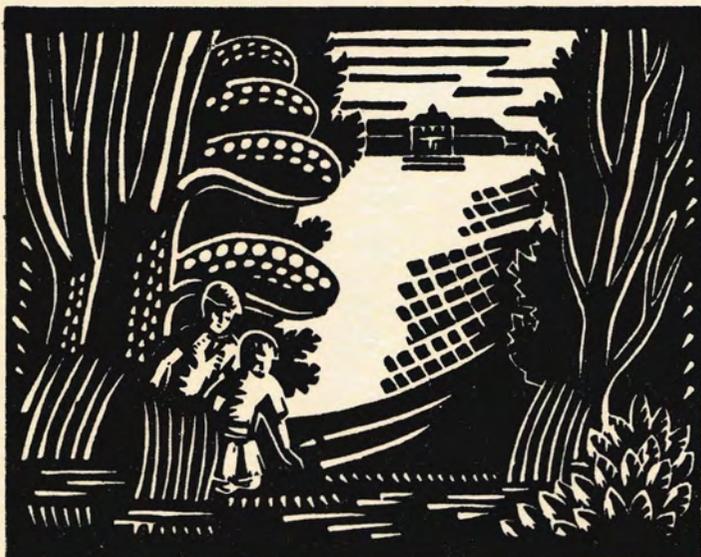


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Careers in the Coal Industry.—Modern Coalmining is very largely a new industry. More accurately, it is an old and vital industry which is being reconstructed to serve the present and future needs of the nation. While other forms of energy will help, the main source of power in the foreseeable future will continue to be coal.

Technical Careers.—Many well-paid and absorbing jobs are available and the Coal Board are ready to train you for them, either through a University Scholarship or—if you prefer to earn and learn at the same time—by taking you into the industry straight from school and providing technical training without loss of pay.

University Scholarships.—Highly-trained mining engineers are urgently needed. The National Coal Board offer a hundred University Scholarships a year ; most are in Mining Engineering, but some are available in Mechanical, Electrical and Chemical Engineering and in Fuel Technology. They are worth about the same as State Scholarships and successful candidates receive them in full—parents' financial position makes no difference to the value of the awards.

Practical Training.—When you have qualified—either through the University or through technical college while working—you are eligible for a two or three year course under the Coal Board's management training scheme. Each trainee has a course mapped out for him personally and a senior engineer gives him individual supervision. If you come in to the industry on the mining engineering side, you have a very good chance of becoming, between the ages of 25 and 30, a colliery undermanager at a salary between £975 and £1,300 a year—or even a colliery manager with a salary in the range £1,050 to £1,800.

Other Careers.—There are also good careers in the Board's Scientific Department and in administrative posts. Young men and women of good educational standard (who have preferably spent some time in the sixth form or have attended a university) are also needed in such fields as marketing, finance and labour relations.

Full details can be obtained from any Divisional Headquarters of the Board or from the National Coal Board, Hobart House, London, S.W.1.



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J. G. MEDDINGS,
Captain of Cross-Country



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EDITORIAL

So quickly do people adapt themselves to sudden change, that they often forget that state-controlled secondary education is still in its experimental stage—the result of a revolution in civilised thought. The ideal, “secondary education for all,” has been the aim for less than twenty years. That this is so is evident from several problems which have arisen and continue to arise.

The root cause of the more important of these problems is the fact that secondary schools tend to produce young men and women either with splatterings of knowledge from a wide range of learning, or with the restricted outlook of specialists in a limited range. It is in the sixth form of a grammar school that specialisation begins in earnest. The danger to future society is that from the school will emerge able technicians with no eye for beauty, and artists with no respect for efficiency. Hence, from the former, the efficient but hideous pylons, power-stations, and concrete constructions; hence, from the latter, nothing useful because they are unable to match their conception of beauty with the needs of utility.

If it is our wish to fashion a civilisation rich both technically and culturally, then we must adjust accordingly our approach to education. In a world where knowledge increases daily and is therefore *in toto* out of reach of everyone, we must ward off the harms of specialised training by awakening pupils early to an appreciation of what our Speech Day guest called “the flowers of life.” In other words, this is tantamount to an appeal for the “peaceful co-existence” of and co-operation between culture and the sciences. Let the artist and the scientist (for the want of better terms) combat together the influence of the worst features of our machine-civilisation.

For can we be satisfied with a society which condones the cheapening of our responses as civilised people? Do we continue to eye carelessly the twilight world of the television set, the spreading blight of an impersonal subtopia, the irresponsible opportunism of the cheap press, and the flaccid apathy to religion? Inevitably we have become over-excited by new-found wealth and security in a welfare state and have allowed our powers of discrimination and spirit of enterprise to be blunted. We are still in

the "teething" stage and have not yet accustomed ourselves to the novelty of our benefits. Many of us are becoming insensitive to the natural riches that life can offer and are succumbing to the short-lived stimuli of mass entertainment and cheap, worthless attractions.

Somehow secondary schools such as ours must develop in the minds of the young the ability to differentiate between what is worthwhile and what is not. Somehow they must cultivate critical awareness to replace idle acceptance. When this is done life may cease to be mere existence, and display a spiritual as well as material wealth.

T. E. HARDIMAN, Scholarship Sixth.

SCHOOL NOTES

With much regret we have to record the severance of a long association with the School. Mrs. G. V. Cross has been a member of the Governing Body since September, 1948, and has always taken a deep and sincere interest in the welfare of the School, which she would have wished to prolong as long as possible. We are genuinely sorry that through no wish of her own she ceases to have any official connection with us, but we feel certain that our gratitude to her and her interest in us will long survive her official severance. We are, on the other hand, very pleased to welcome Mrs. H. A. Mustill, J.P., as a new Governor and so maintain the tradition of having two lady Governors. The strength of the Governing Body has been enhanced also by the appointment to it of Alderman W. J. Crafter and Dr. J. Pippard. Whether or not, apart from any other considerations, it will be beneficial to have the Chairman of the County Finance Committee as a Governor remains to be seen.

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After an unbroken front for several years there will be a number of changes in the teaching staff at the end of the school year.

At the end of the Christmas Term, Harry Graydon, who joined the Staff of the School in the autumn of 1947, left us in order to devote himself exclusively to his pastoral duties as Minister of the United Free Church, Woodford Green. Losses to the School such as this are, of course, inevitable with the passage of time, but Staff and boys alike will long cherish very happy memories of one whom to have known and worked with was a great privilege. One suspects that there was a calculated reserve about his attitude to the boys in one respect. He seemed always to be very careful not to allow his religious convictions to influence unduly his relationships with them; it was by example rather than precept that he

sought to pass on to them the power of the spiritual convictions on which his life was modelled. A lively sense of fun, and a great sympathy in any misfortune, endeared him to all. He found common ground with the boys in both work and play. Above all, perhaps, he will be remembered for his modesty—many never discovered that Harry Graydon was awarded the Military Cross whilst serving as Padre with the Eighth Army. His place has been taken by Mr. Norman Walmsley, B.D.Lond., who has now been with us for two terms and who has enabled us, by his quiet sincerity, to bear Harry Graydon's loss with greater equanimity than most of us thought possible.

Also at Christmas we said goodbye to Mr. Barnett on his appointment to the Staff of Morpeth Grammar School. In the five years in which he was with us he rapidly won popularity with boys and masters. His pupils must have admired most his readiness to reach an understanding with them in the classroom without losing his authority, and his conspicuous ability and untiring enthusiasm for all that took place on the playing field. For four years he watched with care over the destiny of Roding House as their Housemaster. By the Staff he will be remembered for his amiable nature, his becoming modesty and his loyal character—qualities which made him acceptable to all. We all wish him and his family much success and happiness in their new surroundings in Northumberland. In his place we welcome in September Mr. J. A. Ingram, B.A., of Magdalene College, Cambridge. For the past two terms Mr. Barnett's classes have been taught by Mr. Billington; we offer him our gratitude and best wishes for future success in his post at Tottenham Grammar School.

The English Department has suffered exceptionally by the further loss of Mr. Whiting and Mr. Gray. Mr. Whiting has been appointed Head of the English Department at the new L.C.C. Elliott Comprehensive School on Putney Hill, with its annual intake of 13 forms, a roll of 2,000 pupils, and a teaching staff of over 100. Besides his responsibilities as Senior English Master here, Mr. Whiting has undertaken two other onerous commitments each year, the production of the Senior Play and the publication of the School Magazine. To each of these important cultural activities Mr. Whiting has brought a very high standard of taste and efficiency; he introduced Shakespeare into our dramatic calendar and the quality of our Senior Plays has steadily risen under his enthusiasm, taste, and thoroughness. There is no doubt that in the five years during which Mr. Whiting has served the School he has raised the standard of every activity for which he has been responsible; we are particularly pleased that he has made it possible for our Arts students to enter Cambridge University for the first time. We hope he will enjoy in his new sphere a full

and suitable opportunity for the exercise of his taste and scholarship. In his place as Senior English Master we welcome Mr. J. D. Dutton, M.A., Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, who is at present teaching at Wrekin College, Shropshire.

Mr. Gray has been with us for the last six years and is now going to take charge of English at Langley Grammar School, Buckinghamshire. He has been a very pleasant and friendly master and has been responsible for the Christmas Junior Plays, of which he has produced seven. Apart from his geniality and good temper, boys will remember Mr. Gray for his pictorial skill, which has done much both to entertain us and to publicise our productions, and for the zest and originality of his teaching. Those of us who were privileged to know will never forget the unfailing high spirits and gay courage with which he faced and survived the trials and hazards of a prolonged and tentative operation on his hip. We shall welcome in his place Mr. R. Bell, B.A., of Queen Mary College, University of London.

The English Department has not been the only one to lose much of its operational strength. Mr. R. A. Watkinson is the first member of the Mathematics Department to leave us for some years, and we venture to suggest that Mathematics at the Walthamstow High School will be all the better for his direction. His versatile services to the School will be greatly missed; Mathematics and Music share a very ancient educational discipline and the vocal and instrumental activities of our music-making will greatly miss his wholehearted gifts. However, we have every hope of seeing him in his usual places in the foreground and background on the occasion of the annual School Concert, "basso profundo emeritus." In his place we are to welcome Mr. D. W. Tilley, B.Sc., Lond., who has taught Mathematics at Doncaster Grammar School and is at present lecturing at Enfield Technical College.

Finally, the whole school will wish to congratulate Mr. Dolman on his recent appointment as Headmaster of the Technical School, Grays; his departure will be a very great loss to the Mathematics Department and to the Science Sixth, of which he has been so inspiring a Head. It is now almost ten years since he joined us as Senior Mathematics Master, and during this time he has revealed in the Sixth the high standard of his scholarship and in other parts of the School the thoroughness and lucidity of his exposition, even to the least gifted. Countless parents will bear testimony to the deep interest he has always shown in their particular son, and the appearance of so many university crests around our Assembly Hall is due in no small measure to his more academic work. In the classroom he has been stern without being severe, his standards have always been of the highest, and even from the worst he has

refused to accept anything but the best. By these means he has won the respect of the whole School, and in particular, as their Form Master, the sincere friendship of the Science Sixth. We are indeed sorry to lose him, but he takes with him our very best wishes to himself and his family in his new venture.

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It was not until November, 1955, that the whole scheme of extensions to provide us with an additional class-room and a new Biology laboratory was completed. By the beginning of the new school year the two class-rooms were ready but we had to make do with temporary cloak-rooms. We must be very grateful that we have two very fine additions to our teaching accommodation and that our new Biology laboratory has been so generously equipped.

Plans are being prepared for the building of a new kitchen block to extend at right angles to the Dining Hall so that the serving hatches will be about the centre of the south side of the Hall, which will be enlarged by the inclusion of the present kitchen. With this increased accommodation in Hall and kitchen, our present three shifts for lunch can be reduced to the former two. From the present heavy pressure of educational building and possible cuts in capital expenditure no optimistic hopes can be entertained that our twentieth school year commencing in 1957 will find us enjoying these desirable improvements.

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The Cricket Pavilion was informally opened on Sports Day with the presentation of the cups and medals by Mrs. J. Alban Davies from the verandah. The lines and design have pleased all; a plate has been fixed to an inner wall, inscribed as follows:—

This Pavilion was presented in 1955
by the Parents Association, the Essex
Education Committee, and the School.

Hon. Architect:
Mr. Joseph Taylor, A.R.I.B.A.

We are also very grateful to Messrs. Smethurst and Orrowe for making a replica of the School Crest which is to be fixed to the tympanum. As yet the clock tower tells no time.

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Following upon the receipt of the anonymous verses complaining of the poor acoustics in the Assembly Hall, and published in last year's Magazine, it can now be reported that a microphone and eight amplifiers have now been installed with very beneficial results.

Mathematics for the Million :

"While I do his homework my schoolboy son does my pools. I have made some frightful blunders in his arithmetic but he has done me proud in dividends this season." (Extract from a letter to the "Daily Mirror.")

Who cares if our Swimming Pool benefits at the expense of our Maths?

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More College crests have been added to the long line in the Assembly Hall this year: those of Selwyn College, Cambridge, Borough Road Training College, Cranwell, R.A.F. College, and Grays Inn, London. Out total is now forty-one.

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We are pleased to congratulate :—

- J. F. Davis ('44-'51), on his appointment as Assistant Lecturer in Geography at Birkbeck College, University of London.
- D. J. Carney ('47-'54), on becoming an L.R.A.M.
- B. F. Moran ('54-'55), on being awarded his Purple for Association Football by London University and playing for the British Universities team against German Universities, November, 1955.
- J. G. Meddings ('49-'—), for winning the senior quarter and half-mile races in the Russell Cup Athletic Competition; the invitation quarter-mile race for the Glenny Cup at Barking Abbey School Sports; and for setting up new school records in the quarter-mile, half-mile, and mile.
- L. A. Crapnell ('48-'55), D. P. Onwood ('47-'55), and B. M. Davies ('48-'55), on gaining State Scholarships in 1955.
- M. A. Hollingsworth ('43-'50), on the award of his Ph.D. in the University of Southampton.
- G. Milburn ('45-'53), for captaining the Queen Mary College Football XI.

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We are very grateful to both boys and parents for their generous support of the Christmas Collections once more. Cheques for £24 19s. 7d. and £27 0s. 2d. were sent to the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis and the National Spastics Society, respectively, from the proceeds of the Junior Play, the

Christmas Music and the sale of Seals. The Poppy Day collection was £3 2s. 1d. and £7 1s. 2d. has been sent to the Forest Hospital Patients' Amenities Fund from Lost Property and other fines.

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We are deeply sorry to record the death last year of Ronald Geoffrey Smith, a former pupil from 1946 to 1951, on board a British tanker en route to Australia. The sympathy of the School, past and present, is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

SPEECH DAY

The seventeenth annual Speech Day of the School was held on Thursday, 27th October, 1955, when Alderman W. J. Bennett, C.B.E., J.P., Chairman of the Essex County Council 1952-55, was the guest of honour and presented the prizes. The evening's proceedings were presided over by the Chairman of the Governors, J. Alban Davies, Esq., J.P.

The Headmaster began his address by welcoming Alderman Bennett, and took the opportunity of paying tribute to the Essex County Council for its provision of educational services. Faced with the task of providing for an increase in school population nearly twice that of the average for the country as a whole, Essex had won for itself a very high reputation among local authorities. The School was proud to have on its platform both the former and the present Chairman of the County Council, and the Headmaster congratulated Sir Frank Foster on his knighthood.

The School now had the biggest Sixth Form in its history and the Headmaster was pleased to report on its successes, including three State Scholarships, in the Advanced Level papers of the University of Cambridge, taken for the first time this year. Unfortunately not all parents recognised the value of a full Sixth Form course, and in consequence the School had lost at the end of the fifth year a number of very promising boys. Although parental shortsightedness was mainly to blame, Mr. Taylor drew attention to another contributory factor, the "ridiculously unrealistic" maintenance allowances for Sixth Form pupils.

Results in the General Certificate of Education "Ordinary" Level examinations had again been very satisfactory, sixty-two boys having passed in four or more subjects. The Headmaster pointed out that results would have been even better had more boys of only moderate ability been prepared to work more steadily at home instead of adopting a restrictionist attitude to overtime after school hours.

The School had for the first time admitted an entry of a complete form of thirteen-year-old pupils to take a four year course to Ordinary Level, an innovation which the Headmaster hoped would become a normal annual entry. The increase in number required the provision of two additional rooms, and the School was proud of the magnificent teaching accommodation it now possessed. The School Field too was a matter for pride, the Pavilion, the flagstaff, and the sight-screens completing its amenities and testifying to the spirit of the School and the parents. Here the Headmaster paid tribute to the "contagious spirit of enthusiasm" shown by the Parents' Association, which had now become "an indispensable pillar of the School."

Referring to the year's successes in sport, the Headmaster cited the very fine record of the 1955 Cross-Country Team in winning the Highgate Harriers Schools' Invitation Race, the Smeed Cup, the Orion Harriers Invitation Run, and the Burn Cup, the nineteen wins out of twenty matches to the credit of the 2nd Football XI, and the increasing popularity of Hockey. For range, variety and thoroughness, for standard of performance, for careful organisation and for the willing service of the Staff, few schools, Mr. Taylor maintained, did more.

The School was one which aimed to serve faithfully a wide public; it could not, in consequence, afford an air of casualness in organisation or aloofness from parents and pupils. In fact, the Headmaster believed that the School's particular quality was the care and attention given both to general organisation and to particular detail for the benefit of the individual pupil. He was confident that the School had secured the full co-operation of most parents and the loyalty of the great majority of the boys. Certainly it was doing its best, against the lure of the "vocal and visual goon shows of the modern amusement and advertising arcades," to set boys looking in the right direction and listening to the right voices.

After presenting the prizes, Ald. W. J. Bennett spoke of the responsibilities of grammar school pupils and their parents. The pupils should be aware that the future of the country was largely what they made it; they should not be satisfied with the safe quiet job but should aim at a full intellectual and spiritual development. A balanced outlook on life was particularly important, and specialisation should be offset by a broad interest in poetry, music, science and astronomy. Parents had the special responsibility of allowing their sons to study to the limit of their abilities and of not withdrawing them early. After paying tribute to the enthusiasm of the Staff and the Parents' Association, Ald. Bennett stressed that it was the combined effort of teachers, parents, Governors and pupils which made possible the high standard achieved by the School.

Sir Frank Foster proposed a vote of thanks to Ald. Bennett on behalf of the Governing Body, and Mr. H. Greenwood seconded it on behalf of the Parents' Association. During the evening J. M. McManus spoke W. B. Yeats' poem "The Wild Swans at Coole," while music included Bach's chorale "Awake us, Lord, and hasten," Purcell's anthem "Rejoice in the Lord alway," and "Hussars," a Yugoslav folk song.

PRIZE LIST

FORM PRIZES

1g. Hammond, T. J.	1n. Anderson, P. W.	1w. Wilkinson, A. J. A.
2a. Claydon, M. F.	2h. Caryl, B. J.	2m. Lee, G. R.
3a. Bernstock, M. E.	3t. North, M. W.	3s. North, P. J.
4a. Morris, D. J.	4b. Moore, R. C.	4c. Baker, D. A. V.
Art —Middle: Pingree, R. A.; Junior: Williams, R. F.		
Gymnastic —Senior: Morris, D. J.; Junior: Hardy, F. S.		
Verse Speaking —Senior: Drinkwater, J. A.; Middle: McManus, J. M.; Junior: Lawrence, P. W.		
Music —The "Matthews" Plaque for services to school music: Wilkins, N. E.		
Woodwork —Third Year: Bull, J. M.; Second Year: Overy, C.		

EXAMINATION PRIZES

General Certificate of Education
Cambridge

<i>"Ordinary" Level</i>		<i>"Advanced" Level</i>	
English Language	Webster, B. S.	English Literature	Hardiman, T. E.
English Literature	Cowling, P. G.	French - -	Wilkins, N. E.
Geography -	Johnson, J. A.	Latin - -	Hunter, B. K.
History - -	Freeman, J.	History - -	Hunter, B. K.
Latin - -	Tidiman, B. W.	Geography -	Hobdell, E. J.
French - -	Alcott, M. J.	Economics -	Davis, B. M.
German - -	Sibley, J. R.	Pure Mathematics	Crapnell, L. A.
Mathematics -	Sibley, J. R.	Applied	
General Science -	Crisp, P. M.	Mathematics -	Crapnell, L. A.
Art - -	Playle, M. D.	Physics - -	Crapnell, L. A.
Music - -	Cowling, P. G.	Chemistry - -	Onwood, D. P.
Woodwork -	Carpenter, R. H.		

Prize awarded by the Parents' Association
for the best result at "Ordinary" Level
COWLING, P. G.

The Old Buckwellians' Cricket Bat
Awarded to the most improved Cricketer of the year
ADAMS, R. W. G.

The "John Sargeant" Cup presented by
Col. Sir STUART S. MALLINSON, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., D.L., J.P.
"for the finest sportsman of the year"
SPINDLER, R. F.

The "Mallinson" Cup

"to the boy with the year's best record of service to the School"

DAVIS, B. M.

The Head Prefect's Prize presented by

THE GOVERNING BODY

MACEFIELD, B. E. F.

The "Chapman Memorial" Cup

(The Inter-House Sports Championship, 1954/55)

HAINAULT HOUSE

(Captain: Davis, B. M.)

EXAMINATION RESULTS

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

LOCAL EXAMINATIONS SYNDICATE, 1955

"Ordinary" Level:—

Alcott, M. J. (8)	Hollyer, A. (1)	Reeves, J. R. (4)
Anderson, T. J. (2)*	Hornett, C. R. (1)	Riddall, A. S. (5)
Appleby, J. J. (2)	Jesty, J. (1)*	Robinson, C. J. (8)
Bailey, R. G. (5)	Johnson, J. A. (9)	Rogers, I. M. (5)
Barratt, M. A. (2)	King, R. (8)	Ryan, P. D. (5)
Bedding, G. J. (4)	King, P. W. (6)	Saunders, G. M. (5)
Bootle, D. T. C. (2)	Kinnison, J. M. P. (4)	Saward, J. (1)*
Brookes, G. W. (7)	Kreetzer, N. A. (4)	Sewell, D. J. (5)
Carpenter, R. H. (8)	Legg, F. J. (4)	Sharp, V. M. (2)
Childs, J. D. (5)	Lello, D. A. (5)	Shepherd, J. W. (9)
Cordes, L. G. (7)	Lewin, D. A. (3)	Sibley, J. R. (8)
Corpe, D. E. (3)	Little, R. E. (8)	Skerry, D. W. (7)
Cowling, P. G. (9)	Lister, I. M. (4)	Skinner, J. (3)
Crisp, P. M. (8)	Lyon, K. A. S. (5)	Sleightholm, I. (4)
Davey, A. J. (7)	Maitland, S. E. (8)	Smith, M. A. S. (3)
Davey, P. C. (5)	Marshallsay, F. (6)	Styles, G. A. (3)
Debnam, R. A. (7)	Meddings, J. G. (1)*	Thornley, R. D. (6)
Eves, M. R. M. (3)*	Mundy, B. D. (6)	Tidiman, B. W. (8)
Freeman, J. (8)	Nash, B. F. (5)	Tomblin, D. G. (4)
Freeman, T. J. (1)*	Parr, G. (3)	Trace, B. R. (3)
Frost, M. E. (4)	Patterson, M. C. (4)	Unwin, J. (8)
Gedge, R. H. (5)	Payne, R. N. (3)	Waud, B. M. (6)
Giggle, B. R. (6)	Pellen, T. J. (5)	Waller, D. (1)
Gold, A. (5)	Penstone, J. N. H. (4)	Warren, M. E. E. (5)
Green, D. L. (3)	Phillips, D. P. (8)	Webster, B. S. (8)
Hambley, J. R. (9)	Playle, M. D. (7)	West, G. R. (6)
Hare, M. C. F. (2)	Prentice, E. J. H. (4)	Wilkins, N. E. (1)*
Harman, D. G. (2)	Price, M. R. (1)	Williams, D. S. (3)
Hart, K. T. (3)	Prior, G. L. L. (6)	Wilson, A. J. (2)*
Hetherington, R. S. (7)	Pursord, A. D. (5)	Winstone, B. K. (5)
Hinkin, D. C. (3)	Ramsay, A. R. (3)	Youngs, C. G. (5)

Number in brackets denotes number of subject passes (* additional passes)

EXAMINATION RESULTS—continued

The following members of the Lower Sixth obtained passes in Additional Mathematics at "Ordinary" Level:—

Irving, J. Leveridge, M. E. Marriott, K. R. M.
Stewardson, M. P. Waller, A. H.

London "Ordinary" Level passes:—

Cockburn, D. L. (Afrikaans)
Edwards, C. P. (Italian, General Science)

"Advanced" Level:—

ARTS:

Adams, R. W. G.	Geography, Art.
Davis, B. M.	History, Geography (Distinction), Economics, (Distinction).
Hardiman, T. E.	English, Latin, French, Art.
Hobdell, E. J.	History, Geography (Distinction), Economics.
Howes, J. C.	English, History (London).
Hunter, B. K.	English, Latin, History (Distinction).
Mullins, M. G.	English, History (Distinction).
Smith, R. G.	French, Woodwork.
Thomas, P. A.	History, Geography (Distinction), Economics.
Whitfield, I. S.	English, History.
Wilkins, N. E.	French, Music (Distinction).

SCIENCE:

Brothers, H. G.	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Crapnell, L. A.	Mathematics (Distinction), Further Mathematics (Distinction), Physics (Distinction), Chemistry.
Douglas, J. A. H.	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Fuller, Q. T.	Physics, Chemistry.
Masters, G. R. J.	Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry (Distinction).
Onwood, D. P.	Mathematics (Distinction), Further Mathematics, Physics (Distinction), Chemistry (Distinction).
Selby, J.	Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Willingale, P. T.	Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry.
Yeowell, D. A.	Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry (Distinction).

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

State—Davis, B. M., Crapnell, L. A., Onwood, D. P.

County Major Scholarships—Davis, B. M. (Honorary), Hobdell, E. J., Hunter, B. K., Masters, G. R. J., Thomas, P. A., Yeowell, D. A.

County Major Exhibitions—Brothers, H. G., Douglas, J. A. H., Edwards, C. P., Hooley, T. M., Hardiman, T. E., Killick, T. G., Madgwick, K. M. A., Mullins, M. G., Selby, J., Wilkins, N. E., Willingale, P. T.

OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES IN FURTHER EDUCATION

Bales, K. F.	1942-50	B.Sc. (Hons. Sociology), Class II, London.
Edwards, R. E.	1941-49	B.Sc. (Hons. Horticulture), Class II, Nottingham.
Gold, E. J.	1945-52	B.Sc. (Hons. Mathematics), Class II, London.
Gorick, D. C.	1943-51	B.A. (Hons. French), Class II, Reading.
Greenaway, D.	1945-52	B.Sc. (Hons. Chemical Engineering), Class II, Birmingham.
Harnden, J.	1938-45	B.Sc. (Agriculture), General, Reading.
Harrington, G.	1945-52	B.A. (Hons. Modern History), Class II, London.
Hearn, B.	1943-50	B.A. (Hons. English), Class II, London.
Johnson, D. J.	1945-52	B.A. (Hons. Modern History), Class II, London.
Moran, B. F.	1951-52	B.A. (Hons. Jurisprudence), Class II, London.
Oliver, R. J.	1943-50	B.A. (Hons. English), Class III, Oxford.
Walling, D. W.	1943-51	B.A. (Hons. Eng. Lit.), Class III, London.
Washington, R. S. W.	1941-48	B.Sc. (Elec. Eng.), Pass, London.

OLD BOYS AT UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

(taking up residence after September, 1954, or not previously reported)

Adams, R. W. G.	1948-55	Cranwell College, R.A.F.
Davis, B. M.	1948-55	London School of Economics and Political Science, London.
Clarke, D. H.	1950-55	University College, Oxford.
Douglas, J. A. H.	1951-55	University College, London.
Edwards, C. P.	1947-55	Reading University.
Fuller, Q. T.	1947-55	Southampton University.
Hobdell, E. J.	1948-55	Birmingham University.
Hooley, T. M.	1947-55	University College of North Staffordshire.
Howes, J. C.	1947-55	University College of the South West, Exeter.
Macefield, B. E. F.	1947-55	St. Catharine's College, Cambridge.
Madgwick, K. M. A.	1948-53	Charing Cross Hospital Medical School.
Madgwick, K. S.	1942-49	Royal Free Hospital Medical School.
Tredinnick, L. J.	1939-44	Shoreditch Training College.
Willingale, P. T.	1949-55	Bristol University.
Yeowell, D. A.	1948-55	Bristol University.

SELECTION FOR THE NAVY

During the merry month of May I found myself enjoying an unusual experience on an Admiralty Interview Board meeting at Gosport, Hampshire. There every day for four weeks seven boys about fifteen years eight months in age did their best to convince the Board of their ability to become officers in the Queen's Navy.

Eighty-four boys out of 293 original applicants had been successful in passing the inquisition of a preliminary A.I.B. From these some twenty-five to thirty would be awarded scholarships to enable them to spend two more years in the Sixth Forms of their schools before entering the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. The Board consisted of a Rear-Admiral as President, this one bearing the honoured name of Jellicoe, four Naval Captains, a representative of the First Lord of the Admiralty, a Director of Education, and myself, as Headmaster.

The first practical tests of initiative, resource and leadership were conducted in a very large gymnasium, and my first view of the first batch of little victims was as they were being conveyed in a naval bus, each swathed in a kind of sleeveless vest on which their number was very visibly printed. They reminded me most painfully of men being driven to execution. Inside the gym the members of the Board draped themselves comfortably in easy chairs around the perimeter while a Chief Petty Officer assisted by two ratings carried out the instructions of the psychologist to the Board. First the whole group was challenged to get from dais A to dais B without touching the ground but having the choice of hanging ropes, heaving lines, spars, planks, and a few booby traps thrown in for good measure. The reaction of each candidate was carefully noted and assessed and a wary eye kept for the ostentatious and vocal exhibitionist as well as for the defeatist. Next, each boy was briefed to surmount tactical problems of a varying nature and his efforts to resolve the problem by planning and leadership of the other six boys were noted. One boy was heard to complain that he was not a Tarzan; being the smallest of his group he seemed to spend most of his time flying through the air, and not a few mild expletives, directed towards Heaven, were overheard by the Board. Certainly some of the postures and positions attained by the boys on a Heath Robinson contraption of ropes, spars and planks appealed to the comic sense of the spectators, as when two boys each holding with one hand on to two parallel ropes attempted to synchronise their swings and pick up with the other hand a heavy oil drum placed in the middle of the 'river.'

After some ninety minutes of this entertainment, warming to the performers but frigid for the rest, the Board and candidates returned to the Interview Room where the latter were given three subjects to discuss, each lasting three minutes, freely and informally. After this preliminary relaxation of the mind and vocal chords, each boy was given three minutes to prepare a three minute talk on one of three subjects. Some boys dried up with half the allotted time to go while others lasted by dint of repetition and sustained irrelevancies, but it was amazing what detailed information members of the Board acquired, from market-gardening to

music and motors. Normally this concluded the morning's examination, and after lunch each candidate faced an interview lasting about half-an-hour. Starting with the President, most skilled by nature and experience in putting the boy at relative ease, each member of the Board questioned the boy sitting at the table on the President's right hand. Three of the Naval Captains each represented one of the main Branches, Executive, Engineering, Supply, of the Royal Navy for one of which each candidate had opted, and it was the responsibility of the Director and Headmaster to make clear to the Board the educational attainments and potential of the candidate. During these interviews the psychologist was interviewing the other candidates singly in an adjoining room as well as giving them verbal, mechanical and other tests of aptitude.

Finally, on completion of interviews the psychologist took his seat at the Board, read out his findings on the first candidate, gave his grading, followed by each member of the Board in turn, the President always being the last to give his decision. The marks were then averaged and the final assessment carefully reviewed in the light of each member's grading.

The object of the Board was to find the boys likely to make efficient Naval Officers, bearing in mind their relative immaturity at the age of sixteen, the different schools from which the candidates came, and the problem of equating the different standards of and reports from differing schools. I have no doubt that all the members of the Board did their best to distinguish manners from character, to discover motivation, to assess potentiality and, above all, to be fair to all. When it is remembered that half the commissions in the Navy are given by this award of scholarships at sixteen, it will be appreciated how important as well as how heavy is the Board's responsibility. Even so, everything was done to put the boys at their ease; good humour abounded and some of the repartees from the interviews were recorded in the 'Line' book kept by the Board. One boy wanted to join the Navy because 'their morals' were better than those of the other services; one boy declared that he was 'mechanically bent'; another asserted, and could not be shaken from his certain knowledge, that J. M. Barrie had written 'The Abominable Crichton.' It was surprising that a Birmingham boy did not know the significance of the initials 'B.S.A.', and that a boy from a Dorset school thought that Hardy wrote sea stories about the Lake District. Two episodes stand out in my memory; the rather merciless cross-examination given to a boy from a very minor public school who said that good manners could be learned only at such institutions, and an excellent talk on 'Magazines' ending with the perfect understatement, 'And then, there is "Punch."'

J.H.T.

ONE DAY

'You take yourself so seriously!'
This blackberry scent is very small,
And finds a small way into me—
Concealed still like sound in shell.
The sea-shell does not speak the sea
Until it's heard—this faint scent will
Conserve this day in memory.

And when this china-gentle day
Is felt again in memory,
How can I fail, for all you say,
To take myself more seriously?

M. F. STANDEN (1948-1954)

Cambridge.
1st June, 1956.

To the Editor.

Sir,

To many people Cambridge is a collection of rather ancient buildings lining the banks of the Cam and providing one of the most beautiful man-made views in England. Though the visitor has heard of its reputation as a centre of scientific research, he rarely sees any outward signs of it, for the architects who have supervised the expansion of the University during the last few years seem to be experts in the art of camouflage. Chemistry laboratories and Engineering Faculty buildings have been hidden from the casual eye with considerable cunning in an attempt to preserve the traditional appearance of the University. It seems probable that this expansion will coincide with a long overdue increase in the number of Old Buckwellians in residence.

At last the continual flow from the Arts Sixth towards Oxford has been diverted, and next year the first O.B. to read an Arts subject at Cambridge will come into residence. With the arrival of John Taylor and Brian Tong next term and the news that Crapnell and Hardiman will be coming up in due course, it seems possible that we shall at last see the foundation of a sizeable colony of Old Buckwellians during the next few years.

We are both confident that they will enjoy their stay here.

BRIAN MACEFIELD, St. Catharine's
FRANK MAYO, St. John's

Balliol College,
Oxford.
11th May, 1956.

Dear Editor,

This afternoon we have been having an Old Buckwellians' tea. The topic was, ostensibly, what to write for the "Roding." There are only four of us up at the moment—the others being D. H. Clarke, I. A. Donaldson and J. Robinson, but there are at least six coming up in the next three years.

Oxford has been in the news quite a lot recently. This has, of course, started off a stream of articles and letters in the press about the habits (mainly bad) of the Oxford undergraduate.

This is the term, especially, when nobody appears to do any work, for at almost any time of day (or night) undergraduates can be seen, and sometimes heard, enjoying themselves. This is because our work is set weekly, while the arrangement of a programme of work is left entirely to ourselves.

The ways of spending one's leisure time are legion. For those with only a few minutes to spare, there are bowls and croquet under the trees in the quad., just outside my window. The various forms of boating are very popular; there will be about eighty eights on the river this term, never all at once, though; further upstream is a fine stretch for yachting; while punting on the Cherwell provides the pleasantest setting for reading a book, or for simply doing nothing.

Of course, there are all the usual sports, and over an hundred clubs which cater for enthusiasts in almost every subject from jazz to interest in East African affairs. With all this, and work, it is hardly surprising that one O.B. was heard to say that it took him half the vacation to recover from the previous term.

E. D. CROOK (1949-54)

CE N'EST QU'UN AU REVOIR . . .

Arrivant d'une région de France où l'accent italien, si harmonieux à l'oreille, est bien plus connu que le parler du Yorkshire ou la modulation caractéristique des gens d'outre-Tweed, j'avais décidé de faire une ample moisson de constatations précises sur votre pays dont les Dauphinois parlent trop peu souvent.

Je pense avoir réussi et j'aurai certainement quelque chose à signaler aux douaniers lorsque je regagnerai le continent : une foule d'idées accumulées chaque jour au hasard de mes déplacements et, des gens rencontrés, une mosaïque d'instantanés . . . rangées de

melons oscillant au rythme capricieux du "tube" derrière le "Daily Telegraph" ou l'austère "Times" . . . casquettes crasseuses pointées vers le "Daily Mirror" et même le "Daily Worker" . . . tintement de clefs par une nuit sans lune, quelque part dans ce monstrueux édifice qu'est la Tour de Londres . . . son plus aigreur de la cornemuse dans un petit village isolé des "Highlands" . . . Sir Thomas Beecham en pantoufles au milieu de son public en délire . . . ambiance fiévreuse des grands matches de football à Highbury où les crécelles si marseillaises portent l'équipe favorite vers la victoire . . . je conserverai religieusement tout un fouillis de souvenirs les plus disparates, comme un amateur amoureux de sa collection de timbres ou de papillons.

Il est un autre souvenir que je chérirai longtemps, c'est celui des personnes avec lesquelles j'ai vécu cette année : celles qui m'ont gentiment fait une place dans leur foyer et avec lesquelles j'ai passé de bien doux moments au coin de la cheminée . . . celles infiniment sympathiques de la "staff room" où j'ai découvert une foule insoupçonnée de gallicisants prêts à échanger des propos qui n'ont jamais manqué de la plus grande cordialité . . . enfin et surtout je n'oublierai pas cette grande famille qu'ont constituée pour moi les élèves. Votre assistant a éprouvé le même plaisir à répondre aux questions naïves des cadets qu'à aider les aînés dans leur marche vers le succès; et si quelques fois ses réponses ne vous ont pas satisfaits, c'est parce que vous aviez réussi à lui montrer qu'il ne connaissait pas assez son pays natal . . . et il vous remercie de lui avoir permis d'observer de façon active la vie d'une école anglaise.

Je suis persuadé de la nécessité d'échanges internationaux et—puisque les voyages forment la jeunesse—qu'attend-on pour réaliser le projet de tunnel sous la Manche afin de faciliter les rencontres entre jeunes Français et jeunes Anglais? Quant à moi, ce n'est pas un adieu que j'adresse à l'Angleterre, mais un mélancolique au revoir. . . .

M. COLOMB

As we bid farewell to our French Assistant for the school year now ending, we have to record our deep appreciation of his efforts to enlarge our knowledge and understanding of France and of the French language. All who have come into contact with him have been impressed by his quiet friendliness and courtesy, while his more immediate colleagues have been unanimous in admiring the refinement and classical precision of his diction.

We trust that as Monsieur Colomb returns to his home country, the Alps of Dauphiné, he will take with him pleasant memories of the Essex countryside and of our Essex Grammar School. We wish him all happiness and success in his future career.

CONFLICT

A mountainous wall of water and foam
Broke o'er the rough-hewn sand
(Whose hazy mind must have been inspired
By diamonds, the angular farce of all time).
It sent its sparking message of the deep
Posting to every crystalline hollow
Of the age-old wall of rock, which had
For ages past endured this conflict
Of the two great elements,
Sea and land.

S. WELLS, 2J.

"AND BURNED IS APOLLO'S LAUREL-BOUGH"

The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus—by Christopher Marlowe
March 16th and 17th, 1956

The choice of Marlowe's great tragedy for this year's School Play is a further example of Mr. Whiting's boldness and originality. That its production has been acclaimed a supreme success betokens a victory over problems both inherent and occasional. The inherent problem is how to sustain the interest and make the inevitable end a dramatic reality once the deed is done and Faustus' soul has been bought. Goethe, two centuries later with the same legend, created not the harsh dualism of Marlowe's play but a philosophical drama in which the damnation of Faust, far from being inevitable from the beginning of the second act, is in suspense all the time and in fact is avoided altogether. In place of an intractable Calvinist theology, Goethe provides the spirit of the Enlightenment. Faust can savour all the world, the flesh, and the devil can offer, and yet the moment of supreme joy—"verweile doch, du bist so schön"—is never granted to him and Mephistopheles has lost his bargain. There is no such escape for Marlowe's Faustus. Rigorous orthodoxy ("burned is Apollo's laurel-bough") requires him first to damn himself by a deliberate act of will and then to demean himself with comic interludes as in any medieval morality, and unlike the Renaissance humanist masterpiece it is supposed to be. Marlowe's (and Mr. Whiting's) problem is first to make Dr. Faustus human and not a type of the first of the Seven Deadly Sins—spiritual Pride—and next to present the inescapable as a choice, which in fact it is not. The irony of this, the unreality which appears a possibility—was admirably shown by David Charlesworth as the Old Man, Rector of Wittenburg—a moving moment when the spirit pauses as it were before it plunges to destruction. The interest, however, has to be sustained

by diversion and not by development. The comic interludes were handled with invention, with imaginative dramatic touches, with numerous changes of lighting, a swift pace, and an ingenious use of the inner stage.

The problem of occasion is a problem of acting. Can this sublime theme be brought down to earth, and can the all-too-human antics be made worthy of the occasion? The youth of the actors helps to supply the answer, explain the success, and justify the choice. For however bearded and robed, a youthful Faustus can be no symbol of remote and arid wisdom dabbling in necromancy; nor the practical jokes be other than natural and boyish. Rees spoke the Chorus beautifully. Terrence Hardiman in the performance of his life made a superb Faustus. The great verse rolled smoothly from his lips, and—apart from two small mispronunciations—his performance was flawless. His voice had range and maturity, his features were more mobile, and his movements more controlled and graceful. The difficult part of Mephistophilis was given to John Drinkwater. He was able to suggest with impeccable diction the power of temptation from a mind to a mind, and he gave a suggestion of the fallen angel as well as of the cunning devil. Peter Bolding was a great Lucifer—proud, strong, terrifying; as was R. D. Williams as Beelzebub. With the infernal lords, the infernal minions darted and dashed with demonic glee. David Lee manfully attempted a travesty of the Pope. Peter Cowling's Charles V (anachronism on the programme!) was a genial Kaiser and Michael Stewardson a most effective figure of fun. R. V. Haver as Wagner was a bright and confident actor—exceedingly well done. James McManus made a great success of the part of Robin, aping his master, "conjuring" vigorously and with an admirable sense of timing. Also notable among a large cast were R. J. Rutherford and D. J. Sewell as the Good Angel and the Evil Angel—beautifully-spoken parts. Helen of Troy and Alexander the Great were seen only; but it is a tribute to a fine production that the audience could look on the face of a third-form boy and find no incongruity there when asked to believe that this was the face that launched a thousand ships and burnt the topless towers of Ilium. Effectively distinguished and humorously played were the Seven Deadly Sins—indeed, all the large cast shared in an obviously enjoyable act of re-creation which this great production undoubtedly was. Scenery, music, fanfares, lighting, costumes and everything else in the service of the play were provided by the large company of staff and boys, whose share in the success of this outstanding performance was as valuable as the workers were inconspicuous. May there be more plays like this. Mr. Whiting's production of "Doctor Faustus" will be long remembered.

E.C.W.

TOAD OF TOAD HALL

16th December, 1955

The Junior Dramatic Society's second full-length play was greatly enjoyed by the large audience. Parents and friends, with the help of Mr. Mead, had made an excellent job of producing the many strange costumes which were required, while the backstage team coped very well with a number of changes of scenery (although the electricians must learn to adjust the lighting effects at the appropriate rehearsal, not during the performance). Under the joint direction of Mr. Gray and Mr. Mead, the large cast tackled the play with gusto and obvious enjoyment.

Indeed, it is difficult to pick out from the talented host of minor characters (wild-wooders, field-mice and other creatures) those most deserving a special commendation. Such selection must be very much a matter of personal opinion. For the record, I particularly enjoyed the performances of Malcolm Gilbert as the Washerwoman, Terence Hammond as the Policeman, and John Lewis as the Usher. Peter Robjant gave a spirited rendering of the main part, as the likeable but conceited Mr. Toad, and he deserves particular praise as he has never acted before. He was ably supported by John Gerrish as Rat and Esmond Hart as Mr. Badger, although I felt that these two actors could have made more of an effort to assume the characters of the parts they were playing. A delightful performance came from Timothy Chowns as the simple warm-hearted Mole; he combined confidence and restraint, and used his voice very effectively.

Fraser-Simson's music was played by Trevor Nice. Eric Mason must have been a very busy Property Master.

The auditorium was filled to overflowing: perhaps this was the greatest achievement of all.

F.W.

LIBRARY

A number of gifts have been made to the Library this year. We are very grateful for them and hope that the example of their donors will commend itself to those who are leaving. Gifts received include: London's Natural History (R. S. R. Fitter) from G. Gilbert (1944-52); Théâtre Complet de Racine, from D. H. Clarke (1950-55); Macbeth (Arden Edition) and E. M. Forster (Lional Trilling) from T. M. Hooley (1947-55); Man on his Past (Herbert Butterfield) from J. C. Howes (1947-55); The Essentials of Economics (Douglas C. Hague and Alfred W. Stonier) and

Economics of Industrial Organisation (A. Beacham) from B. M. Davis (1948-55); England under the Tudors (G. R. Elton) from C. J. Robinson (1950-55); Tory Lives (John Biggs-Davison, M.P.) from the author; Defeat into Victory (Field-Marshal Sir William Slim) from D. R. Hayes (1946-54); John Donne (K. W. Gransden) from Q. T. Fuller (1947-55); Robert Browning (J. M. Cohen) from T. J. Anderson (1950-55); Apes, Angels and Victorians (William Irvine) from R. W. G. Adams (1948-55); We Die Alone (David Howorth) from C. G. Youngs (1950-55); The Day Lincoln was Shot (Jim Bishop) from R. G. Bailey (1950-55).

During the year two prefects have been attached to the library, B. K. Hunter, the Library Prefect, who left shortly after the beginning of this term, and D. Charlesworth, his deputy, who has now taken over. A reference must also be made to I. S. Whitfield, who left at Easter. For several years the library has benefited from his work and enthusiasm.

The present librarians are: R. S. Lowery, S. W. Millis and P. M. Richards (5A); O. Eastal (5B); A. J. Croot and J. R. Dowsett (4A); P. W. Lawrence (3H); P. E. D. Murnane (3R); K. P. Bishop, T. J. Hammond, P. J. Morden, D. J. Whear and R. H. Worby (2A); I. F. McLachlan and J. F. Waller (2J); P. A. Booth (2G). Our thanks are due to them and to Mr. Smethurst and his industrious bookbinders.

I should also like to acknowledge the help of the prefects and other sixth-formers who have undertaken lunch-time supervision. This is a valuable service—particularly when rain stimulates the love of literature.

F.W.

THE SIXTH-FORM FORUM

One of the speakers this year stated that if a theatre is to be truly great, it must be popular. The Forum, to the majority of sixth-formers, is popular, though whether this may be attributed to the content of the talks, or to the fact that it conveniently provides a "free period" at the end of day six, is a matter for conjecture.

The sixth-form undeniably owes much to Mr. Sillis not only for providing a year's stimulating and varied programme, but also for consistently breaking the ice of discussion to enable speakers from the floor to dabble in the topics of world affairs.

During the year, we have had unfolded before us the intricate mosaic of world society, how people think, what they do, and how they are doing it. We have explored the realms of art, being

indebted to members of the staff for an introduction into the many facets of painting, opera and ballet. We have learnt more about the nation and the local area in which we live, while cheering on or passionately opposing conflicting ideologies.

Yet one thing is lacking. Is it unassuming modesty or a mere somnambulist tendency which keeps many boys in total silence throughout the period of discussion? Let us hope that the vehement disagreement which has often been seen after the Forum, will, next year, be aired during the Forum itself.

D. G. BROWNING, Sixth Upper Modern

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

Probably one of our most entertaining seasons, 1955-6 has seen the fruition of the group of Upper Sixth form enthusiasts which began to form early last year. I have used the word 'entertaining'; in fact every debate proved to be that, for where oratorical skill was lacking timely wit always filled the breach. Nevertheless, the standard has been consistently high: an interesting point is that the practice of vivisection induced livelier rhetoric than the motion attacking the fabulous "Goons!" The finest speaker was undoubtedly Browning, the most provocative Abrahams, and the most irritatingly persistent a fifth former of extreme political views who regularly contrived to wave the Red Flag, whatever the topic of discussion. It is not utterly surprising that our annual meetings with the girls of Woodford High School were greater attractions to the "floating" debater than the fixture with Chigwell.

I must pay tribute to our admirable chairman, Mr. Sillis, whose guidance has been invaluable and tolerance of our many idiosyncrasies remarkable.

T. E. HARDIMAN, Secretary.

LITERARY SOCIETY

Meetings of the Literary Society were limited to the Christmas Term as most of the members were involved in the preparations for "Dr. Faustus." We began successfully enough with a reading of J. B. Priestley's play "Dangerous Corner"—light enough fare, but eminently suitable as an apéritif. A sterner test of members' powers of concentration was provided by an examination of the effect of economic pressure upon contemporary writers; opinion

was sharply divided on the question of patronage by the State and the desirability of University Departments of Creative Writing. Appropriately enough, Christopher Marlowe was chosen by Hardiman as the subject for a paper which dealt with the four major plays. At our next meeting, Mr. Gray ventured into a relatively unexplored field by demonstrating some of the parallels between the visual and literary arts; this is clearly a subject which invites research and Mr. Gray's illustrated lecture certainly provoked new lines of thought.

Theatre visits included the Old Vic production of "The Winter's Tale" and, through the kindness of a parent, the Peter Brook "Moscow" version of "Hamlet"—a most memorable performance.

T. E. HARDIMAN, Scholarship Sixth.

THE VERSE-SPEAKING COMPETITION

We were honoured to have as our adjudicator this year Mr. F. S. Whitehead, Lecturer in Education at London University, and, in view of the fine performances, his task was not an enviable one.

All the competitors in the Junior Section displayed a genuine feeling for their poem, "The Fiddler of Dooney" by W. B. Yeats. The inflexion of Lewis gained him first place, whilst the conversational nature of the piece was well conveyed by Flack. King's imaginative interpretation also deserves special mention.

Edmund Blunden's "The Pike," set for the Middle School, proved to be a difficult poem, requiring a clear understanding both of subject and rhythm. Chowns gave a controlled rendering, and showed a feeling both for the rhythm and variety of mood. A slight weakness in his opening, however, caused him to be placed a little behind Lowe, who, though exhibiting less control of voice, was more sensitive to the poem's contrasts.

All four competitors in the Senior Section gave considered interpretations of "The Christmas Tree" by C. Day Lewis, an interesting and evocative piece of modern poetry. The renderings of Drinkwater and Rees were unfortunately marred by inaccuracies, but Stewardson and Hardiman each gave exciting interpretations and displayed admirable control. A somewhat too conscious striving after effect disturbed the intimacy of Hardiman's performance, an intimacy which Stewardson, the winner, quietly suggested in seeming to make the poem speak for itself.

In conclusion, Mr. Whitehead praised the competitors for the high standard which they had undoubtedly achieved.

D. CHARLESWORTH, Sixth Upper Modern.

MUSIC

The year has been marked by a great increase in the active organisation of music-making and listening by the boys themselves as the Music Society notes show.

The Christmas Music Evening included the Christmas music from "Messiah," Holst's "Christmas Day" accompanied by a section of the orchestra, and Purcell's "Bell Anthem."

The Summer Concert was called "A Pageant of Music from the Sixteenth Century to the Twentieth." The school choir now numbers sixty-five, less than in previous years, and this appears to improve balance and general quality. The school orchestra played its most ambitious work so far at this concert—the first movement of Haydn's "Surprise" Symphony.

A small "second orchestra" has been started on Friday evenings. The recorder group played at Christmas and at the Junior Music Society Concert.

We were sorry to lose Miss Coates as wind-class instructor, but are glad to welcome Mr. Haskins in her place. Miss Timms has taken over the string classes.

The House Competition for the Matthews Cup had some original entries and in some cases a much higher standard than before. Hainault House won the cup. We would like to thank the members of the staff who organised the entries and the adjudicators.

S. W. Millis has compiled a weekly notice throughout the year containing information about "This Week's Composer."

Our best wishes go to the secretary of the Music Society who with several other valued musicians is leaving this year.

In November a recital of music for two pianos was given at School for the orchestra fund by Mr. John Harrop and Mr. D. E. Ray.

Some of the School Choir's Tenors and Basses sang in the Schools Choir at the Royal Festival Hall in December. This was the Christmas Concert of the Ernest Read series.

In May the Madrigal Group obtained a 1st Class Certificate of Merit for their performance in The London Musical Festival at the Central Hall, Westminster. They came fourth in competition with a large number of adult groups. The Madrigal Group sang "This Sweet and Merry Month" by Byrd.

The Music Society

The Society has had a more successful year: more meetings have been well attended and musical interest in the school appears to be growing. At the beginning of the year, a gruesome poster

depicting a screaming head with the inscription "These You Have Loathed" foretold a meeting at which a variety of "pet hates" were played on the gramophone.

Later in the year the Mozart Bi-centenary was celebrated in a programme of "Mozart for the Millions." Other features have included a "Staff versus School" quiz organised by Mr. Foister and two concerts given by members. The lively activities of the new Junior Music Society are recorded below. The Lunch-time Recitals have continued and the programme has ranged from a Benny Goodman record played in Mr. Ray's absence to the "Faust" Ballet Music. It is hoped to commence a series of "Summer Serenades" this term.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Wigley for acting as our President and to members for their support.

D. J. LEE, 6 U.M.

Junior Music Society

The Junior section of the Music Society began with a quiz in the Autumn Term, and the few present voted it well worth attending.

In the Spring Term we held our first "live" concert. Attendance was somewhat better and gave encouragement to those making arrangements. It also provided a fine opportunity for public performance by members of the Society and perhaps provided Mr. Ray with promising artists for future school concerts.

Visits have been made each month to the Festival Hall for the Ernest Read Concerts, and weekly lunch-time gramophone recitals have been given at school. These recitals have varied from classical music by many famous composers to jazz by Benny Goodman and Gershwin, so that new members of all tastes will be assured of a most enjoyable time when they support the Society's future efforts.

Our start has been most successful and we need hardly say that much of it has been due to Mr. Ray's help and encouragement.

G. C. JONES }
D. J. LLOYD } 2G

THE ART CLUB

During the past year the Art Club has continued to meet on Thursdays from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. The sessions have seen a steady attendance of mainly junior boys and a few new member-

ships. The boys have used their time in painting, sketching and modelling. The latter has been encouraged by the recent gift by a parent of some modelling clay and moulding rubber. I and other members are greatly indebted for all the time Mr. Smethurst has given to encourage us.

J. GOODMAN, Secretary.

THE AEROMODELLING CLUB

The Aeromodelling Club was inaugurated during last January. A committee was chosen and weekly subscriptions were decided upon, out of which the wood for a much-needed storage cupboard has been bought to date. The Club meets every Wednesday, and construction work on models may be done occasionally in the wood-work room while flying takes place on the School field. Most members have their own model engines and aircraft, and many models have been brought and flown on the field. The Club will soon be affiliated to the Society of Model Aeronautical Engineers Ltd.

J. F. BATCHELOR, 4A.

THE JUNIOR NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Junior Natural History Society, under the presidency of Mr. Turner, is a new society. Having been going for little over twelve months, it has now thirty members, all second and third year boys with a common interest. This year we have not had many activities but hope to do more next year providing we have the membership. We have already been to the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew and the British Natural History Museum, South Kensington, and, probably by the time this is in print, Whipsnade Zoo. We started off having fortnightly meetings, but decided it was better to have outings only, as they were the real benefits of membership of the society.

A great deal of our membership is composed of third year boys who will be leaving us this year as they will no longer be Juniors, so very many more first and second formers will be welcome as members. Those interested should apply to the Secretary of the Society, who will be appointed at our end-of-term meeting.

C. JESTY, 3S.

THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

This year has been one of notable achievements, both in regard to the increased membership and the stimulating and varied nature of the meetings. The marked revival of interest has in large measure been due to the enthusiastic co-operation of members of staff.

Many aspects of the Christian life have been considered through talks, discussions and films. The group has been addressed by a number of interesting and provocative speakers from local churches. Other meetings have been entirely devoted to the discussions of the topics "Personal Relationships" and "What it means to be a Christian." Such has been the enthusiasm that it has been possible to show several films in addition to our regular weekly meetings. We have developed a closer association with the Movement as a whole; representatives have attended a conference at King's College, London, and are hoping to participate in a similar conference at Woodford High School. For the first time in the history of the School, devotional services have been organised by the S.C.M., ably supported by the choir, to celebrate Christmas and Easter. A further service is planned to conclude the year's activities.

The group looks forward to the future, in the hope that a Junior Group may be founded and many more boys will join us.

D. CHARLESWORTH } U.VI Modern
D. G. BROWNING }

MOUNTAINCRAFT COURSE IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

Easter, 1956

From 9th-17th April a party of about forty boys—ranging from "greenhorns" in the 2nd Form to hardy "old salts" in the Upper Sixth—underwent a course of instruction in mountaineering in the Lake District under the supervision of Mr. McCollin, Mr. Mead, Mr. Franklin and Mr. Cave.

In the course of our tour we stayed at four Youth Hostels. High Close, the first, was admirably situated at least a mile from anywhere, with beautiful well-kept gardens and tree-lined walks, which were popular in the cool hours of the evening. In many ways Keswick was the best hostel we stayed at; it was beautifully situated on the very bank overlooking the River Derwent, near a picturesque weir; but the best thing, except for its modern and efficient air, which impressed the boys was that Keswick is probably the only town in the Lake District with a fish and chip shop.

The weather was very reasonable, except for two days. It poured with rain on the first day, so that we might see, in Mr. McCollin's words, "what the mountains were really like." On another day we were even assailed by a snowfall which, together with a thick mist and a gale-force wind, forced us to abandon our lunch before having been seated for five minutes.

Two rather amusing incidents befell the party. On the first day four boys, who were at the wrong end of the train when it stopped at Crewe, eventually ended up at Carlisle, much to the amusement of some callous-hearted individuals. A more humorous incident occurred on the last full day when a few of us tried to cross the River Derwent. One of the boys tried to swing across by means of an overhanging branch, and when he let go and fell in up to his knees, the rest of us doubled up on the bank in uncontrollable laughter.

But to return to more serious topics, none of us could fail to be impressed by the calm placid waters of the lakes and tarns and by the majestic grandeur of the mountains, including the thrills of the precipitous drops of Striding Edge and the rock scrambling of Scafell. Personally, my most thrilling experience was to sit perched upon a huge boulder at the top of the Lodore Falls, in the middle of the stream, with the waters thundering past in clouds of spray, and a magnificent view of Derwentwater far below.

I am sure that each member of the party would join with me in expressing our gratitude to Mr. McCollin and his colleagues for such an interesting introduction to the natural beauties of the Lake District.

P. COWLING, Sixth Lower Modern.

SUMMER HOLIDAY TOUR OF SCANDINAVIA, 1955

On the 9th of August a party of 35 boys, including ten from Wanstead C.H.S., two masters and two Old Boys, left Liverpool Street Station for Harwich and the crossing to Denmark.

After spending the first night on board the "Kronnincesse Ingrid," the party arrived on Danish soil at Esbjerg, four hundred miles across the North Sea. The journey across Denmark to Sweden was broken at Odense, the largest city on the island of Fünen, and then at Copenhagen where an early night was advised on account of the long journey ahead. A ferry took us across the Sound to Malmo, and after traversing much of southern Sweden in a fast, modern electric train, we arrived at Stockholm, Sweden's beautiful capital, situated on many islands and part of the mainland, where we spent five happy days. Much of the time was

spent touring the city both by bus and boat (for Stockholm has been rightly acclaimed as the "Venice of the North") and the many interesting visits included the Royal Palace, the Nordik Museum and Skansen open-air museum and zoo. Later conducted tours were made at Bromma Airport and the architectural marvel of the City Hall, and there was swimming in Scandinavia's largest indoor pool. The final day of the memorable stay in Stockholm was given to a boat cruise through the Stockholm archipelago to the ancient capital of Bjorko.

We then journeyed northwards to the small village of Vikarbyn on Lake Siljan in Norrland. Here we relaxed somewhat, bathing and rowing on the lake, and walking in the Rätvik district as well as arranging a soccer match with the local team which we won by four goals to nil.

Norway was our next destination and we spent four nights in Oslo in Haraldsheim, the new youth hostel. Impressions of Oslo itself were not enthusiastic, but visits were arranged to the famous polar exploration ship "Fram," the "Kon-tiki Raft" and the Viking ships. Other interesting outings included a boat trip down the Oslo Fjord to Ingierstrandbad, Norway's best equipped bathing beach, and the Olympic ski-tower at Holmenkollen.

We returned to Sweden on August 24th to spend two nights at Göteborg, the largest port and second city of Sweden, where trips by bus and boat again were arranged, notably round the harbour, and many of the party "let off steam" at the Liseberg amusement park.

The remainder of the holiday was spent back in Denmark: three nights at the new youth hostel at Copenhagen. This truly magnificent city lived up to its reputation of "Wonderful, wonderful Copenhagen," and we went sightseeing and bought souvenirs. The holiday was completed by a visit to the Belle-Vue bathing beach, Klempenbourg and the traditional night out at the "Tivoli," Europe's most famous amusement park.

The journey home was a sad one, with memories of three weeks spent under clear blue skies and brilliant sunshine and of the magnificent scenery and friendliness of the Scandinavian folk we encountered in our 2,700 miles tour. Everyone in the party agreed that our pleasure was a result of the splendid achievement of Mr. McCollin's "genius" for organising a holiday. We all look forward to the Austrian tour this August.

R. S. HETHERINGTON, Lower Sixth Science.

INDUSTRIAL VISITS

During the Spring Term, two visits were made to collieries in the S.E. Division of the Kent Coalfield. On the 10th March,

thirty boys travelled by coach to the Snowdown Colliery and were able to see the Longwall method of working the coal. A fortnight afterwards, a further thirty boys inspected the Pillar and Stall method of working at the Tilmanstone Colliery. At both collieries they were taken in to the winding houses and watched the engines winding the cages from a depth of 3,000 feet at Snowdown and 1,500 feet at Tilmanstone. On both days, an hour and a half stop was made at Canterbury for lunch and sightseeing.

Next term, on the 6th October, arrangements have been made for a party to visit the Betteshanger Colliery—the largest colliery on the Kent Coalfield. The visit commences at 10.30 a.m. and the boys who wish to take part will have to meet at Wanstead Station at 7.15 a.m. A stop will be made at Rochester on the return journey for the party to visit the Cathedral and the Norman Keep.

E.S.J. Mc.

SCHOOL YOUTH HOSTELS ASSOCIATION GROUP

During the summer holiday of 1955, thirty boys carried out a tour of approximately 2,700 miles and travelled in Denmark, Sweden and Norway. In the three weeks overseas, the party stayed at Odense and Copenhagen (Denmark), Stockholm, Vikarbyn and Gothenburg (Sweden), and Oslo (Norway).

The Lake District was the centre for the traditional Easter holiday activity of mountain walking and scrambling. During the nine day tour, the party stayed at youth hostels at Red Bank (High Close), Ullswater (Patterdale), Keswick and Borrowdale (Longthwaite). The weather enabled the full programme to be carried out and all members of the party ascended Helvellyn (via Striding Edge), Scafell Pike, and Great Gable.

This summer, a party of sixty members of the school, Old Boys and accompanying staff will be touring Austria for three weeks. This is the largest party that has ever taken part in one of the school's continental youth hostel tours and the first time that a school party has travelled in Austria. The party will stay at four Austrian youth hostels—Vienna (four nights), Salzburg (four nights), Zell am See (six nights) and Innsbruck (six nights).

Summer Holiday, 1957

A nineteen day tour of Switzerland. The cost will not exceed £29.

Likely Future Summer Holidays

1958 A three week cycling tour of the Netherlands (not exceeding £20).

1959 The German Rhineland—travelling by river steamers beyond Cologne and possibly a week of mountain walking in the Black Forest (approximately £25).

E. S. J. Mc.

WEEKLY FILM SHOWS

There has been a disappointing falling off in the number of boys attending the weekly film performances on Wednesday afternoons. This tendency has been most marked in the documentary films (except the religious ones) but the attendances for feature films has also shown a marked decline.

During the next school year, films will be shown for an experimental period to estimate the measure of support that is likely to be forthcoming during the Autumn and Spring Terms. If members of the school are not prepared to give sufficient support, the showing of films after school will cease.

The following films have been booked and will be shown during the Autumn and Spring Terms if members of the school are prepared to attend in numbers to cover the cost of hire, postage and insurance :—

" The Shop at Sly Corner "	" They Who Dare "
" The Belles of St. Trinians "	" One Good Turn "
" Above us the Waves "	" Colditz Story "
" Winchester '73 "	" Hamlet "

E. S. J. Mc.

THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Since this time last year the Parents' Association has played two cricket matches. In the first one the Staff proved far too strong for the Fathers who were well and truly beaten, but in the game against the School a very creditable performance was given.

At the Annual General Meeting in October, four members of the Committee did not seek re-election as their sons were no longer in the School. We have, therefore, lost the sound wisdom of Mrs. Wilkins, the first lady ever to be elected on the Committee, Mr.

L. W. Farmer, who had carried out the position of Honorary Secretary so admirably for a number of years, Mr. G. F. W. Adams, our Vice-Chairman, and Mr. P. J. E. Pettitt, who had served the Association well for a long time.

Many will recall that, on the 10th November, 1955, five parents each spoke for approximately fifteen minutes on the subject of their professions as a career, and many interesting questions were asked and duly answered. The professions covered a wide range, and included Insurance by Mr. J. A. Seward, Architecture by Mr. W. G. Whear, Dentistry by Mr. E. Freeman, Medicine by Dr. T. G. Paxon, and Surveying by Mr. E. Leveridge. We were indeed given much information to think about. Another event which was enjoyed by those who were able to tear themselves away from the fireside on a very cold evening was on the 23rd February, 1956, when four Masters kindly consented to speak on their own subject, with special reference to the part it played in the school curriculum. Messrs. Ray, Smethurst, Walmsley and Webb were listened to with great interest, and the questions put to them called for several serious and light-hearted replies. The Annual Christmas Social on the 3rd December was, as usual, very well attended, and I believe a good time was had by all.

Owing to a series of circumstances quite beyond our control, it is regretted that the new Pavilion was not completed in time for the commencement of the Cricket Season. However, this is now in use, and we feel sure that it will prove a very useful and ornamental addition to the School.

During the Autumn the Committee were asked that consideration be given to the possibility of providing a Swimming Pool to mark the School's coming of age in 1959. All Parents were, therefore, invited to attend a meeting on the 26th January, at which it was unanimously agreed that the project be pursued in every possible manner. Estimates show that at least £5,000-£6,000 would have to be raised, and an appeal was launched in February. The Committee desire me to place on record their appreciation and thanks to those who have already given or promised donations, and also for the help offered in other ways. Several money-making efforts are envisaged in the near future, and the first of these will be a bazaar in October. It is hoped that once again many Parents will co-operate by making the event successful both from the social and financial angles. It is very pleasing to note that over 200 boys have undertaken to purchase a 6d. National Savings stamp each week towards the Swimming Pool Appeal, as this shows that many of the boys are ready and willing to play their part in the venture.

I am pleased to report that over 80 per cent. of the Parents of boys entering the School in September last have joined the Association, and we look forward to receiving their support and interest.

In an attempt to keep Parents informed of our activities we are introducing a news sheet, which will be distributed to our members by hand by the Committee and other helpers. The frequency of issue will depend upon requirements, but it will probably be quarterly.

The thanks of the Association are due to all those ladies who made cakes and served refreshments on the occasion of Mr. Ray's recital, the Staff Evenings, the Annual General Meeting, and the two cricket matches.

I would like to conclude this report on a personal note, by thanking Mr. Hector Greenwood and my fellow Committee members for their indulgence during the year. When I offered to take over the Secretaryship I had very little idea of what was really entailed, and at times I have not found it easy to stay the pace. However, I have enjoyed my first term of office and learned much, so that should I be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting in October I hope that next year I will prove a rather more worthy successor to Mr. Farmer, who, I am glad to say, has been made an Honorary Life Member of the Association in appreciation of all he did for the School.

H. E. SEABROOK, Hon. Secretary.

THE OLD BUCKWELLIANS

The Old Buckwellians, formed and fostered by the untiring efforts of our dear friend F. A. S., exists simply because its members want it to. We are an adult body capable of managing and being responsible for our own affairs; we can, and do call upon the able assistance of the Headmaster and we hope that his learned advice will be available to us for many years to come. We are quite prepared to challenge any decision of the School, its Governors or any other body when we feel it necessary, in the School's interest, so to do.

We are, we admit, only too conscious of our 'youth'; only time can help us here. Our members, instead of coming from, are going to all walks of life. There are Old Boys in all the Continents and in most of the major countries. Whether they have all paid their current subscriptions is another matter!

We do, however, have this one vital thing in common: at some time (it matters not when) we all spent a few years at the School. We will all spend a great many years away from it. It is only through the Association that we have this last frail link. We would therefore earnestly appeal to all present and future Old Boys—Join your Association! Whatever you do, wherever you are, please give us support, moral physical or financial, it matters not a hoot!

Few Old Buckwellians appreciate the extent to which they are indebted to Des Slade. Without his untiring efforts the Dances would not be the financial success that they are ; let us face it, without the Dances we would bust.

THE EDITORS

(P. Sheppard)

(D. Tilly)

Old Buckwellians Social Activities

Unfortunately, lack of support for any suggested new ventures almost reduces this annual report to a further instalment of the Dance Story. Whilst it is most gratifying to see our Dances become even more successful, I think it a great pity that other social ventures receive little or no support. The Netley Hall Club night, which was started 18 months ago, was generally thought to be a golden opportunity to widen our activities. The highest attendance was less than 30, the lowest three, and the average about ten. When I asked during the winter months "Why the poor support?" the only answer I received was "It's too cold to come out," and when the same question was asked during the summer months the answer was "It's too hot to come in!" Old Buckwellians? Old Women! I know that the stalwarts thoroughly enjoyed these evenings, but as it involved the Association in a loss of some £20 per year I had no choice but to discontinue them. Please register my sorrow and disgust.

Take cheer! A profit of £104 from the year's Dances bears testimony to my previous reference to their continued success. It is very probable that an occasional change of M.C. would help to make the Dances even more popular and I therefore appeal to any Member with the necessary 'gift-of-the-gab' to offer his services. Further suggestions for improvements would be most welcome. Money apart, we cannot afford to let these functions slip back, so would you please make a note in your diaries that Dances are to be held at the School on 22nd September, 27th October, 24th November and 22nd December. If that's not enough, mark the last Saturdays in January, February, March, April and May of next year! I take this opportunity of again thanking all those who brought gifts to the Christmas Dance. Nearly 100 assorted toys and gifts found their way to orphans and many other needy families in the Stratford and Plaistow area.

On 11th February, the Woodford Amateur Dramatic and Operatic Society staged "As Long as they're Happy," a farcical comedy, at the School in aid of the Association. Unfortunately, the very cold weather kept the attendance down, but those who braved the conditions were warmed by a most enjoyable performance. Our congratulations and thanks to these good friends of the Old Boys.

I have hopes of organising a couple of coach trips to the coast this summer and perhaps an evening trip to the Southend lights. A postcard assuring your support would be appreciated.

May you all enjoy your summer holidays and turn up at the September Dance really 'browned off,' but ready for an enjoyable evening.

D. K. SLADE,

102, Thorold Road, Ilford.

Old Buckwellians Football Club

Hon. Secretary:

J. F. TILLY,

46, Hawthorn Road, Buckhurst Hill.

The past season has been one of mixed blessings.

On the black side, we were forced to withdraw our Junior XI, mainly composed of recent school leavers, from the Forest District Youth League as a result of lack of players. Competition from Youth Clubs was also partially responsible for this unfortunate episode and we hope that we shall see those boys now playing for Youth Clubs when their military service is over. In future, the Club policy will be to introduce all our recent school leavers joining the club into the senior sides.

On the playing side, honours, in the form of the Dunlop Shield for the best team of the season, went to the reserve XI, who did very well in the league and at the time of writing stand a possibility of promotion. At the other end of the scale, the First XI had to struggle to avoid relegation. Our third XI played regularly this season, but apart from two cup competitions, in which they did not fare very well, they have played only friendly fixtures. We have applied for their inclusion in the O.B.'s league next season and so shall have three teams playing league football in 1956/1957. If the membership increases, we are very willing to run a fourth side.

We believe that our past chairman, and very good friend of the Club, Mr. Dunlop will be leaving the district during the summer for the delights of Devon. Our thanks and very good wishes go to him and his wife, and we hope that all will go well in their new home.

Before ending, I wish to make our annual appeal to all footballers leaving school. They are assured of a very warm welcome from the Old Boys if they decide to join us and the more applications for membership we receive the better.

Finally, our unbeaten home record against the School still stands and we trust that it will continue to do so.

J.F.T.

Old Buckwellians Cricket Club

Hon. Secretary:

J. W. ROBERTS

At the end of last September we could not have said that we had had an excellent season as far as results were concerned. This was perhaps due to the constant changing of the team. It seems that this year will also see many changes and we hope that some talent may be forthcoming from the new members.

We have made a big step forward in starting a second team this season. This should have interesting results. One of their matches will be against the School; this is, of course, in addition to the annual fixture.

This year, instead of having one captain and one vice-captain, we have a separate skipper for each day. Ken Button, one of the Club's oldest stalwarts, will be leading the team on Saturday, with Douglas Clarke doing his bit on Sundays. On going to press the latter's bowling analysis was 12 wickets for 24 runs! Dicky Barham, who helped us last year, has returned to South America. We hope to see him again in a few years.

The two Dances which we organise each year were well supported in 1955 and we hope that the summer dance this year, which takes place on the 20th July, will be equally successful.

J.W.R.

Old Buckwellians Hockey Club

Hon Secretary:

A. H. SWALLOW,

18, Meadow Road, Loughton.

For the first time in the Old Buckwellians Hockey Club's existence we have managed to triumph over the School with both our first and second XI's. This, perhaps, shows the development of the Club during the past season. The first XI have enjoyed a moderately successful season, whereas the second XI have not been quite so successful. However, the first XI were fortunate in holding the seconds to a draw in the closing game of the season; this always proves an interesting match.

We have been extremely fortunate in having the services and encouragement of Mr. Shuttlewood, our Chairman, and also Mr. Peachy who has been with us throughout the season. Through the good offices of our Chairman, a successful but not very well attended Hockey lecture given by D. D. Archer, the well known international player, was arranged at the School. All members of the School XI were invited to attend this facility; unfortunately, however, they were not very strongly represented.

The Club is pleased to see Ian Cathcart back on the touch-line after his unfortunate absence. Your Secretary was married in March, a Hockey Guard of Honour attending the ceremony. He was presented with a handsome barometer which will always remind him of his close association with the Club. We have at last got off the mark with our first Life Member (the first of many, we hope!) in the person of Geoff Hawker; though a non-playing member, he is a very keen supporter. We are grateful to the Main Association for the generous grant of £20, enabling us to end the year on a more sound financial basis than in previous seasons. Since the Club's formation the Annual Subscription has been a modest £1 1s., but owing to increased costs in providing hockey for the Old Boys, a somewhat larger sub. will be inevitable. This state of affairs is being experienced by many Clubs in the County. We have again had the use of Grange Farm and Hainault as grounds, but are still endeavouring to obtain even better facilities.

Two members of the Hockey Club, Messrs. Crouch and Tilly, have been co-opted on to the main Committee. Although the Club is growing stronger each season, steady improvement can only continue so long as school leavers join the Old Boys team in years to come. We hope to see more of them in the future.

A.H.S.

General Notes

The past year has been one of steady, if unspectacular, progress. The Main Association's activities have comprised mainly the monthly Dances, the Social evenings at Netley Hall (both dealt with by your Social Secretary) and the Annual Dinner. The 7th Annual Dinner was as enjoyable as ever and we should have shown a slight increase on last year's attendance but for several unavoidable last minute cancellations; 65 members and guests were present, four less than last year.

Owing to admirable team spirit, the News Letter appeared more or less regularly; six issues were produced during 1955. We are continually trying to widen the scope of this publication and several News Letters have had supplementary information about sub-sections. Other improvements envisaged at the moment are aimed at lessening the labour involved in sending out the News Letters as we are very shorthanded, especially in the despatching department; anyone who can help here will be more than welcome.

Recruiting has engaged our attention as much as ever, and we hope to have completed the sending out of a circular to all Old Boys who are not yet members of the Old Buckwellians. The Annual visit to the School last year was rather disappointing.

At the request of the Parents' Association we ran a darts stall at their summer bazaar and made £13 14s. gross, as well as selling 60 programmes. The one and only Des Slade also ran an auction and raised £18 7s. 7d. thereby.

The Association went unrepresented at the last Sports Day, but we do not intend that this should happen again. We also challenged the 6th Form to tennis, but this fell through.

Strange to say, we had a quorum at the last Annual General Meeting; unfortunately, our President was unable to attend; had he done so he would no doubt have taken part in the murderous debate which finally decided the form of our revised Constitution. It is hoped that sufficient foresight has been used to avoid the need for major revision in the foreseeable future.

GEOFF HAWKER, Hon. Secretary,
34, Hillside Avenue, Woodford Green.

Agony Column

Tony Swallow was elected for Loughton (South) Ward in the Chigwell U.D.C. election. Tony Jolly is stationed at 68, Training Regt. R.A. at Oswestry. Peter Dalton has evidently enjoyed himself refereeing matches for the W.R.A.F. hockey teams at R.A.F. Compton Bassett. Dave Phillips, D. C. M. Doye, and C. Williams are all working at the same branch of William Deacons Bank in the City; one more required for a 'solo' school! R. E. Carswell, having been released from the 'mob' is now sufficiently solvent to pay his sub. Barry Hiscott is at sea on his way to Hong Kong. Geoff Hawker, having at last sold his three-wheeler, is now engaged to a girl from the local bus company. Peter Jay lives at Penistone, Yorkshire and is responsible for the maintenance of the new electric railway from Manchester to Sheffield. Don Hines and family have moved to Teignmouth. Michael Fishlock is still at Trincomalee; Frank, Marie and Michael Watson have moved from Toronto to Don Mills, Ontario. Bates and Grimby are in Italy. Des Sherlock is in the R.A.P.C. at Foots Cray. C. Potter is with Shell Mex; D. Greenaway is doing research work at University College, London. Peter Forrest is in the Royal Navy. P. J. Stock and Melven have both been awarded Ford Scholarships; D. Walling is now working for the Education Authority at Exeter. E. White has just returned from the U.S.A. John Hall and P. Childs are both in the R.A.F. and John Waskett has been posted to the R.A.F. Gibraltar. T. A. Killick is at the Essex Institute of Agriculture at Writtle. Ray Smith visits Bristol at week-ends; his brother, Edwin, is at Bancroft's School with the offspring of Jim Shillito and the Headmaster. Paul Smith is a 2nd year medical student at Middlesex Hospital. Roy Savill is at the R.A.F. School of Music, Uxbridge. Ron Drew is in Brazil.

ENGAGEMENTS: Peter Aldridge and Shirley Rider; Mike Meddings and Rosemary Clayton; Fred Haslock and Muriel; Geoff. Hawker and Jacqueline Durston (marriage on 28th July); Alec Raworth; Bill Branch; B. Penhallow.

MARRIAGES: Ivor Foster; Maurice Grey; Don Rainer; Peter Miller and Beryl; Bryan Brown and Pat Bennet; Roy Savill and Margaret; John Road (in Brazil); Hon. Member Tony Swallow and Sylvia Neville; Cliff Perry; Mick Cooper; David Foster; A. F. Brown and J. V. Congden.

BIRTHS: Derek Boatman—a son; Lou Tovey—a daughter (the second); Peter Cooper—a daughter, Sally; Don Bettis—a daughter, Stephanie; Frank and Mary Weston, living in Canada—a son, Michael.

We were grieved to learn of the untimely death of Geoffrey Smith last August. He was Senior Cadet on the tanker, "British Flag."

FOOTBALL REPORT, 1955-56

1st XI Football

The football this season proved most successful, after some setbacks had been overcome. The first was the loss of Little, who had the misfortune to break a leg, after we had played only one game. Then Allen and Bailey left at Christmas, a blow from which the team never really recovered; for the former's rugged tackling and the latter's long clearances had been features of our play.

On the whole the team played with a fine spirit, and it was not until March 17th that we suffered our second reverse. By his great energy and enthusiasm, Freeman at right-half set a splendid example, and is to be congratulated for it, as well as for the good games that he played. The strength of the team lay in the defence and in centre-forward Gower, who was always our opponents' danger man, a fact clearly shown in that he scored goals, and many times, just when needed. His ball control and shooting power was a valuable asset. The inside forwards Benstead and Rimmer made very good use of the long ball down the middle, and a lot of goals came from their passes. On the right wing Beard worked well, using his speed to advantage, whilst Loader on the left improved toward the end of the season. Converted to wing-half, Alcott improved, perhaps, more than any other player. Both Shepherd's and Appleby's positioning ability was not faultless, but they kept on trying, and they gained confidence by the goalkeeping of Brookes, who played many fine games during the season.

Team: Brookes; Shepherd, Appleby; Freeman, Saward, Alcott; Beard, Benstead, Gower, Rimmer and Loader.

Allen, Bailey and Tyler also played.

Colours were awarded to Allen, Bailey, Brookes, Freeman and Gower.

J. SAWARD, Captain.

Saward, who was the most consistent and capable defender, and Gower, a tireless forager and opportunist, were the team's outstanding players. They are to be congratulated on being selected to play for the Essex Grammar Schools XI.

Results, 1955-56

Date	Opponents	1st XI	2nd XI	U-15 XI	U-14 XI	U-13 XI
1955						
Sept. 17	Parmiter's School	4-0	C	1-4	1-4	1-7
24	Leyton C.H.S.	5-1	2-1	3-3	4-0	3-0
Oct. 1	East Ham G.S.	2-1	2-4	1-8	1-2	2-6
8	Romford Liberty School	1-0	3-2	6-0		1-6
	Beal G.S.				0-3	
15	Stratford G.S.	1-0	7-1	4-3	1-0	4-3
22	Sir George Monoux G.S.	2-6	4-2		1-3	1-3
29	Ilford C.H.S.	3-2	6-1	2-5	3-3	0-3
Nov. 5	Barking Abbey	3-1	2-4		2-4	
	Cranbrook College			5-1		8-0
12	Forest School					3-1
19	Chigwell School	1-0	5-4	4-0	Chigwell (U-13½)	7-1
	Romford County Tech.	2-2	4-5		2-10	
	Loughton School			4-1		5-2
Dec. 3	Old Buckwellians	2-2				
	Royal Wanstead School		9-2		5-1	
	Loughton School			2-2		6-0
10	Palmer's School	1-1	1-0	1-3	1-5	5-2
1956						
Jan. 14	Leyton C.H.S.	6-2	5-5	C	4-4	8-0
21	East Ham G.S.	C	0-4	1-3	C	1-5
28	Barking Abbey	1-0	2-7		C	
Feb. 11	Romford, Liberty School		C	4-1		1-1
25	Sir George Monoux G.S.	6-2	2-2		3-3	2-4
Mar. 3	Stratford G.S.	5-1	10-2	8-1	0-2	4-1
10	Romford County Tech.	6-4	2-6		0-4	
	Beal G.S.					4-3
17	Palmer's School	1-3	3-2	1-1	3-1	6-4
24	Old Buckwellians	0-4				
	Royal Wanstead School		4-6		8-1	
	Beal G.S.					0-1

(School scores are placed first. C=Cancelled)

Team Records

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals	
					F.	A.
1st XI	19	14	3	3	52	32
2nd XI	20	11	8	1	76	61
U-15 XI	14	6	5	3	43	35
U-14 XI	17	5	9	3	39	50
U-13 XI	21	12	8	1	72	53

The following boys represented the School :-

2nd XI: Unwin, Robinson, Smith, Simmonds, Newlands, Tyler, Haining, Hetherington, Hunter (Captain), Morris, D., Morris, R., Pingree, Penstone, Faulkner, Wand.

Under 15: Carter, Terry, Brown, Hardy, Fisher, Salter, Wood, Randall, Gathergood, Cornwell, Langford, Davis, Hullett, Laithwaite, Missin (Captain).

Under 14: Conway, Odell, Claydon, Delaney, Robertson, Coates, Smith, L., Simons, Sweeting, Bassett, L., Bell, Knight, Cornford (Captain).

Under 13: Wells, Nice, Beresford, Binet, Powell, Cowling, D., Hurn, Robertson, Bassett, G., McVey, Batten, Moore (Captain).

HOCKEY

Sept. 24	H	Westcliff H.S.	.....	.....	.....	Lost	1-3
Oct. 1	H	Southend H.S.	.....	.....	.....	Drawn	1-1
15	H	Old Buckwellians 1st	.....	.....	.....	Lost	0-5
29	H	Old Southendians 4th	.....	.....	.....	Lost	1-2
Nov. 5	H	Old Buckwellians 2nd	.....	.....	.....	Drawn	3-3
19	H	Old Buckwellians 2nd	.....	.....	.....	Lost	1-5
Dec. 3	A	Westcliff H.S.	.....	.....	.....	Drawn	1-1
Jan. 21	A	King Edward VI, Chelmsford	.....	.....	.....	Lost	2-6
Mar. 10	A	Loughton School	.....	.....	.....	Won	15-0
	H	Old Buckwellians 2nd	.....	.....	.....	Won	1-0
17	H	Romford H.C.	.....	.....	.....	Lost	2-8
24	A	Old Loughtonians 3rd	.....	.....	.....	Lost	0-3

P. 12, W. 2, D. 3, L. 7, Goals for 17, Goals against 35.

Matches against S.W. Essex Technical College, Upminster H.C., Old Loughtonians 4th, King Edward VI, Chelmsford, Bancrofts 2nd, Forest School 2nd, Old Buckwellians 2nd, and Old Southendians 4th were cancelled through weather.

Colours were awarded to Abrahams and Carpenter, and re-awarded to Whitfield.

GYMNASTICS

The Gymnastics Club has been enjoying a fair measure of success this season, both in attendances and in competition results. The number of boys attending each week, although fluctuating considerably, has continued to increase. In the Forest Divisional

Championships, the School team of E. Moore, F. Hardy, R. Wood, L. Smith, J. Gilders, J. Rogers, R. Lowery and D. Morris, did well to gain third place, D. Morris being placed third in the individual results. It is planned to organise a display at the forthcoming bazaar and to repeat the successful performance of 1953. The House Gymnastic Competition is being held at the end of term, and some keen rivalry is expected.

D. MORRIS, Captain.

BASKETBALL

At the beginning of the season the team played extremely well and looked forward to a very successful season. After the first few fixtures, however, there was some slacking off in enthusiasm, and we had one or two poor matches. Out of a total of eight fixtures, we won three and lost five.

Saward and Brookes played some very fine basketball during the season and managed to score most of the points between them. Alcott and Freeman proved to be a reliable combination in defence, and Appleby and Nice were found to be capable reserves. Since next year's team will be composed of the same players, it is hoped that we shall have a slightly more successful season.

Team : Brookes, Saward, Loader, Alcott, Freeman, Frost, Nice, Appleby.

J. LOADER, Captain.

CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

The 1955-6 season brought little material success, and after the very successful team of last year, the contrast makes a worse picture of the team's performances than perhaps they really deserved. Under no circumstances can our defeats be blamed on lack of training, as for the major part of the season the team turned out regularly and for several weeks even Sunday mornings were used for this purpose. We should like to express our gratitude for the facilities provided by Mr. and Mrs. Davidson. The fact remains, however, that our Highgate, Smeed, Burn, and Orion trophies were all conceded to stronger teams; too few boys would admit a real interest in the sport. In no case, however, did a title go undefended; it can be said of the 1955/6 team that it carried out the Olympic motto that the important thing is not to win but to take part.

The Cup performances were as follows: Wadham Harriers Race, 1st; Smeed Cup Race, 2nd; Essex Youths Race, 7th; Burn Cup Race, 5th; Orion Harriers Race, 5th.

Whereas the Senior Team failed, the Junior Team was all-conquering. After an initial defeat, this team won every match they contested on equal terms, winning the Forest Divisional Championship in the process.

The thanks of all School runners are due to Mr. Webb for his continual encouragement throughout the season.

Colours were awarded to Hancock and re-awarded to Davidson and Meddings.

J. G. MEDDINGS, Captain.

SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY RUNS, 1956

Individual Results:

1st Year Race—

		Time
1.	Ottley	1G
2.	Taplin	1M
3.	Shanks	1M

Junior Race—

1.	Moore	(H)	10 mins., 42 secs.
2.	Nicholls	(F)	
3.	Ottley	(H)	

Middle School Race—

1.	Bridges	(R)	19 mins., 24 secs.
2.	Brown	(H)	
3.	Oliver	(R)	

Senior Race—

1.	Meddings	(F)	23 mins., 42 secs.
2.	Davidson	(H)	
3.	Hancock	(F)	

Team Results:

First Year, Race		Junior	Middle School	Senior	Final
1.	1M	1. Roding	1. Forest	1. Forest	1. Forest
2.	1G	2. Hainault	2. Hainault	2. Hainault	2. Hainault
3.	1N	3. Forest	3. Roding	3. Chigwell	3. Roding
		4. Chigwell	4. Chigwell	4. Roding	4. Chigwell

THE ATHLETICS TEAM

This season has shown both good and bad performances, but the emphasis has definitely been on the former. After the Forest Divisional Sports, in which no less than fifteen boys were selected to represent the Division in the County Sports, we anticipated great successes. These we achieved notably in the Campbell Cup, in which the team found phenomenal form in very damp conditions, and also in several individual events, of which the "Herring" Cup

victory of a Medley Relay team ranks supreme. In our quest for the "Russell" Cup, which has narrowly eluded us for so long, we finished an undistinguished sixth, but our performances in the Essex Championships were more encouraging, with quite a few good placings from our midst. At the time of writing, the competition for the "Bickersteth" Cup has yet to be held, in which we hope to better our previous performances.

We owe our successes not so much to individual brilliance as to spirited team-work, which should augur well for the future. Much of the credit must also go to Mr. Webb and Mr. Cave, without whose tireless efforts no team would have been formed at all.

J. G. MEDDINGS, Sixth Lower Science.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS

At the Seventeenth Annual Athletic Sports held at Buckhurst Hill County High School on June 9th, five existing School Records were broken and one equalled:—

Pole Vault, over 15	Morris, D. J. (Roding) 9ft. 7ins. (equalled).
880 yards, over 15	Meddings, J. G. (Forest) 2 mins.
1 mile, over 15	Meddings, J. G. (Forest) 4 mins. 34.2 secs.
Putting the Shot, under 15	Drage, J. M. (Roding) 41ft. 9ins.
Throwing the Discus, over 15	Alcott, M. J. (Chigwell) 115ft. 9ins.
440 yards, over 16	Meddings, J. G. (Forest) 54.2 secs.

The Cups and Medals were presented to the winners by Mrs. J. Alban Davies, wife of the Chairman of the Governing Body. The occasion was taken to present the prizes from the verandah of the new Pavilion, which was open for inspection after the prize-giving to parents and friends.

Results

100 Yards (under 12)	: 1 Lincoln (C), 13 secs.; 2 Taplin (R); 3 Lovell (H).
100 Yards (under 13)	: 1 Waller (R), 12.2 secs.; 2 Miller (R); 3 Rutherford (C).
100 Yards (under 14)	: 1 Stevenson (C), 11.4 secs.; 2 Foster (H); 3 Tye (C).
100 Yards (under 15)	: 1 Bacon (H), 11.6 secs.; 2 Scott (H); 3 Drage (R).
100 Yards (under 16)	: 1 Morris (R), 11 secs.; 2 Robinson (F); 3 Coulston (F).

100 Yards (over 16)	: 1 Prentice (H), 11.2 secs.; 2 Beard (F.); 3 Hetherington (R).
220 Yards (under 13)	: 1 Waller (R), 28 secs.; 2 Miller (R), 3 Morris (R).
220 Yards (under 14)	: 1 Foster (H), 26.4 secs.; 2 Chapman (F); 3 Loader (H).
220 Yards (under 15)	: 1 Scott (H), 26.4 secs.; 2 Chapman (R); 3 Hetherington (R).
220 Yards (under 16)	: 1 Robinson (F), 24.8 secs.; 2 Gower (R); 3 Morris (R).
220 Yards (over 16)	: 1 Davidson (H), 25 secs.; 2 Beard (F); 3 Loader (H).
440 Yards (under 15)	: 1 Stevenson (C), 57.7 secs.; 2 Chapman (R); 3 Chapman (F).
440 Yards (under 16)	: 1 McManus (C), 57.4 secs.; R Gower (R); 3 Hancock (F).
440 Yards (over 16)	: 1 Meddings (F), 54.2 secs.; 2 Prentice (H); 3 King (H).
880 Yards (over 15)	: 1 Meddings (F), 2 mins.; 2 Davidson (H), 3 Hancock (F).
1 Mile (15 and over)	: 1 Meddings (F), 4 mins. 34.2 secs.; 2 Hancock (F); 3 Davidson (H).
Discus (under 13)	: 1 Hammond (H), 74ft. 8ins.; 2 Cowling (R); 3 Overy (F).
Discus (under 15)	: 1 Drage (R), 115ft. 10ins.; 2 Terry (C); 3 Coates (H).
Discus (over 15)	: 1 Alcott (C), 115ft. 9ins.; 2 Wilson (C); 3 Warren (H).
Javelin (under 13)	: 1 Rutherford (C), 87ft. 6ins.; 2 Waller (R); 3 Goswell (R).
Javelin (under 15)	: 1 Dimitriou (F), 104ft. 7ins.; 2 Stephenson (C); 3 Knight (R).
Javelin (over 15)	: 1 Mant (R), 143ft. 4ins.; 2 Appleby (C); 3 Davey (C).
Shot (under 13)	: 1 Waller (R), 34ft. 11ins.; 2 Rutherford (C); 3 Booth (C).
Shot (under 15)	: 1 Drage (R), 41ft. 9ins.; 2 Terry (C); 3 Thomas (F).
Shot (over 15)	: 1 Pingree (F), 35ft. 5ins.; 2 Alcott (C); 3 Beard (F).
High Jump (under 13)	: 1 Moore (H), 4ft. 2ins.; 2 Docking (R); 3 Lincoln (C).
High Jump (under 15)	: 1 Wilkins (R), 4ft. 9ins.; 2 Brewster (H); 3 Cottrell (R).
High Jump (over 15)	: 1 Morris (R), 5ft.; 2 Delfgou (R); 3 Haver (H).
Long Jump (under 13)	: 1 Waller (R), 14ft. 9ins.; 2 Rutherford (C); 3 Batten (H).
Long Jump (under 15)	: 1 Carter (H), 15ft. 9ins.; 2 Fisher (F); 3 Pointing (C).
Long Jump (over 15)	: 1 Beard (F), 17ft. 7ins.; 2 Coulston (F); 3 Hetherington (R).
Pole Vault (under 13)	: 1 Moore (H), 6ft. 9ins.; 2 Brett (H).
Pole Vault (under 15)	: 1 Langford (R), 7ft. 3ins.; 2 Hudd (H); 3 Wood (H).
Pole Vault (over 15)	: 1 Morris (R), 9ft. 7ins.
Hop, Step and Jump (under 13)	: 1 Rutherford (C), 31ft. 8ins.; 2 Anderson (H); 3 Bassett (F).
Hop, Step and Jump (under 15)	: 1 Williams (H), 32ft. 11½ins.; 2 Carter (H); 3 Bull (F).
Hop, Step and Jump (over 15)	: 1 Coulston (F), 37ft. ¾in.; 2 Beard (F); 3 Davidson (H).
Hurdles (under 13)	: 1 Moore (H), 13.2 secs.; 2 Greenslade (F); 3 Booth (C).
Hurdles (under 15)	: 1 Drage (R), 12.2 secs.; 2 Payne (F); 3 Williams. R. (H).

Hurdles (over 15) : 1 Hetherington (R), 16.2 secs. ; 2 Nice (F).
Relay (under 12) : 1 Roding House, 58.4 secs. ; 2 Hainault ; 3 Forest.
Relay (under 13) : 1 Roding House, 55.9 secs. ; 2 Forest ; 3 Hainault.
Relay (under 14) : 1 Hainault House, 53.1 secs. ; 2 Forest.
Relay (under 15) : 1 Roding House, 52.4 secs. ; 2 Forest ; 3 Hainault.
Relay (under 16) : 1 Forest House, 50 secs. ; 2 Roding.
Relay (over 16) : 1 Forest House, 50.4 secs. ; 2 Hainault ; 3 Chigwell.
Best Performance Prizes : Under 13 : Waller, I. R. (R) ; Under 15 : Drage, J. M. (R).
J. H. Taylor Cup (best senior) : Meddings, J. G. (F).
Hayward Cup (best House in jumping events) : Hainault.
Bryett Inter-House Athletics Championship : Roding.

CRICKET

1st XI

Results to date have been : Won 4 ; drawn 4 ; lost 1 ; abandoned 1.

The team has been the best for some years, a fact apparently contradicted by the results ; these, however, I feel have been a consequence of the high standard of our opponents. The side deserve congratulation not only for their play but also on the keenness displayed on the field. The standard of play has been generally high and the frequent closeness of the struggle has considerably increased the enjoyment of the matches. We have achieved several excellent results, holding Royal Liberty, Romford, to a well-deserved draw, morally defeating Forest (155.8 against 57.7), beating the Old Boys "A" by 8 wickets and Monoux by 5 wickets. The draw with East Ham, however, was in their favour, and over-confidence plus bad fielding brought our only defeat—against Wanstead.

The batting has been a strong point, there being no real tail and all the batsmen having "come off" at one time—though recently the same degree of strength has not always been evident. Pingree and Rimmer must be singled out : the former has a wide range of strokes and has made two fifties at number one ; the latter made an excellent sixty-one against Forest, but though showing great promise, is susceptible as yet to fast bowling. The pace attack of Gower and Drake, M., has been a match-winning combination and both deserve congratulation, Gower for his determination, and Drake for the intelligence of his bowling. The inclusion of Ifield has strengthened the pace attack and Hetherington has also been useful in this respect. The spin bowling has not been outstanding,

although on the few occasions necessary Jesty, Bolding and Pingree have proved reliable. The wicket-keeping of Simmonds has deserved praise, some of his catches being brilliant, while he has dealt expertly with dubious returns. The fielding and running between wickets have been fair, but the throwing has been very bad, with the possible exception of Benstead.

In conclusion, our thanks are due to Morris, R. G., for his work with the book and to members of the staff who have devoted their time to umpiring.

J. F. DRAKE (Captain)

2nd XI

The 2nd XI has gradually settled down after a poor start to a season which, although not successful as far as winning games is concerned, has been a most enjoyable one. Ifield was our most successful player with both bat and ball before he was promoted to the 1st XI, since when most of the runs have been scored by Bridges and Appleby, and most of the bowling has been shared by Brewster, Bridges and Beard. The rest of the team have given good backing by their keen fielding and occasional good scores. Boys who have represented the team regularly are : Appleby, Brewster, Bridges, Beard, Carter, Faulkner, J. Greenwood, Gold, Sherwood, Shepherd and Waud. I should like to thank Greenwood, C., who willingly volunteered to score—a task which he has carried out very efficiently.

J. BEARD (Captain)

Junior Cricket

The under 15 and under 14 Elevens have not had a very successful season, winning only one match to date. The batting has, in many matches, let down the good work done by the bowlers, over-caution often being the reason for low scores. Certain bowlers have done very well and it is pleasing to see intelligent slow bowling with variation of pace and spin.

The following boys have played during the term : Carter, Rogers, Wilkins, Brown, Buckley, Coates, Nelson, Cornford, Bayford, Bell, Colby, Jones, Derbyshire, Wiltshire, Smith, Verdon, McVey, Moore, Rutherford. Scorer : Johnson.

At the time of writing, the Under 13½ XI has played six matches. Of these, four games have been lost and two won. Though this cannot be looked upon as a satisfactory record, we can claim to have enjoyed our cricket.

The following boys have represented the school : Rutherford (captain), Moore, Nice, Frizelle, Batten, McVey, Tasker, Reader, Goodwin, Hurn, Bassett, Miller, Davis, Binet, Beresford, Downham, North, Wayman and Buckley.

HOUSE NOTES CHIGWELL

This year again Chigwell has been unsuccessful in the House Championship, finishing last in the Cross-Country, the Football and the Athletics, and third in the Basketball and Music competitions. The cricket has not yet been completed and the swimming has yet to take place. Saward must be commended for his efforts in producing the Football and Cricket elevens.

These very poor results are due to the widespread apathy and lack of enthusiasm throughout the House. This state of affairs has worsened over the last few years and has created the impression that it is impossible for Chigwell to become Cock House. This impression is completely false, for we have a great amount of individual talent which, because of the apathy on the part of the boys, is being wasted. If only these individualists were backed up by boys who consider themselves not good enough to compete, I am sure Chigwell could become Cock House.

A. D. WILSON

FOREST

Once again it is necessary for this report to be made before the House Championships are complete, but with the cricket and swimming competitions to be decided, we have good reason for optimism. It would be rather foolish to congratulate ourselves at this stage, but I feel we have much of which to be proud. Of the championships already decided we have won the Cross-Country and Athletics, achievements which give us a slight lead over the other Houses.

At a time when "House Spirit" is a term which provokes scorn throughout the School, Forest has managed to muster some element of pride which may win for us the ultimate goal. We have done it before, and can do it again; we can only hope it will be this year.

J. G. MEDDINGS

HAINAULT

Although the championship is unfinished, we at present lie second with every prospect of increasing our lead over Roding (third), and a slender chance of overhauling the leaders, Forest. Our results to date have been encouraging if not inspiring: we were third in soccer—a result entirely due to the juniors (who

gained 10 out of 12 points)—and second in Cross-Country, for which all competing members deserve congratulation. However, Hainault was fourth in basketball, the seniors, whose only asset was enthusiasm, finishing fourth, and the juniors, who did not live up to their theoretical promise, being placed third. The sports provided no real shocks and we finished, as anticipated, a close third. In contrast, we look at present certain to win the cricket for which the seniors deserve praise, their team (with maximum points to date) being on paper least strong among the Houses. Prospects in the swimming are also good. In conclusion I wish to extend thanks to all members of the House who have provided active or moral support over the year and in particular to captains of the various House teams, senior and junior.

J. F. DRAKE

RODING

With the swimming yet to be decided it looks very much as if Roding will finish second or third, provided we do well in this outstanding event. I feel sure that with a little more support from certain members we could have done better than this, and I hope that the lack of spirit soon disappears, for I am certain that with an all-out effort we could be Cock House next year. But I emphasise that it must be a concerted effort by all the House and not by just a few outstanding members.

This year we got away to a bad start, finishing last in the Cross-Country, but in the Football, Basketball, and Athletics we picked up a good deal, only to see our Cricket teams fail miserably and virtually put us out of the running for first place in the Championship. Forest seem certain of winning and I congratulate them on a fine performance throughout the year. I should like to take this opportunity of welcoming Mr. Franklin as House Master, and of thanking Hetherington for taking over the captaincy during my absence in the first term. I shall close with the hope that next year will see a grand performance from everyone and success for the House.

R. LITTLE

School Captain and Head Prefect :

T. E. Hardiman.

Second Prefect :

B. K. Hunter.

Library Prefect :

D. Charlesworth.

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C. F. Aplin, P. T. Bolding, D. G. Browning, D. L. Cockburn,
J. F. Drake, D. J. Lee, M. E. Leveridge, J. J. Loader, M. G. Mullins,
A. Owen, A. J. Perkins, B. H. Richards, M. P. Stewardson,
R. D. Williams, A. D. Wilson.

House Captains :

Chigwell : R. Little.

Forest : B. K. Hunter.

Roding : A. D. Wilson.

Hainault : J. F. Drake.

Captain of Football : J. Saward.

Second Eleven Football Captain : B. K. Hunter.

Captain of Cricket : J. F. Drake.

Second Eleven Cricket Captain : J. H. Beard.

Captain of Basketball : J. J. Loader.

Captain of Athletics : J. G. Meddings.

Captain of Cross-Country : J. G. Meddings.

Captain of Swimming : J. Saward.

Captain of Hockey : I. S. Whitfield.

VALETE

Beard, J. H. (1949-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1956 ;
Entrance to Southampton University ; 1st XI Football, 1954-6 ;
2nd XI Cricket Captain, 1956.

Bolding, P. T. (1949-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1956 ;
School Prefect, 1955-6 ; School Athletics Team, 1953-4 ; 1st XI
Cricket, 1954-6 ; School Play.

Blee, T. (19-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1956.

Browning, D. G. (1949-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1956 ;
Entrance to London School of Economics ; School Prefect,
1955-6 ; Debating Society ; Secretary of S.C.M. group ;
1st XI Hockey Team, 1955-6.

Burrows, D. (1956). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1956 ;
Schol Athletics Team.

Cockburn, D. L. (1950-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1956 ;
Entrance to London School of Economics ; School Prefect,
1955-6 ; Debating Society ; 1st XI Hockey Team, 1953-6.

Colgate, B. M. (1949-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1956 ;
Badminton Team.

Davey, B. (1949-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1956 ; School
Basketball Team.

Davidson, H. L. M. (1949-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E.,
1956 ; 1st XI Football, 1954-6 ; Athletics and Cross-Country
Teams.

Faulkner, J. W. (1949-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1956 ;
2nd XI Football Team, 1955-6.

Green, P. B. (1949-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1956 ;
School Swimming Team.

Greenwood, J. R. V. (1949-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E.,
1956.

Hardiman, T. E. (1948-56). County Major Exhibition to Fitzwilliam
House, Cambridge ; School Prefect, 1954-5 ; Head Prefect and
School Captain, 1955-6 Literary and Dramatic Societies ;
Secretary of Debating Society ; Editor of School Magazine.

Hartog, W. B. (1951-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1956.

Hunter, B. K. (1948-56). Open Scholarship to Hertford College,
Oxford ; School Prefect, 1954-5 ; Second Prefect, 1955-6 ; 1st
XI Football, 1954-5 ; Captain of 2nd XI Football, 1955-6 ;
Forest House Captain ; Athletics, Boxing, Swimming Teams.

Irving, J. (1949-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1956 ; Cross-
Country and Athletics Teams.

Jefferies, A. (1949-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1956.

Lee, D. J. (1949-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1956 ;
Entrance to London School of Economics ; School Prefect,
1956 ; Debating and Dramatic Societies.

Marriott, K. R. M. (1949-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E.,
1956.

Moore, B. A. (1949-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1956 ;
School Athletics Team.

Mullins, M. G. (1951-56). Open Exhibition to Balliol College,
Oxford ; School Prefect, 1955-6 ; 1st XI Hockey Team, 1954-6 ;
School Boxing and Swimming Teams ; School Play.

Owen, A. (1949-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1956.
Entrance to Guy's Hospital ; School Prefect, 1955-6.

Perkins, A. J. (1949-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1956 ;
Entrance to London School of Economics ; School Prefect,
1955-6 ; Debating Society ; School Play.

Stewardson, M. P. (1949-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E.,
1956 ; Entrance to St. Bartholomew's Hospital ; School Prefect,
1955-6 ; Debating and Dramatic Societies.

Whitfield, I. S. (1948-56). County Major Exhibition to Merton
College, Oxford ; 1st XI Hockey Team, 1952-6 ; Hockey Cap-
tain, 1955-6 ; Debating and Literary Societies.

Williams, R. D. (1949-56). Sat for Advanced Level G.C.E., 1956 ;
Entrance to Southampton University ; School Prefect, 1955-6 ;
School Play.

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