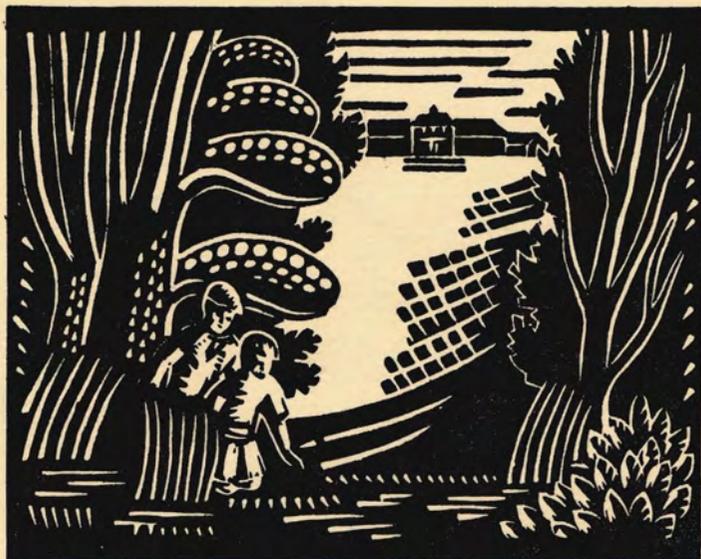


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EDITORIAL

IN the humble belief that an editor should seek to enlighten his readers on the contents of his paper rather than burden them with his own religious panacea or political apocalypse I have tried to extract the theme of this editorial from the magazine itself. While I have no wish to review the events of the past year, certain features seem to stand out as worthy of remark. There has been, it may be noticed, a proliferation of new societies, from the amateur enthusiasm of the Junior Dramatic Society to the stern erudition of the Sixth Form Literary Society. Our dramatic essays have become more numerous and more enterprising than in the past, and an inter-House music contest has been sponsored, so that, together with the verse-speaking competition, we can now claim to have the beginnings of a cultural festival. On the other hand, swimming has become an established activity in the sports curriculum, a boxing team has been formed, and tennis has been made available to the fortunate few. This year has thus seen an extension of those facilities which the school has to offer.

I do not claim that these new acquirements are perfect in themselves or sufficient to meet every demand, yet they are important if only because they show what can be done. Nevertheless, while a constant attempt is being made to widen the scope of school activities, new ventures, and even well-established ones for that matter, receive the attention of only a small minority. Reports in the magazine remain, for the most part, the comments of individuals on the work of a small group. If it is a purpose of education to bring latent qualities to light, then it is to be deplored that so few boys take advantage of the opportunities which a full school life affords. For it seems that few take an interest in most aspects of school life while the great majority are indifferent to everything which requires more than the inescapable minimum of effort. They prefer to ignore the balanced programme which is available to them at school and indulge only in other pursuits outside and, thus, often through ignorance and a perverse sense of pride, they inevitably circumscribe their pleasures and restrain their potentialities.

While it is a little too sophisticated to draw analogies between school life and "the wider world," the fact remains that character is moulded, or perhaps more correctly, rough-cast, at school. The boy to whom school is a mere penitentiary may so easily become the man who considers society, especially in its present form of the Welfare State, an institution valuable only for what he can draw from it. Only, therefore, by encouraging boys to take an active interest in those facilities which are available can we promote the habit of doing things for ourselves. And behind this lies the habit, essential in a democracy, of thinking for ourselves.

D. J. JOHNSON, Sixth Scholarship.

SCHOOL NOTES

ON the day of the funeral of His Late Majesty, King George the Sixth, a short service of remembrance was held in the Assembly Hall. The lesson was taken from 'Pilgrim's Progress,' the hymn was 'The King of Love My Shepherd Is,' and the Choir sang Walford Davies' 'God Be In My Head.'

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Although Mr. T. H. Knight has felt obliged to resign the Chairmanship of the Executive Committee of the Forest Division of Essex and with it his membership of the County Education Committee, he has paid the school a great tribute and reminded us of the high place our school holds in his affections by continuing, we are very happy to say, his Chairmanship of the Governing Body.

We regret that Canon A. G. Cleall, who succeeds Mr. Knight as Chairman of the Divisional Executive, has resigned his membership of the Governing Body, his place being filled by the co-option of Mr. Alban Davies of Chigwell.

We have pleasure in congratulating another Governor, Alderman Cowan, on being Mayor of Ilford.

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At the time of going to press we are in the happy and unique position of having to record no Staffing changes for the new school year. We look forward to the return of Mr. Armstrong from Sweden and his year's scholarship course in physical education at the fons et origo of physical culture. If we cannot immediately see any way of utilising for the benefit of our pupils his recently acquired skill in ski-ing, his fluency in Swedish, or his familiarity with Swedish life and custom, every boy will now be able to have a P.T. period on every other day, and with Games' periods, organised physical education on four days out of six.

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Mr. Walter May, who, as many former pupils will remember with vivid emotions, was our Senior Modern Languages Master from 1940 to 1947 and Form-master of the Modern Sixth from 1943 to 1947, has been appointed Head Master of the Hornchurch County High School, Upminster, taking up his duties at the commencement of the Summer Term. Mr. May, whose retrogression to His Majesty's Inspectorate in 1947 was much to be regretted by all friends of education here and elsewhere, has, by the wisdom of the Essex Education Committee, returned to the sphere for which nature had clearly designed him. Of all the remarkably shrewd comments passed on him in 'The Roding' of 1947 by Tony Flower, a former Head Boy, none was so succinctly apt as the observation that 'he was very much liked even by his casualties'. We are sure that the boys and girls of Hornchurch County High School will learn to like him even when they think they hate him, and in their years of illumination, to revere him.

We should like to record with gratitude an unusual and enjoyable week-end at Oxford in November. At the invitation of Old Boys in residence at the University, two members of the staff (unhappily without the Headmaster who was unable to attend) were met, entertained in college rooms, dined at the Union, given hospitality for the night, breakfasted and shown round generally, with a grace and generosity in time and trouble which, we felt, was an honour both to their School and to the lively community of eleven Old Boys in seven colleges at Oxford.

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The Show Case in the Assembly Crush Hall within two years of its establishment is unable to display all the cups and trophies presented to or won by the School. Mr. K. Deane Stout, our much-liked American Exchange teacher of last year, has most generously presented a valuable cup to be called the 'Deane Stout' Cup for annual presentation to the boy judged to have contributed most to international goodwill. We are very thankful to Mr. and Mrs. Stout for the gift of this cup and truly appreciative of the spirit animating this gesture. It is sad to reflect that too many schoolboys have far too little opportunity either through foreign travel or home contacts, to make their contributions to international amity. If the 'Deane Stout' cup helps to this end it will indeed be the 'doyen' of our collection.

Mr. F. J. Matthews, who throughout his parental membership of the school has been one of its most loyal and helpful friends, has presented a cup to encourage the musical activities of the School. It was decided to present it annually to the House winning an Inter-House Music Competition and details of the first competition held on June 5th are reported in another column.

It is fitting to end this note by recording the names of the cups that we have won this year. We hold the 'Smeed' and 'Burn' Cups for Cross-country Running; the 'Herring' Cup for Inter-Schools' Relay racing, and we are joint-holders of the Essex Schools' Athletics Association Cup. Our teams also won two cups for relay racing at the Debden Sports Gala.

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With the balance outstanding from the 'Friends of the School' Tree Fund of 1950, ten additional saplings were planted last Autumn to extend the line of trees to the North end of the Drive. All our recent plantings, about 80 in all, have rooted successfully and are showing rapid growth, so that we can rest content that we have done our arboreal duty to future generations. Present

pupils of the school can thus enjoy a double pleasure, present association with the original plantings and future satisfaction from fullness of growth.

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The Friday morning Assembly recitals have progressed this year from an innovation to a tradition. The recitals, interposed between Prayers and notices, have been evenly balanced between solo instrumental items and renderings by the Choir. Piano solos have been well played by Charlwood of the Sixth, Marston and Carney of the Fifts, Savill of the Thirds, and Pratley of the First Year—the last-named deserving especial mention for the maturity of his technique and interpretation,—while a piano duet, a movement from a Mozart sonata, was played by Mr. Ray and Mr. Whiting. Hoffman, the leader of the School Orchestra, gave a violin solo. The Choir has sung on seven occasions and we remember with particular pleasure its rendering of the Negro Spiritual 'Zion's Children'. The tenors and basses combined in Rathbone's 'I Loved a Lass' and in the folk-song 'Henry Martin'. We are very grateful to the Choir, to members of the Staff, Seniors and Juniors, for their generous gift of time by which a musical tradition has been well founded.

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We offer our congratulations and best wishes to those members of the Staff who have this year entered the 'holy state of matrimony' or will have done so by the time the school re-assembles for the new school year. On the 12th April last, Mr. G. E. Mead was married to Miss Miriam Wood, at Grove Road Evangelical Church, Woodford. Mr. P. E. Sillis is to be married on August 9th to Miss J. M. Wright, of Ilford. On August 2nd, at Eastleigh Parish Church, Hampshire, Mr. C. R. H. Harris will be married to Miss M. E. Bennett.

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We are indebted once again to the artistry of Mr. Smethurst for the lettering of the School Song which has been framed and hung in the Library as a companion piece to the poem on 'Essex'. We hope that Mr. Steele, whom we honour as Librarian and author of the words of the School Song and who was originally responsible for persuading Mr. Campbell to add to the mural adornments of the Library, will be equally pleased with this second example of decorative lettering.

The following collections have been made during the year:—

	£	s.	d.
European Relief Fund (Christmas envelopes)	9	14	6
National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis	2	1	8
Forest Hospital Patients' Amenities Fund	5	19	2
The Red Cross Association	2	8	1



Snowdonia, 1952

SPORTS DAY, 1952: Cook (2nd from right) begins his record 100 yards



We are pleased to congratulate :—

- J. R. Ringrose** (1943-50) on achieving the distinction of becoming the school's first Wrangler in the examination for Part II of the Mathematical Tripos at Cambridge University.
- P. Levine** (1944-51) on winning a State Scholarship to the Imperial College of Science and Technology, University of London.
- S. J. Cooper** (1949-51) and **E. J. Gold** (1945-52) on gaining County Major Scholarships.
- D. W. Vere** (1940-47) on graduating M.B., B.S., London, with Honours in Applied Pharmacology and Therapeutics, on winning the Glaisfield Harris prize in Surgery, the Sutton prize in Pathology and the Andrew Clark prize in Clinical Medicine and Pathology.
- D. J. Boatman** (1938-45) on his appointment as Lecturer in Botany to Trinity College, Dublin.
- J. R. Woolner** (1943-47) on winning an Open Entrance Scholarship to the Royal College of Art.
- A. G. H. Wright** (1944-51), whose entry for the 'Emmison' prize was awarded second place in 1951. This prize is named after and awarded by the County Archivist for the best piece of research work into local history at the Essex Record Office. The subject of Wright's essay was 'The Village Constable, 1285-1842'.
- J. Gray** (1943-48) on his 'fine first performance,' to quote the comment of the Special Correspondent of 'The Times,' for the South of England Lacrosse Possibles versus Probables.
- M. R. Cooper** (1944-51) on finishing head of the averages for the Young Amateurs of Essex in 1951.
- R. J. Doe** (1945-52) on his distinguished service to school athletics and in particular for his splendid lead to cross-country running and outstanding record of being first man home three successive times in the 'Smeed' Cup and twice in succession in the 'Burn' Cup.
- B. G. Lucas** (1947-52) for being the first boy in the history of the School to win all three cross-country runs, First Year, Middle and Senior and, in fact, being first man home four times in five years; on winning the Essex Youths' and Essex County Schools' Intermediate 440 yards; on making new school records in the quarter and half-mile, and, with Doe and Cook, representing Essex in the National Schools' Championships.

- A. J. Hardy** (1940-45) on finishing third in the British Decathlon Competition in 1951, on winning the Southern Counties 440 yards Hurdles in 1952, and on his performance in the A.A.A. Championships at the White City.
- K. C. Chambers** (1946-51) on winning the National Junior Hop, Step, and Jump Championship, 1951, and the Essex Junior 440 yards, 1952.
- E. J. Cook** (1947-52) on winning the Essex Youths' 100 yards in record time, 1952, and on establishing a new school record for the under-16 100 yards, 1952.
- A. J. Burns** (1947-52) on winning the Essex Youths' Hop, Step, and Jump, 1952.
- K. F. Bales** (1942-50) on gaining admission to the London School of Economics for October, 1952. We are very happy that he is sufficiently recovered to take up his studies once more.

THE COLLEGE CRESTS

OUR expanding contacts with the university world have been recorded by the placing of college crests in the Assembly Hall. As if designed for the purpose and calling for significant use is the broad, blank wooden beam running across the width of the Hall and fronting the base of the gallery. Already the school crest had been accorded pride of place on it and it is fitting that the emblems of the colleges to which many of our former pupils have proceeded should be adjacent to the Honours panel recording their meritorious means of entry. These first students have been pioneers and it has been no little honour and responsibility to be the first representatives of a new foundation in ancient halls of learning. We are proud of the variety in our university representation that we have been able to establish in the last six years and the twenty-six crests now in position are a mute yet eloquent tribute to the scholarship and character of our first pupils and, dare I say, to the merit of their school.

Former pupils who have been or are in residence at a college were invited to contribute jointly to the cost of making their college crest; their names are recorded below and Mr. Smethurst, our Art Master, is designing a permanent record, to which additions from time to time can be made, for display in the Hall, and by which the names of the original donor may be remembered and their college crests identified. May I again thank all 'old boys' who have responded so willingly in this new way, as in old, to build up our traditions and to add to the dignity of our pleasant Hall.

College.	Donors.
London Hospital Medical School	D. Hines, D. W. Vere, P. Lord.
King's College, London	B. H. Chase, F. J. Wall.
Christ Church, Oxford	J. Burrow.
University College, Oxford	S. A. Bryett, B. A. Tarlton, A. C. Price, D. E. Noble, D. Chapman, D. E. Bell.
University College, Leicester	G. B. Mummery.
Trinity College, Oxford	D. J. Walker.
Birmingham University	E. H. Chipperfield.
Lincoln College, Oxford	R. G. Oliver, J. Gilbert.
St. John's College, Cambridge	J. R. Ringrose.
Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.....	G. W. G. Hunt, A. F. Brown, J. Parry.
Royal Veterinary College	S. A. Hall.
Goldsmiths College, London	C. Rush, D. E. Glozier.
University College, Southampton.....	N. Horne, J. C. Crawford, J. Fricker, P. A. Tarran, M. A. Hollingsworth.
Magdalen College, Oxford.....	A. F. Boyce.
New College, Oxford	S. A. Henderson.
Queen Mary College, London	A. E. Willingale, A. T. Sawyer, R. F. Chapman, R. S. W. Washington, R. N. Salmon.
University College, London	D. J. Boatman, K. A. Joysey, A. S. Newens, R. L. Druce.
University College, Exeter	R. G. Bracey, D. F. Chopping, R. J. Harrison, A. J. Horne, D. W. Walling.
College of St. Mark & St. John.....	A. W. Flower, P. Aldridge, R. Buggiey.
Worcester Training College	L. W. Rayment.
Bristol University	E. C. Cocking, R. K. Penny.
Imperial College of Science and Technology, University of London	P. Levine, S. J. Cooper.
Leeds University	H. Nyman.
St. Catherine's College, Cambridge	J. Tilly.
London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London	D. Elliott, D. Martin, J. F. Davis.
St. Edmund Hall, Oxford	R. H. French.
Faraday House	R. P. R. Hunt.
Charing Cross Hospital Medical School	V. R. Twyman.
Merton College, Oxford	A. G. H. Wright.
Reading University	D. C. Gorick, J. Harnden, W. M. Riddell.
Nottingham University	A. W. Hayward, P. L. Hickman, J. L. Harris.

SPEECH DAY

THE thirteenth annual Speech Day of the School was held on Saturday, 20th October, 1951, when Mr. C. Day Lewis, Professor of Poetry at Oxford University, was the guest of honour and presented the prizes.

Mr. T. H. Knight, Chairman of the Governors, welcomed the guests and spoke of the honour Professor Day Lewis was conferring on the School: it was rare to have the opportunity of welcoming one who represented excellence in so many diverse fields of literature.

The Headmaster, welcoming Professor Lewis, referred to him as one who, through his many and varied activities, "has enjoyed both the legislative and lyrical attributes of Shelley's ideal poet". Mr. Taylor opened his report by commenting upon the results of the first General Certificate of Education examination. The raising of the "pass" standard to just below the previous "Credit" standard had proved too much for too many. Despite the very wide spread of ability in each annual intake, all boys were at present forced to follow the same fundamental academic curriculum; and when this resulted, as it had done, in more than half the candidates for the G.C.E. failing to gain a little less than half marks after the study of a subject for five years, the situation called for serious examination. Although no judgment could be offered until a general review of results over all the eight examining bodies was possible, the Headmaster's feeling was that too many boys were being forced along an intensive academic curriculum and that some of them would derive greater benefit from a more general, practical, and less bookish course. On the other hand, it remained true that the Grammar School had a vital part to play through its insistence upon the basic disciplines of concentration, comprehension, retention, and invention. The fostering of all the attributes of personality depended, however, upon more than the school could give; it was because of this that he could refer with great pleasure to the splendid progress in all directions of the Old Boys' Association, through the wholehearted support and enthusiasm of former pupils, most of whom had left school at the end of five years with average certificates of attainment. The increasing academic success of the school was indicated by the number of crests in the Hall presented by the first pupils of the school to bear its name to various colleges, and in connection with this the Headmaster pointed out how desirable it was that boys should stay on after their fifth year in order to gain the fullest benefits of the curriculum. More names had been added to the Honours Board: the school was proud of Alan Wright's Open Exhibition in History, Levine's State Scholarship, the County Major Scholarships of S. J. Cooper, E. J. Gold and D. Palmer, A. C. Price's

First-Class at Oxford, and our first two Doctorates of Philosophy. While thanking all those Old Boys who were doing their respective jobs thoroughly and well and who in so doing were adding one more citation to the school's record of service, the Headmaster deplored the fact that among present pupils there was an increasing minority adopting a "couldn't-care-less" attitude. Although it was very true of every boy or girl at a County School to-day that, "Freely ye have received," they lacked the experience or imagination to appreciate the value of the gift. Unfortunately, too, there was a small minority of parents who, before accepting a place on behalf of their child, urgently needed information and advice on the grave responsibilities they carried. The Parents' Association, however, was doing well, and steady progress had been made in its activities, usefulness, and corporate spirit.

In the various sporting activities, the Headmaster said, we had had another good year. R. J. Doe's brilliant and consistent performances culminated in his being first man home in the Burn Cup; a most enjoyable athletics fixture was arranged with Bancroft's School; M. R. Cooper was elected Captain of the Essex Grammar Schools' Eleven; Alex Hardy, a former pupil, won the Essex Senior 100 and 220 yards Championships and was third in the National A.A.A. Decathlon Championships; K. C. Chambers, who left in 1950, was the National Junior A.A.A. Champion in the Hop, Step, and Jump. Swimming had now been added to the school's sports, and eighty boys had gained Primary and Elementary Certificates. The Old Buckwellians F.C. had had a highly successful season, culminating in the winning by the 1st XI of the Division II (North) of the Old Boys' Football League. Among other highlights of the year, the Headmaster mentioned the superb performance of D. C. Gorick as the Miser, the quick response of all friends of the school to beautify our playing fields, and the gift of a cup by Mr. Deane Stout, our American guest teacher, to be presented to the boy doing most to promote international friendship.

The past year had not, however, been one of pure gain, for at the end of it the School had said goodbye to Mr. Steele, who had been Second Master for the last twelve years. In paying tribute to his contribution to the welfare of the school, Mr. Taylor claimed that what the school prided itself on was due to Mr. Steele's high standards of scholarship, his wisdom based on a wide experience, and his good taste, and it had been this devotion to the best that had sustained a groping Headmaster through the especially difficult formative years.

In conclusion, the Headmaster considered it gloriously appropriate to have a poet talking to boys, for it was one of the ultimate

aims of both the poet and the educator to enlarge and deepen the imagination. It was his fervent wish that many who passed through the school would be fired by the magic of poetry so that their sympathies would be enriched and their eyes opened to all that was best and most beautiful in the world.

After presenting the prizes, Professor Day Lewis began his address by reminding the school that he had at various times been a boy, a schoolmaster, and a writer of detective novels; he maintained that these three qualifications put him in a good position to detect the atmosphere of a school even from a very short acquaintance, and he felt there was something sound and happy about what he had seen and heard. One of the great aims of education, he considered, was to produce lovers of life, the reverse of those who could not care less, people like Hardy, keenly alive and sensitive to things and to people. That was where at school the arts in some form were a help. Your schooldays were, he suggested, a period when you were like a jig-saw puzzle: you were going to become a personality, a human being, but there were all sorts of odd bits of you. One of the great advantages of the humanities was that literature and the arts, particularly poetry, were a help to finding out what sort of person you were. There were bits of experience you had had which appealed to you and which wanted to get made into something, and you had to put these bits of experience together so as to make a pattern of them. In doing so you were making a beginning on the first thing you were going to school to learn: to be a complete human being, a man with imagination. Professor Lewis insisted that imagination was by no means a prerogative of artists, musicians, and writers, but something which was in every man and woman waiting to be developed. Everyone could train his imagination to do what a poet like Hardy did in his verse, that is to put himself into the minds of other people. The humanities were all ways of making us more sensitive, more sympathetic and imaginative. Shelley said that imagination was the greatest instrument of moral good; by developing your imagination so that you could understand and sympathise with the way another person was behaving you were learning what was the greatest commandment—to "love your neighbour as yourself". You could not love your neighbour as yourself unless you understood yourself and understood something about him, and it was here that imagination had its vital part to play.

Mr. L. W. Farmer proposed a vote of thanks to Professor Lewis on behalf of the Parents' Association and A. E. Willingale seconded it for the Old Boys. During the afternoon poems by Virgil, du Bellay, Theodor Storm, Thomas Hardy, and C. Day Lewis were spoken by G. Gilbert, R. J. Doe, M. W. King, D. R. Hayes and D. Lee. Music included two songs by the Second Year

Choir, Debussy's "Petite Suite" (Movements 2 and 4) by A. S. Charlwood and K. Marston, and Mozart's "Sinfonietta in D". Speech Day came to an end with the singing of the School Song and the National Anthem.

PRIZE LIST

FORM PRIZES

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| 4a. Rigden, B. | 4b. Dunkley, M. | 4c. Kelly, C. E. |
| 3a. Masters, G. R. J. | 3b. Adams, R. W. G. | 3c. Watkins, B. S. |
| 2a. Drake, J. F. | 2b. Vitler, R. H. | 2c. Samuels, L. S. T. |
| 1a. Little, R. E. | 1b. Freeman, J. | 1c. Adams, J. |
- Art**—Middle: Edwards, C. P.; Junior: Drake, J. F.
Gymnastic—Senior: King, M. W.; Junior: Peters, J. A.
Verse-Speaking—Senior: Wright, A. G. H.; Middle: Howes, J. C.; Junior: Lee, D. J.
Woodwork—Third Year: Gore, M.; Second Year: Loader, J. J.

EXAMINATION PRIZES

	General Certificate of Education	
"Advanced" Level:	"Ordinary" Level:	
English Literature	Johnson, D. J.	English
French	Doe, R. J.	English Literature
Latin	Matthews, C. T.	French
History	Johnson, D. J.	German
Maths. Pure & Applied	Gold, E. J.	Latin
Physics and Chemistry	Levine, P.	History
		Mathematics
		Science
		Geography
		Art
		Economics

"Ordinary" Level Certificate Prize presented by
 R. CHAPMAN, Esq.

MAYO, R. F.
 The "Old Boys" Cricket Bat
 Awarded to "The Cricketer of the Year"
 COOPER, M. R.

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"

COOPER, M. R.
 The "Mallinson" Cup
 "to the boy with the year's best record of service to the School"

WRIGHT, A. G. H.
 The Head Prefect's Prize presented by
 THE GOVERNING BODY
 GORICK, D. C.

The "Chapman Memorial" Cup
 (The Inter-House Sports Championship 1950/51)
 HAINAULT HOUSE
 (Captain: Doe, R. J.)

EXAMINATION RESULTS

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, 1951

"Ordinary" Level:

Alford, S. C. (6)	Gooderham, L. (8)	Meddings, M. A. (2)
Alberry, R. (2)	Goodwin, K. J. (5)	Moran, E. (4)
Arnold, M. J. (5)	Gould, R. H. (3)	New, P. J. (2)
Arotzky, J. (5)	Green, D. E. (5)	Newbold, F. (2)
Assenheim, J. G. (2)	Greenaway, K. A. (3)	Palmer, R. F. P. (5)
Bambridge, A. M. (6)	Hall, H. R. (3)	Pearman, R. (7)
Battershall, E. de C. (2)	Hayes, D. R. (5)	Penhallow, B. J. (6)
Blunt, J. F. (5)	Hunter, D. (5)	Phillips, A. H. (4)
Buggey, C. A. V. (4)	Jamieson, D. K. (1)	Porter, B. J. (2)
Campbell, B. J. (2)	Jarvis, J. W. (2)	Redding, A. G. C. (2)
Clark, B. J. (7)	Jones, P. H. (3)	Ringwood, D. R. S. (2)
Clark, D. V. (5)	Jones, R. H. (6)	Smith, P. J. (7)
Colby, A. J. (3)	Kent, D. W. (2)	Taylor, J. A. (5)
Coxwell, S. G. (2)	King, M. W. (6)	Taylor, J. R. (1)
Crook, E. D. (6)	Knights, D. (4)	Taylor, M. F. (8)
Day, A. C. (3)	Landbeck, R. C. (7)	Thomas, D. C. (5)
Derwent, V. R. (2)	Langley, P. J. (3)	Waters, R. D. (8)
Donaldson, I. A. (7)	Lewis, B. D. (4)	West, R. F. (3)
Driver, K. F. (6)	Limn, G. S. (8)	Williams, C. (1)
Foster, A. C. (5)	Matthews, C. V. (3)	Wright, P. J. (2)
Gardner, D. W. L. (2)	Mayo, R. F. (8)	Wright, S. J. N. (1)

Number in brackets indicates number of subjects passed.

The following boys passed in Economics:

Barrett, R. P.	Chapman, J. B.	Marsh, P. B.
Brown, G. A.	Kinnison, A. P. J.	

"Advanced" Level:

ARTS

Clarke, R. L.	Latin.
Doe, R. J.	Geography, French.
Gilbert, G.	English.
Harrington, G.	History, Latin, French.
Johnson, D. J.	English, History, Latin.
Matthews, C. T.	Geography, Latin, French.
Oliver, P. G.	History, Latin.
Surrey, A. J.	Geography, Economics.
Tyler, N. E. W.	Economics, Economic History.

SCIENCE

Cooper, S. J.	Pure Maths, Applied Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Coyle, A. J.	Pure Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Giles, B. L.	Chemistry.
Gold, E. J.	Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Greenaway, D.	Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Grimbly, M. G.	Pure Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Janes, J. F.	Chemistry.
Levine, P.	Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Maitland, D. J.	Chemistry.
Palmer, D.	Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics.
Woods, B. D.	Chemistry.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- Open**—Wright, A. G. H. Open Exhibition in Modern History to Merton College, Oxford.
 Davis, J. F. Open Scholarship in Geography to London School of Economics and Political Science.
State—Levine, P. To Imperial College of Science and Technology, London.
County Major Award—Cooper, S. J., Gold, E. J., Palmer, D.
County Major Exhibition—French, R. H., Oliver, R. J., Walling, D. W., Taylor, B. H.

OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES IN FURTHER EDUCATION

Aldridge, P. J.	1941-48	Teacher's Certificate, St. Mark and St. John College.
Boatman, D.	1939-45	Doctorate of Philosophy.
Bradley, C. J.	1939-44	B.Sc. (Estate Management), London.
Chapman, R. F.	1941-48	B.Sc. (Zoology), Class II, Queen Mary College, London.
Chase, B. H.	1939-48	Doctorate of Philosophy.
Flower, A. W.	1938-45	Teacher's Certificate, St. Mark and St. John College.
Grimwood, K. W.	1940-45	B.Sc. (Metallurgy), University of London.
Harnden, J.	1938-43	B.Sc. (Agriculture), Reading.
Harrison, R. J.	1939-46	B.Sc. (Econ.), London.
Horne, N. S.	1939-46	B.A. (English), Class II Hons., University College, Southampton.
Hunt, G. W. G.	1944-49	Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, Class I, French Prize.
Hunt, R. P. R.	1940-47	B.Sc. (London), Class II, Faraday House and Loughborough College.
Newens, A. S.	1941-48	B.A. (History), Class II, University College, London.
Parry, J.	1941-48	Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, Class II.
Price, A. C.	1939-46	B.A. (Modern History), Class I, University College, Oxford.
Rayment, L. W.	1939-46	Diploma in Physical Education, Cheltenham.
Riddell, W.	1938-43	B.Sc. (Agriculture), Class II, Reading.
Tarlton, B. A.	1938-45	B.A. (P.P.E.), Class II, University College, Oxford.

OLD BOYS' AT UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

(taking up residence after September, 1951, or not previously reported)

Chapman, D.	1943-50	University College, Oxford.
Cooper, S. J.	1949-51	Imperial College of Science and Technology, London.
Davis, J. F.	1944-51	London School of Economics and Political Science.
French, R. H.	1943-50	St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.
Gilbert, S. J.	1941-49	Lincoln College, Oxford.
Gorick, D. C.	1943-51	Reading University.
Henderson, S. A.	1943-50	New College, Oxford.
Levine, P.	1945-51	Imperial College of Science and Technology, London.
Oliver, R. J.	1943-50	Lincoln College, Oxford.
Palmer, D.	1943-51	University College, Southampton.
Walling, D. W.	1943-51	University of the South-West, Exeter.
Wright, A. G. H.	1944-51	Merton College, Oxford.

A LETTER FROM LAPPLAND

"GOOD morning. Good morning. The time is 6.30 a.m., there is six feet of snow outside, and the temperature is minus 28° C.!" This was the loudspeaker announcement that greeted me one morning in March, when after a thirty-six hour train journey from Stockholm our party had arrived late the previous evening at a Ski-hostel in Lappland, two hundred and twenty miles inside the Arctic Circle. A repetition of the message allowed the significance of the "minus 28° C." to sink in, and my enthusiasm for the Ski-ing course we had travelled so far north to take receded rapidly. Fears of frozen feet and fingerless hands proved groundless, however, when, after climbing through the blanket of snow that covered the hostel, I found myself in a magic land.

Long sweeping snowfields and sheer ice cliffs carried the eye upwards from the sheltered valley to the blue and white peaks of the surrounding mountains, high above which a silver sun glared from a cloudless sky, striking rays of such an intense whiteness from the snow that the unaccustomed eye was quickly blinded unless protected by dark glasses. The liquid in the thermometer had nearly disappeared, but the atmosphere was dry and the air hard and exhilarating. True it was cold, yet as long as one kept moving the thoughtfully designed ski-clothing retained adequate warmth and kept out the icy wind.

All around was furious activity as ski-bindings were adjusted to boots and skies waxed according to the conditions of the snow. Small groups of skiers with packs on their backs were gliding off on all-day tours in the mountains, while higher up on the snow slopes figures on skies were weaving and turning their way downhill with an incredible grace and speed, or else plodding penguin fashion up to the start again. The gaiety of the scene was emphasised by the smiling sun-burnt faces of the participants, their echoing cries and shouts, and the vivid reds, blues, yellows, and greens of their clothing against the pure white background.

Our first days were spent on the slopes learning the techniques of gliding, turning, climbing, jumping, and braking. The instructor's advice was: "Don't be afraid to fall. The more you fall, the more you will have attempted, however unsuccessfully; and the more you attempt, the more you learn." At the end of the first week, painfully balancing my "attempts" with my progress,

I shuddered at the thought of what an Olympic skier must have gone through.

Some proficiency having been gained in the basic skills, we were ready for sterner things and a series of cross-country ski-tours was arranged. The destination, usually a mountain top, was chosen, the route planned, and a start made early in the day. Each member of the group took his own food and drink plus some dry clothing, while besides this the better skiers carried a First Aid kit and several lightweight spades. On such expeditions accidents were not uncommon and the unpredictable blizzards that sprang up in a few minutes made progress impossible, and it was sometimes a matter of life or death for a party to be able to dig itself under the snow-line until the weather had cleared. After the equipment had been checked and tested, the party moved off in a long line one behind the other, headed by an experienced guide who acted as pace-maker. Over the long distances that are travelled (up to thirty miles in one day) the task of the pace-maker is all-important. He strives to set a tempo that suits the whole group, allowing each individual to merge in the general rhythm, the feeling of working in harmony easing the strain of a long and gruelling trek.

The steeper slopes of the mountain reached, food and a good rest were taken in preparation for the really hard work ahead. In North Sweden the mountains average 4,000 to 5,000 feet, and when the heights of the approach slopes had been deducted a 3 to 4-hour climb to the summit usually remained. Now stamina was tested to the full. The aim was the top, and the tough Swede could be relied upon to find the straightest way up. His reward (apart from the cessation of physical effort!) lay in the conquest and the view: the former unexplainable to non-climbers, the latter sometimes encompassing at a sweep a hundred miles of snow-clad mountains and valleys.

In descending, speed replaced grind. The hiss of snow under ski, the bite of wind in the face, the invitation of a seemingly endless slope unfolding down and away before the eyes, made one forget the toil of the climb. Caution was advisable, however, as sudden stretches of ice played havoc with control, boulders and rocks had an unpleasant habit of appearing directly in one's path, and the odd precipice was not to be overlooked.

Several such trips, slalom races, and a ski-jumping competition rounded off our course. It was hard to leave Lappland with its unequalled sport, cheerful and amazingly tough people, and majestic near-polar scenery.

J. W. A.
LAPPLAND, March, 1952.

UNIVERSITY LETTERS

St. Catherine's College,
Cambridge.

Dear Sir,

As the close of the Lent term approaches, so the academic year ends and the examinations begin. For those fortunates, among them John Ringrose, who have finished such trials, the end of term festivities beckon eagerly, while for those who have "Prelims." to take such diversions only accentuate their own unenviable position. At such a time members of either category look back over the year and usually say, "We shall really work next year," knowing full well that such a hope is hardly ever justified, for the outstanding impression received at Cambridge is that there is never enough time.

On arrival the freshman is pestered and cajoled into joining societies and clubs, all of which offer not only the finest intellectual facilities but also the means of enjoying the fullest social life; far be it from me to accuse such societies of bribery, but it is a well-known fact that "freshers" have more "cordial invitations to coffee" in their first week than at any other time. When the fresher has joined some six or seven clubs and asked to be considered for a sport his baptism is over, but it usually takes a week or two before he realises that his supervisor expects him to do a quota of work. If he is a typical undergraduate he soon resigns from most of the societies, reduces his sporting ambitions, and settles down to the normal mode of existence. He will probably work fairly regularly, but here one is soon impressed by the number of people who do little or no work. Undergraduates rigorously maintain that there is no time to study and yet class lists at the end of the year seem to indicate the contrary. For some obscure reason nobody wishes to admit that he works regularly. This may be an attitude of mind that still lingers from the days when a man was "sent down" for bad behaviour rather than for failure in the Tripos, yet it still does persist and to my mind serves no useful purpose.

The rush of undergraduates, most of them endangering life and limb on antiquated bikes, which takes place every morning at lecture times would seem to bear out the statement that time is short; but once again we have a paradox, for the same "madmen" are also to be seen lazing in punts or reclining on the Backs vainly trying to read in the afternoon.

Although relativists now regard time as a dimension, I imagine that until the physicists starts its manufacture, Cambridge will continue to be one of the two places where no hour of time is long enough. And who would have it different?

Yours sincerely,

JOHN TILLY.

Lincoln College, Oxford.
6th June, 1952.

Dear Sir,

If only I had been able to write this letter last term when I was sitting in my room oppressed by the surrounding box of high grey walls and the bare grey branches of the quadrangle tree depressed by imminent examinations I might have differed from previous writers in offering an enthusiastic dispraisal of Oxford. But I am reluctantly forced to send an echo.

I would wish a letter to represent all those from Buckhurst Hill here at Oxford. The insurmountable difficulty is to meet these people. Although they would all agree that Lincoln College is in some ways the centre of Oxford, they seem unwilling to come out of their little corners in outlying colleges. It is therefore with infinite regret that I abandon my wish.

It would perhaps be wrong to imply that we see nothing of each other from one term's end to another but Oxford provides us with such a variety of works and pastimes that we tend to lose sight of one another. Alan Wright and Derek Walker are hidden from me. But one assumes the latter is engaged in defending 'Bloody Trinity' against the constant aggressions of its neighbours Balliol. We expect to have our fearful curiosity over them satisfied by reading something of them in the School Magazine. David Noble has, accountably, disappeared and we suspect that he will next appear in public on the first day of the Final reckoning in the Examination Schools. Tony Price has been seen, once, conducting a further year's course of study in the social sciences, canoeing a friend along the Cherwell in warm sunshine. Stuart Henderson is intently engaged as a politician, but descended from the platform to the river to watch at least one day of the Eights' rowing races. Alan Boyce may be seen by unseen passers-by walking rapidly under a blossom of hair up and down the High, intent, it is said, upon becoming the president of the Oxford English Club. John Burrow may be seen at any time of the day; or after eleven o'clock in the morning and during most of the night.

From such fleeting glimpses it is difficult to know whether Oxford has had a profound effect upon people. Alan Boyce is certainly more short-sighted. John Burrow is gayer but resists a campaign to make him wear shoe-laces. I can claim to be the only one openly spiritually affected. It is said that my religion is now rowing and, worse, that I have become a rowing bore—which is a creature noted for rowing every afternoon of the week and talking about it every evening.

Yours sincerely,

STUART J. GILBERT.

Wantage Hall,
Reading.

Dear Sir,

During the past year I have found that Reading is a very pleasant town in which to live, and that the University is a very pleasant place in which to work. In this respect at least I am not different from my fellows, who all seem to find life enjoyable here, although methods of securing this enjoyment differ considerably.

The "Uni." is remarkable not for extraordinary buildings and lecture rooms but for its homely warmth. As it is a small university with just over a thousand students, most people know one another at least by casual acquaintance, and certain celebrities are well-known by everyone. There is that centre of life, the Buttery, where morning coffee and merry conversation fill the atmosphere with steam and hot air; a cosy place in winter, but liable to overheating in the summer.

The Letters Faculty in Reading is fairly small and Science and Agriculture dominate, especially the latter. Agri. students (and "agri." is a good word for them as they have no culture generally speaking) spend a good part of their time on the University Farm or talking to young ladies from the Dairy Department.

In the winter there are societies catering for most interests, but to-day as I write many students are just starting on their "Finals." A strange hush has fallen over the University and even the Buttery is half empty. In a month's time we shall begin to see how many students realised what one of the purposes of their stay here was.

University life does not only provide intellectual and athletic exercise, for an important aim of university education is the building of character and personality. All his time his own—how marvellous it sounds—but it brings great responsibility, and it is the development of self-discipline in respect of time and money that constitutes a permanent benefit of university education. Then a room to himself and contact with other students from very different backgrounds, maybe from overseas, and their impact on his life, and the exercise of discernment in the choice of friends. Reading is strictly co-educational in that there are virtually equal numbers of men and women. This develops personality even more, but it may prove a hindrance to work—but it is as well to conquer this lack of discipline early in life.

I would certainly recommend life here for any who wish to go to a University, especially if the feminine angle does not cause any hesitation. On the Arts side one is liable to be outnumbered by women by as many as twelve to one. But still, I am alive and none the worse, so why not take your courage in both hands and try Reading? You will be sure of a welcome.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID GORICK.

NEGLECT

A tongue whose wicked movement never stills ;
A wounded heart up-heaving ;
A frantic clutch at the hem of a friendship nearly lost ;
A reproaching echo rings out loud—
"Too late !"
Fulfilment is the essence of content,
Content the satisfaction all admire ;
But whose are these
Who always looks behind
In dread of a secret whisper—
"Too late !" ?
To stand at last before the throne of God ;
And, looking back
On things in vain excused a thousand times or more,
To think in lifeless, heavy tones—
"Too late !"

D. E. HOFFMAN, Upper Sixth Modern.

A MORNING BY THE RIVER

In the bright morning sunshine, the river sparkles as it ripples over stony obstacles. I sense the wild life around me, awake already and busy with their various occupations.

Just ahead, along the bank, a sharp snapping sound is audible, and I quietly move forward. Looking over a high clump of thistles I see a sleek dog-otter busy with his strong teeth, finishing a salmon for breakfast. He smells at the remains of the fish, then glides gracefully into the cool water and disappears in the river maze—his hunting ground.

I turn to continue my walk, but suddenly stop short, as a blur of brilliant blue flashes over the river before my eyes. It is the radiant kingfisher. His speed is such that I cannot make out his shape, and he enters the safety of the trees, having exposed himself for only a split second.

The rippling of the river once more brings my gaze to the swift stream, just as a water-rat strikes out into mid-river, sending a frightened fish on its way. A large carp swims across the rat's path, evidently infuriating the rodent which attacks it with teeth at the ready. The noise attracts the dog-otter who comes streaking from up-stream into the pair of fighters and separates them effectively. The water is calm again, but shows a red stain over the surface where the carp and rat have met their fates at the hands of otter.

It seems that all life is fighting each other as a means of livelihood. I make this decision of mind when I see a hawk hovering ominously over a meadow not far away. Soon, I know, it will swoop, and some unsuspecting field-mouse will make a tasty meal for the merciless bird.

Many birds are singing joyously in the tree-tops and bushes; the harmony of bird-song and river music is not broken until a loud "Cuckoo" sounds from a tall elm. A hush extends throughout the woodland vales; then an aggressive twittering and shrieking from the indignant birds ensue. Here is an enemy which must be driven off, and a few of the little creatures assail Mother Cuckoo who takes to her wings and flies away in search of more favourable places.

Once more I enjoy the peace of the woodland by the river. But Time is my enemy, for, as much as I should wish it, I cannot stay longer in this wild-life world. But I shall certainly return to the unlimited pleasures of the delightful countryside.

T. E. HARDIMAN, 4A.

THE RETURN

Our holiday at last was gone,
But our vacant home was far;
Still, going back had its brighter points—
We had at least our car.
Dad's humour, always so merry,
Now had a malicious sting;
"No, Geoff, you sit on the off-side:
It has a much stronger spring."
The starter whirred in a mocking laugh,
As if it saw the joke, too;
Then in came the clutch, and the car moved away,
Paused at the gate, and then through.
Our lights lit up the telephone wires
That guard the fringe of the heath;
They lit up, too, the dull grey road
Flashing swiftly past beneath.
Lulled by the engine's throb, I lost
All conscious sensibility,
With one last clear and blissful thought:
"It's Dad's responsibility." G. A. STYLES, 2A.

STORM AT SEA

ON the seventh day at sea, after setting sail from Maracaibo in the Caribbean, there had been frequent squalls and consequently all sails were reefed. The night was just coming on, although dense black clouds had darkened the sky for the greater part of the day.

The lanterns swung back and forth in the cabins making eerie shadows move like skulking figures, while the crew huddled together to forget the whining of the gale and the mystical gloom.

Men groped their way about the deck, cowering and turning with staring eyes as ropes, like the tentacles of a huge octopus, were ripped from their yards and lashed about by the gale, whipping those ant-like men. The gale's fury increased, and the rain began a relentless thrashing upon the deck, cascading with a white-hot fury, and sending rivers of foam surging through the scuppers.

Suddenly the whole sky was lit by lightning, which lashed out like the fiery fangs of an immense black monster, and which showed momentarily the spidery rigging and the sparkling decks, alive with running men, fleeing from that terrifying glare. Then followed instantaneously a fiendish snarl which rumbled slowly away, portraying the hostility of the storm.

Flashes cleft the sky, and the rumbling of the thunder was incessant like the thrashing of the rain.

"All hands on deck!"

And as this cry rang out against the storm, a spar fell crashing to the deck, staving in those rotten boards weakened by dry rot and rain.

Men poured from the hatches and scrambled into the rigging rather reluctantly, but they knew that disaster was the alternative. They had reached halfway when a section of the rigging snapped and three men fell lifeless upon the deck, but they were ignored in the panic. Meanwhile the rest of the sailors had reached the mains'l yard and were already retrieving the remains of the tattered mains'l, thereby relieving the strain upon the mainmast. Having secured the sail, they ventured upward to the swaying royalyard, and gripping tight to whatever they could they made their way out along the foot ropes to the end of the spar. Up there the heeling of the ship was more noticeable, and in such a gale furling a billowing sail which bangs and flaps wildly makes holding on no easy task. Suddenly, as the ship was heeling right over the halyard supporting the spar on one side snapped. The spar jerked down vertically, tossing those who could not keep their grip down into the crest of a seething wave, which swept them away without mercy.

With an earsplitting crack the mizzen mast tumbled overboard, dragging in the foaming seas that buffeted and tossed this tiny ship about upon a vast and desolate ocean.

Then, with one last deafening blast the thunder and lightning ceased, but the waves still whipped by the wind broke upon the ship and foamed across her decks. The rain gradually stopped, and as the black clouds swiftly retreated, they revealed a moonlit sky with winking stars that shone down upon a ruined hulk, rocking on a steady sea.

R. W. G. ADAMS, 4A.

LIBRARY REPORT, 1951-52

CERTAIN innovations have been made this year in the working of the Library. It has been open after school each day for reading and borrowing, as well as at lunch-time, and a number of boys (mainly Juniors), made use of this extra period during the winter. The rules have been simplified: the distinction between "fiction" and "non-fiction" tickets has been abolished and Juniors may now borrow from any section.

The bookbinding service has increased its output and we are grateful to Mr. Smethurst for his kind and unfailing co-operation.

The Library now contains more than four thousand books. Those added during the year include: The Second World War, Volume 4 (Winston S. Churchill); The Struggle for Europe (Chester Wilmot); The Oxford Atlas; The Sea Around Us (R. L. Carson); The Frogmen (Waldron & Gleeson); The Oxford Companion to the Theatre (Phyllis Hartnoll); The Roman Stage (Beare); The Outline of Art (Sir William Orpen, revised Horace Shipp); General and Inorganic Chemistry for University Students (Partington); Chambers' Dictionary of Scientists (Howard); Ulysses (James Joyce); Collected Shorter Poems, 1930-44 (W. H. Auden); The Wheel of Fire and The Imperial Theme (G. Wilson Knight); Cry, The Beloved Country (Paton); The British Overseas (Carrington); Soccer Coaching (Walter Winterbottom); The "About Britain" Festival Guides.

A list of gifts to the Library appears below and these we gratefully acknowledge. (This is the appropriate place to drop a hint to those who are leaving.) As we go to press, a welcome addition to the Junior Library has just arrived, in the form of thirty-five books presented by T. S. Morrison (4B). Some of the titles are: Kidnapped (R. L. Stevenson); Biggles Hunts Big Game (W. E. Johns); The Pathfinder (J. F. Cooper); The Coral Island (R. M. Ballantyre); Tom Brown's Schooldays (T. Hughes); Oliver Twist; The Triumph of the Scarlet Pimpernel (Baroness Orczy).

A number of periodicals appear regularly in the Library and we are grateful to Mr. Adams for The British Survey; to Mr.

Irving for The Linguist and The Young Briton; and to Mr. Wigley for The New Statesman.

This year's library monitors have been capable and efficient. They are: Madgwick, Guy and Game of 4A; Savill and Perkins of 3C; Tilly, Carter and Page, M. G. of 3B; Sear, Caswell, Chapman, Dalton, Delfgon, Menzies, Neilson, Savill and West of 5R. Lee (3B) was a monitor for part of the year. A special mention should be made of Sear, Madgwick, Savill and Perkins, for their steady work and enthusiasm.

This report would not be complete without a reference to D. J. Johnson. As Library Prefect his ability, good sense and quiet efficiency have been invaluable and he has done an admirable year's work for the school.

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GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

Donor	Title	Author
M. A. Barnes (L.6.M.)	Scouting Tales	Various
M. A. Barnes (L.6.M.)	William Does His Bit	R. Crompton
M. A. Barnes (L.6.M.)	On Guard For England	P. F. Westerman
R. Blackstaff (1945-50)	The Works of Shakespeare	Ed. C. Knight
C. Brett (1945-50)	Comic Poems	Thomas Hood
C. Brett (1945-50)	The Silver God of the Orang Hutan	D. Douglas
C. Brett (1945-50)	Reprinted Pieces	C. Dickens
J. A. Burrow (1943-50)	Beethoven and His Nine Symphonies	G. Grove
J. A. Burrow (1943-50)	Dryden's Poetical Works	Ed. J. Sergeant
J. A. Burrow (1943-50)	Swift's Satires	Ed. W. A. Eddy
J. A. Burrow (1943-50)	Poems	Francis Thompson
D. I. Chapman (VR)	Poetical Works (vols. I-X)	Sir Walter Scott
D. I. Chapman (VR)	Things Seen in Normandy and Brittany	C. Holland
D. I. Chapman (VR)	Eight Modern Plays	Ed. J. Hampden
J. F. Davis (1944-51)	The Spirit and Purpose of Geography	Woodridge & East
J. F. Davis (1944-51)	An Introduction to the Study of Map Projection	J. Mainwaring
Form IB (1950-51)	The Life of Jesus	C. J. Cadoux
B. Giles (1944-51)	The Young Sailor	G. Pennant
J. Goodfellow (1946-51)	The Art of the Film	Lindgren
D. C. Gorick (1943-51)	Criticism and Creation	H. Grierson
D. C. Gorick (1943-51)	Trumpets in the West	G. Trease
D. C. Gorick (1943-51)	Bismarck and the Creation of the Second Reich	F. Darmstaedter
E. J. Kempton (1945-51)	A History of Greece	J. B. Bury
E. J. Kempton (1945-51)	Lusiads	Camoens
B. D. Lewis (1946-51)	The Orchestra Speaks	Bernard Shore

Donor	Title	Author
D. Palmer (1943-51)	The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Music	—
D. Palmer (1943-51)	The Symphony	R. Hill
J. R. Ringrose (1943-50)	Plays (vol. II)	J. B. Priestley
J. W. Robinson (1945-51)	The Oxford Book of Christian Verse	Ed. Lord D. Cecil
C. W. Rush (1940-47)	The Triumph of Reform	E. Halevy
K. W. Self (1945-51)	Groundwork of Modern Geography	A. Wilmore
Mr. Shillito	The Woodlands and Marshlands of England	H. A. Wilcox
P. S. Smith (6 LS)	Poems	D. G. Rosetti
D. Surridge (IVB)	Oliver Twist	C. Dickens
D. Surridge (IVB)	The Haunted Ice Rink	E. R. Home-Gall
D. Surridge (IVB)	The Boy Crusaders	J. G. Edgar
P. A. Thomas (IVA)	Tiger Man	J. Duguid
P. A. Thomas (IVA)	Told at the Explorers' Club	F. A. Blossom
Mr. Whiting	The Otterbury Incident	C. Day Lewis
C. Williams (1946-51)	English Renaissance	V. de Sola Pinto
B. D. Woods (1946-51)	The M.C.C. Coaching Book	—
B. D. Woods (1946-51)	An Assessment of Twentieth Century Literature	J. Isaacs

ANNUAL VERSE-SPEAKING COMPETITION

AS one would expect from the Editor of "Speech News," Mr. Linden Huddleston, this year's adjudicator in the Verse-Speaking Competition, was careful to stress the importance of clear correct enunciation. The general standard of speech, together with the avoidance of verbal traps in the poems—traps which our adjudicator had taken considerable pains to test for himself—were worthy of as much attention as the individuality of the renderings.

From the Junior School, Matthews, Prior, Rees, and Taylor strove to convey the contrast between the "hungry dog" and the "dozing beast" in a short poem, "The Sea," by James Reeves. Apart from Taylor, the general quality of speech was not high, but Prior's spirited and appreciative rendering was sufficiently good to gain him first place.

"The Poor Man's Pig" by Edmund Blunden, the test-piece for the Middle School, similarly falls into two parts. In the second stanza, where the forcefulness of the action needs to be emphasised by extreme clarity of diction, both Dodkin and Drinkwater tended to substitute volume of sound for pungent articulation, while Lee's too meticulous pronunciation similarly failed to achieve the desired effect. Hallett, the winner, imbued the descriptive passage with considerable feeling and gave a suitable vitality to the last part.

"Felix Randall" by Gerald Manley Hopkins was, as the Headmaster later said, the most difficult poem that the Seniors have ever had to recite. All the competitors were able to cope with the enunciative challenge provided by the unusual stress-rhythms and the occasionally unorthodox syntax, so that the main interest was centred on the interpretation. Dunbar's concern for meaning necessitated an extremely slow rendering, which gave the poem a massive quality but missed its sympathetic undertones. Gilbert's rich voice was a little too even in its emphasis and his pity was sometimes misplaced, while the undulating notes of Howes tended to defeat the meaning. The varied pace and well-balanced interpretation by Hayes secured for him the laurels, but the triumph would have been more widely appreciated had he not betrayed a tendency towards inaudibility.

D. J. JOHNSON, Sixth Scholarship.

D R A M A

The Dramatic Society

ONCE again this Society has seen a change in the producer of its annual play, Mr. Gray, last year's producer, having turned his attention to dramatic activity in the Lower School, while we have found an admirable producer in Mr. Whiting.

A series of play-readings was organised at the beginning of the year and terminated when work on the School Play began. Among the plays read were: Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," later chosen for the School Play, Sheridan's "The Rivals," "The Ascent of F.6" by W. H. Auden and Christopher Isherwood, and Sean O'Casey's "Juno and the Paycock," the latter being distinguished by R. J. Doe's admirable portrayal of Captain Boyle.

Altogether the Society has had a vigorous and successful season, with the promise of much new talent, notably, I think, from B. H. Richards, of 3A, who has not yet had a real opportunity to express his dramatic capabilities.

D. E. HOFFMAN, Upper Sixth Modern.

The Junior Dramatic Society

INAUGURATED only last year, this new Society, intended to offer Juniors a chance to canalise and display their undoubted dramatic talent, has already had one successful Christmas production to its credit. Under the direction of Mr. Gray, assisted by Edward Sear, two short plays: "Scuttleboom's Treasure" by Ronald Gow and "The Dear Departed" by Stanley Houghton, were produced in a combined evening programme.

During the Summer Term the Society has held weekly play-reading sessions, which have been well attended. It is hoped at Christmas to produce another evening's entertainment. Is it perhaps also not too much to hope that one day we may see a Junior play, written by Juniors, produced by Juniors, and performed by Juniors?

THE COMMITTEE.

The Puppet Group

OUR small group, operating in select privacy, is still very much experimental and "back-roomish." We have many boys eager to act as manipulators or "voices" to the puppets, few sufficiently enthusiastic or resourceful to construct their own. With the help of Mr. Smethurst, however, progress is slowly being made. Already Hartnell, unaided, has constructed the perfect villain for any play we may produce. Other models are in various stages of disjointed construction, including a skeleton puppet devised and executed by Willcocks.

The group is extremely grateful to Hayden of IB for the generous gift of a glove-puppet stage, at present being adapted to the needs of our string marionettes. A sub-committee is working on the script of our first play and it is hoped to give a performance shortly.

THE COMMITTEE.

"Twelfth Night"

THERE was no doubt about the success of the Dramatic Society's first assault on the Shakespearean canon. The producer had selected his play very wisely and this skilful blend of comedy and romance, with its poetry and varied characterisation, was well suited to the needs of the occasion and the talents of the cast. Completely unabashed by gloomy prognostications, the actors tackled the play with infectious enthusiasm and gusto, and each performance was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

It was perhaps natural in a school production of "Twelfth Night" that the "crazy gang" should tend to steal the show. The drinking scene, the gulling of Malvolio, and the duel between Sir Andrew and Viola call for vitality and high spirits, and these were abundantly supplied. The rowdy element was admirably led by Michael King, who, as Sir Michael King-Toby, was in excellent, if characteristic, fooling. John Hallett's Sir Andrew Aguecheek was a delightful and accurate piece of characterisation; and further notable support came from Reginald Harrington, whose Fabian, although a gentleman of the household, had apparently been evacuated to Illyria as a boy from earshot of Bow Bells. David

Onwood was a rather sober Maria and he was not helped in the part by a dark, flowing wig. Alan Webb had more of Feste's melancholy than his wit, but his clown was a positive character and he stuck manfully to the songs, one of which, incidentally, was set to a charmingly "Elizabethan" tune written by Mr. Ray.

For us to be really amused by Sir Toby and his companions, it is necessary to have an adequate Malvolio. He must be formidable and unpleasant, as well as ridiculous, if we are to revel in his downfall. David Hoffman drew for us an excellent portrait of pompous self-interest and made full use of his carriage and gestures, as well as of his voice and facial expressions to gain his effect. This actor had a very real stage presence which heightened the interest of the scenes in which he appeared and enabled him by contrast to convey a certain tragic poignancy when the truth of the plot is forced upon him in the last act.

Although we thoroughly enjoyed the comic episodes, there was much to be admired in the more romantic scenes of the play. At times the poetry was beautifully spoken, especially by John Drinkwater, who infused into some of his speeches a feeling and variety which aroused even the hardened among us. His Viola was a charming heroine and enabled us to believe that we were watching a girl pretending to be a boy, instead of a mere boy. The play opened very effectively with the delightful singing of Roger Adams, followed by the resonant speaking voice of Geoffrey Gilbert, an Orsino who made the most of his agony. Olivia was perhaps a little disappointing: Sidney Alford spoke her lines intelligently, but showed us little of her essential character; and we did not feel that we were in the presence of a gracious, if impulsive, lady.

Among the smaller parts several performances deserve mention. Ian Dunbar's sea captain had indeed a "fair behaviour" and Geoffrey Harrington's Antonio made up in spirit what it lacked in subtlety. John Dodkin was a rather diffident Sebastian, but he improved on the second night. Terrence Hardiman was convincingly solemn as the priest. Others who performed creditably were Derek Hayes (Valentine), Brian Davis (Curio), David Stone, David Baker, Peter Farmer, and Brian Richards.

The producer had contrived, with the collaboration of the art and handicraft departments to present the play in a beautiful and appropriate setting. In fact, Mr. Whiting's care and enthusiasm were evident in every phase of the sound, workmanlike production, including the choosing of composers of the period for both incidental and stage music. An admirable team-spirit seemed to prevail among the actors and stage hands, and this, too, must have been

due in some measure to his expert handling. Mr. Whiting and his cast have confounded the prophets and, without evoking odorous comparisons between the Avon and the Roding, have assuredly established the Bard at Buckhurst Hill.

F.W.

The Junior Dramatic Society's Productions

TWO one-act plays, "Scuttleboom's Treasure" by Ronald Gow and "The Dear Departed" by Stanley Houghton, which were presented by this newly-formed Society on December 18th provided at once a promising beginning for the young actors of the Junior School and a pleasant evening's entertainment for the large audience which came to support them.

The first, a midsummer day's dream of a poetic pirate captain who does not wish to find the treasure, was admirably suited to the performers. All the ingredients were there—the finding of the treasure, a mutiny, a stabbing on the stage, a comic-strip schoolmaster, a small boy who climbs trees but does not like arithmetic and, surprisingly, a buccaneer with a taste for fantasy. Browning, who played Ebenezer Scuttleboom at short notice, gave this exacting part the touch of unreality which was required even if his more professional performance with the knife as the queller of mutiny lacked cold conviction. Haver, as the schoolmaster Fish, was fluently and tidily scientific, although his natural poise was somewhat hampered by an overlarge gown and a superfluous briefcase. Among the pirates, Legg as the "honest cheat," Sharky Joe, Sibbons as Black Bill and Stewardston, an admirably clear-spoken if a little too respectable Look-out Man, all acted well. Goodson, R., played the boy Jones with a natural and disarming sincerity and altogether the bright costumes and scenery and the good fun made one agree with Scuttleboom that "education is a mistake." Gentlemen, you may cheer.

By contrast, in "The Dear Departed," the Society attempted realism. This story of a resurrected Grandfather provided moments of genuine comedy. Drinkwater's Amelia Slater was drily spoken and capably acted and Dodkin, as Henry, her husband, looked the part perfectly though he was perhaps too gentlemanly in speech. Gedge's Victoria, a girl of ten, was perfectly cast, as was Lee's Elizabeth Jordan. His performance was entirely convincing in appearance and voice, and he was well supported by Bolding as Ben Jordan—an amusing piece of characterisation. The climax of the play, the arrival on the scene of the "dead" Abel Merryweather, played by Williams, R. D., might have been more successful if the actor had not looked quite so young or had been

rather less amused at his own part. As it was, though we may not have heard all the words, we were in no doubt as to what was happening, and the play was well concluded with Grandfather's announcement of his intended marriage.

Mr. Gray, the producer, may be gratified by the welcome given to these ventures by the audience as well as by the evident enjoyment of his actors, and the considerable assistance given by Sear as Stage Manager and the many others who helped with costumes, scenery and properties. We look forward to the Society's next productions.

E.C.W.

The Wakefield Second Shepherd's Play

AMONG the "set books" for the Advanced Level English examination was this medieval nativity play, and it was from such a comparatively mundane source that one of the year's most interesting experiments developed. The play, an interesting hybrid of broad secular comedy and Christian ritual drama, certainly invites performance, and a cast drawn mainly from the group studying the play gave us a production which moved successfully from the full-blooded farce of Mak the sheep-stealer to the tenderness and reverence ("A byrd have I broght to my barne") of the Adoration of the Shepherds. Ian Dunbar's Mak was an engaging rogue (no villainy here to mar the spirit of Christmas); David Onwood's Gyll was a resourceful wench—the perfect confederate for Mak; while the shepherds of David Hoffman, Keith Self, and Geoffrey Harrington were of the land itself. In the Mother and Child scene Michael Leveridge spoke Mary's words with a quiet simplicity, and Geoffrey Gilbert's fine voice made him an obvious choice for the Angel.

Mr. Winmill's production was an object lesson in what can be done with a minimum of "props," his use of the curtain and the auditorium being an admirable solution of the problems of the shifting scenes. One noted, too, the underlining, by positioning on the stage, of the parallelism between the two movements (the supernatural birth theme) and the consequent insistence that the new-born infant is the Saviour of all mankind—of the poor above all.

The play formed a part of an evening of Christmas music and drama, the contributions of the orchestra and choir being described in the Music Notes.

H.K.W.

MUSIC

THE year's activities in music have been most encouraging since they have given ample evidence of the amount of interest and ability in the school. The help of several members of the staff has been greatly appreciated, especially in connection with the outstanding innovation of the year, the first inter-house competition for the Matthews Cup. We were fortunate, too, in securing the services of several notable performers who gave lecture-recitals to the Music Society in the Spring Term.

Christmas Music

A PROGRAMME of Christmas Music was presented in the Hall on Wednesday, December 19th by the School Orchestra and Choirs. Mr. T. Knight, Chairman of the Governors, and the Headmaster, were in the audience.

The School Choir and Orchestra (with recorders) ambitiously tackled the Pastoral Symphony, recitatives, and the chorus "Glory to God," from Handel's "Messiah." A newly-formed choir of tenors and basses sang "Bring us in Good Ale" and two French Carols. Items by the First Year Choir, by the Second Year Choir, and by the Orchestra completed the first half of the programme. After the interval the Wakefield Second Shepherd's Play (reported in the Drama Notes) was performed, and this was followed by the School Choir's fine singing of the "Coventry Carol" and "In Dulci Jubilo."

The ban on applause owing to the religious nature of the music resulted in a seemingly cold reception, but this was belied by complimentary remarks from the audience after the performance.

N. E. WILKINS, 4A.

House Music Cup

ON Thursday, June 5th, the first annual inter-house music competition was held. Thanks to much hard work by both masters—Mr. Mead, Mr. Watkinson, Mr. Foister, and Mr. Still—and boys, a high standard of performance was achieved. Roding were first to perform, singing the round "Sumer is icumen in." Hainault were next, and their singing of two German songs was most agreeable. Chigwell then sang a madrigal and played "The Toy Symphony" by Haydn, which caused some amusement to both performers and listeners. Forest came last with good performances of both their items. The judges were Mr. Burkhill and Mr. Auton, the former of whom summed up at the end. He said that, generally speaking, the standard of performance was quite high, and the audience clearly agreed with the decision to award the cup to Chigwell House.

D. J. CARNEY, 5A.

Music Society

LAST December the Music Society, which was founded in 1942, was "revived." At a business meeting, held to elect officers for the year, Mr. Watkinson was elected Chairman. The meeting was concluded by a programme of overtures.

Mr. Foister gave a programme of music by Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven for the second meeting for that term.

The next term was opened by a performance of Beethoven's "Emperor" concerto on records. There was then a long series of "live" programmes. Mr. Sillis addressed the Society on Brahms. The following week Richard Scates, late of the Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra and now in the B.B.C. Scottish Orchestra, gave a French horn recital. This was the first of the meetings to have an audience of nearly one hundred. After this, Mr. Rathbone, our visiting teacher, gave an excellent violin recital.

Two gramophone programmes followed, given by an old boy and a present pupil respectively. The former was S. J. N. Wright, late of 5c, and the latter E. N. Sear, of 5r.

Another large audience heard Mr. William Bennet give an interesting and often amusing lecture-recital on the bassoon.

In the evening of 28th February, the Music Society sponsored a concert by the Hausmusik Ensemble. This newly-founded group included Mr. Ray and Mr. Auton, Director of Music at Chigwell School.

An oboe recital was given by William Grant, who has performed in the B.B.C. Welsh, Scottish, and Opera Orchestras, and this again attracted an audience of over one hundred.

Since then, however, attendances have dropped rather badly. It was decided to have gramophone recitals every three weeks in the Summer Term. We have just held our 94th meeting since the Society was founded, and we hope to have an excellent concert for the "century." We hope you will support us here.

M. WRIGHT (Secretary).

Choir and Orchestra

RICHES (violin) and Wilkins (viola) with Alford, Baker, Carney, Fuller, Hooley, M. King, Lewin, Lindsey, Rogers, Styles, Warren, and Wright of the School Choir, joined forces with musicians from many other local schools at the Eleventh Annual Festival of the Epping Forest Youth Music Association held on 24th May at Walthamstow. The festival works—three English anthems and an orchestral suite by Purcell—were rehearsed by and performed under Mr. John Churchill, organist of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, who was obviously impressed by the high standard of the very large choir and orchestra. It is to be hoped that the school will be represented on many similar occasions.

K. RICHES, 4B.

Hooley (double-bass) and Wilkins (viola) are to play in an orchestral group drawn from Essex grammar schools, which will visit Germany in the last two weeks of August under the leadership of Mr. Burkhill, a County Music Advisor.

At the time of writing these notes, the school orchestra is preparing for a concert in which they will combine with Chigwell School orchestra to produce a programme including Haydn's "Surprise" Symphony (Movements II and III) and Purcell's "Trumpet Voluntary." Also in preparation is the Summer Concert (July 18th at 8 p.m.) which will include the two winning entries in the House Music Competition.

LA TROUPE ATHALYC

MONSIEUR Liénard and his company from Brussels paid us their fifth annual visit in November, when they performed two comedies of Labiche: "Les deux Timides" and "La Grammaire" before a large audience of senior pupils from some twelve schools.

Both plays were excellently produced and performed with the skill and zest which we have come to associate with the Belgian company. "La Grammaire" proved particularly amusing. The archæologist—more enthusiastic than discriminating—aroused great and prolonged merriment by returning repeatedly from his excavations down the garden laden with culinary and other utensils which he took to be relics of a bygone age. The actors coped admirably with the lengthy interruptions and received a well-earned ovation at the end of the performance.

Our thanks are due to Monsieur Liénard and his excellent company and also to the many schools which once again provided a receptive and appreciative audience.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

IF the Debating Society has not flourished this year, at least it has not stagnated. Speakers new to the art of oratory have come forward—somewhat reluctantly—and have enjoyed considerable success. Support from the floor, however, has not been good and it is to be regretted that the Sixth Form as a whole has shown little interest.

Nevertheless, we have held debates on many diverse subjects and with several local schools. The pacifist solution has been condemned by the small group who considered impending war a more vital topic than a House football match; the "troglodite gloom" of the cinema found the approbation of the masses; and

speakers, both from the platform and the floor, have weltered among the subtleties of class distinction and the vagaries of Parliamentary procedure. A surprisingly large majority voted against free discipline in schools, while, as if to prove our law-abiding nature, the prefect system marched to a triumphant victory under a banner bearing the stange device: "Donata Reponere Læti."

No report would be complete without a mention of our chairman, Mr. Sillis, whose guidance and encouragement throughout the year have been invaluable.

D. J. JOHNSON (Secretary).

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

THE newly-formed Junior Debating Society, under the chairmanship of Mr. Foister, had an enthusiastic following in the Spring and Autumn Terms. Members came from all the first, second and third forms and a committee of form representatives looked after the arrangements for each meeting. The Society decided, among other things, that it was not in favour of co-education, that the influences of the cinema and comics were not bad ones, that it preferred radio to television, and that homework was unnecessary. A large proportion of the members showed a desire to express their opinions, a little incoherently at times, it must be admitted. A number of quite promising debaters have, however, revealed themselves and the standard should improve steadily next year. Messrs. Gray, Mead and Watkinson have been welcome guests at the meetings and also formed the answering team at a most entertaining "Any Questions?" evening of short, informal discussions.

J. DRINKWATER, 3A.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY

DURING the Christmas term this new Society was formed, under the guidance of Mr. Whiting, both to satisfy and to stimulate interest in literary topics in the upper forms of the school. The first meeting began with a paper on the poetry of Stephen Spender by J. Robinson of last year's Upper Sixth Modern. This was followed by an anthology of Contemporary Verse selected by Mr. Whiting from the writings of such poets as T. S. Eliot, Louis Macneice, Herbert Read, and Terence Tiller, and read very effectively by members of the Staff and Sixth Form. The second meeting was to hear D. J. Johnson's carefully prepared paper on the place of literature in history, which was followed by an interesting discussion. The remaining meeting of the term, at which we were pleased to welcome several members of the Fifth Forms, was for Mr. Foister's informative talk on the Faust legend.

Although the main emphasis was on Marlowe's and Goethe's treatments of the story, inevitably the discussion wandered into many intriguing byways on necromancy and black magic.

Owing to the demands of the Dramatic Society no meetings were held in the Spring Term. Nevertheless plans are taking shape for next year, and will include, we hope, a talk on War Poetry by a member of the Science Sixth and a series of meetings on Contemporary Literature.

G. GILBERT, Secretary.

THE ART CLUB

ANOTHER successful year has passed by, during which the Art Club has continued to hold meetings almost every week. The practice this year has been to hold meetings for the Junior Section on one Thursday and for the Senior Section on the following Thursday, so that the number of members present each week is reduced and each receives more individual attention. Keen interest has been shown by the members, who have attended regularly, except on noticeable occasions when meetings clashed with film programmes in the Hall.

During the Summer Term a party of boys made a visit to the exhibition of Leonard da Vinci's drawings at the Royal Academy, and spent an interesting afternoon examining the sketches, manuscripts, and models of his scientific projects.

All members of the Art Club would like to thank Mr. Smethurst for his help and encouragement and for making our meetings possible and so enjoyable.

D. BAKER, Upper Sixth Science.

THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

AT the beginning of the year it was realised that the S.C.M. Group was too self-contained, too much an internal product of Buckhurst Hill County High School, so it was decided that in future inter-school meetings should be encouraged.

One of our first meetings was a joint effort with the Music Society to entertain some Germans of our own age who were in England for a short while. This meeting was a great success and it made all present wonder why international relations should be so strained as they are at present.

Another meeting of international flavour was a talk on the work of the Gideon Bible Society. We were brought back to our own shores in another meeting when we heard an account of the religious history of Essex. A few weeks before Easter we were invited to Woodford for a combined meeting, and would like to thank them for their hospitality.

The attendance this year has fluctuated, owing to the call of different Societies, but we would like to thank those fifteen or so stalwarts who loyally turned up for each occasion and to ask them to maintain their support during the coming year.

The Spring Term was the herald of our most ambitious idea. We decided, if at all possible, to hold a combined Easter Service with three other local schools: Loughton, Woodford and Bancroft's, if they were agreeable.

The Service took place just before Easter at the Woodford Green United Free Church. The Lessons and Prayers were read by members of the schools concerned and a very fine address was given by the Rev. Eric Hodgson. A very good tea was provided before the Service by members of the Church and it was gratifying to have a congregation of over 60 for this new venture. A more ambitious Christmas Service and social have been planned for next term.

It is difficult to assess the value of such a combined Service, but we think its value lies not only in the gathering together of the various schools to worship God but also in the bringing together the various denominations so that differences are forgotten and we may truly sing:—

“We are not divided; all one body we.”

We hope that in the future our schools may come together more and that this first enterprise may be the beginning of a new tradition.

I. DUNBAR (Chairman).

J. B. CHAPMAN (Secretary).

C. E. W. C.

THIS year has seen a sad decline in the support for the school branch of the Council for Education in World Citizenship. The apathy is not confined to our own school, however; the local group, which had been so successful in the past, has now virtually ceased to function owing to poor organisation and lack of interest.

Yet on a national scale C.E.W.C. still commands wide attention. At Christmas some 2,500 pupils, including some from this school, attended the Central Hall, Westminster, for the annual lectures and discussions, this year on “Human Rights.” Many eminent men, among them Sir Benegal Rau, Dr. Gilbert Murray, and Dr. Bronowski, spoke of the importance of religious, racial, and political freedom. One may only hope that the enthusiasm with which these speakers were received can once again be instilled into the local group.

The Inter-School Discussion Group has likewise had poor support from this school, but we especially thank those boys from Sir George Monoux who have successfully kept the movement alive.

G. GILBERT, Sixth Scholarship.

CHESS CLUB

THERE were signs of a revived interest in chess at the beginning of the year, although attendance slackened off latterly. Nevertheless, the school sent four entries for the Essex Boys' Championship: L. J. Burt, A. J. Burley, I. S. Whitfield, and G. R. J. Masters, who finished first, fifth, sixth and seventh respectively. It is hoped in the time remaining to have an inter-House competition and run a school team.

L. T. BURTT (Secretary).

5C TABLE - TENNIS CLUB

WHEN the idea of buying a table-tennis top was first discussed, the enthusiasm amongst the boys showed that the venture was well worth while. Although the table is not up to "championship" specification, it provides all concerned with a great deal of pleasure.

On Tuesdays we play from 4 to 5.15 in the Dining Hall. A league championship is now in progress and L. Milkins looks like being the winner, having so far played seven games and won them all. So far, only one match has been played. This was against the Prefects and we are glad to record that we won four sets to one.

We owe our thanks to the Headmaster, Mr. Irving, and Mr. Robinson, who have made the formation of this club possible.

K. B. MARSTON (Captain).

SCANDINAVIAN TOUR

DURING the summer holidays last year a school party, arranged by Mr. McCollin, ventured, for the first time, on a Youth Hostelling tour abroad. The thirty-five boys and three Masters (Messrs. McCollin, King, and Winmill), for most of whom this was a first experience of foreign travel, covered nearly 3,000 miles in a twenty-four day tour of Denmark, Sweden, and Norway.

The boys took leave of anxious, and doubtless envious, parents on July 28th at Liverpool Street Station, travelling by train to Harwich and then to Esbjerg on board the m./v. "Kronprinsesse Ingrid." At Esbjerg, after a fine sea trip lasting nineteen hours, the party entrained for Odense, travelling through typical Danish dairy-land which reminded one very much of an English summer scene.

Odense, the largest town on the Funen island, is famed for two things: it was the home-town of Hans Andersen whose house one may still see, and there is situated outside the town a village of typical Danish cottages which is now used purely as a museum.

These old folk-museums, indicative of a strong national pride, are quite common in Scandinavia and the party visited those at Odense, Stockholm, Voss, and Oslo. From Odense the party travelled to Copenhagen where a morning was spent visiting such sights as the Grundvig Memorial Church, the Round Tower, and the Cathedral. During the afternoon a visit was made to the seaside resort of Klampenborg, a few miles north of the city and the evening was passed by a visit to the Tivoli, Copenhagen's world-famous pleasure gardens.

After crossing to Malmo, the party went by train to Stockholm. First impressions of Sweden and its capital were very good: the train journey was remarkably comfortable, the lunch, taken on the train, was excellent, and a brief stroll in the streets of Stockholm during the evening revealed how worthy the city is of its title of "Venice of the North." During the three days' stay in the Swedish capital the party was very well accommodated by the Swedish Touring Association who arranged tours of the city and visits to the stately Town Hall and Royal Palace.

The farewell to Stockholm coincided with the end of a remarkably fine spell of weather which had accompanied the party during the first week of the tour. As we arrived in Oslo, in pouring rain, first impressions of Norway were by no means favourable, but an excursion into the surrounding country on the following day, including a visit to the famous Holmenkollen ski-jump, provided us with an example of the typical beauty and magnificence of Norwegian scenery. Perhaps the greatest experience of the tour was the train journey to Voss. The Oslo-Bergen Railway, which climbs slowly to a height of over 4,000 feet in its journey across Norway's mountain backbone, is undoubtedly one of the greatest feats of engineering in the world. The party spent four days in Voss, a small town in Western Norway, but almost continuous rain spoiled a full enjoyment of the spectacular mountain scenery. The local people, however, did much to make our stay a pleasant one and a very enjoyable four days was spent despite several drenchings. One visit was made to Granvin and the Hardanger Fjord and those who braved the elements in a five-mile walk along the fjord road were well rewarded by the magnificence of the scenery and the abundance of wild raspberries by the roadside.

From Voss the party went by bus to Stalheim where once more torrential rain prevented all but the most enthusiastic photographers from venturing forth until a further bus transported all to Gudvangen at the head of the Sogn Fjord. The accommodation here was rather crude, oil-lamps being the sole source of lighting, and three hardy Sixth-formers spent the night on the floor. By the following day, however, the weather was once more fine and fourteen hours were spent on three successive steamers along the length of the fjord and along the coast to Bergen, where we arrived

at 10 p.m. under a blue sky after a perfect day. The Youth Hostel at Bergen is situated at the summit of the Floyen Mountain, reached by a funicular railway. Most of the time at Bergen was spent in wandering round the city and its outskirts, a few boys visiting the thirteenth-century Church at Fantoft.

The return journey to Oslo passed uneventfully and the next two days were spent in shopping and further sight-seeing in and around the Norwegian capital. The museum housing the polar expedition ship "Fram" was visited, as was the original Kon-Tiki raft which aroused considerable interest among members of the party. Excursions were also made to the Kolsas region, to Ingierstrand, and to Frogner Park where may be seen the works of the sculptor Vigeland. From Oslo the party journeyed south through Sweden to Copenhagen via Elsinore, home of Hamlet. The final Sunday of the tour was spent in devious ways, although most boys attended the morning service at the English Church of St. Alban's near Copenhagen Harbour. The destination of most boys during the evening was the Tivoli where one can spend both leisure and money in any way one may please, the Tivoli typifying the Scandinavian zest for life which we had, to some extent, learned to share in our all-too-brief visit to Denmark, Sweden, and Norway.

G. HARRINGTON, Sixth Scholarship.

TOUR OF SNOWDONIA

ON Monday, the 21st April, twenty-four boys from the Upper School, pale and weary from their term's exertions and accompanied by two Masters, left Euston for Wales; and contrary to the expectations of certain of the party, twenty-four boys (still accompanied by two Masters) arrived back at Euston eight days later.

On arrival at the first hostel, Idwal Cottage, the more energetic promptly put in some preliminary rock scrambling above the hostel, which no doubt prepared them for the next day's "gentle saunter," the first stage of which took us to within a few hundred feet of the summit of Tryfan (3,010 feet). However, we did not go on to the summit because of the mist; instead we descended to Capel Carig where we had tea, returning to the hostel in our own time.

On Wednesday we climbed Carnaedd Dafydd (400 feet higher than Tryfan), encountering thick mist and heavy hail near the summit, and the descent into Bethesda for tea was made with surprising speed. Feet gave trouble next day, when we walked by road to Llanberis, and the yells as blisters were pricked by the score were ample comment on the condition of Welsh roads.

Snowdon was climbed on Friday, the railway being followed most of the way, and we were rewarded by magnificent views from

the summit. We descended by the Pig Track and returned to the hostel through Llanberis Pass. On Saturday we were left to our own devices and everyone went into Caernarvon. Certain of the party, however, did not fully appreciate the restful atmosphere of the town, although the free day was welcome. On the next day we attended a specially-arranged English service in Llanberis, and in the afternoon made our way to Snowdon Ranger Hostel.

On Monday we spent a pleasant day climbing on the hills to the west of the hostel, and Tuesday saw us in the coach for Bangor where we caught the London train.

It was the incidental things, however, that went to make the trip so memorable: the singing of "One Hundred Green Bottles"; speculations on the location of a certain northern town; the delight of a café proprietor when he discovered that we knew Woodford Green; and a host of other incidents which would appear stupid to one who had not experienced them.

This trip will be remembered for a long time by those who went on it, and I feel sure that they will join me in thanking Mr. McCollin and Mr. Webb, who made the trip possible. We now look forward with keen anticipation to the cycling tour of Belgium and Holland arranged for this summer.

B. RIGDEN, Lower Sixth Science.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

AT this time of the year I am rather inclined to look on the winter months that have just passed as the end of the year's work, with only New Parents' evening and the cricket fixtures (the latter hardly coming within the scope of my activities) remaining. It is then that I receive a gentle reminder that the year's work is not completed until the Editor of the School Magazine has received a "Satisfactory Report" on the Parents' Association.

On referring to my two previous articles, I was rather impressed by the number of major changes which have taken place over this period, and it seems impossible that there should be a similar occurrence for the third year in succession. Yet such is the case, for at our Annual Meeting held last October, Mr. Hiscott resigned as Vice-Chairman and his place was taken by Mr. G. F. W. Adams. Nearly all parents will know Mr. Hiscott, and your Committee have, for a long time, looked to him as the expert on the Constitutions of the Association. It may be, however, that it is not so widely appreciated that he is also the Association's representative on the Board of Governors. While we were very sorry to lose Mr. Hiscott as Vice-Chairman, owing to business difficulties,

I am glad to report that he remains as a Committee member, so that we shall still have the benefit of his advice, while at the same time we welcome, as Vice-Chairman, Mr. Adams, who is known to most of you not only because of his regular appearance at all our functions, but because of his great contribution to the success of the Christmas socials.

In response to many requests, social events were arranged this year, two Whist Drives and a Dance having been held, but although these were enjoyed by all who attended, the number of parents present on each occasion fell a good deal short of your Committee's expectations.

The only lecture was given by Dr. John Burton, B.A., M.R.C.S.; L.R.C.P., on the Problems of Adolescence. The importance of this problem to parents was reflected in the numbers present, and your Committee were happy in having obtained for the lecture such an eminent authority on this subject as Dr. Burton.

Mr. Buckley, who is well known to all parents and was greatly missed during his twelve months in America as an Exchange teacher, gave a vivid and descriptive talk on his return to Buckhurst Hill and many parents expressed their appreciation of a very entertaining yet instructive evening.

The annual cricket match between Staff and Parents takes place on the 5th July and between the School and Parents on the 19th July. Unfortunately, the Magazine will have to go to print too early for me to append the results of these matches, but I would like to draw parents' attention to the fact that they may now be looked upon as regular fixtures, while it is also hoped to have a similar fixture with the Old Boys' Team. I should particularly like to draw the attention of new Parents to these matches, as our Social Secretary (Mr. Shuttlewood) would be glad to meet any parent who takes a keen interest in cricket.

In order that all parents may, so far as possible, have the details of our future programme before them, the Committee at a recent meeting decided that the programme should be appended to these notes in addition to the usual individual notices which are handed to the boys with an earnest plea to remember to deliver them to their parents.

October

Annual General Meeting. 9th October, 1952.

After the business meeting a talk will be given entitled: "What is the true function and purpose of a Grammar School Education?" Speaker to be provided from the School Staff.

November

A Dance. Date and details to be announced later.

A Debate. 20th November, 1952.

Subject of general interest to all parents.

December

Christmas Social. 6th December, 1952.

January

Educational Film Night. 22nd January, 1953.

February

A Lecture. 19th February, 1953.

Speaker to be J. Tillett, Esq., B.A. (Divisional Education Officer). Subject to be announced later.

March

Staff Evenings. 5th and 6th March, 1953.

Whist Drive. 14th March, 1953.

LESLIE W. FARMER (Hon. Secretary).

THE OLD BUCKWELLIANS COLUMN

AS an Association grows larger from year to year it would seem that the Secretary's article for the School Magazine should gradually become merely an introduction to the various reports on the sub-sections: in fact, we have almost arrived at that stage.

In presenting these articles I must mention a word of thanks to the Secretaries of these sections and to our worthy Treasurer for his notes on Old Boys, for it is because of them that our Association thrives as it does to-day. I should like to congratulate Tony Jolly and Bill Pettit on their fine achievement with the Hockey Club this season, as theirs, probably, has been the most difficult section to organise so far; but they have done it well.

I cannot emphasise too greatly, however, that our fortunes wholly depend on new members as they leave school. For their guidance, therefore, I list below the names and addresses of the different secretaries, who will offer all new members a warm welcome.

- Cricket:** H. B. HAND,
49, St. Anthony's Avenue, Woodford Green.
- Football:** B. McCARTNEY,
197, Woodford Avenue, Ilford.
- Hockey:** A. JOLLY,
45, Stradbroke Grove, Buckhurst Hill.
- Social:** D. SLADE,
123, Inchmery Road, S.E.6.
- Treasurer:** P. J. ALDRIDGE,
9, Greenstead Gardens, Woodford Green.

OLD BOYS' SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

SINCE last year the Social Section has become well organised and active. A committee of approximately twelve members has been meeting regularly and frequently, and efforts have been rewarded by some great successes, both social and financial.

Dances have been held at the School on the last Saturday in each month, the most memorable of these being the Christmas Dance held on 22nd December, 1951. The Assembly Hall has never before been seen so attractively decorated, and more than two hundred Old Boys and friends thoroughly enjoyed four hours of dancing and merriment. Many of them had the pleasure of collecting spot prizes from the highly illuminated Christmas tree. Other highlights of the evening were the picking of the Association's Christmas Draw and the triumphal descent from the balcony of Father Christmas (none other than Mr. Shillito) to distribute raffle prizes.

Two dances have been held at the Ilford Town Hall, one in January, the other in April. The next to be held there is on Friday, 12th December, 1952.

There have been occasional theatre parties, the latest to the Palladium.

There is no doubt that the monthly dances at the School are becoming increasingly popular. The attendance is now hovering around the one hundred and fifty mark and it is obvious that we have the foundation of a strong and lasting Social Section.

It is hoped that all Old Boys, whose ages now range from approximately sixteen to twenty-five, will support the future School dances on 27th September, 25th October, and 22nd November, culminating in another grand Christmas Dance on 20th December, 1952. Did someone mention the Chelsea Arts Ball?

D. SLADE (Social Secretary).

OLD BUCKWELLIANS CRICKET CLUB

THE Club, contrary to expectations, is fielding only one team on both Saturdays and Sundays this season, but hopes that sufficient new playing members will be forthcoming to permit the running of at least two Saturday XI's next year.

The first game of the season, against Peel Institute, was abandoned owing to bad weather; the following week-end we were well beaten by Credit Lyonnais on the Saturday, but secured our first win of the season by defeating the Nondescripts at Loughton on the Sunday. The team has gradually found its form and has now won four of the eight games played, which is a marked improvement on our playing record for the corresponding period last season.

A new practice wicket has recently been laid in the corner of our ground at Avondale Drive, Loughton, and a very warm welcome is extended to new members on Wednesday evenings.

H. B. HAND (Secretary).

OLD BUCKWELLIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

STARTING the season in a higher division, the 2nd XI found the opposition a little tough at first, but consistently good teamwork plus a very good team-spirit soon saw them working their way up the table. Towards the end of the season they were in a strong challenging position for the league championship. Their final position was third, but their standard of play had created a sufficiently good impression for them to be promoted on merit. The Dunlop Shield also went to the 2nd XI, as their over-all results for the season showed a higher percentage of games won than any of the other elevens.

The 1st XI started the season very strongly, sweeping aside all opposition in league and cup competitions. Had they been able to maintain their initial efforts throughout the season they would undoubtedly have brought more honours to the club. They were, however, unfortunate in losing most of their forward strength about the middle of the season through overseas postings and illness, and from this they never fully recovered. It must therefore be to their credit that they finished fifth and again reached the quarter-finals of the Old Boys' Senior Cup.

Last year's "A" team were this year playing in the Old Boys' League Division IV as our 3rd XI. On the whole they had a successful season, finishing fourth in the league; this in spite of the fact that they were seldom able to field the same team in two consecutive weeks, as the senior elevens were continually drawing upon their players.

The Junior XI also did well to attain fourth position, since their opposition was more often than not a team of bigger and older lads than themselves. Once again they brought honours to the club by supplying four players for a league representative match.

Although not producing the spectacular results of the previous year, the season 1951-52 was nevertheless a successful one for the Football Club. Four elevens were entered in league and cup competitions, and all four gave a very good account of themselves, finishing in the upper halves of their respective league tables. The 2nd XI in particular must be praised, as their fine efforts brought them both the Dunlop Shield, and promotion for the second year running.

L. A. TOVEY (Assistant Secretary).

OLD BUCKWELLIANS HOCKEY CLUB

IN June of last year the Old Boys decided to start a new sphere of activities to cater for the small percentage of boys who had played hockey at school. Thus Tony Jolly, Bob Blackstaff and myself proceeded to build up a club for this purpose. As you may have heard, the results far exceeded our wildest hopes and it is now certain that hockey is with the Old Boys to stay.

In our first season we had reasonable results in our games, but, what is more important, we succeeded in building a team-spirit which has not only made our games very enjoyable but has also extended to our evenings' entertainment as well.

A satisfactory profit was made over the season and a set of Old Boys' shirts has been purchased, so that the club is now set to embark on another season with a good fixture list and only one slight drawback. Owing to National Service, the drain on our membership has left us badly in need of new members. The Old Boys' Hockey Club will welcome any keen sportsman, whether experienced or not, as a new member. We have a very pleasant ground, and a great amount of enjoyment can be had from the company of one's old school friends. Potential players are asked to contact A. C. Jolly (BUC 3527).

A. R. PETTIT (Secretary).

OLD BOYS' NOTES

TO write of all that is going on is quite impossible and I must therefore begin by apologising to the vast majority who receive no mention.

Marriages are becoming a more frequent occurrence in our ranks and, amongst others, Ken Hearn, Dick Wheatley, Des Slade, Donald Hines, Ken Joysey, Geoff Copcutt, Frank Tomlin, Alf Andrews, D. G. Clarke, and Ernie Blackwell have all signed the register. Ron Bates has two daughters and Roy Partridge has one, while Pat Godfrey is the father of a potential Old Boy.

One of the most outstanding achievements of an Old Boy during the course of the year was the appearance of Mick Cooper at left-half for Barnet in the semi-final of the F.A. Amateur Cup. John Gray, who for some strange reason plays lacrosse, has been the reserve for the South of England team.

The Forces claim a large proportion of Old Boys, and amongst those in uniform Arthur Brown has passed out from the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth; G. W. Hunt is now a midshipman on H.M.S. Theseus; R. P. R. Hunt has been on an R.A.F. O.C.T.U. course and is commissioned in the technical branch; Geoff Hawker

is a 2nd Lieut. in the Royal Corps of Signals serving on the Gold Coast; Doug Sawyer and George Kirman are in the Canal Zone of Egypt; Brian Hyde is in the Essex Regiment; Roy Goshawk and Ian Watson are at Cranwell; Nigel Overy is in the Navy at Chatham; and ex-Private Aldridge hopes he will never see the Army again.

Universities and Colleges claim a rather smaller number of Old Boys, but among those who are claimed to lead a life of intellectual enjoyment: Alan Wright is at Merton College, Oxford, where he plays hockey; Ralph Edwards is going to Reading University; Chris Gray is going to The College of St. Mark and St. John, Chelsea; Robin French is at St. Edmund's Hall, Oxford; Ken Bales hopes to go to the London School of Economics this year; and S. J. L. King is going to Selwyn College, Cambridge.

The school has sent many of its Old Boys overseas. D. G. Clarke hopes to take his Master's ticket this year and has been to Australia; Dickie Barham and John Read are in Argentina; Roy Webb is going to West Africa; Reg Chapman tries frantically to make Africa come to a small room in London where he is researching on locusts; Geoff Kempton sails the seven seas in the Merchant Navy; and Dennis Daniell is a Customs & Excise Officer supervising the activities of a whisky distillery in Scotland.

Duncan Vere has qualified as a doctor and has taken up his first appointment. Ian Dawes and Teddy Moran are articled accountants, whilst Fred Haslock, Tony Flower, and I are in the ranks of the "chalk and talkers."

May I end by pointing out that news of Old Boys can be obtained regularly in the O.B.'s Newsletter, which is sent to every member of the Old Boys' Association. It will cost you only five shillings to join, and this sum entitles you to a copy of the school magazine, the regular newsletter, membership of the various clubs and societies and so on—you can even wear the Old Buckwellians' tie, which should be available any day now.

PETER ALDRIDGE.

S P O R T

FIRST XI FOOTBALL

THE outstanding factor in the team's success this season has been the team-spirit that has shown itself in every match, in defeat as in victory. Coupled with this was the fact that the team always

played together as a team and not as a group of individuals. I think it is sufficient praise for the team to say that they have the best record in the school's history, that they have scored a record number of goals (well over the hundred mark), and that six of the team won their Colours.

The outstanding players this season have been Hawkes at centre-half and Moran at right-back. These two combined with McIntyre and Saley to form a defence which often broke the spirit of opposing attacks. The half-back line at times played very good football, and formed a close link between the defence and the fast-moving attack ably led by Burns. The two faults of the team were the inclination of the attack to disregard long through balls and the extreme susceptibility of the defence to high centres or corners.

Saley in goal proved very capable and is the first goalie to win his colours. His most obvious weakness was his tendency to punch wildly at high dropping shots. Moran is one of the best footballers this school has yet produced and he improved with every game, while McIntyre at left-back would be a much better player if he would remember he is not a left-winger. Hawkes is another fine footballer and with Burns must be congratulated on winning a trial for Essex. Evans, another capable player, has not lived up to last season's promise and he is inclined to dribble too much. Waterland and Gold made up a thrustful and powerful left wing and they were often the scorers of opportunist goals. Gold and his brilliantly headed goals were a feature of the team's display. Burns, although sometimes lethargic, was a fluent leader of the attack, showing good ball control and a firm shot. The right wing was also very powerful, with the team's best ball player, Marshall, playing inside Harrington, the fast outside-right; Harrington's one fault is in holding the ball too long.

Of the games played the best football came from the School against the Old Boys' Juniors and Chigwell School, and the team gave its worst display against Barking Abbey School. However, all the games played were thoroughly enjoyed, and the team's one wish is that they have set a standard that will be lived up to by future generations.

G. R. LACEY, Captain.

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Boys who represented the First XI were: Saley, Charlwood, Moran, Hooley, Self, McIntyre, Lacey, Hawkes, Evans, Oliver, Harrington, Cook, Marshall, Burns, Gold, Western, and Waterland. Saley, Moran, Lacey, Hawkes, Burns, and Gold gain 1st XI colours.

RESULTS

1951					
Sep. 15	Sir George Monoux School	Home	Won	5—1	
22	Barking Abbey School	Home	Lost	1—4	
29	Romford County Tech. Sch.	Home	Won	5—3	
Oct. 13	Old Foresters	Home	Won	14—0	
27	Romford Royal Liberty Sch.	Away	Won	4—2	
Nov. 3	Parmiter's School	Away	Won	5—2	
10	Forest School	Home	Lost	2—4	
17	Ilford County High School	Away	Won	3—2	
24	King Edward VI G.S., Chelmsford	Home	Won	8—1	
Dec. 1	Old Boys' Assoc. (Junior)	Home	Won	10—0	
8	East Ham Grammar School	Home	Won	5—2	
15	Chigwell School	Home	Won	10—0	
1952					
Jan. 19	East Ham Grammar School	Away	Lost	2—3	
26	Sir George Monoux School	Away	Lost	1—5	
Feb. 2	Leyton County High School	Home	Won	5—4	
9	Parmiter's School	Home	Won	5—2	
16	Romford County Tech. Sch.	Away	Won	2—1	
Mar. 15	Romford Royal Liberty Sch.	Home	Won	5—1	
22	Ilford County High School	Home	Lost	1—2	

SECOND XI FOOTBALL

THOUGH the 2nd XI developed an unprecedented team combination, their record was only fair: they won six games, lost six, and drew six.

Abjuring the rougher side of the game, the team showed a delicacy which ultimately had a rather adverse effect; a timidity in tackling and a failure to use long passes have invariably been our main weaknesses. The forwards have been particularly culpable in this respect, while the defence even has produced only one robust player in each term.

The fortunes of the team have not been constant. After a ragged start that seemed to augur a season of failure, they settled down in the latter part of the Christmas term to their best and most consistent play. After the vacation they never regained their previous form. The loss of Self, Jones and Gore was felt in the team, though Compton adapted himself to the centre-half position well and Webb and Wright were valuable, though late, discoveries. Hooley played consistently well throughout the season and Milburn's contribution in hard and enthusiastic play was invaluable. Cook, Crisp, Scoones, and Spindler have all tried the wing positions and, though inclined to individualism, are skilful players.

Charlwood in goal and Thomas as centre-forward have played regularly and well. Western is probably the most talented of all the team and his enthusiasm, perseverance, and skill proved him a valuable inside forward.

Although the success to which we aspired was not achieved, we have enjoyed good competitive football.

P. G. OLIVER, Captain.

UNDER FOURTEEN XI FOOTBALL

THE football during the season was not conspicuously brilliant and defeats exceeded victories. Too often, when we were a goal down, the team gave up the fight and goals, if any were scored from that position, were almost entirely due to the work of individual players. The team lacked drive and determination, rather than skill.

The following boys represented the school: Jackson, Turner, Peck, Beard, Johnson, Lavery, Seward, Rogers, Waghorn, Faulkner, Harman, Partridge, Smith, Loader, and Ford.

M. J. JACKSON, Captain.

UNDER THIRTEEN XI FOOTBALL

THE season began with the majority of the matches being lost. Then about halfway through the season Mr. Webb kindly offered to give us some extra training after school on Tuesdays. This brought a new spirit into the team and a great improvement was seen, most of the matches being won. I think everyone would join me in praising the way in which the team always fought to the end, winning or losing. The spirit of the team was high and we hope to keep the same team next year to form the Under Fourteen XI.

Boys who played during the season were: Little, Legg, Brookes, Bailey, Shepherd, Bedding, Debnam, Williams, Gower, Trace, Wiseman, Moseley, North, Hinkin, Rimmer, Sibbons, Freeman.

R. E. LITTLE, Captain.

HOCKEY

AT the beginning of the Autumn Term it seemed that it would be impossible to field a strong team, as many of the previous year's players had left school in the summer. This, however, proved to be wrong, as some boys turned into really reliable players in their first season of school hockey.

A sound goalkeeper was found in Palmer, who saved many games with some remarkable stops. J. B. Chapman turned into a speedy centre-half, tackling and using the ball well. He was well supported by Gosford and Baker in the half-back line.

This year's results were certainly not indicative of the run of play, but on the whole the team gained considerable experience by playing some strong adult teams and also from watching the County Hockey Match at Ilford.

Finally, I should like to tender my thanks to Mr. Barnett for his unfailing efforts as umpire and coach.

Team: Palmer, J. Taylor, Delfgou, Clark, Gosford, J. B. Chapman, Baker, Dunbar, Neilson, M. Taylor, M. King, Orr.

Colours were awarded to King, Chapman, Palmer, and Delfgou. M. Taylor gained a re-award.

M. F. TAYLOR, Captain.

RESULTS

1951			
Nov. 24	Westminster College 2nd XI	Lost	0-8
Dec. 1	Old Boys' H.C.	Won	3-0
6	Pivots' H.C.	Lost	3-6
1952			
Jan. 19	College of St. Mark and St. John	Lost	0-8
26	Loughton School	Won	4-1
Feb. 2	Old Boys' H.C.	Won	3-2
9	Bancroft's 2nd XI	Won	3-1
23	Ilford H.C. 4th XI	Lost	0-1
Mar. 15	Essex Institute of Agriculture	Lost	5-1
22	King Edward VI School	Lost	2-8

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS

June 7th, 1952

SUMMER-LIKE weather, excellent organisation, and no less than six new best performances surely justified the bringing forward of the Sports for the second year running.

The previously decided events, held in the third week of the term, were, however, on the whole, of a low standard. Sands' pole-vaulting was a redeeming feature and the grand effort of Little, with wins in the Under Thirteen Javelin and High Jump, cannot be overlooked.

On Sports Day itself, the honours were stolen by Lucas and Cook, with three new records between them. Lucas' 2 m. 4.8 secs. in the half-mile and 54.4 secs. in the quarter earned him the John

Henry Taylor Cup for the outstanding performance, while Cook shattered a nine-year-old Under Sixteen 100 yds. record by .5 sec. in 10.4 secs. A slight following wind no doubt aided the sprinters as two further 100 yds. records were battered by Collins and Taylor with 11.2 secs. and 10.6 secs. in the Under Fifteen and Over Sixteen events respectively. In addition, the Roding Under Sixteen Relay Team set up a new best performance and Gosford equalled the Under Sixteen 220 yds. record.

On the debit side it was surprising that some Houses failed to enter complete teams in some events. In this respect the Roding captain, Gold, deserves praise for his untiring efforts and was well rewarded by seeing his team romp away with the Bryett Cup by a margin of 57 points with a new record total of 125 points.

A successful afternoon was brought to a climax by the presentation of cups and medals by Mr. A. S. Turk, President of the Essex County Cycling and Athletic Association. Mr. Turk, in a short speech, advised boys to ascertain their own capabilities by attempting as many events as possible and congratulated the School on a fine afternoon's sport.

R. J. DOE, Captain.

RESULTS

- 100 Yards (under 12) : 1 Gower (R), 13.0 secs.; 2 King (F); 3 James (R).
 100 Yards (under 13) : 1 Moseley (H), 12.6 secs.; 2 Little (R); 3 Carpenter (H).
 100 Yards (under 14) : 1 Cullen (C), 11.8 secs.; 2 Freeman (C); 3 Meddings (F).
 100 Yards (under 15) : 1 Collins (R), 11.2 secs. (Record); 2 Hunter (F); 3 West (H).
 100 Yards (under 16) : 1 Cook (H), 10.4 secs. (Record); 2 Gosford (R); 3 Hayward (R).
 100 Yards (over 16) : 1 Taylor, M. F. (F), 10.6 secs. (Record); 2 Gold (R); 3 Burtt (R).
 220 Yards (under 13) : 1 Skinner (F), 29.2 secs.; 2 Moseley (H), 3 Marshallsay (H).
 220 Yards (under 14) : 1 Cullen (C), 26.8 secs.; 2 Freeman (C); 3 Meddings (F).
 220 Yards (under 15) : 1 Collins (R), 25.8 secs.; 2 Davis (H); 3 Hunter (F).
 220 Yards (under 16) : 1 Gosford (R), 24.6 secs. (equals Record); 2 Hayward (R); 3 Howes (C).
 220 Yards (over 16) : 1 Taylor, M. F. (F), 24.6 secs.; 2 Gold (R); 3 Burtt (R).
 440 Yards (under 15) : 1 Davis (H), 58.6 secs.; 2 Turbin (H); 3 Burnand (R).
 440 Yards (under 16) : 1 Lucas (R), 54.4 secs. (Record); 2 Spindler (R); 3 Rolfe (C).
 440 Yards (over 16) : 1 Doe (H), 56.0 secs.; 2 Pearman (R); 3 Dunbar (R).

- 880 Yards (15 and over) : 1 Lucas (R), 2 min. 4.8 secs. (Record); 2 Doe (H); 3 Milburn (H).
 One Mile (15 and over) : 1 Milburn (H), 4 min. 59 secs.; 2 Doe (H); 3 Dunbar (R).
 Discus (2.2 lbs) (under 13) : 1 Lyon (C), 57 ft. 4 ins.; 2 Carpenter (H); 3 Sibbons (C).
 Discus (under 15) : 1 Waller (C), 83 ft. 1 in.; 2 Beard (F); 3 Freeman (C).
 Discus (3.3 lbs.) (over 15) : 1 Macefield (F), 97 ft. 5 ins.; 2 Burns (F); 3 Gosford (R).
 Javelin (under 13) : 1 Little (R), 97 ft. 5 ins.; 2 Skinner (F); 3 Debnam (C).
 Javelin (under 15) : 1 Willett (H), 100 ft. 2 ins.; 2 Watkins (R); 3 Burley (C).
 Javelin (over 15) : 1 Gosford (R), 147 ft. 9 ins.; 2 Tong (H); 3 Milburn (H).
 Shot (6 lbs.) (under 13) : 1 Corpe (F), 32 ft. 9½ ins.; 2 Carpenter (H); 3 Alcott (C).
 Shot (8.8 lbs.) (under 15) : 1 Waller (C), 31 ft. 11 ins.; 2 Adshead (H); 3 Burnand (R).
 Shot (12 lbs.) (over 15) : 1 Abrahams (C), 37 ft. 2 ins.; 2 King (R); 3 Burns (F).
 High Jump (under 13) : 1 Little (R), 4 ft. 3½ ins.; 2 Prentice (H); 3 Morris (R).
 High Jump (under 15) : 1 Collins (R), 4 ft. 9 ins.; 2 Chapman (R); 3 Crapnell (C).
 High Jump (over 15) : 1 Clark, D. (R), 5 ft. 1 in.; 2 Harrington (H); 3 Lucas (R).
 Long Jump (under 13) : 1 Little (R), 14 ft. 4½ ins.; 2 Carpenter (H); 3 Price (R).
 Long Jump (under 15) : 1 Clarke, D. (R), 16 ft. 10 ins.; 2 Burnand (R); 3 Freeman (C).
 Long Jump (over 15) : 1 Hayward (R), 18 ft. 10 ins.; 2 Burns (F); 3 Gosford (R).
 Pole Vault (under 13) : 1 Morris (R), 5 ft. 6 ins.; 2 Cecil (F).
 Pole Vault (under 15) : 1 Peters (H), 6 ft. 6 ins.; 2 Williamson (R); 3 Low (F).
 Pole Vault (over 15) : 1 Sands (R), 9 ft. 0 ins.; 2 Gosford (R); 3 Milburn (H).
 Hop, Step and Jump (under 13) : 1 Denstone (F), 29 ft. 1½ ins.; 2 Pellen (C); 3 Debnam (C).
 Hop, Step and Jump (under 15) : 1 Collins (R), 36 ft. 6 ins.; 2 Waller (C); 3 Freeman (C).
 Hop, Step and Jump (over 15) : 1 Hayward (R), 37 ft. 4½ ins.; 2 Burns (F); 3 Harrington (H).
 Relay (4 x 110) (under 12) : 1 Roding (James, Benstead, Morris, Gower), 60.4 secs.; 2 Forest (Robinson, King, Hunter, Low); 3 Hainault (Galpin, Moore, Laggett, Stokes).
 Relay (4 x 110) (under 13) : 1 Hainault (Carpenter, King, Marshallsay, Moseley), 58.6 secs.; 2 Roding (Little, Price, Gedge, Cowling); 3 Chigwell (Arben, Norton, Hallums, Lowery).
 Relay (4 x 110) (under 14) : 1 Chigwell (Howlett, Saward, Cullen, Freeman), 54.2 secs.; 2 Roding (Williams, Grove, Leveridge, Crouch); 3 Forest (Roe, Beard, Wiseman, Meddings).
 Relay (4 x 110) (under 15) : 1 Roding (Watkins, Burnand, Williamson, Collins), no time taken; 2 Chigwell (Waller, Regardsoe, Harrington, Crapnell); 3 Forest (Yeowell, Whittaker, Low, Hunter).

BOXING CLUB

FOR the first time in the history of the School, a Boxing Club has been formed, under the guidance of Mr. Webb. Training was held every Monday night and there was a regular attendance of twenty-five members. Near the end of the Amateur Boxing season we had a match against The Royal Wanstead School, the result being a draw of six bouts each. Following this result, the Club was affiliated to the A.B.A.

B. R. SALEY, Captain.

TENNIS

THE acquisition of the Grange Farm tennis courts for one afternoon each week has added one more activity to the Physical Education curriculum of the School.

Owing to the limited number of courts available this year, tennis is open only to the Sixth Form. Some twenty boys have taken advantage of this privilege and have laid the foundations for a future school tennis team.

R.M.W.

SWIMMING

AS this is the first full year of activity at the new Grange Farm Swimming Pool, we are still experimenting with the swimming procedure in school.

To cater for every boy, both in cricket and swimming, it was decided to allocate an extra period for swimming to each year, thus leaving a full afternoon for cricket. This arrangement has proved quite successful and we average forty-five boys each day receiving instruction. Considering this is a voluntary activity it is a fair representation, although all non-swimmers in the school ought to take advantage of these facilities.

The Inter-House Swimming Sports will take place on July 21st, after which we should have a good estimate of the swimming strength of the school.

It is hoped that all boys will endeavour to take both the elementary and primary certificates, and there will be opportunities for those who already possess these to take the advanced certificates.

R.M.W.

GYMNASTICS CLUB

THIS year the Gymnastics Club has endeavoured to give opportunity to everybody to develop his gymnastic performance and at the same time to help to foster a greater interest in

this branch of Physical Education. From the point of view of numbers we have achieved the latter, and it is to be hoped a long way in the former. It has been found necessary to open the club to all boys down to the Second Forms, and next year we hope to be able to cater for the First Year boys as well.

An enjoyable evening was spent on May 6th with Wanstead C.H.S. Gymnastics Club, when all boys had a chance to try their skill on the trampoline.

The Gymnastics Competition will take place towards the end of this term, and the winner of the Cup will be a difficult matter to decide.

R.M.W.

BASKETBALL

ENTHUSIASM for this sport has been strong this year, especially in the Middle School where many promising players are developing to give hope for the future. The School Team this year was picked from both Fifth and Sixth Forms, a nucleus of old players being backed by many eager newcomers. As in previous years, the unfortunate lack of local schools playing basketball lessened the number of possible fixtures, and the scope of the team was never developed to the full. Because of this difficulty Fifth Form matches were played, proving a great success and widening the experience of players who would never otherwise have represented the school.

Out of only seven matches played, all were enjoyed and the results, although not spectacular, proved that the team was able to hold its own against most sides.

Basketball at school suffered a loss at the end of the Autumn Term when K. W. Self left after playing for three years and captaining during 1950-51. He was a sound player and a fine leader.

On June 5th some fifty members of the Basketball Club went to see the Harlem Globetrotters play the New York Celtics. It was a very entertaining evening, during which the full meaning of Basketball was really demonstrated.

The boys who played for the two teams were : Berner, Burns, Chapman, J. B., Cook, E. J., Delfgou, Harrington, G., Hawkes, King, M. W., Saley, Tyler, and Western.

J. B. CHAPMAN, Captain.

THE ATHLETICS TEAM

AT the beginning of the athletic season our prospects of success seemed brighter than for several years, yet once again the results have belied our hopes. Senior individual performances have been of a high standard but in the team competitions the Juniors have failed to give the necessary support.

In the Essex Youths' Championships titles were gained by Lucas in the 440 yards, Cook in the 100 yards and Burns in the hop, step and jump. The team won the cup for the 15-17 age group in the Forest Division Sports, finished third in the Campbell Relay Cup, and fourth in the Russell Cup. In the former victories were scored by the mile team and the medley relay team, while in the latter Cook and Lucas won the 100 yards and 440 yards respectively and Doe, in winning the mile, set up a new record of 4 mins. 30.5 secs.

In representative competition the school provided sixteen of the Forest Division team to compete in the Essex Schools' Championships. Three of these, Cook, Lucas and Doe, gained titles and were subsequently selected to run for Essex in the All-England Inter-County Championships at Bradford.

The Bickersteth Cup Competition for field events has yet to be decided.

R. J. DOE (Captain).

CRICKET

1st XI

THE results this season have been very disappointing, and the only consolation is that the games have all been very enjoyable. It has been difficult to field a regular team and this fact has done much to lower the standard of the team's performance. Several members have been thoroughly demoralised by their repeated failure to score, and there has, in fact, been a general lack of self-confidence which was surprising after the confident air at the beginning of the term.

Of the more regular members, McIntyre has had an unlucky season with the bat, but remains the most capable and fluent stroke player in the School. He is to be congratulated on playing for the Essex Schools' XI against the Club and Ground at Romford. Gold has proved himself a reliable wicket-keeper and a dour bat. His one weakness behind the stumps is a tendency to snatch at catches, but some of his work on the leg side has been first-class, and his ready and ear-splitting appeals will be long remembered. Wright, a newcomer to the team, is a good stroke player, particularly on the leg side, but lacks as yet the sound defence necessary to a good batsman. He eventually conquered a tendency to

flash at balls wide of the off, and he has proved an asset to the side. Hawkes, the only fast bowler in the side, had some good performances to his credit, but tended to lose accuracy after a few overs. Waterland came into the side late in the season and proved his worth immediately. He shows a typical Yorkshire bat in defence and knows how to punish the loose ball. He should develop into a very useful cricketer. Of the others, Lebentz was an attractive opening batsman who will do better when he is more aggressive; Waller has done good work in the field; Crisp has the makings of an all-rounder when he has acquired greater confidence; and Landbeck and Marshall justified their inclusion, the former in the field and the latter as a change bowler. Finally, of Lacey, who has captained the side most efficiently on the field, it need only be said that his bowling analysis for the season speaks for itself. In 125 overs he has captured 43 wickets at a cost of 6 runs each, and in doing so has taken almost as many wickets as all the other bowlers together.

1st XI Colours have been awarded to Lacey and Gold, and re-awarded to McIntyre.

The team all extend their grateful thanks to Gilbert for his loyal services to school cricket in many ways during the last two seasons, and to Mr. Kingston for his work on the square.

2nd XI

THE season to date has indeed been a most successful one. Of the seven matches already played, five have been won and the other two drawn. There has been a gradual improvement in the batting throughout the season, and the steadiness of the bowlers had been spoilt only by bad lapses in the fielding on certain occasions. Banfield has been the most successful player, having scored 58 not out against Romford Technical School and 60 against Royal Wanstead School, which is the highest individual score of the season.

The excellent team-spirit which has prevailed under Milburn's enthusiastic captaincy has done much to maintain this good record, and there is every hope that the team will complete the season without being defeated.

Junior XI

THE Junior team has not had a very successful season so far as results are concerned, but, in spite of many defeats, the team has gained confidence and experience. Since so many of its members will still be available next year, we can look forward to having a solid foundation on which to build.

The batting has been very uncertain at times, but the bowling and fielding have been quite impressive. It has been good to see boys so keen in the field and to see the captain plugging holes.

HOUSE NOTES

CHIGWELL

ONCE again Chigwell House has failed to gain the honour of winning the House Championship. In view of the capabilities of the House, the results were extremely disappointing, not because of lack of effort on the part of individuals, but because of the failure of the bulk of the House to support the teams. Vocal and moral support are necessary for success, and while this unbelievable apathy continues the name of "Chigwell" will not appear on the Chapman Memorial Cup. I hope that future house captains will find more responsive materials with which to mould a winning combination.

The brighter side of the House report is more encouraging. I should like to congratulate the House teams for making Chigwell a force to be reckoned with this year, in particular the football and cricket elevens. To mention individuals: Abrahams, Freeman, Waller and Gilbert must be thanked for their active support.

In conclusion, I should like to say to all Chigwell House members that to win they must work and play together. Even if they are not selected for a team, they can still help the House. Combined effort and a pride in one's House are essential. See that they are forthcoming.

G. R. LACEY.

FOREST

WITH the school year rapidly drawing to a close, and the final House Championship points still to be decided, I think we ought to congratulate Roding on their fine victory and ourselves for finishing a good second. Credit goes mainly to our Senior football and cricket teams. In the football competition, the Senior team, led by Hawkes, was undefeated and won the competition by beating Roding in the deciding match. Captained by Jackson, the Juniors also played well. Cricket was, as usual, one of our strong points, although the Juniors failed to support the grand work of the Senior team. The Juniors' fine victory on the first day of the cross-country was, however, offset by the Seniors' finishing last. Congratulations to Harrison and Meddings for leading home the Junior field. The Athletic Sports was our chief weakness. We finished fourth, but more enthusiasm and serious training could have taken us into third position.

On the whole, this has been a year full of promise for Forest. Before the Athletic Competition we held a two-point lead over Roding and we seemed almost set to carry off that elusive Championship Cup. If our weakness in Athletics can be remedied—and this is quite possible—I am sure Forest will be "Cock House" again in the near future.

M. TAYLOR.

HAINAULT

FOR Hainault this has been a rather disappointing year, and it seems probable that we shall finish at the foot of the table. It is certain that Roding have won and we must congratulate them on their success.

The House was particularly weak at football. The Juniors at times showed little spirit, but with exceptions, such as Bailey and Green, showing enthusiasm and promise. The Seniors, fielding a team composed mainly of fourth-year boys, lost all but one match, the enthusiasm of the few failing to compensate for the apathy of the majority. In the Junior cross-country, despite good packing, we could get no higher than third place. The Seniors with five of the first eight, reversed the situation, but unfortunately packed very poorly and could finish only second. In Athletics alone has the House shown the enthusiasm expected of it, and we achieved second place to Roding's record win. Congratulations to Cook on his record in the hundred yards. The Juniors came to our rescue in cricket, having gained all ten points while the Seniors face the prospect of losing all their matches.

Last year Wright wrote of a diminution of the "Bales spirit." Unfortunately this spirit, of which the House was formerly so proud, has been during the past year a glimmer of its former self.

R. J. DOE.

RODING

ALTHOUGH the cricket tournament is not yet completed, we must congratulate ourselves on winning the House Championship for the third time. Our success has been due mainly to an all-round sustained effort on the part of the majority of the House.

In football the Seniors played well up to expectation, whilst the Juniors performed exceptionally to gain eight out of a possible twelve points. It was not until the final match of the season that the Football Championship was decided when Forest beat our Seniors and thus led us by two points. In the cross-country races, although our Juniors finished last, the order was reversed in the Senior race, so that all Houses tied with twelve House points; we were awarded the Inter-House Cross-Country Cup, however, for having the highest total number of points in the two races. We were still two points behind Forest and this deficit remained after half the cricket matches had been played. It was not until Sports Day that we took the lead, and in fact won so convincingly as to make certain of the Championship. Our athletes performed so

well that we set up a record of one hundred and twenty-five points, a win that I think surpassed even the brilliance of those of the Bryett era. Typical of our team-work was our series of relay successes—four firsts and two seconds—another record. So far in the cricket our Juniors have completed their programme with an unbeaten record, though our Seniors have, as yet, been unsuccessful.

Thus a year has passed that can only be regarded with the utmost satisfaction, especially since the Juniors, brilliantly led by Little, have (for the first time in six years) well backed up the Seniors and shown every promise for future years.

E. J. GOLD.



R. J. Doe, Captain of the School and of Cross-country and Athletics, finishing first in the Burn Cup for the second successive year.

Captain of the School and Head Prefect :

R. J. Doe.

Second Prefect :

D. Greenaway.

Third Prefect and Library Prefect :

D. J. Johnson.

School Prefects :

J. B. Chapman, I. M. Dunbar, G. Gilbert, G. Harrington,
D. E. Hoffman, G. R. Lacey, C. T. Matthews, G. Milburn,
B. W. Moore, M. F. Taylor.

House Captains :

Chigwell : G. R. Lacey.

Hainault : R. J. Doe

Forest : M. F. Taylor.

Roding : E. J. Gold.

School Football Captain : G. R. Lacey.

Second Eleven Football Captain : P. G. Oliver.

School Cricket Captain : G. R. Lacey.

Second Eleven Cricket Captain : G. Milburn.

School Cross-Country Captain : R. J. Doe.

School Athletics Captain : R. J. Doe.

School Hockey Captain : M. F. Taylor.

Magazine Committee :

D. J. Johnson (Editor).

R. J. Doe, D. E. Hoffman, I. M. Dunbar, G. Harrington,

S. C. Alford, J. A. Taylor, D. F. Cooper.

VALETE

- Baker, D.** (1945-52). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1952 ; 1st XI Hockey ; Secretary of the Art Club ; Entrance to Southampton University.
- Chapman, J. B.** (1946-52). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1952 ; School Prefect ; Captain of Basketball Team ; 1st XI Hockey ; S.C.M. Secretary ; Entrance to St. Luke's Training College, Exeter.
- Charlwood, A. S.** (1945-52). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1952 ; 2nd XI Football.
- Dunbar, I. M.** (1945-52). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1952 ; School Prefect ; Cross-Country Team ; 1st XI Hockey ; Athletics Team ; Chairman of S.C.M. ; Entrance to Mansfield College, Oxford.
- Doe, R. J.** (1945-52). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1952 ; Head Prefect and School Captain ; School Prefect 1950-51 ; Captain of Hainault House ; Captain of Cross-Country ; Captain of Athletics ; 1st XI Hockey ; Entrance to the London School of Economics.
- Gilbert, G.** (1944-52). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1952 ; School Prefect ; Secretary of the Literary Society ; Secretary of C.E.W.C. and I.S.D.G.
- Gold, E. J.** (1945-52). Exemption from Intermediate B.A., 1951 ; County Major Scholarship ; Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1952 ; School Prefect ; Captain of Roding House ; 1st XI Football ; 1st XI Cricket ; Athletics Team ; Entrance to University College, London.
- Greenaway, D. G.** (1945-52). Exemption from Intermediate B.A., 1951 ; Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1952 ; Second Prefect ; School Prefect 1950-51 ; Entrance to Birmingham University.
- Harrington, G.** (1945-52). Exemption from Intermediate B.A., 1951 ; Sat for Advanced Level, 1952 ; School Prefect ; 1st XI Football ; Basketball Team ; Cross-Country Team ; Athletics Team ; Entrance to Queen Mary College, London.
- Hoffman, D. E.** (1946-52). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1952 ; School Prefect ; Leader of the School Orchestra ; Secretary of the Dramatic Society ; Entrance to King's College, London.
- Johnson, D. J.** (1945-52). Exemption from Intermediate B.A., 1951 ; Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1952 ; Third Prefect and Library Prefect ; Secretary of the Debating Society ; Editor of School Magazine ; Entrance to University College, London.

- Lacey, G. R.** (1949-52). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1952 ; School Prefect ; Captain of Chigwell House ; Captain of 1st XI Cricket and Football.
- Matthews, C. T.** (1944-52). Exemption from Intermediate B.A., 1952 ; Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1952 ; School Prefect 1950-52 ; School Orchestra ; Entrance to Queen Mary College, London.
- Moore, B. W.** (1945-52). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1952 ; School Prefect ; Entrance to the Borough Road Training College.
- Moran, B. F.** (1951-52). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1952 ; School Prefect ; Captain of Tennis Team ; 1st XI Football ; Entrance to University College, London.
- Oliver, P. G.** (1945-52). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1952 ; Captain 2nd XI Football ; Basketball Team.
- Thomas, A. M. J.** (1945-52). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1952 ; 2nd XI Football ; 2nd XI Cricket.
- Tyler, N. E. W.** (1944-52). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1952 ; 2nd XI Football ; Cross-Country Team ; Athletics Team ; Basketball Team ; Entrance to Southampton University.
- Wright, P. J.** (1946-52). 1st XI Cricket ; 2nd XI Football.

Our good wishes go also to all Fifth Form boys and others who will be leaving at the end of the School Year 1951-52.