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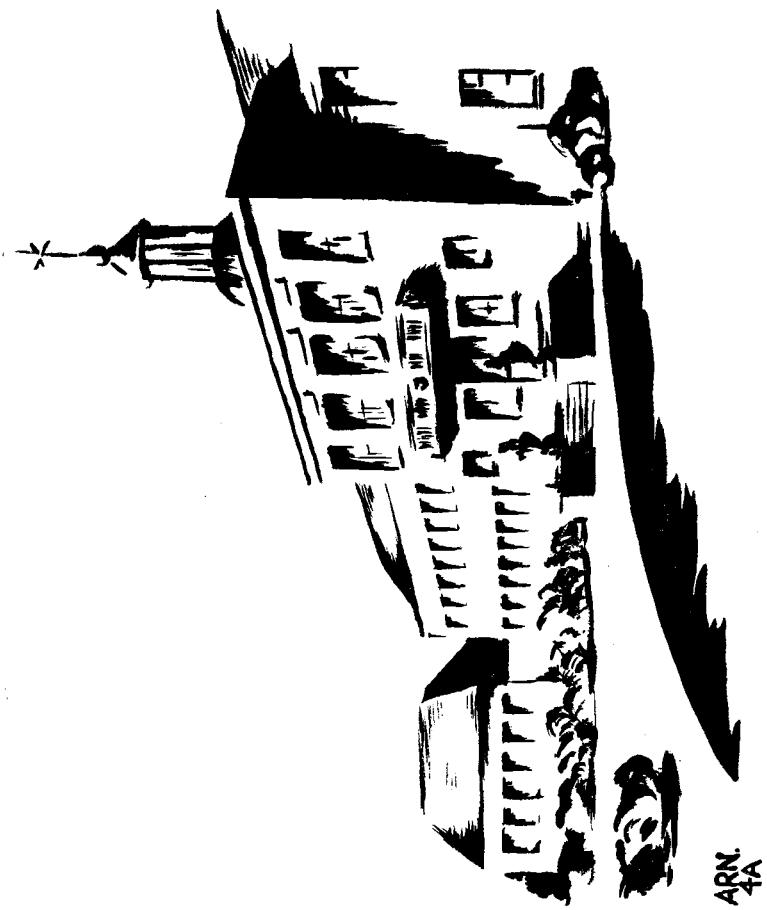
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"Donata reponere læti"

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EDITORIAL

"There are only two classes in present-day society: one is composed of those who think, and the other of those who watch 'tele'." A moment's consideration will demonstrate the essential truth behind this whimsical remark, made recently by Professor C. A. Coulson. Very little evidence is required to prove that a high percentage of the population is losing its desire for originality and enterprise; in this era of automation, man himself is tending to become, in Shelley's words, "a mechanized automaton," unwilling, and often unable, to think seriously about fundamental issues, and content to allow the popular press and the views of the majority to form his opinions for him. The Bank Holiday herd instinct, the excessive appeal of the cinema, the proposed curtailment of the Third Programme in order that the Light may out-luxembourg Luxembourg, and the general sense of frustration, all emphasise that, for many, life has become mere existence. In that symbol of the television set lies the tragedy of man's inability to make imaginative and profitable use of his spare time.

As a training ground for the society of the future, the secondary school has the enormous responsibility of fashioning the personalities and directing the thoughts of its individual members. This magazine bears record to some of the more tangible aspects of the School's achievements. There are many indications that our high standard of academic successes is being maintained; our sporting prowess is winning widespread renown; and our dramatic and musical presentations are attaining new levels of distinction. Equally important, however, are those products of education which cannot be described in terms of facts and figures, but without which the others could hardly exist. Considerable self-discipline, for instance, is necessary in preparing for examinations; in fact, many would suggest that the chief value of the Ordinary Level G.C.E. lies in the effort of preparation rather than in the amount of knowledge thereby gained. Similarly, the loyalty of the many to the athletics' and games' teams and the sacrifice of free time for training which such a loyalty involves are quite as valuable to the reputation of the School and to each individual's character as the spectacular successes of the few.

It is in the Sixth Form, however, that the student learns, as part of his education, to distinguish between freedom and idleness. Each pupil is expected to plan out his work inde-

pendedently of direct supervision, and to make the best possible use of his private study periods (popularly, though incorrectly, known as " free periods "). The system is especially appropriate as a fore-taste of the demands of a University course, and it is essential that the undergraduate-to-be is thoroughly versed in the self-discipline of the tradition whilst he is still in the Sixth. Behind the planning of the timetable stands the principle that, having reached this stage in his education, the Grammar School boy should have begun to realise the importance of serious and logical thought on all the basic questions of life—moral, political, religious and artistic—and the necessity of reaching reasoned conclusions, which may be subject to modification in the light of wider experience and further consideration. A positive approach in such matters should result in the realization of a sense of purpose determining the course of all his actions, whether creative or recreational, embracing both hard toil and, even, " delicious diligent Indolence."

D. CHARLESWORTH, Scholarship Sixth.

THOMAS HENRY KNIGHT

Thomas Henry Knight, the first Chairman of the Governing Body from 1938 to 1953 and Vice-Chairman to 1957, died suddenly in the Jubilee Hospital on the 8th February, 1957. With his passing, the School has lost its best friend and will greatly miss his whole-hearted devotion to its interests. Mr. Knight was a member of the sub-committee appointed to elect the first Headmaster in March, 1938, and thus was intimately connected with Buckhurst Hill County High School before its opening in the following September. This was the beginning of a long collaboration which the writer will ever remember with gratitude and affection.

Tom Knight was that rare human being, the genuine man of real integrity ; what he believed to be right he affirmed without fear or favour and what he thought to be his duty he never failed to attempt. He never undertook a task unless he was prepared to give his best to it and very many were his educational interests. His wisdom and encouragement were invaluable during the troubled early years of the school, when seven of the first ten men appointed to the Staff were called up, when we lost a high proportion of our original pupils in evacuation, and when we even lost our buildings for ten weeks. His judgment of men was inestimable and was very frequently required for the appointment of additional Staff and temporary replacements. They will all remember him, I am sure, for his natural courtesy and strong sense of responsibility during the interview and for the interest he continued to take in them subsequently. Parents will remember him for his never failing presence at all school functions, on Speech, Sport and other Special days, his debonair, trim figure and his keen, quizzical but benevolent

expression of countenance expressing much of his natural grace and modesty. Old boys will not forget his regular attendance at their Annual Dinner.

As first Chairman of the Forest Divisional Executive and Divisional representative on the County Education Committee, Mr. Knight must have often helped the welfare of " his " school in various ways without in any way, one is quite certain, exposing himself to the charge of biased interest. When we were driven out of our school from September to November, 1939, and were kept out by armed guard under the captaincy of the present Minister of Education, and a Group system was operated under which parents in Ilford, Loughton, Buckhurst Hill and Woodford offered rooms in their houses for class instruction, Mr. and Mrs. Knight gave us the use of a big room in their house. He was never more pleased than when he could report to the Headmaster something redounding to the credit of the school and he followed with eager satisfaction the growth of its reputation, and only the Headmaster, and, of course, the very few boys concerned, will know the sincere, direct and feeling appeals he could make to pupils who had erred and strayed from their ways. On the occasion of the first General Inspection of the School by the Ministry of Education in 1947, at the meeting of the Governing Body specially convened to hear a summary of the draft report presented by the " Reporting " Inspector, possibly the Chairman of the Governing Body was even more nervous than the Headmaster. It will not be regarded as a breach of sacred confidence if the latter reveals that on one occasion he detected tears of genuine emotion in the eyes of a good old man at the thought of his having appointed a particularly impressive young one to the Staff. It was Mr. Knight who encouraged the Parents' Association to reprint in full the Headmaster's Speech Day Report so that Old Boys on active service and unable to be present could maintain their knowledge of and interest in the welfare of their school. Typically, the cup he presented to the school does not bear his name but at his insistence was called the " Beresford " Cup, in honour of our old friend, the former Schoolkeeper, who was blinded by enemy action in July, 1944.

Even the Headmaster cannot know the full extent of Mr. Knight's contribution to the School in the eighteen and a half years of his service to it, for his influence cannot be limited by the little acts of kindness and of love by which we shall remember him. He wrote in the foreword to the first number of the School Magazine that " the most important help the boys could give to the Magazine was to be the sort of boys and, later, men who will produce deeds and words worth remembering." With the cynicism of the Latin tag " de mortuis nihil nisi bonum " in the back of our minds we may often agree with Sir Peter Teazle " that the world is a damned wicked place and the fewer we praise the better "; Tom Knight must

be one of the few worthy of praise and he would ask from us who were privileged to know him no more satisfying eulogy than Emerson's "the reward of a thing well done is to have done it."

J.H.T.

Mrs. Knight, whose presence at all School functions was as invariable as her husband's, survived him for a little time only. The photograph of Mr. Knight, taken by Peter Hodder for the supplement of the School Magazine celebrating the fifteenth anniversary of the School in 1953, has been enlarged and presented to hang appropriately above the first group photograph of our original entry of 89 boys.

A Memorial Service was held at the United Free Church, Woodford Green, in which a moving eulogy was given by the Rev. H. Graydon and the School represented by the Head Boy, the Second Master and the Headmaster.

SCHOOL NOTES

The two last-named above were shocked to hear of the murder of Cyril John Thoroughgood (1938-40) in Nicosia, Cyprus, on the 28th September, 1956. Sergeant C. J. Thoroughgood, after serving in the Fleet Air Arm, joined the Leicestershire Constabulary and volunteered for special duties in Cyprus. He was due for leave when he was killed almost instantaneously by shots in the back. Cyril was one of the original eighty-nine and left us during evacuation in 1940. As a boy of eleven he was tall for his age and can be seen very clearly in the first group photo standing between Peter Godfrey and Ronald Drew, framed in the space between Mr. Scott and Mr. Dofort. By the kindness of the Rev. Philip Wright, Vicar of St. Paul's Church, Woodford Bridge, of which Cyril Thoroughgood was a parishioner, the Headmaster was able to be present at the memorial service. On behalf of the School we offer our deepest sympathy to his mother, wife and child.

We report with great regret the resignation, owing to ill-health, of Mrs. P. Lamb, J.P., from the Governing Body, her membership of which has been all too short. We have regarded it as a very great privilege to have a lady of her experience, wisdom and sympathy to speak for the mothers of our pupils and we remember with gratitude her interest in the School.

In January we welcomed Mr. M. Hattam to the Staff Room as Senior Mathematics Master "in the room of" Mr. Dolman. Mr. Hattam came to us from the Royal Wanstead School, Snaresbrook,

and before serving there he had been Senior Mathematics Master at Wanstead County High School. Thus the welfare of our school steadily increases its debt to our distinguished neighbours; our first P.T. Master was Head Boy at Wanstead, we were given valuable help during the war in maintaining our music by Miss Hudson, who has since returned to Wanstead, and, of course, we still have for the moment the inestimable services of Messrs. Ray and Franklin, the latter in fact being a former pupil of Mr. Hattam.

In last year's notes mention was made of our hopes for a new kitchen block and the expansion of our Dining Hall by the inclusion in it of our present kitchen space. The note, however, concluded with the warning "that no optimistic hopes can be entertained owing to the heavy pressure of educational building with priority for teaching spaces and the possible cuts in capital expenditure." If the completed plans could have been submitted to the Minister of Education we should have just obtained what we badly wanted but, alas, at the announcement by the Government of the cuts the plans were still at County Hall and at the moment are likely to remain in one of the many pigeon holes. As a matter of interest we can report that before the summer meeting of the Governing Body most of its members partook of second lunch in the Dining Hall to see, if not to experience, the crowded conditions temporarily reduced by the extrusion of two cold lunch tables and their habitués.

Our little gallery from the main door to the Crush Hall in which are hung original water colours of Essex rustic scenes by local artists, has been increased by three new paintings by Mr. Walter Spradbery. There is an aspect of Stapleford Tawney Church, an impression of the water-mill at Passingford Bridge, and a glimpse of a pig farm at Upshire. We are gratified to know that the oil painting of the water mill of which we have the original in water colour has been hung in this year's Royal Academy Exhibition.

The School excelled itself in its collection for the Lord Mayor's Hungarian Relief Fund by reaching a total of ninety pounds. Every section of the school rose worthily to the heartrending occasion, but we commend especially the Sixth Form in contributing over twenty six pounds of the total, and we would also like to thank warmly the Kitchen Staff for its spontaneous gift.

Parents will be pleased to receive the congratulations of the Forest Divisional School Medical Officer on their response to his invitation to submit their sons to B.C.G. vaccination. Dr. Brown states that the percentage of eligible pupils who participated, 81.6, was the highest in the Forest Division.

We have been delighted to welcome to membership of our School this year Juvono Sudarsono from Indonesia, and Kwamina Ackah of Ghana. We hope that they have enjoyed coming among us and have been made to feel "at home."

Through the agency of Mr. B. Hiscott, Clerk to the Epping Urban District Council, a former Governor of the School and Vice-Chairman of the Parents' Association, the Headmaster has been pleased to send to the Headmaster of Epping High School, Epping, New South Wales, Australia, details about the foundation of our School, its crest, colours, school song, team colours and organisation. As Buckhurst Hill is the grammar school for the Epping district the Headmaster of Epping High School has been anxious to establish a close relationship between the two schools.

Mr. Buckley leaves us at the end of the school year after just ten years of most valuable service as a member of the Science Staff. It was characteristic of Mr. Buckley that his spirit of enterprise compelled him to leave us for a year in 1951 to go to America as an exchange teacher.

He has taken a considerable share of the Sixth Form work in Physics, and during the past year has acted as Form Master to the Science Sixth, but his preoccupation with the more advanced work in Science never caused him to neglect the needs of those boys to whom the more academic work did not come too easily. Having a flair for the more practical approach, he exploited it to the full to enlist the enthusiastic co-operation of the weaker members who otherwise might have found their science dull and unrelated to the affairs of everyday life. This, together with the fact that he approaches any new venture with a vigour and enthusiasm which is tempered by a sound mastery of his craft as a teacher, surely reflects the wisdom of those who recognised in him the right qualities to take charge of the science teaching at the new West Hatch Technical School, Chigwell.

His local reputation as a very talented member of the West Essex Repertory Company will be well known to all, and we shall miss his expert technical advice and assistance in the staging of school plays.

Mr. D. G. Boultwood, who is a graduate of King's College, University of London, will be taking Mr. Buckley's place. Mr. Boultwood is an Old Boy of Leyton County High School and was a member of the teaching staff for three years. He is not a stranger to the school as he has brought cross country teams from Leyton to Buckhurst Hill and much of the rapid advance of Leyton C.H.S. in cross country running has been due to Mr. Boultwood's energetic enthusiasm.

DR. IHRIG

Those of us who worked with him will long remember with gratitude the stay of Dr. Ihrig of Marburg, who was with us from September to December last.

Academically, he quickly established himself as a man of accurate scholarship, quickened with imaginative insight. He was not just a specialist, but was able to draw, when need arose, on a wide reading in the spheres of Philosophy, Psychology and the Natural Sciences. We recall, in this connection, that his wife Frau Doktor Ihrig is a biologist, and a few of us, having met her, can imagine her as one certain to provide a stimulating, as well as charming, home atmosphere for our colleague.

Socially, Doktor Ihrig was in great demand, for he is an accomplished viola-player who in Marburg regularly forms part of a quartette which approaches professional standards.

Altogether, we on the staff at Buckhurst Hill must account ourselves fortunate to have met one who—after temporary dismissal from his post in the Nazi era—carries over the liberal culture of pre-Hitler Germany to the freer if uncertain days of our time.

E.S.

Our total of College crests has now reached 49 by the addition during the year of the following :—

St. Bartholomew's Medical College	Presented by	M. P. Stewardson
The Royal Academy of Music	"	D. J. Carney
University College, Swansea	"	A. Jefferies
Guy's Hospital Medical School	"	A. Owen
Royal Free Hospital Medical School	"	K. S. Madgwick
King's College, Cambridge	"	M. P. Stewardson
H.M.S. Worcester	"	J. M. Drummond
Birmingham University	"	K. R. M. Marriott
		and E. J. Hobdell

It will be noted that Michael Stewardson seems to have made a new school record in having qualified to present two College crests. In fact after being admitted to St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College he gained an Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences at King's College, Cambridge, and in recognition of this distinction the School presented the latter crest.

We are pleased to congratulate :

B. H. RICHARDS (1949-57) on winning the "Townsend" Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at St. John's College, Cambridge, and on being awarded by the Cambridge University Local Examinations Syndicate the prize for the best Advanced Level paper in Science.

- D. G. BROWNING (1949-56) for gaining a State Scholarship to the London School of Economics and Political Science and for being awarded the Royal Geographical Society's prize for the best Geography paper in the Cambridge University Local Examination Syndicate's examination at Advanced Level.
- M. P. STEWARDSON (1949-56) for winning an Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences at King's College, Cambridge.
- D. CHARLESWORTH (1949-57) for being awarded a Choral Exhibition at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.
- J. FREEMAN (1950-57) for winning an Open Exhibition in Economics at Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge.
- J. A. BURROW, B.A. Oxon. (1943-50) for his appointment to a Lectureship in English at Christ Church, Oxford.
- J. R. RINGROSE, M.A. (1943-50) for being awarded the Smith's Prize at Cambridge University for an essay entitled "Complete continuity condition on linear operators."
- C. E. COCKING, B.Sc. (1943-50) for gaining his Doctorate of Philosophy at Bristol University and for being awarded a Government Research Fellowship in Bio-Chemistry
- M. A. HOLLINGSWORTH, B.Sc. (1943-50) for gaining his Doctorate of Philosophy at Southampton University.
- D. J. CARNEY (1947-54) for qualifying as L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.
- J. G. MEDDINGS (1949-57) for his outstanding athletic performances—recorded more fully later in the magazine.
- B. R. DAVIS (1948-55) for being awarded his Half-Purple for representing London University in Cross Country Running.
- C. WILLIAMS (1946-51) for being second in the Inter-Counties two miles walking race at the White City in the time of 14 m. 15.4 secs.
- B. E. F. MACEFIELD (1947-55) of St. Catherine's College, Cambridge, for gaining first class Honours in Part One of the Natural Sciences' Tripos, and for being elected a Scholar of his College.
- R. LANDBECK (1946-52) on gaining a First Class Honours Degree in Physics at Southampton University.

SPEECH DAY
25th October, 1956

At the risk of being condemned as a jejeune idealist who will later learn wisdom—and more cynicism, this Speech Day evening, to one coming to it for the first time, seemed properly the School-family evening. In a friendly but not effusive atmosphere, those most interested in the School had assembled for the eighteenth such occasion to see the best of the last academic year in prize form, to hear how the school was getting on—in the form of the Head-

master's report, to be injected with outside ideas from a distinguished guest of honour—appropriately a scientist, Dr. Idris Jones, C.B.E., Director General of Research at the National Coal Board, to be entertained by the School in music and poetry, to be reminded in Votes of Thanks by Mr. Langford of the Parents' Association and Mr. Bradley of the Old Buckwellians that the family had both ends present, and to be "fathered" through the evening by the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. Alban Davies, J.P.

The Chairman, before introducing Dr. Idris Jones, commented warmly on the various functions of School life—the administrative and the "extramural" of staff and parents—which contributed to the central one of teaching. He directed attention not only to Scholarships gained but to the general successes of boys not-so-bright—a middle stream boy had gained this year a State Scholarship. Mr. Davies stressed a point not unconnected with this last: the value in a school of proper human relationships; and the Chairman concluded with a warning that although the School's results showed a bias towards the sciences, a boy should not be diverted to scientific studies if his natural bent was towards the arts.

The Headmaster began his address by welcoming Dr. Jones as a man obviously interested vitally in the country's greatest assets: coal and children, and also by paying testimony to the practical and human contribution to the School of the Governing Body and its Chairman, whilst protesting that behind this remark there was no ulterior motive towards the urgent provision of a Music Room.

There was, the Headmaster explained, a desperate need of rooms for Sixth Form teaching and private study and, although each year saw the Sixth Form larger and its time-table more varied and complex, the form still numbered only 80, instead of the more desirable proportion of over 120: i.e. a fifth of the school. The Headmaster emphasised the necessity today of a Sixth Form education where the curriculum was severe and a challenge not only to a boy's intellectual capacity but to his qualities of character. Above all, in the final years in the Sixth, real personal quality asserted itself and superficiality was exposed. Two or three years in the Sixth Form, as a stepping stone not only to the university—where admission is becoming so difficult to obtain—but also to the technical colleges, were essential. Indeed, this form was also the natural place for the less brilliant student who, whilst not seeking an academic future, did not yet know what he wanted to do.

Advanced Level results this year were the best in the School's history, not only in the range of State Scholarships, but also in the number of County Awards. The "O" Level results were steady and may in the future be steadier, for the Governing Body had granted the Headmaster's request to "turn out fifth form boys who waste their own opportunities, the chances of other boys and their masters' energies."

In Sport, there was diversity of achievement by team and individuals : the unbeaten home record of the First Football XI, one of the best cricket XI's for some years, the growing strength of the Junior Cross Country team, and, in athletics, the fine running of J. G. Meddings. Swimming would obviously improve when the anonymous "desirable amenity" was provided on the premises. Towards it, the Parents' Association was making a tremendous drive (the October Bazaar alone yielded £400) and it was hoped that when we celebrated our twenty-first birthday in 1959 we should have collected enough money to go to the Education Committee for help.

In the cultural life of the year, there had been two innovations. Towards the end of the school year, the Sixth Form produced its own play, "The Duke in Darkness" by Patrick Hamilton, and gave two very fine public performances, the producer and leading actor, T. E. Hardiman, being awarded for this and for his many other achievements in public reading the Headmaster's new prize : "for the finest speaking of the year." The second innovation was a recital in the school by several former pupils—an exciting augury of new activity for Old Boys. On this subject of the Old Buckwellians, the Headmaster was sorry that not more of our leavers joined them and played for their teams ; it was a pity, too, that Old Boys were so modest (?) in not letting the school know of their professional and general activities.

For the tradition of a school was in the hands of pupils past as well as present, of parents as well as teachers. A school tradition, which the Headmaster defined as "a sense of values leading to a way of life," is a communal commitment and it was obvious, if only from the college crests and increasing historical records on our walls, and from the evening's programme that such a tradition was steadily growing at Buckhurst Hill.

After presenting the prizes, Dr. Jones did not simply stick to coal but developed his main theme of the significance of the radical change that Science has effected in all aspects of our life. The new scientific and technological worlds were a direct challenge to the Grammar Schools and the parents which fed them, for industry demanded not only men highly trained in their sphere of work, but, above all, men with an awareness of real values whose education at home and at school "enabled them to question the answers as well as to answer the questions and which provided them with that balanced judgement that the world sadly needs in these days of shibboleths, sweeping and irresponsible pronouncements, large-scale lies and sentimentality, football pools and all the rest."

Dr. Jones, experienced scientist himself, warned all that technical education in Secondary Schools must be woven into a back-cloth of a liberal education and the humanities. (We were given a grim reminder of the world issues at stake in the Grammar School by our guest's recent experience of Russian education where their

zeal so much exceeds ours.) The Parents were asked to complete their children's education by Sixth Form study and to encourage further education after leaving school. And the boys were told not to accept things as they are but to become themselves, in their own way, pioneers and creators. Dr. Jones's words were practical and timely : "There is no room today for sleepers and shirkers and grousers."

Happily interspersing the speeches was the School Choir, accompanied by members of the school orchestra, singing the chorale "Jesu, priceless treasure" by J. S. Bach, the Motet by William Byrd "Ave verum corpus" and two negro spirituals. D. Charlesworth spoke Dylan Thomas's "Poem in October" and the Head Prefect, A. D. Wilson, presented the prize-giver himself with a prize book and a short speech of thanks.

PRIZE LIST

FORM PRIZES

1g. Berrett, J. L.	1n. Cuff, C.	1m. Herbert, G. T.
2a. Moore, E.	2g. Hart, J. W. S.	2j. Cowling, D. J.
3a. Claydon, M. F.	3h. Marshall, R. R. M.	3s. Luhmann, R. S.
4a. Bernstock, M. E.	4b. Hardy, F. S.	4c. Harrison, G. A. M.
Art—Middle : Hardy, F. S.	Junior : Tebbutt, M. T. J.	
Gymnastic—Senior : Morris, D. J.	Junior : Moore, E.	
Verse Speaking—Senior : Stewardson, M. P.	Middle : Lowe, J. M.	
Headmaster's Prize "for the finest speaking of the year"—Hardiman, T. E.	Junior : Lewis, J. D.	
Music—"Matthews" Plaque : Charlesworth, D.		
Woodwork—3rd Year : Lee, G. R.	2nd Year : Wayman, R. S.	

EXAMINATION PRIZES

General Certificate of Education
Cambridge

"Ordinary" Level		"Advanced" Level	
English Language	Morris, D. J.	English Literature	Charlesworth, D.
English Literature	Mercer, P.	Modern Languages	Jefferies, A.
Geography	Mercer, P.	Latin	Cobb, D. I.
History	Norton, S. D. W.	History	Browning, D. G.
Latin	Morris, D. J.	Geography	Browning, D. G.
French	Morris, D. J.	Economics	Browning, D. G.
German	Hayden, J.	Pure & Applied Mathematics	Richards, B. H.
Mathematics	Benjamin, M. F.	Mathematics	Richards, B. H.
General Science	Richards, P. M.	Physics	Richards, B. H.
Art	Hughes, D. J.	Chemistry	Richards, B. H.
Music	Pratley, G. C.	Botany and Zoology	Leveridge, M. E.
Woodwork	James, P. L.		

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

The Old Buckwellians' Cricket Bat
awarded to the most improved Cricketer of the year
RIMMER, K. A.

The "John Sargent" 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"
GOWER, D. R.

The "Mallinson" Cup
"to the boy with the year's best record of service to the School"
HARDIMAN, T. E.

The Head Prefect's Prize presented by
THE GOVERNING BODY
HARDIMAN, T. E.

The "Chapman Memorial" Cup
(The Inter-House Sports Championship, 1955/56)
FOREST HOUSE
(Captain: Hunter, B. K.)

EXAMINATION RESULTS

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATIONS SYNDICATE, 1956

"Ordinary" Level:—

Appleby, J. J. (3)*	Hindley, R. H. (7)
Arben, M. J. (3)	Hughes, D. J. (8)
Baker, D. A. V. (6)	Hunter, G. N. (7)
Baum, J. P. (3)	Ifield, M. F. (3)
Bartlett, R. F. (2)	James, P. L. (5)
Benjamin, M. F. (5)	Keable, R. W. (6)
Benstead, W. G. H. (5)	King, R. T. (3)
Billet, J. W. (2)	Kinnison, J. M. P. (1)*
Brill, M. J. (9)	Laggett, A. G. (1)
Brookes, G. W. (1)*	Langford, R. A. (7)
Broome, D. (8)	Lloyd, I. J. (7)
Burchell, B. D. (2)	Lowe, S. P. (4)
Cobb, D. I. (1)*	Lowery, R. S. (7)
Delfgou, P. (6)	Mansfield, J. (4)*
Dent, E. J. (5)	Mant, M. D. (6)
Drake, M. G. (4)	Mason, E. H. (6)
Easteal, O. (4)	Maskell, D. R. (6)
Edwards, C. A. (1)	Matthews, D. J. (1)
Ford, M. J. (4)	McManus, J. M. (5)
Galpin, D. A. (3)	Mecham, D. A. G. (8)
Glover, A. J. (4)	Mercer, P. (9)
Gold, A. D. (2)	Millis, S. W. (7)
Goodman, J. (5)	Moore, R. C. (9)
Haining, P. A. (1)	Morris, D. J. (9)
Hallums, J. R. (5)	Morris, R. G. (2)
Hancock, B. S. (3)	Nice, T. A. (4)
Haver, R. V. (2)	Norton, S. D. W. (8)
Hayden, J. (9)	Oates, M. (7)

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

"Advanced" Level:—

ARTS:

Abrahams, M. D.	History, Geography, Economics.
Bolding, P. T.	History, Geography, Economics.
Browning, D. G.	History (Distinction), Geography (Distinction), Economics.
Charlesworth, D.	English, Latin, Music (Distinction).
Cobb, D. I.	Latin, French, Maths., Further Maths.
Cockburn, D. L.	Geography, Economics.
Davidson, H. L. M.	History (Ordinary Level), Economics, Maths. (Ordinary Level).
Drinkwater, J. A.	English, Latin (Ordinary Level), History.
Jefferies, A.	French, German, History.
Lee, D. J.	History, Geography, Economics.
Perkins, A. J.	History, Geography, Economics.

SCIENCE:

Aplin, C. F.	Maths., Further Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Beard, J. H.	Maths., Further Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Blee, T. J.	Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Colgate, B. M.	Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Daniels, A. J.	Maths., Further Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Davey, B.	Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Drake, J. F.	Maths., Further Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Faulkner, J. W.	Maths. (Ordinary Level), Physics (Ordinary Level).
Green, P. B.	Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Greenwood, J. R.	Maths. (Ordinary Level), Physics.
Hartog, W. B.	Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Irving, J.	Physics (Ordinary Level), Chemistry, Botany (Ordinary Level), Zoology (Ordinary Level).
Leveridge, M. E.	Maths. (Ordinary Level), Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.
Liddell, I. G.	Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Loader, J. J.	Maths., Further Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Marriott, K. R. M.	Physics (Ordinary Level), Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.
Moore, B. A.	Maths., Physics, Chemistry (Ordinary Level).
Owen, A.	Physics (Ordinary Level), Botany (Ordinary Level), Zoology (Ordinary Level).
Richards, B. H.	Maths. (Distinction), Further Maths. (Distinction), Physics (Distinction), Chemistry (Distinction).
Stewardson, M. P.	Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.
Williams, R. D.	Maths., Further Maths. III, Physics, Chemistry.
Wilson, A. D.	Maths., Further Maths., Physics, Chemistry.
Playle, M. D.	Art.

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Open—B. K. Hunter, The Baring "Essex" Scholarship in Modern History at Hertford College, Oxford.

Exhibition—M. G. Mullins, The "Sir Louis Stuart" Exhibition in Modern History at Balliol College, Oxford.

State—D. G. Browning, B. H. Richards.

County Major Scholarships—C. F. Aplin, J. H. Beard, D. G. Browning, D. I. Cobb, A. J. Daniels, J. F. Drake, D. J. Lee, M. E. Leveridge, B. H. Richards, M. P. Stewardson, A. D. Wilson.

County Major Exhibitions—T. J. Blee, D. Charlesworth, D. L. Cockburn, B. Davey, P. B. Green, W. B. Hartog, J. C. Howes, A. Jefferies, I. G. Liddell, J. J. Loader, J. S. R. Loriot, K. R. M. Marriott, M. H. Menzies, A. J. Perkins, C. J. Robinson, A. F. Western, R. D. Williams.

OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES IN FURTHER EDUCATION

Carney, D. J.	1947-54	L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M.
Cocking, C. E., B.Sc.	1943-50	Government Research Fellowship, Bio-chemistry.
Hoffman, D. E. Hollingsworth,	1945-53	B.A. (Hons. English), Class II, London.
M. A.	1943-50	Doctor of Philosophy, Southampton.
Matthews, C. T.	1944-52	B.A. (Hons. Geography), Class II, London.
Milburn, G.	1945-53	B.Sc. (General Hons.), Class II, London.
Phillips, A. H.	1948-53	B.Sc. (Hons. Economics), Class II, Southampton.
Sparkes, B. M.	1943-49	B.Sc. (General Hons.), Class II, London.
Surrey, A. J.	1944-51	B.Sc. (Hons. Economics), Class II, London.
Taylor, M. F.	1945-53	B.Sc. (Engineering), Southampton.

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OLD BOYS AT UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

(taking up residence after September, 1956, or not previously reported)

Beard, J. H.	1949-56	Southampton University.
Browning, D. G.	1949-56	London School of Economics and Political Science, London.
Cockburn, D. L.	1950-56	London School of Economics and Political Science, London.
Hartog, W. B.	1951-56	Queen Mary College, London.
Jefferies, A.	1949-56	Swansea University.
Lee, D. J.	1949-56	London School of Economics and Political Science, London.
Marriott, K. R. M.	1949-56	Birmingham University.
Owen, A.	1949-56	Guys Hospital Medical School.
Stewardson, M. P.	1949-56	St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College.
Taylor, J. A.	1946-54	Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge.
Tong, B. P.	1946-54	St. John's College, Cambridge.
Whitfield, I. S.	1948-56	Merton College, Oxford.
Williams, R. D.	1949-56	Southampton University.

BUCKHURST HILL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL IN RETROSPECT

A translation of Dr. Ihrig's article: "Aus der Rückschau"

"Whenever I think back to the school at Buckhurst Hill where I spent the Winter Term of 1956 as German Exchange Teacher, one scene comes to mind most vividly. From the staffroom one can look beyond the well-tended flower beds and the neat gravel drive, which resembles the approach to a manor, to where the school field lies. It is autumnal weather, the sun is not quite able to pierce the clouds, but it lends a silvery gleam to the light mist over the field. Across the wide expanse of the field boys are

moving about, numerous figures large and small, in the red, green, yellow and blue colours of their houses; and the gleam of wide expanse with its bright throng, in the silvery light of an autumn day, leaves an unforgettable picture of cheerful colour. Now and again, there comes down the wind the call and cry of the playing lads and gives to it all a note of lusty joy.

At this school, it seems to me, the boys must find life pleasant. At the same time, as I look out over the large sports field, extending right down to the river, so that the figures at the bottom of it seem quite small, I am impressed by the spacious way the whole school is designed. There is not only an abundance of room in field and playground, but also in the classrooms, in the library, in the assembly hall and in the corridors. In the spaciousness of the lay-out I find a symbol of the liberality with which the problem of educating young people has been tackled in England of recent years.

A firm bond of sympathy seems to link the boys with their school. This is the impression given by the behaviour of the boys on the field, in lessons, and by conversations with their teachers. It is re-inforced by the school uniform. It is strange how a school uniform influences the atmosphere in a school. As one approaches it, the blue blazers and caps increase in number, and in front of the school they dominate the scene: they alight from the bus, they throng towards one on cycles and on foot, and in the corridors they make their way to the classrooms, till suddenly one is aware of quiet in the corridors. In a short while, one of the prefects announces at the staff-room door "Ready for assembly now please!"

Then in the hall is completed the impression of boys voluntarily moulded into one community. Here the boys sit in their rows, sing the school hymns together, direct their thoughts as one to the reading they hear, say the prayer together, and together listen to the announcements. So the school uniform seems an outward token of a state of mind. I think that the boys themselves feel that the school uniform is more than something external, and that without it the tone of the school might be lost. For, as a rule, the boys take pride in wearing it. This I conclude to be the case, because many of them voluntarily appear not only in jacket and cap—which I believe is compulsory—but also in scarves bearing the school colours.

Moreover, their garb of office seems to have its effect on the teachers. I observed this in a young English colleague with whom I went to school each morning. On the way, he could be boyish and merry, ready for an exchange of jokes. But the moment we entered the staffroom and he put on his gown, he assumed a different being. He became sober and serious and concentrated on the job ahead. It is obviously not the case that English teachers put on their gowns because they are proud of their degree: this they leave out for purposes of signature and address. They wear them to remind

themselves and their scholars of their office and obligation to their office. Apart from this, the gown seems to give them—as does their uniform the boys—a feeling of community, with which they all work for the common aim.

When one belongs, as Exchange Teacher, to an English Staff, and has no outer sign of office as teacher, one could easily feel out of the community. But this is prevented by the courtesy and tact of one's English colleagues. They are always ready for an exchange of thought or a friendly chat and, where necessary, to give practical help. Consequently I always had the feeling of belonging, and will not easily forget the feeling of friendliness and community, which made tea-break in the staff-room—typically English institution—such a delightful occasion."

E.S.

WREATHING SMOKE . . .

Wreathing smoke, blue measure of eternity's sweet will,
And a homestead serene,
A song, a sweet verse
Of a house, a mill and a stream.

The water, crystal clear,
Pours its edifice o'er waterfall and weir,
Until at last,
Finding its own self,
Reposes into quiet and rest.

An old, barnacle-encrusted bridge,
A bridge o'er eternity's wide stream,
A pipe, some snuff,
And a slow, sweet mellow dream.

The white road,
Man-made and false,
A rude convulsion
On Nature's will,
And wheels do pass
As dreams before
An old, green mill enchanted.

The road, it leads where ?
It leads us unto the end,
Death, humiliation, despair,
But one who takes this course
Must still
Pass o'er the bridge to the stream and the mill.

S. WELLS, 3j.

NIGHT-FALL

The black-shadowed branching network of wet trees above the lights,

The shining, spidery tracks gleam platinum under the fog.

An illuminated island in the sea of darkened night,

A sea of soft and sodden, and burnt-black shadowy shapes.

A rattling procession of humming lights passes under the hard-grey bridge ;

Then the red-eyed lights burn emerald, a mucous, poisonous green,
And the procession of candles passes, into the foggy grey of the gloom.

It passes out to the smoking sky, to the wet and dripping smoke,
The lightening-lighted grey-black sky that suffocates the lights,
And pours down onto the darker ground in a mass of sprouting black

Onto the sleeping poultry huts, and the beat-tired copper's walk,
The menacing grey of the smoke-choked sky falls in soaking, sleeping drops.

And double-deckered lights run the shining damp of the hill,
And the ever-dripping night soaks down on the mourning-dampened town.

J. B. HILLS (5a).

"TO PLEASE A MIXED ASSEMBLY" "THE RIVALS"

5th and 6th April, 1957

It is a great leap in mind and matter from our taxed and functional age to the idle world of leisured sophistication of wit and manners that Miss Lydia Languish, Jack and Sir Anthony Absolute represent in "The Rivals." And Sheridan's satire has, blessed relief, no tragic under-, or over-, tones. We can sit back, and laugh—intelligently and superficially. The Senior Dramatic Society's production was colourful—the scenes were both particular and composite : the west end of the Abbey, the sweep of the Royal Crescent, and varied—entr'actes of odd musicians, a dancing bear, dice and a dulcitone, and polished—the actors' deportment and diction were all of a style. Above all, the whole performance caught the right humour to fulfil Sheridan's own injunction : "to please a mixed assembly." Part of the joy was that the actors themselves really "got" the play and then, through Mr. Winmill's skill and care in production, transported it to us across the footlights.

The plot is quite insubstantial ; the play is built upon episodes and caricatures. Sir Anthony's successful gruff and heavy father act with Jack on the North Parade, the "duel" between Mrs. Malaprop and Ensign Beverley—alias Captain Absolute, the ex-

asperating love scenes of Faulkland and Julia, the wittily artificial discovery scene in Act Four, the elaborate burlesque of a "real" duel with all the characters involved one way or another—the play moved surely and entertainingly—across these main events.

It is, however, the society types which materialise the play, the best known of whom must be Mrs. Malaprop. Here J. A. Drinkwater, who began his school dramatic career as a young girl and ended it as a mature but ungrammatical woman, gave a most assured and exact performance. She dominated her rôle with ironic self-confidence, producing her "isms" with delicate timing and absolute aplomb. Her socially-cracked voice, so haughty and with a reminiscent Edith Evans-Lady Bracknell tone, her fussy gestures, her manner of being always on the boil, were all in keeping : her "Nay nay, Sir Anthony, you are an absolute misanthropy" was concluded with the most come-hither flick of an orange fan.

A. J. Perkins's Sir Anthony Absolute was an excellent dramatic balance to Mrs. Malaprop. Perkins warmly captured the audience with his creation of an irascible, racy old buffer who by his gallivanting convinced us, and Mrs. Malaprop, that life really began at way past forty. M. D. Abrahams imaginatively portrayed Jack Absolute, with the right proportion of dashing lover and hesitant hero burying his handsome face in gloved hands before a situation run quite out of control. To Captain Absolute, D. Charlesworth's Faulkland was in just relief. Sententiously and so self-dramatisingly concerned with his agonising affair with Julia, he was a perfect satire of the worried little sincere man of obsessions couched somewhere between Hamlet and Alfred Prufrock. The supporting gentry, down to the gentlemen's gentlemen, were sufficiently and individually distinguished : Acres (I. M. Lister), who "always made an awkward bow," was in particular a most entertaining burlesque, in Devonese, of the Eighteenth Century's absolute gentleman.

The sweet heroines did not wilt before this compelling eccentric bunch. They held their own, emerging as persons in their own right : Lydia (J. M. Lowe) not only affectedly languished but in the fourth act similarly fumed with convincing feminine perversity and Julia (P. J. Morden), a well-chosen foil to Lydia, was clearly defined even to her self-conscious pronunciations ("asper-t-I-ons" !) ; Lucy (T. M. Chowns), "a pair of sharp eyes for my own interest," was indeed a little "mistress" of her part.

The humorous spirit of the performance was verbally expressed in Mrs. Malaprop's specially written epilogue where in deft verse she out-prop-ed even her own fame, and was dramatically translated into such touches as the fiddler in Act III whose colleagues played so well because he had the music written on his back, and in the Minuet, which for one mad unstately moment shot into Rock 'n' Roll—and we wondered if this was the Twentieth Century's own satiric comment on Sheridan.

J.D.D.

CROWDED CANVAS

On a stage as limited as ours, the presentation of a play containing thirty characters in a scene consisting of the exteriors of three houses (with doors and windows that open) poses problems of timing and stage-management sufficient to daunt the hardest producer and the most enthusiastic cast. How to preserve fluency of movement, for instance, without overcrowding or, worse, bumping, is only one of many problems which the Junior Dramatic Society's production at Christmas of "Thirty Minutes In A Street" by Beatrice Mayor solved with a thoroughness that completely ironed out all sense of strain, and testified to the admirable exertions on the part of the producer, Mr. Mead, and a cast too numerous for very much individual notice in this short review.

Peter Morden, however, is to be commended for the sincerity with which he rigorously excluded comedy from his portrayal of the purblind Stray Man, whose physical disability is the thread on which the tenuous plot depends. It is a fault of the play that the theme involves this disability, one which it is always extremely difficult to treat of without causing discomfort, and one which in this case sets the character apart, makes him different, lonely, frustrated. It would have been a breach of taste, therefore, to have treated this part with comedy or even with the alternative, sentimental pathos.

The result was that the most comic and enjoyable parts of the play occurred while this character was off the stage, and although it is impossible to cite all the incidents and performances which remain in the memory, one can still chuckle over Christopher Hibbit exhibiting his errant underwear and managing it thereafter with considerable aplomb, or Norman Flack flouncing off, the essence of feminine nonchalance, with his 'I couldn't be jealous if I tried,' or Graham Rutherford and Christopher Dawn pop-popping with gusto. But these are personal mental snapshots, selected at random. Out of the crowded canvas of this piece, in which no figure, except perhaps the Stray Man, matters any more than any other, to select individual performances for more than a cursory examination would be a denial of the spirit in which the play was presented. It was the sort of play which demands teamwork of the highest order, and this play did not demand it in vain. All who took part, the cast and the mute invisible myrmidons offstage, including the pseudonymous perruquier, deserve our thanks for their contributions to the pace and smoothness of this lively tale of the large population of a very small world.

R.B.

"BIRDS OF A FEATHER"

The presentation of a one-act play—John Oswald Francis' "Birds of a Feather"—by the Staff last December provides an

opportunity of paying a compliment, and voicing a hope for the future.

Complimentary indeed we should be, and grateful to the Staff who are willing to entertain us with a dramatic production, and who are thus beginning a new undertaking which could become a minor milestone in the School's history and a major pleasure to an audience of parents and boys. This was a play of character, produced by Mr. Winmill with vigour and imagination. It is a play which creates an atmosphere peculiarly its own—a Welsh country lane at night, some illicit salmon-fishing, bird sounds, and the watching eyes of the animal world. There is some deft characterisation: Tom Tinker, a man of sly common-sense and pithy phrase; Dicky Bach Dwl, simple in mind but with a deep understanding of the countryside and the animal world; and a most improbable intruder upon the poaching peccadilloes of so engaging a pair of rascals, the benign but pugilistic Bishop of Mid-Wales; and keeper Jenkins, irate and frustrated. These sharply contrasted and vividly realised characters, talking musically in an eerie evening light, with touches of humour and airy fantasy, and some very improbable happenings, made up the strange mixture of this play. It suited the cast admirably. Mr. Foister was a completely convincing Tom Tinker, Mr. Tilley a lively Dicky, Mr. Franklin a forceful Jenkins, and Mr. Sillis an urbane and sporting Bishop.

This is a play which requires atmosphere and straight characterisation. It is excellent entertainment but it does require the acceptance of an illusion of character and situation. It is not easy for the familiar figure of the classroom to be accepted—at least by some of the audience—in the guise of a wily poacher, a suspicious keeper or an episcopal vagrant. Between entries, the atmosphere was well built up by sheer good acting and production. It is confidently expected that, as the tradition of a Staff play becomes established, so the illusion of a different world on the other side of the footlights will come to be accepted.

As the Bishop in his unexpected rôle of an accomplice-poacher says, "This is not only pleasant, this is exciting," with no corncrake conscience to reproach him—or us.

E.C.W.

SIXTH FORM PLAY JULY 1956

The Sixth Form Drama Group presented Patrick Hamilton's "The Duke in Darkness"—an exciting example of the "cloak and dagger" game—at the end of last summer term. The play was received enthusiastically and rightly so. T. E. Hardiman as actor-producer was outstanding; fresh from his triumph in "Dr. Faustus" he was a dignified and eloquent Duke of Laterraine and most effective in simulating blindness. M. P. Stewardson and M. D.

Abrahams stood out from the rest of the cast, the former by his gripping portrayal of Gribaud, a man on—and eventually over—the brink of insanity, the latter by his splendidly sinister Duke of Lamorre. A precedent has been set which we hope will be followed up again this year after the rigours of the advanced level examinations.

P.E.S.

VERSE-SPEAKING COMPETITION

The finals of the annual verse-speaking competition were held in the School Hall on 30th May. The adjudicator was Rev. G. P. Davenport, Chaplain and Senior English Master, Chigwell School. An important change was made this year in the form of the competition: each competitor, besides reciting the poem set for his group, had to read a poem of his own choosing. Some of the choices were very interesting (and revealing).

A. E. Banks, of In, won the Junior School prize. All the finalists recited the set poem ("The Huxter," by Edward Thomas) pleasantly enough, but Banks put more of the right kind of feeling into the second verse. He scored in this way, too, in the poem of his choice, John Masefield's "Roadways," where he made us feel something of the poet's joy and delight in the sea and his conviction that it was the right road for him. R. N. King (2i) had us all listening intently to "The Highwayman" (of Alfred Noyes), although I felt that he took it too slowly and solemnly. If he had chosen to recite the whole of the poem, instead of just a part, this deficiency would have become more apparent. B. Mountford (1m) contributed another narrative poem, "Lord Ullin's Daughter." He has a pleasant voice and spoke his poem well—very well, although he, too, took parts of it rather too slowly.

The Middle School Competition brought us E. A. Hart's rendering of Lewis Carroll's "Jabberwocky." This was a delightful performance. The choice was a splendid one in view of Hart's particular voice and talents; and he made the most of some of Carroll's memorable words and phrases. He also resisted the temptation to over-act the poem. As Mr. Davenport pointed out, he did over-act a little in the set poem ("Six O'Clock in Princes Street," by Wilfred Owen), but revealed more of the quality of the all-important last verse than did the other finalists. The prize was awarded to Hart (4r). The competitor who ran him extremely close was J. M. Lowe (4a), who produced quite a sensitive version of the Owen and read, as his choice, W. B. Yeats' "The Wild Swans at Coole." This is a difficult poem to read aloud and Lowe did well to give us as much of the feeling and atmosphere of the poem as he did. Of the other two finalists, J. Bazlinton (3a) produced a very intelligent rendering of W. H. Davies' "The King-

fisher," while J. W. Gerrish chose "The Listeners," by Walter de la Mare. Gerrish's reading of this poem was uneven in quality ; but some parts of it were extremely effective.

The Senior Competition proved very interesting indeed. The set poem was John Donne's Holy Sonnet No. VII ("At the round earth's imagin'd corners"), a severe test, containing as it does, in a small space, such variations of tone, mood and feeling. Charlesworth produced a fine resonance in the octave, but in the second part, the sestet in which Donne's own penitence and sense of guilt are expressed, Drinkwater made us feel the poem much more urgently. Drinkwater, more than the other finalists, brought out the quality of particular words ; Mr. Davenport commended especially his delivery of the word "despair" in the seventh line. He was, quite deservedly in my opinion, awarded the prize in this section. In his voluntary, Charlesworth chose to render Tamburlaine's speech on the death of Zenocrate ("Now walk the angels on the walls of heaven"), from the second part of Marlowe's "Tamburlaine." This was a very gallant attempt, but the piece proved to be, as yet, beyond his powers. Drinkwater, well within his own compass, read Siegfried Sassoon's "Aftermath," with sincerity and his own awareness of the quality of word and phrase. We all enjoyed Lister's contribution, "How Beastly the Bourgeois is !" by D. H. Lawrence. This was admirably suited to his particular style ; and he gave us, without overstatement, a most compelling reading of the poem.

We were very fortunate in our adjudicator. No-one could have been more sympathetic and helpful ; and he made perceptive and constructive criticisms without being harsh or discouraging.

Altogether a most enjoyable occasion.

F.W.

LIBRARY

A new feature this year has been the inclusion of a number of Penguin and Pelican books. Mr. Smethurst and his helpers have produced special covers for them and so made it possible for them to be used in the library. Many valuable works have been published in these series that we could not obtain in any other way. Of course, we remain as indebted as ever to Mr. Smethurst and his bookbinders and we appreciate their help.

D. Charlesworth has carried out the duties of Library Prefect admirably throughout the year. Mention must also be made of the services of D. I. Cobb and M. E. Leveridge, who have shared with Charlesworth the supervision of lunch-time borrowing periods, and of the useful work done by other members of the library staff. Apart from the prefects, the librarians this year have been : S. W. Millis (6 Lower Modern) ; J. R. Dowsett (5a) ; A. J. Croot and

D. J. Woppard (5c) ; S. A. Low and D. T. G. Wilkins (5b) ; B. J. Caryl and P. W. Lawrence (4a) ; P. J. Morden (3a) ; J. F. Waller and D. J. Whear (3j) ; P. Jarrett (2a) ; R. N. King and M. D. Leggatt (2i).

I should also like to acknowledge the solid contribution Cobb has made to the preparation of the new classified index, which is approaching completion.

We are grateful for the gifts which have been received this year, as we always are. These include : Till We Have Faces, A Myth Retold (C. S. Lewis) from D. G. Browning (1949-56) ; Bridging The Years, A Short History of British Civil Engineering (C. M. Norrie) from G. F. Hawker (1940-45) ; A Textbook of General Agriculture (J. Gillespie and P. Hathaway) from R. H. Gedge (1950-56) ; English People of the Eighteenth Century (Dorothy Marshall) and from Waterloo to Peterloo (R. J. White) from M. G. Mullins (1952-56) ; A Manual of Swimming Instruction for Schools (A. Gray) and Every Boy and Girl a Swimmer (W. H. Downing) from J. A. H. Douglas (1951-56) ; Joseph Conrad (Oliver Warner) from A. D. Gold (1951-56) ; Young Samuel Johnson (James L. Clifford) from D. J. Lee (1949-56) ; The Royal House of Greece (A. S. L. Gould Lee) from A. H. Swallow; Naught for Your Comfort (Trevor Huddleston) from W. Hartog (1951-56) ; The Elements of Physical Chemistry (F. W. Goddard and E. J. F. James) from R. D. Williams (1949-56) ; From Despotism to Revolution 1763-1789 (Leo Gershoy) from D. J. Johnson (1945-52).

Lastly, we are always very willing to receive suggestions from members of the school ; from those who are leaving we should prefer something more tangible.

F.W.

SIXTH FORM FORUM

One particularly pleasing aspect of the year's meetings was the willingness of two members of the Sixth Form to address the Forum. Perkins (U. VI M.) provided an interesting as well as informative account of present-day Berlin from information collected during his visit in 1956 ; Thornley (U. VI M.), speaking on "London Transport," gave a talk appropriately described by the Chairman as an "orgy of statistics."

Three of the meetings were shared with any other members of the school who were willing to attend. In these we were fortunate to have a visit from Sadler's Wells and Covent Garden singers, a piano and violin recital, and an illustrated talk on the oboe.

Other features of the year included addresses by two Old Boys and three members of the staff. Outside speakers talked on such varied topics as Catholicism, African racial problems, science and

the humanities, co-education, problems of philosophy, principles of architecture, contemporary furniture and professional football—this last from Mr. Alec Stock, manager of Leyton Orient F.C. We were very fortunate in having several celebrated guests this year, among whom were Mr. Kenneth Lindy, architect of the Baltic Exchange in the City, who stimulated us by his guiding ideas on modern building, and Mr. John Morris, Controller of the Third Programme, who with quiet ease communicated to us his sense of purpose in directing such an important organ of cultural influence.

At the time of writing we are awaiting the promised visit (on July 10th) of the Rt. Hon. John Stracey whose topic will be Poland during the memorable events of last October.

It is pleasing to be able to note that the unwillingness of members of the Sixth Form in past years to show a positive interest by questioning speakers has largely been absent this year and many views have been expressed and discussed at length.

B. W. TIDIMAN, U. VI. M.

MUSIC

The Sixth Form Forum opened its doors to other members of the school to hear four recitals this year. A group of four singers from the Sadler's Wells Opera Company gave a recital of operatic arias and duets, a violin recital was given by Miss Brenda Dickinson with Mr. John Auton playing the piano, a most interesting lecture-recital on the oboe and cor anglais was provided by Mr. William Grant, and there was a chamber music concert by Mr. C. Dingle (clarinet), Mr. E. Stanley (viola), and Mr. D. Ray (piano).

The innovation of the year was the recital by Old Boys of the School, on the evening of September 27th, in which the performers were D. J. Carney (1947-54), A. S. Charlwood (1945-52), S. J. L. King (1944-49), V. J. Lindsey (1945-50), and N. E. Wilkins (1948-55). The success of this concert suggests that such concerts could well become a regular feature of the musical calendar.

The School Orchestra, reduced in numbers and improved in musical initiative, was able to tackle much more interesting and advanced work at rehearsals. The Junior Orchestra made its first appearance at the Christmas Music Evening, and showed very healthy signs of increased confidence at the Summer Concert.

The Madrigal Group distinguished itself again by winning the cup for the small choirs class at the Stratford and East London Musical Festival, one of their pieces being a part-song by D. Charlesworth which was awarded first place in the composition class of the same festival.

The School Choir, in addition to its work for the Christmas and Summer Concerts, was invited to give a recital after Evensong in

Epping Parish Church on May 19th, and some members of the School Orchestra demonstrated their instruments at the Harlow Schools Music Association Festival in April. Charlesworth and Pratley played at a concert of the Hertfordshire Rural Music School at Cheshunt and at concerts of the Buckhurst Hill Community Association Music Club.

The competition for the House Music Cup was won again this year by Hainault House, whose entries included a trio for violin, clarinet and piano composed by G. Pratley. We are very grateful to those members of the staff who organised the four Houses, and to those who adjudicated the competition.

We mention with great regret the loss of the services of the following boys who have contributed in various ways to school music, and who will be leaving school this term:—

D. Charlesworth, of the orchestra, choir and Madrigal Group, who is to be congratulated on winning a Choral Exhibition at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.

P. W. King, who has been leader of the orchestra for two years, and a member of the choir.

I. M. Lister, a member of the School Choir and Madrigal Group.

E. J. H. Prentice, who has been a flautist in the orchestra but is equally useful as a violinist, and a member of the choir for many years.

D. I. Cobb, a member of the choir and orchestra.

A. D. Wilson, has sung tenor in the choir and as Head Prefect has been a very great help in matters of organisation.

J. A. Drinkwater, bass in the choir.

T. P. Robson, bass in the choir.

M. E. E. Warren, tenor in the choir, and in his more leisureed days a violinist in the orchestra.

We wish them every success and happiness in the future.

In view of the interest that certain parents and Old Boys of the School have shown in the project, we are contemplating a performance by the School Choir and friends, of Handel's "Messiah" to take the place of the Christmas Music Evening at the end of next term.

Will anyone who would be willing to join this performance, on Wednesday, December, 18th, 1957, send his or her name and address and voice to Mr. Ray at School? There will be three or four evening rehearsals in the preceding weeks.

D.E.R.

The Music Society

The Music Society has continued steadily on its course, although attempts to arouse the interest of outsiders have not proved particularly successful. B. W. Tidiman made a valuable contribution by directing his enthusiasm for Mozart's music into an illustrated lecture on "Mozart and Classicism."

"Il Maestro" was the title of a tribute to the late Arturo Toscanini given by S. W. Millis. The latter deserves special mention for keeping the wheels of the society turning during the secretary's temporary absence with examination fever.

The spirit of communal music-making was felt to be the most important feature of the two live concerts, in which the performers played almost entirely to fellow performers. Nevertheless, such an audience of the intelligent élite (musically) proved most valuable.

A party visited the Royal Festival Hall for a concert entitled "Diversion" in the series "Music of a Century." Out of necessity, the rest of our programmes consisted of "canned" music.

It is hoped that at the end of the present term the Music and Literary Societies may combine to present an entertainment of music and verse.

D. CHARLESWORTH, VI Scholarship.
Secretary.

Junior Music Society

The response this year was disappointing as the highest attendance at the weekly lunch-time record recitals was twenty-three except when rain created a sudden impulse in certain juniors to hear classical music. This shows a complete lack of interest in classical music, for when two jazz recitals were held as an experiment almost everybody came.

The classical records played range from "Pacific 231" by Honegger to chamber music by Haydn.

D. E. PERKINS, 2a.

THE JAZZ APPRECIATION GROUP

The Jazz Club of 1954/55 was reformed this year under the new name of the Jazz Appreciation Group. From the outset the seemingly eternal rift in jazz enthusiasts was apparent. The Group, aimed, therefore, at striking a balance between "traditional" and "modern." "Rock 'n' Roll" was strictly outlawed as being definitely "Non-U-Jazz." Although an excellent modern classroom, room 5 necessarily lacked the "heavy" atmosphere in which the jazz genius thrives.

There is a great interest in jazz in the senior school, however, as was shown both by the attendance and also by the large number of long-playing records brought by the members. There is every reason to believe, therefore, that the Group will become a permanent feature of after-school activities.

J. FREEMAN, Upper VI Modern.

LITERARY SOCIETY NOTES

This season has been particularly notable in that the literary topics chosen have extended in their scope far beyond the rigid confines of our native "English" Literature. Ireland was represented in play-readings of Shaw's "Androcles and The Lion" and O'Casey's "Juno and The Paycock," and Wales was brought into focus by Mr. Bell who examined the place of Cynghanedd, a metrical form, in the poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins.

The English novelist Graham Greene was the subject of Drinkwater's paper. At the next meeting, one facet of modern German literature was mirrored for us by Dr. Ihrig, who, together with Mr. Dutton, discussed respectively a German and an English poet of the last war. Finally, for the first time since the foundation of the Society, the literature of America was introduced by Mr. Ingram who traced the periods of development from Crane to the current "enfant terrible," Salinger.

Theatre visits this year included "Much Ado About Nothing," produced by The Old Vic, and T. S. Eliot's "The Confidential Clerk," produced by the Loughton A. D. Society.

J. DRINKWATER, VI Scholarship.

DEBATING SOCIETY

One cannot say that the Debating Society has gone from strength to strength this year, although it has managed to keep a fairly high average attendance in the face of such competition as films and the School Play.

In a school with a large Sixth Form it is a pity that debating as an extra skill and interesting relaxation is not more sought after; this was often noticeable in the extreme lethargy shewn by members of both Arts and Science Sixths when asked to participate in a debate, although their loquacity and audibility were undoubtedly by all who knew them.

As is usual, the debates with Woodford County High School were well attended and it is a happy thought that the standard of speaking is improving despite the hackneyed motions for debate.

Messrs. Maskell, Meddings, Kinnison and Freeman all made their début this year and added their ideas and voices to those of the old faithfus—Tidiman, Perkins and Abrahams.

The most successful debate in size if not in eloquence was the one concerning "Rock 'n Roll" at which 62 boys and several members of the Staff were present. It is noticeable that the staff are often more attracted by the "box-office" motions than the ones where exercise of the intellect and concentration are required.

M. D. ABRAHAMS, Upper VI Modern.

S.C.M. REPORT

The S.C.M. Group has had a rather disappointing year, for not only have many of the seeds sown last year failed to bear fruit, but also some of the enthusiasm seems to have withered away. The numerous claims of other school activities have made the holding of regular meetings virtually impossible, but, nevertheless, we have had one or two interesting talks from outside speakers, a valuable series of group discussions on the subject of youth clubs and the home, and several films, including the latest "Fact and Faith" release. Bookings have been made for other films in this series to be shown in the Autumn term.

King and Charlesworth were privileged to attend a Conference at Jesus College, Oxford, in April. Members of the Group hope to take part in the S.C.M. Conference at Bancroft's School in July.

D. CHARLESWORTH, VI Scholarship,
A. J. PERKINS, VI Upper Modern.

THE OXFORD CONFERENCE

A large yet friendly 17th Century College building set in the midst of an historic and magnificently beautiful University City : early morning Communion in the small chapel with the open door letting in the chill April air : sumptuous meals in the Great Hall shared with some of the eminent Christian personalities who directed our thoughts in addresses and discussions : the imposing figure and irresistible humour of C. A. Joyce : Professor Coulson's reasoned appraisal of the claims of science : above all, a profound feeling of unity and fellowship—these are some of our unforgettable impressions of the Conference of Sixth form boys held at Jesus College, Oxford, and organised by C.A.C.T.M. (The Central Advisory Council of Training for the Ministry). It was emphasised that this was not a propaganda campaign for the recruitment of parsons, except in the sense that the underlying theme throughout was the necessity of realising a Christian vocation in life.

The four days of the Conference were crammed with activity. We were hustled from leisure to lecture, from forum to food ; a choir was formed, organists and choirmaster selected ; services, films, conducted tours . . . and more food. And unifying all we did were the invaluable group discussions in which all manner of topics, secular and religious, were freely and sincerely considered by people with a variety of outlook and experience, drawn together by a common faith and under the friendly guidance of older Christians.

D. CHARLESWORTH, VI Scholarship
P. W. KING, VI Upper Modern.

SCHOOL FILM SOCIETY

Owing to decreased attendances last school year, no documentary films, other than religious ones, have been shown and the number of feature films has been limited to approximately one every three weeks. Happily, there has been an increase in the average attendances and the film society has been able to pay its way. If sufficient support is again forthcoming during the next year, there will be no need to increase the contribution of 6d. or to curtail the number of films to be shown.

The following films have been booked for next year :—

"The Happiest Days of Your Life"	"The Dam Busters"
"Animal Farm"	"The Ladykillers"
"Simba" (Colour)	"The Importance of Being Earnest" (Colour)
"The Teckman Mystery"	"The 39 Steps"
"Scrooge"	"Henry V" (Colour)
"Man of the Moment"	Famous silent comedies.

E.S.J. Mc.

THE ART CLUB

This year several promising juniors were enrolled and some interesting work was produced. Amongst the seniors, J. B. Harvey (5c) showed great enthusiasm for lino-printing, often disturbing the peaceful atmosphere with his operations. Bookbinding proved very popular this session and much useful work was done, particularly in the new Penguin Section of the Library. In the drawing and painting, there was a marked nautical bias, due to the influence of M. J. Savage (4c) and R. A. J. Smith (L.VI Modern).

J. GOODMAN, Lower Sixth Modern, Secretary.

The Editor would like to thank G. R. Lee (4a), L. E. V. Smith (4c), who offered pen and ink studies of the school for the "Roding;" and to congratulate A. R. Nelson (4a) upon his sketch which appears at the front of this edition.

SCHOOL YOUTH HOSTEL GROUP

Last summer holiday, a party of sixty members of the School toured in Austria, staying at hostels in Vienna (4 nights), Salzburg (4 nights), Zell am See (6 nights) and Innsbruck (6 nights). In March, twenty boys spent a week-end at Holmbury St. Mary hostel. During the day, they were engaged on geographical field work and map reading, visiting Box Hill, Holmbury Hill, Forest Green, Leith Hill and Ranmore Common. During the Easter holiday, forty boys toured in the Yorkshire and Derbyshire Dales, staying at Ingleton, Stainforth and Castleton. This summer holiday 60 members of the school and old boys will be hostelling in Switzerland, staying at Wengen, Zermatt, St. Moritz-Bad and Engelberg.

Proposed Future Activities.

1958 Easter.—Snowdonia, 10th-18th April. Approximate cost, £6.

1958 Summer.—German Rhineland and the Black Forest, 19th August—8th September approximately. The party will travel in Germany by rail and by Rhine steamers. Approximate cost : £26.

1959 Easter.—Lake District. Approximate cost £6. It is hoped to arrange further Continental tours in Austria, Switzerland and the Netherlands.

E.S.J.Mc.

INDUSTRIAL VISITS

Industrial visits were paid this year to the "Daily Mirror" and the "Daily Sketch," the Trebor Sweet Factory, the Ford Motor Works, the C. W. S. Tea Factory and Flour Mill, Tate and Lyle's Thames Sugar Refinery, J. Lyons and Co., Ltd. (Cadby Hall), Kensington, and the Stork Margarine Works, Purfleet.

E.S.J.Mc.

AN ASPECT OF OUR SOCIAL ORDER

Early in the summer term a small party of Sixth Formers spent a day in the public gallery of the Middlesex Sessions. The court room, housed in a splendid greystone building, was majestically solemn, in contrast to the hustle of Westminster outside. The elaborate internal stonework, partly concealed by seven huge, sombre portraits of former chairmen, the oak panelling, the "sang-de-boeuf" upholstery, and the twelve ornate, wrought-iron chandeliers created an atmosphere in the best grandiose, but not in this case offensive, Victorian tradition.

In the court room, the significance of our social order may be fully realised. Some fifty people may be involved in withholding the future liberty from a fellow being. Is this just or merely expedient? Further anxieties are aroused by the skill of the lawyers : they seem quite capable of proving an innocent person guilty. The constructive nature of the sentences, however, impressed most. Corrective training is preferred to a prison term, which now appears to be a punishment of last resort.

J. FREEMAN, Upper VI Modern.

"A GEOGRAPHICAL REST-CURE"

A further landmark in geographical fieldwork and travel from this school was established just before Easter when eleven students went to Juniper Hall, Dorking, for a one-week field study course.

Juniper Hall, situated just behind Box Hill, is one of the five centres belonging to the Council for the Promotion of Field-Study, which is designed to instruct students in the biology and geography of a particular area.

Having served, eaten, and cleared the breakfast we would take our lunches and spend the day in the field observing the geology and scenery. Pencils were kept busy meticulously noting information which flowed from Miss Hodgeson, our instructress.

As well as studying the local area, including Leith Hill, we traversed the Weald by coach to Brighton—where we did not bathe—and Shoreham.

After supper, fair copies were made of notes, maps and sketches, following which most found half-an-hour or more to enjoy various nocturnal recreations.

The quotation at the head of this article is thus misleading, for although a great deal of pleasure was gained, the week was one in which a large amount of useful work was completed in pleasant surroundings. This was an education in perception, expression, and living together all too short, but none-the-less memorable.

During the Easter holiday a group of biologists from this school also went to Juniper Hall, spending the week bogging, bugging and badgerings.

A. J. PERKINS, Upper VI Modern.

SUMMER TOUR OF AUSTRIA—8th-30th AUGUST, 1956

The largest ever school party to go abroad, minus one member who arrived a day late, left Victoria Station for Vienna via Ostend, Cologne, the Rhine Gorge, Nuremberg and the Danube Valley. Little sleep was snatched, for most of the party had to be content with lying in all positions on floor, rack, seats, rucksacks and corridor. Four days were spent in Vienna : sightseeing in the capital city, and walking through "Strauss" country of the Vienna Woods and the banks of the somewhat muddy Blue Danube.

We then moved on to Salzburg, nearly losing two over-enthusiastic photographers in the beautiful Semmering Pass, gaily bedecked for the Mozart Centenary. As well as the usual conducted tour, two most entertaining excursions were carried out : firstly to the famous salt mines at Durrnberg, with its fairyland underground salt lake and "scorching" slides ; secondly over the border to Berchtesgaden (Hitler's old hide-away) and Konigsee in the Bavarian Alps.

The next six days were spent at Zelt-am-See, in the modern hostel situated on the southern shore of a beautiful lake surrounded by snow capped peaks. The lake was ideal for swimming and rowing, and one or two members of the party during our stay at the hostel made the Entente certainly more Cordiale. On one day the party ascended the mountain road by coach to Gross Glockner (12,487 feet) and the Pasterzen glacier where many made a double traverse inspecting the many crevasses, while on another a cable car carried us to the summit of the Schmittenthal.

Rather reluctantly the party departed for Innsbruck in the Tyrol, the last stage of the holiday. Music from zithers rang out from the old inns into the quaint old streets, so busy with tourists from all over the world. Two cable car journeys took us up heights of over 7,500 feet, a sky lift to Muttereralm and a light railway to Igls and Fulpmes.

And so on August 29th the party returned, this time complete, to England, bringing back memories of the magnificent scenery, exciting excursions, and the hospitality and gaiety of the Austrian people in the 2,500 miles tour.

R. S. HETHERINGTON, Upper Sixth Modern.

EASTER TOUR OF THE YORKSHIRE AND DERBYSHIRE DALES, 1957

During the Easter holiday, from the 23rd until the 30th of April, a party of boys toured the Yorkshire and the Derbyshire dales. The party visited four caverns and were shown stalactites, stalagmites and the method of mining the famous Blue John stone.

In two of the caves, candles were distributed for providing the illumination. Instead, however, they were used to ascertain whether they would burn rock, singe the hair of the person in front, or continue to stay alight when inverted.

Two of the "Peaks" were climbed : that of Whernside on a very cold 25th of April, and that of Ingleborough on the bakingly hot previous day. During the first three days we must have walked about 45 miles in all. For the last few miles several of the party were walking on their stumps, so the journey from Yorkshire into Derbyshire was a welcome rest.

On the 28th it was found that, although it had not rained for several weeks, you could still sink up to your knees in the peat bog unless you were one of those people who have feet like a camel. On the last day we visited the remaining two caverns and had the afternoon "free," but this was a washout as it poured (the only time it rained during the whole week). In the evening we visited the small workshop where the Blue John stone is worked and those members of the party who still had any money left bought some presents.

On the 30th we all returned to London, happy to think that on the next day we would be reunited with our fellows at school.

J. C. CHAPMAN, 5a.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS

At the eighteenth annual Athletic Sports held at the School on June 1st, nine School Records were broken :—

1 Mile over 15	{ J. Meddings (Forest)	4 mins. 27.8 secs.
440 yards over 15		53.4 secs.
Pole Vault, over 15	D. J. Morris (Roding)	10 ft.
Discus, over 15	M. Alcott (Chigwell)	119 ft. 8½ ins.
Hurdles, under 15	M. F. Verdon (Roding)	11.5 secs.
Hurdles, over 15	R. Hetherington (Roding)	16 sec.
Relay, under 14	Forest	52.4 sec.
Relay, under 15	Hainault	50.4 secs.
Relay, 16 and over	Roding	47.9 sec.

One record was equalled :—

High Jump over 15 : D. Wilkins (Roding) 5 ft. 3½ in.

The Best Performance Cups were awarded as follows :—

Over 15 (John Henry Taylor Cup)	.....	J. G. Meddings
Under 15 Cup	.....	M. Verdon
Under 13 Cup	.....	R. Docking

The "Bryett" inter-House Athletics Cup and the "Hayward" inter-house Jumping Events Cup were awarded to Roding House.

The final house positions were as follows :—

1.	Roding	.....	130	pts.
2.	Forest	.....	96	"
3.	Hainault	.....	86½	"
4.	Chigwell	.....	45	"

The winners in each event were as follows :—

1.	Putting the Shot, under 15 (8.8 lb.)	.....	Verdon (R)	35' 3"
2.	Throwing the Discus, under 13 (2.2 lb.)	.....	Docking (R)	79' 4½"
3.	Throwing the Javelin, under 13	.....	Herbert (H)	89' 10"
4.	Throwing the Javelin, over 15 (metal)	.....	Little (R)	122' 7"
5.	Throwing the Discus, under 15 (2.2 lb)	.....	Bell (R)	102' 7½"
6.	High Jump, under 13	.....	Docking (R)	4' 6"
7.	High Jump, under 15	.....	Ackah (R)	4' 9¾"
8.	Long Jump, under 15	.....	Rutherford (C)	15' 8½"
9.	Hop, Step and Jump, under 13	.....	Copsey (F)	28' 10½"
10.	Hop, Step and Jump, 15 and over	.....	Little (R)	37' 2"
11.	Pole Vault, under 13	.....	Docking (R)	6' 9"
12.	Pole Vault, under 15	.....	Robertson (R)	7' 3"
13.	High Jump, 15 and over	.....	Wilkins (R)	5' 3½"
14.	880 Yards, 15 and over	.....	Meddings (F)	2m. 1.8s.
15.	Pole Vault, 15 and over	.....	Morris (R)	10'
16.	Long Jump, under 13	.....	Copsey (F)	12' 9½"
17.	100 Yards, under 12	.....	Myers (C)	13.4 sec.
18.	100 Yards, under 13	.....	Herbert (H)	12.4 sec.
19.	100 Yards, under 14	.....	Waller (R)	12.2 sec.
20.	100 Yards, under 15	.....	Tye (C)	11.6 sec.
21.	100 Yards, under 16	.....	Bacon (H)	11.2 sec.
22.	100 Yards, 16 and over	.....	Morris (R)	11.2 sec.
23.	Putting the Shot, 15 and Over (12 lb.)	.....	Pingree (F)	37' 9"
24.	Throwing the Javelin, under 15 (bamboo)	.....	Carter (H)	117' 11½"
25.	One Mile, 15 and over	.....	Meddings (F)	4m. 27.8s.
26.	Hurdles, under 13	.....	Lincoln (C)	13.8 sec.
27.	Hurdles, under 15	.....	Verdon (R)	11.5 sec.
28.	Hurdles, over 15	.....	Hetherington (R)	16 sec.
29.	Throwing the Discus, 15 and over (3.3 lb.)	.....	Alcott (C)	119' 8½"
30.	Hop, Step and Jump, under 15	.....	Stevenson (C)	35' 7"
31.	220 Yards, under 13	.....	Herbert (H)	27.8 sec.
32.	220 Yards, under 14	.....	Waller (R)	26.2 sec.
33.	220 Yards, under 15	.....	Foster (H)	25.6 sec.
34.	220 Yards, under 16	.....	Chapman (R)	24.8 sec.
35.	220 Yards, 16 and over	.....	King (H)	25.4 sec.
36.	Long Jump, 15 and over	.....	Little (R)	17' 6"
37.	Putting the Shot, under 13 (6 lb.)	.....	Herbert (H)	35' 8"
38.	440 Yards, under 15	.....	Marshall (F)	57.5 sec.
39.	440 Yards, under 16	.....	Chapman (R)	56.4 sec.
40.	440 Yards, 16 and over	.....	Meddings (F)	53.4 sec.

41.	Relay, under 12	.....	Forest	59 sec.
42.	Relay, under 13	.....	Roding	56.6 sec.
43.	Relay, under 14	.....	Forest	52.4 sec.
45.	Relay, under 15	.....	Hainault	50.4 sec.
46.	Relay, under 16	.....	Roding	50.8 sec.
47.	Relay, 16 and over	.....	Roding	47.9 sec.

A very enthusiastic crowd of about seven hundred people enjoyed a very interesting afternoon's athletics, which was distinguished by several first-class performances. The most outstanding of these was, of course, that of J. G. Meddings, who achieved excellent times in all three of his events—the quarter-mile, the half-mile and the mile. Subsequently, in the Russell Cup competition he performed even better, recording a time of 1 minute 59.5 seconds for the half-mile and then beating the record for the mile (set up by a previous member of the school, R. Doe), with the excellent time of 4 minutes, 24 seconds.

In the under fifteen age group, M. F. Verdon of Roding House showed himself to be a promising performer by breaking the hurdles record for this age group very comfortably. He had previously equalled the Forest Divisional Record for this event with a time of 11.4 seconds.

Docking, in the under thirteen age group, shows great promise for the future. He did extremely well on Sports Day in gaining three first and three second places.

R. Little of Roding also performed very creditably, gaining three winner's medals and also helping the Roding House over-sixteen relay team to win in a new record time for this event.

Roding House maintained its distinguished Sports Day record, and is now in the position of having won the Athletic Sports on six occasions out of the last seven.

Mr. Kenneth Bone (the Honorary Coach to the Oxford University Athletic Club and the A.A.A. Honorary Senior Coach) presented the medals and cups.

D. J. MORRIS, Lower Sixth Science.

J. G. MEDDINGS

Jeffrey Meddings first revealed his athletic prowess as a junior cross-country runner. He has fulfilled this early promise both in cross-country, where his most outstanding performances have been in winning the individual event of the Smeed and Orion Cups, and in athletics, when last year he was selected for the Essex team in the National Championships.

In the current season his performances show promise of even greater honours. His fine performance in the London Athletic Clubs' Public Schools' One Mile Steeplechase at the White City Stadium in a new record time of 4 min. 55.4 secs—being chosen as a result to represent London Schools v. Paris Schools—gained him National recognition.

On Sports Day with records in the One Mile, 4 mins. 27 secs. (a time which he lowered in the Champion Russell Cup competition to set up yet another record in 4 mins. 24 secs.), 440 yards (53 secs.) and a Half Mile in 2 mins. 1.5 secs gained him the John Henry Taylor Best Performance Trophy for the third successive year.

In all invitation races this year he has broken existing records.

It is these qualities and performances, together with his modest bearing and approach to the sport which single out Jeffrey Meddings as one of the best athletes the school has produced and one who will undoubtedly achieve high honours in the field of National Athletics.

R.M.W.

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

The past cross country season was excessively damp, but in spite of the mud and misery, the team remained enthusiastic, performing consistently throughout the season. The lack of material success, for we won no trophies, can be attributed, almost entirely, to the marked youth of the team, the majority of whom were sixteen or under, but as many of these boys are staying for a sixth year, a flourishing future in this sport is more or less guaranteed.

Our competitive record fluctuates and perhaps our best run was in the Smeed Cup race, when we were runners-up, and our worst was, most definitely, the Burn Cup race when everyone must have run backwards for us to finish eighth. In between came the Highgate Harriers, and Orion Harriers, in both of which we managed to secure a creditable fourth place. For the majority of the inter-school "friendlies" we were able to hold our own and, as in all our races, the packing of the later races was of the highest quality.

The under 16 team again proved very successful and won the divisional championships quite overwhelmingly, the School providing the first two finishers. This again is a good omen, and I feel confident that in the near future, Buckhurst Hill will again be able to show a clean pair of muddy heels to all challengers.

Colours were awarded to Wilkins and re-awarded to Meddings.

J. G. MEDDINGS, Upper VI Science.
Captain of Cross Country.

The School Cross Country championships were run off under water, and the results were :

First Year Run—	1st 1m 2nd 1n 3rd 1s	Individual	1st Grant 2nd Mockridge 3rd Jackson	1m 1n 1m	10m. 36s.
Junior Run—	1st Chigwell 2nd Forest 3rd Roding 4th Hainault	Individual	1st Ottley 2nd Grant 3rd Mockridge	H F F	10m. 22s.
Middle School Run—	1st Forest 2nd Hainault 3rd Roding 4th Chigwell	Individual	1st Sewell 2nd Marshall 3rd Stevenson	C F C	18m. 50s.
Senior Run—	1st Forest 2nd Roding 3rd Hainault 4th Chigwell	Individual	1st Meddings 2nd Batchelor 3rd Oliver	F F R	21m. 59s.
Final Result—	1st Forest ; 2nd Roding ; 3rd		{ Chigwell Hainault		

ATHLETICS TEAM

The season started very successfully with the record-breaking victory of J. G. Meddings in the one mile steeplechase, at the London Schools' Athletics' Meeting, held at the White City. He was subsequently selected to represent London schools in a match against Paris schools. Further success was gained in the Forest Divisional Championships, in which the school team was placed first in the 15-17 Field Events Cup and Hurdles Cup. As a result of individual successes, twenty-four boys were selected to represent the divisional team in the Essex County Championships, to be held at Hornchurch on June 22nd. At the time of writing, the finals of the Russell Cup Competition have not been held, but it is feared, from the results of the preliminaries, that the school team will not finish in a very distinguished position. It is to be hoped, however, that more success will be gained in forthcoming competitions, especially in the Campbell and Bickersteth cups.

D. MORRIS, Captain.
Lower Sixth Science.

GYMNASIACS

During the past year School Gymnastics has experienced a reasonable amount of success, both in popularity and support, and also in Competition results. Many new members have been recruited, and the older members have, on the whole, continued to give their support. During the Parents' Association Bazaar on

October 20th, an augmented team put on a successful display which ran to two performances. In December in the Forest Divisional Gymnastic Competition, the school team, consisting of K. Hardy, F. Hardy, R. Wood, J. Gilders, J. Rogers, L. Smith, E. Moore and D. Morris, did well to gain third position, behind Grange and Wanstead Schools. It is planned to hold the Annual Inter-House Competition at the end of the current term.

D. MORRIS, Captain.
Lower Sixth Science.

FOOTBALL REPORTS 1956-1957

1st XI Football

This season proved to be a rather disappointing one, both from the point of view of results and the spirit shown by some of the members of the team. To counteract the rather poor results, there were some fine performances by individual members of the team, notably by Haining, Freeman and Hetherington. Haining, coming into the team from the second eleven, developed into a very useful winger, whilst Hetherington's goalkeeping seemed to improve with every match.

Apart from lack of enthusiasm, the main problem throughout the season was that of trying to field the same team for more than three weeks running. This position arose because of injuries, notably to Little and Saward, and the fact that boys seemed to find commitments elsewhere more important than representing the School. I am pleased to say that second eleven boys, who played on various occasions, never let us down and I congratulate them on their enthusiasm and spirit.

As far as results go, we started fairly well and then steadily deteriorated until around Christmas, when the team settled down again. The period after Christmas was steady, and after having won three matches running we had to wait until the Staff Match before registering another win.

The best performance by the team was undoubtedly against Chelmsford when, fielding eight reserves, we were unlucky to lose 5—4. Other good performances were against a strong side from Sir George Monoux and the usual strong Palmer's eleven.

Saward was selected to play for Essex Grammar Schools and must be congratulated on remaining first choice for the County, even after missing quite a few games through injury. Colours were re-awarded to Saward, Freeman and Little, and the following boys represented the school throughout the season :—

Hetherington, Brookes, Saward, Shepherd, Appleby, Cowling, Freeman, Little, Terry, Alcott, Unwin, Haining, Gathergood, Tyler, Morris, Missin, Loader, Langford, Maskell, Fisher.

Record	P	W	L	D	F	A
24	8	13	3	57	60	

R. LITTLE, Upper VI Science.

Post Script :—One of the outstanding players of recent years, Little has the unique distinction of having captained all four football teams during his school career. Despite fractures to leg and wrist in successive seasons, which denied him a regular place in the County XI, he has lost none of his artistry or keenness in the field ; and off the field his quiet but constant care for the game has complemented his practical skill.

2nd XI

The 1956-57 season was quite a successful one for the 2nd XI, although it has been impossible to field a regular eleven each week, owing to injuries and the subsequent borrowing of players by the 1st XI. Nevertheless every team fielded responded very well, and the strength of the side always seemed to lie in the defence, where Terry at centre half and Waud in goal should be congratulated for their almost unfailing efforts throughout the season. The forwards, although combining well at times, very often seemed to lack that effective finish to their moves, which on one or two occasions undoubtedly cost us a heavy defeat. The general performance of the team, however, can be regarded as very satisfactory and a credit to their record.

P	W	L	D
19	13	6	0

The following played :

Waud, Pingree, Fisher, Unwin (capt.), Terry, Gathergood, James, Wood, Salter, Loader, Hardy, Randall, Cowling, Hetherington, Arben, Maskell, Brown, Benjamin, Morris.

J. UNWIN, Upper VI Science.

Under 15 XI

This season the team had some measure of success, owing to the enthusiasm and team work of its members. Special mention must be made of the reserves for their support and willingness to appear, sometimes at short notice.

After a poor start to the season, we began to play attacking spirited football, which achieved good results.

The regular team members were :—Cornford, Conway, Wood, Claydon, Delaney, Robertson, Hudd, Burr, Coates, Odell and Smith.

Worthy reserves were : Airs, Murrell and Sweeting.

B. DELANEY (Capt.), 4b.

Under 14 XI

It has been a mixed year ; one or two matches we managed to win easily, but most of the others we only just won or lost. Team spirit played a vital part in the results, particularly when we encountered sides much bigger than ourselves ; yet it was only towards the end of this season that all the boys really showed enthusiasm. Whilst our half-back line was the foundation of our strength, trouble came from the right wing and from the full-backs ; none of them could hold his place consistently. Harris improved considerably over the past year and was the permanent goal-keeper. Batten proved to be a very good leader and an opportunist, whilst Davis gave sufficient thrust to hold a weak forward line together.

Results : Played 22 ; Won 9 ; Drawn 1 ; Lost 12.

E. MOORE, 3a.

Under 13 XI

Throughout the season the whole team has played with real sportsmanship. The number of losses in the first half of the season was disappointing, but as the season wore on we improved our individual play and our teamwork.

The players throughout the season were : Hassall, Goodwin, Coomber, Cox, Lovell, Brown, Berrett, Ottley, Docking, Shanks, House, Stephenson, Knight, Tarry, Hyde, Grant, Taplin and Bassett.

The top goalscorers were Docking and House.

Results : Played 21 ; Won 4 ; Drawn 5 ; Lost 12.

G. H. BASSETT, 2a.

CRICKET

We have succeeded, for the first season on record, in providing net-practice for boys of promise in every year, trying to give an opportunity to any first year boy who showed either enthusiasm or talent, and also in consolidating proper sartorial tradition on the field of play. Perhaps it was the constant sun that persuaded young cricketers to keep their eye on the ball and their socks white.

First XI

The success of last year's team has not been reproduced this season, for a number of its best players had left : two opening bowlers, an opening bat and a wicket-keeper were wanted. Saward, appointed captain at the beginning of term, turned himself into an efficient keeper, Brewster bowled well as an opener, and Little batted first, often quite successfully. It was Carter, amongst the batsmen,

who scored the good runs : his 83 against Chelmsford, a First XI record, contributed largely to the season's best victory. Other batsmen were either too wild or too weak. It is hoped that the newcomers, Appleby and Brown, promoted on their performances with the Second XI, will steady the batting into more consistent form. The bowling has been adequate, but has lacked that important hostile bite, so giving plenty of work in the field-work which was not always done reliably and cleanly, though here Hetherington was an exception.

We congratulate Pingree on being selected to play for the Essex Grammar Schools XI against the Essex Club & Ground XI.

J. SAWARD, Captain.
Upper Sixth Modern.

Second XI

Though well served by the bowlers, particularly Gathergood and Lello, we searched for batsmen who could score runs. Selection of players was confined to the Fifth and Sixth Forms, placing Fourth Formers in the U-15 XI, but, towards the end of the season, an attempt has been made to strengthen the side by the inclusion of Colby and Cornford from the fourth year. The side has been captained by Appleby until his promotion to the First XI and subsequently by Shepherd.

The following have played : Shepherd, Wilkins, Benjamin, Tyler, Gathergood, Unwin, Sherwood, Airs, Rogers, Lello, Cornford, Salter, Bernstock, Low and Charlesworth.

Junior Cricket

If the batting had been less cautious and the fielding tighter, the Under-15 XI would have turned a moderately successful season into a brilliant one. However, under the captaincy of Smith, whose batting at number one often gave a steady start to an innings, enthusiastic cricket was played with some notable individual performances—Davis's 29 wickets, Rutherford's aggregate of 121 runs and Bayford's one match performance of 56 and 5 for 9.

The following have played : Smith, A., Moore, Coates, Rutherford, Batten, Wiltshire, Buckley, Verdon, Davis, Colby, Cornford, Bell, Bayford and Nicholl.

The Under-13½ XI, captained by Frizelle, have played all their games with great enthusiasm and in excellent spirit, winning six of the nine matches so far played. Herbert was "discovered" : 6 for 5 against Leyton C.H.S. and 5 for 5 against Wanstead C.H.S., and Hassell has so far made the highest score of the season. The future is bright.

The following have played : Frizelle, Reader, Tasker, Herbert, Munday, Bassett, Hassell, Nice, Tarry, R., Ottley, Tarry, B., Phillips and Bodley.

Our praise goes to Miss Bellerby and her staff for the efficiency of her catering ; our grateful sympathy to Mr. Kingston for toiling so gallantly against the extraordinary dry spell ; and our thanks to all who have helped to make our cricket so enjoyable, not the least of whom are the scorers of the various teams.

H.B.S.

HOCKEY

The results this season have been very encouraging, for although seven of last year's players have been available most of the season, many newcomers were welcomed and will form a nucleus for next year. The defence proved to be very reliable this year and gave good support to a forward line whose form was inclined to be rather variable.

Overy in goal promised well and it is hoped he will continue to play there for several seasons. Kreetzer, who was selected for Essex in several games, was very strong at left back, and was well supported by Davey. Greenwood developed as a player capable of taking any half-back position with confidence. The forward line, despite many positional changes, was always well controlled by Abrahams, who was also chosen to play for Essex. Forsyth at right-half showed promise with some strong hitting, and Hardy in the forward line belied his size with some fine play. The whole team was lively and aggressive, and played spiritedly throughout the season and often shocked more experienced teams.

Good Scorers:—Abrahams 9, Prentice 5, Carpenter 4, Hardy 4, Carter 5, Meddings 1, Drage 1, Lodge 1, Cockburn 1.

P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
15	6	6	3	31	29

Colours were awarded to Kreetzer and Greenwood and re-awarded to Abrahams and Carpenter.

R. H. CARPENTER, Captain,
Upper VI Science.

HOUSE NOTES

CHIGWELL HOUSE REPORT

Whilst we cannot become Cock House this year, we have our own battle in order to regain the third position. It is fatal to recline at the bottom and view the trophy with resigned despair. Before Chigwell is first she must be third and then second. The danger lies not in aiming too high, but in aiming too high too soon.

This year we record resounding success in the Basketball competition, giving us 20 points. The remaining 20 points of our present total, however, are all that we gained from Cross-Country, Football and Athletics. Other competitions have yet to be completed.

The devotion of many individuals, notably Wilson, Saward, and Rutherford, in both Senior and Junior sections has been an encouraging example to us all.

Following Chigwell's three-year precedent, it is hoped that the House system in general will benefit from the appointment of Junior House Masters in the other three houses.

May I express the hope that, as the result of a concerted long term effort, the "Cock" will at last come home to roost.

A. J. PERKINS, Upper VI Modern.

FOREST HOUSE

In its position as Cock House, Forest has again fought hard, and stands a very good chance of repeating the success of last year. The competition is so close, however, that to make any prophecy would be most hazardous, but whether successful or not we have much of which to be proud. Our Football and Cross-Country skill gained us victories in both these competitions and we also managed a creditable second place in Athletics; a very weak showing in Basketball, though, has left all depending on the cricket and swimming competitions.

In all sports, a pleasing depth is apparent right through the school which should augur well for the future, and the general enthusiasm has more than outweighed the odd cases of apathy which have arisen. While, however, these cases persist, the House cannot rest on its laurels, and although the future is bright, it would be even brighter if the whole-hearted support of every member of the House could be relied upon. Our roots are firm and I am sure next year's growth can be as sound.

J. G. MEDDINGS, Upper VI Science.

HAINAULT HOUSE REPORT

At the start of the cricket championship the House is second to Forest who are six points ahead in the Inter-House Championship. We are, therefore, in a strong position to regain the "Chapman Memorial Cup" after years. We have reached this position by enthusiasm and by a fine spirit rather than skill, which is shown by the fact that we have finished either second or third in each of the completed competitions, second in the Football and Basketball and third in the Cross Country and Athletics. Our Juniors, however, have been outstanding, gaining maximum points in the Football and Basketball. The Music Cup was won convincingly for the third year in succession under the guidance of Mr. Still. I should like to thank J. Drake and J. Loader, who both captained the House earlier in the year, and Moore, E., for his invaluable help throughout the year.

B. WAUD, Upper VI Science.

RODING HOUSE

This year it was decided, among the House Captains and House Masters, to try and make the House Championship much keener. If the position at the moment can be taken as a reflection on their attempts, it must be said that they have succeeded to a certain extent, for this year's Championship has proved to be one of the closest for a long time. At the moment any House could win and it is obvious that the cricket results are going to play a large part in deciding the victors.

Contrary to previous years, Football turned out to be our weakest winter sport and it was largely owing to our poor record in this that we were placed last at the end of the winter sports. A fine performance in the Athletics brought us within 2 of a point of Hainault who are second, and considerably decreased the lead which Forest had over us. This year's win in the Athletics was our sixth in the last seven years and I hope that this grand tradition which is growing in the House will continue for many years.

This year, in my opinion, has seen an improvement in the spirit within the House and I should like to thank Waller in particular for his support and enthusiasm in the junior teams. If this improvement continues, I feel sure that the House Championship will become a really popular part of school life. As this is my last year at school, I should like very much to see Roding win the Championship, but even if we don't, I should like to thank all the members of the House for their support and friendship.

R. LITTLE, Upper VI Science.

School Captain and Head Prefect :

A. D. Wilson.

Second Prefect :

A. J. Perkins

Library Prefect :

D. Charlesworth.

Prefects :

M. D. Abrahams, M. J. Alcott, D. I. Cobb, P. G. Cowling, J. A. Drinkwater, J. Freeman, J. R. Hambley, M. E. Leveridge, I. M. Lister, R. E. Little, J. G. Meddings, J. Saward, B. H. Waud.

House Captains :

Chigwell : A. J. Perkins.

Forest : J. G. Meddings.

Hainault : B. H. Waud.

Roding : R. E. Little.

Sports Captains :

Athletics : D. J. Morris.

Basketball : J. J. Loader.

Cricket : J. Saward.

2nd XI Cricket : J. J. Appleby.

Cross Country : J. G. Meddings.

Football : J. Saward.

2nd XI Football : J. Unwin.

Hockey : R. H. Carpenter.

Gymnastics : D. J. Morris.

Swimming : R. A. Langford.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

We all heard with deep regret of the death of our first President, Mr. T. H. Knight, who had always shown a keen interest in our activities. His frequent attendance at our meetings will be missed. Elsewhere in this issue the Headmaster pays tribute to his memory and we, as parents, wish to associate ourselves with all that Mr. Taylor says concerning his good work on behalf of the School.

At the Annual General Meeting in October Mr. W. F. Pearman did not seek re-election to our Executive Committee as his son had left the School. We would like to express our appreciation to Mr. Pearman for all the good work he did for the Association over a number of years. We are glad to welcome, however, Mr. R. A. Neish and Mr. J. M. Scott who were elected to fill vacancies on the Committee.

On the 7th November, 1956, a goodly number of parents attended a meeting at the School when five Old Boys spoke on their various professions. Mr. J. P. Kelly on Photography, Mr. K. D. Tarry on General Commerce, Mr. J. F. Tilly on Development Research—Electronics, Mr. D. K. Slade on Estimating and Mr. R. Horne on Accountancy. Each one spoke well, and from the many questions asked it was obvious that much interest had been aroused. It is pleasing to note that the Old Boys have kindly offered to arrange for a similar evening in the near future.

The debate held on the 21st February was also well attended. Those taking part were Mr. R. L. Luckett, supported by A. J. Perkins (Upper VI Modern) who proposed that "Sparing the rod has spoilt the child" whilst Mr. N. A. Walmsley supported by D. Charlesworth (Scholarship VI) spoke against the motion. The proposal was carried.

The Swimming Pool Fund has just reached £900 of which £800 has been invested and is earning interest at the rate of 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ %. We are most impressed by the efforts made by the School but our task is tremendous if our ambition to present the School with a swimming pool as a 21st birthday present in 1959 is to be achieved, especially as costs are constantly rising. It can be done, however, if we all make up our minds to do it and it is hoped that the next money-making effort, which will be a Grand Dance at the Sir James Hawkey Hall, Woodford Green, on Saturday, the 23rd November next, will be a great success.

The Bazaar held in October last was a success, financially and

socially. The profit of £420 was a fine example of team work and enthusiasm. We would like to express our thanks to the Head Master and his Staff for their co-operative help and interest in this and all our other activities.

We have decided to hold another Bazaar next Spring, in aid of the Swimming Pool Fund. The date will be announced later, but this preliminary notice may serve as a warning to those ladies who wish to spend the winter evenings in preparing articles for sale on the stalls.

The Christmas Social, held on the 1st December, was enjoyed by all. We are sorry, however, that this will be the last event to be organised by Mr. H. Ronan who now feels that he must relinquish the position of Social Secretary on account of other commitments. We would express grateful thanks to him and ask for the same loyal support to be given to Mr. H. J. Worby who has agreed to carry on Mr. Ronan's good work.

In order to promote a closer link between the Association and the Old Boys it was suggested that a Representative nominated by the Old Boys' Committee be co-opted on to our Executive Committee. We are glad to know that the Old Boys accepted this proposal and as a result we now have Mr. Peter Miller at our Committee Meetings. We feel sure this step will prove to our mutual advantage.

The cricket matches against the School and the Staff were played last July, but in each case the event was spoilt by the climatic conditions. It is hoped that more favourable conditions will prevail this year.

Finally, we would like again to extend our warm thanks to all Parents who helped in any way with the provision of refreshments at the Annual General Meeting, the Staff Evenings, the Prefects' Dance and the School Play.

It was announced at a Parents' Association Sub-Committee meeting on July 1st, that the Swimming Pool Fund had just passed £1,000

H. E. SEABROOK, Hon. Secretary.

OLD BUCKWELLIANS

This last year has seen the collapse of the dances which were held regularly at the School. These dances had not only served to bring existing Old Boys together, but they also helped to advertise the Old Buckwellians to a wider audience.

As we entered the New Year prospects were indeed grim; lack of new members and a slump in enthusiasm did not ease the situation.

It was on the initiative of Des Slade, who it cannot too often be mentioned does so much sterling work for the Association, that a letter was sent out early in February asking all members to attend a special meeting or write in support of a drive to put the Association back on its feet.

Since that date nearly a hundred members have attended meetings or written to Des avowing their support. A target of £3,000 has been set to provide us with a communal ground for all sections and a pavilion. Sub-Committees have been formed to explore possible sites in the area and to devise various methods of raising the money.

A Derby Draw has already been operated and there are three more Draws organised for the next 18 months. Four dances have been booked at the King's Head, Chigwell, for Friday, 4th October, 1957, and Saturdays, 11th January, 19th April, and 6th December, 1958. An appeal has been made for donations and at the date of going to press these total over £20. Prospects that the sporting sections of the Association will enjoy for the coming season a new ground, excellently situated and within easy access of public transport, are very good.

It is obvious, certainly to members active within the Association, that much work is being done to rejuvenate our body, to give it a greater unity which has been lacking in the past in order to strive towards a common goal. May this example inject into the wavering or lapsed a desire to support actively the Association and all its endeavours.

The Annual Dinner is an occasion when one's moral support is the minimum required, and its financial heartaches are so much outweighed by the friendly atmosphere of reunion when the effort to attend has been made. This year's 8th Annual Dinner saw 48 present including guests. Compared with last year's this was a disappointing attendance considering the drive made prior to it. However, next year make sure you are one of the 100 present!

Finally, a welcome is extended readily to all school leavers. We all must realise in retrospect that the School has done a very great deal to make us fit to live and fit to live with. Surely then it is asking but little of ourselves to repay a service rendered by support-

ing and subscribing to an Association whose members are proud to have been Buckhurst Hill pupils. D. K. Slade, of 102, Thorold Road, Ilford, is anxious to hear from anyone ready to support our ventures, and, dare it be said, Colin Bradley would welcome unpaid subscriptions—NOW!

E. G. KIRMAN, Editor.

OLD BUCKWELLIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

Hon. Secretary:
J. F. TILLY.

Another football season closes and we can look back on one in which the weather was kind, save for a deluge in the January and February, the results mixed and the spirit generally good. Two highlights stand out. One, the regular turn-out of three senior XI's for the first season for three years, and two, the return of several old faces to the club.

Results, and most people judge on these, do not indicate a brilliant season. None of the elevens did well in their respective Cups, and only the Reserves managed to attain a high league place. For the latter, promotion was only narrowly missed for the third season running. The first XI often played some good football but did not produce enough wins. At the other end of the scale the third XI were good and bad by turns—when they were good they were very, very good and when they were bad . . . ! Generally, all elevens enjoyed their games and no changes are contemplated in the fixture lists. The Old Boys' League is a good one and the competing Clubs always provide grand opposition.

Next season we would like to see four elevens playing regularly and given a few more players could achieve this without difficulty. We are supporting the plans for a joint ground for the sporting sections of the Old Boys and hope that the fusion will bring us some more players and better facilities, though those at Bradwell Road continue to do us good service.

Lastly, a word of praise for those without whom the Club would never function, namely the officers and their helpers. We have had very few Committee meetings this season, but things have run smoothly and quietly; a good omen for the future.

J.F.T.

OLD BUCKWELLIANS CRICKET CLUB

Hon. Secretary:
C. R. SUMMERS.

Last season was badly curtailed owing to rain, only twenty-five matches being played. It must be said that the club had only a moderately successful playing season but did manage to complete the double over Brede in the holiday games for the first time.

This season we have all our regular fixtures again and in

addition have acquired one or two new games, notably Sawbridgeworth and Lloyds. We again entertain Brede at home on Whit Monday and make the trip down to Sussex by coach on August Bank Holiday.

In conclusion, may I state that anyone who is leaving school and is interested in playing for the Old Bucks would be assured of a warm welcome.

OLD BUCKWELLIANS HOCKEY CLUB

Hon. Secretary:
A. H. SWALLOW,
18, Meadow Road, Loughton.

The last season has been one of fair success. The first XI has managed to win approximately half their games and the second XI have had a few good wins, but unfortunately, owing to the lack of playing members the second XI has had to have a few non-members to make up the team for several games. We feel that we should receive more support from school leavers who do not play for colleges or universities.

The first XI, at the close of the season, managed to defeat the second XI, but because of the second's good play, it was only by one goal.

Again we have had the regular services of our chairman, Mr. Shuttlewood, as umpire this season and also of Mr. Peachy, who, unfortunately, owing to pressure of business, was unable to be present often.

A coach outing was organised at the end of the season to an International Hockey Match, which was very well supported, but we should have liked to see a few faces from school. Owing to the petrol rationing both XI's have had to cancel two or three games which were rated high on our fixture list.

The Club were again invited to another lecture run by the Regent Street Polytechnic Hockey Club, at which a few members managed to be present.

Owing to increased costs of providing hockey for the Old Boys, we have had to raise our annual subscription to £2 2s. 0d. (but we still remain one of the lowest "subbed" hockey clubs).

Again we have had Grange Farm and Hainault as our home grounds, but if the "Sports Club" idea of the Old Boys goes through, we should have the enjoyment of better facilities.

Unfortunately Her Majesty has claimed yet another batch of members: Alberry, Browning, Cullen, Childs, Sunaway, Barrett (Merchant Navy) and Tilly (Merchant Navy). We all send our best wishes to them and hope to see them when they return.

We should like to close by expressing our wish for all interested school leavers to join the Hockey Club, as further success is dependent upon a large membership.

K.R.G.

NOTES OF OLD BOYS

- K. BALES.—One of 16 applicants to be selected out of 512 for a 3-year course in Hospital Management at Rochdale.
- L. BURTT.—Taking Teacher's Diploma at London Institute of Education.
- E. COCKING.—Awarded Ph.D. and Govt. Research Fellowship in Biochemistry; working in Wilts. for Ministry of Supply.
- M. DICKINSON.—In first year at Shoreditch Teachers' Training College.
- R. HARRISON.—Has been lecturing in Ohio State University and is due to sail for New Zealand with his wife and baby to lecture in international relations at Wellington University.
- R. IKESON.—Is to be congratulated on being elected Captain of the Ilford Wanderers Rugby Football Club.
- A. JEFFERY.—Has six months leave of absence from Plesseys to study at Enfield Technical College.
- P. JONES.—Is Second Mate in Overseas Tankers.
- S. MAITLAND.—Is a cadet with the British India Steam Co.
- J. MARTIN.—Has been appointed full lecturer in Geography at the London School of Economics.
- G. MILBURN.—Is now a graduate trainee with Salford Electrical Instrument Co.
- C. PERRY.—Is teaching English at a school in Portugal.
- A. PHILLIPS.—Having taken his Economics Degree at Southampton, he now is in the Coldstream Guards at Caterham.
- J. RINGROSE.—Has just finished his National Service as a hospital orderly at St. Margaret's, Epping. Now married and in his final year for his Ph.D. at Cambridge.
- D. SHERLOCK.—Hopes to read Honours Degree in Theology for ordination. Now married.
- B. TAYLOR.—Is the Principal Assistant to the Principal of London University.
- D. TILLY.—Is awaiting the refit of his ship, R.M.S. Ramgitiki before setting off to New Zealand about mid-July.
- B. TONG.—Now in his first year at St. John's College, Cambridge.
- B. WAITE.—Is working as Scientific Assistant, Ministry of Supply Waltham Abbey, while studying for an external degree.
- J. WASKETT.—Recently demobbed from R.A.F. and served in Gibraltar. Now in Martins Bank.

Engagements :

Barry Woods ; John Tilly ; Harrison ; Buggey ; Wright.

Forthcoming Marriages :

Doug. Sawyer ; Joe Colton.

Marriages :

John Rendu ; Mike Meddings ; Geoff Hawker ; Pete Aldridge ; Terry Bowden ; Mike Grimby ; Dennis Doye ; Cuming ; Cullen ; Hills.

Births :

Lou Tovey, a son ; Des Slade, a son, Martin ; Pete Miller, a daughter ; Colin Bradley, a son, Roger Timothy ; Tony Swallow, a daughter, Jane ; Mick Cooper, a son, Ian ; Brian Astley, a daughter, Susan ; Jack Sutton, a son, Paul ; Pete Cooper, a daughter, Sally.

We regret to have to report the tragic death of John Manderson (44-49) from a tumour on the brain. He had been serving as a Radio Officer in the Merchant Navy, and was married only last January.

VALETE

Abrahams, M. D. (1949-57). School Prefect 1956-7. 1st XI Hockey ; Essex Junior Hockey XI ; Badminton Team ; Debating Society ; School and Sixth Form Plays.

Alcott, M. J. (1950-57). School Prefect 1957 ; 1st XI Football ; Athletics, Basketball, and Gymnastics Teams ; Debating and Literary Societies ; School and Sixth Form Plays.

Aplin, C. F. (1949-57). County Major Scholarship to Birmingham University ; School Choir ; School Prefect 1955-7.

Brookes, G. W. (1950-57). 1st XI Football ; 1st XI Cricket ; Basketball and Cross Country Teams ; School Play.

Carpenter, R. H. (1950-57). 1st XI Hockey Captain.

Charlesworth, D. (1949-57). Choral Exhibition at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge ; School Prefect, 1955-6 ; Library Prefect 1956-7 ; 2nd XI Cricket ; School Choir, Orchestra and Madrigal Group ; Debating, Literary and Music Societies ; S.C.M. ; School Play ; Editor of School Magazine.

- Childs, J. D.** (1950-57).
- Cobb, D. I.** (1949-57). County Major Scholarship to Southampton University ; School Prefect 1956-7 ; School Choir and Orchestra ; School Play.
- Crisp, P. M.** (1950-57). School Play.
- Daniels, A. J.** (1949-57). County Major Scholarship to Manchester University ; School Prefect 1956-7.
- Davey, A. J.** (1950-57).
- Davey, P. C.** (1950-57). 1st XI Hockey.
- Drake, J. F.** (1949-57). County Major Scholarship to Nottingham University ; School Prefect 1955-7 ; Hainault House Captain 1955-7 ; 1st XI Cricket Captain 1956-7 ; Chess Club.
- Drinkwater, J. A.** (1949-57). School Prefect 1957 ; Debating and Literary Societies ; S.C.M. ; School and Sixth Form Plays ; School Choir.
- Freeman, J.** (1950-57). Open Exhibition in Economics at Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge ; School Prefect 1956-7 ; 1st XI Football ; Badminton and Basketball Teams ; Debating Society ; Jazz Appreciation Group.
- Frost, M. E.** (1950-57). Captain of Tennis Team ; Badminton and Basketball Teams ; 2nd XI Football ; 2nd XI Cricket ; Essex County Senior and L.T.A. Junior Tennis.
- Gedge, R. H.** (1950-56).
- Gold, A.** (1950-57).
- Green, P. B.** (1949-57). School Swimming Team ; School Play.
- Hambley, J. R.** (1950-57). School Prefect 1956-7 ; School Play.
- Hetherington R. H.** (1951-57). 1st XI Cricket ; 1st XI Football ; Athletics Team.
- Hornett, C. R.** (1949-57).
- Irving, J.** (1949-57). Cross Country and Athletics Teams.
- Jesty, J.** (1952-57). Badminton and Tennis Teams ; 1st XI Cricket ; Chess Club.
- Johnson, J. A.** (1950-57).
- King, P. W.** (1950-57). 1st XI Hockey ; Athletics and Cross Country Teams ; School Choir ; Leader of School Orchestra ; Debating, Literary and Music Societies ; S.C.M. ; School Play.
- Kinnison, J. M. P.** (1950-57). Athletics and Cross Country Teams ; Debating Society.
- Kreetzer, N. A.** (1950-57). 1st XI Hockey ; Essex Junior Hockey XI.
- Lello, D. A.** (1950-57). 2nd XI Cricket ; School Play.
- Leveridge, M. E.** (1949-57). County Major Scholarship to Selwyn College, Cambridge ; School Prefect 1956-7 ; Chess Club ; School Play.
- Liddell, I. G.** (1949-57). County Major Exhibition to Nottingham University ; School Prefect 1956-7 ; School Choir ; School and Sixth Form Plays.
- Lister, I. M.** (1950-57). School Prefect 1957 ; School Choir and Madrigal Group ; Debating and Literary Societies ; School Play.
- Little, R. E.** (1950-57). School Prefect 1956-7 ; Roding House Captain 1955-7 ; Captain of Football 1956-7 ; Essex Grammar Schools Football XI ; 1st XI Cricket.
- Loader, J. J.** (1949-57). County Major Exhibition to Nottingham University ; School Prefect 1955-7 ; 1st XI Football ; Badminton Team ; Captain of Basketball Team 1955-7 ; Hainault House Captain 1957.
- Meddings, J. G.** (1949-57). School Prefect 1956-7 ; School Cross Country Team ; Cross Country Captain 1955-7 ; Athletics Team ; Athletics Captain 1956 ; 1st XI Hockey ; Forest House Captain 1955-7 ; Sixth Form Play ; Art Club.
- Penstone, J. N. H.** (1950-57). 2nd XI Football.
- Perkins, A. J.** (1949-57). County Major Exhibition ; School Prefect 1955-6 ; Second Prefect 1956-7 ; Chigwell House Captain 1956-7 ; Debating Society ; S.C.M. ; School and Sixth Form Plays ; Art Club.
- Playle, M. D.** (1950-57). Art Club.
- Prentice, E. J. H.** (1950-57). 1st XI Hockey ; Athletics Team ; School Choir and Orchestra ; School Play.
- Richards, B. H.** (1949-57). "Townsend" Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at St. John's College, Cambridge ; State Scholarship ; School Prefect 1955-7 ; Badminton Team.
- Roberts, A. K.** (1957).
- Saward, J.** (1950-57). School Prefect 1957 ; Captain of Football 1955-6, of Cricket 1957, and of Swimming 1954-6 ; 1st XI Hockey ; Badminton and Basketball Teams ; Essex Grammar Schools Football XI.
- Shepherd, J. W.** (1950-57). 1st XI Football ; 2nd XI Cricket.
- Thornley, R. D.** (1950-57). 1st XI Cricket ; School Play.

Unwin, J. (1950-57). 2nd XI Football Captain 1956-7 ; 2nd XI Cricket ; School Swimming Team.

Warren, M. E. E. (1950-57). School Choir and Orchestra ; School Play ; Art Club.

Waud, B. H. (1950-57). School Prefect 1957 ; 1st XI Cricket ; 2nd XI Football ; Hainault House Captain 1957.

Wilson, A. D. (1949-57). County Major Scholarship to Manchester University ; 2nd Prefect 1955-6 ; Head Prefect and School Captain 1956-7 ; Chigwell House Captain 1955-6 ; Badminton Captain 1954-57 ; Athletics Team ; School Choir ; Art Club.

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