 2a attended and enjoyed the walk and the architectural features of interest at Waltham.

On May 24th a small but very interesting exhibition of coins was held in School. They were brought by Fowles of 4a to whom we are very grateful. There were also some model ships lent by Chapman of 3a.

R. F. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

THIRD YEAR SCIENCE SOCIETY

Chairman : J. E. Read Secretary : P. J. Aldridge.
Committee : Tilly, Washington, Badman.

During the winter and spring terms we held several very interesting meetings in the Lecture Theatre. These ranged from a talk on "X-rays" by Dr. D. H. Smith to one on "Geology" by K. Joysey of the Sixth Form. Although our name is the "Third Year Science Society" membership is by no means confined to the thirds. Unfortunately we have been unable to hold any meetings this term, but we hope to make a start next school year as the "Fourth Year Science Society."

P. J. ALDRIDGE.

S P O R T

1st XI FOOTBALL: SEASON 1943-1944

In previous games the School Eleven has enjoyed a peculiar advantage over its opponents in that our first team had played as a unit for more than three years. However the expansion of the school brought to an end this happy state of affairs. The first eleven lost four of its oldest and most reliable players and for the first time in its history, the school had to fill quickly several vacancies in the team. This sudden and unaccustomed change may account for the rather poor season of the eleven.

Certain results were surprising for although the team lost to sides which it had beaten in previous years yet it managed to win matches against elevens that had always defeated it in other seasons. The most notable example of this was the second match against Wanstead. Here, after a poor opening to the season, the team settled down and the forward line under the incisive leadership of McCartney, who played fine football in spite of his leg injury, showed that it could net goals and we won comfortably by four goals to one. The form displayed in this match was not maintained however. In many matches, particularly those against Forest and Chigwell Schools, both the defence and forwards played scrappy indecisive football and let slip many opportunities. Against Chigwell School the team never seemed able to "get cracking." Play lagged a great deal and although the school had as much of the play as its opponents, it failed to score the necessary goals.

The opposition fielded by Barking Abbey, however, never failed to stimulate the side and two of the matches were fought

out right to the finish. The final game especially was one which kept all the players on their toes until the whistle. The school had been one goal down from early in the first half but continued to fight back strongly and with ten minutes to spare Hardy headed a difficult goal from a long swinging pass from Wheatley, playing on the left wing.

The match, which was most enjoyed, especially by the elder members of the side, was the Old Boys' Match. This, the first the School has held, was characterised by much energetic tackling, the chief target of which appeared to be Hines, the School goalkeeper. The Old Boys, all of whom were known personally by the team, held off the School until stopped by lack of breath. The School then won easily by five goals to one. It was, however, a real tonic to see such players as Walker and Tovey playing with all their old skill and emphasising their loss to the team.

Returning from a pleasant to a more sober aspect of our matches, we must realise that, considering the fact that only six matches were won out of fourteen played, the team as a whole must play much harder, and incidentally be much more strongly supported if it is to enjoy a more successful season next year.

S. A. BRYETT.

RESULTS

1943.									
Sept. 25	Wanstead C. H. S.	...	...	...	Away	lost	3—0		
Oct. 2	Chigwell School "A"	...	...	Away	lost	3—1			
Oct. 9	Wanstead C. H. S.	...	...	Home	won	4—1			
Oct. 16	Ilford C. H. S.	...	...	Home	won	3—2			
Nov. 6	Barking Abbey	...	...	Home	lost	4—3			
Nov. 13	Forest School	...	...	Away	won	5—4			
Dec. 11	Barking Abbey	...	...	Away	lost	3—0			
1944.									
Jan. 29	Ilford C. H. S.	...	...	Home	lost	6—2			
Feb. 5	Barking Abbey	...	...	Away	drew	1—1			
Feb. 12	Chigwell School "A"	...	...	Home	lost	3—0			
Feb. 26	Old Boys' XI	...	...	Home	won	5—1			
Mar. 4	Forest School	...	...	Home	won	3—1			
Mar. 11	S.W. Essex Tech. College	...	...	Away	won	3—2			
Mar. 18	Leyton C. H. S.	...	...	Away	lost	3—1			

The First Eleven missed enjoying a good season, due mainly to the great scarcity of efficient reserves, especially in the forward line. For instance, in the two matches against Chigwell School "A," the team was weakened by the absence of key players and was itself an "A" side. For this reason the two weak spots in the side, at inside-right and left-half, could not be adequately strengthened. Hines, in goal, played finely match after match

and very few goals scored against him might conceivably have been saved. He still fails to risk enough the ultimate and hazardous resort of the goalkeeper and come out, right out to the ball at the crucial moment, or, if he does, fails to intimate vociferously enough to his defenders that he is on the way. Flower, at left back, also played steadily and improved his technique with every game. He camouflaged his lack of speed by fine judgment in positioning and his controlled half-volleying was invariably accurate and reliable. Taylor, who took over Wilson's place at left back halfway through the season, could always be relied on to play on to the last gasp and by his vigour and energy was never an easy defender to beat. Bryett, on the captain's bridge in the centre-half position, played most impressively and by his speed of thought, foot and tackling, was the heart of and enheartened his team. Tarlton, at right-half, played a very steady and useful game. He looked slow but his length of leg was deceptive and was most effective in sweeping the ball through a tackle. He had, however, to be goaded into an unnatural combativeness before the fire of fight possessed him. The other wing-half, Slade, also had to have sundry goads, trips and kicks before he revealed the toughness and tenacity for which he gained his place. His kicking, too, had a wild 'circumbendibus' about it that not only surprised the enemy but deceived his own side from time to time. Wheatley found greater freedom of manœuvre at outside left and played many good games, revealing the zest and subtlety he has always promised. Baggott and Bates were the spearheads of the attack giving it most of its speed, punch and scoring power. McCartney, in spite of never being able to rely on his injured leg, held his line well together, always required a good deal of holding and gave the forward line much needed weight in the centre. Against Forest School away he scored two spectacular goals with his head, in each case bringing a fast centre down from the height of the crossbar. Webb was given a lengthy trial at inside left and was improving with each game in effectiveness and technique. The most meritorious wins were the two matches against Forest School and the most disappointing the defeats at home against Ilford and Leyton County High Schools.

J.H.T.

JUNIOR (Under 15) FOOTBALL ELEVEN : SEASON 1943-1944

The Junior Team enjoyed a very successful Autumn Term, winning 7 matches and only losing one. Our one drawn game was against Loughton School 1st XI, when the game had to be abandoned ten minutes from the end on account of a hailstorm. The matches we won were those against Chigwell School, Chigwell Council School (twice), Barking Abbey (twice), Forest School and

Loughton 2nd XI. Our best score was 8-0 against Chigwell Council School on October 25th, but the same school fielded a stronger side and brought a number of supporters on November 4th, when we beat them 3-2. Our losing game was played against Ilford C.H.S. though our defence played well. We experienced difficult weather conditions in both our games against Barking Abbey—a sodden pitch and a drizzle of rain on November 6th when we won 4-2, and a bleak and cold day with snow falling on December 11th when we scored 4 goals to their 3.

In the Spring Term we did not fare so well, winning one game, losing two and reaching a draw in another. Our match with Forest School was cancelled owing to an outbreak of measles at that school. We played hard against our old rivals, Ilford, on January 29th and managed to make it a draw, 1-1. Another game at which the decisions was long in doubt was the last game of the term against Leyton C.H.S. whom we defeated by 1 goal to nil.

Our scorers were Colvin, Tilly, Gold, Noble, Hardy, Fogg, Read, and Gooch. The last-named, a Second-year boy, is the youngest player in the team and shows great promise. Another Second-former is Penny, who played his first game with us on March 18th.

Regular players for the "Under 15" were: Jones, Gilbert, Foster, Redfern, Young, Gray, G., Gray, J., Worth, Tilly, Read, Noble, Gold, Penny, Colvin, Hardy.

J. READ.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL RESULTS

1943.							won	lost	draw
Oct. 2	Chigwell School (under 15)	...	...	...	...	...	2-1		
Oct. 16	Ilford C. H. S. (under 15)	...	...	...	...	...	6-0		
Oct. 23	Loughton School 1st XI	...	...	...	...	...	3-3		
Oct. 25	Chigwell Council School	...	...	...	...	...	8-0		
Nov. 4	Chigwell Council School	...	...	...	...	...	3-2		
Nov. 6	Barking Abbey School (under 15)	...	...	...	...	...	4-2		
Nov. 13	Forest School (under 15)	...	...	...	...	...	5-2		
Dec. 4	Loughton School 2nd XI	...	...	...	...	...	6-0		
Dec. 11	Barking Abbey School (under 15)	...	...	...	...	...	4-3		
1944.									
Jan. 29	Ilford C. H. S. (under 15)	...	...	...	...	...	1-1		
Feb. 5	Barking Abbey School (under 15)	...	...	...	...	...	3-1		
Mar. 11	S.W. Essex Technical College 2nd XI	...	...	...	...	...	8-0		
Mar. 18	Leyton C. H. S. (under 15)	...	...	...	...	...	1-0		

THE CROSS-COUNTRY RUNS.

In spite of the serious shortage of gym. shoes just over 150 boys turned out for the now traditional three school runs. The entry of 39 for the first year inter-form run was rather disappointing after last year's entry of 58. 1b won this event and provided the first four men home and six in the first eight. Its winning aggregate was almost exactly half of that of 1c. 1a for the second time was last and deservedly so, for this form failed most disappointingly to turn out a full team of 12 runners. Diver was the 1b runner first home and he won easily, with plenty of steam left in his boiler.

There was a change in the junior course, making it much longer than last year's. It ran via Chigwell Rise, Chigwell Road and Roding Lane, joining on the first year course where the footpath runs alongside the playing field. Gold (R), runner-up for the last two years, won a stern race against the diminutive Tovey (C) last year's runner-up in the first year run. Both Tovey and Gooch (R), who finished fourth, did splendidly as second year boys to secure two of the first four places against the competition of boys a year older. As last year Roding won the junior run with over a hundred points in hand against Forest. The order was in fact the same as last year.

Exactly the same number of boys, 51, as last year turned out for the Senior Run and for the second year in succession it was as 'Hamlet' without the Prince. This year, Bryett failed to start, not through being kicked on the soccer field by a non-prefect but as a victim of chicken pox. So Hughes' time of 1943 stands as the record for one year longer than was expected. If Bryett was this year denied the opportunity of lowering his own figures for the course all good sportsmen wish him much better luck and the one chance remaining to beat the best time so far established. Hughes (R), who has finished his cross-country career at school with the probably unbeatable record of two firsts and two seconds in the Senior Run, looked to be running easily and confidently with plenty in hand. All this he certainly required as White, E. (C) chased him right home to the flags and although two years his junior, kept to his shoulder all the way, challenging the winner all down Roding Lane and within the school gates. White ran with impressive rhythm, exemplary poise and springiness. Third place was gained by Horne (R) who halved his previous best placing. Rush (F), in taking fourth place, showed that he has stamina as well as a good physique. Forest, as last year, took points for first place and Chigwell took second place by the very narrow margin of two points over Hainault. Since Chigwell has

never been higher than last this improvement is timely. It may be observed that the only House Captain to run helped his House to second place by completing the course. The usual main criticism can be repeated. Boys cannot expect to do justice to themselves without taking a cross-country run very seriously and training for what is a very severe test of stamina and will-power, in basic English 'guts,' the essential quality in all athletic competition. House Championship points were won by Forest.

J.H.T.

RESULTS

FIRST YEAR INTER-FORM RUN

	Ib	Ic	Ia
Fastest Time	... 1	Wood ... 5	Oliver ... 10
Hiscott	... 2	Horne ... 7	Coyle ... 11
Forsyth	... 3	Sparks ... 9	Henderson ... 13
Bellingham	... 4	Millington ... 15	Knights ... 14
Higgins	... 6	Schooley ... 18	Low ... 20
Kirman	... 8	Adkins ... 23	Steff ... 22
Andrews	... 12	Doye ... 24	Osborne ... 25
Kemp	... 14	Pitteway ... 26	Gorick ... 27
Hearn	... 16	Silwood ... 29	Ringrose ... 31
Leverton	... 17	Wells ... 33	Knott ... 32
Maynard	... 21	Tabor ... 37	Jolly ... 36
Heyward	... 28	Cole ... 38	Nemo ... 39
	132	264	280

JUNIOR CROSS-COUNTRY

	Roding	Forest	Hainault	Chigwell
Fastest Time	... 1	Young ... 5	Shave ... 7	Tovey ... 2
Gooch	... 4	Saltwell ... 8	Warren ... 13	White ... 3
Roberts	... 9	Ramplin ... 11	Beales ... 17	Penny ... 6
Sanders	... 10	Gray, J. ... 12	Horne ... 19	Colvin ... 27
Lowson	... 14	Bettis ... 18	Foster ... 25	Knell ... 34
Badman	... 15	Blackwell ... 26	Twizell ... 31	Carroll ... 42
Day	... 16	Pike ... 29	Phillips ... 36	Gomm ... 43
Gilbert	... 20	Harvey ... 33	Ring ... 48	Pryor ... 44
Beard	... 21	Hare ... 38	Last ... 49	Tilly ... 53
Andrews	... 22	Cuthbert ... 39	Wiggins ... 52	Beaven ... 57
Rowe	... 23	King ... 40	Reekie ... 60	Keeble ... 59
Saunders	... 24	Sparling ... 45	Meadway ... 61	Colton ... 63
	179	304	418	433

SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY

Fastest Time 23 mins. 38 secs.
Slowest Time More than 47 mins.

Forest	Chigwell	Hainault	Roding
Rush	... 4	White, E. ... 2	Hughes ... 1
Bracey	... 5	Lane ... 13	Copcutt, P. ... 9
Harrison	... 7	Boatman ... 14	Cullen ... 10
Elliott	... 8	Davies ... 15	Carver ... 19
Tinsley	... 11	Pettit ... 17	Millidge ... 20
Hall, D.	... 12	Pratt ... 18	Mummery ... 21
Baggott	... 16	Slade ... 22	Bradley ... 23
Chase	... 24	Bates ... 31	Wilson, J. ... 28
Hodder	... 25	Saward ... 34	Ireland ... 33
Everitt	... 27	Hunt ... 36	Hubner ... 41
Salmon	... 35	Woppard ... 40	Orbell ... 42
Johnson	... 37	Taylor, W. H. C. 49	Macleod ... 46

211

291

293

399

FINAL HOUSE POINTS

	Junior.	Senior.	Total.	Championship Points.
1. Forest	... 2	6	8	3
2. Chigwell	... 0	4	4	2
3. Hainault	... 1	2	3	$\frac{1}{2}$
4. Roding	... 3	0	3	$\frac{1}{2}$

CRICKET

This season has been remarkable for two paradoxes. First, our prospects at the end of last season were gloomy: Walker and Drewe, our opening bowlers and the fastest we had, were leaving; so were D. G. Clarke, who had been the best swing bowler we had had or had played against, and D. W. Clarke and Palmer, two batsmen always high in the list.

Despite this the school eleven has been more successful this season. It has played as a team more than ever before. Everyone has shown a far better spirit, and keenness has not flagged a minute.

This has not been shown in the batting of the side, which in the case of most has been weak, but rather in the bowling and fielding. The last game we have played, against Bancroft's II, points to this: Hines and McCartney made most of the 124 runs, six of the opposing wickets were taken with the help of the fielders, while four bowlers dismissed the team for 58 runs.

On the other hand the first game of the season we lost narrowly to Wanstead, and three weeks later we met them again. They then delivered a shattering blow to school records, for we were all out for nineteen runs. We battled for ninety minutes to make the school's lowest total ever. For this we have no excuse: there were no dropped catches, no treacherous wicket, and we could not blame the weather. Buckley and Durham, the two Wanstead bowlers, were excellent and very consistent and too good for our batsmen. No fighting spirit was lacking in us, however, though it was considerably crushed. We played as well as in any other game this season, but were given little chance.

The second paradox arose the next week. For, though humbled, we were truly undaunted, and defeated Buckhurst Hill Club II by ten wickets, a team which last year had severely caned us. This was quite a triumph, for their team was good. They made only thirty runs, whereas the school reached nearly a hundred for five wickets.

Every other game this season we have won: Wanstead alone have beaten us. Unfortunately only seven games have been played, but we have one more against Buckhurst Hill Club II, in which we must not expect an easy time.

This summer we are again losing some of the eleven, Pettit and Baggott have only been in the team this season, but their speed, keenness and excellent throwing will make their absence felt. Woppard and Wilson have each played once or twice and then have well maintained the standard set by the others. The last two leaving are Button and Clark, both of whom joined the eleven when they entered the school. Button has often served us well with ball and bat, and has always been most loyal to the side, Clark likewise. His batting is very lively and he has scored many a quick and useful run. So far this year he has taken most wickets, and has always been successful in bowling and catching: we are

sorry to see this cricketer go. Bates and Elliott we have welcomed to the team this season, but of these two and the rest we hope to see more.

Several lessons have been learned through our trials and triumphs : the quality of a team can best be seen through its fielding and a whole team fielding and bowling can win a game more easily than tail batsmen, and no players will make the most of their skill unless everyone plays as part of the team. This has been well proved this season, and our success lies mostly in the practice hereof.

A. W. FLOWER (Capt.).

Date	Opponents	Grd.	Scores.		Result
			For	Against	
May 13th.	Wanstead C.H.S. ...	...	H.	55	57—8 Lost
May 20th.	Ilford C.H.S. ...	...	A.	75	67 Won
May 27th.	Leyton C.H.S. ...	...	H.	73—9	48 Won
June 3rd.	Wanstead C.H.S. ...	...	A.	19	90—8 Lost
June 10th.	Buckhurst Hill Club II ...		H.	94—5	30 Won
June 17th.	Forest School ...	...	A.	93	51 Won
July 1st.	Bancroft's School II ...	...	H.	124—4	58 Won

Played 7, Won 5, Lost 2, Drawn 0.

UNDER 15 XI

The result of our first match, which was played against Wanstead, was not a very encouraging start to what we hoped would be a good season. After the first few wickets had fallen, the side came out very cheaply, the final score being 55 runs, 19 of which were scored by Read. Wanstead's opening batsmen were dismissed very quickly and their side were forced to place their hopes upon the last two men, who managed to get the required runs to pass our total. They were all out for 61. Smart took 6 wickets for 19 runs.

We lost our next game against Ilford, mainly through the weakness in our batting. Ilford scored 70 for 5 wickets and the school was dismissed for 51.

The return match against Wanstead was won, although we were all out for 49. Jones, who had been playing for the first eleven for three matches, and Penny, both bowled excellently to get Wanstead out for 24 runs. Jones took 5 wickets for 4 runs, and Penny 5 wickets for 8 runs !

Our next two matches were played against Chigwell School at home and away. The first match we lost at home. This was partly due to the lawful inclusion in the Chigwell team of one of their first eleven players, who batted and bowled very well.

When we played away the next week we managed to defeat Chigwell by 24 runs. We owed our success to a very fine innings by Hearn, who, by making some beautiful drives, scored 42 not out, and brought our total to 103. Penny also did well. He scored 12 runs and took 9 wickets.

Our last match of the season, against Ilford, will have to be cancelled owing to the early commencement of the holidays.

On the whole we have had quite a successful season. We have managed to have our revenge on those teams who have beaten us, with the exception of Ilford. Three matches have been lost, and two won.

D. NOBLE (Capt.)

Inter-House Games Championship, 1943-44

Owing to the state of emergency existing at the time, it was possible neither to finish the Inter-House Cricket Competition, in which the finalists were Chigwell and Roding, nor to carry through the Athletic Sports. In consequence the first award of the "Chapman" Memorial Cup must be deferred for a year.

Championship Table					
		Football.	Cross-Country.	Total	
Forest	3	3	6
Chigwell	1	2	3
Roding	2	½	2½
Hainault	0	½	½

VALETE

The following boys have left since the last issue of the Magazine :

Arnold, A. J., Barham, R. W., Beecham, D. V., Boughtwood, D. W., Brazier, B. R., Burgess, E. J. N., Butler, B. D., Clarke, D. G., Clarke, D. W., Cousins, E. C., Cruchley, A. E., Dance, T. E., Diver, D. R., Drewe, R. D., Fulcher, D. E., Foster, S., Garton, R. G., Green, N. P., Hassan, G., Hunnisett, R. C., Ikeson, R. D., Kelly, P. J., Long, A. E., McInnes, J. W., Marks, S. C., Miller, P. L., Moncrieff, J., Palmer, C. W. J., Partridge, R., Paternoster, I., Pitteaway, B. H., Pywell, R., Redfern, P. D., Riddell, W. M., Slater, G., Smith, K. J., Swanborough, F. G., Thomas, W. D., Toogood, M., Tovey, L. A., Turner, D., Walker, C. J., Wilson, D. G. C., Wilson, R. T., Witherick, D.

Head Prefect and School Captain :

A. W. Flower.

Second Prefect and Library Prefect :

B. McCartney.

School Prefects :

R. G. Bracey, S. A. Bryett, B. H. Chase, E. H. Chipperfield,
D. Elliott, D. Hines, R. O. Lightfoot, B. A. Tarlton,
W. H. C. Taylor, F. J. B. Wall.

House Captains :

Chigwell : W. H. C. Taylor. **Hainault :** B. McCartney.
Forest : A. W. Flower. **Roding :** S. A. Bryett.

School Football Captain : S. A. Bryett.

School Cricket Captain : A. W. Flower.

Junior Football Captain : J. Read.

Junior Cricket Captain : D. Noble.

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B. A. Tarlton (Editor).

S. A. Bryett, B. H. Chase, W. H. C. Taylor (Committee).