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EDITORIAL

ACCEPTING neither the political tenets nor the religious beliefs of my predecessors I would inflict neither a communist's manifesto nor an atheist's denunciation upon my unwilling readers. My philosophy is yet in its cradle. But even as I write I am asked: "Is it about religion? Is it about politics?" I reply that it is not about either, and then follows: "What is it about then?" I have yet to decide what the editorial will say this year but even whilst I rack my brains I hear, added as an afterthought, the following injunction: "I shouldn't write it because no one ever reads it anyway." Though quite a generalisation, that remark possesses an element of truth, which has started, I will not say inspired, a train of thought. Instead therefore of advocating a solution to world problems through a religious revival, I will content myself with an attempt to solve some of those which confront writers for the magazine.

There has always been a tendency for the school magazine to become a literary digest, I would go as far as to say, a vehicle for the members of the Sixth Form to display their powers of versification and style. Do not mistake me in supposing that I undervalue those gems which have glittered in the pages of the magazine; on the contrary I would wish to be their author; yet to many this tendency has seemed to be inevitable and to a few even desirable.

It is, of course, not desirable; nor is it inevitable. Poetry, I grant you, is all very well, but it certainly needs something of lighter interest to balance it. It is, if younger readers will permit me such a generalisation, scarcely read below the Fifth Form, and if they will permit me a second generalisation, left unread by many an older one.

I have destroyed much by this criticism. Is there anything of a constructive nature to follow? Do I advocate anything to replace what I have implicitly rejected? I have yet to be convinced that it is impossible to strike a happier medium between heaviness and lightness and between what interests the older and what interests the younger readers. I still believe that that balance can be obtained—in two ways. Firstly, juniors have to contribute more that is of general interest to the lower school. If that field is found

to be unproductive then, secondly, seniors must write articles which will appeal to our younger readers. And the latter, I believe, is a sphere of which the possibilities have yet to be explored.

In my homily, if I may call it such, I have walked where my predecessors have flown. That I freely admit. The least I can hope is that, if for most they have provided nothing of interest, my more pedestrian efforts may induce a few of influence or ability to experiment. And yet readers cannot, I fear, say of me (a double heretic!), as Chaucer said of his poor Parson, that:

"He taught, but first he folwed it him-selfe."

S. J. GILBERT, Upper Sixth Modern.

SCHOOL NOTES

WE are pleased to note the re-appointment of most of our former Governors to the newly constituted Governing Body. Five members have been nominated by the Forest Divisional Executive, namely, Mrs. G. V. Cross and Messrs. T. H. Knight, F. S. Foster, E. Harris and W. A. Nicholls. The Ilford Education Committee have nominated Mrs. E. O'Connor, and Lady Stafford Crossman, Mr. B. A. Campbell and the Rev. A. V. G. Cleall are nominated by the County Education Committee. Two vacancies remain to be filled by co-opted members.

We desire to take this opportunity of expressing our very sincere thanks to the retiring Governors for their valued and loyal service: to Mr. R. F. J. Smith (1938-48), Mr. A. E. Hinton (1939-48), Mrs. A. E. Hardy (1943-48) and Mr. A. W. Green (1938-48). Particularly do we recall with pleasure Mr. Green's presence in the Gymnasium on September 15th, 1938, on the occasion of the first Assembly of the School when the Hall was yet unfinished. We hope that they will feel as we do, that once a Governor, always an associate and friend to be welcomed on all our school occasions.

It was with deep regret that we heard of the death of Miss B. A. Rayner on June 1st after a few weeks' severe illness. Miss Rayner joined the staff of the School in 1940 and left us in 1945 for Chichester Girls' High School. She will be remembered for her kindly understanding and conscientious work as a teacher of Geography, and her lively interest in current affairs. Although happy in her new sphere in Sussex, Miss Rayner retained a keen interest in Buckhurst Hill and left many friends in the district.

She always enjoyed visiting the School and keeping in touch with the activities of her former pupils. Her death is a loss both to the teaching profession and to those who knew her as a friend.

We record with sorrow the death of K. J. Smith at the age of 21. Kenneth Smith was one of our original entrants in 1938 and was a member throughout his school career of the "A" form of which Mr. Scott was form master. After twenty-one months' service in Greece and the Middle East with the Royal Engineers, Smith was demobilised in December, 1947, and was given a chance to learn the timber trade. Not more than five weeks after he had started he was killed when a crane jib fell on him. The Headmaster and Mr. Scott were present at the funeral and the Old Boys' Association was represented by A. W. Flower, an old form-mate. The deep sympathy of all members of the Staff and O.B.'s who knew Smith is felt for his parents in their bereavement.

The last but one of the three original Assistant Staff to be appointed in 1938 leaves us at the end of the school year. Mr. K. J. Dofort is taking a post under the Kent Education Authority where a part of his time will be devoted to local organisation of physical education. He will be greatly missed as the School owes much to him for organising our Athletics and P.T. to such a high standard. Mr. Dofort has been secretary to the Champion Russell Inter-Schools Athletic Competition for the last three years and in consequence he has more than enhanced its reputation for efficient organisation.

Mr. A. Goodchild, our Music Master since 1944, has been seconded by Essex to lecture at the Risley Emergency Training College, Lancashire. He will be succeeded by Mr. R. Wright, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., G.R.S.M. Mr. Goodchild's tenure of the Music mastership at Buckhurst Hill has been characteristically energetic and impressive. He spread music-making widely among members of the School, and he was especially happy in encouraging juniors to begin the learning of an instrument. To him was due the initiative of holding School Concerts when the performances of the pupils became known to a wider audience than their school-fellows. The music for plays, Speech Days and other occasions owed much to Mr. Goodchild's organisation and direction. We shall miss him, and he takes with him to Lancashire our best wishes for the future.

In conformity with the prevailing fashion the School has acquired a "new look" by its first repainting and by the laying out of the drive and forecourt. We now await the extension of the grass lawns and the provision of flower beds and flowering shrubs for the centre piece.

On the 10th May, 1948, the School "Log-Book" recorded the running of the first London Transport 'bus officially past the gates. Route number 167 very conveniently links up Ilford, Chigwell, Buckhurst Hill and Loughton and it need hardly be said, for it has been pointed out many, many times during the last nine years, how great a blessing this will be for boys and parents.

The shield depicting the school crest hung this year in the Assembly Hall was made by James Rogers, of High Street, Oxford, an old-established firm devoted to the making of college crests. The shield, a number of pictures and the latest edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica were bought by means of a "windfall" which we were surprised and grateful to receive.

The School will complete its first decade at the end of the present school year and it is fitting that the guest of honour at Speech Day next term will be Colonel Stuart S. Mallinson, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., who formally opened the buildings on November 25th, 1938, by unlocking the main door with a silver key. It is hoped to present past holders of the "John Sargent" Cup for "the finest sportsman of the year" to the donor.

About sixteen of the Sixth form took part in a Conference organised by the Student Christian Movement for the senior pupils of the County High Schools of Buckhurst Hill, Loughton, Wanstead, Leyton, Leytonstone and Walthamstow, on April 23rd and 24th, at the Woodford County High School, under the Chairmanship of the Headmaster of Bancroft's School. The subject of the Conference was "What has Christianity to say?"

We record the totals of collections made during the year:—

	£	s.	d.
"Save Europe Now" Fund. Christmas Appeal	12	12	6
National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. Christmas Seals	2	2	3
Forest Hospital. Collection Box	3	14	8
Haig's Fund. Poppy Day	2	16	11
Red Cross Flag Day	1	3	2

At the close of the financial year 1947/8 the total assets of the General Purposes Fund amounted to £262 8s. 2d. Receipts totalled £124 13s. 5½d., including weekly subscriptions totalling £62 3s. 6½d. Expenditure for the year was £88 5s. 7½d. £50 was deposited in Post Office Savings making total holdings in National Savings and Post Office Savings £204 14s. 9d.

From small commissions on sales this year through the School Clothing Exchange, a donation of £5 10s. 0d. has been sent to the Forest Hospital. The demand for football equipment is always greatest at the beginning of the Autumn Term, and for cricket at the beginning of the Summer Term. Seniors especially should bear this in his mind, as the service is appreciated particularly by boys in the junior school.

We are pleased to congratulate:—

- J. Tilly (1941-48) for gaining a County Major Scholarship after one year's study in the Sixth Form.
- S. King (4a) for gaining an Honours Medal Certificate and an Exhibition award of £10 for his performance in the Intermediate Grade examination for piano at the Guildhall School of Music.
- R. Penny (Sixth Lower) for being asked to play in the eleven representing Essex Grammar Schools against Essex Club and Ground.
- Mr. T. H. Leek for winning a "runner's up" medal as centre-half for Barnet F.C. in this year's Amateur Football Association Cup Final.
- The School Choir for winning the Spencer Curwen Challenge Trophy at the Stratford and East London Music Festival.
- Wanstead County High School for its outstanding success in being awarded the Milocarian Athletic Trophy open to all Public and Grammar Schools in the country; the Champion Russell Cup for the third successive year; the Herring Cup.
- D. W. Vere (1940-47) for being awarded one of the F. N. Charrington prizes for practical anatomy at the London Hospital Medical School.
- I. L. Foster (1941-46) for playing at right-back for the Essex Youths' XI against Liverpool Youths in the Finals of the F.A. County Youths' Championship at Goodison Park, Everton, won by Essex.

POEM

Dimensional tyranny, shock of the steel-force,
Insinuate circle, the harshness of iron,
On fingers that criticise time's coarser textures,
Knuckle ends bent in significant inquiry;
Shadow misshapen by hand undulation;
Projection distorted by slanting of screen.

Can the primrose bloom through concrete?

Can the rose draw life from a stone?

The great frost is general, the thaw individual.

J. A. BURROW, Lower Sixth Modern.

"WE ARE LIKE CLOCKS WE"

We are like clocks we
Time's earthly slaves run
unlimited in three dimensions
for the duration
a prearranged span
till when in spite of
clothes books telephones greyhounds
something breaks down or
stops dead.

In which case
there is no escape from
Time's forward progress
save in death when
with all due respect for
the latest developments in
sociology psychology meteorology
our life runs out like
the sand in an hourglass.

Beyond there is nothing but
faith and a memory
hope love foolishness.

A. BOYCE, Lower Sixth Modern.

GERMANY, 1948

THERE is no real frontier sign on the Dutch-German border. Instead a large Military Police sign requests passengers on British trains not to throw food to children by the side of the line. Immediately the train moves across into German you see them—some grimy and barefoot, others clean and well dressed—all shouting and waving. Some grin but all are in dead earnest if any food drops near them. It is grabbed and carefully stowed in a bag to be saved for their families.

Food rules the lives of the Germans. Deprived of its granaries in the East the mainly industrial Western Zone depends on its farmers, who thus hold the key to reconstruction.

The towns, where again and again huge areas—the size of Loughton in the centre of Münster, for instance—have only a few odd groups of buildings grotesquely surviving amidst a mass of piled up rubble and rusting metal, suffer most. Most houses are atrociously overcrowded, fuel is short, industries are only partially working, apathy pervades all and morals inevitably deteriorate. It comes as a pleasant shock to see a small child laughing with its parents. These are the people who have too little food.

Yet there are many parts of Germany where the war has left no traces of its ravages. The country-side is as beautiful as ever and the people seem contented. The farmer produces his crops and hardens his heart. Despite his wasteful strip farming and his intensive cultivation which is exhausting the land, at the moment he is faced with a fine opportunity and he is out to make the most of it.

In this he is unfortunately helped by the policy of the authorities. Bent on democratizing Germany the control of food distribution has been placed in the hands of the Germans themselves. Unused to democratic methods and faced with excessive temptation it is not surprising that they have been open to corruption and so food has not been distributed properly.

The farmers cannot produce enough for the W. Zone anyway, but they seldom even fulfil their quotas. Instead, regardless of the plight of the towns, they prefer to sell in the black market where they can barter and obtain better prices. The mark has become virtually worthless and the cigarette has taken its place as the basis of such dealings. A cigarette is worth four marks; forty marks is a good weekly wage.

Eight hundred "fags" for a watch, two for a lift begged in a Control Commission Volkswagen, using, ironically enough British petrol but driven by a German, and so on—the townspeople amass cigarettes with which to buy extra food on the black market.

A fool's paradise? Perhaps—yet how can any German be blamed for living as best he can from day to day?

Certainly he realises that the land will become exhausted. He also remembers that the war in Europe ended nearly three years ago and looks at the sad state his country is still in.

On the other side the British authorities have had their hands tied by the uncertainties of the European situation from day to day. Food cannot be produced from nowhere, not even from England. They have at least ensured that no German food has been exported home, a fact which many Germans find it very hard to believe. So reconstruction is of necessity very slow for it is impossible to work hard on little food. And so the vicious circle goes on.

What is the German to pin his faith to? Democracy, instilled from without, cannot apparently be relied on even to distribute food let alone see him successfully through the present long extended crisis. Some Germans make no secret of their dislike of our way of living; others deem it more expedient to be tactful; the worst are out for all they can get out of the occupation forces.

Fear of the Russians perhaps alone at heart reconciles them all to the Western Powers. It is near an obsession with them. Talking even with educated people it looms up disconcertingly soon in their conversation. With it is very often a yearning for some

sort of strong leadership. If a solution to the food problem is not quickly found which will in turn speed up the process of reconstruction considerably, the next step is both obvious and repetitive. After all, what must the average German really think of us—the nation that stood alone against the master race—and our methods so far, whilst we are still in occupation?

A. C. PRICE (1939-1946).

CONTENTMENT

What life, dear lake, canst thou forecast for me ;
How long before I leave thy glist'ning shores
Immortal, set for ever midst the moors
And open country, beautiful to see ?
I ne'er have found such solace, save in thee,
Amongst the leafy, primrose-covered floors
Which quiet my mind, fling wide the doors
Of heav'nly life, serene with nature—free.
Oh speak ! Thy voice is soothing music now,
To me beneath thy sway : prolong thy spell,
Enchanting silence, kill all false intent :
Thy silence telleth more, thy gifts endow
A greater joy than we can ever tell :
To live I must survive with thee—content.

D. C. KNELL, Lower Sixth Modern.

UNIVERSITY LETTER

The London Hospital Medical College,
Turner Road, E.1.

Dear Sir,

Perhaps the junior scholar will regard the University Letter as a message from some demigod who, having crossed the Stygian darkness of Higher School Certificate seeks to tell the remaining mortals on earth of some of the aspects of the other world. May I begin by assuring him that none feels more mortal than the present writer, with many a greater Styx yet before him and another Charon to pilot him across than a schoolmaster. There is no longer the fee of attendance, prep done, or even impositions to pay for the journey.

In fact this difference in personal approach is the most striking thing which confronts a new entrant to the University. He is allowed to roam almost at will, to do his work where or how he likes, within reasonable limits, of course, to speak to anyone or nobody, and certainly to lose every ounce of conceit he may have had because, apparently, nobody will take much visible notice of him. He must learn to paddle his own canoe, and this does him good. Perhaps the most bewildering aspect of this is the lack of set homework with all the blissful joys and subtle temptations of which that allows.

The social life of the Universities is not what it manifestly used to be. We have two streams of entrants, "schoolboys" and ex-servicemen. The former are narrow specialists in one or two subjects, usually regrettably having forgotten much of their school education ; the latter are men of the world with broadened outlook, tolerant viewpoints and an amazing capacity for doing a lot with very little fuss. The two classes, though differing from one another by but a handful of years, are widely separated. The "schoolboys" pick up more rapidly but seem unable to work as hard as the ex-servicemen, many of whom work ten times as much as their younger fellows, but have little more to show for it. The older men are steadier, quieter, more methodical and far less superficial in thought and action.

Such then are one's fellow travellers, and one's mode of study. One's mode of life is usually humorous in the extreme. College study is very serious and earnest, for we all remember that sheep and goats will be divided eventually at an examination, but without a sense of humour, sanity would be difficult to maintain.

It is frequent in letters such as this to give weighty paternal advice to one's successors. Mine will be practical in character. You will certainly be shocked by the three eight-week terms of high pressure study but doubtless not by the twenty odd weeks of vacation per annum. Then there is the very serious and crucial point of food. Be discriminate in your eating. You may luxuriate at the college dining hall, be bourgeois at Lyons or be distinctly proletarian and ruin your palate at Macaroni's jellied eel stall in the Mile End Road. What of dress ? I was informed before going to college by the student whom I had selected as being the most likely to give serious information along this line that "trousers were customary." It would seem from my subsequent experience that no other article of dress is obligatory. Bow ties, rainbow shirts and an unpleasant series of embryonic moustaches distress the eye, but they are always worn in a most civilised manner.

The college is a world of its own. The very buildings stand aloof from their cosmopolitan surroundings, indifferent alike to the busy ants swarming around its base and the many years passing over it. Few who walk past its gloomy exterior realise that there is a garden filled with rare herbs, and a pleasant covered walk with tennis courts and green lawns within.

To new entrants to the university, may I be permitted to recommend the Christian Union? The impression gained on meeting university life for the first time is a sense of being swept off one's feet by its bustle, hilarity and callous materialism. The Christian Union meetings, with their discussion of things which really matter, are a certain cure for this, bringing perhaps a new knowledge of the meaning of the life and work of Christ. The speakers are degree men themselves, abolishing the fallacy that Christians are mostly unlearned, and may always be relied on to produce an interesting and thought-provoking address.

My parting shot may be unpopular, but is nevertheless sound advice. Is it worth the work at school needed to reach the university? A thousand times, yes, it is. You will experience a widening of outlook, a greater freedom of expression and more sense of responsibility.

I trust you will pardon and accept this homily, for to be forewarned is to be forearmed.

Yours sincerely,

D. W. VERE (1940-1947).

THE DELIGHTS OF CHEMISTRY

AT the end of break on Day Six, the heavy tramp of many feet is heard in the corridor and in at the door of the Advanced Chemistry Laboratory troop the Upper Sixth. What a spectacle they present, the warriors of two years' chemistry, with their acid-scarred hands and caustic-seared apparel!

The master stands before them, facing rows of shining test-tubes on the benches, left spotless as usual by the Lower Sixth. With a few words he starts them on the mad race to be the first

to complete the experiment. Almost at once the main body of the form, their tattered robes wrapped about them, emerge from their sanctum into the Junior Chemistry Laboratory and set themselves up at the balances. Here, with many prayers and much blowing on the scale pans, the exact amount of a chemical, conveyed thereto in coat pockets or other similar receptacles, is weighed and carried back to the Advanced Lab. with great rejoicings. There silence reigns as each works against the clock to complete his experiment before the appointed hour. On this day their task is to titrate hot caustic soda with steaming concentrated sulphuric acid.

The scratching of pens and the heavy breathing of the students are the only sounds heard in the Lab. now, except for the occasional harsh sound of a stirring-rod breaking clean through the bottom of a beaker, or the tinkle of a falling test-tube.

As the morning wears on, the fight resolves itself into a straight contest between two of the students whose methodical manner has carried them far ahead of the others. As these two work in silence, others of weaker will give up their quest and embark upon private experiments which begin to fill the Lab. with fogs of dense white fumes and clouds of evil-smelling vapours. The wildest dreams of one experimenter are surpassed when with a loud hiss a shower of green sparks soar towards the ceiling, accompanied by cries of envy from his comrades. Perhaps it is this startling exhibition, or maybe it is the fact that a Bunsen flame can heat a glass tube to quite a high temperature that causes the catastrophe which befalls one student who is manfully struggling with his task. As he removes the tube containing the precious liquid from his bench, it slips from his fingers and, impinging on the floor at a far greater velocity than its designer intended, it breaks, giving rise to what one eye witness describes as an upper C. With a cry of triumph his rival completes his last titration and begins to work out the result on the back of an old envelope while the victim of this trick of fate sinks to his acid-soaked stool in anguish. After a few minutes of mathematical juggling which would astound even the finest brain, the victor is saved by the bell and hurriedly departs to consult other sources of information. He is followed slowly by the rest of the form who leave behind them an atmosphere found either in the worst-ventilated type of soap-factory, or deep in the heart of a gas-works.

And so another practical chemistry period is over, but perhaps after all it is not quite typical.

A. C. RAWORTH, Upper Sixth Science.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

I WAS afraid it would happen!

From the time, just two years ago, when the Editor asked me to contribute a few notes on the Parents' Association (and I knew it would become an annual task) I knew the time would come when I should put off writing until there was so little time that my brain would be numbed by the fear that I couldn't.

And it has! What shall I say . . . ?

To Members: Now that we have a 'bus service you will be able to get your money's worth by attending more meetings.

To Non-members: What is there now to prevent you from joining?

To New Parents: Welcome! During the last twelve months the Association has been privileged to hear the Divisional Education Officer speak on the meaning of Secondary Education for all, and Miss Crook, our lady teacher, on the American Educational Scene: we have had an instructive evening listening to a Parents-Boys-Staff Brains Trust answering questions: we have had an outstandingly successful Social and a Cricket Match against the School which we lost. Join us!

S. JOHN CLAPP, Hon. Secretary.



FISHERMAN.

"MUSIC HATH CHARMS"

A WELL-KNOWN dictionary defines music as:—"The rhythmic combination of tones, vocal or instrumental, embracing melody and harmony." On reading such an icy definition, a visitor from Mars may well imagine that music is an uninteresting, lifeless conglomeration of sound. How false an impression! In order to give him an opportunity of experiencing the pulsating life which is an essential part of music, let us take him to a Promenade Concert at the Royal Albert Hall.

We arrive there early so that we may gain the coveted position in the front of the Arena when the concert begins in the evening. Loud applause greets the conductor as he approaches the rostrum (Sir Adrian is wearing his white jacket to-night) but a hush suddenly falls as he raises his baton to begin the Wagner overture—a fine introduction to the Prom. Our ears receive the full exhilarating blast of trumpets and trombones and the Martian marvels at the splendour and vitality of the sound. Round about us are a great company of music lovers enthralled as the thunder of brass and tings makes the Hall tremble underfoot. As the final crash of the overture has sounded a mighty roar of thousands of clapping hands takes its place, but Sir Adrian soon makes an exit to escort on to the platform the young pianist who is to play one of the Beethoven concertos. The young man's face is white as he is seated at the keyboard, and with bated breath we silently pray for him. However, once Sir Adrian has given his fatherly smile and the orchestra has commenced the beautiful introduction the soloist forgets his audience—all is well. We stand motionless for the full thirty minutes, captivated by the sound and so intent on the music that our cramped and aching feet have no opportunity to express their feelings. By ten o'clock, alas, the orchestra has dispersed but the gracious beauty of the Beethoven slow movement and the mighty splendour of the trombones still linger with us. Music at the Proms brings soothing refreshment to the mind troubled with homework and the bigger perplexities of life; how right was the poet who wrote: "Art thou troubled, Music will calm thee."

Although listening to music is a vital part of life, it is also desirable that one should be able to make music for others. An orchestral musical instrument is a difficult thing to master and not all of us have the ability to perform on one; but we each have a voice—the most wonderful of all musical instruments. Can there be any more refreshing exercise than singing in harmony with other people?

Everyday we are continually surrounded by music. On awakening from a sound sleep a chorus of blackbirds, sparrows and chaffinches greets us, and a queen wasp hums as she seeks some cosy corner wherein she may build her nest. We ourselves are responsible for the concerto for those percussion instruments, the knives and forks, during breakfast time, after which the day's work begins. Some travel to town to the lilt of the tube train, while others, perhaps less fortunate, can enjoy the warble of the 'bus as it speeds over hilly country to school. Music prevails in school itself—no one can escape it; the puzzled schoolboy hears the whirling ditty of his pencil as he writes out a history test; the crowd of cricket enthusiasts supporting the School Eleven blend their voices in rich harmony as century after century is scored. In all sport music abounds—consider the firm note of the club striking a golf ball sending it whistling away to some distant destination, and the gentle splashing of the swimmer as he makes his rhythmic beats through the water. Yes the world is indeed musical; but how many are deaf to its beauties!

The late Archbishop Temple once wrote:—"There is no charm in the whole realm of art so subtle, so intangible, so ethereal as that of music. It is the most spiritual and incalculable of all modes of expression."

In this great Symphony of Life each of us has an individual part to play which is different from all others. We are free to play in tune or out of tune, but the splendid beauty of the Symphony can only be attained when all the instruments are playing their parts properly. The solo pianist had to practise the Beethoven concerto before he could give a perfect interpretation of what was in the composer's mind, but he was not satisfied until he had reached perfection as he understood it. Likewise we ought not to be satisfied until we have practised to perfection our parts in the Symphony of Life which has its origin in the mind of God.

V. R. TWYMAN, Lower Sixth Science.

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IN the first issue of this magazine it was rumoured that a 'bus would one day pass the School. After the long war-time delay, more recent rumours were accepted with scepticism until one spring day we found that Roding Lane had sprouted bus stops. A number of ancient vehicles, with "London Transport" written on their sides, were noticed patrolling the "Essex lanes" and lopping their

trees, so that the dust on the top of our 'buses should not be disturbed. The last-minute appearance of timetables on the 'bus stops convinced even the most doubtful that 'buses would be running soon.

The Headmaster's announcement, making special mention of the danger spot outside the School entrance preceded the opening of the service on May 5th. The next morning an elderly but serviceable omnibus bearing a large "167" collected its first load of "Rodings" from Loughton and Buckhurst Hill and deposited them outside the junior entrance. All day long the almost empty 'buses passed every twenty minutes, until at four o'clock large queues quickly formed at both our stops and were duly removed, although a few would-be passengers had perforce to walk.

During the next few days the interval of time between the sounding of the 3.45 bell and the formation of the queue steadily diminished and numerous stratagems were used to obtain seats on the 'buses. Hearing of a complaint by an overwhelmed 'bus conductress, the Headmaster found it necessary to station a prefect at each stop after school, to prevent anyone jumping the queue. Of course, in order to do this the prefects had to be first on the spot, and it was an interesting sight to see the effect of the 3.45 bell on those with that duty; the alacrity with which they move is truly amazing.

To those pedestrian seniors who have always come to school by train, it must be a profound source of regret to see the younger generation denied the practice of a daily cross-country run from the station to school. They can only hope that the race to be first in the queue will sufficiently improve the School's sprinting standards so as to compensate for the loss in long distance running. The School should, however, soon have some excellent quarter-milers among those who trot to the next 'bus stop in the opposite direction to that of their destination in order to be sure of a place.

Our cyclists are on the whole indifferent to the buses. A few, though, have found that they make good wind-brakes on the schoolward ride. Except for a few diehards who still prefer to walk in all but the foulest weather, the School as a whole welcomes the long-awaited service, although it means that the masters' cars no longer have a monopoly of Roding Lane.

K. S. A. MADGWICK, Lower Sixth Science.

BADGER'S GREEN

THIS year the School Dramatic Society chose for its annual production "Badger's Green" by R. C. Sherriff.

The nature of the play was suitable for such a performance, giving scope for the actors' capabilities, without presenting so great difficulties as to result in an inferior production. "Badger's Green" makes no claim to "high seriousness," and yet it is a success in its own sphere as a comedy not in the polished style of the eighteenth century but rougher and more boisterous in its humour, with boldly drawn characters.

The play was built round a theme of contemporary interest: the encroachment of the speculative builder bringing with him all the aspects of town life upon a quiet country village with its long established social structure. The two leading inhabitants, Major Forrester and Doctor Wetherby, determine to resist to the last the scheme for building a great new housing estate in Badger's Green. When, however, they do meet the builder, although they resist any suggestion of building where they might themselves be affected, they begin to share the enthusiasm for the many advantages that such a project would bring to the village. Badger's Green, however, is saved from the fate which has overwhelmed many another village by an opportune stroke of good fortune. Mr. Butler, the builder, is at the last moment called in to act as substitute in the all-important cricket match against the great rivals of Badger's Green club, and succeeds in winning the match, be it admitted, by a somewhat unorthodox stroke. When he has thus come into real contact with village life and is brought to realise what a fine part of English life he is destroying, he relinquishes his purpose, and leaves Badger's Green to continue in the course it has followed for centuries undisturbed by the impact of what is worst in the modern way of life.

Such is the central theme of the play; it is not, however, in the matter that the suitability of "Badger's Green" for a school production is to be found, but rather in the characters. These bear not a trace of the sentimentality which is to be found to some extent in the subject; and the cast is to be complimented upon a consistently vigorous performance, which brought out the comedy of the play, and kept it moving. Knell, as the Doctor, played his part with suitable restraint and a dignity which well became his social position, providing a necessary contrast to the fiery Major, energetically portrayed by Bales, who stormed through the play, the very caricature of a retired Army officer intended by the author. Gorick, as Mr. Twigg, the friend of the Doctor with his addiction to fretwork—and to the builder's secretary—showed his

natural gift for comedy; and Sherlock, as the local innkeeper, was the "Blue Boar" incarnate. Pendegrass and Tedder were both competent in their less irresponsible parts of Mr. Butler and the Doctor's 'varsity son respectively; and the minor parts gave good support, the feminine characters being more convincing than is often the case.

The producer, Mr. Sillis, succeeded in making the most of his material; and his proficiency and hard work were reflected in the performance. Particularly striking was the last scene, where the atmosphere of a cricket field and the illusion of space were well conveyed. Credit is also due to those whose work contributed to the production of the good scenic effects, which played their part in making such a pleasing performance.

J. A. BURROW, Lower Sixth Modern.

THE LIBRARY

THE past year has been an interesting one in the development of the Library. Books, fortunately, have not been quite so difficult to come by as had been expected, and a number of interesting books have been added to the shelves.

The most important accession has been the 1946 Edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica, the value of which has already been amply demonstrated; this invaluable work of reference has filled a long-felt want in the reference section of the Library.

The growing number of Old Boys is reflected in the encouraging increase in the number of books, book tokens and donations they have bequeathed to the Library in the course of the year. Now that the tradition has been established we look forward to an ever-increasing number of Old Boys providing their own memorial to the School in the form of a gift to the Library. In addition, parents and boys have been no less ready to help in augmenting the stock of books. To all who have presented gifts may we express our thanks.

The resources of the Library have been further strengthened by a termly donation of three guineas from the General Purposes Fund which enables us to buy books of a general nature and appeal, usually in short supply, which our limited grant would otherwise have made impossible to obtain.

A further development is the inception of a book-binding section through which we hope to overcome the high cost and time lapse incurred in having books rebound by outside firms. The essential materials have been obtained ; Mr. Romans is undertaking the necessary technical instruction ; hence we hope shortly to see our own books rebound in the School and returned to the shelves in their bright new dress ready for further service.

The total number of books now stands at some 2,850 volumes ; some 270 volumes were added last year—half as many again as in the previous year. We look forward next year to cataloguing the 3,000th volume. This year the number of non-fiction books borrowed exceeded fiction by over three hundred—1,176 to 802. The total number of books borrowed, although higher than last year, indicates an annual average borrowing rate of only five books per boy, which suggests that there is still a long way to go before the Library may be said to be in full use.

We have added the "Geographical Magazine" and "World Sports" to our list of periodicals purchased from School funds. The following periodicals and magazines have been provided by boys, parents and staff, to whom we express our thanks for their support : The P.L.A. Monthly (M. D. Beard, '41-'47), "Machinery" and "The Machine Shop" (Mr. E. Bonner), various American magazines and periodicals (Miss Crook), "The Musical Times" (Mr. Goodchild), "The Linguist" (Mr. Irving), "Illustrated London News" and "The Sphere" (P. Miller, '38-'43), "The Children's Newspaper" (Waskett and Willoughby, 1M) and "The New Statesman" (Mr. Wigley).

Finally, a tribute to Gilbert, the Library Prefect, who has quietly and efficiently guided the day-to-day ordering of the Library, to French for his conscientious carrying out of the duties of Sixth Form Monitor, and to the devoted company, often working behind the scenes, of Matthews, Wright, Heyward, King, Dunham, Mason, Triolo, Johnson, Keleher, Webster, Pavitt, Brown, Martin, Rowe, Landbeck, Taylor, Blunt and Arnold.

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GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

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*M. D. Beard ('41-'47)	Samuel Pepys—The Years of Peril	A. Bryant
*M. D. Beard ('41-'47)	Samuel Pepys—The Saviour of the Navy	A. Bryant
*M. D. Beard ('41-'47)	Four Quartets	T. S. Eliot
Mr. K. G. Catmur	Social Credit	C. H. Douglas
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Donor	Title	Author
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Q. T. Fuller (Ic)	Coral Island	R. M. Ballantyne
M. J. Gale ('42-'47)	The Aeroplane Spotter—Vol. V	
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*K. M. Grimwood ('40-'47)	Impressions of English Literature	Various
D. P. Gomm ('42-'47)	The Last Days of Pompeii	Lord Lytton
D. C. Hayes ('42-'47)	The Penalty Area	S. Morris
D. C. Hayes ('42-'47)	Ivanhoe	Sir W. Scott
N. S. Horne ('39-'46)	Impressions of English Literature	Various
R. P. R. Hunt ('40-'47)	Science Advances	J. B. S. Haldane
Mr. T. H. Knight	William Temple: An Estimate	Various
Mr. L. Manderson	Business Terms, Phrases and Abbreviations	Various
J. Manderson (IVr)	Euripides and His Age	G. Murray
*A. A. Manning ('41-'47)	The Snow Goose	P. Gallico & P. Scott
F. J. Monk ('42-'47)	Man and Other Living Things	F. C. W. Knowles
*G. B. Mummery ('40-'47)	Adventure and Discovery	Various
Mr. & Mrs. D. E. Noble	Milton	E. M. W. Tillyard
Mr. & Mrs. D. E. Noble	The Mind of John Keats	C. D. Thorpe
Mr. & Mrs. D. E. Noble	The Reading of Books	H. Jackson
Mr. & Mrs. D. E. Noble	The Pleasures of Literature	J. C. Powys
D. Noble ('40-'47)	Poems, 1830-1870	Tennyson
D. Noble ('40-'47)	Charles Dickens	U. Pope-Hennessy
*Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Oliver	Epping Forest—Its Literary and Historical Associations	W. Addison
*Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Oliver	British Adventure	Various
A. E. Potter (1m)	Stalky and Co.	R. Kipling
A. C. Price ('39-'46)	The Dubliners	J. Joyce
A. C. Price ('39-'46)	Portrait of An Artist as a Young Man	J. Joyce
R. W. Rayment ('39-'46)	Europe in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries	E. Lipson
J. R. Redfern ('39-'44)	Die Geschichte Oesterreichs—I	H. Hautsch
*B. P. Ring ('41-'47)	Albert Schweitzer	G. Seaver
A. T. Sawyer ('40-'47)	Recent Advances in Cytology	C. D. Darlington
*B. H. Taylor ('42-'47)	The Port of London	J. Herbert
*B. H. Taylor ('42-'47)	The Romance of Canterbury Cathedral	M. A. Babington
N. E. Willis ('40-'46)	Public Opinion and the Last Peace	R. B. McCallum
N. E. Willis ('40-'46)	Musical Articles from the Encyclopædia Britannica	D. F. Tovey
N. E. Willis ('40-'46)	Per Adua (The Rise of British Air Power)	H. St. George Saunders

* Denotes book token or money gift.

THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

DURING the past twelve months the Old Boys' Association has continued the usual activities of former years. Two football matches, both fought out in fine spirit, were played against the School. There was little to choose between the two sides; the Old Boys won the first by six goals to five, and the second by eight goals to five. Weekly club meetings were held regularly during the winter and spring, but these were dropped for the summer term because there was insufficient support. The only new venture this year was an evening devoted to music, one-act plays and sketches. This well-produced and popular entertainment showed that among Old Boys there is considerable talent in music and drama.

This brief summary of a year's activities shows that our Association does not in many ways reach the level of other, more established Old Boys' Associations. This is inevitable, as the difficulties to be overcome have all arisen during the initial years. But the Association has done much to keep Old Boys together, in spirit if not always in person, and, flimsy as it has sometimes been, it has at least hung together.

It is now time to count our assets and upon the present foundation build a strong and permanent structure. Our membership is large. Many of the original scholars, those who will this year be leaving the Services and the Universities, will for the first time be able to give consistent support to the Association. Almost everyone wishes to revive old friendships that existed at School and a well-organised O.B.A. presents the most favourable opportunity.

The first step can be taken at this year's Annual General Meeting. It is hoped that as many Old Boys as possible will attend, so that representative views can be expressed, officers elected and ideas put forward for next year's programme. The future of the Association will depend upon each individual member and it is hoped everyone will do his best to ensure its growth and success.

Finally the committee would like to pay tribute to the endless work done by Mr. Scott, without whom there would surely be no O.B.A. at all. We wish to thank all those friends who have kindly given equipment for our use and all Old Boys whose letters from various parts of the globe are always welcomed by us at home.

A. W. FLOWER,

On behalf of the O.B.A. Committee.

Addendum

On Friday evening, 19th December, the Old Boys' Association held its first dramatic evening. Preparations were begun early in October, the greatest difficulty being the choosing of the casts, for so many of our members were either in the Forces or attending evening classes. Finally a sufficient number of enthusiastic fellows, interested in the proposed show, got together, and rehearsing began. During the last fortnight we had the welcome assistance of Miss Crook, to whom we are deeply indebted for help and guidance. One of our other problems was that of obtaining sufficient "props" and we greatly appreciate Mr. Robinson's willingness and resourcefulness in fulfilling our needs.

D. Wallis opened the show with a pianoforte recital, this being followed by a somewhat boisterous sketch written and produced by W. T. Harniman. The third item was a play "The Crimson Cocoon," an absurdity by Ian Hay. After the interval, A. L. Stribling played Schumann's Carnival Suite. The last item on the programme was another one-act play, "The Ghost of Jerry Bundler," by W. W. Jacobs.

Those taking part were: D. Rolfe, D. Francis, M. Fishlock, G. R. Russell, D. Daniell, W. T. Harniman, P. Sheppard, T. Kibblewhite, Miss P. Bridgeman, and Miss Z. Cuddington. R. Partridge was compère and the lighting was done by T. Bowden. The producers were Messrs. Lowson, Daniell and Harniman. I may add that the show was a success both financially and histrionically.

D. DANIELL (1941-1946).

VISIT TO WESTMINSTER

ON the 22nd January, when Mr. Leek kindly made tickets for the Members' Gallery of the House of Commons available, two members of the Upper Sixth Modern took advantage of his gift and visited Westminster. We were extremely fortunate in the date of our visit, for Mr. Bevin was to make his long-awaited statement on foreign policy. It was a great pity that more were unable to accompany us.

After making our way to the House, we entered and passed along several corridors lined with the statues of famous men to the central lobby where we waited to see the Speaker's procession. Many people were lobbying M.P.s and we were impressed by the bustle around us. Eventually the policemen on duty formed a pathway through the middle of the assembled people and a hush descended as the procession passed through. Personally I was disappointed for instead of a slow-moving majestic train of solemn men, I saw merely a number of mundane individuals oddly attired who hurried through the lobby like business men on their way to city offices.

After prayers had been said, we were allowed to enter the House itself, a large lofty chamber with chandeliers hanging from the ceiling. We were shown to the Strangers' Gallery since important persons filled the places we were to have occupied. Question Time had already begun and we were amazed at the speed with which the House dispatched this very important business.

When Question Time had been abruptly concluded and the motion for the adjournment put, the Foreign Secretary rose to address the House which had filled to overcrowding in the previous hour. Mr. Bevin spoke for an hour and a half. His speech was punctuated by interruptions from honourable members, the most amusing of which came from Mr. Gallacher and his comrade Mr. Piratin, and the repartee accompanied by gesticulations that followed was interesting and entertaining. As the Foreign Secretary sat down, most of the House rose to their feet—not as a mark of approbation of what Mr. Bevin had said, but in order to take part in a mass exodus to the refreshment bar. Members who spoke later, did so to a constant influx and efflux of their colleagues, whilst some, oblivious of all that was taking place, appeared to be peacefully snoozing on the benches.

Deeply impressed we left at 7.30 p.m. I had left school that morning expecting to see super-men but I had seen men. This, I believe, was one of the most valuable results of the visit for many false illusions had been dispelled. I realised then that Parliament is no more than an assembly of ordinary hard-headed practical men who are confronted by the same difficulties in governing the country as all of us meet with at home, at school and in the world at large, and who are possessed with minds that work and emotions that are stirred in a similar manner to our own.

A. S. NEWENS, Upper Sixth Modern.

SPEECH DAY

THE ninth annual Speech Day of the School was held on Saturday, October 25th, when the guest of honour who presented the prizes was R. H. S. Crossman, Esq., M.A., M.P. The Chairman of the Governors, Mr. T. H. Knight, presided and welcomed the guests. He congratulated those successful in their examinations and especially D. W. Vere who won the School's first State Scholarship; and quoted congratulatory phrases from the Report of His Majesty's Inspectors written after the School's first full inspection.

The Headmaster welcomed Mr. Crossman as scholar and politician and author of a brilliant book on Plato. Referring to examinations, Mr. Taylor recorded his pleasure at the success of

two of the School Certificate forms and his disappointment at the performances of the third and fourth streams. He regarded the adversity of the war years as an infallible sifter of qualities of character, industry and pertinacity. The Higher School Certificate results, he said, were the best so far; there were more Intermediate exemptions and County Major Scholarships than ever before. The Headmaster reminded the audience that the Ministry's inspection was a routine occasion and not a visitation of wrath, and he declared the Report to be reassuring with no major disapproval and having a note of real appreciation of our work. He paid tribute to the services of Mr. May whose skill and devotion had been given to the School for seven years and who had now left to become His Majesty's Inspector. Mr. Taylor reported on the School's games achievements. He referred to the addition of Hockey and the Pole Vault to games and athletics and of new societies to our out-of-school activities. He asked for regular support for the Parents' Association and expressed his gratitude to parents for their co-operation, understanding and sympathy, and to the Old Boys for their loyalty, remarking that the list of Old Boys who had graduated was growing. He concluded with words of appreciation to the Governors, Staff, School Officers and to all boys who had maintained and expanded the School's traditions—the many loyal as well as the worthy few whose names graced the Honours Boards.

After presenting the prizes, Mr. R. H. S. Crossman said that in the last twenty-five years education in England had been playing a great part in equalising opportunity. He suggested that there were three freedoms which the boys of such schools as this could gain: freedom from boredom, freedom to choose the best, and freedom from slogans. Boredom, he thought, was the fundamental cause of Fascism and violent revolutionary movements. Freedom to choose the right situations and to do better in them came from a good education, but Mr. Crossman deplored the choosing of merely safe jobs and urged his listeners to go for the dangerous and the responsible posts. He believed that secondary education helped to create political non-conformists, intelligent, objective people, thinking for themselves and accepting responsibility.

Speeches of thanks to the visitors were given by E. Harris, Esq., on behalf of the Governing Body and by B. Hiscott, Esq., on behalf of the parents. Musical items were given by the Choir and by an instrumental group consisting of Utting, S.O., Forsyth, D. J., and King, S. J. L. Speeches by the boys were "Pax alma, veni" from Tibullus, by Gilbert, S. J., "Die Teilung der Erde" of Schiller by Blackwell, E. J. W., "Regrets," Sonnet XXXI, by Joachim du Bellay, spoken by Boyce, A. F., and an extract from Milton's "Paradise Lost" by Gray, J. Speech Day ended with the singing of the School Song and the National Anthem.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION (1947)

Bales, K. F.	* Hayward, A. W.	Palmer, D.
Beaumont, E.	Hawker, M. F.	* Penny, R. K.
* Boyce, A. F.	* Hearn, B. W.	* Peters, J.
* Burrow, J. A.	Henderson, J. D.	* Ranner, P. J.
Buggey, R. F. W.	* Henderson, S. A.	* Ringrose, J. R.
* Chambers, T. A.	* Hickman, P. L.	* Roberts, C. C.
* Chapman, D. R.	* Hills, D. G.	Rowe, D. M.
Chapman, G. S.	* Horne, A. J.	Salmon, E. J. G.
* Cocking, C. E. D. P.	Horne, D. J.	* Shave, K. J.
* Cole, A. C.	Horton, G. D.	* Sherbird, J. C.
Colton, A. E.	* Jolly, A. C.	* Sherlock, D.
* Davis, G. E.	* Keeling, D.	* Sparks, B. M.
Fishlock, M. T.	King, D. G.	Spendley, J. A.
Francis, D. L.	Knell, D. C.	Steff, J. C.
* French, R. H.	Knights, K. C.	* Tarran, P. A.
* Gale, M. J.	Littlewood, J. C.	Tedder, G. L.
* Gooch, R. H.	Madgwick, K. S. A.	Tovey, D. E.
Grimbly, M. G.	Manning, A. A.	Turner, F. H.
* Gorick, D. C.	Monk, F. J. W.	* Twyman, V. R.
* Gorman, M. D. P.	Moss, D. V.	Utting, S. O.
Grimson, P. W.	* Nyman, H. L.	* Walker, D. J.
* Harris, J. L. M.	* Oliver, R. J.	Walling, D. W.
* Harvey, J. M.	Overy, N.	Wilson, D. C.
Hayes, C. E.		* Woolner, J. R.

* Have attained Matriculation standard.

HIGHER SCHOOL EXAMINATION (1947)

* Bennett, G. M.	Rush, C. W.
Druce, R. C. L. (French).	Saward, D. J.
Glozier, D. E.	* Sawyer, A. T.
* Grimwood, K. W.	Selby, C. H.
* Hunt, R. P. R.	* Tilly, J.
King, D. B.	* Vere, D. W. (Chemistry and
* Mummery, G. B. (Pure Maths).	Zoology).
* Noble, D. (French).	

* Have attained Intermediate standard.
Subjects in brackets denote Distinction.

PRIZE LIST

FORM PRIZES

IVa 1. Hollingsworth, M. A.	IVb 1. Schooley, R. M.	IIb 1. King, S. H.
2. Herrick, J. A.	2. Moss, J. E.	2. McGregor, D. G.
R. 1. Hunt, G. W.	IIa 1. Lee, D. R.	IIb 1. Bradford, W. J.
2. Walker, R.	2. Howard, A. H.	2. Partridge, S.
IIr 1. Gold, E. J.	IIa 1. Cromwell, D. T.	Ic 1. Burt, L. J.
2. Johnson, D. J.	2. Waller, W.	2. Gardener, D. W.
Ia 1. Landbeck, R. C.	Ib 1. Penhallow, B. J.	
2. Barnes, M. A.	2. Green, J. U.	

SUBJECT PRIZES

Art : : S.—Gale, M. J.	M.—Hiscott, R. A.	J.—Johnson, D. J.
Music : : 1st—Selby, C.	2nd—Clapp, J. D.	School Certificate—Knights, K. C.
Physical Training	S.—	J.—Milbank, M. J.
Verse-Speaking	S.—Glozier, D.	M.—Decker, C.
	S.—Senior.	M.—Middle. J.—Junior.

EXAMINATION PRIZES

Higher School Certificate	School Certificate
English - King, D. B.	English - Boyce, A. F.
French - Druce, R. C. L.	English Literature - Burrow, J. A.
Latin - Noble, D.	French - Hickman, P. L.
History - Noble, D.	German - Henderson, J. D.
Pure Maths - Mummery, G. B.	Latin - Hickman, P. L.
Applied Maths - Bennett, G. M.	History - Chapman, D.
Physics - Tilly, J.	Cocking, C. E.
Chemistry - Vere, D. W.	Mathematics - Burrow, J. A.
Biology - Vere, D. W.	Science - Nyman, H. L.
	Geography - Henderson, S. A.

School Certificate Prize presented by
R. W. CHAPMAN, Esq.
BURROW, J. A.

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

The Head Prefect's Prize, presented by
THE GOVERNING BODY
BENNETT, G. M.

The "Chapman Memorial" Cup
(The Inter-House Sports Championship, 1946-47)
RODING HOUSE
(Captain—Noble, D.)

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Bennett, G. M.—Essex County Major Scholarship.
Druce, R. C. L.—Essex County Major Scholarship.
Hunt, R. P. R.—Maxwell Scholarship to Faraday House.
Mummery, G. B.—Essex County Major Scholarship to University College, Leicester.
Tilly, J.—Essex County Major Scholarship.
Vere, D. W.—State Scholarship, County Major Scholarship, and Price Entrance Scholarship to London Hospital Medical School.

OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES

Boatman, D. J. (1938-45)—B.Sc. General.
Hassan, G. (1938-43)—Higher National Certificate in Engineering.
Hines, D. (1938-45)—Second M.B.
Wall, F. J. B. (1938-45)—B.Sc. General (Class II Honours).

SHORTER REPORTS

1. LE JEU DE L'AMOUR ET DU HASARD

LAST year on the 17th November an audience of the Sixth Forms of our own and neighbouring schools saw a performance of this comedy by Marivaux, given at their own expense by a company of amateur actors from Belgium, under the direction of M. Edmond Liénard who is the Headmaster of one of the principal High Schools in Brussels.

Although the witty subtleties of a swiftly moving dialogue were not always appreciated, the performance was undoubtedly a great success, for which we are above all indebted to M. Liénard and his talented company, who have made a further offer to stage "Le Malade Imaginaire" by Molière for us in the coming November. Naturally we hope to be able to take full advantage of this generous offer.

Finally we would like to record our thanks to the following schools for the support which made this venture possible: Bancroft's and Chigwell Schools, Chingford, Leyton, Leytonstone, Loughton, Wanstead and Woodford County High Schools.

2. VERSE-SPEAKING

ON this, the fourth annual verse-speaking competition, Miss Cobby, the Essex County Dramatic Adviser, was the judge and it would be difficult to find anyone more qualified than Miss Cobby to criticise the efforts of the competitors.

Hayward, Carney, Wright and Howes (the winner), the four finalists in the Junior School, revealed to us the beauties to be found "In Romney Marsh," a poem by John Davidson. Miss Cobby dwelt at length upon the structure of the poem and gave to each of the competitors a detailed judgment of his efforts, judgments which must inevitably aid them, not only in succeeding competitions but in their studies in the wider field of poetry.

Once again John Masefield was represented, this time by "Laugh and be Merry," a poem rendered with great vigour by Brown, Hoffman and Robinson. The winner of this, the Middle School competition, was Robinson.

"The Cragman" by Geoffrey Winthrop Young was a difficult poem very well attempted by all the competitors. Boyce did very well to carry off the honours against Gray, J., an older and more experienced rival.

A feature which was at once interesting and pleasant to note was that the audience was composed not solely of those who are branded as poets and artists, the Sixth Modern, but also of juniors and seniors and—scientists.

In conclusion, Miss Cobby said that she hoped to have the pleasure of coming to adjudicate in future years, as we indeed hope to have the honour of her presence and her judgment.

3. AT EPPING POLICE COURT

A VISIT by the Upper Sixth Form to the Epping Petty Sessional Court on February 27th was the first that any of us had made as spectators. The Clerk to the Justices and the Probation Officer explained the fundamentals of procedure to us and we then took our places at the back of the Courtroom. Mr. Foster, the Chairman of the Bench, welcomed us at the opening of the proceedings and then called for the first defendant.

This case, one of theft and drunkenness, and a very interesting one, would, I believe, have provoked smiles from some of us had not the atmosphere of the Court compelled at least an outward appearance of great seriousness. The novel interest of the proceedings served to hold our complete attention throughout the morning and even when, towards the end, a long series of cases of speeding followed, its uniformity was relieved and our interest maintained by the variety of the explanations which drivers brought forward for their offences.

It is expected that further visits will be arranged by which the remainder of the Sixth Form will have the chance to view and hear proceedings of such interest and to become acquainted, in however limited a province, with one of the fundamental institutions of our life.

S. J. GILBERT, Upper Sixth Modern.

4. VAN GOGH AT THE TATE

IN the queue were people of all classes; the bohemians were there, but so was a Guards Officer. We had not to wait long, and, inside, I think we were all struck by the contrast between the grey half-light of the world outside and the pure sunlight that we saw within. This was a very large exhibition, including some of his best and poorest work. The favourites were there, the "Sunflowers" and the "Sailing-boats at Les Saintes Maries," but in addition there were lesser known works painted between periods of insanity at Arles. In the Arles pictures his colour is unrivalled. His paintings of the bridge at Arles are perhaps his most beautiful work.

A group of paintings requiring study is his cypresses. Here he tries to model with the paint and the result tends to be heavy and dark which contrasts unfavourably with his more sunny works.

His portraits were very exciting and varied in treatment. Some of them show the influence of Gauguin in that they are impressionistic. His later works are different, especially those painted at Arles. Here was painted his most famous portrait, that of Armand Roulin, son of the postman Roulin, Van Gogh's chief friend in Arles.

This article would not be complete without a reference to the prints and drawings which formed a large part of the exhibition. These are in the main early works and reflect his life as a preacher in the Borinage in Belgium, some of them having a grimness drawn from the poverty of living conditions. Other prints, however, belong to a later period and are altogether more enjoyable and refreshing. We were impressed by the manner in which the prints and drawings were mounted; a continuous frame in light blue on which they were placed.

Many of us may have been fatigued after the visit, but I am certain that nobody regretted it. I should like to end by echoing Noble's plea in the 1946 magazine for an Art Club at school. He said that it was for us to take the initiative. We have not yet done so, although cultural activities are popular with both Modern and Science Sixths. Next year may there be an announcement of the formation of an Art Club.

G. L. TEDDER, Lower Sixth Science.



BALLERINA.

Linocut by R. F. Chapman,
Upper Sixth Science.

THE SOCIETIES

MUSIC SOCIETY

THE School Music Society's sixth year of existence has revealed, to a certain extent, a revival of musical activities which although not as striking as might at first have been hoped for, has nevertheless helped to establish the Society once again on something like its former firm foundations. Let it not appear, however, that the present state of the Music Society is all that could be desired: it is not. Attendances at the six meetings held during the course of the year have not been as large as had been expected. Perhaps future Secretaries will have a more cheerful report to present on attendances. But it is encouraging to note that a number of junior boys regularly attend music meetings; it is to be hoped that they have acquired a taste for music, in which case the year's meetings will not have been in vain.

Of the four meetings held during the Autumn Term the most successful was the Concert given by members of the School; and during the Spring Term there were two further meetings—a "Musical Quiz" at which Edwards was the most successful member with his answers, and a "Promenade Concert" on Gramophone Records.

The Society has had for the first time to advance without the services of Miss Black, whose inspiration has always been evident. The departure of Mr. Goodchild, always a great worker for the encouragement of musical activities, has been a further blow. Despite these considerable setbacks, the year's activities have revealed the glimmering of a wider interest and a keener enthusiasm for music, and can but the seed which has been sown be tended to fruition, then the time will come when most members of the School will realise that

"Music when soft voices die,
Vibrates in the memory."

D. CHAPMAN, Secretary.

Several boys represented the School at the E.F.Y.M.A. Festival held at Woodford County High School. Excellent criticisms were obtained by all the boys. The adjudicators were Egerton Tidmarsh (pianoforte), Topliss Green (singing) and Ivor James (strings). On Saturday, June 5th, the choir represented the School at the Choral Festival of the E.F.Y.M.A. held at the Assembly Hall of the S.W. Essex Technical College, Walthamstow, the adjudicator on this occasion being John Clements.

THE SIXTH FORM FORUM

SO far this year the Sixth Form Forum has held three meetings, and two more are being arranged for this term. The meetings have been well attended and the talks have proved to be of general interest to the audience.

At the first meeting, held on November 4th, the Sixth Form Forum was proud to welcome Miss Crook who had recently returned from America and who spoke on American education. She must surely have forced many members of the audience to revise their ideas on the subject. Miss Crook emphasised especially the great self-confidence of the American student and went on to describe the chief ways in which American and English schools differ.

Mr. Wigley at the next meeting gave a very comprehensive and enjoyable talk on the future of Europe. Having said that he would not assert what the future would hold, he offered his views on the Marshall Plan for the recovery of Europe, which could not only solve present problems but prepare the way for an economic unity in Europe and eventually a political union. After the talk, Mr. Wigley was questioned by members of the audience and defended and explained his views.

At our first meeting the topic of co-education had been discussed and much commented on. Our last speaker, Mr. Joseph, Headmaster of Wanstead County High School, spoke on this subject from his own very wide experience. Mr. Joseph first enumerated the arguments generally put forward against co-education and then proceeded to answer them most persuasively one by one. He described the system as it worked in his school and the many advantages enjoyed. A show of hands at the end of the meeting revealed an overwhelming majority of the audience in favour of co-education.

We should like to thank all speakers and those who in other ways have contributed to the success of our meetings.

A. HAYWARD, Lower Sixth Science,

D. CHAPMAN, Lower Sixth Modern,

Secretaries.

THE CLASSICAL SOCIETY

AT the beginning of the Autumn Term several members of the Lower Sixth Modern met to explore the possibilities of learning something of the Greek language as an out-of-school activity. The result of this meeting was the formation of the School Classical Society, with membership limited to the Sixth Form, a step made necessary by the shortage of books. Indeed, the book problem was our most serious difficulty, and was only solved eventually by the welcome intervention of our fairy godmother from Loughton.

There were regular meetings throughout the Autumn Term at which an introduction was made to the language and an approach to reading attempted through the Greek Testament. During the term we were pleased to welcome Mr. Graydon who gave the Society a most interesting talk on the Greek manuscripts of the New Testament.

In the Spring Term we turned from New Testament to Classical Greek, and between reading we enlivened the proceedings with speed tests in vocabulary and the use of the lexicon.

The coming of summer and cricket has made it more difficult to meet with any regularity, but we have managed to do so often enough to taste of Plato and to delve into the delights of Herodotus, the latter being extremely well received.

Our greatest difficulty at the moment is that of obtaining texts, but we have an ambitious programme for next winter, when we hope to read some Greek Tragedy with the help of Gilbert Murray's excellent translations.

The officers for this year have been :

Autumn Term : Chairman, J. Burrow.
Secretary, R. H. French.
Spring Term : Chairman, B. W. Hearn.
Secretary, K. J. Shave.

DEBATING SOCIETY

AS though doomed to survive, the School Debating Society has continued to flourish though in rather spasmodic outbursts during the past year, five debates being held on various topics.

One of the more notable events of the year took the form of an inter-school debate with Chigwell School, in which Gray, J. and Smith debated for the School. The meeting was held in a most amiable spirit, roused by the cordial welcome given to the Debating Society and supplemented by the sumptuous tea provided. To its friends at Chigwell responsible for this, and for the opportunity of such a debate, the Society wishes to express its thanks.

The committee thanks Mr. Sillis for his guidance during the past year, C. C. Roberts for his posters, and boys in all parts of the school who have given their time, which it hopes was not unprofitably spent, in coming to hear debates.

E. COCKING, Secretary.



CELLIST.

Linocut by R. A. Hiscott, Va.

CHESS CLUB

THE club this year has not met with the success which attended it last year. We withdrew from the Essex Grammar Schools' Chess League, since pressure of work prevented boys playing frequently in matches. We hoped that many more boys would have become interested in the club, but apparently they persist in believing that chess can be learnt in an hour. This lack of interest, as a result of which no meetings have been held in the Summer Term, is most discouraging, and the lack of players in the Junior School makes the future in the School of this game of such intrinsic educational value doubtful. Plans are now being made for Junior and Senior School Championships, which may stimulate interest. The Senior contest should prove interesting as the game has gained much popularity especially among Sixth formers. The thanks of the club are due to Mr. Dolman for his ungrudging services.

S. HENDERSON, Secretary.

THE CRAFT CLUB

THE club has had a rather patchy existence this year. The sessions during the first two terms were well attended, but numbers fell sharply during the Summer Term for a variety of reasons. A certain amount of interest seems to have been lost when difficulty has been encountered in finding suitable wood, although the persistence of one or two members has been rewarded. It has also been found that the difficulty involved in setting about some of the projects has not been matched with a sufficient amount of knowledge and skill, and this has also had a discouraging effect. Under these circumstances improvisation and adaptation have been the order of the day, and several interesting pieces of work have been produced albeit somewhat slowly. The club will be continued next year with a new constitution.

F. J. W.



"GET SET!"

Linocut by J. F. Tilly,
Upper Sixth Science.



SPEED.

Linocut by E. J. W. Blackwell,
Upper Sixth Modern.

SPORT

FIRST ELEVEN FOOTBALL

THE record of the First Eleven for the season presents rather an uninspiring picture of School football, the School winning only seven out of the nineteen matches played. We started the season very well, winning the first two away matches at Barking Abbey and Hackney Downs respectively. Those victories were truly deserved, and the impressions gained after these first two matches were that, though lacking physical strength, the School more than made up for this in spirit, skill and teamwork.

The next match, however, rather disproved the above impressions: it was against Monoux Grammar School, old rivals of the School. The team started the match with high hopes of gaining a third win in the third successive away match, and these hopes were sustained when, after pressing the Monoux goal for about ten minutes, Raworth, the inside right, neatly flicked the ball past the Monoux keeper to put the School ahead. A few minutes later, however, Monoux equalised with what seemed to be a very easy shot, and this destroyed the confidence of the School XI. From then on the Monoux defence were well on top of the School attack and the School defence were run off their feet by a very aggressive, fast and clever Monoux forward line.

The following week against Forest School, a last minute goal by Tilly, who throughout the season proved to be the only forward who was not afraid to take any chance offered from which to score a goal, gave the School victory after a very close game. Then followed a series of defeats which lasted until the end of the Autumn Term. The excuse that luck was not on our side could certainly be made with regard to the away match against Dagenham County High School. The School team was leading 3—1 at one moment and losing 3—4 the next. The score certainly was against the run of the play and was entirely due to unlucky penalty goals. The other defeats, however, were well deserved because the standard of football which the School team played was, to say the least, not of the highest. A word of praise must go to Knott, the goalkeeper, who throughout the season made many grand saves and certainly prevented the School suffering some heavy defeats.

One victory stood out among the defeats and that was the win over the School Staff. The School played at its very best and the match was a pleasure to watch. The forwards made the most of the openings in the Staff defence and the School defence were right on the top of the Staff attack, which never caused much trouble to Knott, due mainly to the very effective marking of Mr. Leek, the Staff centre-forward, by centre-half Gray, J.

The following term, the School team once again played a standard of football which it so rarely managed to reproduce, when it outplayed and surprised an East Ham XI, which had previously defeated it, and won 6—4. In this match, Tilly who scored a hat-trick, Gilbert the centre-forward and Hills the right-half, one of the steadiest players in the side, stood out above the rest. Losing to Barking Abbey the following week after a very poor game, the School again found top form against Forest School who were beaten by three goals to nil. A pitch which could be described as nothing less than a sea of mud, did not prevent some excellent passing amongst the forwards with some outstanding footwork by Raworth.

In both matches against the Old Boys the School was defeated but by no means disgraced. The games were strongly contested throughout, but the Old Boys' team, which had three previous School Football Captains playing, had the advantage of weight and speed which enabled them to hold their narrow lead over the School until the final whistle. Towards the end of the season the Staff regained their prestige when they fielded a team which thoroughly overran the School side and won 5—1. The season ended with a win against Stratford Grammar School. Gilbert struck his true form and took the scoring honours with a well-deserved hat-trick.

The First Eleven extends its warmest thanks to Mr. Lees, who throughout the season could be seen at all the School matches spurring the team on to further efforts with the utmost vigour. We have never failed to appreciate the excellent advice offered by him and we are only too sorry that it was not rewarded by better results on the field.

G. M. GRAY (Captain).

1947		RESULTS			
Sep. 20	Barking Abbey Grammar School.....	Away	won	4—1	
Sep. 27	Hackney Downs School	Away	won	2—1	
Oct. 4	Sir George Monoux G.S.	Away	lost	1—7	
Oct. 18	Forest School	Home	won	3—2	
Oct. 25	East Ham Grammar School	Home	lost	1—5	
Nov. 1	Chigwell School				
Nov. 8	Dagenham C.H.S.	Away	lost	3—4	
Nov. 22	Ilford C.H.S.	Home	lost	1—5	
Dec. 3	Masters XI	Home	won	8—2	
Dec. 6	Old Boys	Home	lost	5—6	
Dec. 13	Sir George Monoux G.S.	Home	lost	1—6	

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Jan. 17	East Ham Grammar School	Away	won	6—4
Jan. 24	Barking Abbey Grammar School	Home	lost	0—2
Feb. 7	Forest School	.....	Away	won	3—0
Feb. 28	Old Boys	.....	Home	lost	5—8
Mar. 6	Ilford C.H.S.	.....	Away	lost	3—8
Mar. 20	Stratford Grammar School	.....	Away	won	6—5

SECOND ELEVEN FOOTBALL

As last year, the Second Eleven was the most successful team, and this in spite of the difficulty in fielding a regular team, owing to illness and First Eleven demands, which fortunately were not excessive. The Second Eleven proper lost only three games, though the Under 16½ team lost all but one game. Success has been largely the result of fine team spirit and a sporting attitude even in the face of the severest reverse. The team was chosen from : Chapman, R. F.; Hearn, Hayward, Blackwell; Bales, Howard, Hunt, Adkins; Kirman, Reed, Doye, Hickman, Aldridge, Chambers.

E. J. W. BLACKWELL (Captain).

RESULTS

1947

Sep. 20	Barking Abbey G.S.	.....	Home	won	2—1
Sep. 27	Hackney Downs School	.....	Home	lost	0—6
Oct. 4	*Royal Wanstead School 1st XI	.....	Home	lost	0—3
Oct. 25	East Ham Grammar School	.....	Away	won	3—1
Nov. 8	Dagenham County H.S.	.....	Home	won	3—1
Nov. 15	*Royal Wanstead School 1st XI	.....	Home	draw	1—1
Nov. 22	Ilford County High School	Away	won	1—0
Nov. 29	*S.W. Essex Technical C.	Home	lost	5—0

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Jan. 17	East Ham Grammar School	Home	won	4—2
Jan. 24	Barking Abbey G.S.	Away	won	5—0
Jan. 31	Dagenham County H.S.	.....	Home	lost	1—3
Mar. 6	Ilford County High School	.....	Home	lost	3—8
Mar. 13	*Royal Wanstead School 1st XI	.....	Away	lost	2—3
Mar. 20	Stratford Grammar School	.....	Away	won	6—3

* Under 16½ matches.

UNDER 14 FOOTBALL ELEVEN

A forward line which could work together as a team was not found until late in the season, when the team first began to play as a team. As last season the attack was weak in comparison with the defence and this led to considerable strain on the latter. Lack of determination led the team to give away goals, and as has been previously stated, it was late in the season that a fighting spirit entered the team, and then it played much better throughout the matches.

The following boys have represented the School in this team during the season : Brett, Brown, A. F., Brown, B. E., Chambers, K.C., Charlwood, Cook, Coxwell, Dunlop, Fulford, Gold, Green, E., Harvey, A. T., Kinnison, Lindsay, Pendegrass, Rendu, Self, Smart, Spindler, Thomas, Walmsley, Webster.

A. F. BROWN (Captain).

RESULTS

1947

Sep. 20	Barking Abbey G.S.	.....	Away	lost	3—5
Sep. 27	Hackney Downs School	.....	Away	draw	4—4
Oct. 4	Sir George Monoux G.S.	.....	Home	lost	3—9
Oct. 25	East Ham Grammar School	.....	Home	lost	1—2
Nov. 1	Chigwell School	.....	Away	lost	0—3
Nov. 8	Dagenham C.H.S.	.....	Away	lost	0—3
Nov. 15	Chigwell School	Home	won	2—0
Nov. 22	Ilford C.H.S.	Home	draw	3—3
Dec. 13	Sir George Monoux G.S.	Home	lost	0—9

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Jan. 17	East Ham Grammar School	Away	lost	0—5
Jan. 24	Barking Abbey G.S.	Home	draw	2—2
Jan. 31	Dagenham C.H.S.	.....	cancelled		
Feb. 21	Stratford Grammar School	.....	cancelled		
Mar. 6	Ilford C.H.S.	.....	Away	won	4—2
Mar. 20	Stratford Grammar School	.....	Home	draw	1—1

The Under 14 Team has had two captains during the season. The first of these was Harvey, who found his lack of speed too much of a handicap at outside-left and decided to experiment in other positions. The second was A. F. Brown. As in the previous season, no ready-made centre-half was to be found, and A. F. Brown was persuaded to relinquish the joys of an outside-right for the hard work of this key position. Fortunately this change proved to be just as beneficial as it was in the case of Cooper last year. Brown played hard himself and by his keenness did much to pull the team together.

K.J.D.

HOCKEY

Hockey was started in September, 1947, in the second and third year forms, a choice being made then between Association Football and Hockey, with the condition that the one chosen be adhered to until the beginning of the Spring Term, when a revision of the groups could be made if desired. Great keenness was shown by all members of the Hockey groups, so that applications had to be refused in the case of the third year groups because two complete teams had decided to continue. In the case of the fourth year, applications were limited to the number required to bring it up to full strength.

The pitch, which in actual fact is small, seemed much too big for everyone at the start, but later on after some practice, one or two stalwarts found no difficulty in driving the ball from end to end. It is hoped this year to do something about the surface at the right time, that is at the end of the cricket season, and keep the grass down to a reasonable height.

One match was played and won by a school eleven, and a more complete fixture list is proposed for next season. Several boys took the trouble to watch the Essex County XI in action against Cambridgeshire at Woodford Wells, and by their performance in subsequent games, obviously profited by what they saw.

A word of warning and one of thanks: the sticks supplied by the School will not last for ever—probably not as long as the end of the term. Boys who propose to play are therefore urged to do their utmost to get a stick of their own. We are grateful to Mr. Romans and the groundsman for their help in providing the goals and the nets and the old cricket balls which served to bridge the gap before the arrival of the hockey balls.

F.J.W.

THE CROSS COUNTRY RACES

Until this year the courses used for the Junior and Senior races have hardly been entitled to the name "Cross Country" as they have included a considerable amount of road and hard track. Although the fields along the Roding valley are so near to the School, they were not used owing to the likelihood of flooding. This danger seems to have been reduced by the efforts of the Catchment Board, and when it was necessary to choose a course for the Burn Cup Race, it was decided to make use of these fields in order to avoid roads as much as possible. The course involved going through the river twice, and as the valley was covered by a thick carpet of snow, the possibility of a quick thaw just before the race was rather disquieting. However, good fortune was with us, and the race was run successfully and without mishap.

The course became very popular with the School team and it was therefore decided to adopt it for the School races. By the end of the term when these took place the weather was fine and warm and many a perspiring runner found the river crossings very refreshing. In fact the number who "accidentally" fell full length in the water was rather remarkable.

There seems to be no doubt that the very fine turn-out for both Junior and Senior races was partly due to this change of course and partly due to the new method of scoring. A brief description of this may assist our readers to understand how the results were obtained. The first twenty boys of each House to finish the course scored points according to their positions. The last of these in the Senior race was 94th. This runner scored one point and the first man scored 94 points. In addition to the above the remaining boys who reached home before a set time elapsed each scored one point.

K.J.D.

In last year's magazine we read "cross country running remains the most maligned sport in the field of School physical recreation." Happily the tide has turned. This year no less than 303 runners turned out, beating the previous record of only 150.

The three runs took place on Monday and Tuesday, 22nd and 23rd March, both taking place in warm dry conditions. The junior and senior courses were both new and both had the added enjoyment of crossing the Roding twice. Of the three runs IE and Hainault—who won both senior and junior runs—are to be congratulated on obtaining first places.

The Junior Race

Hainault carried off an easy victory by winning by over 300 points. Roding came next and were followed by Chigwell and Forest. Doe (H) did well to gain first place, being closely followed by Barrett (F), Rendu (C) and Dunbar (R)—who, incidentally, won last year's race when in his second year.

The Senior Race

This race was also won by Hainault; Forest came second, followed by Roding and Chigwell. Hainault house was fortunate in having five of the School Cross Country Team among its ranks, and it was not surprising that they obtained three out of the first five places. Forest, though destitute of any leading runners, gained second place by remarkable good team work, all their runners finishing between 18th and 61st.

After about two miles, Bales (H) took the lead and won easily without being challenged. Shave (H) was second and Holmes (R) and Madgwick (R) third and fourth respectively. The most pleasing aspect of the race was the large number of runners—double last year's total.

First Year Inter-Form Race

Form IE won this race easily, having the first man home and their whole team in the first 30 places. Lucas is to be congratulated on equalling Dunbar's record time.

RESULTS

First Year Inter-Form Race

		Previous Best 10 mins. 48 secs.	Holder Dunbar	Year 1946
1	Lucas (1E)	.....	.....	10 mins. 48 secs.
2	Betts (1A)	.....	.....	—
3	Wedge (1M)	.....	.....	—

1st	1E.	2nd	1A.	3rd	1M.
Name	Posn.	Name	Posn.	Name	Posn.
Lucas	1	Betts	2	Wedge	3
Fogg	5	Crisp	10	Smedley	4
Hawkes	6	Brotherston	11	Scott	7
Lindsay	9	Buxton	15	Rolfe	8
Gosford	13	Bowak	17	Potter	12
Londors	14	Auvache	22	Sands	19
Holste	16	Dolden	23	Mitchell	27
Gowan	18	Compton	24	Palmer	29
Hayward	20	Dickinson	25	Rigden	39
Edwards	21	Baldwin	28	Thompson	48
Gardner	26	Abrahams	34	Waskett	50
Hale	30	Burns	36	MacGillivray	52
Total	179	Total	247	Total	298

The Junior Race

		Previous Best 19 mins. 28 secs.	Holder Woolner (C)	Year 1946
1	Doe (H)	.....	.....	14 mins. 27 secs.
2	Barrett (F)	.....	.....	14 mins. 33 secs.
3	Rendu (C)	.....	.....	14 mins. 43 secs.

Maximum time, 25 minutes.

1st	Hainault	2nd	Roding	3rd	Chigwell	4th	Forest
Name	Psn. Pts.	Name	Psn. Pts.	Name	Psn. Pts.	Name	Psn. Pts.
Doe	1 91	Dunbar	4 88	Rendu	3 89	Barrett, K. B.	2 90
Booth	5 87	Warren	9 83	Hitchcock	10 82	Webster	11 81
Harrington	6 86	Heath	19 73	Brett	12 80	Smith, R. G.	13 79
Waller	7 85	Langley	20 72	Martin	29 63	Arnold	14 78
Cook	8 84	Dearman	22 70	Fulford	31 61	Kinnison	21 71
Pavitt	15 77	Driver	23 69	Rowe	33 59	Young	30 62
Colby	16 76	Kent	24 68	Goulter	35 57	Hunt	34 58
Brown, B. E.	17 75	Pettit	27 65	Allen	36 56	Bennington	37 55
Rivers	18 74	Clark, B. J.	32 60	Tester	38 54	Meddings	40 52
Smith, P. J.	25 67	Oliver	45 47	Hunter	39 53	Gardner	41 51
Pinchbeck	26 66	Spindler	47 45	Buggey	42 50	Williams	46 46
Battershall	28 64	Hayes	50 42	Haddon	52 40	Lebentz	54 38
Penhallow	43 49	Lunn	58 34	Smart	53 39	Taylor, M. F.	55 37
Rogers	44 48	Smith, P. S.	64 28	Waters	59 33	Dalton	56 36
Bambridge	48 44	Caswell	66 26	Barklem	60 32	Guiver	62 30
Thomas	49 43	Lewis	68 24	Green	61 31	Partridge	67 25
Brown, G. A.	51 41	Clark, D. V.	71 21	Winner	73 19	Clarke	70 22
Knights	57 35	Hawkins	72 20	Towell	78 14	Menzies	80 12
Jones	63 29	Lindsay	74 18	Jones	81 11	Levine	90 2
Foster	65 27	Ringwood	76 16	Wilson, B.	86 6	Johnson	91 1
	1248		969		929		926
Extras	15	Extras	6	Extras	4	Extras	2
Total	1263	Total	976	Total	933	Total	928
House Points	7.4	House Points	5.7	House Points	5.5	House Points	5.4

The Senior Race

	Previous Best 22 mins. 25 secs.	Holder Rattenbury (C)	Year 1946
1	Bales (H)		22 mins. 19 secs.
2	Shave (H)		22 mins. 30 secs.
3	Holmes (R)		22 mins. 37 secs.

Maximum time, 40 minutes.

1st Hainault		2nd Forest		3rd Roding		4th Chigwell	
Name	Psn. Pts.	Name	Psn. Pts.	Name	Psn. Pts.	Name	Psn. Pts.
Bales	1 94	Andrews	18 77	Holmes	3 92	Chambers, K.	6 89
Shave	2 93	Trowbridge	19 76	Madgwick	4 91	Overy	8 87
Kirman	5 90	Low	23 72	Cooper	9 86	Sparks	11 84
Horne, A. J.	7 88	Hayes	26 69	Coyle	12 83	Millington	14 81
Steff, J. C.	10 85	Williams	29 66	Gilbert, S. J.	13 82	Adkins	31 64
Reed	16 79	Decker	30 65	Oliver	15 80	Penny	33 62
Bellingham	17 78	Blackwell	36 59	Roberts, D. A.	22 73	Sherlock	34 61
Higgins	21 74	Pallant	37 58	Harris	24 71	Tilly	50 45
Forsyth	20 75	Hiscott	41 54	Hayward	32 63	Brown, A. F.	56 39
Henderson	25 70	Hills	42 53	Warner	38 57	Perry	59 36
Schooley	27 68	Surrey	43 52	Raworth	45 50	Knott	62 33
Keelan, M.	28 67	Ringrose	44 51	Clark, A. L.	49 46	Passfield	65 30
Turrell	35 60	Nightingale	46 49	Tovey, D. A.	54 41	Evans	66 29
Lee, D. R.	39 56	Newens	47 48	Sorrell	60 35	White	68 27
Pratchett	40 55	Keeling	51 44	Watson	63 32	Twyman	73 22
Killick	48 47	Walling	52 43	McGregor	64 31	Hawkings	74 21
Gandy	55 40	Triolo	53 42	Milbank	69 26	Salmon	75 20
Pryor	67 28	Banner	57 38	Easlea	79 16	Hearn	77 18
Harvey	80 15	Southwell	58 37	Savill	82 13	Doye	78 17
Palmer	81 14	Gray, J.	61 34	Green, E. J.	94 1	Jolly	85 10
	1276		1087		1069		875
Extras	14	Extras	14	Extras	7	Extras	14
Total	1290	Total	1101	Total	1076	Total	889
House Points	7.1	House Points	6.1	House Points	5.9	House Points	4.9

The School Cross Country Team

Burn Cup (Four miles).

March 6th

The School had the privilege of entertaining thirteen visiting teams on March 6th. The perfect organisation of the race and a sumptuous tea adequately compensated for a rather disappointing performance by the School team, which was mainly due to some most unfortunate mishaps. The winning school was Bancroft's and we were eleventh.

Shave, 12th; Steff, 49th; Roberts, 62nd; Bales, 76th; Sparks, 77th; Sherlock, 79th; Holmes, 83rd; and Kirman 93rd.

Woodford Green Annual Schools Race (Three miles). March 13th

The day was uncomfortably hot when we ran against five local teams at Woodford, but the School met with better success than the previous week by coming fourth. Holmes did especially well in finishing sixth.

Holmes, 6th; Shave, 10th; Kirman, 20th; Sparks, 23rd; Sherlock, 30th; and Roberts, D. H., 35th.

Essex Youths Championship (Three miles).

March 20th

This race was run over the same course at Woodford, but this time there was much more serious opposition. The team again improved, however, by finishing seventh out of eleven schools and athletic teams.

Shave, 16th; Horne, A. J., 24th; Holmes, 33rd; Bales, 37th; Harris, 46th, and Sherlock, 48th.

The following awards of Athletic Colours have been made:

Shave; Bales; Holmes.

K. J. SHAVE (Cross Country Captain).

ATHLETICS

Champion Russell and Bressey Cups

This year, eleven schools met at the Ashton Playing Fields to compete for these cups and, after very watery heats, the weather cleared up, making it a pleasure to run on this excellent new track. Both the weather and the track were admirable and we were not surprised when six records were broken.

Again the School was placed third in the Russell Cup competition, and, as last year, we owe our position to the efforts of our juniors. Cook, in particular, gave an outstanding performance in all his events. With no advantage in size, he made a habit of breaking the tape some ten yards in front of his nearest rival.

Although our position did not disgrace the School, the result might have been better if certain members had not consumed quantities of fizzy drink. One of the team did not do as well as he expected. Others did less harm to themselves but more to our reputation by running round the track some ninety minutes before their events.

When our present juniors reach seniority we shall stand a very good chance; and I shall be surprised if the Cup is not brought to Roding Lane in two or three years' time. This year we must again congratulate Wanstead on winning the Russell Cup and Hornchurch County High School on winning the Bressey Cup in their first appearance in the competition. The School attained fifth place in the latter.

Champion Russell Cup				Pts.
1.	Wanstead C.H.S.	.....	.....	51
2.	Romford Royal Liberty School	.....	.....	44
3.	Buckhurst Hill C.H.S.	.....	.....	32
4.	East Ham Grammar School	.....	.....	26
5.	Ilford C.H.S.	.....	.....	23
6.	Leyton C.H.S.	.....	.....	22
7.	Sir George Monoux Grammar School	.....	.....	21
8.	Hornchurch C.H.S.	.....	.....	17
9.	Dagenham C.H.S.	.....	.....	16
10.	Barking Abbey School	.....	.....	15
11.	Chingford C.H.S.	.....	.....	3

Individual placings were:—

UNDER 13.

Long Jump: Knights, 4th.
100 yards: Cook, 1st.
High Jump: Gould, 4th.
220 yards: Cook, 1st.
Relay: Cook, Spindler, Pearman, Taylor, M. F., 1st.

UNDER 14.

100 yards: Pendegrass, 2nd.
300 yards: Pendegrass, 3rd.
Relay: Pendegrass, Gold, Doe, Smart, 1st.

UNDER 15.

100 yards: Colby, 2nd.
Long Jump: Trowbridge, 4th.
Relay: Colby, O'Neil, Maitland, Wright, 2nd.

OVER 15.

Long Jump: Gray, J., 4th.

OVER 16.

220 yards: Gray, G. M., 4th.

J. GRAY (Captain of Athletics).

CRICKET

This cricket season has so far been a very successful one in every respect. On results we are able to boast that we have fared better than any team since the days of Flower and Hines. Of twelve matches played so far six have been won, three drawn and three lost. Apart from these successes on the field the whole team has played splendidly off it.

The successes of the team are even more worthy than they appear at first sight for very rarely have the later batsmen come in with a good score on the board. Gray, J. has generally opened the innings very capably but too often he has not received sufficient support. He has no style, being content merely to stop the straight balls but no one can deny that his methods have brought results. Chapman, D., has batted very steadily throughout the season and has already scored over two hundred runs. His best so far is 43 not out, made against Woodford Wells. Chapman is unfortunate in lacking height but he generally succeeds in getting over the ball very well. Penny is the only natural batsman in the side. He has a very free style but as a result he tends at times to be a little careless in his strokes. A very fast scorer, Penny's best score is 48, made against the Old Boys in a little over twenty minutes. Raworth, played for his bowling, has often come to the rescue of the side when things have looked very black. His most noteworthy innings was his 13 made against Barking Abbey School when the rest of the side had failed miserably. Tarran, the only left-hander in the team, has not lived up to the promise which he showed earlier in the season.

Of the bowlers Penny has been unsurpassed in his excellence. Eighty-two wickets have fallen to our bowlers this season, of which Penny has taken 40. He has been almost unplayable at times; his best performances being his seven wickets for nine runs against Bancroft's School and his four wickets for four runs against Stratford Grammar School. This latter performance included a hat-trick, all three of his victims being bowled. Cooper has been the best of the other bowlers. He bowls round the wicket to a packed leg-side field with most successful results. Against the Parents' XI, whom we beat for the third year running, he took six wickets for eleven runs, while he enabled us to claim the honour of being the first School side to beat the Old Boys at cricket by taking their last two wickets with the last two balls of the day, his figures on this occasion being three wickets for no runs.

The fielding has at times been excellent and the backing up always so. When the team is in a good position the fielding is inclined to be slack but those occasions when we were struggling to avoid defeat every man gave all he had and a real team spirit made itself evident. The truth of this statement is clear when it

is observed that it took Wanstead C.H.S. two hours and twenty minutes to score 65 runs against our hostile attack and excellent fielding.

I should like to thank D. Chapman's father for supporting the team so regularly, the groundsman, Mr. Kingston, for the invaluable time and energy which he has spent upon the upkeep of the square, and the team for their whole-hearted support and enthusiasm whether in victory or defeat.

Colours have been awarded this season to Gray, J., Chapman, D., and Chapman, R. F. R. F. CHAPMAN (Captain).

RESULTS			Scores		
Date	Opponents	Results	For	Against	
April 24.	Monoux Grammar School	Lost	43	49-5	
May 1.	Dagenham C.H.S.	Won	49-5	31-8 dec.	
May 15.	Dagenham C.H.S.	Won	79	37	
May 22.	Forest School	Lost	110	146-4	
May 24.	R.A.F. Chigwell	Won	70-3	67	
June 12.	Wanstead C.H.S.	Drawn	67	65-8	
June 15.	Bancroft's School 2nd XI	Won	104	31	
June 19.	Barking Abbey School	Lost	36	38-6	
June 26.	Parents' Association	Won	112-7 dec.	33	
July 3.	Stratford Grammar School	Drawn	80-5 dec.	22-5	
July 3.	Woodford Wells 3rd XI	Drawn	138-6 dec.	27-4	
July 10.	Old Boys' Association	Won	114	57	

Team: Chapman, R. F.; Gray, J.; Raworth; Chapman, D.; Penny; Tilly; Tarran; Gilbert; Aldridge; Cooper; Bales.

SECOND ELEVEN CRICKET REPORT

After an extremely nervous start the second eleven improved with experience, and if the full quota of 12 games had been played would have developed into a sound team. At the beginning of the season the side looked a strong batting side on paper but this proved incorrect in the light of experience, mainly due to nervousness. L. Brown played consistently well at No. 1. The bowling was always good and helped to retrieve the weakness of the batting; Utting and Trowbridge had the best two performances of 7 for 15 and 5 for 1 respectively. The fielding was always good. The results, with one match to be played, are: 3 won, 4 lost (3 cancelled and 1 abandoned). Above all else, everyone has enjoyed playing and that is the chief thing. A. C. JOLLY.

RESULTS			Scores		
Date	Opponents	Ground	For	Against	Result
May 1.	Dagenham C.H.S.	Home	10	68-9	Lost
May 15.	Dagenham C.H.S.	Away	32	33-4	Lost
May 22.	Woodford Wells Ex-3rd XI	Home	86-9	61	Won
May 29.	East Ham Grammar School	Away	14-3	—	Abandoned
June 5.	Royal Wanstead	Away	43	58	Lost
June 12.	Wanstead C.H.S.	Home	71	25	Won
July 3.	Stratford Grammar School	Away	32	29	Won
July 10.	Ilford C.H.S.	Away	44	46-6	Lost

UNDER 14 CRICKET ELEVEN

The Under 14 XI started the season badly at Dagenham, but after this bad start improved with every match, the most convincing wins being at Barking Abbey and at home to Stratford. The following have represented the School in the Under 14 XI during the season: Webster (Captain), Thomas, Gold, Fulford, Rendu, Dunlop, Warren, Porter, Lebentz, Waller, Taylor, Landbeck, Spindler, Colby, Hunt. The following from the Under 14 team have represented the School in the Under 15 team: Webster, Gold, Fulford, Thomas, Dunlop.

RESULTS			Runs		
Opponents	Ground	For	Against	Result	
Dagenham C.H.S.	Away	17	43	Lost	
East Ham Grammar School	Home	23-8	16	Won	
Wanstead C.H.S.	Away	35	66-5	Lost	
Barking Abbey G.S.	Away	63-3	50	Won	
Stratford Grammar School	Home	42	14	Won	

A. WEBSTER (Captain).

BICKERSTETH CUP COMPETITION

On the two coldest July evenings imaginable the Bickersteth Cup Competition was held, but despite the weather, the competitors were heartened by a large crowd of spectators. The evenings were rendered more enjoyable by the close competition. During the first few rounds, we gained a lead but Wanstead made this up and was soon ten points ahead. We rallied and again took first place but by the end of the evening Wanstead was in an impregnable position. It then fell to us to compete with Leyton for second place but after a tense hour we were relegated to third place. Our success is largely due to Pendegrass who earned nineteen points. We should like to congratulate Alberry on some fine pole-vaulting.

We managed to give an excellent performance, and one we should be able to repeat.

1. Wanstead C.H.S.	95	7. Dagenham C.H.S.	35
2. Leyton C.H.S.	77	8. Westcliff School	29
3. Buckhurst Hill C.H.S.	71	9. Earls Colne	26
4. Monoux G.S.	63½	10. Ilford C.H.S.	25
5. Romford Liberty School	56	11. West Ham G.S.	14
6. Bancroft's School	37	12. S.E. Essex Tech. School	9½

OVER 16—

Pole Vault: J. Gray 3rd.
Long Jump: J. Gray 3rd (Standard).

UNDER 16—

Javelin: Auvache 3rd (Standard).
Shot: Sparks 0. (Standard).

UNDER 15—

Long Jump: Trowbridge 4th (Standard).
Javelin: Colby 2nd (Standard).
Discus: Decker 2nd (Standard).
Shot: Wright 3rd (Standard).
Hop, Step and Jump: Chambers 4th (Standard).

UNDER 14—

Long Jump: Pendegrass 1st (Standard).
Javelin: Waller 1st (Standard).
Discus: Pendegrass 1st (Standard).
Shot: Pendegrass 2nd (Standard).
Pole Vault: Barrett 2nd.
Hop, Step and Jump: Pendegrass 1st (Standard).

UNDER 13—

Long Jump: Knights 3rd (Standard).
Javelin: J. R. Taylor (Standard).
Discus: J. R. Taylor 2nd (Standard).
Shot: Greenaway 3rd (Standard).
Pole Vault: Alberly 2nd (Standard).
Hop, Step and Jump: Webb 3rd.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS

Saturday, July 17th, 1948

Hainault House won the Bryett Cup as expected, but only by the narrowest possible margin. The points were as follows:

						Pts.
1.	Hainault	.....	.....	.....	.....	81
2.	Chigwell	.....	.....	.....	.....	80½
3.	Forest	.....	.....	.....	.....	67
4.	Roding	.....	.....	.....	.....	65½

In spite of the vagaries of English Summer weather, thirteen new records were set up this year. In addition, the winning performances in the Pole Vault, Under 13, Under 15, and Over 15 will stand as records, since this event was introduced into the Sports for the first time. The following new record-holders deserve our heartiest congratulations:

UNDER 13.

Throwing the Discus: Taylor J. R. (C), 76 ft. 5½ ins.
Throwing the Javelin: Auvache R. G. (F), 98 ft. 9 ins.
4 x 110 yards Relay: Roding House, 57.0 secs.

UNDER 14.

220 yards: Waller (H), 25.7 secs.

UNDER 15.

Throwing the Discus: Decker (F), 93 ft. 0 ins.
Putting the Shot: Wright (H), 36 ft. 5½ ins.
Hop, Step and Jump: Chambers (C), 36 ft. 7 ins.
220 yards: Colby D. J. (H), 25.5 secs.
4 x 110 yards Relay: Chigwell House, 51.2 secs.

OVER 15.

Hop, Step and Jump: Hayward A. (R), 37 ft. 2½ ins.
High Jump: Colton (C), 5 ft. 1 in.
Throwing the Javelin: Auvache J. A. C. (F), 126 ft. 1 in.
880 yards: Shave (H), 2 mins. 8.9 secs.

Taylor J. R. (C) showed his versatility by obtaining first place in the Long Jump, and Hop, Step and Jump, and second place in Throwing the Javelin and Putting the Shot in addition to his new record, and this made a very considerable contribution to Chigwell's success.

The Auvache brothers both set up new records in Throwing the Javelin and the first year boy's performance is particularly worthy of mention as he was competing against second year boys. Gilbert (R) was only 1 in. behind Auvache in the Senior event and also beat the previous best.

Wright (H) and Trowbridge (F) both obtained places in five events, Trowbridge being unlucky not to set up a new record, which he is capable of doing, in the Long Jump.

Decker (F) won the Discus with a throw only just short of the winning distance in the senior event, and the Pole Vault at 8 ft. 6 ins. which equalled the best height in the senior group by Gray J, the Captain of Athletics. Perhaps we shall see new senior records in these events next year.

It was good to see more competitors in the High Jump using the Western Roll style of jumping. The most successful was Colton (C) who added one inch to the Senior High Jump record. His 5 ft. 1 inch jump is still 1 inch short of Slade's record for the Under 15 group.

Waller (H) and Sparks (C) were the only sprinters to manage a double win this year. Cook (H) was unexpectedly beaten by Pearman (R) in the 100 yards, but turned the tables in the 220 yards.

Wright (H) just beat Colby (H) in the 100 yards, but Colby ran very strongly to set up his new record in the 220 yards. Gray J. (F) and Tilly (C) shared the honours in the over 16 events.

Gray J., this year's Captain of Athletics was a tower of strength for Forest, gaining places in six events. This included winning the Senior Pole Vault, Putting the Shot, and 100 yards. In the High Jump he equalled the previous best, and in the Long Jump came near to winning first place and the record but had his toes over the take-off board.

Tilly gained some very useful points for Chigwell with a first in the 220 yards and three second places.

In the 880 yards and 1 mile Shave (H), Bales (H), Roberts (R) finished in that order in both races. All three were members

of the School Cross Country team and had laid a good foundation of hard training during the winter. The mile was run off on the Wednesday before Sports Day, and for three laps was anybody's race. The pace up to this time was not fast enough to endanger the record of 4 mins 55 secs. set up by Rattenbury in 1946. Shave then forged ahead followed by Bales and Roberts, but neither of them were able to match his finishing effort, and he was a clear winner in 5 mins. 4.3 secs. In the 880 yards on Sports Day Gilbert (R.) took the lead from the start, and had obviously made up his mind that the pace should be a hot one. At the beginning of the second lap it was clear that he had succeeded in his aim, but the effort had been too much for him. Shave who had been running very well then took the lead with Bales and Roberts striving not to let him get away. Urged on by the applause of the spectators he maintained his speed to the end and won on his own in the very good time of mins. 8.9 secs., knocking over 4 secs. off Rattenbury's second record.

The 440 yards over 16 provided the kind of race that one only sees when a race is run in lanes with a staggered start. The runners were widely spaced when on their marks, but slowly drew together as they rounded the first bend and moved down the back straight. They swept round the second bend in a bunch and the spectators' excitement grew. As they came towards the finishing straight, Shave and Hayward (R) were seen to be shoulder to shoulder and just in the lead, with Shave, although in the lane outside Hayward challenging him strongly. As they came up the straight Shave continued to challenge, but Hayward fought him off, and in a very close finish just got in front. Holmes (R) was a good third and the time was only 0.2 secs. outside Rattenbury's third record. Hayward (R) also added a win in the Long Jump to this fine race and his new record in the Hop, Step and Jump.

A demonstration of Pole Vaulting was given by Gray J., Deeker, Alberry and Nightingale who all represented the School in the Bickersteth Cup. Alberry, the under 13 winner showed good style in clearing 6 ft., his winning height, and Gray J. and Deeker both did 8 ft 6 ins.

It was very pleasing to note that six competitors in the field events (Waller (H), Trowbridge (F), Greenaway (H), Aldridge (R), Gray J. (F), Gilbert (R)) beat or equalled the previous best performances while only achieving second places in certain events. This seemed to indicate a general improvement in the standard of performance.

Last year Hainault won four out of six of the Relays, but this year Roding and Chigwell shared the honours, winning three each.

The Inter-Form Relays were contested with the usual keenness and enthusiasm.

Mr. H. P. Crabtree, the Senior Organiser of Physical Education for Essex, and well known as a member of the Essex County Cricket XI and Eastern Counties Rugby XV, was introduced by the Headmaster. He said that he was very pleased to see all the Field events included in the Sports, and emphasised the importance of cultivating good style. If this were done in the Schools, he was sure that first class results would follow, and that we should then catch up with our American and other rivals. He then presented the Bryett Cup to Bales, the Captain of Hainault, who was supported by Shave, and the medals to the winning competitors.

RESULTS

Buckhurst Hill County High School Athletic Sports July 17th, 1948

100 Yards. Under 12.

1. Brotherston (R), 13.5 secs.
2. Betts (H).
3. Hayward (R).

100 Yards. Under 14.

1. Waller (H), 11.9 secs.
2. Marsh (C).
3. Gold (R).

100 Yards. Under 16.

1. Sparks (C), 11.8 secs.
2. Howard (F).
3. Hearn (C).

220 Yards. Under 13.

1. Cook (H), 27.9 secs.
2. Pearman (R).
3. Taylor (F).

220 Yards Under 15.

1. Colby (H), 25.5 secs.
(Record)
2. O'Neil (C).
3. Trowbridge (F).

220 Yards. 16 and Over.

1. Tilly (C), 24.6 secs.
2. Gray, J. (F)
3. Gray, G. M. (R).

440 Yards. Under 16.

1. Low (F), 58.2 secs.
2. Kirman (H).
3. Oliver (R).

880 Yards. 15 and Over.

1. Shave (H), 2 mins 8.9 secs.
(Record)
2. Bales (H).
3. Roberts (R).

100 Yards. Under 13.

1. Pearman (R), 12.9 secs.
2. Cook (H).
3. Gould (C).

100 Yards. Under 15.

1. Wright (H), 11.6 secs.
2. Colby (H).
3. Trowbridge (F).

100 Yards. 16 and Over.

1. Gray J. (F), 11.0 secs.
2. Tilly (C).
3. Gray, C. (F).

220 Yards. Under 14.

1. Waller (H), 25.7 secs.
(Record)
2. Rowe (C).
3. Doe (H).

220 Yards. Under 16.

1. Sparks (C), 25.6 secs.
2. Low (F).
3. Howard (F).

440 Yards. Under 15.

1. O'Neil (C), 59.4 secs.
2. Cooper (R).
3. Deeker (F).

440 Yards. 16 and Over.

1. Hayward (R), 56.4 secs.
2. Shave (H).
3. Holmes (R).

One Mile. 15 and Over.

1. Shave (H) 5 min. 4.3 secs.
2. Bales (H).
3. Roberts (R).

High Jump. Under 13.

1. Clarke, D. V. (R), 4ft 1in.
2. Colby (H), 4ft. 0in.
3. Gould (C), 4ft. 0in.

High Jump. 15 and Over.

1. Colton (C), 5ft. 1in.
(Record)
2. Aldridge (R) 5ft. 0in.
3. Gray, J. (F), 5ft. 0in.

Long Jump. Under 15.

1. Trowbridge (F), 17ft. 6½in.
2. Wright (H), 17ft. 0in.
3. Sawyer (C), 15ft. 6in.

Hop, Step and Jump. Under 13.

1. Taylor, J. R. (C), 29ft. 5in.
2. Burns (F), 28ft. 4in.
3. Gould (C), 27ft. 8in.

Hop, Step and Jump. 15 and Over.

1. Hayward (R), 37ft. 2½in.
(Record)
2. Tilly (C), 35ft. 3in.
3. Gray, C. (F), 34ft. 10½in.

Shot (8.8 lbs.). Under 15.

1. Wright (H), 36ft. 5½in.
(Record)
2. Waller (H), 36ft. 4½in.
3. Decker (F), 33ft. 8in.

Discus. Under 13. (2.2. lbs.).

1. Taylor, J. R. (C), 76ft. 5½in.
(Record)
2. Greenaway (H), 71ft. 6½in.
3. Delfgou (R), 67ft. 9in.

Discus. 15 and Over. (3.3 lbs.).

1. Harris (R), 94ft. 7in.
2. Colton (C), 92ft. 7½in.
3. Kirby (H), 81ft. 1in.

Javelin. Under 15.

1. Colby D. J. (H), 113ft. 10in.
2. McGregor (R), 108ft. 3in.
3. Hunt (F), 101ft. 4in.

Pole Vault. Under 13.

1. Alberry (H), 6ft. 0in.
2. Limn, (F), 5ft. 9in.
3. Gore (C) } Tie
Delfgou (R) } 4ft. 9in.

Pole Vault. 15 and Over.

1. Gray, J. (F), 8ft. 6in.
2. Aldridge (R), 7ft. 6in.
3. Keelan (H), 5ft. 6in.

High Jump. Under 15.

1. Nightingale (F), 4ft. 7in.
2. Wright (H), 4ft. 6in.
3. Southwell (F), 4ft. 6in.

Long Jump. Under 13.

1. Taylor, J. R. (C) 13ft. 9in.
2. Smith, P. J. (H), 13ft. 4in.
3. Knights (H), 13ft. 2in.

Long Jump. 15 and Over.

1. Hayward (R) 17ft. 1in.
2. Tilly (C), 17ft. 0in.
3. Gray, J. (F), 16ft. 11in.

Hop, Step and Jump. Under 15.

1. Chambers (C) 36ft. 7in.
(Record)
2. Trowbridge (F) 34ft. 6in.
3. Sawyer (C), 33ft 5½in.

Shot (6 lbs.). Under 13.

1. Colby, A. J. (H), 34ft. 2½in.
2. Taylor, J. R. (C), 34ft. 1½in.
3. Langley (R), 29ft. 11½in.

Shot (12 lbs.). 15 and Over.

1. Gray, J. (F), 32ft. 0½in.
2. Sparks (C), 29ft. 7in.
3. Aldridge (R), 28ft. 11½in.

Discus. Under 15. (3.3 lbs.).

1. Decker (F), 93ft. 0in.
(Record)
2. Trowbridge (F) 78ft. 2½in.
3. Wright (H), 75ft. 10in.

Javelin. Under 13.

1. Auvache R. G. (F), 98ft. 9in.
(Record)
2. Taylor, J. R. (C), 93ft. 4in.
3. Cook (H), 81ft. 1in.

Javelin. 15 and Over.

1. Auvache, J. A. C. (F),
126ft. 1in. (Record)
2. Gilbert (R), 126ft.
3. Knott (C), 125ft. 5½in.

Pole Vault. Under 15.

1. Decker (F), 8ft. 6in.
2. Pavitt (H), 7ft. 3in.
3. Nightingale (F), 6ft. 9in.

Inter-House Relay. Under 12.

1. Roding : Brotherston ; Hayward, Gosford ; Lucas. 59.8 secs.
2. Hainault : Betts ; Wooler ; Aves ; MacGillivray.
3. Forest : Vincent ; Burns ; Rees ; Bonner.

Inter-House Relay. Under 13.

1. Roding : Pearman ; Spindler ; Langley ; Driver. 57.0 secs. (Record)
2. Chigwell : Gould ; Taylor ; Goodwin ; Waters.
3. Hainault : Knights ; Colby ; Smith ; Alford.

Inter-House Relay. Under 14.

1. Chigwell : Marsh ; Rowe ; Banks ; Smart. 55.5 secs.
2. Roding : Gold ; Pettit ; Oliver ; Dunbar.
3. Forest : Kempton ; Kinnison ; Hunt ; Holste.

Inter-House Relay. Under 15.

1. Chigwell : Chambers ; O'Neill ; Brown, A. F. ; Maitland. 51.2 secs.
(Record)
2. Hainault : Wright ; Lacey ; Piper ; Colby.
3. Forest : Trowbridge ; Southwell ; Pallant ; Nightingale.

Inter-House Relay. Under 16.

1. Chigwell : Sparks, Hearn, Parsons, Evans. 51.4 secs.
2. Hainault : Kirman, Turner Henderson, Utting.
3. Forest : Howard, Walling, Hiscott, Low.

Inter-House Relay. 16 and Over.

1. Roding : Gray, G. M. ; Gilbert ; Hickman ; Hayward. 50.3 secs.
2. Chigwell : Tilly ; Chapman, R. ; Colton ; Penny.
3. Forest : Gray, J. ; Gray, C. ; Fleetwood ; Blackwell.

Inter-Form Relay. Under 12.

1. 1A ; 2. 1E ; 3. 1M.

Inter-Form Relay. Under 13.

1. 2A ; 2. 2R ; 3. 2B.

Inter-Form Relay. Under 14.

1. 3B ; 2. 3R ; 3. 3A.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS :

Hainault	81
Chigwell	80½
Forest	67
Roding	65½

The Inter-Form athletic competitions held during the School examinations resulted as follows :

First Year : 1st, 1E ; 2nd, 1A ; 3rd, 1M.
Second Year : 1st, 2A ; 2nd, 2R ; 3rd, 2B.
Third Year : 1st, 3R ; 2nd, 3A ; 3rd, 3B.
Fourth Year : 1st, 4A ; 2nd, 4R ; 3rd, 4B.

ATHLETIC COLOURS

Athletic Colours have been awarded to the following :

Gray J. ; Shave ; Tilly ; Hayward (Re-award).

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP, 1947-8

1. Hainault	49.7
2. Roding	48.3
3. Chigwell	47.6
4. Forest	46.4

HOUSE NOTES

CHIGWELL

Chigwell House finished a very creditable third in the House Championship this year. The House can be well satisfied with this result particularly since it was due to good all round efforts by both senior and junior members.

In every respect a real team spirit made itself evident though in the sports some members were very loathe to participate. The football teams are to be congratulated on tying with Roding for first place and the athletics team on finishing a very close second only half a point behind Hainault. In finishing third with Hainault in the cricket we suffered some misfortunes in losing two of the junior games by only one run. The senior team was generally over-confident and badly captained. Although we finished last in the Cross-country run this was not in any way due to lack of effort or enthusiasm.

I should like, in conclusion, to congratulate Bales on captaining Hainault House to their well deserved first win in the House Championship. Chigwell's turn will come and that right soon.

R. F. CHAPMAN, Captain.

FOREST

We have done well this year. Although obtaining the last place in the championships, we were within four points of the leaders. In other words, with less than our fair share of "stars" in every branch we were always a source of danger to our rivals. Our result is not the achievement of a select group, but the reward of a combined and determined effort by everyone. In the senior Cross-country run seventeen runners were in before our first man put in an appearance yet the last of our twenty "scoring" men was placed sixtieth. This is the manner in which the House has worked in the past year, and it is the spirit rather than the number of points which is an encouraging sign and as such it is not alone. The part played by members of the first year augurs well for the future and one or two of the juniors have shown themselves to be very useful.

If I may end on a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for their support, and not less for their sympathy with my deficiencies. In conclusion, I would like to wish Forest every success in the future. Perhaps it is their turn for the championship next year.

J. GRAY, Captain.

HAINAULT

Hainault, Champion House 1947-48. How great these words are, for at last by sheer grit and determination the House has shaken off the dust of the all too familiar defeat and put on the laurels of victory. This has only been possible by the cultivation of a great team spirit which has enabled us to fight our way to the top, and attain this well-earned victory.

Hainault finished only 2 points behind Chigwell and Roding in the Football Championship, and although the fighting spirit in the Senior XI was an inspiration to all, credit for our position is largely due to our fine Junior XI, which remained unbeaten.

As the result of constant training for months previously Hainault won both Junior and Senior Cross-Country races with flying colours; in both races we had a 200 point lead over any other House.

At cricket the House scored 10 points, all obtained by the Junior XI; nevertheless the Senior XI showed considerable talent and should do well next year.

As all present will testify, the Athletic Championship was a hard fight, yet despite absences and bad luck we managed to hold Chigwell off at the post, and thus won through for the second year in succession.

To all boys who have helped to win this victory either actively or by their vocal support, allied with the encouragement given by our House Master, Mr. Leek, may I offer my heartiest congratulations, and may we repeat our success next year.

K. F. BALES, Captain.

RODING HOUSE

Firstly I am sure that we would like to congratulate the winning House and, more especially, its energetic and very enthusiastic captain upon a well-deserved victory.

At the same time we can congratulate ourselves upon obtaining, in a very close competition, second place to the winners. We have maintained an acknowledged superiority in football; we have shown ourselves still capable at cross-country running; we have surprised our opponents and ourselves at cricket and we have far surpassed, though finishing last, our wildest dreams in athletics.

Although the junior teams were generally our weak spot in football and cricket, sports in which, however, the senior teams proved themselves invincible (the cricket eleven even beating the supposedly unbeatable giants of Chigwellian cricket), they were our strength in cross-country and athletics. Particularly outstanding this year was the enthusiasm with which the whole House responded to the call for cross-country runners. Delighted House captains have found impressment quite unnecessary.

In conclusion I have to thank all who have in any way helped in football, cricket, cross-country or athletics to put the House in its present quite successful position.

S. J. GILBERT, Captain.

ACADEMIC RESULTS

We congratulate the following boys on leading their forms for the School Year, 1947-8 :—

IVR. 1. Howard, A. H. 2. Lee, D. R.	IVA. { Brown, L. W. { Stabler, D. A.	IVB. { Clark, A. { Goswell, R. W.
IIIR. 1. Doe, R. J. 2. Harrington, G.	IIIA. 1. Ginn, R. W. 2. Barrett, R. P.	IIIB. 1. Limn, G. S. 2. Redding, F. G.
IIR. 1. Burt, L. J. 2. Mayo, R. F.	IIA. 1. Taylor, M. F. 2. Driver, K.	IIIB. 1. Winner, D. P. 2. Chapman, J. B.
IA. 1. Cox, B. 2. Brett, C.	IE. 1. Howes, J. C. 2. Fuller, Q. T.	IM. 1. Rigden, B. 2. Macefield, B.

VALETE

We send our best wishes to the School's fourth generation who will be leaving at the end of this term :

Aldridge, P. J. 1941-1948 ; School Prefect ; First Eleven Cricket ; Matriculation, 1946 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1948.

Blackwell, E. J. W. 1941-1948 ; School Prefect ; Captain of Second Eleven Football ; Matriculation, 1946 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1948.



SCHOOL PREFECTS 1947-8

Chapman, R. F. 1941-1948 ; Third Prefect ; Captain of First Eleven Cricket ; Captain of Chigwell House ; Matriculation, 1946 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1948.

Edwards, R. E. 1941-1948 ; School Prefect ; Matriculation 1946 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1948.

Fleetwood, D. M. 1941-1948 ; School Prefect ; Matriculation 1946 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1948.

Gray, G. M. 1941-1948 ; School Prefect ; Captain of First Eleven Football ; School Athletic Team ; Matriculation, 1946 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1948.

Gray, J. 1943-1948 ; School Prefect ; Captain of School Athletic Team ; Captain of Forest House ; First Eleven Football ; First Eleven Cricket ; Matriculation, 1946 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1948.

Newens, A. S. 1941-1948 ; School Prefect ; Magazine Committee ; Matriculation, 1946 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1948.

Nyman, H. L. 1942-1948 ; Matriculation, 1947 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1948.

Parry, J. 1941-1948 ; Matriculation, 1946 ; School Orchestra ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1948.

Raworth, A. C. 1941-1948 ; School Prefect ; First Eleven Football ; First Eleven Cricket ; School Certificate, 1946 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1948.

Roberts, D. A. 1941-1948 ; School Prefect ; School Athletic Team ; School Cross Country Team ; Matriculation, 1946 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1948.

Smith, R. H. D. 1941-1948 ; School Prefect ; School Certificate, 1946 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1948.

Tilly, J. F. 1941-1948 ; School Captain and Head Prefect ; First Eleven Football ; First Eleven Cricket ; School Athletic Team ; Matriculation, 1946 ; Higher School Certificate and Exemption from Intermediate B.Sc., 1947 ; County Major Scholarship, 1947 ; Magazine Committee.

Twizell, A. F. 1941-1948 ; School Certificate, 1946 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1948.

Washington, R. S. W. 1941-1948 ; School Certificate, 1946 ; sat for Higher School Certificate, 1948.

Our good wishes go also to all Fifth Form boys and others who will be leaving at the end of the School year 1947-1948.

Head Prefect and School Captain :

J. F. Tilly.

Second Prefect and Library Prefect :

S. J. Gilbert.

School Prefects :

Aldridge, P. J., Blackwell, E. J. W., Chapman, R. F.,
Edwards, R. E., Fleetwood, D. M., Gray, J., Newens, A. S.,
Raworth, A. C., Roberts, D. A., Smith, R. H. D.

House Captains :

Chigwell : Chapman, R. F. **Hainault :** Bales, K. F.
Forest : Gray, J. **Roding :** Gilbert, S. J.

School Football Captain : G. M. A. Gray.

Second XI Football Captain : E. J. W. Blackwell.

School Cricket Captain : R. F. Chapman.

Second XI Cricket Captain : A. C. Jolly.

School Cross Country Captain : K. J. Shave.

School Athletics Captain : J. Gray.

Magazine Committee :

S. J. Gilbert (Editor).

A. S. Newens, J. F. Tilly, J. A. Burrow, P. L. V. Hickman,
V. Twyman, R. W. Low.