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EDITORIAL

" . . . Tradition . . . tradition . . . tradition . . ." This Coronation Year has had its lesson for everyone on the importance of this subject. Let me hasten to assure readers that I am not pretending that we can match the glory and splendour of that occasion. I am certain, however, that we can look back on our first fifteen years with no small measure of satisfaction. We have heard a great deal lately of the crests of colleges where our old boys are in residence which adorn the Assembly Hall. From the names which are connected with these alone, a reputation for sound scholarship is steadily being built up among the Universities, and more and more old boys are taking up residence each year. At last, too, an integrating team spirit seems to be in evidence, even if as yet it is only in an embryonic stage. Even where actual skill on the sports field is lacking, more often than not a commendable team spirit provides ample compensation.

Nevertheless we must be on our guard against complacency. Our fifteen years of existence is a comparatively short space of time, and while we can congratulate ourselves on our "*res gestae*," we must not lose sight of our "*res futurae*." We must not forget, too, that our tradition must be different from that of a long-established boarding school, and that, by the very nature of the district in which we live, a complete community spirit will be slow in developing.

And so we have attempted to present in this magazine some commemoration of the past fifteen years. Undoubtedly much of the unity we have achieved during these years has been due to the continual and ever-appreciated work of our one Headmaster and our one Chairman of the Board of Governors ; it is most appropriate that we are able to include their photographs as a mark of our gratitude and respect. We sincerely wish that their example, and the example of all the staff and boys who have contributed to our success so far, may be followed tenaciously in the future.

D. E. HOFFMAN, Sixth Scholarship.

SCHOOL NOTES

ON FRIDAY, the 29th MAY, the last school day before the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth on Tuesday, the 2nd June, a service was held in the Assembly Hall. This consisted mainly of brief extracts from the order of service in the Abbey. Senior boys pronounced the words accompanying the symbolic offerings by the Bishops to the Queen.

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With regret we record the loss of two original members of the Governing Body, Mr. E. Harris and Mr. R. F. J. Smith, after an unbroken run of fourteen years and one term. Mr. Harris conscientiously and sympathetically represented our parents and pupils in Epping and he has been a loyal and most regular member of all meetings of the Governing Body and with Mrs. Harris was a frequent and appreciative supporter of all school occasions. Mr. Smith, in many unobtrusive ways, gave the school excellent service and support.

We also greatly regret the resignation of Lady Crossman from the Governing Body on her removal to Oxford from Loughton. She was greatly attached to the school which greatly benefitted from her wisdom, idealism and common sense. Any Old Buckwellian who has the good fortune of proceeding to Oxford will find Lady Crossman still ready and anxious to give of her accumulated wisdom and encouragement to any former pupil of the school.

We welcome as new appointments to the Governing Body Dr. J. Rich and Mr. W. P. Leighton and hope that their initial contribution to the Governing Body of reducing its average age will be supplemented by raising still higher its level of collective wisdom. We also record with great pleasure the co-option of Mr. Hector Greenwood, Chairman of the Parents' Association, to the Governing Body in the place of Mr. B. Hiscott.

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The guest of honour at Speech Day on Saturday, the 24th October, will be Sir David Lindsay Keir, M.A., Master of Balliol College, Oxford. Sir David, who was Dean of University College, Oxford, when the Headmaster was an undergraduate of the College, was appointed Vice-Chancellor of the Queen's University, Belfast, in 1939. Ten years later he was invited to succeed Lord Lindsay of Birker as Master of Balliol, the scholastic Everest of most Scottish Oxonians. It is recorded that in 1260, John de Balliol, one of the Regents of Scotland, made himself obnoxious to the episcopal authorities and was ordered by the Bishop of Durham, not only to be flogged at the Cathedral door but, by way of penance, to endow a hostel for sixteen students at Oxford.

Mr. J. F. Shillito leaves us at the end of the School Year after a little over ten years' service as a member of the Staff. He joined us at a time when the school was embarking on its first Sixth Form work, and although the Biology classes have never been large they have included a number of boys who have, in after years, brought distinction to the School.

Mr. Shillito's support could always be counted upon at School functions. Whether the occasion were Sports Day, the Cross-Country Runs, Staff versus Boys or Parents at Cricket, an Old Boys' Dinner or Dance, Jim Shillito would take a prominent part and give life to the occasion by his forthrightness, geniality and gusto. We owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Shillito for her frequent and gracious presence on these occasions.

The School has benefitted by Mr. Shillito's interest in and genuine zeal for its welfare. From his wide and varied experience he has always been ready to initiate discussion and suggest fruitful ideas for the smoother working of the life of the school. It is very sincerely hoped that his leaving the staff will not sever his connection with it; and we shall continue to welcome his bouyant and breezy personality at all times.

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We have to record, regretfully, the loss of Mr. C. B. F. Harris, who resigned his post at Easter on obtaining an appointment as mathematical master at Peter Symonds' School, Winchester. He had served with us for three and a half years and had shown himself to be a most conscientious and modest member of the Staff, well liked by all. He had a deep love of music, and his resonant bass singing in Assembly will long be remembered. To him and to Mrs. Harris we extend our warmest wishes for the future.

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The Friday morning recitals instituted last year have continued with various choral items and some piano duets. Mr. Whiting and Mr. Ray played two movements from the suite "Jeux d'Enfants" by Bizet, and Pratley and Nice played an attractive Ecossaise by Beethoven. The School Choir sang a negro spiritual "I got shoes" (arranged by Mr. Ray), and "Come, Gentle Spring," a chorus from Haydn's "The Seasons." The tenors and basses of the Choir sang another movement from the same work. The First Year Choir made its first appearance in the Spring Term singing "All in the April Evening," Robertson. The tenors and basses also sang two traditional songs "Cold's the Wind" (arr. Collinson) and the American folksong "Down in Alabama" (arr. Edwards).

On the 6th June two members of the Staff, together with Mr. Steele, our former Second Master, were entertained by Old Buckwellians in residence at Oxford. Mr. Wigley writes :

It is always a joy to visit Oxford. Especially is it so when the tall elms of Broad Walk and Magdalen Grove are leafy with June, and noble buildings are radiant for a royal occasion ; and particularly for us when given hospitality by former members of the School, now ten in number. This occasion was more fortunately timed, for the Headmaster was able to attend, and his few words after dinner at the Eastgate expressed the sense of occasion without the formality of a speech, and initiated a wide-ranging discussion which stole time rapidly until, in the late and floodlit twilight of the High, we walked to hospitality at University and Lincoln Colleges. Though Schools were already engaging at least one Old Buckwellian, and were about to engage others, cheerfulness had no struggle to break in ; and if the continuity of a succession of Oxford Old Buckwellians is not assured beyond 1956, hope and endeavour are free to operate.

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We deeply appreciate the gift by the Chairman of the Governing Body of a copy of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. The lectionary at Morning Assembly is based on the excellent modern translation printed in this fine edition.

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An American Oak sapling in honour of the first Chairman of the Governors, together with the commemorative plaque, has been planted on the School field by the kindness of Mr. B. A. Campbell.

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For the first time in the history of the School, a party is to be held at the end of the Summer Term for boys who are leaving.

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During the summer holidays the School is to have its first interior re-decoration since its foundation.

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We are pleased to congratulate :—

- L. J. Burt (1945-) and E. J. Gold (1946-52) on gaining State Scholarships.
- D. Greenaway (1945-52) and C. T. Matthews (1944-52) on gaining County Major Scholarships.
- K. A. Joysey (1943-46) for obtaining his Doctorate of Philosophy in October, 1952.

- D. W. Vere (1940-47) for being awarded a post-graduate scholarship for research at London Hospital.
- J. F. Tilly (1941-48) on being placed in the Senior Optimes in Part Two of the Mathematical Tripos, University of Cambridge, 1953.
- A. J. Hardy (1940-45) for winning the Inter-Counties 440 yards Hurdles and establishing the record time of 53.2 seconds, and for gaining four Essex Senior Athletic Championships in three years.
- S. A. Hall (1939-46) on being the first Old Boy to qualify as a Veterinary Surgeon.
- C. E. Cocking (1943-50) for his First Class Honours Degree in Biological Chemistry at Bristol University, and for his Research Scholarship.
- C. Selby (1940-47) for his First Class Honours Degree in Botany at London University.
- K. C. Chambers (1946-51) on winning the National Junior 440 yards Championship, 1952.
- R. B. Saley (1946-53) for playing goal throughout the season for the Essex Grammar Schools' XI.
- M. F. Taylor (1946-) on winning the 100 yards race at the Essex Schools Meeting, June, 1953.
- J. R. Redfern (1939-44) for entering for the Stock Exchange London to Brighton annual Walk without any previous experience of long-distance walking and for completing the course in the slowest time ever recorded.
- F. J. Legg (3B) for selling the greatest number of programmes, 300, for the Garden Fête.

SPEECH DAY

THE fourteenth annual Speech Day of the School was held on Saturday, 25th October, 1952, when the Right Rev. The Lord Bishop of Barking was the guest of honour and presented the prizes.

After welcoming the guests, Mr. T. H. Knight, Chairman of the Governors, spoke of the importance of the school community, particularly in a district where we tend not to know one another. The active co-operation of boys, parents, staff, and old boys was necessary if the school were to play its rightful part in enabling people to achieve, not only a higher standard of living, but also a higher standard of life. In this connection, the Chairman stressed the increasingly valuable work done by the Parents' Association and paid tribute to the influence of the staff and the Headmaster, whose personal friendship he valued highly. If we were all to give

of our very best, the community at large would get back from the school far more than any one of us had ever given to it.

The Headmaster's report began with a reference to the results of the second General Certificate of Education examination. The queries raised by the results of the first examination in 1951 remained unanswered, and it appeared that the higher standard now required for a pass was beyond either the ability or the application of at least one third of those gaining admission to the school. It was becoming increasingly apparent to those studying the question of standards for admission to Grammar Schools that emotional stability, temperament, character, and background—factors not assessable by the present methods of selection at the age of eleven—were as valuable at least as intelligence. The fact that there was, for a fair number of pupils, a marked discrepancy between the performance for admission at eleven and the public examination results five years later showed that a stricter re-allocation at thirteen was essential. The weakness of the existing probationary system lay in its insistence that aptitude and not attitude was the sole test whether a pupil was suitable for continuing with a Grammar School course. The Headmaster then drew attention to some features of the school timetable, particularly the reduction in the number of "Prep." periods, and the facilities for Physical Education and Woodwork. Careful attention was being given, too, to the organisation of Sixth Form studies: provision was made for about forty-four different teaching groups, while a balance was being achieved between specialist and non-specialist work.

After paying tribute to the vital contribution to the welfare of the school made by the Parents' Association, the Headmaster spoke of the importance of the Old Boys' activities, urging that all boys leaving the school should make it a point of duty to join. Two Old Boys, J. Ringrose and J. E. Martin, were to be congratulated on their First Class degrees. The college crests in the Hall were now furnished with an attractive "key" wrought by Mr. Smethurst, and it would not be long before it would be necessary to provide for further Honours Boards in the Crush Hall.

The sporting activities of the school had been a subject of pride. Besides holding three Essex Youths' Championships, the 100 Yards, the 440 Yards, and the Hop, Step and Jump, we had won two running cups open to competition by all Essex schools, the Burn Cup for Cross-country running, and the Herring Cup for the medley relay. School athletics owed a lot to Doe, Lucas, and Cook. One of our Old Boys, Alex Hardy, had been near to selection for the 440 Yards Hurdles at Helsinki and another, K. C. Chambers, won the Junior A.A.A. 440 Yards. Swimming at Grange Farm was progressing well, and the school won the Divisional Under 14

Swimming Championship. On most Saturdays five Football and one Hockey eleven played matches, and the Headmaster thanked the Staff for their willing co-operation in refereeing duties.

Mr. Taylor then spoke of his pleasure and satisfaction in the continued presence of Mr. Knight as Chairman of the Governors, and of the school's pride in having on the Governing Body not only Alderman Frank Foster, but also Mr. Nichols, the Chairman of the Chigwell Urban District Council, and Mr. Cowan, the Mayor of Ilford. It was a matter for regret that Mr. Nichols had not allowed himself to be re-nominated by the Urban District Council as its Representative Governor.

In conclusion, the Headmaster thanked "all deserving boys for their work, their sportsmanship, their loyalty; all those boys who have given freely of their time in music, drama, library, games, societies, for the good of their school; all prefects who are both the butt and envy of those outside the Magic Circle; House Captains, Games Captains, Junior and Middle School Monitors, and the many others who in their various ways recognise a responsibility and shoulder it manfully." To be worthy of our opportunity and our trust, we all need to go to our work with a sense of inadequacy and a vision of service.

In his address to the School, the Bishop of Barking spoke particularly of two periods in his life which had taught him tremendous lessons. At school he had learnt not only the importance of loyalty, but also the sustaining power of tradition. He was a great believer in tradition and was pleased to see one beginning to take shape and play its part at Buckhurst Hill. The second great experience in his life had been his service during the war with the Eighth Army. He regarded this as an inestimable privilege, for it had impressed upon him the extraordinary spirit of brotherhood and comradeship achieved at that time. It had been a comradeship bred of the sharing of common experience, both good and bad, and he treasured the memory of it highly. Service in the Eighth Army taught him also the transforming power of good leadership. An army which had been discouraged, disillusioned, bewildered, and denuded achieved an extraordinary unity through the leadership of the famous Montgomery. Although the war was over, the war against evil continued, and loyalty, tradition, and brotherhood had their part to play in the fight. Above all, we needed a leader, and the Bishop emphasised that in this crusade no human leader was sufficient. Certain great men were raised up for particular duties, but it was essential that we should have a divine leader. It was Jesus Christ to whom we should give our complete allegiance. New plans for a new world would break down again unless they all came under the divine leadership of Christ.

Mr. G. F. W. Adams proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop of Barking on behalf of the Parents' Association and A. W. Flower seconded it for the Old Buckwellians. During the afternoon poems by Gerard Manley Hopkins and Stephen Spender were spoken by Drinkwater and Hoffman, while music included the School Choir's singing of Brahms' "How Lovely are thy Dwellings," the negro spiritual "All God's Chillun," and William Boyce's "Alleluia." 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. Crapnell, L. A.
Masters, G. R. J. | 4b. Douglas, J. A. H. | 4c. Wright, M. N. |
| 3a. Richards, B. H. | 3b. Howlett, R. L. | 3c. Cockburn, D. L. |
| 2a. Cowling, P. G.
Little, R. E. | 2b. Sibley, J. | 2c. Price, M. R. |
| 1a. Bagshaw, C. | 1b. Morris, D. J. | 1c. Richards, P. M. |
- Art**—Middle: Ashman, C. A.; Junior: West, R. G.
Gymnastic—Senior: Abrahams, T. H.; Junior: Wiseman, A. J.
Verse Speaking—Senior: Hayes, D. R.; Middle: Hallett, J. E. G.;
 Junior: Prior, G. L. L.
Woodwork—Third Year: Loader, J. J.; Second Year: Playle, M. B.

EXAMINATION PRIZES

General Certificate of Education

"Advanced" Level:

English Literature	Hoffman, D. E.
French	Matthews, C. T.
Latin	Matthews, C. T.
Geography	Matthews, C. T.
History	Johnson, D. J.
Maths. Pure & Applied	Gold, E. J.
Physic & Chemistry	Burt, L. J.

"Ordinary" Level:

English	Tong, B. P.
English Literature	Cook, E. J.
	Cooper, D. F.
Latin	Stapleton, F. J.
German	Turner, J. R.
French	Hale, D. J.
History	Cooper, D. F.
Geography	Leatherland, H.
Mathematics	Spindler, R. F.
General Science	Gray, G. W. P.
Art	Smith, P. S.
Economics	Taylor, J. A.
Music	Carney, D. J.

The Old Buckwellians Cricket Bat

Awarded to "The Cricketer of the Year"

McINTYRE, A. S.

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"
 LACEY, G. R.

The "Mallinson" Cup

"to the boy with the year's best record of service to the School"
 DOE, R. J.

The Head Prefect's Prize presented by
 THE GOVERNING BODY

DOE, R. J.

The "Chapman Memorial" Cup

(The Inter-House Sports Championship 1951/52)
 RODING HOUSE
 (Captain: E. J. Gold).

EXAMINATION RESULTS

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION 1952

"Ordinary" Level:

Baynes, B. S. (4)	Gowan, P. J. (3)	Palmer, C. H. (3)
Berner, J. M. (1)	Haddon, P. J. L. (4)	Porteous, V. C. (1)
Bowak, D. C. R. (1)	Hale, D. J. (4)	Rees, D. B. (2)
Brett, C. A. (7)	Harrington, M. C. (2)	Roberts, J. W. (2)
Brown, E. W. (3)	Hayward, D. J. (2)	Rogers, P. H. (6)
Burgess, S. V. (6)	Holste, D. E. (1)	Rolfe, B. A. (2)
Burns, A. T. (1)	Hooley, T. M. (7)	Saley, B. R. (4)
Buxton, B. L. (2)	Howes, J. C. (6)	Sands, J. R. (5)
Carney, D. L. (4)	Jeffery, A. (7)	Savill, G. A. (5)
Caswell, R. E. (5)	Kelly, C. E. (5)	Scoones, A. E. (1)
Catmur, P. M. (2)	Lansdell, J. H. (3)	Scott, A. A. (1)
Cave, P. A. (4)	Leatherland, H. (6)	Sear, E. N. (3)
Chapman, D. I. (4)	Lebentz, T. F. (5)	Sears, K. J. (3)
Cook, E. J. (5)	Leggatt, A. J. (2)	Snow, K. H. (2)
Cooper, D. F. (7)	Lindsey, D. A. (4)	Spindler, R. F. (4)
Crisp, M. F. (6)	Loriot, J. R. (3)	Springett, A. (2)
Dalton, P. J. F. (4)	Lucas, B. G. (5)	Stapleton, F. J. (8)
Delfgou, J. (1)	Macefield, B. E. F. (5)	Stone, D. J. B. (2)
Dickinson, M. J. (2)	Marshall, V. A. (1)	Thurgood, B. F. (4)
Dolden, V. W. (1)	Marston, K. B. (1)	Tucker, L. F. (5)
Dunn, W. C. (2)	Martin, R. W. (1)	Turner, J. R. (4)
Dunkley, M. V. G. (3)	McAndrew, A. (6)	Ward, B. A. (1)
Dyke, J. (1)	McIntyre, A. S. (6)	Waskett, J. E. (1)
Edwards, C. P. (5)	MacGillivray, J. K. (1)	Waterland, R. K. (1)
Evans, D. W. (4)	Matthews, C. V. (1)	Webb, A. L. (2)
Fogg, A. J. (1)	Menzies, M. H. (4)	Wedge, J. E. (4)
Gardner, R. E. (1)	Milkins, L. E. (2)	West, R. F. (5)
Gray, G. W. P. (3)	Mitchell, P. J. (3)	Western, A. F. (2)
Gordon, J. D. M. (3)	Neilson, B. (3)	
Gosford, G. W. H. (7)	Orr, W. G. (4)	

Number in brackets indicates number of subjects passed.

EXAMINATION RESULTS—continued

The following members of the Lower Sixth also obtained Passes at "Ordinary" Level:

Arotsky, J. (French)	Hayes, D. R. (Economics)
Bambridge, A. M. (Economics)	Palmer, R. F. P. (Economics)
Barnes, M. A. (English, Maths.)	Phillips, A. H. (Economics, French)
Bennington, R. E. (English, Latin, French)	Rigden, B. (English, Latin)
Buggey, C. A. V. (Economics, Woodwork)	Smith, P. S. (English, Art)
Davey, M. J. (English, Latin, Art)	Snoad, K. E. (English, French, Maths., Physics, Chemistry)
Donaldson, I. A. (Economics)	Taylor, J. A. (Economics)
Fuller, Q. T. (English)	Taylor, M. F. (Applied Maths., Physics, Chemistry)
Gardner, D. W. L. (Applied Maths., Physics)	Tong, B. P. (English, Latin)
	Wright, P. J. (Economics)

"Advanced" Level:

"ARTS"

Chapman, J. B.	Geograph, History, Economics
Charlwood, A. S.	Music
Doe, R. J.	Geography, French
Gilbert, G.	French
Harrington, G.	History, French
Hoffman, D. E.	English, History
Johnson, D. J.	English, History, Latin
Lacey, G. R.	English
Matthews, C. T.	Geograph, Latin, French
Moran, B. F.	Geography, History
Oliver, P. G.	History
Thomas, A. M. J.	History, French
Tyler, N. E. W.	Geography, Economic History, Economics

"SCIENCE"

Baker, D.	Pure Mathematics
Burt, L. J.	Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics, Chemistry
Dunbar, I. M.	Physics, Chemistry
Gold, E. J.	Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics, Chemistry
Greenaway, D.	Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics, Chemistry
Milburn, G.	Pure Maths., Physics

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

State—Gold, E. J., Burt, L. J.

County Major Scholarship—Greenaway, D., Matthews, C. T., Woolner, J. R.

County Major Exhibition—Bales, K. F., Chapman, J. B., Harrington, G., Harris, J. L., Hearn, B. W., Henderson, S. A., Horne, A., Illing, K. J., Johnson, D. J., Murray, P. J., Moran, B. J., Twizell, A. F., Warren, K. P. M.

OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES IN FURTHER EDUCATION

Brown, A. F.	1944-49	Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, Class III.
Chipperfield, E. H.	1938-45	B.Sc. (Hons. Chemistry), Class II, Birmingham.
Crawford, J. C.	1939-46	B.A. (Hons. French), Class II, Southampton.
Harris, J. L.	1942-49	B.Sc. (General), Nottingham.
Hassan, G.	1939-43	B.Sc. (Engineering), London.
Hayward, A. W.	1942-49	B.Sc. (General), Nottingham
Hickman, P. L.	1942-49	B.Sc. (Hons. Maths.), Class II, Nottingham.
Hunt, G. W. G.	1944-49	R.N.C., Dartmouth, Class I, H.M.S. Devonshire.
Martin, J. E.	1940-45	B.A. (Hons. Geography), Class I, London School of Economics.
Noble, D. E.	1940-47	B.A. (Hons. English), Class II, Oxford.
Nyman, H.	1941-48	B.Sc. (Hons. Textiles Chemistry), Class II, Leeds.
Ringrose, J. E.	1943-50	B.A. Wrangler Mathematical Tripos, Cambridge. B.Sc. (Hons. Maths.), Class I, London.
Tarran, P. A.	1946-49	B.Sc. (Engineering), Class II, Southampton.
Vere, D. W.	1940-47	M.B., B.S., London.
Willingale, A. E.	1939-46	B.D., Hons., Class I, London.

OLD BOYS' AT UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

(taking up residence after September 1952 or not previously reported).

Beaumont, E.	1942-50	Goldsmiths College, London.
Bales, K. F.	1942-50	London School of Economics and Political Science.
Edwards, R. E.	1941-49	Nottingham University.
Gray, C. A.	1942-49	St. Mark and St. John Training College, London.
Greenaway, D.	1945-52	Birmingham University.
Gold, E. J.	1945-52	University College, London.
Harrington, G.	1945-52	Queen Mary College, London.
Hearn, B. W.	1943-50	University College, Leicester.
Johnson, D. J.	1945-52	University College, London.
Kirman, E. G.	1945-50	St. Mark and St. John Training College, London.
Matthews, C. T.	1944-52	Queen Mary College, London.
Moran, B. F.	1951-52	University College, London.
Tyler, N. E. W.	1944-52	University College, Southampton.

In place of the customary letters from the Universities, four Old Boys have been invited this year to give us some idea of life in their chosen professions. We look forward to printing similar articles on other Old Buckwellians' activities in future issues of "The Roding."

The Editor,
"The Roding."

c/o The Western Telegraph Co. Ltd.,
Caixa Postal 120,
Recife, Pernambuco,

28.5.53.

Dear Sir,

It is often hearsay that "one doesn't even know the meaning of the word 'work'," and upon receiving your note regarding "some contributions from old boys on the work that they are doing," I am pleased to say embarrassment did not completely overcome me. On the contrary it was primarily the difficulty of explaining the work of a Commercial Representative in a telegraph company. On this point my good friend, fellow OB and a Western engineer, Dickie Barham, a few hundred miles down the coast in Vitoria, would probably laugh; but there again inter-departmental rivalry is very amicable.

There are six operating telegraph companies (both cable and radio) in Brazil altogether competing for international and inter-Brazilian telegrams; hence the representation side. This entails the visiting and interviewing of clients, e.g., firms, the Press, foreign and Brazilian travellers, correspondents, etc. daily in order to maintain good relations, answer their queries, advise line conditions, deal with reclamations, in fact all and sundry. The work is enjoyable, but to master the language (Portuguese) is also very essential, as most business is carried out in the native tongue. A speedy and competent service is the required item as far as the customer is concerned, and besides the Western has to live up to the "tradiçao inglesa," being the first founded cable company in this country.

Brazil, with strict import restrictions over the past eighteen months and a recent severe drought in the north among other things, occupies the unfortunate position of being Number One on the world's cost of living index. Business conditions are poor at present, but as regards her future, Brazil still seems assured with such rich unexplored territory in her possession.

Recife, now becoming quite modernised, is the third city and important north-west port from which she exports the main products of the State, sugar and cotton. Although native Indians, with their primitive and crude ways, still live in the interior of many States, Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo are great cities, being very

Americanised with their midget skyscrapers and wide spacious "avenidas." However the latter is far outgrowing the former in industry and is undoubtedly taking the place of Rio as the capital, especially in the commercial sphere.

There is good club life in most cities and, in the three referred to, soccer, rugby, cricket, tennis are always available and, for the ageing, golf. Swimming is of course excellent, although at times dangerous, for the Brazilian coastline is blessed with picturesque golden-sanded tropical beaches.

Now from the land of nuts, coffee and beautiful "senhoritas" to all "twixt Essex lanes and trees," my best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. READ.
(1941-46).

Surveying

The term Chartered Surveyor is often considered sufficient description of an occupation, but in actual fact it requires qualification as there are seven sections to the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, comprising Land Agency, Valuation, Town Planning, Building Surveying, Quantity Surveying, Mining Surveying and Land Surveying, each of which has its own examination syllabus. A surveyor normally qualifies and practices in one section only, and as I am concerned on the Valuation side these remarks will deal with that branch.

Valuation surveyors employed in private practice deal with a wide variety of matters, but they are also found in various Government and Local Government Departments where they tend to be more specialised.

At one time valuation was reasonably simple, being roughly the price at which a property would change hands as between a willing seller and a willing purchaser having regard to all the factors and to the law of the land. The spate of legislation which has been passed by Parliament during and since the War has, however, greatly complicated the work of a Valuer whom you can hear gaily talking about "Consent Value," "Existing Use," "Notional Lease," "39 Value" and so on and so on. The most complicated piece of legislation was the Town and Country Planning Act 1947, which has proved so complicated as to be unworkable as also are the new provisions for rating houses, and in both cases we are awaiting amending legislation, the main proposals having been published in White Papers. On the other hand the complexity of the problem has given quite a lot of work, and fees, to Valuers!

Another aspect which is constantly being dealt with is the valuation for mortgage. When a house is bought by far the greater number of people obtain a loan from a Building Society, but before the Society will make an advance they require to be satisfied as to the value and that the house is not likely to fall down! Some Societies employ valuers for this purpose, but others instruct Surveyors in private practice.

Apart from valuation itself, a valuation surveyor also deals with a wide variety of things including management of urban houses with all the complexities of the Rent Restriction Acts; Town planning, probably finishing with an appeal which is similar to a case being heard in Court with an inspector from the Ministry taking the place of the Judge and the Local Planning Authority the place of the defendant; and negotiating sales and lettings of all classes of property, from transactions involving many thousands of pounds to a few pounds.

I hope these few remarks give some indication of the work dealt with by a Surveyor but in an article of this length it is very difficult to know what to include and what to leave out.

C. J. BRADLEY (1939-44).

"From a Staff Common Room"

The opinion was once expressed to me that all undergraduate lectures were a waste of time and the lecturers a waste of money. A corollary was added however; this does not apply to lectures and lecturers in education. Since the remark was expressed by a Professor in a Department of Education, the corollary thus took away most of the sting, but there is nevertheless a challenge to the average University lecturer here. The value of the school teacher is beyond question, for without him the pupils would do nothing more elevating than climb trees. By deduction, the value of lecturers in Education is beyond question for the prospective school teacher must be taught to teach.

In the average University student, however, the desire to elevate his body is replaced by a desire to elevate his mind, and he is prepared to do this whether he is lectured or not. Many teachers have facilitated this and in the process, it would seem, virtually cut their own throats, by writing books. Cannot a student therefore educate himself simply by reading?

In many cases, the answer is probably 'yes,' but all too often this is not the fault of the teacher. A good lecture must be arranged and built, and to the student, the building should be as important as the materials of which it is built. Many, however, fail to realise

this, and concern themselves simply with the materials. Solid facts are snatched from their context and penned eagerly whereas the ideas which they engender are too often ignored. The facts however are all to be found in the text books, and in such an instance, the teacher certainly becomes an unnecessary medium for their transfer. The important parts of the lecture however are the ideas which several years of thought and experience on the part of the teacher have given and few indeed are the wise students who read up the facts first and then go to the lecture for the ideas.

For the teacher of Arts, there may or may not be more to a lecture than this, but in Science there are the processes of scientific thought and deduction to be demonstrated whenever possible. By describing not only the work but also the way in which these results are obtained, the teacher is able gradually to train the student how to plan research and subsequently how to differentiate between those conclusions which are valid and those which are not.

Now it is possible that my Professor was unfortunate in his teachers, but the bigger the skittle the greater the pleasure in knocking it down, and it is very tempting to reflect that he did not really appreciate the significance of his lecture at all.

D. J. BOATMAN (1938-45),
Lecturer in Botany, Trinity College, Dublin.

Medicine

As I stood in the large, pillared hall of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, I felt ill. Together with some fifty other similarly afflicted individuals, I was gazing anxiously at the impressive staircase from which the result of my final examination was to be announced. Was I about to be a fully qualified Medical Practitioner, or had I failed? It was true that I had "satisfied the examiners" in Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology, Pharmacology, Therapeutics, Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, but there was Surgery yet to complete. The last part is always agonising.

A ripple of whispers ran through the crowd. The moment so anxiously awaited was with us.

One by one our numbers were called. The lucky ones climbed those impressive stairs to sign various documents—their first signatures as "Doctors." The others turned sadly away to return to their studies. I heard my number. My legs felt unreal, but they carried me to the foot of the stairs where I heard those magic words, "I

am pleased to say that you have passed." Portraits of Past Presidents of the Royal College smiled at me. The world was a wonderful place. I was a "Doctor."

Following qualification, it is usual to gain general practical experience in hospitals to consolidate the knowledge obtained during one's student days. Not only does this system serve to give the young doctor confidence in his own ability, but it ensures that he will be fit to deal with emergencies when working alone in practice. I was fortunate in being appointed to the resident staff of my own teaching hospital, The London; subsequently I moved to two other hospitals. During this period of residence in hospital, there is often a tendency to specialise in one particular branch of medicine, but as in all walks of life, it is important to bear in mind that a general background is essential. My own tendency was towards surgery. I never tired of handling the living body, knowing that my care and skill would assist it to return to normal health. It was thrilling gently to push the contracting intestines and pulsating arteries to one side in order to expose an inflamed appendix. It was satisfying to remove a needle from the depths of a hand, knowing that without surgical aid the hand would never function again as only that of a human can. It was depressing to remove a gangrenous leg from a diabetic lady in her eightieth year.

While studying and during my hospital residence, my period of National Service was deferred. Presumably this concession is made because Her Majesty's Forces would have very few medical Officers if we were called upon earlier. At the moment, I am a Medical Officer on an R.A.F. station "somewhere in Southern England." Naturally, major surgery has given way to the treatment of minor ailments as my patients are young and healthy. The chronic sick never enter the Forces. My days are spent dealing with the minor sick, an occasional emergency, and the multitude who wish to "work their ticket" on psychiatric grounds. I am responsible for clean food, fresh water, sweet-smelling drains, and freedom from flies. I am physician, surgeon, sanitary inspector, and welfare officer thrown into one.

When my days of National Service are over, I will leave the drains, flies and dissatisfied airmen behind, and return to the work I love. What will it be? General practice, or a post in a hospital? A medical man's life cannot be foretold, but whatever happens I will never escape from the fascination of the human body. Without doubt it is the most wonderful thing in the universe, and its study is leading me to a most satisfying career.

DONALD HINES, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

(1938-45)

THE MOTH

Through golden barrages the moth
Bursts into sunlight, flings
Into the bright glare of God,
Not knowing, but adoring, knowing
Only that he goes on wings.
Sufficient to him his puritan faith,
His strict dichotomy of light and dark,
Enough his knowing, his adoring flight.

Should I compress him, then, to golden dust?
His ideology, his butter-wings?
Or should I blindly leave him sight,
Not knowing, but adoring, knowing
Only that he goes on wings?

P.H.

The moon, like a shy young girl,
Peeps over the roofs of the slums, the palaces, the trees.
She pauses a while to admire herself in the nearby water,
Rippling laughter among the ripples.
The night has his hand on his lips
While all the world obeys
Silent.

D. HOFFMAN, Schol Sixth.

"ANDROCLES AND THE LION"

BERNARD Shaw's fable play, "Androcles and the Lion," has a number of ingredients which make it an attractive choice for school production. Shakespeare in "The Winter's Tale" had his tame Southwark bear; Shaw has his lion, and improves upon Shakespeare by giving the beast a star rôle into the bargain. The imperial purple of Cæsar's Rome contrasts violently with the blood-lust of the capital's rabble; cheek-turning masculinity vies with suffragette femininity, materialistic paganism with idealistic (and highly self-conscious) Christianity. The whole mixture is bound up with a liberal proportion of streamlined Shavian wit and seasoned with theatrical opportunism as an Emperor gallops across the boards pursued by a lion with a talent for the tango. Yet with all these very obvious appeals, the play would be little more than a hollow pantomime were not the fable element adequately communicated. And this, of course, presents producer and cast with their most serious problem; Shaw himself found it necessary to "append"

a hundred-page preface and six-page footnote. It was not the least successful feature of Mr. Winmill's production that, through a wise restraint and a tactful underplaying, a good deal of the dramatist's "message" came through to the audience.

The central character was Ferrovius, and Clarke had the appearance and voice for a successful attempt to realise the part of the born fighter who finds, when the trumpet blows, that he cannot follow Jesus. All he lacked were a riper acting experience and a surer technique; we expect interesting performances from him in the future. Drinkwater spoke and acted excellently as Lavinia, but was perhaps a little too sedate and elderly in make-up. Barnes' Captain was, as he should be, patrician and commanding and lacked only significant gesture and flexibility of cadence. "A lion among ladies" was never more effectively denied than by Hooley's quite amiable beast. "Well roared, Lion!" as an elder dramatist put it. As the Emperor, Hoffman effectively revealed Shaw's caricature of the divine right ruler amusing himself with the game of "Killing or Sparing." His pompous cowardice and his empurpled contempt for his lessers and betters were quite Shavian. J. C. Howes was excellently cast as the humanitarian naturalist, Androcles, and was as simple and naive as disinterested kindness often appears. Other performances worthy of mention were N. V. Howes' Spintho, Harrington's Centurion, and Stewardson's Megaera. The settings, while making no attempt to underline Shaw's satire, were pleasantly adequate. The costumes were appropriate and colourful, and in many cases had been produced by the cast themselves. Let us hope that such self-reliance may be continued and extended in future productions. H.K.W.

JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

PARENTS and friends of the School were once again entertained by the young actors of the Junior and Middle School at a performance of two one-act plays at the end of the Christmas term. The first, "The Stolen Prince," a playlet in the Chinese fashion by Dan Totheroh, was refreshingly formal in style, clear-spoken and drily entertaining. The action, which was slight, was agreeably punctuated by the confiding explanations of G. Prior as Chorus, by the raucous percussion of a Chinese orchestra and by the comic antics of a very occidental property-man played by R. Debnam. J. McManus played the very superior small boy who, with his sister, lost the baby prince, to the consternation of a motherly Royal Nurse played by K. Lyon. M. Barratt and O. Eastall as the fisherman and his wife provided a picture of melancholy poverty,

relieved by the sunny silence of R. Browning as the missing prince whom they fostered. No one could have gone to his execution with a more serene resignation than the little prince, a fate happily averted by the discovery of his royal descent; and the thwarted executioner, S. Maitland, showed his frustration with a formidable scowl. So all ended well, and the audience was pleasantly diverted by a miniature piece of oriental pastiche.

The second play, "Michael," was an adaptation by Miles Malleson from a story by Tolstoy. This, though more ambitious, was not beyond the powers of Middle School players. P. Cowling and P. Crisp acted most convincingly as a Russian peasant and his wife and R. Gedge once again successfully played their young daughter. J. Legg was very effective as an intruding and arrogant nobleman, and so, in a different way, was D. Williams as the poor woman with two children. A suggestion of the supernatural began gradually to appear as Michael, played by P. Coleman, became the silent centre of the action; and the climax came, when, bathed in light, he spoke his purpose. The illusion, maintained by silence, broke with words. But if the long speech, difficult enough for an experienced actor, made the illusion fade, he yet managed by appearance and movement in the earlier part of the play successfully to convey the strangeness of the visitation, and was admirably supported by the sympathetic acting of the rest of the cast.

Mr. Gray has again evoked the enthusiastic co-operation of his young team of actors, and was well served by his "back-room boys" and by the Art and Woodwork departments. We are grateful to him and them for another enjoyable evening.

MUSIC

THIS year has included the traditional items—music at Speech Day, a programme of Christmas Music, the House Competitions, and a Summer Concert—together with some outside activities of considerable interest.

The School Orchestra has grown to the number of twenty-six and now includes a wind section which begins to be self-sufficient. We have been most grateful for the gift of two clarinets from Mr. Freeman, and it has been possible to buy a trumpet from the Orchestra Fund which has been so generously supported by parents and friends. It is to be hoped that the number of boys who buy instruments of their own will increase.

The School Choir has been able to tackle some rather more ambitious work this year. Some twenty members took part in the performance of Haydn's "Spring" from the oratorio "The Seasons" by the massed choirs of the Epping Forest Youth Music Association at the S.W. Essex Technical College, and the music for Speech Day included Brahms's "How Lovely are thy Dwellings," from the "Requiem."

The number of tenors and basses has increased, but we hope for much greater support from the Senior School in this respect, for there must be many seniors who sing like Silveri when they take a bath but deny the school the privilege of hearing their efforts on more public occasions.

A First-Year Choir has been formed. Besides performing at Friday morning assembly, it took an important part in the Summer Concert.

Charlesworth, Liddell and Wilkins played clarinet parts in the E.F.Y.M.A. Festival performance of Matthew Locke's "Music for His Majesty's Sackbuts and Cornetts," and Charlesworth and Wilkins spent a pleasant week-end at an orchestral course at Wicken Bonhunt Residential Centre in the Spring. Wilkins and Pratley took part in the Anglo-German School of Music held in Woodford County High School at Easter.

The House Competitions this year show that a considerable amount of experience had been gained from the first contest for the cup presented by Mr. F. T. Matthews in 1952. The preparation of music was supervised as before by Mr. Foister, Mr. Mead, Mr. Still, and Mr. Watkinson to whom the house teams are very grateful for their valuable help, and we were pleased to observe that the regulation stating that no less than three members of a house may participate in any one item was rendered superfluous by the fact that a total of over seventy boys took part, with no very great disparity between the numbers from each of the four houses. The School was fortunate in securing the services as adjudicators of Mr. John Auton of Chigwell School and Mr. Reginald Adler of the South-West Essex Technical Day School. Although these gentlemen made a joint adjudication, in summing up at the end Mr. Adler dealt with the instrumental work, while Mr. Auton spoke on the choral work. They made a very full criticism and some penetrating and helpful comments were made on the faults observed. The winning house was again Chigwell, whose singing

of the madrigal "Now is the Month of Maying" was quite outstanding. The other items performed were:—

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| Chigwell House | | "The Lord is my Shepherd." Schubert.
A string trio by Haydn. |
| Forest House | | "The Turtle Dove." Arr. Vaughan Williams.
"Slow Music for a Ballet." Handel. |
| Roding House | | "Early One Morning." Arr. for four parts.
"Minuet and Trio." Haydn. |
| Hainault House | | "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring." Bach.
"Let the Fifes and Clarions." Purcell.
"Dance for a Masque." Handel. |

(The houses were placed in this order by the adjudicators.)

The Christmas Music

A second very successful programme of Christmas Music was given this year by the Choir, String Quartet, and Orchestra. The first, more formal, half of the evening's music included Vaughan Williams' "Fantasia on Christmas Carols," an infectiously swinging version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," and three excerpts from Handel's "Messiah," well performed by the Choir and Orchestra. After the interval, carols and Christmas hymns were sung by the Choir and audience to bring to a close a most enjoyable evening. This Christmas music, with its enthusiasm and warmth of feeling, must surely remain as part of our new tradition.

The Summer Concert

A notable characteristic of the summer concert this year was the concerted nature of the items. On the instrumental side the string quartet gave us a Beethoven Scherzo, while the increasing fluency of the woodwind section was evident in the Mozart Trio. The full orchestra showed increased vitality in their performances of Holst's Prelude from Brooke Green Suite and Four Schubert Waltzes, while the embryonic brass section had its opportunity in Handel's March from Scipio.

The sub-division of the vocal talent of the School into numerous groups—house groups, First Year Choir, School Choir, Male Voice Choir, and the augmented Choir—enabled a wider variety of vocal music to be presented, from an exquisite performance of Morley's madrigal "Now is the Month of Maying" to "Spring" from Haydn's "Seasons," which greatly surpassed hopes at rehearsal. The high spot of the evening was denied the audience—Mr. Mead gave one of his monologues in the Dining Hall during interval refreshments.

ANNUAL VERSE-SPEAKING COMPETITION

WE welcomed as our adjudicator this year Mr. Alexander Franklin, Lecturer in Speech and Drama at the South-West Essex Technical College. By pointing out without reserve the faults of the competitors, he was of great assistance, for his strictness encouraged self-criticism, whereas flattery would have bred complacency.

The Junior School had an obstacle to overcome in that their poem, Harold Munro's "Milk for the Cat," with its equal line length and obtrusive rhyme-scheme was likely to become a tedious chant in unskilled hands. Both Hardy and Morris failed to overcome this obstacle, mainly because they did not appreciate the development of the poem and the contrast between the stanzas. Rees and McManus understood the significance of each verse and therefore gave more acceptable renderings. Unfortunately, the latter was too rapid in his delivery, so that Mr. Franklin finally awarded the prize to Rees since, although he followed the metre and gave us long deliberate lines, he was not forced into a monotonous rendering by the form of the poem: his compromise was successful.

The standard of the Middle School was not high, for they tended to ignore the lyrical nature of Rex Warner's "Curlew at Sunset" and sought for drama which was not there. Such long, smooth, delicate lines as:

*"Not so much stir as owl down or feathering feeling moth make,
Or so much breathing as the whisper in grasses of summer wind,"*

were disjointedly broken up in the search. Lee triumphed since at times he showed sympathy for the mood of the poem; yet even he never found the fluency of the verse.

As is to be expected from the Senior School, varied and individual interpretations of a difficult poem were offered. Personal impressions of a poem are inevitable but, when Barnes, in his version of T. S. Eliot's "Journey of the Magi," attempted to transform the reminiscences of an old man into the passionate outpourings of an orator, Mr. Franklin's stringency became necessary. Howes made the mistake of the Middle School by dramatising verse of a lyrical nature with too great a range of inflection. The winner and runner-up held their positions because they offered knowledgeable renderings of a searching poem. Hallett, however, diminished his prospects by inadequate memorising, so that Hoffman carried off the laurels with a controlled and confident delivery and an obvious appreciation of the depth of meaning in the poem.

J. A. TAYLOR, Upper Sixth Modern.

THE LIBRARY

THIS year has been one of consolidation in the Library, which now contains more than 4,200 books. The bookbinding service has maintained its output and efficiency and I should like to pay my annual tribute to Mr. Smethurst's kindness and help. A new system of borrowing has been introduced for the Sixth Form and it appears to have worked well.

The librarians are: L. J. Burt (Library Prefect); Madgwick, Masters and Whitfield (5A); Faulkner, Leveridge, Liddell and Marriott (4A); Tilly and Perkins (4B); Savill (4C); Haver, Hughes, Hunter, Lowery, Millis and Smith (2A); and Eagles (2B). Thanks are due to them all and I should like to acknowledge particularly the work of the Fifth Form librarians and Savill.

Additions to the Library this year include: The Oxford Junior Encyclopædia, Vols. IV, VI, VII, and X; The World from the Air (E. A. Gutkind); Lord Randolph Churchill (Winston S. Churchill); Hitler, a Study in Tyranny (Alan Bullock); The Aeneid (trans. by C. Day Lewis); Goethe (Karl Vietor); Letters to Young Churches (trans. by J. B. Phillips); The Living Landscape of Britain (Walter Shepherd); Climate and the British Scene (Gordon Manley); Napoleon I: his rise and fall (J. M. Thompson); The Crown of Life (G. Wilson Knight); Shakespearean Tragedy (Clifford Leach); English Period Furniture (Charles H. Hayward); King Solomon's Ring (Konrad Z. Lorenz); A Guide to the Identification of Birds (R. S. R. Fitter); English History from Essex Sources, 1550-1750 (A. C. Edwards); English History from Essex Sources, 1750-1900 (A. F. J. Brown).

We are grateful for the many gifts which have been received. Among them are: The Cambridge Shorter Mediæval History (C. W. Previte-Orton) and An Italian Visit (C. Day Lewis) from Mr. and Mrs. Oliver; The Sea Shore (J. A. Steep) and Robespierre and the French Revolution (J. M. Thompson) from R. J. Doe; The Weald (S. W. Woolridge and F. Goldring) from B. W. Moore; George III and the Politicians (R. Pares) from A. M. Thomas; No Other Cæsar (Grendon) from D. J. Carney; Introduction to Malthus (ed. D. V. Glass) from A. Springett; Samuel Pepys, The Man in the Making, Samuel Pepys, The Years of Peril, and Samuel Pepys, The Saviour of the Navy (Arthur Bryant) from R. W. Barham; A Sailor's Odyssey (Viscount Cunningham), Nelson the Sailor (Russell Grenfell), and A Prisoner's Progress (David James) from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, to commemorate the success of P. J. Forrest, an old boy of Buckhurst Hill, in winning the First Prize while under training in H.M.S. Fishguard. Lady Crossman has kindly presented us with a number of books, which include Prescott's The Conquest of Mexico, Ruskin's The Seven

Lamps of Architecture, The Poetry of Architecture, and The Stones of Venice, Sheridan's Plays, and The Works of Schiller (6 vols.).

The Library now boasts quite a variety of periodicals. This year we have added History To-day, Scrutiny, and The Essex Countryside.

Lastly, we offer our very best wishes to all leavers and hope that, when they have settled themselves elsewhere, they will offer the Library something more tangible. F.W.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY

A SERIES of meetings was held on alternate Fridays during the Christmas Term, beginning with a talk on "Modern War Poetry" by S. C. Alford of the Upper Science Sixth. Discussion was provoked as to whether the physical and emotional stresses of modern war inspire or inhibit the writing of good verse, and it was generally agreed that the best writing was probably done at some distance of time from the actual events. Mr. Havercroft, of Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge, followed with a paper on "D. H. Lawrence," in which he gave us a vivid portrait of this unique man and an introduction to both his poetry and his novels. Another strange and compelling man of genius, Swift, was the subject of a well-balanced paper by D. E. Hoffman, who demonstrated by a biographical sketch how one man can be both a misanthrope and a humanitarian. The next meeting welcomed Mr. Samways, who gave an informative talk on Greek Tragedy. Although discussion after this paper was rather limited, not through any unwillingness but through lack of knowledge of the subject, it is certain that no Literary Society worthy of the name can afford to omit the historical aspect of literature. The next meeting created a successful precedent when two members of the Upper Sixth Modern combined to present short papers on French Romanticism, Barnes speaking on Lamartine and King on Victor Hugo. At the last meeting of the term Mr. Still attempted, with great success, a comprehensive survey of current ideas in European literature. The great value of his paper was that it put before the Society not only the important "names" in contemporary writing, but also the main ideas influencing work. During the Christmas Term a play-reading was also arranged. It is hoped that this successful innovation will be extended next year, and that some alliance may perhaps be wrought between the play-readings of the Dramatic Society and the meetings of this Society in the future. It is also possible that the Literary and Musical Societies may combine for some meetings on the poetry and music of various periods.

The Society has now completed two years since its inauguration under the auspices of Mr. Whiting, who has maintained his most efficient and effective guidance throughout these two all-important

formative years. This is an opportune time to look back and ask the question whether the Society has been successful. The answer is most emphatically, "Yes." This has been clearly shown by the support the Society has received, from the Arts and Science Sixths, from the Fifths, and from the Staff, especially Mr. Wigley, Mr. Winmill, and Mr. Still, whose contributions to our discussions have been invaluable. D. R. HAYES, Secretary.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

ENTHUSIASM for debating seems to be lacking in the School at the moment. Although several debates were held, several others were proposed and had to be cancelled owing to lack of support. Apart from a few stalwart speakers who were always willing to offer their services, and to whom the Secretary is indebted, the rest of the Sixth Form seems to have been struck by an unbecoming shyness.

Two debates were held with Woodford Girls' School, of which the first failed rather miserably, although the latter was a great success. Mr. Howes made an extremely flippant and witty defence of Grammar School education, supported by Mr. Cooper, who ably destroyed piecemeal the arguments of his opponents.

Chigwell School was entertained to discuss whether or not vegetarianism was the only true humanitarianism. This debate was notable for its many contributions from the floor, the lamentable absence of which had caused embarrassed discomfort to everybody at most other debates.

The Secretary would like to express his thanks to Mr. Sillis, who chaired our debates in an immaculate manner, and to an extremely co-operative committee.

M. A. BARNES, Sixth Upper Modern.

ART CLUB

DURING the past year the Art Club has met with great success and the membership now exceeds sixty. Senior and Junior members, meeting on alternate Thursday evenings, have a good opportunity to exercise their talents under the supervision of Mr. Smethurst. Some very good work has been produced, and several paintings have been framed. Modelling has again been popular, and several boys have been constructing mobiles. A new department of the Art Club has been started, since a printing press with a small amount of type has been procured. A small group of Fourth Formers has formed a Printing Department and they have already produced some good work.

G. W. HARTNELL, Secretary.

CHESSE CLUB

AMONG the senior boys chess is still failing to rouse the interest it deserves, with the result that few boys have sufficient practice and the finer points of the game are almost unknown. The principal support comes from the younger boys, of whom Waud of 3A promises to become a strong player. The School lost a match with Chigwell School, Burley of 5A being our only winner.

L. J. BURTT, Secretary.

EASTER TOUR OF THE LAKE DISTRICT

ON 15th April, thirty-nine boys, accompanied by two heroic masters, Mr. McCollin and Mr. Mead, some of the more experienced hastily completing their wills, set out from Euston for the Lake District. In spite of the efforts of some members of the party, the train reached Windermere almost intact, and we took the coach for Elterwater. There we were greeted by the beaming, avuncular warden (excuse the slight note of sarcasm creeping in here), but even his biting wit failed to spoil a delightful stay at an excellent hostel.

The following day the party set off jauntily to climb the Langdale Pikes, despite a slight drizzle. This, determined not to be overlooked, soon quintupled its efforts. We had no idea that a "Lake Walking Tour" was to be taken quite so literally. About tea-time we finally abandoned the struggle and swam into Grasmere for tea, whence we returned at our own convenience to Elterwater.

On the Friday we walked up the great Langdale Valley in fair weather and climbed amid magnificent scenery to the Red Tarn. From here we were left to our own devices and descended into Wrynose Pass. The road, in a novel manner, ascended what appeared to be a sheer cliff face; but apparently mountaineering cars are the fashion in the district.

It was decided that we should invade Keswick by coach on the Saturday and spend a free day there. We passed the time in golfing, rowing, and eating, and in the evening visited what passed for a cinema, while two members, in garments borrowed from numerous sources, even contrived to visit the local dance-hall.

The following day, after a church service at Keswick, we ascended Skiddaw in rather warmer weather. This proved a long and exhausting climb, but we were rewarded at the summit by wonderful views. Left to return to the hostel by ourselves, some of the party came down by the path, while others descended a steep scree.

On the Monday we travelled, once more by coach, to the lonely outpost of the Lake District, Patterdale, near Ullswater.

Leaving our rucksacks at the hostel, we set out in glorious weather to climb Helvellyn. After lunch we reached the summit by crawling along a tightrope walkers' paradise known as Striding Edge. On seeing the edge, some members appeared to wish that they, like Blondin over Niagara, could traverse it blindfolded.

On the final day, the weather, hitherto only normally hot, appeared to be trying to atone for its lapse on the first day. We staggered up the High Street (a mountain, not the gap between the three houses of a village) in temperatures which would have made a hardened Arab nostalgic. Gradually beginning to appreciate the comparative kindness of the normal Lake District drizzle, we tottered into the village in the evening, kept alive only by the thoughts of the ice-cream awaiting us there.

The journey home on the Wednesday was accomplished safely, in spite of another cliff-face modelled upon Wrynose Pass, which was negotiated by the heavy coach at the cracking pace of one mile an hour. The chaos at Euston prevented us from thanking Mr. McCollin and Mr. Mead, but we now take the liberty of doing so on behalf of the whole party.

D. H. CLARKE }
T. M. HOOLEY } Sixth Lower Modern.

LAKELAND IN THE MORNING

The early mists hang silently o'er the crags.
The ghost-form of an eagle glides swiftly by,
As it wheels and turns across an endless sky.
Blue tinted; and yet as if the sun were shy
Of rising beyond the valley that zig-zags
Among the crags.

Time is an eternity among those peaks.
Life pauses for a moment to pay its homage;
Ponders and wonders at nature racked with age,
And is stilled by the grandeur on which we gaze;
Save the eagle which on pinioned flight still shrieks
With open beak.

Now the world is waking from its pleasant rest;
The dew disperses and the sun's golden rays
Light the waking hamlets with a fire-dappled haze.
We see the lake wonderland with colour blaze
And an eagle soars, splendid with golden crest
Upwards from its nest.

J. GORDON, Sixth Lower Modern.

NUIT EN TOURAINE

C'était une nuit calme : les nuits en Touraine
Toujours, heureux pays, sont calmes et sereines.
Après l'ardeur du jour, dont l'immense chaleur
Enlève peu a peu toute notre vigueur,
Après un jour brûlant, c'était un soir sans lune,
Des étoiles sans nombre éclairaient la nuit brune.
Tout était tranquille, ni bête ni oiseau
Ne troublait la paix de ce soir tellement beau.
Et, très haut dans le ciel, l'antique Voie lactée
Remplissait le ciel d'une obscure clartée.
Nous la regardions, nous étonnant sans fin
Pendant que les étoiles faisaient leur chemin.
Nous marchions en silence le long de la rivière
Qui renvoyait au ciel son étrange lumière.
Au loin nous distinguons avec ses hautes tours,
Eclairé de ses feux, Saint Grégoire de Tours.
Quelque chose pourtant trouble le lourd silence ;
C'est un petit bateau, qui sur l'eau se balance.
Et de doux clopotis que la rame faisait
Perçait les ténèbres de la nuit qui pesait,
Pendant qu'un petit vent faisait rider les flots.
O nuit ! que tu es grande, avec ton grand repos ;
Toi, qui par le sommeil effaces nos malheurs
Et qui jusqu'au réveil fait taire nos douleurs.

D. CARNEY, Sixth Lower Modern.

SUMMER TOUR OF BELGIUM AND HOLLAND

FOLLOWING the successful tour of Scandinavia, Mr. McCollin, with thirty members of the School Y.H.A. group, set out on July 28th for a thousand mile tour of North Belgium and Holland. Arriving at Ostend, the party was greeted by a gale which drove sand and rain inland, making cycling very difficult. These conditions, coupled with the bone-shaking misery of the fierce Belgium cobbles, nearly caused a mass resignation after the first day.

The first town at which we stayed for more than one day was Brussels, where we visited a number of the State buildings. The next place of note was Antwerp, and this was the last stage before the Dutch frontier was crossed. The younger members of the party, with two seniors, left Antwerp one hour before the rest to make the sixty-mile stage a little easier for them ; but as they arrived at Vught 1½ hours ahead of the others, this arrangement was not repeated.



THE FIRST FIFTEEN YEARS



The Chairman of the Governors



THE FIRST FIFTEEN YEARS

On 14th September of this year we shall have completed the first fifteen years of school history, and this supplement serves to mark that milestone. I should like to comment upon the achievements of these years, for, as the Editor has pointed out, it is in this all-important formative period that a school tradition begins to emerge.

It would be pointless for us to attempt to ape the particular and strongly individual traditions of schools with several hundred years of history behind them or with especially strong ties with a self-contained community: we have no set of time-honoured customs to treasure nor can we have any strong sense of continuity with past centuries, and, as the Chairman of the Board of Governors said on Speech Day, we come together from a widely scattered area in which people tend not to know one another. Nevertheless, we have behind us at Buckhurst Hill a solid record of scholarship, together with high successes and a fine team spirit on the games field. The Greek tradition was for the development of the complete man by the education of both body and mind to an equal degree. In following in their footsteps and holding this ideal, we are setting ourselves a worthy objective. The other, more picturesque, aspects of tradition will follow with time.

May the success of the past act as an inspiration and encouragement to both present and future generations of Buckwellians.

G. MILBURN, School Captain.

The academic and sporting record of the School can be briefly summarised. Eight Open Scholarships or Exhibitions have been won; seven State Scholarships, two State Science Bursaries, twenty-three County Major Scholarships, and three Special Place Entries to the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth have been gained. Over eighty boys have proceeded to the Universities, of whom forty-two have already graduated and fifteen have gone to other institutions of further education. Former pupils have gained first-class Honours Degrees at Oxford, Cambridge, London and Bristol, and three boys have achieved their Doctorate of Philosophy. It will be borne in mind that nearly half of the span of school life of seven years

had to pass before our first entrants could sit for university scholarships of any kind.

Sixteen Essex Junior Athletic Championships have been won by members of the School and one English Southern Junior Championship. Two former pupils have been awarded their half-blues for representing Oxford University at Athletics and one Old Boy has won two Essex Senior Athletic Championships. On two occasions in the last three years three pupils of the School have been members of the Essex team in the National Schools' Athletic Championships. In the 'Burn' Cross-Country Cup, open to all Essex Grammar and Public Schools, the School has won one first place and two seconds and has three times provided the first man home. The 'Smeed' Cup, competed for by local and invited Grammar Schools, the School won for three years in succession and once has won the Essex Youths' Cross-Country Cup in which junior members of Athletic Clubs compete with schools. In the 'Russell' Cup for athletic competition between twelve extra-Metropolitan Grammar Schools Buckhurst Hill has been placed second once and third twice. Last year was won the 'Herring' Cup, open to all Essex Grammar and Public Schools for competition in a medley relay. Four boys have played in Essex Grammar Schools' Cricket Elevens, one of whom has captained the Young Amateurs of Essex, and one boy for the Soccer Eleven first formed in the current school year.

HAEC OLIM MEMINISSE JUVABIT

As the history of the first fifteen years is fully recorded in the numbers of the School Magazine I think it might be of some interest to select items of interest and significance from the first fourteen publications. In the foreword to the first number, Mr. T. H. Knight, Chairman of the Governing Body, stressed that the real success of the School Magazine lay with the boys not only while they are at school but also when they pass on and become Old Boys. The obvious support they could give was by making sure they bought a copy of each number; the less obvious but more important help was by being the sort of boys and, later, men who would do things worth recording.

In this first number I thought it worth recording the excitement and confusion of the hectic days preceding the first school day on Thursday, September 15th, 1938. 'Workmen were roaming all over the building; no desks had arrived and equipment of all conceivable variety, from saucepans to pen

nibs, had been heaped on the floor of the Staff-Room as it arrived. There lay kitchen equipment, text-books, stationery, laboratory equipment, cleaning materials and sporting goods. Two whole days were taken in checking this rich variety but still no desks arrived. Finally, on the eve of the opening day, 120 old and very inky desks were commandeered from local schools and installed in a terrific rain storm so that the beautiful parquet flooring was stained with ink. On that same evening the parents of the new pupils had been invited to meet the Staff and to view the School. The evening was dark with storm and as yet there was no light (how symbolic of contemporary history!) Parents were left to survey the School in the shades of night, and I addressed an almost invisible, but not inaudible body of parents in the Assembly Hall illuminated by car headlights from the playground.'

Barely a week of term had passed before I had to convene the parents a second time to discuss evacuation plans for, although the school was in a 'neutral' area, most of our boys lived in 'evacuation' districts. Mercifully the plans were never operated and the official opening ceremony duly took place on November 25th. The first Magazine records that obviously the school year 1938-9 was a year of first times; that A. W. Chapman had been the first boy to speak (officially) from the stage in the character of Parson Runcorn; that in school matches A. E. Cruchley scored the first goal, A. W. Chapman the first run and R. D. Drewe took the first wicket. Now, as then, I refuse to divulge the name of the first boy to make a record of a more passive and receptive nature. I read that Ben McCartney was considered the mainstay of the School's first soccer team, a very fine player and a very successful captain. It is reported that Sid. Bryett did a tremendous amount of work to help his form 1B win the Form Athletic Trophy and that William Taylor, later nicknamed 'Funf', at the tender age of twelve, threw a javelin 84 ft. and a bit.

Throughout the pages of the second Magazine sound the undertones of war. For the first ten weeks or so of the second Autumn term the school was occupied by a small military contingent whose second lieutenant was Quintin Hogg, now Lord Hailsham, whose signature is preserved in the School scrap-book on a pass authorising the Headmaster to enter his school, under guard. Prior to our re-admission our teaching had been peripatetic on the Greek model; in each of our four main residential areas, Ilford, Woodford, Loughton and Buckhurst Hill were established, by the great goodwill of parents,

classrooms in three or four houses, the masters rotating from house to house and from district to district on successive days. I read that two underground shelters were constructed in a spot no present-day pupils would suspect and that the four Houses were named after the main districts from which boys came and by virtue of which they were allocated to them. I see that we took the step of appointing ten monitors, that B. H. Chase, Ph.D., carried off the first Mathematics and Science prizes, the 'John Sargent' Cup for the finest sportsman of the year was won by McCartney, the General Purposes Fund was founded, and there was established the record first-wicket stand by the two 'Tonys,' Flower and Chapman, of 131 runs. Of the last event it was prophesied, rightly, that this record was likely to stand for a long time. I renew the prophecy for another fifteen years.

In our third Magazine which reviewed, of course, the events of our third year, 1940-41, I referred to H.E.'s, I.B.'s, D.A.'s and other forms of canistered nastiness and the fantastic nightmare of the first Blitz in the autumn. I commented with pride on the stoicism of parents and boys, as follows: 'To some parents loss of text-books seemed a greater tribulation than loss of doors, windows and roof; a hasty and involuntary exodus from home more tolerable than unavoidable exile from school. Not once but often, have I been asked, apologetically, to excuse a deferred homework owing to delayed action of another, more deliberate, kind.' Increasing numbers necessitated the introduction of the first double-shift lunch system; Forest was the first to win the Inter-House Games Championship. There is a rather sad reminder of the very difficult times through which the School had passed since its foundation in an article I wrote called 'Children of an idle brain.' As an antidote to war I thought of all the lovely things we would plan for peace, of all the things I would like to see at school before I gave up hope of trying to get them. The projects include tennis courts, a swimming pool, a cinder track, a pleasant and adequate pavilion, weekly film performances in the Hall projected by our own instrument, an Assembly Hall organ and our own printing press.

We now have the projector and have high hopes of the pleasant and adequate pavilion. Mr. May, in an article whose title 'Under Fire' was appropriately reminiscent of Barbusse's novel of the First World War, recorded some of the experiences we endured in the second year of the war. 'The imminence of these events never failed to proclaim itself in a dramatic

way; the sudden strident rattle of our own alarm bell, the distant ululation of a siren such as Ulysses never conceived, the shattering crash of guns at close quarters. Perhaps we cowered beneath our desks before streaming outside to act our parts as twentieth century cave dwellers. The temptation was great to gaze in absorbed wonder at the portents high above our heads where it seemed some giant finger had traced an unintelligible misty hieroglyph. Excitement reached its peak on the day when a considerable fleet of enemy bombers and escorting fighters passed over at a great height, glinting occasionally in the brilliant September sunshine.'

At a meeting of the Debating Society when 'A Burning House' debate was the business of the day I note that A. W. Chapman appealed to the members' sense of chivalry to rescue H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth before other worthy supplicants such as General Wavell, Deanna Durbin and Sidney Wooderson. I note that in this third year fifty boys lined up for the first Cross-Country Run, that A. J. Hardy, now the Inter-Counties 440 yards hurdles champion and record holder, started his athletic career with a second place in the 100 yards for those under 12½ years of age. I am reminded that we added greatly to the amenities in the Hall in the fourth year by the Bechstein Grand, given by the Parents, and the Reading Desk presented by the Second Master, Mr. Steele. According to a letter from one parent her contribution to the piano fund represented part of the enforced saving on the family milk bill due to rationing. Slade and Willingale, believe it or not, vied with each other in the cultivation of potatoes on the school allotment where Charlie Summers also hoed down happily apart from his frequent enquiries as to the time of the next meal. A record third-wicket stand of 110 runs was put up by Flower and Palmer, and this, I believe, still holds.

Reading through the pages of the fifth Magazine recording the events of 1942-3, I recall the great sorrow suffered by the school on the sudden death of its first captain, Tony Chapman, whose presence among our original admissions I described as a gracious gift of Providence. In this year the first public examinations were taken, in the Gymnasium. Bryett and Tarlton, later to be awarded their Athletic Blues at Oxford, gained for themselves and the school our first Essex Junior Athletic championships. For boys of little more than sixteen their efforts are worth recalling, Bryett jumping 20 ft. 4½ ins. in the Long Jump and Tarlton throwing the Javelin 153 ft. 3½ ins., both efforts easily exceeding the Essex standards.

And so I find myself at the end of Volume One of the School Magazine and of our first five years and have little or no space left to make extracts from the subsequent nine publications. In 1944 Brian Tarlton was the first boy to write the Magazine editorial, the Advanced Science Laboratories were completed, R. G. Bracey became the first boy to gain his Higher School Certificate, 25 boys passed into the first Sixth Form and then, on the 11th July fell the fateful V.1 or 'Doodle-bug' on the road outside the Caretaker's cottage, the day after the School had been closed two weeks before the appointed time. Boys sitting in the Gymnasium for their School Certificate had been previously warned by a hand-bell rung by a member of the Staff, perched on one of the outside shelters, to take cover underneath their desks on the approach of the next robot with its splutter and roar.

On the 9th June, 1945, on the occasion of an Old Boys' re-union, for our first and original 'old boys' left in 1943, the 'Old Boys' Association was founded. Tarlton won the Southern Counties Junior Javelin Championship in the summer and our boys sat for their first Higher School Certificates before passing on to university life. Willingale, with an Exhibition in English Literature to Queen Mary College, London, gained our first Open Award and Bryett, Chase, Tarlton and Wall our first County Major Scholarships. Our Victory Celebrations of June 8th, 1946, consisted of a two hour film-show in the morning featuring Chaplin's 'Gold Rush,' a special lunch ending with ice cream, and in the afternoon a cricket match between the Staff and the First Eleven. On the 28th March of the same year the Parents' Association had been inaugurated.

In a very cold January of 1947 the Ministry of Education held a general inspection at the school, the first Staff evenings for parents were held, Hockey was introduced into the sporting calendar, Roy Ikeson had the distinction of being the first former pupil to graduate, Miss Mary Herbert came to us for a year from Allentown, Pa., in exchange for Miss Crook, and the Dramatic Society presented its first full-length play, appropriately 'The Zeal of Thy House.' The School acquired a new look with its first external repainting and the completion of drive, forecourt and flower beds (no more punitive weeding), and on May 10th, 1948, the first bus ran officially past the school gates. We proudly hung the school crest in the Hall and in 1949 our roll reached its highest total of 548 with a Sixth Form of 74. . . .

And so I could go on delving into the third volume had I space and the Editors patience, both of which must by now be exhausted. I might be tempted to end, as I began, with a Latin quotation—

'O mihi praeferitos referat si Jupiter annos';

but not yet do I yearn to relive times past, for I look forward to the next fifteen years, Deo volente, in the sure knowledge that as our school has been well and truly founded by the collective efforts of Governors, masters, parents and pupils, so do I anticipate that it will be borne forward by the same loyalties and virtues.

THE HEADMASTER.

Date	Champion House "Chapman" Memorial Cup	Head Boy	"John Sargent Cup" presented to the best sportsman of the year	"Mallinson Cup" presented to the boy with the year's best record of service to the School
1938/39	—	—	B. McCartney	—
1939/40	—	—	A. S. Chapman	—
1940/41	Forest	—	S. A. Bryett	—
1941/42	Forest	A. S. Chapman	A. W. Flower	—
1942/43	Roding	A. W. Flower	S. A. Bryett	—
1943/44	—	A. W. Flower	D. Hines	—
1944/45	Forest	A. W. Flower	B. A. Tarlton	—
1945/46	Forest	A. C. Price	P. Rattenbury	—
1946/47	Roding	G. M. Bennett	D. Noble	—
1947/48	Hainault	J. Tilly	J. Gray	—
1948/49	Hainault	S. J. Gilbert	R. K. Penny	S. J. Gilbert
1949/50	Hainault	C. E. Cocking	R. K. Penny	R. K. Penny
1950/51	Hainault	D. C. Gorick	M. R. Cooper	A. G. H. Wright
1951/52	Roding	R. J. Doe	G. R. Lacey	R. J. Doe
1952/53	—	G. Milburn	—	—

SCHOOL BEST PERFORMANCES

Athletics

100 yds.	• • •	10.4 secs.	E. J. Cook	• •	1952
220 yds.	• • •	23.9 secs.	S. A. Bryett	• •	1945
440 yds.	• • •	54.4 secs.	} B. G. Lucas • • 1952 R. C. Chambers • • 1950		
880 yds.	• • •	2 mins. 4.8 secs.		B. G. Lucas	• •
1 mile	• • •	4 mins. 46 secs.	R. J. Doe	• •	1951
High Jump	• • •	5 ft. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.	A. E. Colton	• •	1949
Long Jump	• • •	19 ft. 5 ins.	S. A. Bryett	• •	1945
Hop, Step and Jump	• • •	40 ft 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	R. C. Chambers	• •	1950
Pole Vault	• • •	9 ft. 7 ins.	C. R. Deeker	• •	1949
Discus	• • •	104 ft.	W. H. C. Taylor	• •	1945
Javelin	• • •	177 ft. 10 ins.	R. K. Penny	• •	1949
Shot	• • •	38 ft. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.	M. R. Cooper	• •	1951

Cricket

From the old score books it appears that the total of 50 runs has been achieved by the following batsmen in 1st XI matches :—

Flower, 54 not out against Forest School	• • •	1943
Flower, 52 not out against Bancrofts	• • •	1943
Hines, 50 against Bancrofts	• • •	1944
M. R. Cooper, 52 not out against R.A.F., Chigwell		1951

As far as we can tell, only in one season has any 1st XI bowler taken 50 or more wickets in representative games.

G. R. Lacey took 51 wickets	} 1952
McIntyre „ 50 „	

It is interesting to record that, in the 1939 season in a match between 1A and 1C, McCartney of 1C was caught by Flower after making 70, and Flower then scored 70 for 1A. The highest score recorded in any score book is 74 by Flower in 1942. There are several instances of 50 runs or more being scored in seasons previous to 1943 before the School 1st XI was really a grown-up one.



M. F. Taylor receives the John Henry Taylor Cup from Mr. T. Hampson on Sports Day, 13th July.

The Advanced Chemistry Laboratory



To celebrate our arrival in Holland, most of us tackled the first of many platefuls of ham and eggs. Here, too, we had our first experience of Dutch hostellers' insatiable capacity for sing-songs and their amazing enthusiasm for accepting hostel duties.

Having visited the Holy Land Foundation at Nijmegen, we moved on to Arnhem, where we stayed three days, visiting during that time the beautiful Airborne Division Monument at nearby Oosterbeek.

Kampen will always be remembered by the party for two things especially : the visit to the reclamation work under construction there, and the wardens' tin whistle with which he summoned us at meal times. The journey across the famous twenty-mile long enclosing dam of North Holland was certainly memorable from the point of view of its amazing construction, but would have been more enjoyable without the head-on gale raging along the whole dyke. It took us three hours of almost continuous cycling to complete twenty miles !

Cycling on through Alkmaar, visiting the famous cheese market en route, we arrived at Amsterdam on August 9th and stayed there for three days. On the Sunday we visited the English-speaking Church for a service conducted by the Dean of Chichester. A tour of canals in a specially constructed glass-topped launch was one of the highlights of our stay at Amsterdam ; another was the amazing variety and quantity of ice-creams which we consumed there. On the 11th we visited the wonderful flower market at Aalsmeer, where we watched with interest the intricate system of bidding. In the afternoon some of the party visited the famous Aascher diamond factory and saw the precious stones being cut.

During the next three days our presence on the large sandy beaches of the west coast coincided with a heat-wave and enabled the party to mix swimming with sunbathing—an excellent combination. After our arrival at the Hague we spent two days at the Loosduinen Hostel, a mansion set in spacious grounds, with the supreme luxury of sprung mattresses on the beds. We were indeed sorry to leave !

The last stage of our journey had now begun, and having re-entered Belgium, we left Ostend on August 19th for Dover and London. It was the small incidents, however, that really made the tour such a success—the tendency of one boy's cycle towards sudden disintegration (he shall remain nameless !), the football matches with various local teams, and, above all, the wonderful friendliness of the Dutch and Belgians.

M. KING, Sixth Upper Modern.

INDUSTRIAL VISITS

THE following industrial visits were made by parties from the School during the school year :—

- 4th Nov. Ford Motor Works, Dagenham.
- 31st Dec. East London installations of the Co-operative Wholesale Society :
1. Leman Street, Stepney—Tea Factory, Cinema and Warehouses.
 2. Silvertown—Flour Mill.
- 5th Jan. Robertson & Woodcock's Sweet Factory at Forest Gate.
- 10th Jan. Chislet Colliery, Kent Coalfield.
- 7th Feb. Snowdown Colliery, Kent Coalfield.

E. S. J. McC.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

IT seems to have become something of a habit with me when asked to add my contribution to the School Magazine on behalf of the Parents' Association to commence with a review of any changes that have taken place in the personnel of your Executive Committee, and I feel that, once again, I cannot do better than refer to the last Annual General Meeting.

As is customary at this meeting, new members of the Committee were elected to replace those that were retiring, and we welcomed the appointment of Messrs. Ronan and Langford. Undoubtedly the greatest blow to the Association was the retirement of Mr. Williams (his sons now having left the School). Older parents will recall that Mr. Williams had acted as Treasurer for six years, and during the whole of that period his accuracy and promptness in dealing with the Association's financial affairs, as well as his unfailing good humour, was a constant source of gratification to all those who were closely connected with him. We have, however, to congratulate ourselves that Mr. Sleightholm, who had previously acted as one of the Auditors, was kind enough to consent to step into the vacancy and take on what is so often looked upon as a thankless office.

While still giving a resumé of the changes that have taken place, I cannot omit mentioning a more recent one. Our Chairman, Mr. Hector Greenwood, has been honoured by co-option to the Board of Governors, and I am sure that all parents will be delighted that they have such an able and efficient representative to speak on their behalf.

The outstanding Social event was, as usual, the Christmas Social, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, in spite of the fact that it was held during the time of the "great fog," and what was really surprising was the fact that the number of parents present was quite up to our usual standard. I wish that the same could be said for lectures and other social events arranged by your Committee, who, while realising that there are some difficulties in attending the School, feel that they are not insuperable, and having themselves expended a good deal of energy and time in arranging a programme for your appreciation and enjoyment, feel, as must also our visiting lecturers, greatly disappointed when the numbers fall far below expectation. I should, therefore, like once again to direct a very earnest appeal, not only to all parents of the older boys, but particularly to the parents of our new boys, to join the Association and keep it really alive by your attendance on every possible occasion and placing your suggestions or complaints before any members of your Executive Committee or myself.

Owing to the very heavy amount of work involved in running the Garden Fete in which not only the Committee has taken part, but also a large number of parents, it has been found necessary to cancel, for this year, our usual cricket fixtures with the Masters and the Old Buckwellians. The match Parents v. The School will, however, take place on Saturday, 18th July.

The following is only a brief survey of our arrangements for the Winter Season and further details of each meeting will be handed to the boys at least a week prior to each event.

Annual General Meeting—Thursday, 8^h October, 1953

It is proposed to arrange for an interesting talk to be given after the business meeting.

Any Questions?—Thursday, 12^h November, 1953

A serious and yet not so serious evening, which has proved very enjoyable on previous occasions.

Christmas Social—Saturday, 5^h December, 1953

The Social event of the year—be sure to get your tickets early.

Careers Evening—Thursday, 21st January, 1954

Which career will offer the best prospects for your boy? This evening may answer your problem.

Staff Evenings

Thursday, 4th March, 1954. Friday, 5^h March, 1954

Parents are invited to meet the Staff to the mutual benefit of your son and the School.

LESLIE W. FARMER, Hon. Secretary.

THE OLD BUCKWELLIANS

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LAST year, Ben McCartney introduced the various articles by the Secretaries of our sub-sections by saying that he could not emphasise too greatly the fact that our fortunes wholly depend on new members as they leave School. Like Ben, I feel that if we are to flourish we need a large and active membership and therefore I have listed the names and addresses of the Secretaries below their articles. I am sure that they will give a very warm welcome to all new members. P.A.

Old Buckwellians Football Club

LAST year saw the fifth year of the O.B.'s existence and, apart possibly from the first season, it was the most difficult we have had to face. This has been particularly reflected in the results of all four teams, with the exception of the Junior XI which has doubtless had its most successful season since its inception.

The three senior teams, all operating in the London Old Boys' League, finished the season either bottom or next to bottom of their respective divisions. The Junior XI finished fourth in the Forest Youth League and were finalists in the Johnson Cup—a very fine performance.

We have no excuses for our disappointing results, merely that we were playing in football that was just too good for us. Admittedly, injuries this season were far more numerous than in any other season so far, but it was the enthusiasm of previous years which was missing. No doubt every Football Club goes through such a difficult period, and it is just a matter at the moment of riding over the bad times.

The Club's Committee is, however, very confident of the future. Our immediate plans for next season are to run two senior teams in the London Old Boys' League, and one Junior XI in the Forest Youth League. A fourth 'friendly' team will be run as the number of players is available. With this "drawing-in" of our commitments we hope to re-organise and re-establish ourselves as the Club of high playing standard a year ago.

Finally, a word to those pupils about to leave. We need your services for our future strength, and all that is necessary for a season's good football is to write to me for a signing-on form.

197, Woodford Avenue, Ilford, Essex.
'Phone : WANstead 1485.

B. McCARTNEY.

The Old Buckwellians Cricket Club

THE Cricket Club faces this year one of the most important seasons since its formation, for after four years of apprenticeship, we are making an inconspicuous but, we hope, successful entrance into Club Cricket, and upon results will depend our whole future. With our comparative youth and, at present, limited playing accommodation we must be content with Club Second and Sunday XI fixtures to commence with, but I am sure that if promises are fulfilled in the next few seasons, as they have in the past, it should not be many years before the 'Old Bucks' are established in local cricketing circles.

It must be a great temptation for any aspiring cricketers on leaving school to choose the amenities of an old-established club, where 'old hand' experience is readily obtained, in preference to struggling for a number of years with the O.B.'s. We would not for one moment dissuade them from their chosen course but would like to make it quite clear for the future to all school cricketers that the present members are doing their level best to bring the standard of the Club in par with that of local contemporaries and so make the choice of an old boy automatic.

Meanwhile, some bright and enjoyable games are to be had at Avondale Drive and a hearty welcome is extended to all, whether they be players or spectators.

A fixture list and full details can be readily obtained from the Club Secretary. R. A. SUTTON, Secretary.

32, Snakes Lane, Woodford Green, Essex.
Phone : BUCKhurst 6480.

Old Buckwellians Hockey Club Report

I AM pleased to report that this section of the Old Buckwellians has made some definite progress during this, its second season. The membership is increasing slowly in spite of the loss of half the original "adventurers" to the Forces. It is hoped to form a second team next season, and a warm welcome is extended to newcomers whether they be experienced or not.

Results of matches won and lost would be inclined to damp the enthusiasm of any young players. Fortunately, however, our morale is high. Although we have an abundance of interest and enthusiasm, more skill and experience is needed. This grievous deficit is likely to be remedied in the near future, as we have been fortunate in securing a coach.

Our true progress has been in the business sphere, which is being run in the lines of a mature club. The standard of hockey, I believe, will rise with time, and when this happens the O.B.H.C. will become a fine organisation, worthy of its background.

R. ALBERRY.

26, Riverway, Loughton, Essex.

Old Boys' Notes

IT was in "The Roding" of July, 1951 that Alec Hardy was congratulated on his victories in the Essex County Senior 100 yards and 220 yards championships. Now Alec has gone even farther in the world of athletics by winning the national 440 yards hurdles at the White City Stadium. He beat the old champion, Harry Whittle, of Lancashire, into second place by twelve yards in the fast time of 53.2 seconds, this time being a championship record and only 0.2 seconds outside the British Native record. We await a Gold Medal from Melbourne with confidence.

I make no apology whatever for mixing all the other news of Old Boys in one unholy jumble. I found, when I had to write our regular Newsletter, that the only way to make people read what I had written with some degree of care, was to make it utterly unintelligible to the cursory glance. Therefore, I now repeat the process.

First, congratulations to John Gilbert and to "Bits" Partridge, whose wives have both given birth to sons. Sid Bryett was married at Oxford last August. Peter Robbins is now out of hospital and is recuperating at home. Ken Bailes is at the London School of Economics. Ron Bates is, I regret to say, still in hospital and I sincerely hope that he will be completely recovered. Lew Tovey, the Assistant Secretary of our Football Club, was married at Chigwell Church last June. Charlie Summers, last year's Cricket Captain, is working at Martin's Bank, St. Helier, Jersey. Ben McCartney, who is going to the Channel Islands for a short holiday, will be looking him up. Derek Elliott, who is warden of the "Third Feathers Club" in Chelsea, is the new C.C. captain. Dan Boone is getting married this year. John Read and Dick Barham are still in South America and during the year John was best man at Dick's wedding. John Rendu is in the R.A.F. at Stanmore and manages to play both cricket and football for us during his week-end leaves. John Rivers is Established R.T.O. at Liverpool Street Station (poor fellow!) and seems to work ten hours one week and eighty the next. Fred Haslock, who is teaching in Chingford, recently went down with an attack of chicken pox—I regret to say that he received little sympathy from his colleagues when he returned. Alec Kinnison is in the R.A.F. at Hednesford. Mick Cooper is still playing for Barnet. Mick Dunlop and Dennis Smart have both recently returned from Germany and are both, I believe, going abroad again shortly. Last January, Fred Perry went to join Roy Webb in East Africa. Don Tovey is still studying accountancy whilst those two mathematical geniuses (or should it be geni?)—D. J. and R. E. Horne, have both taken their finals. Maurice Gray has gained his B.Sc. and is now in the Army in Wiltshire. As far as I know, no one of Maurice's year in the Sixth Form managed

to rise beyond the rank of Private (or its equivalent) and I hope that he will not disgrace himself by getting a stripe. John Tilley finishes at Cambridge this year. Dick Wheatley, after another Continental holiday, is still seeing schoolmasters safely salaried in Walthamstow. Ken Button is now working for Ilford Limited, which I gather has something to do with photography. Pat Godfrey has captained the R.A.F. Basketball team in international and other representative games. John Gray, now the proud owner of a violent Ariel, is going to join his brother Chris at Marjons in Chelsea next term. Geoff Hawker is back in this country. Ralph Soar has now left the Forces and has joined the Cricket Club. Doug. G. Clarke, who is the father of a daughter, has gone back to West Africa. Dennis Daniell is now working in London and has left the supervision of a whisky distillery to someone with, I hope, a more appreciative taste. Reg Chapman, who is still researching with locusts, now amuses himself by feeding the unfortunate beasts to some vicious reptile which runs wild in his bedroom.

I ended last year by pointing out the many advantages which come the way of Old Boys who pay their five bob annually, and by saying that the Old Buckwellians tie should soon be available. I am more than pleased to announce that it is now on sale and that it can be seen in increasing numbers in the district.

PETER ALDRIDGE.

THE PICK OF THE PAST

WITH the exception of my friend Fred Scott, I suppose there is no one else who has had my opportunity of watching all our first elevens and being able to compare individual performances over the last fifteen years. I have been amusing myself, and hope to interest others, in picking what I consider would be our best eclectic soccer and cricket elevens from those boys who have played for the school's senior elevens. I have made two assumptions; one, that the chosen players would play their best in strange company or positions; two, that those boys who left after five years would have developed normally in physique, skill and experience comparable with those who stayed on for a further two or three years. In my soccer team, for instance, six of the eleven did not enjoy the incomparable benefits of Sixth Form studies—and games. So, with no dogmatism and for the interest and to the provocation of all Old Buckwellians, I have ventured to select the teams below. After each name I give the year of leaving, and, to show how difficult I found it to decide on one soccer position from at least fifteen contenders for the place, and to mollify disappointment, I have picked a reserve eleven. Here, then, they are and how pleased will I be to hear from any old boys with differing ideas.

SPORT

FIRST XI FOOTBALL

THIS year, as in previous seasons, the team spirit developed to a high standard, as was particularly evident during a bad spell in the middle of the season. Of the games played, the best was at Stratford where we won 5-3, while the team had its most convincing win at home against Leyton C.H.S. to the tune of eight goals to one. Of the games lost, many were very close matches which one feels might easily have been turned into victories had all the chances offered been taken.

At Christmas the team suffered the loss of Hawkes, an outstanding defender, and Webb, a good half-back when on form. Their places were, however, ably filled by Milburn and Berrecloth respectively. Saley must be congratulated on winning a regular place in the Essex Grammar Schools' XI, although one feels he would be an even better goalkeeper if he made more use of his goal kicks. Waterland was undoubtedly the outstanding player of the season, and with West and Berrecloth constituted the foundations of a very sound defence. Spindler played well on most occasions, and Milburn made up for what he lacked in football skill by his enthusiasm. Of the forwards, Crisp was the most successful as a goalscorer, but he could have scored even more had he shot instead of going a yard nearer goal each time. Western and Willett were the schemers in the attack, and with Peters, who was always in the right place in the right time, the forward line became very dangerous towards the end of the season.

Thanks must be extended to the masters who travelled with the team and refereed the home matches, to Miss Bellerby and the catering staff for providing refreshments, and to Landbeck for his unfailing support until he was promoted to 2nd XI Captain.

A. McINTYRE, Captain.

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Boys who represented the 1st XI were: Saley, Macefield, Waterland, Hooley, Webb, Berrecloth, Waller, Landbeck, Spindler, West, Hawkes, Leatherland, Marshall, Milburn, Wilson, Smith, Crisp, Western, McIntyre, Willett, Peters. Colours were awarded to Waterland and McIntyre and re-awarded to Saley.

Soccer

My best

	Knott ('48)		
Goal			
Backs	B. Moran ('52)	T. Foster ('46)	
Halves	M. Gray ('48)	M. Cooper ('51)	P. Hills ('50)
Forwards	B. Brown ('50)	J. Baggott ('44)	T. Fogg ('46)
	R. Bates ('46)		J. Tilly ('48)

Captain: Tilly

Next best

	D. Hines ('45)		
Goal			
Backs	B. McCartney ('45)	R. Partridge ('43)	
Halves	J. Gray ('48)	S. Bryett ('45)	. Hawkes ('52)
Forwards	J. Read ('46)	A. Chapman ('42)	D. Noble ('47)
	K. Chambers ('50)		Trowbridge ('49)

Captain: McCartney

Cricket

I had very little difficulty in picking the best cricketers. They are in order of batting and led by their captain:

Flower ('45), Chapman A. ('42), Chapman D. ('50), Palmer ('43), Noble ('47), Penny ('50), M. Cooper ('52), Lacey ('52), S. Walker ('43), Wheatley ('45), Drewe ('43). Twelfth man—
Hines ('45).

I would invite Tony Flower to keep wicket, with some diffidence, for it might mean on occasions that he would be at the wickets for the duration of the match. If he declined, with his customary modesty, I would have to find a place for Boone. Drewe, who has been about the fastest bowler I can remember, and Walker, would be the opening bowlers, with Penny and Wheatley as first change and Cooper and Lacey to call upon if wanted. I cannot remember our having a good slow left arm bowler, in fact, I can think of only one boy to qualify under this heading in all my experience as a schoolmaster. He was a little fellow and it was a joy for the umpire to see him give the ball plenty of air and vary his length with great subtlety. There is, perhaps, only one mediocre fieldsman for the captain to hide.

J. H. T.

RESULTS

1952					
Sept.	20.	Parmiters School	Away	Won	5—1
	27.	East Ham 2nd XI	Home	Won	7—0
Oct.	4.	Romford County Tech. Sch.	Away	Won	5—1
	11.	Sir George Monoux School	Away	Lost	1—8
	25.	Romford Royal Liberty Sch.	Away	Lost	1—5
Nov.	1.	Ilford County High School	Home	Won	2—0
	8.	R.A.F. Chigwell	Away	Lost	2—3
	15.	Forest School	Home	Drew	2—2
Dec.	4.	Chigwell School	Away	Lost	3—4
	6.	Old Buckwellians	Home	Lost	0—2
	13.	Barking Abbey School	Away	Lost	0—1
1953					
Jan.	17.	Barking Abbey School	Home	Lost	0—3
	24.	Sir George Monoux School	Home	Lost	1—3
Feb.	7.	Stratford Grammar School	Away	Won	5—3
	28.	Ilford County High School	Away	Drew	2—2
Mar.	14.	Leyton County High School	Home	Won	8—1
	21.	East Ham Grammar School	Away	Won	3—2
	28.	Old Foresters	Home	Won	7—1

SECOND XI FOOTBALL

THE Second Eleven started the year well and a good season was anticipated, but through changes due to the prior claims of the First Eleven a team spirit never really developed, and the end of the season was disappointing. Victories were too often due to the efforts of individuals in the forward line rather than to a combined effort. The strength of the team lay in the defence, where Macefield played well in goal and was soundly backed up by Pearman, Leatherland, and Landbeck. At the beginning of the Spring Term Berrecloth was promoted to the 1st XI after playing consistently well at left back. Waller proved to be a steady centre-half, but was inclined to move too far up the field. The forwards, led by Banfield, seldom made use of long shooting technique, and lost chances by preferring to dribble the ball into the goalmouth. Hunter and Smith played regularly all the season, and Buxton, though a late discovery, turned out to be a useful winger.

We should like to thank all members of the staff who have given up their time to referee or travel with the team.

The following boys played : Macefield, Pearman, Hobbs, Game, Banfield, Leatherland, Smith, Buxton, Hunter, Davis, Hayward, Hooley, Orr, Willett, Howes N., Waller, Adams, Landbeck, Milburn.

Record : Played 18, Won 7, Drew 3, Lost 8.

G. MILBURN, Captain.

UNDER FIFTEEN XI FOOTBALL

ALTHOUGH the team improved on its last year's performance, it was still disappointing. The season started well, but after Christmas too many games were lost, including the final of the Ballard Cup. Boys who represented the school were : Waghorn, Faulkner, Saward, Lavery, Smith, Peck, Partridge, Beard, Loader, Howlett, Rogers, Samuels, Wilson, Harmer, King A. C., Williamson, De Naeyer.

UNDER FOURTEEN XI FOOTBALL

THIS team had a very successful season. After a shaky start, the boys settled down very well and under Little's captaincy often turned apparent defeat into victory. All members of the team tackled keenly and did their best to play an attacking game. They are to be congratulated on a good season.

The best team was : Brooks, Green, Shepherd, Freeman, Bailey, Legg, Skinner, Moseley, Little, Trace, and Alcott. Many other boys played occasional games.

Record : Played 19, Won 11, Drew 0, Lost 8, Goals for, 72, Goals against, 41.

UNDER THIRTEEN XI FOOTBALL

THE season began with the loss of our first two games, but after further team practice together the results on the field improved. Considerable team changes were necessary throughout the season and first year boys figured prominently. The defensive positions were the most difficult to fill without sacrificing the strength of the forwards. The encouraging factor in this year's team has been the strong team spirit which has prevailed ; each individual has given of his best in every game—a worthy virtue for all to follow. It is to be hoped that many of this year's team will be available for the next season.

The following boys represented the school throughout the season : Simmonds, Coulston, Shepherd, Robinson, Hogan, Tyler, Allen, Gower, Benstead, Thurgood, Haining, Rimmer, Graver, Morris, Missin.

D. R. GOWER, Captain.

HOCKEY

I FEEL I must begin by congratulating this year's team on achieving the best record in hockey since the game was first played here six years ago. A final analysis of P 17, W 11, L 3, D 3, with goals F 43, A 25 indicates the success of the team, and as the majority of the games were with adult teams, this is truly a fine performance.

The team settled down much more quickly this year and finished the first term undefeated. The power in the team was mainly from the defence, and in this respect Gosford was outstanding with his untiring efforts at centre-half during the whole season. He was well supported in the half-back line by Whitfield and Buggey, and later by Carpenter, a third year boy who shows much promise for the future. The full-backs, Clarke and Douglas, supported by Mayo in goal formed an almost impregnable trio which left its mark on many opposing forwards. Our own forwards, however, left much to be desired. The main fault was slowness in following up an attack and a tendency to restrict play to the centre of the field instead of extending it to the wings.

To conclude, I pass on my best wishes to next year's captain and team, and hope that they will have another successful and, above all, enjoyable season, for this year has been both.

Hockey colours were awarded to Gosford and re-awarded to Taylor.

M. F. TAYLOR, Captain.

RESULTS

1952			
Sept. 13.	W. Essex H.C. "A" XI	.....	Won 4-2
Oct. 11.	College of St. Mark and St. John	.....
	2nd XI	.....	Won 5-1
18.	Old Buckwellians	.....	Drew 2-2
Nov. 8.	Westminster College 2nd XI	.....	Drew 2-2
26.	R.A.F. Chigwell	.....	Won 6-2
29.	Polytechnic H.C.	.....	Won 2-1
Dec. 6.	Old Buckwellians	.....	Won 1-0
18.	1st XI Football	.....	Won 5-2
1953			
Jan. 17.	Bancroft's School 2nd XI	.....	Lost 2-3
25.	College of St. Mark and St. John	.....	Won 4-2
31.	Loughton School	.....	Drew 2-2
Feb. 4.	R.A.F. Chigwell	.....	Won 2-1
28.	Southend High School	.....	Lost 0-1
Mar. 14.	Loughton School	.....	Won 1-0
21.	King Edward VI School	.....	Won 3-1
28.	Bancroft's School 2nd XI	.....	Lost 1-3
31.	Staff XI	.....	Won 1-0

TENNIS

AGAIN this year tennis is being played by members of the Sixth Forms on the courts at Grange Farm. It is hoped that it will be possible to arrange several matches with other schools during the summer months.

M. A. BARNES, Secretary.

SWIMMING

DURING the Summer Term a familiar sight each day is the party of boys making their way to Grange Farm Swimming Pool. All boys from each form receive instruction once a fortnight.

As was proved last year in the Swimming Gala, there are few strong swimmers in the school, so that it is hoped that every boy will endeavour either to learn to swim or to improve what has been achieved.

The Divisional Swimming Gala, held last year for the first time, presented a test for a representative school team and, owing in no small measure to the fine efforts of Saward, Jackson, Coombes, Waghorn, Green, and Langford, the team won the Under Fifteen age group trophy. The same gala will be held this year on July 9th at the Cathall Road Baths, Leyton. Our own Swimming Gala will take place at Grange Farm on July 22nd.

There will be opportunities for boys to take the Elementary, Intermediate, and Advanced Swimming Certificates. The last two named demand a high standard of both diving and swimming ability.

R.M.W.

Swimming Gala, House Points :

- 1 Roding, 63 pts. ; 2 Hainault, 33 pts. ; 3 Forest, 29 pts. ;
- 4 Chigwell, 24 pts.

BASKETBALL

THE greatest difficulty this season has been the shortage of proficient players; despite this and the further depletion caused through illness and injury the team has had a fairly successful and enjoyable season. Out of seven matches played, three have been won and four lost.

Special thanks must be given to Mr. Kingston for his invaluable help in erecting our open-air court.

The following boys have represented the school: Saley, Western, King, Waller, Spindler, Buxton, Berner, Peters, Hayward, Tong, and Hawkes.

B. SALEY, Captain.

BOXING CLUB

THE CLUB has developed very favourably, both in the number of active members and in the quality of individual successes.

For the first time three boys were entered for the Schoolboys' Amateur Boxing Association Championships. Beard and Maskell boxed very well. The former emerged runner-up of the 8st. class in the County Finals, while Maskell reached the quarter finals. A great disappointment was the withdrawal through illness of one of our most promising boxers, Pellen.

The team results have been promising, although matching of senior boys has been difficult. Of the younger members, Bett, Jamieson, Carter, Morris, Gold and Skinner have all boxed well, while Ford, Beard, Maskell, Pellen, Freeman and Hunter have been the mainstay of the team's successes.

The chief policy for next year must be to strive for more experienced competition and for the acquisition of a boxing ring which, besides providing more scope for training, will enable full-scale House Championship contests to be held.

R.M.W.

Results

- v. Royal Wanstead School and Cranbrook College :
School 18 pts. ; Royal Wanstead 12 pts. ; Cranbrook 20 pts.
- v. Norlington Secondary School :
School 27 pts. ; Norlington 12 pts.
- v. St. Olave's Grammar School :
School 12 pts. ; St. Olave's 15 pts.

GYMNASTICS

The results of the School Gymnastic Competitions were :—

Seniors (4th, 5th and 6th Forms) : 1—Burnand (5B), 90½ pts ; 2—Peters (5B), 88 pts ; 3—Waller (5C), 87½ pts. ; 4—Waterland (5B), 83 pts. ; 5—McDowell (5B), 76½ pts. Total possible points 110.

Juniors (1st, 2nd and 3rd Forms) : 1—Bett (2B), 89 pts. ; 2—Morris (2A), 85½ pts. ; 3—Bootle (3C), 82½ pts. ; 4—Wood (1B), 80½ pts. ; 5—Bett (3C) and Rogers (1B), 80 pts. Total possible points 110.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS

13th June, 1953

A COMPARATIVELY small, but very enthusiastic crowd of boys, parents and friends attended the fourteenth Annual Sports, in spite of the threatening rain clouds. Roding House managed to retain the Bryett Inter-House Athletic Trophy for the third successive year, although the result was in doubt until the last few events of the afternoon, the margin between Roding and Forest being only four points with only two events to be decided.

As in previous years, certain events were decided before Sports Day, and it was here that the most notable performance was seen when Morris (R.) hurled the Under Thirteen discus 92 feet 9 inches and in so doing bettered the old record by over fifteen feet. Another record was established by A. D. Wilson (C.) in the Under Fifteen discus, with a throw of 117 feet 10 inches, which was but five inches in front of Freeman (C.) who also smashed the old figures. The latter, however, gained some consolation in scoring eleven house points, a feat which gained for him the Best Performance Cup for the Under Fifteen age group. Gower (R.) proved himself to be the outstanding athlete in his year in both track and field events, and was unchallenged for the Under Thirteen trophy. The John Henry Taylor Cup, presented for the outstanding performance of the meeting was gained by M. F. Taylor (F.), already holder of the Over Sixteen 100 yds. record (10.6 in 1952), who this year was undefeated in the 100, 220 and 440 yds. A personal performance, which passed almost unnoticed, was the enthusiasm of the Chigwell House Athletics Captain, Howes, whose efforts merited a cup of their own but did not receive the support they deserved.

The climax of the day came, as usual, with the relay races, where the Hainault Under Fourteen and Roding Under Sixteen teams beat, and the Chigwell Under Fifteen team equalled the old records.

Mr. T. Hampson, who held the 800 metres Olympic record from 1932 until 1948 and who was thrice A.A.A. half-mile champion, having travelled from Wolverhampton to do so, presented cups and medals to individual winners and House captains, thus bringing to a close a most enjoyable afternoon.

D. J. HAYWARD, Captain.

RESULTS

- 100 Yards (under 12) : 1 Fisher (F), 13.6 secs. ; 2 Scott (H) ; 3 Salter (R).
- 100 Yards (under 13) : 1 Gower (R), 12.2 secs. ; 2 Coulston (F) ; 3 Robinson (F).
- 100 Yards (under 14) : 1 Prentice (H), 12.0 secs. ; 2 Moseley (H) ; 3 Little (R).

100 Yards (under 15) : 1 Cullen (C), 11.6 secs. ; 2 Meddings (F) ; 3 Howlett (C).
100 Yards (under 16) : 1 Onwood (F), 11.4 secs. ; 2 Collins (R) ; 3 Crapnell (C).
100 Yards (over 16) : 1 Taylor, M. (F), 10.8 secs. ; 2 Gosford (R) ; 3 Hayward (R).
220 Yards (under 13) : 1 Gower (R), 27.0 secs. ; 2 Robinson (F) ; 3 James (R).
220 Yards (under 14) : 1 Prentice (H), 26.6 secs. ; 2 Moseley (H) ; 3 Jamieson (H).
220 Yards (under 15) : 1 Cullen (C), 25.8 sec. ; 2 Freeman (C) ; 3 Howlett (C).
220 Yards (under 16) : 1 Crapnell (C), 24.8 secs. ; 2 Hunter (F) ; 3 Collins (R).
220 Yards (over 16) : 1 Taylor, M. (F), 24.8 secs. ; 2 Gosford (R) ; 3 Burt (R).
440 Yards (under 15) : 1 Meddings (F), 57.6 secs. ; 2 Freeman (C) ; 3 Beard (F).
440 Yards (under 16) : 1 Hunter (F), 57.0 secs. ; 2 Davis (H) ; 3 Turbin (H).
440 Yards (over 16) : 1 Taylor, M. (F), 55.8 secs. ; 2 Howes (C) ; 3 Pearman (R).
880 Yards (15 and over) : 1 Milburn (H), 2 mins. 11.8 secs. ; 2 Davis (H) ; 3 Peters (H).
1 Mile (15 and over) : 1 Davis (H), 4 mins. 57.7 secs. ; 2 Milburn (H) ; 3 Howes (C).
Discus (under 13) [2.2 lbs.] : 1 Morris (R), 92 ft. 9 ins. (Record) ; 2 Parish (H) ; 3 Nice (F).
Discus (under 15) [2.2 lbs.] : 1 Wilson, A. (C), 117 ft. 10 ins. (Record) ; 2 Freeman (C) ; 3 Bright (R).
Discus (over 15) [3.3 lbs.] : 1 Gosford (R), 110 ft. 3 ins. ; 2 Waller (C) ; 3 Macefield (F).
Javelin (under 13) : 1 Gower (R), 106 ft. 0 ins. ; 2 Shepherd (H) ; 3 Rimmer (C).
Javelin (under 15) : 1 Moore, B. (R), 117 ft. 3 ins. ; 2 Davey (C) ; 3 Wilson (C).
Javelin (over 15) : 1 Gosford (R), 143 ft. 10 ins. ; 2 Tong (H) ; 3 Menzies (F).
Shot (6 lbs.) (under 13) : 1 Morris (R), 35 ft. 6 ins. ; 2 Haver (H) ; 3 Gower (R).
Shot (8.8 lbs.) (under 15) : 1 Freeman (C), 37 ft. 2 ins. ; 2 Bright (R) ; 3 Carpenter (H).
Shot (12 lbs.) (over 15) : 1 Macefield (F), 32 ft. 9 ins. ; 2 Waller (C) ; 3 King (R).
High Jump (under 13) : 1 Haver (H), 4 ft. 4 ins. ; 2 Delfgou (R) ; 3 Morris (R).
High Jump (under 15) : 1 Chapman (R), 4 ft. 11½ ins. ; 2 Davey (C) ; 3 Jackson (F).

High Jump (over 15) : 1 Collins (R), 4 ft. 11 ins. ; 2 tie between Taylor, M. (F)—Clarke, D. (R).
Long Jump (under 13) : 1 Coulston (F), 14 ft. 5 ins. ; 2 Gower (R) ; 3 Low (F).
Long Jump (under 15) : 1 Beard (F), 16 ft. 6 ins. ; 2 Cullen (C) ; 3 Freeman (C).
Long Jump (over 15) : 1 Hayward (R), 17 ft. 9 ins. ; 2 Gosford (R) ; 3 Waller (C).
Pole Vault (under 13) : 1 Warren (F), 5 ft. 7 ins. ; 2 Hallums (C) ; 3 Morris (R).
Pole Vault (under 15) : 1 Williamson (R), 5 ft. 11 ins. ; 2 Pellen (C) ; 3 House (F).
Pole Vault (over 15) : 1 Peters (H), 8 ft. 3 ins. ; 2 Low (F) ; 3 Brothers (H).
Hop, Step and Jump (under 13) : 1 Coulston (F), 30 ft. 8 ins. ; 2 James (R) ; 3 Laggett (H).
Hop, Step and Jump (under 15) : 1 Cooper (H), 34 ft. 7 ins. ; 2 Beard (F) ; 3 Freeman (C).
Hop, Step and Jump (over 15) : 1 Collins (R), 39 ft. 1 in. ; 2 Peters (H) ; 3 Hayward (R).
Relay (4 x 110) (under 12) : 1 Forest, 60.8 secs. ; 2 Hainault ; 3 Roding.
Relay (4 x 110) (under 13) : 1 Forest, 56.2 secs. ; 2 Roding ; 3 Hainault.
Relay (4 x 110) (under 14) : 1 Hainault, 52.6 secs. (Record) ; 2 Roding ; 3 Forest.
Relay (4 x 110) (under 15) : 1 Chigwell, 51.0 secs. (equals record) ; 2 Forest ; 3 Roding.
Relay (4 x 110) (under 16) : 1 Roding, 50.2 secs. ; 2 Hainault ; 3 Chigwell.
Relay (4 x 110) (over 16) : 1 Roding, 48.0 secs. (Record) ; 2 Chigwell ; 3 Hainault.
Old Boys' Race : 1 Cook, 23.2 secs. ; 2 Lucas ; 3 Bray.
Best Performance Cups, Under 13 : Gower (R) ; under 15 Freeman (C) ; Over 15 Taylor, M. F. (F).
"Bryett" Inter-House Athletic Cup : 1 Roding, 93½ pts. ; 2 Forest, 75½ pts. ; 3 Hainault, 67 pts. ; 4 Chigwell, 58 pts.

THE ATHLETICS STANDARDS

TO group on age alone is unfair in Physical work, differences in the heights and weights of boys in the same age-group making it impossible to base achievement standards merely on date of birth. By grouping according to weight and height as well as age, fairer standards can be set and the smaller individual spared the discouragement of competing against his physical superiors.

This year such an experiment has been started in athletics. Every boy was grouped according to his height, weight, and age and was required to pass certain athletic standards that varied according to the three-fold maturity of the group. As a stimulus and a mark of progress, Athletic Stars were awarded to boys passing the appropriate tests. One star was awarded for an average performance in three athletic events ; two stars for a higher performance ; three stars to those who, having gained two, showed exceptional promise, as by breaking a School Athletic Record.

THE P.E. DEPARTMENT.

THE CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

ALTHOUGH only two of last year's team remained at school this year, it seemed that we might be able to build up around this nucleus a team which would be able to retain our trophies. At first it appeared our hopes were not in vain, but the end of the season was disappointing. One bright light in the gloom was the Under Fifteen team, which won the Forest Division Championships and furnished more than half the Division team which won the Essex Under Fifteen Championships.

The first team had an engagement with Bancroft's and Leyton C.H.S. early in November. Although, against superior packing, we could finish only second to Bancroft's, valuable experience was gained.

Highgate Harrier's Schools' Invitation Race, December 6th

Over a gruelling course of three miles the team did very well to finish third, Davis, Gowan, Marston, and Buxton recording 10th, 22nd, 23rd, and 40th places respectively to make an aggregate of 95 points.

Essex Youths' Race, December 13th

Against strong opposition the school was able to gain only eighth place, the winners being Ilford A.C. "A."

Gowan 28th, Milburn 29th, Marston 32nd. Buxton, Landbeck, Howes, and Gosford also ran.

Match v. Ilford A.C. "B" and Ilford C.H.S., January 10th

The school packed very well and were easy winners, recording 43 points against Ilford A.C.'s 60 points and Ilford C.H.S.'s 68 points.

Milburn 3rd, Landbeck 4th, Buxton 6th, Brothers 9th, Smith 10th, and Howes 11th.

The Smeed Cup Race, February 14th

With a team depleted through illness we managed only to finish 6th out of twelve schools, Bancroft's being the winners.

Davis 15th, Landbeck 24th, Wiseman 31st, and Buxton 35th. Shuttlewood, Gowan, Selby and Brothers also ran.

Burn Cup for Essex Schools, March 7th

The team was 6th out of thirteen schools, and if their aggregate had been 6 points less they would have obtained 3rd place.

Davis 14th, Wiseman 19th, Gowan 29th, and Peters 32nd. King, Buxton, and Turbin also ran.

This report would not be complete without recording our thanks to Mr. Webb, whose encouragement during training proved invaluable.

Davis obtained a reward of his colours.

G. MILBURN, Captain.

THE SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY RUNS

THE Annual races were run at the end of the Autumn term this year and, although there was snow on the ground for the first afternoon when the Junior and Middle School races were run, it had been turned to slush by a December drizzle by the second afternoon when the Seniors were due to perform. The Junior race between 1st and 2nd year boys was won by Brown of Hainault, a 1st year boy, in 11 mins. 35 secs., the team race being won by Forest, and the 1st Form Plaque by IC. In the Middle School race Sibbons of Chigwell beat last year's winner Harrison in 19 mins. and Forest again won the team race. The Senior race, over a new $3\frac{1}{2}$ mile course, under heavy conditions, was won by Davis (H), 19 mins. 34 secs., and Hainault in winning the team race shared with Forest the House Cross-Country Championship.

Junior Race: 1 Brown (H) and IC, 11 mins. 35 secs.; 2 Bett (H) and IB; 3 Oliver (R) and IC. Teams: 1 Forest; 2 Chigwell; 3 Hainault.

Middle School Race: 1 Sibbons (C), 19 mins. 0 secs.; 2 Harrison (F); 3 Cullen (C). Teams: 1 Forest; 2 Hainault; 3 Chigwell.

Senior Race: 1 Davis (H), 19 mins. 34 secs.; 2 Milburn (H); 3 Peters (H). Teams: 1 Hainault; 2 Roding; 3 Chigwell.

House Cross-Country Championship: 1 Forest and Hainault, 15 pts.; 3 Chigwell, 11 pts.; 4 Roding, 7 pts.

G. MILBURN, Captain.

THE ATHLETICS TEAM

THIS year has seen an all-round improvement in the standard of school athletics. For the first time, indoor training was continued throughout the winter term, the value of which was shown by the performances of our competitors in the London Schools' Challenge Trophy at the White City Stadium early in April.

M. F. Taylor was, undoubtedly, the outstanding athlete of the year, gaining first place in an invitation 100 metres race at Barking, which won the Glenny trophy for the school, and also being a member of the successful school sprint relay team which was invited to compete at both Wimbledon and Motspur Park against other leading London Schools. Mention should also be made of Collins, who this year developed into the best hop, step and jumper the school has had for many years and Chapman, who has shown consistently good form in the high jump.

Following the Area Competitions, eleven boys were selected to represent the Forest Division in the Essex Schools' Championships, at which meeting Taylor gained first place in the 100 yards, whilst Gosford, Davis and Hayward gained places in the 220 yards, mile, and long jump respectively.

At the Debden Corporation Sports Meeting, both the under 12 and under 15 relay teams performed well, thus retaining the Challenge Cups for their age groups.

The climax of the season came at the Inter-Schools Competition for the Russell Cup where the team performed most creditably to finish within one point of the victors of twelve schools, the result being :—

- 1 Romford Royal Liberty School and Ilford C.H.S., 30 points ;
- 3 Buckhurst Hill C.H.S., 29 points ; 4 Wanstead C.H.S. (holders 1946-52), 26 points.

A gratifying feature, apart from the defeat of Wanstead, our closest rivals, was the sprinting of Crapnell who was discovered only this season and the quality of the baton changing of the relay teams. It is hoped, however, that in future years many senior boys will follow the training methods adopted by the under 12 relay team, whose efforts deserve the highest praise.

In conclusion I would like to thank our P.T. instructors, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Webb, for their continuous hard work throughout the year, and hope that the efforts will again be rewarded in both the Campbell and Bickersteth Cups which, at the time of going to Press, have yet to be decided.

D. J. HAYWARD, School Athletics Captain.

CRICKET

1st XI

THIS season commenced with most of the first fixtures being cancelled either because of the weather or for reasons beyond our control. The season opened with a match against Leyton C.H.S., and the lack of batting practice was evident on both sides, with only Saley rising to any heights. The result was a draw, but we were well placed for a victory. It was quite some time before we had our next game, and once again our batting failed. Our first victory came when we beat Ilford C.H.S. in a very close match by 19 runs. This season we have played the R.A.F. three times, and only one game has been decided (in their favour) by 8 wickets, the other two being abandoned because of rain. With only three matches left to play, it is obvious that the season's results cannot be outstanding, but the games have been thoroughly enjoyed, and that is the main consideration.

Of the team, Saley started the season well but has faded off late, mainly because of his weak leg shots ; but with practice this weakness could be overcome. Waterland and Banfield have always been capable of scoring runs and have undertaken the difficult task of opening the batting with considerable success. Cooper has greatly improved his wicket-keeping and batting, and his running between the wickets is an example to be followed. Crisp bowled exception-

ally well against Wanstead C.H.S., taking 7 for 10, but he has tended lately to sacrifice his length for speed. With the bat, he has contributed on occasions, but has not many strokes at his command. Milburn has bowled well without much success, but it is his batting strokes which have been the feature of the season. Waller has set a high standard by his fielding, but his batting has been poor, mainly because he does not know which ball to hit. Menzies has had little luck with the bat, and Leatherland, although not a run scorer, can gamely hold his end up while the other members do the scoring. Spindler has batted very well, but until he learns to play fast bowling with confidence he will not score many runs. I am sure that if he practices hard he will do even better next season.

In all our games it has been obvious that, until the team start playing strokes at the ball and going for the runs, they will never score enough to win matches. The running between wickets could be speeded up, and the throwing-in improved, and a general tightening up of the fielding will help to bring favourable results. Practice is the key to success, and I think next season better results should be forthcoming.

Thanks must be extended to Western for his valuable support as scorer throughout the season.

A. McINTYRE.

This has without doubt been one of the most difficult cricket seasons in the history of the School. The shortage of the necessary materials and the inclemency of the weather at the beginning of the term have made team-building difficult, and the absence of outstanding talent has made McIntyre's task as Captain an unenviable one. With the cricketers available he has succeeded in collecting a team of keen but rather inexperienced players, among whom his own ability, both with bat and ball, has been outstanding.

2nd XI

THE season has been most disappointing, for although the end of term is approaching, only five games have been played to date. We therefore adopted a policy of giving a trial to as many people as possible with an eye to next year. Despite this we have played good cricket and, until the match with Royal Wanstead, where we looked distinctly ragged, we have had the best of the games.

Nobody has been consistently outstanding but several players produced good performances when the occasion demanded. Berreloth twice showed what a useful batsman he is and his bowling exasperated several opponents. Willett showed his best form at Royal Wanstead where he virtually batted right through the innings. King proved a useful, if a somewhat unorthodox, wicket-keeper, and returned some good scores, but was apt to lose

concentration when set. Of the younger players Turner as a batsman and Bolding as a bowler showed good promise for next year.

I should like to thank Macefield and King for captaining the team in my absence, and the former for his very helpful advice on the field during the match.

R. C. LANDBECK.

Under Fourteen XI

REGULAR practice has been impossible on account of the weather, but the team has played enthusiastically and keenly. Bailey has proved himself a capable captain as well as a useful medium bowler, while Trace, who has not always done himself justice with the bat, has had some very commendable bowling performances. Two or three younger boys played occasionally, and their performances promise well for next season.

The fielding has not always been of the highest standard. Catches have been dropped and bowlers, all too often, were slow to fill gaps in the field. Nevertheless, there is a good deal of talent here which will develop further up the School. Hinkin, our opening batsman, has been in hospital most of the term, and his stylish play is something we have all missed.

Record of matches : P. 10 ; W. 2 ; D. 2 ; L. 6.

HOUSE NOTES

CHIGWELL

ONCE again, Chigwell House has failed to win the Championship, but for perhaps the first time it was not due to a lack of House spirit. Our congratulations go to the winning House, which, at the time of writing, seems to be either Forest or Hainault. This year the Junior Football Team did not live up to its promise, but the Seniors did quite well in several games ; both Waterland for the Senior team and Sibbons for the Juniors are to be congratulated on their efforts. The House made a great effort in the cross-country races, especially the Seniors who, although they have less members than the other House, provided the best turn out. Sibbons did extremely well to win the Middle School race. In Athletics, the House is indebted to J. C. Howes for working so hard to provide a good turn out. It was said that when Chigwell were practising for Athletics there were more boys on the field than on Sports Day. Unfortunately, in spite of the hard work put in by many members, there just was not enough talent to gain us a position. In the cricket the Seniors have lost two of their matches with one still to play, and the Juniors have drawn one game with two to play.

Here I should like to appeal to the Senior members to follow the example set by the Juniors in supporting House matches. It is here that real House spirit shows itself.

T. M. HOOLEY.

FOREST

THIS year has been one of the most successful as far as results have gone. The honours have been evenly distributed among the Juniors and Seniors, but unfortunately never in conjunction. The Junior football team had little success, whereas the Seniors never lost a match. In cross-country, however, it was just the opposite, with the Seniors putting up an undistinguished performance. The most pleasing performance came this year in Athletics when the team, ably led by Taylor M. F., finished second. This is one of the best performances we have had for years, and in this respect the future looks very bright.

With the cricket not yet decided and with the senior team having won both matches with ease there is considerable hope that the House may win the evasive House Cup this year.

In conclusion I should like to extend my thanks to all members of the House who have contributed in any way to this successful year, especially Taylor M. F., Coulston, and the junior relay teams in Athletics, Crisp in Cricket and Football, and Landbeck and Harrison in Cross-country.

If the House continues next year with the same spirit I am sure the House Trophy will again be ours.

A. McINTYRE.

HAINAULT

THIS year has been one of the closest struggles for the position of "Cock House," and the result is still, at the time of writing, uncertain. We have improved our position since last year as far as football is concerned : the Seniors especially playing well after a shaky start, and the Juniors finally helping to win the Championship. Having gained only third place in the Junior cross-country, and second in the Middle School race, we must congratulate ourselves for gaining the team prize, thus giving us as a final result of the cross-country competition a tie for first place with Forest. In the athletics field, too, our Seniors distinguished themselves in the middle distances, and Haver and Peters must especially be congratulated. The under 14 age group must also be mentioned for gaining seventeen out of eighteen points in the sprints and relay.

But it must be left to our Junior and Senior cricket teams, who each have one more game to play, to decide our final position. In conclusion may I remind boys not taking part in actual sporting events that we should appreciate their vocal support. Finally I should like to thank our House cricket captain, D. F. Cooper, and our House athletics captain, B. P. Tong, for their valuable work.

G. MILBURN.

RODING

WITH the Championship still at the moment undecided, we stand in a very good position, and hope to carry off the laurels if only we can obtain adequate support, a factor which has been absent to a large extent until now. As regards football, our Junior team did very well to gain nine points, but the Senior team could gain only three, thus placing us in second place with Forest in the Football competition. The results of the cross-country races were also disappointing, and once again it was left to the athletics team to redeem our position. This they did by winning the Athletics Sports for the sixth time in succession, in spite of a rather weak middle section. In this respect, thanks are especially due to Gower, Gosford, the over 16 relay team, and to Hayward for the great amount of time he has put in training our athletes and supporting our teams. It only remains now to await the result of the cricket championship.

In conclusion, I should like to congratulate and thank all boys who have given support to the House during the past year, and to remind everyone that the championship can be ours with the necessary increased effort.

W. M. KING.

THE SCHOOL FETE

PREPARATIONS for the School Fête, which were begun in November, 1952, reached their climax the week before the event. Masters "persuaded" pupils to violate the sacred turf of the School Field with holes, and to erect sideshows and tents. A swarm of willing parents descended upon the School to demonstrate their administrative skill by instructing a considerably fewer number of helpers. Similar disorder was apparent on the stage where creative producers were drilling actors while frantic stage managers were piloting pianos, paste-pots, plants, pilasters, and such paraphernalia into their stage positions.

The common plight promoted an amicability between boys and staff; and this was a definite feature of the whole fête. For an air of informality and intimacy predominated throughout the whole day: in the first place the setting itself was gay with multi-coloured bunting, flags and drapery; Old Boys met classmates and masters, and were seen queueing to shake hands with the Head; the masters lost much of their classroom aloofness when surrounded by their wives and children, and participating in the general enjoyment; in fact, there was something of the Saturnalia here, for positions were reversed: boys acted as stewards and attendants with

a conscious sense of their dignity, while masters undertook the task of keeping the spectators entertained.

After the initial uncertainty of where to start enjoying itself, the crowd succumbed to the seductions of the stall-holders; people were besieged by enthusiastic ticket-sellers assuring them of the utility of the prize (a football). This frivolity was also captured by many of the exhibitions: one of the entertainments challenged boys to recognise old photographs of masters when they were a little less dignified and more inclined to give vent to their emotions; there were some ridiculously gay mobiles; and scattered throughout the School were caricatures of masters and various amusing posters by Mr. Gray. The Geography Room was transformed into a miniature theatre for the Junior School Marionette shows. The Art Room attracted many, for here was an Arts and Handicraft Exhibition in which boys demonstrated their sundry skills with exhibits of paintings, printed work, and models: some masters, too, revealed considerable artistic ability, with work ranging from a delightful Cornish study to still life and eloquent satire.

The Physical Education Department provided excellent entertainment: there was an agile and co-ordinated P.T. display, some demonstration bouts of open-air boxing, and finally a friendly Basket-ball match in which the School narrowly beat the Old Boys. There were also displays of a less technical nature, consisting of a Road Safety Demonstration by the Police and an imaginative decorated-bicycle parade.

The climax of the day was an ambitious and wholly successful Variety Concert. The items were drawn from the Staff, the School, parents, and friends, the mainstay of the performance being the quartet, Messrs. Foister, Still, Mead and Watkinson. These provided broad comedy both as Edwardian singers and as the denizens of the Court of Upper Roding. The whole show was produced and wittily compered by Mr. Buckley.

So ended a day even more successful than we had dared to hope; even the weather was on our side.

S. C. ALFORD.

J. A. TAYLOR.

Captain of the School and Head Prefect :

G. Milburn.

Second Prefect :

D. E. Hoffman.

Third Prefect and Library Prefect :

L. J. Burt.

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M. A. Barnes, D. V. Clark, E. D. Crook, D. R. Hayes, M. W. King,
R. C. Landbeck, R. F. Mayo, R. Pearman, B. Rigden, P. S. Smith,
J. A. Taylor, M. F. Taylor, B. P. Tong.

House Captains :

Chigwell : T. Hooley.

Forest : A. McIntyre.

Hainault : G. Milburn.

Roding : M. W. King.

School Football Captain : A. McIntyre

Second Eleven Football Captain : G. Milburn.

School Cricket Captain : A. McIntyre.

Second Eleven Cricket Captain : R. C. Landbeck.

School Cross-Country Captain : G. Milburn.

School Athletics Captain : D. J. Hayward.

School Hockey Captain : M. F. Taylor.

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Arotsky, J. (1948-53). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1953.

Bambridge, A. M. (1946-53). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1953 ; 1st XI Hockey ; Entrance to the London School of Economics.

Buggey, C. A. V. (1946-53). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1953 ; 1st XI Hockey ; Entrance to Borough Road Training College.

Burt, L. J. (1945-53). Intermediate Exemption 1952 ; State Scholarship to University College, London ; Third Prefect and Library Prefect 1952-3 ; Secretary of the Chess Club ; School Athletics Team.

Chapman, D. I. (1946-53). Laboratory Steward to the Science Department, 1951-53.

Clarke, D. V. (1946-53). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1953 ; School Prefect 1952-3 ; School Athletics Team ; Entrance to Southampton University.

Crisp, M. F. (1947-53). 1st XI Football ; 1st XI Cricket.

Gosford, G. W. H. (1947-53). 1st XI Hockey ; School Athletics Team.

Hoffman, D. E. (1946-53). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1953 ; School Prefect 1951-52 ; Second Prefect 1952-53 ; Secretary of the Dramatic Society ; Leader of the School Orchestra ; Editor of the School Magazine ; Entrance to King's College, London.

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Landbeck, R. C. (1946-53). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1953 ; School Prefect 1952-53 ; Captain 2nd XI Football ; Captain 2nd XI Cricket 1953 ; Cross-Country Team ; Entrance to University of Bristol.

Milburn, G. (1945-53). Intermediate Exemption 1952 ; Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1953 ; School Prefect 1951-52 ; Head Prefect and School Captain 1952-53 ; Captain 2nd XI Cricket 1952 and 2nd XI Football 1951-52 ; 1st XI Cricket 1953 ; 1st XI Football 1952-53 ; Cross-Country Team 1952 ; Captain 1953 ;

School Athletics Team ; Hainault House Captain 1952-53 ;
Entrance to Queen Mary College, London.

Orr, W. G. (1949-53). 2nd XI Football.

Phillips, A. H. (1948-53). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1953 ;
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Taylor, M. F. (1946-53). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1953 ;
School Prefect 1952 and 1952-3 ; Captain 1st XI Hockey
1951-53 ; School Athletics Team ; Forest House Captain
1951-52 ; Entrance to University of Southampton.

Our good wishes go also to all Fifth Form boys and others who
will be leaving at the end of the School Year 1952-53.

SWIMMING NEWS

Too late for inclusion in the Swimming Report came news of
the School's success in the 1953 Forest Division Swimming Gala,
when we won the team championships of all age groups.

Individual results were :—

Breast Stroke - - U.14 Langford 3rd ; U.15 Saward 1st ; U.16
Douglas 1st.

Back Stroke - - U.13 Terry 2nd ; U.14 Matthews 1st ; U.15
Waghorn 1st ; U.16 Hiscott 2nd.

Free Style - - - U.15 Green 2nd.

Relay - - - U.15 Combes, Waghorn, Saward, Green 1st ;
U.16 Jackson, Whittaker, Douglas, Hiscott 1st.

2 Lengths Free Style - U.15 Combes 2nd ; U.16 Jackson 2nd.

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