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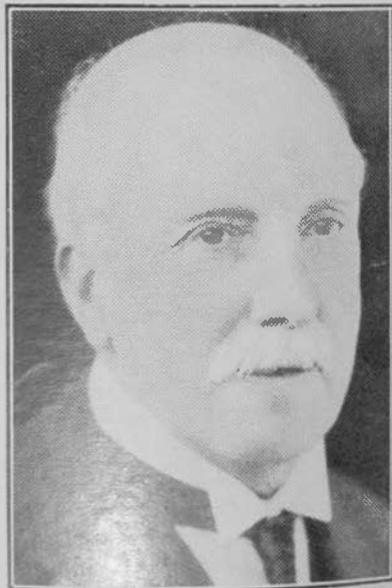
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LAWRENCE D. HOLT.



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Alderman BURTON W. EILLS.

Editorial.

"THE EDITOR" does not live; personality submerged by official titles, his words, save these, unidentified, he is but a name, an immaterial being, vague thing—"The Editor," never-passing, ever-present, he tires not. So when we bid farewell and go, we pass unnoticed here—the Editor lives on. Our ego, depressed, hesitates to assert itself, is lost and we creep quietly away. Our reign has passed and is forgotten; so we finish. Cold and impersonal, "The Editor" stays on.



Alderman Burton W. Eills.

WE record with great regret the death of the Chairman of the Governors, Alderman Burton W. Eills, who died in May last, at the age of 78. An Old Boy of the Institute, Alderman Eills was proud of his almost life-long connection with the School, and his Office as Chairman of the Governing Body was not the least honoured by him of all the public posts he occupied. In him the School has lost a true friend—shrewd and businesslike in all he did, with length of experience in the public service behind him to guide the counsels of his fellow-Governors and himself unsparing of his time and energy in the interests of the School. We offer our sincere sympathy to his daughters.



Lawrence D. Holt.

WE are glad to offer a welcome to Mr. Lawrence Holt on his election as Chairman of the Governing Body in succession to the late Alderman Burton W. Eills. Though we cannot claim him as an Old Boy, we rejoice in the return of one of his name to so important a position in the School. No need here to tell of what the Holts have meant to the Liverpool Institute: to attempt to do so would involve retelling almost the whole history of the School. It is sufficient for us now to be proud of having as Chairman of the Governors both one of that name and a man who, having already rendered distinguished service to the City of Liverpool will, we are confident, bring to the School even greater fame than it has had in the past.

b. v. w.

ONE of the penalties of leaving the home-town is that news of it and from it is often belated. Not until May did I learn of the passing of Henry Victor Whitehouse, so laggard was the news in travelling 150 miles.

I am one of the very select band that knew "Vic" as Head and then as Chief. I suppose that, in the mere workaday and unsentimental sense, our relationship was purely one of business. But in my memory of that phase in my life, Whitehouse the Man, rather than the Whitehouse in Authority, lingers the more vividly.

He early seemed to me—a scholar in the old Commercial School—a remote and terrifying figure: his penetrating gaze, sharp manner, beard, and even that shattered left hand all impressed one. My first encounter at close quarters was a painful one. The form was at drill in the yard, where in later years the gym. was built; at that time the Head's room was a small one which overlooked this yard. My neighbour indulged in a playful shove, and my retaliation was so vigorous that he stumbled out of the ranks. To my dismay a voice of doom from the Head's open window summoned me upstairs—

On a later occasion, in which calcium carbide and inkwells played parts, he was a great deal more merciful, strangely enough—and for the first time I perceived that he had a non-martinet side; and when, on a certain sports day, he unbent and sparkled astonishingly to a little group of us, I felt the initial glow of affection.

Two occasions in Hall are fixed in my memory. Once, in the middle of a serious discourse, an appallingly loud clap of thunder completely drowned his utterance. An uncanny silence followed. Then, looking up quizzically, he called out: "Come in!" And I recollect very vividly the dramatic nature of his remarks when the School was summoned into the Hall on the death of Edward VII.

A vital change in our relations took place in 1910. I had reached the sixth form, and had become a somewhat sheepish prefect. The Head one day told the form that the position of Physics Lab. Assistant was vacant. I applied for the position and was accepted. Owing to circumstances which I need not explain, the event was a godsend.

"Vic." now showed himself the very reverse of stern, terrifying and remote. His kindness and understanding, camouflaged with a certain mock grimness, were often manifested. I learned, too, at many private experiments, lectures, and theatricals, of his extraordinary knack of improvisation. I

recall the special drying-out which lecturers' slides received before his great coal fire, and his curious habit of determining metals by smelling them—

I left the School in 1915, and I saw him only three or four times thereafter—once during his retirement. We met and parted for the last time at his Hampstead flat in January, 1931. As always he was "kindness itself," and up in his den I had to give full account of myself and of the engineering paper I had just read in London.

Shortly after midnight I realised that I was faced with a possible trudge through London to my hotel, and I hastily bade farewell. When I arrived he had welcomed me by calling down the stairs "I can tell it is you, George Moore," and now (but in a stage whisper because of the hour) his last words were: "Good-bye, George." And I never (as I had promised myself) explained to him the whole story of the drill-yard episode that caused our first meeting!

During holidays, or late at night, the "Inny" (as some of us know) makes itself felt in a manner peculiar to some old buildings. As one passes along the corridors and through the classrooms—perhaps exploring the void over the Hall—one becomes conscious of a certain vital atmosphere. In the quietude that is broken (if one is in the basement) by an occasional faint eerie rumble from the railway tunnel beneath, generations of masters and boys still tenant the building. And in the speaking silence, forever taken to the heart of the old school, there, indubitably, is Henry Victor Whitehouse—the most kindly and encouraging man that I have known.

G. E. MOORE.



Officials for the new School Year are as follows:—

Head of the School :	N. E. Martin.
Association Football.	Captain : H. W. Garton.
	Secretary : A. Robertson.
Rugby Football.	Captain : W. H. Beastall.
	Secretary : R. J. Hammer.

Hockey.	Captain :	P. U. Rumjahn.
Cross-country Running.	Captain :	T. Hawthorn.
	Secretary :	E. S. Kelly.
Cricket.	Captain :	P. U. Rumjahn.
	Secretary :	N. Pike.
Gymnasium.	Captain :	W. H. Parr.
Boxing.	Captain :	C. J. Kirkham.
Sports.	Captain :	I. R. Stewart.
Swimming.	Captain :	J. W. McBurney.
Fives.	Captain :	N. E. Martin.
	Secretary :	L. Bernstein.
Chess.	Captain :	R. C. Nairn.
	Secretary :	J. G. Vickers.
Camera and Field Club.	Secretary :	A. D. Blackie.
Science Society.	Secretary :	W. F. Collett.
Philatelic Society.	Secretary :	J. Corlett.
Macalister Society.	Secretary :	N. E. Martin.
Literary and Debating Society.	Secretaries :	T. Hawthorn. G. H. Tharme.
League of Nations Union.	Secretary :	G. H. Tharme.
	Treasurer :	N. E. Martin.
School Scout Troop.	Leader :	J. Corlett.
Officers Training Corps.	C.S.M. :	A. R. Cordon.
Magazine.	Editor :	T. Hawthorn.
	Sub-Editors :	N. E. Martin. J. W. Saunders.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (distinctions indicated in italics). :—

Beeby, L. (*App. Maths.*); Bender, A. E.; Bone, J. S.; Burns, H. K.; Collett, W. F. (*Zoology*); Cooper, V. L. (*Greek and Roman Hist.*); Corlett, J.; Dawes, A. E. (*French*); Hammer, R. J. (*Greek and Roman Hist.*); Hargreaves, J. A.; Hawthorn, T.; Holmes, G. R.; Hopwood, T. J.; Hughes, G.; Ion, R. H.; Kushner, I.; Leak, C.; Leather, L.; Martin, N. E.; Mills, E. W.; Nairn, R. C.; Noden, D.; Roberts, J. A.; Robertson, A. (*Pure Maths.*); Storey, E.; Tharme, G. H.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (the names of those awarded Matriculation Certificates are printed in italics) :—

Aitken, G. S.; Aitken, T.; *Anderson, B. V.*; *Bate, G.*; *Billington, G. C.*; *Bywell, J. N.*; *Cashin, H. A.*; *Cordon, A. R.*; *Dixon, S. J.*; *Edwards, R. J.*; *Egan, K. M.*; *Ferguson, D. J.*; *Gledsdale, J. I.*; *Godden, A. H.*; *Green, G. E.*; *Hartley, G. W. H.*; *Howell, F. R.*; *Hughes, A. L.*; *Hughes, K.*; *Johnson, G.*; *Johnstone, A. W.*; *Jones, C. V.*; *Jones, W. G.*; *Jones, W. H.*

Kerruish, R. W. R.; *Kushner, H.*; *Leith, D. R.*; *Lewis, J. D.*; *Lewtas, J.*; *Maddock, A. J.*; *Mayhew, W. H.*; *Mellor, C. C.*; *Miller, M.*; *Moss, D. W.*; *Muskett, H. T.*; *Palmer, M. S.*; *Pepper, L. O.*; *Pike, N.*; *Pillatt, N. F.*; *Roberts, N. L.*; *Reed, C. D.*; *Roberts, H. H.*; *Ruskell, F.*; *Slater, F. R.*; *Smalley, E.*; *Smith, W. J.*; *Stewart, A. W.*; *Stone, A.*; *Townend, G. H.*; *Young, J. L.*

School Excursion.

So early in the morning we rose and went to Somerset. An uneventful journey down took us to Bath and then the great adventure began. Perhaps it is rather rash to criticise those charabancs, but we have at any rate begun to look upon the prevalent modernization with a sympathetic eye. The caravan rolled off to Wells, and after one or two halts to collect lost charas, we stopped outside the Cathedral; the wonder caused by this feat was only less than the admiration expressed at the beauty of the architectural masterpiece. Further groans and we arrived at the Caves of Cheddar, and were very impressed; "If you know a better 'ole, go to it." We then resumed the journey, or rather we hoped to. The 'bus containing the cream of the School's society, starting unwilling, carried us slowly through the gorge. Ahead we saw another chariot at a standstill and slowly we passed. And then it happened—our driver waved on cheering loads of Institute gentlemen and Collegiate men, 'till, at last, that lame duck we had seen passed us, and we were left with the repair car (an optimistic extra) in the midst of wild Somerset, miles from anywhere and then not much. Amidst the hail of comments from the aforesaid cream, rapidly souring, the faithful mechanics rebuilt the engine, and, with a surprising burst of speed we reached Bath less than an hour after the common herd. The scene as the explorers' long-delayed vessel skidded to a stop on the platform, amidst the plaudits of the admiring (?) crowd was epic.

So we "cum up from zumerzet."

Junior School Plays.

An entertaining programme of one-act plays and songs was presented by the Junior School late last term. The singing throughout we could not criticise. Of the plays, "The First Printer," by la, suffered from the over-acting of some characters and the stiffness of others. Ic, in presenting "The King's Breakfast," specialised with great success in synchronisation; "The Roadmakers," another effort by la met with more success than the earlier play. The same form had a third play and a second success with "Incident in a Saxon Hut." Ib, however,

in "William Tell" were very good. The young gentlemen on guard (we do not know their names) played up well, and the energy with which spherical, lightweight eggs were thrown was very life-like and proved to be the most natural piece of acting that night. We still cannot understand how an apple, split in half by an arrow shot, hurled itself back on to the stage, but such minor matters only added to the amusement. We think that this was a very praise-worthy effort. D. C. Bushnell, who gave recitations with a very fine understanding of the sense, received a deservedly warm ovation.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of **Mr. W. Willis**. For twenty-eight years he was on the Staff of the School, and many Old Boys will remember with gratitude his pertinacity in training them to the thoroughness in study in which he delighted. Mathematics was rightly his subject; methodical and precise, trim and neat, without flourishes or fads, but reliable and trusted in all his doings, Mr. Willis will be sadly missed amongst us. While on a visit during the recent holidays to his native county, Cumberland, where he was making arrangements for his coming retirement, he was suddenly taken ill and died almost immediately. It is sad to think that he has not been spared some part of the leisure years he had so well earned. We offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Willis.

Arthur Whitehead.

Born 14th October, 1921. Entered School Sept., 1934.

Died 11th July, 1936.

At the end of term we bade farewell to **Mr. A. W. H. Thomas**, who is retiring after many years of teaching here. He came to the School in 1908, from King William's College, Isle of Man, where he had held a similar post. Old Boys, mainly from the upper school will remember him as German and French master; a few will recollect the "lean" years of the War, when the German section of the Removes dwindled to a solitary boy who duly attended in what was then a dark and somewhat dilapidated Room 15. By a very large number of boys he will be remembered as Quartermaster to the O.T.C., a duty to which he has given his constant attention through nearly all the period he has been with us. We understand that he still enjoys fairly good health, and we hope that he may have many years of leisure to enjoy among other things his chief hobbies: playing the 'cello in an orchestra and walking.

Mr. Purvis and Mr. Pollard, who left us last term to become Senior Maths. Master at Chelmsford Grammar School and Senior Science Master at Alderton School, respectively, had been at the School for comparatively short periods. However, they will both be greatly missed in School and at the athletic grounds, and we wish them success in their new posts.

We are pleased to welcome the following new Masters:—
 In succession to Mr. Thomas: Mr. J. Weltman, B.A., formerly Scholar of St. John's College, Cambridge, from Scarborough High School.
 In succession to Mr. Purvis: Mr. W. L. Halton, B.Sc., King's College, London, from Ellesmere College, Shropshire.
 In succession to Mr. Pollard: Mr. H. C. Pincher, B.Sc., King's College, London.
 In succession to Mr. Willis: Mr. J. H. J. Bowen, M.Sc., Liverpool.

We regret that the House Competition has evaporated; Alfred Holt have, however, won easily.

Last year the experiment was made of moving the Masters to the boys at change of period. It seems, though, that the Masters have had a stay-in-strike, for the old order has returned.

We are happy to see the biter bit. Mr. Naylor has got into trouble through going too far. He failed to stop when told to halt and is now a poorer yet wiser man.

We are pleased to note that the School team was placed 2nd in the Inter-school Life Saving Competition held on July 22nd, 1936.

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Old Boys' Section.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

CONGRATULATIONS are due to T. M. Knox ('19) who has left Jesus College, Oxford, where he was lecturer and tutor, to become Professor of Philosophy at St. Andrews University.

Mr. T. M. Knox, who has been appointed to the Chair of Moral Philosophy in the University of St. Andrews, and who left the School in 1919, is well known to a large number of Old Boys. After graduating with 1st Class Honours in Lit. Hum.

in 1923, Mr. Knox spent eight years as secretary to the late Lord Leverhulme. In 1931, he became lecturer, and, later tutor, librarian and senior bursar of Jesus College, Oxford.

Though Oxford has lost Mr. Knox it has gained another Old Boy in the person of Mr. R. E. Williams ('18). Mr. Williams after several years' experience of teaching at Ilkeston, Rugby and Repton, has now decided to attempt the more difficult task of teaching teachers. He has been appointed tutor in the theory and practice of education in the University of Oxford.

We are informed that W. N. Fraser has been appointed Vicar of Humbleton with Elsternwick (East Yorks).

Many Old Boys will learn with regret of the death, in his seventy-eighth year, of Mr. Daniel Eaves, who was a master at the School for thirty-three years.

He retired about fifteen years ago, and was in every sense "one of the old school." He never appeared out of doors without his three-quarter top-hat, though on a certain sports day he created a mild sensation by wearing a cap, and always officiated as timekeeper. Mr. Eaves was affectionately known as "Dan" among the boys, and possessed the remarkable gift of inducing discipline simply by his outstanding personality. Although he was inclined to be rather strict, no boy would ever question his fairness and kindness of heart.

Among the subjects he took were English, handwriting, and shorthand, and in the last two subjects he was an artist. His great hobby was bowls, and he was an accomplished player.

Another former Master and a contemporary of Mr. Eaves for many years has also passed away since our last issue. Mr. James Smith—known to all as "Rusty"—had lived since his retirement in North Wales, where he had taken a keen interest in matters agricultural.

We have received an interesting letter from S. Bender ('22-'27). Bender is a Housemaster and Headmaster's Assistant at the Hebrew Secondary School, Haifa, Palestine. As usual, he was seeking information rather than giving news.

We note that Mr. James McGill Clouston, who left the School in 1911, and later returned for a short time as Master, has been appointed Headmaster of St. Clement Dane's School, Hammersmith.

The School is represented on the *Queen Mary* by an Old Boy, Captain B. H. Davies, O.B.E., R.D., R.N.R., who is Staff-Captain.

After the publication of our last issue, we received the following communication from B. Crompton (1915). Speaking of the late Joseph Loughlin he says: "We gave many recitals at the School, when he resided in Liverpool, and our interest in music brought us together a great deal. We formed the Florentine School of Music—he being teacher of violin and viola, and myself secretary and teacher of piano, singing and harmony. . . . He was an excellent teacher and staunch friend." He goes on—"it may be of interest to record that I am the first Liverpool Institute Old Boy to be appointed Tenor at the Liverpool Cathedral." His present address is 21 Grassendale Road, Liverpool, 19.

Mr. Tiffen, who retired a short time ago, spent his leisure moments in compiling a *History of the Liverpool Institute*, which appeared in print a year ago, and was reviewed in the last number of the Magazine. This book is a complete record of the growth of the School from 1825 to the present day, covering as it does the Liverpool Mechanics' School of Art and the Mechanics' Institution, the forerunners of the present Institute and including Blackburne House and Queen's College. The book was published by the Old Boys' Association, but appeals, not only to past members of the School and of Blackburne House, but to scholars of both schools and to their parents and friends. If the School has such a history of which to be proud, it is surely very desirable to have some record of it. Copies (price 5/-) can be obtained at School or (price 5/6, post free) from the Secretary of the Association.

University Degrees and Examinations.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

Natural Sciences Tripos, Part 1.

Class 1. J. A. Campbell.

Class 2. A. J. Peters; R. Scarisbrick.

Mathematical Tripos, Part 1.

Class 1. F. J. Patterson.

Modern Languages Tripos.

Part 2. Class 2. Division 1. E. W. Hawkins.

Part 1. Class 1. French, Class 2. German, W. J. McCloy.

English Tripos, Part 2. Class 2. E. L. Rodick.

Downing College : Foundation Scholar and Prizeman—
J. A. Campbell.

Trinity Hall : Prizeman—W. J. McCloy.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

Honour Moderations in Classics.
Class 2. W. A. Ankers ; A. G. Page.

School of Lit. Hum.
Class 2. M. Peaston ; R. A. Martin.

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL.

Commonwealth Fund Fellowships.—
H. S. Robson ; G. Stephenson.
Senior Lyon Jones Scholarship.—C. D. Alergant.
George Holt Medal.—C. D. Alergant.
Gold Medal in Medicine.—A. J. Gill.
Gold Medal in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.—L. Henry.
A. C. Rich Prize.—L. Henry.
Holt Travelling Scholarship in Architecture.—D. P. Thomas.
John Rankin Prize in Architecture.—D. P. Thomas.
Hannen Prize.—D. P. Thomas.
Hispanic Studies Prize.—S. D. Waugh.
Derby Scholarship for Mathematics.—D. A. T. Wallace.

FACULTY OF ARTS.

Degree of M.A.—J. Burr.

Degree of B.A. in Special Studies :
English, Pt. 2.—A. Eccles.
German, Class 2. Div. 1.—T. C. Harrop.

Degree of B.Arch. with Honours.
Class 1.—J. G. L. Gibbs.

Ordinary Degree of B.Arch. Third Examination.
R. M. Manby ; D. P. Thomas.

Diploma in Architecture.
Second Examination.—R. H. Browning.

Diploma in Education.
W. R. A. Ellis ; K. C. Fulton ; D. J. T. Jones ; J. W.
Turner.

Degree of B.A.
1st Examination.—S. D. Waugh.
2nd Examination.—S. Denerley (Med. Hist.).
3rd Examination.—E. Pike.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE.

Degree of B.Sc. with Honours.

School of Zoology : Class 2.—A. Eslick.
School of Mathematics : Class 1.—D. A. T. Wallace.
School of Chemistry : Class 3.—J. E. Gregory.

Ordinary Degree of B.Sc. Final Examination.

Third Year : Class 1.—J. McCloy.
Class 2.—R. C. Rice.

Second Year : Class 2.—A. J. Corkill ; A. Holden ;
H. Mulholland.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE.

Degrees of M.B., Ch.B. with Honours.
Class 2.—L. Henry (distinction in Surgery).

Ordinary Degrees of M.B., Ch.B.

Final Exam., Part 3.—A. J. Gill ; H. R. W. Lunt.
Part 2.—S. Bender (*a*) ; M. Libman ;
C. McGibbon ; W. A. M. Robinson (*b*) ;
H. Zalin ; G. R. Marcus.

(*a*) = Distinction in Forensic Medicine and Toxicology.
(*b*) = Distinction in Public Health.

Part 1.—E. J. Bowmer ; B. Carruthers ;
K. B. Gibson ; E. Leather ; A. Nach-
manovitz.

Passed in Pharmacology and General
Therapeutics.—B. I. Phillips ; E. G.
Wright.

Second Examination.—K. M. Willis.

FACULTY OF LAW.

Degree of LL.M.—J. J. Nussbaum.

Degree of LL.B. with Honours.—Class 3. G. C. Strovitch.
Class 2. S. D. Temkin.

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING.

Degree of B.Eng. with Honours.

School of Civil Engineering : Class 1.—A. B. Baldwin.

Ordinary Degree of B.Eng.

Final Examination, Part 2.

School of Mechanical Engineering. Class 2.—
H. A. Hogg.

School of Civil Engineering. Class 2.—D. Stott.

Final Examination, Part 1.—M. Graneek.

Intermediate Examination.—E. S. Williamson.

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER.

Honours School of Geography, Part 1.—K. J. Carmichael.

House Notes.

ALFRED HOLT.—Three years is a long time to serve any House, but we in Alfred can look back with pride on the year 1936; for we have proved not only that the third time does it, but that sheer grit and determination to succeed—House and team spirit—are far better aids to success than brilliant individualism. During 1934 and 1935 we held a creditable record—second and third respectively in the House Competition—but this year we have set a standard which will remain high above any other House's performances; we have won the Senior Cricket Shield, the Junior Cricket Shield, the Senior Football Shield, the Junior Football Shield, the Middle Sports Shield, and, the crowning honour of all, the House Competition Trophy. Such a record has no need of further honours to support it, but we can also claim second in the Sports Aggregate (and remember, we won the Junior and Senior Individual Championship), second in the Boxing Competition, and so forth. Unfortunately, however, though Houses remain for ever, their members come and go; actually, this year we are fortunate in that our best sportsmen are staying on at school; in fact the House is losing very little through leavers. So on them will rest the burden of proving that not only was Alfred Holt the best House in 1936 but that it will remain so for a long time to come.

The new House-captain and Prefects have my best wishes for their success, and I have no need to assure them that they will not fail for lack of support from you. The temptation was very great indeed to write a House Note of only four short words—**WE TOLD YOU SO.**—but unfortunately, pointed as the remark is, it fails to convey adequately my thanks to the whole House for its unfailing support during three years; it is neither the time nor the place to single out individuals for praise; the House as a whole has proved itself as one which acts not through compulsion, but through friendly team spirit. May this spirit long continue and may Alfred long remain at the top; and now it only remains to wish you all good luck in the future—and good-bye.

T. W. SLADE.

Cochran.—The House ought, indeed to be proud of the splendid achievements it has had in the past year. The Sports were an almost unqualified success in the last term and the effort displayed by all was wonderful and really commendable. But that effort was only the culmination of the long and steady pull which had been manifest throughout the whole year. In all activities undertaken by the House, there was

evident that elusive "House spirit," so much sought after by House Captains, so seldom found. The House used all its energies as a compact body and force, and the results of our work are considerably gratifying. I sincerely hope that the House will support its new House Captain with the same whole-hearted enthusiasm and energy with which it supported me, during my term of office. I wish to thank the House for that wonderful support it gave me throughout the whole year. It was a gratifying task running a House with so much spirit, and I hope Cochran will carry on as it has begun after so many years of listlessness, and will arrive at its true place—the top. I shall always watch its movements with a very keen interest.

I think a word of thanks must here be given to the splendid advice and keen interest given by Mr. Thorpe and Mr. S. R. Pollard. They guided the efforts of the House in the correct and best channels. We thank them most sincerely and hope that the results achieved reach the standard of their own hard work, and are ample remuneration.

A. E. DAWES.

Danson.—When the departing Captain is forced to sever his connections with a House to which he has grown attached, he has as little to say as on the day when he last passes into Mount Street with a schoolboy's cap perched on top of his head. He wants to express a great sense of gratitude for good times shared with comrades, for games lost and won, for efforts, whether successful or not, made together, and there is so little he can put in words. He can only say:

"Thanks" to all those who have helped the House to reach its highest position for years, and given it the bright hopes of doing even better in the future.

"Adieu!" to all who are leaving.

"Good luck!" to next year's Captain and Prefects, and to all who are remaining at School.

"Welcome!" to all newcomers to the House.

And if the old captain may give his final piece of advice, allow him to add this injunction "Work hard, play hard." Then the School, the House and your whole career will take care of themselves.

T. J. HORWOOD.

Hughes.—The House has little to be proud of in last year's record, but even so in the summer term there were signs of an attempt to regain that spirit of willing co-operation which had brought about our successes of former years.

In the Sports our House teams did all that could be expected of them; there were no failures through lack of enthusiasm. The tug-of-war teams especially are to be congratulated.

Individual runners provided points and even won championships, with the result that the aggregate marks were quite good. In cricket the same spirit was shown and the Seniors almost managed to win the Championship. We had a thrilling match and though we lost by a wicket we surprised the most optimistic of our supporters by so fully extending our powerful opponents—Cochran—who thus avenged their defeat of the previous season at our hands.

The Juniors, unfortunately, found themselves too young a team to cope with their opponents, but next year they will be able to hold their own. The Fives players too, worked hard, and altogether the term offers hope for the coming year. A determined effort must be made to regain that old, familiar position at the head of the House Efficiency Competition. This can only be won by team work, and there is no room for any shirker. Every member of the House must do his uttermost to achieve this end.

A. M. MELLOR.

Owen.—The final result of the House Competition is that Owen lie fifth. Last year we were seventh. Who knows but what next year we shall scale the peak of lofty Olympus?

Although we have few prizes to show for our efforts—in fives alone we merited the palm of victory—yet we still have with us the memory of happy hours of companionship and comradeship, both on the sports field and at School. We cannot but feel that the House Competition does play a really vital part in the communal life of the School; it fosters the spirit of healthy competition and provides interests and enthusiasms that would otherwise be missing from School life.

It now remains for us to take our respectful adieu; it is up to you to play a worthy part like true members of Owen House—*macti virtute este*.

L. LEATHER.

Philip Holt.—The House Competition does not, apparently, exist; the competition of Houses still lives. So must the House continue to work and play hard, purely for the sake of the social body, and not for any Efficiency Shield.

And that is enough of that. Sermons are unnecessary—those who need them will find such words elsewhere in these notes. Let us, or rather let me, for you please yourself, turn to what has gone before. An unsuccessful term, forsooth; the cricketers did not cover themselves with glory, but far be it from us to heap ashes on their heads. The swimmers, whilst scarcely having that Philippian invincibility, yet contrived to win far more than their share of the matches. And that is all we have done.

Now, a sober word for the future. Support your future captain, Tharme, as you should have supported me, and, remember, though he does nothing but captain a House, a House captain has yet enough to trouble his sleep without any doubts as to your loyalty.

"And so let us part."

J. A. ROBERTS.

Tate.—It is puerile and purposeless to make excuses for our lack of success in the past year, or to invent explanations for that perverse prestidigitation whereby others acquire cups and competitions.

Having made this excuse for not excusing ourselves we will now look ahead to the rosy future of the year 1936-7. The first thing that strikes us is that all Houses will start at scratch. This in itself is a pleasing thought but one which will have no meaning by half-term. Secondly, the majority of marks will be gained by the actual winning of competitions by House teams and not by numbers of unskilled conscripts turning up at games practices. Ergo, each member of the House must make it his business to become proficient in some particular game or games. Almost anyone can do it and it's no good saying that *you* are no good at sports. Others have shown that anyone can push himself well up the ladder of school athletics providing he has the grit to practise and train assiduously and in proper fashion.

There is also the O.T.C., which is always easy of entry in the September term, when a large number of vacancies are caused by members leaving School. Besides other advantages too numerous to mention here, the Corps now offers opportunity of promotion within a year of joining and of qualification for commissioned rank in eighteen months. Any one of fourteen can join and, incidentally, gain two marks for the House. Think it over!

By this means we can put the name of Tate on top, where it belongs.

In brief—sustained and enthusiastic effort by every single member.

Get going, Tate!

J. S. BONE.

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The Man with the Chow.

THE river was moving by slowly but powerfully, as I sat there on the grassy bank. I was lazily amusing myself by watching distant pieces of jetsam float past, to be lost in the eddies round the stone pillars of the bridge. Tiring of that, I turned to watch the innumerable people crossing the river on

the old cobblestones, dashing down the steps to the road, and hurrying off into the streets of the town. Amongst them was the man with the Chow.

He was not walking as fast as the others. His huge, brown dog went padding slowly, silently, determinedly in front. The Chow's owner came down the path towards me with a measured tread, and stopped indecisively at my back. But he never looked at me—his eyes were gazing intently at the church-yard on the other side of the river. His Chow, however, did take notice of me; I was startled to see the dog strain on its leash and loll its ugly, purple tongue in my direction. Embarrassed by its constant, ferocious gaze, I spoke.

"That is a lovely dog you have, sir!"

He looked at me for the first time.

"Yes, isn't he? I spend hours on him, he's my hobby, you see."

He sat down near me, first fingering the grass, almost as if to feel if it was damp. The Chow, too, lazily settled on the river's edge, with his head just touching the water between his front paws.

"I like a Chow," said the man, "They're so silent—Peter seldom barks. Then they're so serene, so sublime, not distracted like other dogs by everything they meet."

I agreed.

"Then they're the most faithful of dogs. Peter will obey nobody but me, not even my closest friends. By the way, I hope you don't mind me talking?"

"Not at all."

"Talking is one of the few pleasures left for an old man who cannot join in the pleasures of the world."

Yet he never gave the impression of being elderly. The hands of an old man are yellowish, glossy, and wrinkled, but his were rough, weather-worn, and incredibly young. I noticed some half-healed scars—evidently he was a carpenter, or worker with his hands, I thought. His clothes he wore, not spotlessly, nor yet slovenly, but as if he did not regard tidiness of appearance as all-important.

"I've never met you before, have I?" asked the man, after a silence.

"I don't think so."

"Are you here on holiday?"

"Yes, I am. It's a lovely place."

"Yes, it is. I came here a long time ago. It's so peaceful. That's why I like it. I love to sit on the bank, and hear the river rippling on the pebbles at the edge. It gives me inspiration."

"Inspiration?"

"Yes—I write."

"Oh?"

"I'm a—poet, but so far I've done little to deserve that name. One day, I shall. Here, sitting by this river, I shall think of my masterpiece. I've been trying this idea and that for years, like most poets. Milton did that, before he decided. He was like me in many ways—he was blind . . . too."

For the first time I realised the truth. The man's deep-set eyes were fixed, unseeing, on the white gravestones across the way. I understood now.

"That is all I live for—that and Peter."

The Chow, hearing his name mentioned, slowly stretched himself, and padded to his master to be fondled. He settled down by his master's side, peacefully, blinking serenely, luxuriously, slowly.

There was peace, broken only by the occasional plaintive mew of a seagull, flying up from the sea, and the dull, incessant roar of the waterfall.

And the Chow slept.

J. W. SAUNDERS.

Literary and Debating Society.

AT the Annual General Business Meeting of the Society, held on July 21st, 1936, the following officers of the Society were elected:—

President	...	...	THE HEADMASTER.
Vice-Presidents	...	...	S. V. BROWN, Esq. C. H. MOORE, Esq. A. E. BENDER, Esq.
Chairman	...	...	E. W. HICKS, Esq.
Secretaries	...	...	G. H. THARME. T. HAWTHORN.
Committee	...	...	N. E. MARTIN. S. SAMUELS. G. HUGHES. E. S. KELLY. J. CORLETT E. W. MILLS. S. E. KEIDAN. H. HODDES. J. HAMMER. W. F. COLLETT.

Although, at the time of going to Press, only one meeting of the Society has been held, new members captivated by the wit and wisdom of the Society, will need no allurements, inducements or recommendations to come again. There is room for many more new members, and the Society does its best to cater for all tastes—except the salacious.

T. HAWTHORN } Hon.
G. H. THARME } Secs.



AN English summer being what it is, we normally pay visits to appropriate places during that period. So it happens that, with due appreciation of the rain and mud without, we hie to the Gas Works, the Power Station and the rest.

Now, this last summer has been suitably Icelandic, and, in happy expectation of this, we thoughtfully planned a visit per week, and sent our postage-bill soaring above the limits of credulity. So what?

Why, out of eight visits planned, half-a-dozen were sunshined off. Or so we hope, for the only alternative is to believe that the members of the Club are a low-down set of ungrateful, spineless, fickle wastrels. I leave it to you to cross out the words which do not apply.

Then we visited the Power Station at Clarence Dock, wondering whether bus-bars had any connection with the steering gear of any vehicle, whether commutations were adding machines, and why they made so many electrical errors as to require rectifiers to correct them. And still we wonder, simple folk.

The other excursion was to Strawson's, where they make mineral waters, and a lot we know about the filling process, and a whole heap more we know of the emptying system!

True, the lot of the Secretary—bird, or poor fish—is made happier, for there is no need to wind slowly o'er the lea in description picturesque of event unusual. So who cares, save the Finance Committee?

Nevertheless, I must cry again "WE WANT MORE MEMBERS." I leave it to you to see to it, to support Mr. Elliott as he supports us, to make the life of the new Secretary bearable, to be little models of virtue. I leave it at that.

J. A. ROBERTS.

Photographic Section.

Perhaps some of you loyal supporters of this section of the Club have been wondering why so few photography demon-

strations were given last term. There are two main reasons, the first being that no new members came to Mr. Stell or to me asking for a demonstration, and the second that those who had been members of the Club for some time wanted to do so much photographic work that the dark room was almost always occupied.

The quality of the results was very much improved last term and I sincerely hope that they will continue to improve next term. I think that the new lantern which Mr. Stell has taken some trouble to fix up for us, should be an encouragement to do more enlarging.

Finally, let me offer a special invitation to all those boys who will be new to the School next term to join the Camera and Field Club and take up photography as a hobby. If any of you want any information about the Dark Room or the chemicals there, don't hesitate to ask Mr. Stell or myself and we will give you any help we can.

A. CARR.

"It is never too late to mend."

THIS saying is undoubtedly religious in origin. It was the consolation administered to the dying sinner as:—

"Beside the bed where parting life was laid,
And sorrow, guilt, and pain, by turns dismayed,
The reverend champion stood. At his control,
Despair and anguish fled the struggling soul;
Comfort came down the trembling wretch to raise,
And his last faltering accents whispered praise."

Really, the success of its eleventh hour application is unattested, since dead men tell no tales; still, as I myself may possibly die "full of bread, with all my crimes broad blown," I choose to believe in it.

Unfortunately for its reputation, however, it has tried to extend its post-mortem influence to this life, and whereas formerly its strength lay in the unknown beyond the grave, it loses credence on earth because it meets everywhere with contradiction. For one thing, life rarely supports other axioms than those which are drawn from life—"Set a thief to catch a thief," "Two of a trade never agree," "A bird in the hand is worth two in a bush"; such worldly "realistic" maxims endure because they are manufactured and backed up by experience and observation of the world.

But a "good Christian" saying such as "Cheats never prosper" is like a wooden leg—it comforts the afflicted and with wearing enjoys a measure of toleration—but it is never the same as real flesh and blood.

"It is never too late to mend," besides being a "grafted" proverb, is an unsympathetic one. It is the unctuous exhortation poured on the head of a drug-addict by one whose nearest approach to drug-taking is a powdered aspirin tablet for a headache. An essential property of a drug is that, in addition to satisfying the victim's craving, it excites further appetite for it and eventually becomes indispensable to existence. Every vice from lying to drinking has much the same effect as a drug—it is a habit that "grows on you." Yet we are told it is never too late to mend! As well ask a cobbler to patch a shoe which has more hole than sole! A vice makes the same sort of hole in a human soul—it grows in size from a farthing to a half-crown, thence to a ten-shilling note. The only remedy is to affix a new soul; this panacea science has not yet discovered the means of applying, nor ever will. The idea that "it is never too late to mend" is mere babble from the sick-bed—I recommend to your attention "a stitch in time saves nine."

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- T. J. HOPWOOD.—Entered 1929, 3x (Owen); Prefect (Alfred, 1934; House Captain (Danson), 1934-35; Head of the School, 1935; Sports and Arts Club Committee, 1934-5; Literary and Debating Society Committee, 1935; Library Committee, 1935; Macalister Society Committee, 1935; Football: Junior Eleven, 1932; 1st XI, 1933-4-5; Secretary, 1933; Captain, 1934-5; Full Colours, 1934, re-awarded 1935, 1936. Cricket: 2nd XI, 1933; 1st XI, 1934-5-6; Half-colours, 1934; re-awarded, 1935; Full Colours, 1936; Vice-Captain, 1935, 1936. School Certificate (exempt Matric.), 1932; Higher School Certificate, 1934-1935 (distinction in Ancient History), 1936; William Durning Holt Prize for Latin, 1936; Senior City Scholarship, 1935; Margaret Bryce Smith Scholarship, 1935; Open Exhibition in Classics, Christ's College, Cambridge, 1935; Open Scholarship in Classics, the Queen's College, Oxford, 1936; Kitcheners Scholarship, 1936.
- T. W. SLADE.—Entered 1928, 3x (Philip Holt); Prefect (Alfred Holt), 1933; House Captain (Alfred Holt); Sports and Art Club Committee, 1934-35; Library Committee, 1933-4-5; Secretary to the Prefects, 1933; Chess Club Committee, 1933, Secretary, 1934, 2nd Team, 1933, 1st Team, 1934; Camera and Field Club Committee, 1934-5; Engineering Secretary, 1935; Music

- Club Committee, 1932-3-4, Secretary, 1933-4; Glee Club Secretary, 1934; School Orchestra, 1934; Merseyside Branch Film Institute Society School Secretary, 1934-5, Committee, 1934-5; Election Administration Committee, 1935; School Play, 1934-4-5; Prefects' Concert Committee, 1936; League of Nations Union Branch Committee, 1934-5-6, Chairman, 1936; Inter-School Committee Chairman, 1936; 1st Inter-School Speech Competition, 1935; 1st School Speech Competition, 1935-6; League of Nations Geneva Travelling Scholarship, 1936. Cricket 2nd XI, 1935-6; Captain, 1936; Half-colours, 1936. School Certificate (exempt Matric), 1931; Higher School Certificate, 1933-4-5; Samuel Booth Prize for English Lit., 1935.
- L. LEATHER.—Entered 1929, 3e (Philip Holt); Prefect (Danson), 1934-5; House-Captain (Owen), 1935-6; Sports and Arts Club Committee, 1935-6; Library Committee, 1935-6, Secretary; Macalister Society Committee, 1936; League of Nations Union Committee, 1935-6. Fives 1st IV, 1934-5-6 Secretary, 1935-6; Full Colours, 1936. Hockey 1st XI, 1934-5-6; Vice-Captain, 1935-6; Half-colours, 1936. School Certificate (exempt Matric.), 1932; Higher School Certificate, 1934-5-6; Awarded Robert Gee Scholarship (resigned) and City Special, 1934; Margaret Bryce Smith, 1935 (Resigned); Open Exhibition in Classics to Keble College, Oxford, Dec., 1935 (resigned); Samuel Booth Prize for Greek, 1936; Open Foundation Scholarship in Classics to Jesus College, Oxford, January, 1936.
- J. A. ROBERTS.—Entered 1927, D (Philip Holt), Prefect (Philip Holt), 1934; House Captain (Philip Holt), 1935; Sports and Arts Club Committee, 1935; Literary and Debating Society Committee (resigned), 1934; Library Committee, 1935; Macalister Society Committee, 1936; Sixth Form Science Society Committee, 1935; Prefects' Concert Committee, 1936; Camera and Field Club Committee, 1934; General Secretary and Treasurer, 1935. Hockey: 1st XI, 1935; Full Colours, 1936; Secretary (resigned), 1936. School Certificate (exempt Matric.), 1933; Higher School Certificate, 1935-36; Margaret Bryce Smith Scholarship, 1936. Magazine Sub-Ed., 1934-5; Editor, 1935-6.
- J. S. BONE.—Entered 1929, 3x (Tate); Prefect (Tate), 1934; House Captain (Tate), 1935. O.T.C.: Joined January, 1931; Lce./Corporal, 1933; Corporal, 1934; Sergeant, 1934; C.S.M., 1935-6; Certificate "A," 1934; 1st Class Shot, 1932. Football: 2nd XI, 1934-5-6; Captain, 1935-6; Boxing: School Vice-Captain, 1934; Captain, 1935; Half-colours, 1935. Gymnasium: Half-colours, 1934; Full

Colours, 1935; School Captain, 1935. Fives: School 2nd IV, 1935; 1st IV, 1935-6; Half-colours, 1936. Athletics: Inter-School Sports, 1935-36; Sports and Arts Club Committee, 1935-6; Literary and Debating Society Committee, 1934-5-6; Secretary, 1935-6; Electoral Administration Committee, 1936; Science Society Committee, 1935-6; MacAlister Society Committee, 1935-6. School Certificate (exempt Matric.), 1932; Higher School Certificate, 1934, 35, 36; Margaret Bryce Smith Scholarship, 1936.

A. E. BENDER.—Entered 1929, 3d (Owen); Prefect (Owen), 1935. Chess: School 2nd team, 1933-34; School 1st team, 1934-35-36; Secretary of Chess, 1935-36. Literary and Debating Society: Committee, 1934-35; Secretarial Board, 1935-36. Philatelic Society: Treasurer, 1935; Secretary, 1935-36. Sixth Form Science Society: Secretary and Chairman, 1935-36. Bronze Medallion of Royal Life-Saving Society, 1934; Inter-School Swimming Sports, 1935 and 1936. Electoral Administration Committee, 1935. Prefects' Concert Committee, 1936. School Certificate, 1933; Higher School Certificate, 1935 and 1936; Margaret Bryce Smith Scholarship, 1936.

W. J. CORLETT.—Entered 1929, 3x (Tate); Prefect (Tate), 1935; School Certificate (exempt Matric.), 1932; Higher School Certificate, 1934 (distinction in Pure Maths.), and 1935 (distinction in Pure Maths.); Tate Arts Scholarship, 1934; State Scholarship, 1935; Open Scholarship in Mathematics and Physics, Trinity College, Cambridge, 1935.

A. M. MELLOR.—Entered 1928, 2b (Alfred Holt); Prefect (Alfred Holt), 1934; House Captain (Hughes), 1935. Secretary to the Prefects, 1934. Cricket, 2nd XI, 1936; Football, 2nd XI, 1935. School Certificate (exempt Matric.), 1933.

Film Society.

THERE is only one item of news to record this term; for, since no programmes have been given during the summer, matters of interest to the Society as a Society have been correspondingly scarce. The one important announcement that can be made, however, is one which has a particular interest for this School: it is that the prize offered for the best essay on "Films of 1935," was won by Alec Mair, late of Rx. This has a special significance, for it means that in the first year of the Society's existence the School branch has assumed a position of pre-eminence over the other members of the Society. We would congratulate Mair, and hope that new members will not be

lacking to keep the Society in this pre-eminent position. We have had an auspicious start; it is up to the School now to see that the Society maintains the standard which has been set for it. Finally, we would thank Mr. S. V. Brown for that personal support, initiative, and enthusiasm, without which the Society would never have seen the light of day. T. W. SLADE.



L.N.U. Notes.

AS usual during the summer term the Senior Section has only held one important meeting; but the Junior Section, nothing daunted by the difficulty of getting full attendances during the summer evenings, have held several meetings. We have had no report of the action of the Mock Assembly or of the private debates, but a very interesting discussion was held, with Samuels and Slade to state the two opposite points of view, on the value of a policy of isolation.

We also notice that the Branch received a letter from headquarters thanking it for the parcels of clothes sent for refugees. This is good practical work, and an aspect of the League which does not come into the public eye half as much as it should.

The General Meeting will be held this term, and all past members are asked to rejoin and to see that the membership increases. Certainly, under the guidance of Mr. Peters and Miss Makins they will have no lack of skilled and enthusiastic support, and we would thank them and Mr. Wormald for their help during the past year.

T. W. SLADE.

At the Annual General Business Meeting of the Branch, which was held on Tuesday, September 29th, the following appointments were made:—

Secretary and Chairman—G. H. Tharme, 6a. Treasurer—N. E. Martin, 6a. Committee—H. Hoddes, 6aM.; A. R. Cordon, Up. R.; R. Taylor, Rsc.; N. C. Harrison, 5c; S. E. Keidan, 6aSc.

Many people seem to be of the opinion that the League of Nations exists merely to endeavour to stop war. This is an extremely limited conception of its true function. Not only diplomatic but also social problems are the concern of the League. The International Labour Bureau is under its control. Consequently, at our meetings we do not only discuss the problems connected with armaments and war, but are prepared to study social problems of international importance. For example, it is hoped that Mr. Wormald will, sometime during the session, read us a paper upon "The Corporate State." One of the aims of the Liverpool Institute is to produce good citizens and it is in the League of Nations Union Meetings, if anywhere, that members of the School can learn something of the problems that will confront them when they leave the shelter of the School and take their place in the (at present) tempestuous life of the community.

It is the fashion, nowadays, to sneer at Classical traditions; but it is imperative that we should gain for ourselves that happy power of the Greeks—the ability to "see life steadily and to see it whole." And the power of thinking clearly can only be learnt at School.

But it is not only by attending meetings that knowledge may be acquired. The Branch has an excellent library of books upon modern problems and it is hoped that this year members will make better use of it than they did last.

In conclusion, I should like to thank, on behalf of the Branch, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Peters, Mr. Wormald and Miss Makins for all the help and encouragement they gave us last year, and to thank them in advance for the favours which, I feel sure, they will grant us during the coming session. G. H. THARME.

The Battle.

The King sits in the King's Rook's square
And looks unhappily;
"O where will I find a trusty pawn
To gain a Queen for me?"

Then up and spake a small white pawn,
Its base all scratched and worn;
"If you will place your faith in me,
I'll sound the jousting horn."

So two white knights, and a bishop as well,
Answered the call to arms,
And two white pawns joined the company,
At the sound of the triple alarms.

Away then stepped the King's own pawn,
Two squares at first stepped he,
And closely followed the two small men
And the noble pieces three.

But the black King's troops, with a Queen in charge,
Advanced in counter-attack.
They took the knight, but not before
The bishop had answered back.

Despite the loss of the knight's support,
The company still marched on.
Three pawns and a bishop, but only one knight,
Since the other white knight had gone.

But next they encountered the negro rook
Which strode through their ranks like the sea,
And captured two pawns and the bishop as well,
But escaped not with impunity:

For the bishop declared that the rook must go,
And offered a sacrifice,
He placed himself before the pawn
The rook's downfall to entice.

And the o'er-confident rook fell for the ruse,
And with glee the bishop took;
But the bishop knew well that when he was taken
The pawn could take the rook.

The King sat on the King's Rook's square
And surveyed his shattered ranks;
"O how I wish my government
Could afford some whippet tanks."

For as he watched, before his feet,
He saw the lone knight fall;
And all that remained of his brave sortie,
Were two frail pawns in all.

But still they marched in brave array
 Until the one did fall,
 And there only remained the small white pawn,
 In truth with its back to the wall.

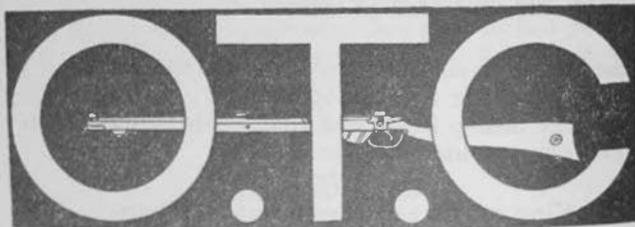
But still it stood up, did the small white pawn,
 Its base repaired with glue.
 Its head, held high, it tried alone
 The King's command to do.

And truth to tell he reached nigh his goal,
 Just one small square beyond.
 He reached the seventh square at last,
 And looked to fulfil his bond.

And the King's delight o'erspread his square
 As he saw his Queen in sight,
 For the ups and downs had weakened his frame
 As he witnessed the bloodthirsty fight.

But don't count your chickens before they're hatched,
 For as it seemed that the battle was won—
 The enemy Queen raced across the board
 And the last white pawn was gone.

A. E. BENDER.



THE principal event of last term was the inspection, which was carried out by Major-General E. O. Lewin, C.B., D.S.O., and earned us a good report. The General, in his address, dealt at some length with the subject of the method of giving a command; this is very important since, as he said, in our future training more stress is to be laid on the fact that we are an *Officers' Training Corps*. The beginnings of this were seen at

the inspection when cadets of one year's standing were expected to have the knowledge of Section Commanders, and those with more seniority, were required to command platoons. It was carried further at camp, where the officers took practically no part in the engagement which took place. The Lewis Gunners under Lance-Corporal Strock acquitted themselves well and, by the grace of Mr. Jeans, appeared in the *Daily Post*. But they have made their last bow and in October are to be superseded by the new Brenn gun or light machine gun as it is officially known. The cause of this blow to tradition is the new Army organisation which, however, will allow of our having four platoons providing our strength is in three figures.

This brings us to the matter of recruits. Last year we recruited fifty-eight new members, but they were not all enrolled until the end of December. The result was that, although we had a good company for the inspection, yet at the end of the Christmas term our recruit squads were unevenly developed and did not work together smoothly as co-ordinated sections; and also there were fewer cases where cadets of one year's standing might be made lance-corporals. This can be avoided next year by getting all recruits in the early part of the term. The recruiting will not be difficult. The point is that it must be done widely and without delay.

The recruits who joined since the inspection have now got beyond what Ian Hay calls the "advance in irregular échelon by individuals" and are making good progress.

One field day was held this term; it took the form of a route march in the Wirral. Posterity must be denied an account of the intimate happenings of that day, for the C.S.M. was not present. It is said that he was working at an Exam., but opinion is divided.

We were very sorry to lose Mr. Thomas at the end of the term. He has been our Honorary Quartermaster for twenty-eight years and the School and corps and especially camp will seem somehow incomplete without him; until in time a generation which does not know him grows up. His popularity with Old Boys was obvious from the reception he received at the Jubilee Dinner last year, and his stories of the Corps of the past were always of absorbing interest. The Corps of the present showed their appreciation by a presentation made at camp by the C.Q.M.S. And an Old Boys' Dinner is to be given next term.

He is to be succeeded by Mr. Moy, to whom we extend a hearty welcome in anticipation of good work to come.

J. S. BONE, C.S.M.

Strensall O.T.C. Camp.

A NUMBER of tent-boxes, an assortment of gramophones, Capt. Ledger, certain N.C.O.'s and cadets and, of course, Peter. These are the Advance Party and on a certain auspicious morning in July they might have been seen advancing to Strensall to the novel and inspiring music of engine wheels and "Dancing Cheek to Cheek." Arrived there they put the luggage on a lorry and perched themselves high up on top together with some tough-looking Regs. lately home from India. In such elevated though precarious state did the A.P. make its triumphal entry into Strensall Camp.

The next half-hour was spent in the exciting sport of drawing stores from the Quarter-Master, a man of kindly disposition but eagle eye (the C.S.M. couldn't get away with two extra blankets in spite of repeated and valiant attempts). Apropos of blankets I am reminded of the arresting spectacle of Cdt. Evans being hurled high into the air and landing well clear of the blanket which sixteen strong men held to receive him. But that is by the way. After getting the stores the Advance Party got hay fever filling paliasses and spent the rest of the time eating and sleeping (popular occupations with Advance Parties) and occasionally working (not so popular), until they went to meet the Main Body—nearly forty strong—marching proudly along behind the Band and Drums of the Manchester Regt. in full dress.

Everyone being now settled in camp the next few days were occupied with active training. On one occasion we formed part of the army of a native tribe, the Ferns, so-called because they inhabited Fern Hill, who had stolen a herd of pigs and were now making them into sausages. The indignant owners of the pigs, represented by four platoons from Wellington College (the owners, that is, not the pigs), are quite naturally making an attempt to get them back, and have to be held off until 1 o'clock when the sausage-making will be completed.

As we are in defence there is much preliminary excogitation upon maps, range cards and clock codes and, as soon as the enemy appear, a desperate battle begins. The whine of H.E. overhead, the crackle of rifle-fire, and the bursting of smoke-shells all serve to make the picture more real. And there in front is that slow-moving line of small khaki-clad figures advancing by fire and movement across the scarred plain. To us they seem omnipotent and irresistible for despite our heavy fire no one stumbles and not a man drops out (blank is hardly effective at five hundred yards range)—but they are getting nearer, three hundred—two hundred—one hundred, they will be on us in

half-a-minute. But no, an officer with a white band on his arm rides up (an umpire). He tells the enemy to stop firing and go back. We all stand up and look at them triumphantly. We have won our bit of the war at any rate.

Night Ops. promised to be good—the capture of some despatches from an enemy aeroplane brought down by our fire—but the enemy, showing a positively indecent lack of consideration for us, reached the objective a quarter of an hour too soon, and we had, perforce, to go home empty handed.

In the second week demonstrations were the order of the day. We saw an 18 pounder battery come into action, the guns drawn by powerful Dragon tractors and the officers in bouncing Baby Austins, whose antics caused much amusement. Tanks followed and showed what they could do, and there was the usual fire-power demonstration by infantry weapons, including the Brenn gun. This was in camp afterwards in charge of an officer, who demonstrated its use and characteristics and answered innumerable questions. Everyone played about with the gun to their hearts' content, intrigued no doubt by its novelty. We also went to watch an R.A.F. demonstration and inspect the 'planes. On the way to the landing ground a flight appeared literally and figuratively out of the blue, and attacked us like angry wasps. Beating them off provided plenty of thrills and excitement. It is fortunate that we did not use ball ammunition for not a few rifles were elevated to thirty-five instead of one hundred and thirty-five degrees, and a much depleted brigade would have started the return march which, actually, we undertook rather laboriously with stomachs (on which, like all armies, we march) full of N.A.A.F.I. beer and ices.

On Sunday morning we were inspected by Field-Marshal Sir C. J. Deverell. Now, we have never been inspected by anyone higher than a General before and this so went to the head of a certain senior N.C.O. that he spent the rest of his leisure playing a curious and involved game with small coloured pegs, and smiling fatuously the while. It also had an effect on No. 6 Tent, whose daily consumption of food increased from three to five times that of the rest of the company.

On the other hand certain of our number, the more blasé members presumably, slept through the inspection. It is said that they had been on guard the night before and were tired out with their exertions. This guard, although all except Sgt. Wilson were rather inexperienced, did very well at the guard mounting ceremony, and insist that they enjoyed standing sentry in the pouring rain.

Much glory also came to us through R. M. Taylor, who distinguished himself in the "midget-weight" of the Boxing

Competition and was undoubtedly the most popular of all the entrants.

We were pleased to see Mr. S. V. Brown, who spent a few days with us and saw to it that we had something more than water to drink at dinner. Mr. Moy had his first taste of O.T.C. camp life and avers that he enjoyed it very much; we hope to see him at many more. One thing which marred the camp was the fact that it was Mr. Thomas' last. He has been to twenty-five and is remembered by countless Old Boys. We shall miss him very much indeed.

J. S. BONE.



Scout Notes.

THE summer term was quite a successful one for the Scout Troop, and all the meetings were held out of doors. The Wednesday afternoon meetings were held regularly at Childwall Woods, while the Baths took the place of the Thursday meetings. Plenty of outdoor work for the 1st and 2nd class badges was done, but the indoor tests were neglected. The result was that only two scouts gained the 2nd class badge during the term.

On the day of the O.T.C. Inspection the Scout Troop was inspected at Lathom Park by Mr. Ferro, District Commissioner for Leeds. The inspection included marching, firelighting, stalking and tent-pitching and the Troop was congratulated on its efficiency and the good spirit which exists between its members.

Two small but enjoyable week-end camps were held at Lathom Park. Both were held in fine weather; some scouts even complaining of the heat at the first camp. When not working, the scouts spent their time sun bathing, or bathing in the river or lake to keep cool.

On one Wednesday afternoon in the middle of the term the troop went to Blundelsands. Inter-patrol competitions were held in distance-judging, pole-jumping and "chariot" building and racing. The result of the patrol competition for the whole term was that the Swifts won by a narrow margin over the Badgers.

The summer camp this year was held at Middleton, near Sedbergh, on the border between Yorkshire and Westmorland, for the first ten days of the holiday. We had a good site between the River Lune and a wood, with a spring near-by for drinking water. We had two visitors staying in camp with us this year: Mr. Lyon, a schoolmaster from South Africa and Maurice Iefray, a French schoolboy, both of whom seemed to enjoy the camp.

We were not favoured with very good weather for the camp, as it was dull or showery on most days. We managed, however, to have several walks and one whole day excursion. We climbed Middleton Fell (2,000 ft.) one afternoon and on two occasions walked to Sedbergh and back. On the Saturday before August Bank Holiday we went on an excursion to Windermere, which was about thirty miles from the camp. We had a charabanc to take us to Bowness via Kendal. From Bowness we went on a steamer to Lakeside. From there the more energetic members of the party walked to Newby Bridge. We returned to Bowness by steamer and then to camp in the charabanc by a long route.

On one of the earlier nights of camp "night operations" were held. We all went on to the moors about a mile from camp, just after dark, and were out until after midnight. Several games were played and there was an inter-patrol competition in searching for a "lost" scout. It was a fine night and was enjoyed by all members of the Troop.

There was an unusually large number of non-2nd-class scouts in camp this year and of these three managed to gain the badge before the end of camp. Two scouts did the journey test for the 1st class badge. They were taken by car to a certain place and had to return to camp, camping out for one night by themselves. There was a violent storm in the night and two very wet and hungry scouts arrived at camp before breakfast next morning, having been awake since 1 o'clock and up since 5 o'clock. Several scouts attempted to make maps of the environs of the campsite as one of the 1st class tests, but these were heard of but not seen.

The tent competition was won by the Peewits after a keen competition with the Swifts.

This very enjoyable summer camp brought to an end another very good year for the Troop.

J. CORLETT.

Kill or Cure.

JAMES is a fan, and, though he has the fannish habit of beating the air wildly and buzzing incessantly, he is no ordinary electric fan, but rather a special type, a wireless fan—and there you have it. Give him two jam-jars, some wire, and any

number of knobs and he can busy himself completely. In person, he is lanky, dirty, bulging with unsuspected wave-traps, concealed aeriels and bright ideas. All this explains why I asked him to "have a look" at my set, and why I have a first-class instrument instead of a young what-not, capable only of receiving—

(a) The cat.

(b) The vacuum cleaner three houses away.

And (c) any tram-car with an odd number or with four 7's on a ticket.

Yes, it was a pleasant piece of work. To change from (a) to (b) it was kicked unexpectedly in the rear-off ankle. To change from (b) to (c) was unnecessary because they ran simultaneously.

Or, perhaps, I had better describe the weapon? Perhaps!

In the middle of the dash-board or face-piece, a large expanse of unbleached ebony, was the steering wheel, to the left a compass, to the right, a set of dirty marks and a switch marked, in an apologetic and uncertain manner "ON—OFF—ON—OFF." This was unused, for the wife was rather shocked when she last turned it. Not only was she shocked, but Albert's white mice were also electrocuted. The set detected them warming themselves round the only valve left—and they were all that set ever detected—beyond (a), (b) and/or (c).

Below, one found, at times, knobs, *viz*: O O O O and so on. Above, more knobs, built on the same lines, but rather less pretentious, *i.e.*, o o o o. These were controls. A six-inch nail laid on top was also a control, I think. A spiritual control, probably. The valve was also a control. Tapped on top with a light hammer, it switched the set off. Tapped harder still it came into:—

(a) The bottom.

(b) The inside.

(c) The bits.

There used to be another control, a coil, but young Albert the white-mouser or micer, made his cage from the wire wrapped around it, and although it did not collapse when unpacked, it has never been the same coil since. The cabinet had also independent springing and four-wheel brakes. And that was the thing I showed and that the reason why I showed it to James.

I led him in gently, and he stood in the doorway bewildered.

"Where is the apparatus?"—flatteringly.

"Ha! Ha!"—a clever (I think) laugh, and with a light-hearted jump, I kicked the soap-box as per prescription; the collapsible front collapsed in a way unknown to the maker, and

the sweet sad strain of the vacuum cleaner with L.C.P.T.B. accompaniment floated from the loud-speaker in the coal-scuttle. But James knew the reason why and with a grim uppercut to the spinal column of the blushing soap-box, he exposed the stomach of the machine. Then, with that hateful snarl of the killer, he leapt into the fight and the box. He threw out all the birds' nests, the wire, the white mice, a caterpillar taking electrical treatment from the low-tension leads, a fossilised transformer, and finally he threw the set out of gear and my wife into a fit.

Then he turned all the knobs, soldered a spanner and a pair of spectacles into the inside, converted the valve into an indirectly-heated bottle, by sticking a candle 'neath it, connected up to the clothes line, flourished a licence in front of the compass, steered sou'-sou'-west and—the loud speaker coughed very timidly and apologetically: "This is the National programme."

Says I—"Liar."

Says the speaker: "I will repeat the announcement. This is the National programme."

Says I—"Oh . . ."

But this is mere hogwash and bilge beside the tinkling stream of questionable music from a gent, who protested "Everything in rhythm with my 'eart," I forget exactly how fast the human heart does beat, but it's too fast for any 1925 Super-Spotz straight one-and-a-valve-holder. It did the best possible. The compass fell to the ground and burned the carpet, blue lightnings scorched the washing on the aerial, James's specs. cracked noisily and, despite our efforts with a watering-can and a tyre-pump, the last of the valves got hotter and hotter with the music. Says James: "There's only one thing." And it happened.

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Beyond the damage done by the hoses of the Fire Brigade, and the hole in the ceiling made by the explosion and the injury done to James's prestige, the cost was slight. So I bought a new set, with station names round the compass card. It does take the thrill from driving but I can always say, as I do, "Yes, James is clever. He changed my wreck of the Hotspurs into a brand new super-hot." Support home industries" is my motto, and Trollop is my name.

(This is the last, we hope, of three remarkable contributions from the well-known Home of Rest.—EDS.)

School Sports, 1936.

THE finals of the School Sports were held on Saturday, June 13th, the heats having been run on the preceding Monday and Thursday. This year, Sports Day saw many innovations, most of which were directed towards making the function more attractive socially. An improvement here is most welcome, for it has been long overdue. It is only right that Sports Day should be regarded as an annual event of importance, at which parents should turn out in full force.

From the athletic point of view, the Sports were quite good. Putting the Shot was substituted for the Senior Cricket Ball and will, no doubt, prove a popular change. Three records were broken, by Jackson, C. L., Hughes, F. A., and Thornley, F. A., in the 100 yards (under 13), hurdles (under 15), and mile (open) respectively. Apart from this there was a definite improvement on the standard of last year's results. To maintain this improvement, however, there must be a great deal more training done than there has been during the past. Training is not an arduous task specially reserved for boys of proved ability, but rather a very pleasant and a very valuable way of spending a fine day in holiday-time. Remember that without practice nothing can be accomplished.

We must sincerely thank Mr. Reece and the other members of the Staff who helped to make the Sports such an enjoyable event.

The individual results are as follows:—

100 yards, under 11	Hickson, H.; Van Dijk, P. W. B. and Ward, F. P. D. (Tie).
" " 12	Parker, A. G.; Clarke, W. N.
" " 13	Jackson, C. S.; Cooper, J.
" " 13½	Sanderson, T. R.; Jones, A. G.
" " 14	Parkin, G. D.; Ferguson, W. J. H.
" " 15	Jones, G. P.; Hughes, T. A.
" " 16	Wildman, E. H.; Mayhew, W. H.
" Open ...	Rumjahn, E. J.; Maddock, A. J.; Stewart, I. R.
220 yards, under 11	Hickson, H.; Slater, R. A.
" " 12	Parker, A. G.; Adams, D. J.
" " 13	Adams, W. H.; Rowe, J. S.
" " 13½	Sanderson, T. R.; Jones, A. G.
" " 14	Ferguson, W. J. H.; Parkin, G. D.
" " 15	Jones, G. P.; Hughes, T. A.
" " 16	Wildman, E. H.; Mayhew, W. H.
" Open ...	Rumjahn, E. J.; Stewart, I. R.; Lewis, S. E.
440 yards, under 13½	Sanderson, T. R.; Adams, W. H.
" " 15	Jones, G. P.; Hughes, T. A.
" Open ...	Thornley, T. A.; Rumjahn, E. J.; Moss, D. W.
880 yards, under 15	Brown, A. R.; MacGuire, G.; Myerscough, F. W.
" Open ...	Thornley, F. A.; Moss, D. W.; Kelly, E. S.
Mile, under 16	Wildman, E. H.; Noble, N.; Whittingham, J. F.
" Open ...	Thornley, F. A.; Wildman, E. H.; Moss, D. W.
Sack Race ...	Gordon, G. A.; Harding, G. W. G.

Obstacle Race, under 13½	Leak, R.; Owen, A. H.
" " 15	Rose, M. H.; Jones, R.
" Open ...	Garbutt, C. D.; Bullock, G. H.
Egg Race, under 13½	Clarke, W. N.; Hope-Stone, M. L.
" " 15	Howells, E. M.; Drummond, R. O.
" Open ...	Needs, W. R.; Roberts, H. H.
Hurdle Race, und. 15	Hughes, T. A.; Parry, R. H.
" Open ...	Roberts, H. H.; Maddock, A. J.; Cordon, A. R.
250 yds. H'cap, under 11	Hickson, H.; Slater, R. A.; Lenton, J. N., and Melrose, W. (Tie).
" " 13½	Adams, W. H.; Jackson, C. L.; Watson, C. J.
" " 15	Rose, M. H.; Muskett, H. T.; Parry, R. H.
" Open ...	Kirkham, C. J.; Hartley, G. W. H.; Billington, G. C.
High Jump, und. 13½	Jones, E. S.; Walker, R. E., and Williams, G. K. (Tie).
" " 15	Hughes, T. A.; Mayhew, E.
" Open ...	Beastall, W. H. and Garton, H. W. (Tie); Price, G. S.
Long Jump, und. 13½	Marsh, G. A.; Adams, W. H.
" " 15	Jones, G. P.; Hughes, T. A.
" Open ...	Rumjahn, P. U.; Beastall, W. H.; Kelly, E. S.
Cricket Ball, und. 13½	Leak, R.; Morgan, A. J.
" " 15	Jones, G. P.; Jackson, D. W.
Putting-the-Shot (Open)	Beastall, W. H.; Mellor, A. M.; Palmer, M. S.
Consolation Mile ...	Bushnell, D. R.; Softley, J. A.
Senior Champion ...	Thornley, F. A.
Middle " ...	Jones, G. P.
Junior " ...	Sanderson, T. R.
House Results ...	Senior ... Danson. Middle ... Alfred. Junior ... Cochran. Aggregate Cochran.

New School Records:—

Jackson, C. L.	100 yards (under 13) : 123 ³ / ₅ secs.
Hughes, T. A.	Hurdles (und. 15) : 204 ⁴ / ₅ secs.
Thornley, F. A.	One Mile (Open) : 4 mins. 543 ¹ / ₅ secs.

Inter-School Sports, 1936.

THE Heats and Finals of the Inter-School Sports were held on Quarry Bank School Ground, Mather Avenue, on June 4th and 6th. Owing to a misunderstanding they thus preceded our own Sports and it was a difficult task to pick a representative team on last year's form. In the Senior events we were confident that Thornley would at least get a place in the Mile. He ran a very good race and realised our hopes by winning easily. His was our only success. In the Junior events we did nothing in spite of valiant attempts by Jones, G. P. and Hughes, T. A., in the Long Jump and High Jump respectively.

This was our worst performance for many years. As a former captain has said, however, "success in School sport goes in waves." We are still in the trough. With hard work and a little of that good luck which has recently been conspicuous only by its absence, there is no reason why we should not soon reach the crest.

I. R. STEWART.

Croquet.

A WEEK or two ago there appeared in a National newspaper a small paragraph which brought forth immediate results in the correspondence section. Gout-ridden majors, peppery old colonels, dyspeptic generals, all rejoined in that old chorus which army men have kept up since the day when old soldiers ceased to fade away and merely appeared on the retired list. "The army's going to the dogs," and other expressions to that effect were used. This outburst was caused by the report that a certain regiment in the East had ordered some croquet sets to be sent out to it. It was not an unconfirmed report; it was not the outcome, as, alas, so many good news stories are, of hard thinking on the part of a reporter when copy was lacking and columns were waiting to be filled. It was true.

It is indeed to be hoped that the noble example of those brave soldiers will be the cause of a revival of the game. For fifty years, croquet has lost the popularity it once held, when it was played alike by the Women's Meeting on the Rectory lawn and in the grounds of the Manor by the Bright Set of those days.

A variation of the game was played in Wonderland, though it must be admitted that Alice said "in rather a complaining tone 'I don't think they play at all fairly.'" Too long has croquet been neglected; now is the time for its resurrection. It is not a simple game, but calls for more skill than any of its rivals. Accuracy of hand, eye and judgment is as necessary as in rifle-shooting, which may possibly account for its popularity with the army. A knowledge, too, of geometry and mechanics is demanded for the full enjoyment of the game, which is found in striking your own ball in such a way as to knock your opponent's out of sight.

It is in this, I say, that lies the true joy of the game. In no other game can one experience the exquisite delight of sustained revenge over one's enemies. A hack at football or hockey, body-line bowling at cricket may bring satisfaction, but the vengeance to be obtained at croquet is far more subtle, far deeper and more lasting. There is no injury to the body, but

to the mind and intelligence. Nothing is more heart-breaking than to find one's ball smitten mercilessly from flower bed to flower bed without chance of recovery, while the hoop to be run winks invitingly in the sunlight.

When the regiment in the east becomes proficient the great possibilities of the game may be recognized. Perhaps in time the whole army, nay, all the fighting forces will count ability at croquet a virtue. It is even possible that the War Office itself might recognise the game. Then it would be simple to carry the idea to its logical conclusion. The armies of the world, carefully following every movement of possible enemies, would take up the game as seriously as our own men. Waterloo may have been won on the playing fields of Eton, but if this suggestion is followed, bloodless wars might be fought on the croquet lawn of Sandhurst, and civilisation will be saved.

Fives Notes.

THE School team experienced a set back this term, for the two matches which were played, the one against Hulme Hall, Manchester, the other against Wallasey Grammer School, were both lost. This is to be explained partly by the fact that several promising members of the team have left, but also by the absence of the captain who was performing feats of valour on the cricket field. In addition to this, on the last day of term, when everything was ready for the finals of the House Championship and Singles Competition, down came the rain to deprive us of what is usually the most glorious day of fives in the year.

1st TEAM v. HULME HALL. (h). Lost.
Doubles: L. Leather and A. W. Johnstone beat Carmichael and Garrett 15-2, 15-13, 15-8; Lost to Bell and Hyde 2-15, 2-15, 4-15.
J. S. Bone and L. Bernstein lost to Carmichael and Garrett, 2-15, 15-12, 3-15; Lost to Bell and Hyde 0-15, 1-15, 3-15.

In the Singles the School played one game apiece, losing by 17 points to 56.

TOTALS: Singles—17-56. Doubles—77-155. Aggregate 94-211.
Hulme Hall were vastly stronger than the School team, as may be inferred from the fact that Carmichael (once a well-known figure in the School portals, and a veritable Hercules of a fives player) was third man.

1st TEAM v. W.G.S. (a). June 17th. Lost.
Doubles: L. Leather and J. S. Bone lost to both pairs of Wallasey—to Brady and Baldwin 3-15, 15-9, 2-15; and to Thompson and Edwards 0-15, 2-15, 8-15.
A. W. Johnstone and L. Bernstein lost to Brady and Baldwin 4-15, 3-15, 1-15; and to Thompson and Edwards 1-15, 0-15, 5-15.
Singles: L. Leather lost to Brady 15-10, 4-15, 9-15.

J. S. Bone lost to Thompson 5-15, 6-15, 3-15.
 L. Bernstein lost to Edwards 11-15, 2-15, 10-15.
 A. W. Johnstone lost to Baldwin 4-15, 8-15, 4-15.
 TOTALS : Singles 81-175. Doubles 53-174. Aggregate 134-349.

An innovation was made this term to increase enthusiasm among the younger members. A Junior match (for those under fifteen) was played on July 15th, which was lost by 111 points to 345. The School was represented by M. P. Varey, J. F. Varey, Howells and Haworth. The idea was good, and we hope that the practice will be continued next year.

During the term, an evening match was played against the Staff, represented by Messrs. Doughty, G. F. Pollard, S. R. Pollard, and S. Wormald. The School won, and all who took part in it enjoyed themselves.

THE SINGLES COMPETITION.

L. Leather and N. E. Martin met with little opposition, both reaching the final ; the match, however, had to be counted a draw owing to the continued rain on the last day of term.

THE HOUSE COMPETITION.

The House Fives Competition resulted as follows :—

Hughes	}	Danson	}	Tate
v.				
Danson	}	v.		
Alfred Holt				
v.	}	Tate		
Tate				
Cochran	}	Philip Holt	}	Owen
v.				
Philip Holt	}	Owen		
A bye				

The House Competition met with the same fate as the Singles Competition ; and after consultation with Mr. Doughty (and according to *argumentum ex probabili*) the honours for first place were given to Owen.

Finally we welcome L. Bernstein as our new Secretary, and extend to Mr. Doughty and N. E. Martin our hope for success in the coming year.

Full Colours were awarded to L. Leather and N. E. Martin.
 Half Colours to J. S. Bone and A. W. Johnstone.

L. LEATHER.

Boxing.

IN the past term there has, of course, been no boxing to review in these notes. Their purpose is to remind you, dear and gentle reader, that Boxing practices start prompt at the beginning of next term and a hearty welcome will be extended to all new members, as the mission halls say. The Boxing Club, in the words of a former captain, is in no sense a "mutual disfigurement society," and for the first few weeks you need not fight anyone if you do not want to. Boxing is an art and a science and is taught as such.

But we do not propose here to enter into a eulogy of boxing, or an exposition of its methods. These notes, as we have said, are to serve as a reminder and any information may be obtained from the new captain, C. J. Kirkham, of VI Am.

J. S. BONE.

Philatelic Society.

THE past term has witnessed very little in the way of fresh activities of the Society, so we will not waste time discussing it, but instead will discuss our plans for this term.

One change is that the subscription is now altered from twopence per term to sixpence per year. A determined effort will be made this term to open correspondence with more schools abroad. Any members of the Society who are able to correspond with anyone abroad who may be able to place us in communication with a school or Philatelic Society, should notify the Secretary.

An important advantage gained by members of the Society over other philatelists, is the use of the Philatelic Library. This consists, at present, of *Stamp Collecting*, by Stanley Phillips ; *The Stamp Collector*, by Bacon ; *How to Arrange and Write up a Collection*, by Rangoon and Phillips ; Stanley Gibbons' 1936 *World Catalogue* ; copies of *The Stamp Magazine* (which is purchased monthly) from September, 1935, up to September, 1936, and of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly* from May, 1935, to September, 1936. These may be borrowed by members for a week at a time and besides providing interesting reading matter, really do improve one's collection and render them even more interesting. A further enticement is the periodical lectures and talks which are delivered to the Society by various members. The interest of these varies considerably and should cover all that any member desires to know.

One of our most important undertakings is the frequent competitions. These are open to all members (allowances

usually being made to the fourths and below) and, even if no prize is gained, there is much pleasure to be derived both from entering one's own, and inspecting others' entries.

And now your attention is drawn to—

EIGHT REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

1. You will be able to exchange with other members.
 2. You will be able to exchange with correspondents abroad.
 3. You will have use of the Library.
 4. You will hear philatelic talks; or may give one.
 5. You will be able to enter competitions (and win prizes).
 6. You will improve your collection.
 7. You will increase your collection.
 8. If you want a prize in the Hobby Show in the Philatelic branch, your membership of the Philatelic Society will be invaluable.
- A. E. BENDER.

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Englisch.

WE have been reading in the newspapers lately, that is, those of us who have been reading the newspapers lately, of various suggestions for simplifying the English language. I know that any suggestions for simplifying anything will be eagerly absorbed by all (?) my readers (if any). So I propose to outline some of them, and to add some of my own.

One suggestion (there is actually a Society attempting to carry this out) is that all letters not sounded, should be omitted. Thus:—

Thr had ben an acsidnt, and th sympatetic old lady stup and smuthd his forhed. "My pur felo," she crund, "tel me yor nam and I wil tel yor mothe."

"Thank yu," gasped th victim, "but my mothe nos my nam."

Another method suggested, is that of dropping all vowels, since these can generally be guessed. A passage would then appear, thus:—

"Hr, by," grwld th byr f nwsppr, "wht's ths y'r yllng bt 'Grt swndl—60 vctms' I (this is necessary) see (also this) nthng n th ppr bt t."

"Grt swndl" ylld th yth stll mr ldly, "61 vctms."

A method of simplification which is not very effective, but looks simple, is that of omitting all capitals and all punctuation. Jones said the schoolmaster sternly you have been caught again in an act of flagrant disobedience your example to others

is most injurious in short you are going to the deivel come with me

An economical suggestion comes from a Scotchman. He proposes to omit all spaces, as well as capitals and punctuation, but to retain paragraphs.

Yourelookingprettyglumoldmansaidamanashemetafriendinthestreetwhat'sthemattereverythingsthemattersaidtheotherwithagroanmypooroldmaandpahavebothdiedandmywifegoneoffwithanotherchapmybrothersgonebrokeandhiswifeandchildrenarestarvingandmysisterhasgotbadlydamagedinthefactorysheworksin

mywordsaidhisfriendthatsapacketoftroubleyouhaveareason tobemiserableiwonderyouhaventcutyourthroat

ihavesaidthemantakingoffhiscollarhisheadfelloff

A small boy in the thirds suggested the ultimate simplification—omit everything. His homework would then read thus:—

which is much better than it does at present.

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Cricket Notes.

THE School cricket team has enjoyed a reasonably successful season; out of 17 matches played, 10 have been won and 6 lost, one match being drawn. The School was fortunate in that it was able to field seven members of last year's team, but fate was against it in another respect. No sooner had Rose recovered from an illness which kept him out of the team for the first half of the season than Hopwood had the misfortune to break his thumb in a House match. In consequence the School was never represented by a full team. The batting of the team has been up to the usual high standard; if anything a little higher, though at times the "tail" has shown a decided weakness. Occasionally, however, the School has had reason to be grateful to this "tail"—especially so in the second match against Sefton.

The bowling has been of very changeable character, varying from good to mediocre. At times, Martin, who originally obtained his position in the team for his batting, has bowled really well, while Roberts has been a force on which to rely throughout. Apart from these two, and, at the beginning of the season, Mellors, the bowling has been limited. Fielding, too, has been of varying character, in this case fluctuating between mediocre and bad. One or two of the team, in particular P. U. Rumjahn, have shown ability to field both high and low balls, but at present the team does not seem to realise that fielding is quite as deciding

a factor in the winning or losing of a game as batting or bowling. For this reason, net practice should be more or less equally divided and fielding practice should not be reckoned merely as a means of filling up time before an innings at the nets.

The teams should be grateful to Wass and Peter for the excellent wickets they prepare, and, on behalf of all the teams I thank and congratulate them both.

Lastly, but by no means least, I must thank Mr. Pollard, Mr. Purvis and Wass for their diligent coaching and wish both masters every success in their new schools. G. S. ROSE.

2nd XI RESULTS.

v. Holt ...	Holt, 37; School, 39 for 3.
v. Birkenhead School ...	School, 42; Birkenhead, 47 for 3.
v. Collegiate ...	Collegiate, 91; School, 137 for 2. (Robertson 108, not out).
v. Merchant Taylor's ...	Merchant Taylor's, 121; School, 101.
v. Quarry Bank ...	School, 108 for 8 (dec.). (Slade 30, Atherton 34). Quarry, 37 (Vickers, 6 for 19).
v. Collegiate ...	School, 82; Collegiate, 83 for 5.
v. Alsop ...	Alsop, 106; School, 29.
v. Cowley ...	Cowley, 75; School, 78 for 9.
v. Cowley ...	School, 115 for 5 (dec.); Cowley, 64 for 7. (Needs, 36, Vickers, 30 not out).
v. Waterloo and Seaforth 1st ...	W. & S. 1st, 101; School, 43.
v. King's, Chester ...	School, 150 for 9 (dec.); King's, Chester, 65. (Jones, H. L., 58 not out).

AVERAGES.

1st XI BATTING.

	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Highest Score.	Average.
Rumjahn, P. U. ...	17	2	347	61*	23.12
Holden ...	14	3	231	33	16.5
Pike ...	15	0	261	49	17.4
Rose ...	6	1	79	33*	15.66
Martin ...	16	2	192	28	13.71
Hopwood ...	7	0	84	43	12.0
Rumjahn, E. J. ...	17	1	189	56	11.8
Robertson ...	8	1	73	23	10.46
Stewart ...	13	3	95	18*	6.5
Roberts ...	11	5	47	18*	7.82
Needs ...	7	1	33	16	5.5
Garton ...	12	0	58	23	4.8
Mellors ...	10	4	27	15	4.25
ALSO BATTED:—					
Dodd ...	2	0	45	45	22.5
Slade ...	2	0	16	16	8.0

* Not out.

2nd XI BATTING.

	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Runs.	Highest Score.	Average.
Jones, H. L. ...	5	3	68	58*	34.00
Vickers ...	8	2	67	30*	11.16
Dodd ...	8	1	78	26	11.14
Slade ...	10	0	108	39	11.00
Atherton ...	9	1	70	34	8.75
Davies ...	8	1	53	15*	7.57
Needs ...	8	0	58	36	7.25
Beastall ...	6	0	39	15	6.50
Bullock ...	8	1	45	14	6.43
Jones, G. P. ...	7	2	32	19*	6.40
Barnard ...	11	1	52	21	5.20
Mellor ...	4	0	17	17	4.25
ALSO BATTED:—					
Robertson ...	3	1	138	108*	69.00
Kelly ...	3	2	26	17*	26.00
Cledsdale ...	1	0	9	9	9.00
Bell ...	2	0	8	5	4
Dawes ...	1	0	0	0	—

* Not out.

1st XI BOWLING.

	Overs.	M'dens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
Martin ...	89	20	241	30	8.03
Rumjahn, P. U. ...	82	14	271	27	10.04
Roberts ...	214	45	557	48	11.4
Mellors ...	148	25	456	31	14.07
Garton ...	40	9	144	8	18.0
ALSO BOWLED:—					
Vickers ...	11	—	29	4	7.25
Needs ...	9	2	22	1	22.00

2nd XI BOWLING.

	Overs.	M'dens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avg.
Barnard ...	71	15	152	22	6.91
Davies ...	36	12	85	12	7.08
Vickers ...	80.7	13	201	28	7.18
Jones, H. ...	47.5	8	125	14	8.93
Needs ...	38	11	67	7	9.57
Jones, G. P. ...	38	10	90	6	15.00
ALSO BOWLED:—					
Kelly ...	3	1	3	1	3
Dodd ...	2	0	8	1	8
Atherton ...	9	0	31	1	31
Robertson ...	2	0	4	0	—

CRITIQUE.

ROSE, G. S. (Captain).—Kept out of the team by illness for most of the term, he has been a great loss to the team. His keen, energetic fielding, steady batting and slow leg-breaks would certainly have been invaluable.

HOPWOOD, T. J.—A most unlucky accident deprived the team of its acting captain when he had made a promising opening

to the season. A steady bat and a greatly improved field.
RUMJAHN, P. U.—The most successful batsman of the season owing to his powerful strokes on the off. He has, unfortunately, still to master his leg-side difficulties. Has bowled well in many matches but is often too expensive. A first class coverpoint.

RUMJAHN, E. J.—Has had a rather erratic season as an opening bat, owing to lack of restraint and a surprising weakness in dealing with short balls on the leg side. His slow left arm bowling should be very valuable in the future. Ground fielding good, but has dropped too many important catches.

PIKE, N.—Has fulfilled his last year's promise as a wicket-keeper and opening bat. He has an excellent defence and has generally lost his wicket by becoming careless when well set. Behind the stumps he has had a very successful season.

ROBERTS, H. H.—A steady, medium-paced bowler who would be really good if he bowled with more venom. His perseverance and length have produced a good crop of wickets and he has been a valuable asset to the side. A safe field and a much improved tail-end batsman.

MARTIN, N. E.—After a bad start he has had a very successful season with both bat and ball. With increased command over length he should be the main attacking bowler next season. His batting now shows that confidence which it lacked last season.

HOLDEN, G.—In spite of his age and size he has had a very successful season as a batsman. He has a good defence and cuts well but is weak on the leg stump. A good field and his bowling will be useful next season.

GARTON, H. W.—Has hardly fulfilled last year's promise with either bat or ball, though he has been a useful member of the side throughout the season. Both batting and bowling are too erratic.

MELLORS, F. A.—A left arm, medium-paced bowler who began the season in great style, but has fallen off a little. At present he bowls too many balls on the leg-side and does not vary his pace sufficiently. With the bat he will make more runs as he gains confidence and learns to get his foot to the pitch of the ball. A keen field, he must learn to throw in more quickly.

ROBERTSON, A.—A much improved bat, though not a very stylish one at present. A keen and fairly reliable field.

STEWART, I. R.—A steady bat who has been a definite asset to the side in one or two of the critical matches. Not sufficiently reliable in the field.

S. R. POLLARD.

School Cricket.

SCHOOL v. HOLT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank.

Hopwood won the toss and decided to bat, although the wicket was rather soft after the rain which had caused a late start to be made. Rumjahn E. J., threw his wicket away, but his brother and Pike redeemed this unpromising start by quickly adding more than fifty runs. Rumjahn, P. U., was caught after a useful innings and Pike soon followed him to the pavilion, but Hopwood was scoring steadily, while Martin missed, and Garton smote merrily. Hopwood was then joined by Holden and together they put on fifty runs before Hopwood was dismissed by a catch at square leg. Holden went on to score twenty-five without being dismissed, and though he was dropped three or four times he gained the confidence which enabled him to have so successful a season.

Hopwood declared when seven wickets had fallen for 148 runs, and only Bentham amongst our opponents provided resistance to our bowlers. Roberts bowled steadily throughout to take four wickets for twenty-seven runs, but perhaps most promising was the bowling of Mellors, one of the team's new members.

SCHOOL.		HOLT.	
Rumjahn, E. J., run out	1	Bentham, c Pike, b Roberts	31
Pike, c Jones, b Moulds	23	Selsby, c Pike, b Roberts	8
Rumjahn, P. U., c Moysie, b Moulds	28	Jones, N., c Needs, b Roberts	1
Hopwood, c Bentham, b Selsby	43	Quinn, c Rumjahn, P. U., b Roberts	5
Martin, b Moulds	0	Moysie, b Mellors	2
Garton, c Moulds, b Jones	15	Plews, b Mellors	0
Holden, not out	25	Johnston, b Mellors	12
Needs, c S. b Bentham	5	Armitage, c Roberts, b Mellors	1
Stewart, did not bat	—	Armitt, st Pike, b Rumjahn, P. U.	0
Roberts, H. H., not out	3	Moulds, retired hurt	0
Mellors, did not bat	—	Jones, C. G., not out	4
Extras	5	Extras	2
	(for 7) 148		70

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Roberts	11	3	27	4
Garton	3	1	5	—
Mellors	10.3	2	32	4
Rumjahn, P. U.	3	2	4	1

SCHOOL v. SEFTON "A."

Played at Greenbank.

Against a strong Sefton team the School won one of its best victories of the season. We took first knock on a perfect wicket but made an inauspicious start. Two wickets were down for ten runs before Hopwood joined E. Rumjahn. Together they took the score to 44 until Rumjahn left after scoring a useful 24. Garton and Martin both failed; half the side was out for 47. Then Holden and Hopwood pulled the game round in a fighting partnership, during which Holden batted magnificently and four times sent the ball to the boundary with masterly late cuts. Needs helped Hopwood in a further useful stand, until the captain left at 119, after batting carefully for one hundred minutes, while more than a hundred runs were added. After some bright batting by our tail the School innings closed at a score of 158, the result of a courageous effort against fast and accurate bowling.

Sefton's opening pair batted well until Stevenson tried to hit a six off a good length ball from Roberts. The dismissal of the next two men did not cause us much trouble, but after Carney had left for a stylish 25, Hankin and Methuin came together, and seemed to find the School bowling easy. The former particularly delighted the spectators by some big hitting. On Hankin's departure, however, the rest of the team collapsed and we gained victory by 24 runs.

The whole team was active in the field and all the bowlers tried showed the greatest enthusiasm. Pike did not give away a single bye, Mellors returned the fine figures of 4 wickets for 29 runs, while P. U. Rumjahn took valuable wickets at a crucial point in the game.

SCHOOL.		SEFTON.	
Rumjahn, E. J., c, b Mealor ...	24	Carney, b Mellors ...	25
Pike, b Morrison ...	0	Stephenson, b Roberts ...	17
Rumjahn, P. U., c Wallace, b Hankin ...	3	Salmon, c Needs, b Garton ...	3
Hopwood, c Morrison, b Hankin ...	22	Williams, b Mellors ...	7
Martin, b Morrison ...	0	Hankin, st Pike, b Rumjahn, P. U. ...	49
Garton, b Methuin ...	1	Methuin, not out ...	28
Holden, run out ...	23	Wallace, run out ...	0
Needs, lbw, b Morrison ...	10	Mealor, c Garton, b Rumjahn, P. U. ...	1
Stewart, b Hankin ...	13	Dawes, c Martin, b Rumjahn, P. U. ...	0
Roberts, b Hankin ...	8	Tracy, c & b Mellors ...	0
Mellors, not out ...	10	Morrison, b Mellors ...	4
Extras ...	38	Extras ...	0
	<u>158</u>		<u>134</u>

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Roberts ...	11	0	35	1
Garton ...	9	2	42	1
Mellors ...	6.2	2	29	4
Rumjahn, P. U. ...	5	0	28	3

SCHOOL v. QUARRY BANK.

Played at Greenbank.

Most of the School team arrived rather late, and looked thoroughly lifeless after the previous night's riotous return from Somerset. P. U. Rumjahn, however, was quite fresh and proved quite capable of defeating the opposing team almost unaided.

Since the wicket was hard and fast, Hopwood naturally opened with Roberts and Mellors, and later brought on Martin and Garton, but none of them met with any success, and our opponents' score had passed fifty without the fall of a single wicket. P. U. Rumjahn, however, though helped only by a strong cross wind, proved almost unplayable as his final analysis of 8 for 22 shows. Hesketh who had slogged his way to a score of 46 quickly fell to a finely judged catch by Stewart, while Maybury, who defended stubbornly for a time, was caught on the boundary by Hopwood when he finally decided to hit out. The rest went to and from the wicket in a speedy procession, and only Turner, who hit Rumjahn for a six, did anything towards improving our opponents' score.

The foundation of the School's victory was laid by a fine partnership between Pike and P. U. Rumjahn. Both found the bowling easy and Rumjahn went on to score the fifty which previously had so often just eluded him. Before stumps were drawn Robertson and Martin attacked the bowling, while Rumjahn went on steadily until at the close he was undefeated with 61 runs to his credit.

SCHOOL.		QUARRY BANK.	
Pike, b Brooks ...	30	Hesketh, c Stewart, b Rumjahn, P. U. ...	46
Stewart, c Turner, b Hawkins ...	5	Snelson, c Rumjahn, E. J., b Rumjahn, P. U. ...	8
Rumjahn, P. U., not out ...	61	Levy, c Holden, b Rumjahn, P. U. ...	2
Hopwood, lbw, b Snelson ...	3	Maybury, c Hopwood, b Rumjahn, P. U. ...	10
Rumjahn, E. J., c Hesketh, b Snelson ...	6	Brooks, b Rumjahn, P. U. ...	0
Martin, run out ...	15	Beddow, c Martin, b Rumjahn, P. U. ...	0
Holden, b Brooks ...	0	Martyn, c Pike, b Garton ...	4
Robertson, not out ...	18	Turner, b Rumjahn, P. U. ...	16
Garton, did not bat ...	—	Edwards, lbw, Rumjahn, P. U. ...	1
Mellors, ...	—	Hughes, b Roberts ...	0
Roberts, ...	—	Hawkins, not out ...	3
Extras ...	8	Extras ...	1
	<u>(for 6 wickets.) 146</u>		<u>91</u>

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Roberts ...	10	5	8	1
Mellors ...	6	1	24	—
Martin ...	4	—	24	—
Rumjahn, P. U. ...	13.4	4	22	8
Garton ...	5.	1	10	1

SCHOOL v. MERCHANT TAYLOR'S SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank.

The match with Merchant Taylor's School, who in the past few seasons have found our teams rather easy victims, provided the most exciting cricket of the season, the fortunes of the game fluctuated from one side to the other until the last over was called.

Our opponents won the toss and batted first on a fast batsman's wicket. The opening pair, though often fortunate—Roberts had three hard chances missed in the slips while the score was still in the twenties: two of them were offered by Lewis—added 44. Lewis was the leading batsman of his side, until his wicket, the third, fell. He scored 78 out of the 124 added and his knock, though certainly not chanceless, was alive with powerful driving and attractive batting. Though Sutherland stayed at the wicket and finally remained undefeated with 56 to his credit, he could not find anyone to partner him for any length of time, until the last man came in. He obviously could not bat, but he meant to enjoy himself so long as tired fielders would oblige him by dropping easy catches. By allowing him to score 22 we threw away the game. Nevertheless the dismissal of such a strong batting side for 199 was not a bad feat, and Mellors and Roberts bowled courageously all afternoon to take four wickets each.

In reply, the School made a bad start. E. J. Rumjahn was out with only two runs on the board. Pike again fell to a catch on the square leg boundary when seeming nicely set, while Hopwood ran out to meet his first ball from the slow bowler, missed it and was easily stumped. Three wickets were down for 25, when Martin joined P. U. Rumjahn, and together they took the score into the seventies. Rumjahn's innings was the best played by a School batsman throughout the season. He did not give a chance until he left to an easy catch with his score at 49; he seemed quite capable of going on to score a century, so effortless and yet so thrilling and powerful were the strokes which sent the ball to the boundary.

Young Holden then came in to show that his size was no indication of the greatness of his pluck. His fine effort, remarkable for off-drives and brilliant late-cuts, came second only to that of Rumjahn's. When Martin left him, Garton gave him good support in his best innings of the season. Stewart, too, did not let us down and with Mellors seemed likely to hold the fort. The last over was called when the School had scored 185 and

Mellors was left to face the bowling. Through inexperience he allowed himself to fall a victim to a rank long-hop.

Our opponents gained the victory in a closely contested game, and deserved their success if only for their superior fielding—not a catch was dropped throughout our innings, while our fieldsmen fumbled at least half-a-dozen easy chances. Nevertheless, well played School!

SCHOOL.		MERCHANT TAYLORS.	
Rumjahn, E. J., c Robinson, b Seddon	2	Jones, b Roberts	6
Pike, c Adams, b Seddon	8	Lewis, c Pike, b Mellors	78
Rumjahn, P. U., c Gardner, b Seddon	49	Winter, c Roberts, b Garton	15
Hopwood, st Jones, b Seddon	0	Sutherland, not out	56
Martin, b Robinson	22	Gardner, lbw, b Roberts	4
Holden, hit wkt., b Sutherland	33	Cairns, lbw, b Mellors	7
Robertson, st Jones, b Seddon	0	Whitehead, c Stewart, b Mellors	2
Garton, lbw, b Sutherland	23	Seddon, lbw, b Roberts	1
Stewart, not out	18	Adams, lbw, b Mellors	3
Roberts, st Jones, b Sutherland	5	Brown, c Martin, b Roberts	3
Mellors, b Robinson	15	Robinson, b Garton	22
Extras	10	Extras	2
	185		199

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Roberts	21	2	86	4
Mellors	18	2	54	4
Garton	6.3	1	36	2
Rumjahn, P. U.	4	—	21	—

SCHOOL v. LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY 2nd XI.

The game with the University provided a sorry contrast to the previous match. The School were defeated again but there was neither glory in the defeat nor excuse for it. The School took first knock on a wicket which batsmen dream of finding in paradise, but collapsed horribly before medium fast bowling. We had played faster bowling before, we had played bowling as accurate but, inexplicably, we collapsed and lost easily a game which could have been ours judging by our opponents' batting. P. U. Rumjahn and Stewart were our only two batsmen to show any confidence, and even Rumjahn had his share of luck before his dismissal. The rest merely went to and from the wicket in a nervous procession. Our only consolation was that Warren, an Old Boy, had taken a fair number of our wickets.

When our opponents batted we found that only the first three to appear had any pretensions to batsmanship. Together, however, they hit off the runs; once they had gone the rest were easily dismissed by an experimental attack, except for Warren and Dyson, whose slogging met with the necessary luck. Martin's bowling during his short trial enlivened for us what was otherwise a dreary match. He showed that in a match he was capable of regulating his length and we knew already that he had the speed off the wicket. After his trial now he became the School's best attacking bowler.

SCHOOL.		UNIVERSITY II.	
Rumjahn, E. J., c Cohen, b Warren	0	Rogerson, b Garton	50
Pike, b Forster	2	Karstadt, b Mellors	11
Rumjahn, P. U., b Warren	18	Hickling, b Rumjahn, P. U.	15
Hopwood, c Devlin, b Forster	6	Cohen, lbw b Roberts	6
Martin, b Warren	8	Goodwin, b Rumjahn, P. U.	0
Holden, b Forster	4	Todd, st Pike, b Martin	7
Robertson, b Forster	0	Devlin, b Roberts	3
Garton, b Forster	0	Dyson, not out	19
Stewart, b Forster	14	Warren, st Pike, b Roberts	29
Roberts, b Warren	0	Forster, retired	0
Mellors, not out	0	James, b Martin	3
Extras	2	Extras	3
	58		124

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Roberts	12	1	30	3
Mellors	7	1	29	1
Garton	4	1	9	1
Rumjahn, P. U.	7	—	36	2
Rumjahn, E. J.	3	—	15	—
Martin	3	1.3	3	2

SCHOOL v. COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

Played at Holly Lodge.

Our opponents won the toss, and chose to bat on a fast wicket. Their opening pair put on thirty runs before being parted, and most of their early batsmen added to the score, until Jones was dismissed after some hard hitting, which brought him 35 runs. Afterwards the rest of the team collapsed, and soon after tea were all out for 109. P. U. Rumjahn and Mellors both bowled successfully, while Roberts was very unlucky in the matter of dropped catches.

We had little time to waste in making a successful reply—our opponents' batting had been rather slow—but we succeeded after several nasty shocks which kept the game open for a time. Our opening pair quickly put on 33 runs until Pike fell a victim of his own impetuosity. E. Rumjahn, Hopwood and Martin quickly followed him to the pavilion, but P. U. Rumjahn was in brilliant form. His innings of 42, freely studded with smashing drives through the covers, only lasted about half-an-hour. Then came the blow which shocked our nervous system. Rannard, whose fast bowling was splendid throughout the innings, completed his hat trick; Garton and Needs followed Rumjahn off successive balls and a score of 87 for 7 did not look too promising. Stewart was game, however, while Holden had already got his eye in. While Stewart stone-walled, Holden off-drove and flourished his late cut. Anxiety gradually changed into hope and then into the certainty that the game was ours. Finally we won quite easily by three wickets.

SCHOOL.		COLLEGIATE	
Rumjahn, E. J., c Morris, D. L.,	9	Thomas, lbw, b Roberts	18
b Dickenson	19	Dickenson, c Needs, b Mellors	17
Pike, b Rannard	42	Carney, c Martin, b Garton	1
Rumjahn, P. U., lbw, b Rannard	1	Ball, c Pike, b Rumjahn, P. U.	17
Hopwood, c Carney, b Rannard	1	Rannard, b Rumjahn, P. U.	10
Martin, b Rannard	1	Jones, c Rumjahn, P. U., b Roberts	35
Holden, not out	28	Wood, st Pike, b Rumjahn, P. U.	0
Garton, lbw, b Rannard	0	Stuart, c Pike, b Roberts	2
Needs, b Rannard	0	Morris, D. L., not out	2
Stewart, not out	7	Morris, F. A., b Mellors	1
Roberts, did not bat	—	Shaw, c Martin, b Mellors	0
Mellors	16	Extras	6
Extras	121		109
	(for 7 wkts.)		

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Roberts	15	1	45	3
Mellors	12	4	27	3
Garton	4	2	7	1
Rumjahn, P. U.	3	—	24	3

SCHOOL v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

Played at Birkenhead.

The match with Birkenhead School, which during the last few seasons has been so closely contested and provided such fine cricket, was ruined by rain and before the end became a farce. When Hopwood

won the toss, he lost the match. The School batted first on a wet wicket on which the bowlers could make the ball shoot through and sometimes stand up, and in the circumstances—our innings was interrupted three times by showers—we did quite well to score 90. P. U. Rumjahn thrilled us all with three magnificent off-drives which reached the long boundary at terrific speed, while Holden's innings was distinguished by some delightful late cuts. Martin batted pluckily in a fine stand with Holden, while Hopwood was our only other player to occupy the crease for any length of time.

Immediately the players came in for tea, rain fell heavily for more than an hour; when it seemed to cease at six o'clock Hopwood consented to continue, but immediately we took the field the rain came on again. We played on, however, and our opponents went for the runs in splendid style, and mainly because of an excellent innings by Brown were able to defeat us. Our bowlers had a thankless task; their feet would not grip on the saturated turf, while even the use of sawdust did not prevent the ball slipping from their hands. The funniest incident of all was a slip by Roberts, he ran up to bowl, lost his footing and the ball went rolling underhand up the wicket.

We left Birkenhead not annoyed at defeat—we all admired our opponents' courageous effort to score the runs—but angry because the elements had turned what should have been a closely-fought game of cricket into something resembling water-polo.

SCHOOL.		BIRKENHEAD.	
Rumjahn, E. J., lbw, b Stennet	0	Simpson, run out	24
Pike, b Hartley	2	Brown, b Mellors	56
Rumjahn, P. U., c & b Stewart	14	Stennet, run out	1
Hopwood, c & b Williams	9	Hartley, not out	5
Martin, b Stennet	20	Gore, not out	7
Holden, b Stennet	29	Yorke, did not bat	—
Garton, c & b Yorke	3	Hartley, A. P.,	—
Needs, lbw, b Stennet	0	Reardon,	—
Stewart, not out	3	Williams,	—
Roberts, c & b Hartley	5	Parry,	—
Mellors, run out	0	Latham,	—
Extras	5		
	80		(for 3 wickets) 93

Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Roberts	9	0	39	0
Mellors	9	0	46	1
Garton	1	0	8	0

SCHOOL, v. UNIVERSITY 2nd XI.

As last year the School fielded first on the University ground; unlike last year the School dismissed the University for a beatable score, only two of their side reaching double figures. Their meagre total was due to the consistent length and pace of Roberts and Mellors who bowled unchanged throughout the innings and took five wickets each. Tea was then taken, and, after the annual piano interlude by a distinguished Old Boy, Pike and Rumjahn, E. J., opened the batting. Honours this time went to the former, who played a fine quickly-scored innings of 44, and to Rumjahn, P. U., who scored exactly half that amount. Martin, dazed at having broken his duck, missed his way back to the pavilion, and was only woken up by coarse laughter from the "galleryites." Holden and Needs remained not out (the latter gave a remarkable exhibition of acrobatic strokes) and the School declared at 101 for 5 wickets.

SCHOOL.		UNIVERSITY II.	
Rumjahn, E. J., c & b Forster	4	Rogerson, b Mellors	13
Pike, c & b James	44	Ainsworth, c Robertson, b Mellors	6
Rumjahn, P. U., c & b Forster	22	Grant, b Mellors	5
Martin, c & b James	6	Hickling, c Pike, b Roberts	7
Garton, c & b James	1	Cohen, lbw, b Roberts	7
Holden, not out	13	Todd, lbw, b Roberts	0
Needs, not out	6	Goodwin, c Pike, b Mellors	1
Stewart, did not bat	—	Dyson, lbw, b Roberts	6
Roberts,	—	Warren, b Roberts	0
Mellors,	—	Forster, not out	15
Robertson,	—	James, b Mellors	4
Extras	5	Extras	1
	(for 5 wickets) 101		65

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Roberts	15	4	27	5
Mellors	14.5	2	37	5

SCHOOL v. COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

Playing a return match at Greenbank, the Collegiate batted first on a hard wicket. Though Roberts soon claimed a runless victim, the next four batsmen compiled 54; but Rumjahn, P. U., took toll of the later batsmen with the admirable average of four wickets for nine runs, and the Collegiate innings closed with 71 runs on the board, a total which seemed to promise the School an easy victory.

After the tea interval Pike and Stewart opened for the School. Stewart was run out for five and Pike was lbw for ten; the Rumjahns' only made 15 between them and the School's situation was critical. However, Martin managed to make a hazardous 28 runs, and with Robertson passed the Collegiate total with only five wickets down. But the fat was only just pulled out of the fire, as owing to Carney, who bowled round the wicket, on the leg, the last batsmen contributed nothing of value; and the School won a game as full of vicissitudes as the previous encounter by the narrow margin of five runs.

SCHOOL.		COLLEGIATE.	
Pike, lbw, b Carney	10	Thomas, lbw, b Roberts	0
Stewart, run out	5	Ball, c & b Mellors	20
Rumjahn, P. U., b Rannard	8	Jones, c Robertson, b Roberts	2
Rumjahn, E. J., b Dickenson	7	Dickenson, b Martin	18
Martin, b Carney	28	Green, b Rumjahn, P. U.	14
Holden, lbw, b Carney	5	Rannard, lbw, b Martin	1
Robertson, b Rannard	11	Carney, st Pike, b Rumjahn, P. U.	0
Slade, b Carney	0	Shaw, b Martin	3
Dodd, c Morris, b Carney	0	Jones, S. H., st Pike, b Rumjahn, P. U.	0
Mellors, b Carney	0	Morris, b Rumjahn, P. U.	3
Roberts, not out	0	Stuart, not out	1
Extras	2	Extras	9
	76		71

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Roberts	7	1	22	2
Mellors	9	3	17	1
Martin	8	3	14	3
Rumjahn, P. U.	5.5	1.5	9	4

SCHOOL v. ALSOP HIGH SCHOOL.

The School fielded first and as the wicket was sodden, Rumjahn, P. U., opened the bowling. He and Roberts shared the first four wickets which fell cheaply, and Martin hastened the end of Alsop's lifeless display by taking five of the last six wickets for 12 runs; the visitors were all out for 75.

After the tea interval, Pike and Stewart opened for the School. The latter was caught after making only one run and Pike was bowled for 12, but Rumjahn, P. U. (25) and Rumjahn, E. J. (30) made victory certain and the School declared at 77 with seven wickets in hand.

SCHOOL.		ALSOP.	
Pike, b Wood	12	Kinrade, c Martin, b Rumjahn, P. U. ...	8
Stewart, c Smart, b Wood	1	Humphries, b Rumjahn, P. U. ...	20
Rumjahn, P. U., b Humphries	25	Taylor, b Roberts	1
Rumjahn, E. J., not out	30	Wood, b Roberts	1
Martin, not out	2	Tomkinson, c Holden, b Martin	8
Holden, did not bat	—	Maconnachie, b Martin	0
Carton, "	—	Smart, lbw, b Martin	14
Robertson, "	—	Heald, c Martin, b Mellors	16
Mellors, "	—	Williams, b Martin	2
Dodd, "	—	Thompson, not out	1
Roberts, "	—	Roberts, c Carton, b Martin	0
Extras	7	Extras	4
	77		75
(for 3 wkts.)	—		—

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Roberts	16	5	28	2
Rumjahn, P. U.	13	6	18	2
Mellors	7	2	13	1
Martin	9.4	1	12	5

SCHOOL v. LIOBIANS.

Played at Greenbank.

Rose turned out for his first game of the season, and captained the side. He began by losing the toss and the Old Boys elected to bat. Dunt and Worgan scored freely until Dunt was lbw to Martin. Cohen did not last long, but Barlow, and Miller who succeeded him, showed no mercy to any bowling. The latter had ten fours and a six in his 52. Once these two were disposed of, the rest offered little resistance, the side making a good total of 181. Roberts was our best bowler and kept a good length throughout; the Liobians' tail will have cause to remember him.

The School were thus set a hard task to win, and never shaped, in the early stages at any rate, like doing so. Rumjahn, E. J., facing the first over, was caught and bowled by Barlow in an endeavour to hit it over the latter's head. Pike and Rumjahn, P. U., batted steadily until the latter gave place to Martin. The score gradually mounted until Pike, who had made a very sound 46, was caught by Miller off Worgan. Rose joined Martin, a fact which seemed to affect the latter, for he was cleaned bowled by Worgan a few balls after. The latter was bowling extremely well at this juncture. At the same total Rose was clean bowled by Barlow for 1. Stewart, Carton, Needs and Mellors all registered "ducks," and the position seemed hopeless. Holden and Roberts, however, pulled the game round to reasonable proportions, adding 49 for the last wicket. Holden was bowled when 30 and the total at the close stood at 142, the School thus losing by 39 runs.

SCHOOL.		LIOBIANS.	
Pike, c Miller, b Worgan	46	Dunt, lbw, b Martin	19
Rumjahn, E. J., c & b Barlow	0	Worgan, lbw, b Martin	44
Rumjahn, P. U., b Worgan	14	Cohen, c Pike, b Martin	7
Martin, b Worgan	20	Barlow, b Mellors	24
Rose, b Barlow	1	Miller, c Pike, b Roberts	52
Holden, b Goldblatt	30	Bouras, lbw, b Roberts	5
Stewart, b Barlow	0	Thomas, b Roberts	14
Carton, lbw, b Worgan	0	Coldrick, c Needs, b Carton	1
Needs, lbw, b Worgan	0	Goldblatt, not out	7
Mellors, b Worgan	0	Prowing, b Roberts	0
Roberts, not out	18	Robinson, b Roberts	4
Extras	13	Extras	4
	142		181

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Martin	8	—	56	2
Roberts	11	1	43	5
Rumjahn, P. U.	3	—	29	—
Mellors	6	1	21	2
Rose	1	—	11	—
Carton	4	—	17	1
Holden	1	1	—	—

SCHOOL v. KING'S SCHOOL, CHESTER.

Played at Chester.

Rose lost the toss and Chester chose to bat on a wicket which gave no help to our bowlers. Rose opened with Martin who had a strong wind to help him; but he could not find a length. Roberts at the other end had to bowl into the strong wind and consequently he, too, was ineffective. Martin, however, with a good ball obtained the first wicket, and the second. The third wicket partnership realised 94 runs and when the third wicket fell the score stood at 107. Rose had to make frequent bowling changes, but when he had given Roberts the wind and the latter had obtained the third wicket the School's fortune changed. The last six wickets realised 12 runs and Roberts, bowling a deadly length, finished with an average of six wickets for 40 and Martin three wickets for 32.

Encouraged by the late successes of our bowlers Rose and Rumjahn, E. J., opened the innings on a very badly cut-up wicket. Before a run had been scored and before Rose had faced a ball, he was run out. No one of the side could stop the collapse and three wickets were down for 12 runs. Robertson and Stewart were the only two who shaped like getting any runs and the fact that Stewart's 11 was the highest score speaks for itself. A total of 51 was a very disappointing end to an otherwise successful season.

SCHOOL.		KING'S SCHOOL.	
Rumjahn, E. J., c Buck, b Wright ...	1	Pratt, c Robertson, b Roberts ...	35
Rose, run out	0	Hudson, c Bullock, b Martin ...	2
Rumjahn, P. U., b Gawthorne ...	7	Wright, c Rumjahn, P. U., b Martin ...	5
Martin, b Wright	5	Gawthorne, b Roberts	68
Holden, b Wright	8	Starkie, lbw, b Roberts	1
Robertson, b Edwards	10	Owens, run out	6
Stewart, c & b Tudor	11	Smith, b Roberts	0
Carton, b Wright	3	Edwards, not out	3
Bullock, b Wright	0	Davies, b Roberts	0
Roberts, not out	0	Tudor, b Roberts	0
Mellors, c Smith, b Wright	0	Buck, c Stewart, b Martin	0
Extras	6	Extras	4
	51		117

	Bowling Analysis.			
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Martin	10.5	2.5	32	3
Roberts	15	3	40	0
Mellors	9	1	22	—
Rumjahn, P. U. ...	1	0	6	—
Holden	3	0	13	—

SCHOOL v. COWLEY SCHOOL.

Played at Greenbank.

The School fielded the same team as last match. Rose again kept up his reputation by losing the toss and Cowley chose to bat. Roberts and Martin, opened the bowling, the latter into the wind. Cowley opened slowly but provided stubborn resistance to all the bowling. This stubbornness proved to be the only outstanding quality of the innings. Roberts, however, after Martin had gained an early success, and Mellors had been tried without effect, gradually wore the batsmen down and finished up with the splendid figures of six for 36. He bowled unchanged throughout, except for a rest of one over to enable him to change ends.

It was obvious after Pike had fallen a victim at 25 that the School would have no difficulty in passing the Cowley score. Both Rumjahns showed great confidence and when E. J. had been caught, Martin joined P. U. to carry on the good work. The School passed the opposition score with eight wickets standing. The game was anything but outstanding, except perhaps for Roberts' bowling; the School were to learn from the next match that Cowley were not at their best.

SCHOOL.		COWLEY SCHOOL.	
Rumjahn, E. J., c Jones, b Naylor ...	23	Naylor, b Martin	99
Pike, c Arkle, b Holland	7	Gornall, c Pike, b Martin	8
Rumjahn, P. U., not out	18	Aitken, c Martin, b Roberts	12
Martin, not out	17	Arkle, c Martin, b Roberts	8
Rose, did not bat	—	Swift, b Roberts	0
Holden, "	—	Merrick, c Rose, b Roberts	8
Robertson, "	—	Hunter, lbw, b Roberts	0
Stewart, "	—	Birchall, b Martin	5
Garton, "	—	Bayliss, b Garton	1
Roberts, "	—	Holland, c Martin, b Roberts	4
Mellors, "	—	Jones, not out	0
Extras	14	Extras	0
	(for 2 wks.) 79		75

	Bowling Analysis.			
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Rumjahn, P. U. ...	3	—	9	—
Roberts	17.3	5	36	6
Martin	10	2	16	3
Mellors	5	1	7	—
Garton	3	1	6	1

SCHOOL v. SEFTON "A."

Played at Sefton Park.

Rose once again lost the toss and Sefton chose to bat on a dry wicket. Bates and Bilby, the Old Boys, opened the innings and carried the score to 35 before Mellors was successful in an appeal for lbw against Bates. Bilby continued to play very slowly and carefully, while the others came and went. Little opposition was offered besides his innings of 53 and Bates' 22 and the innings closed for 101. Martin bowled extremely well, especially in his second spell, while Roberts, although taking only two wickets could always be relied upon to keep the score down. Mellors we have to thank, largely for obtaining Bates' wicket, who looked set for a big score before falling a victim to the left-hander.

Rumjahn obtained two wickets in his eight overs and caused the Sefton batsmen no end of trouble.

The School innings started disastrously; Pike, Rumjahn, Rose and Martin all leaving before the score board showed 40. E. J. Rumjahn, however, had been showing confidence, and together with Holden added a few more runs before he was caught for 26—a very useful innings in the circumstances. Holden kept his end up well at this crucial period, while the others tried in vain to do the same. Thanks to the tail we did manage to pass the Sefton total for the loss of eight wickets, and, playing on, amass a total of 110. Stewart playing a steady innings of 14.

SCHOOL.		SEFTON "A."	
Rumjahn, E. J., c Newman, b Jones,		Bates, lbw, b Mellors	22
H. C.	26	Bilby, c Robertson, b Roberts ...	53
Pike, lbw, b Rubin	2	Rubin, b Martin	4
Rumjahn, P. U., b Newman	4	Newman, lbw, b Martin	4
Rose, b Newman	2	Jones, H. C., b Martin	2
Martin, lbw, b Newman	5	Burlend, st Pike, b Rumjahn, P. U. ...	2
Holden, st Bates, b Jones, H. C. ...	32	Mealor, c Roberts, b Rumjahn, P. U. ...	1
Robertson, c Bates, b Newman ...	5	Brown, c Martin, b Mellors	4
Garton, b Newman	7	Dawes, run out	0
Roberts, c Jones, b Newman	7	Little, G. E., not out	4
Stewart, c Bilby, b Rubin	14	Jones, b Roberts	0
Mellors, not out	0	Extras	5
Extras	6		
	110		101

Bowling Analysis.

	Bowling Analysis.			
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Roberts	13.2	7	22	2
Martin	13	3	23	3
Mellors	11	2	29	2
Rumjahn, P. U. ...	8	1	22	2

SCHOOL v. COWLEY.

Played at Cowley.

The same team visited St. Helens to play the return match against Cowley. Rose again lost the toss only to be sent in to bat. Rumjahn, E. J., who opened the innings with Pike, began by being caught in the second over. Together with Pike, who was by this time scoring freely, Rumjahn, P. U., had put on 47 for the second wicket, when he was caught. Pike was not affected by losing two partners and went on to score 49 before falling a victim of the same bowler as Rumjahn, P. U. He had batted steadily without giving a chance, and hit nine 4's in his score. Rose joined Martin and opened with two snicks through the slips. He and Martin shared the score equally until the latter fell a victim to a leg break. Holden joined Rose but left again almost immediately. Robertson followed and batted steadily until Rose was run out with his score at 23. Stewart, Garton and Roberts quickly followed and when Garton was stumped, Rose declared the innings closed at 140 for 9, leaving Cowley a little under two hours to get the necessary runs.

The beginning of the Cowley innings was little less than sensational. Martin bowling up the slope took the first three wickets for one run; the Cowley being reduced to the pitiable state of six runs for three wickets. They fought back gallantly and gave our bowlers a frightening time, and when they reached 80 for 7 they seemed to have a chance of winning. Two quick but expensive wickets by Rumjahn, P. U., and two splendid catches by Robertson gave our bowlers confidence and determined bowling by Martin and Roberts gave the School victory by 23 runs. Martin finished with an analysis of 6 for 31.

SCHOOL.		COWLEY SCHOOL.	
Rumjahn, E. J., c Holland, b Jones...	0	Naylor, c Robertson, b Martin ...	12
Pike, c Bamber, b Aitkin ...	49	Bamber, b Martin ...	0
Rumjahn, P. U., c Gornall, b Aitkin...	15	Aitkin, b Martin ...	0
Martin, c Bamber, b Bayliss...	17	Arkle, lbw, b Martin ...	0
Rose, run out ...	23	Holland, c Robertson, b Rumjahn,	0
Holden, c Swift, b Bayliss ...	3	P. U. ...	46
Robertson, c Holland, b Bamber ...	23	Swift, c Pike, b Roberts ...	4
Stewart, c Bamber, b Aitkin ...	3	Gornall, b Martin ...	50
Garton, st Gornall, b Bamber ...	5	Merrick, b Roberts ...	0
Roberts, not out ...	0	Birchall, c Robertson, b Rumjahn,	0
Mellors, did not bat ...	0	P. U. ...	0
Extras ...	2	Bayliss, b Martin ...	0
		Jones, not out ...	1
(for 9 wkts.)	140	Extras ...	4

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Bowling Analysis.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Roberts ...	13	3	33	2
Martin ...	8.3	1	31	6
Mellors ...	2	—	13	—
Garton ...	1	—	6	—
Rumjahn P. U. ...	2	—	19	2

SCHOOL v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Rose, for the first time, won the toss, and chose to bat on a rather damp wicket, which gave no help at all to the bowlers. Rumjahn, E. J., and Pike opened the innings and while the latter played slowly and stubbornly, the former added the runs in a very pleasing fashion. Pike endured the attack for some time and then was clean-bowled when he was seven. Rumjahn, P. U., enjoyed a short but lively innings for eight. Then Martin and Rose followed. Together they carried the score to well beyond the century mark until Martin was bowled. Rose continued to bat steadily against a rather limited attack, but could find no one to stay with him, the tail failing rather miserably. With Rose unbeaten for 33 the School innings closed at 153.

Manchester started scoring freely and showed supreme confidence while facing Martin and Roberts. 34 showed on the board before the opening pair were separated. The second wicket fell at 40, and the School's hopes further soared when the third fell at 42. A stand by Rowe and Milton, however, took the score to 100, then three wickets fell for the addition of one run. Stumps were drawn at 7-30 so that a most interesting game had to be concluded when the School's hopes were high. Martin and Roberts shared the wickets, the former taking 3 for 31 and Roberts 3 for 38.

SCHOOL.		MANCHESTER G.S.	
Rumjahn, E. J., c Winstanley, b Rowe	56	Hindley, b Roberts ...	13
Pike, b Johnson ...	7	Collins, b Martin ...	17
Rumjahn, P. U., b Russell ...	8	Johnson, b Martin ...	6
Martin, b Johnson ...	26	Rowe, b Martin ...	32
Rose, not out ...	33	Milton, not out ...	26
Holden, lbw, b Johnson ...	0	Russell, c Pike, b Roberts ...	0
Robertson, b Hindley ...	6	Astley, not out ...	0
Stewart, b Hindley ...	1	Jones, c Martin, b Roberts ...	0
Garton, c Astley, b Hindley ...	0	Winstanley, did not bat ...	—
Roberts, c & b Rowe ...	1	Pigot, ...	—
Mellors, b Hindley ...	1	Higgins, ...	2
Extras ...	14	Extras ...	2
	153	(for 6 wkts.)	101

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Roberts ...	17	4	38	3
Martin ...	14	6	31	3
Rumjahn, P. U. ...	3	—	14	—
Mellors ...	3	—	7	—
Rose ...	1	—	9	—

SCHOOL v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Played at Wallasey.

As in previous years both teams were under strength for this game, due to examinations. The School won the toss and Rose and Rumjahn, E. J., opened the innings. Before a run had been scored the latter had given place to Rumjahn, P. U., who, together with Rose added runs steadily. Rumjahn, however, when the score stood at 22 had the misfortune to be run out, and Slade joined Rose, until later was caught. Needs did not last long and when Slade had left at 65 it was left to Dodd and Atherton to rescue the situation. They batted with supreme confidence and added 67 between them before Dodd was run out when five short of his fifty. Bullock, Dawes and Vickers provided little opposition to the Wallasey attack and the innings closed for 142.

In the absence of Martin and Roberts, Mellors opened the bowling, helped by a considerable slope. With his first ball he obtained a wicket, and at 16 obtained another. With the score unchanged Vickers successfully appealed for lbw and with three wickets down for 16 the School's hopes soared. But Wallasey fought back and the School's bowlers could make little impression. Rose brought on Needs in desperation when the score stood at 90 for 5 and five runs later was rewarded when the same bowler obtained the wicket of F. W. Davies who had made an excellent 51. Although Vickers, Mellors and Needs bowled steadily, they were not good enough to bring the School victory. Wallasey passed our total for the loss of 8 wickets. With seven second team men in the side the School were by no means disgraced, and in all probability would have won the match had three easy catches been accepted instead of dropped.

SCHOOL.		WALLASEY G.S.	
Rumjahn, E. J., b Davies, K. J. ...	0	Vlissidis, b Mellors ...	0
Rose, c Vlissidis, b Davies, R. T. ...	20	Webb, lbw, b Vickers ...	6
Rumjahn, P. U., run out ...	13	Williams, c Rumjahn, E. J., b Mellors ...	9
Slade, b Cottrell ...	16	Davies, F. W., lbw, b Needs ...	51
Needs, b Davies, R. T. ...	6	Millington, b Vickers ...	10
Dodd, run out ...	45	Betherick, b Mellors ...	15
Atherton, c Davies, F. W., b Millington ...	30	Cottrell, not out ...	10
Bullock, st, b Millington ...	4	Johnson, c Bullock, b Vickers... ..	20
Dawes, b Davies, R. T. ...	1	Davies, R. T., b Vickers ...	0
Vickers, b Davies, R. T. ...	1	Flinn, not out ...	21
Mellors, not out ...	1	Davies, K. J., did not bat ...	—
Extras ...	5	Extras ...	5
	142	(for 8 wkts.)	145

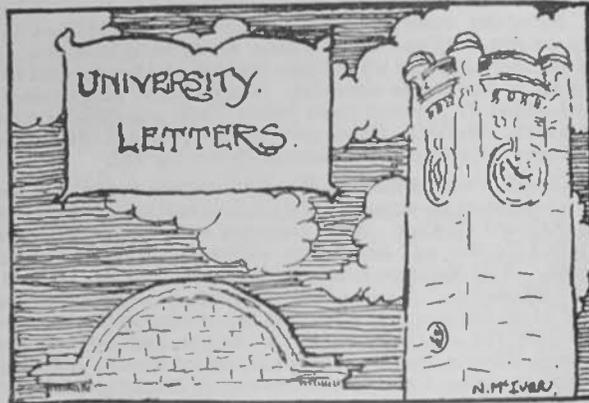
Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Mellors ...	16	3	49	3
Rumjahn, P. U. ...	2	—	10	—
Vickers ...	11	—	20	4
Rose ...	3	—	18	—
Atherton ...	2	—	12	—
Needs ...	9	2	23	1

Editorial Notices.

THE Editors wish to acknowledge receipt of the following contemporaries and apologise for any omissions:—

The Magazines of the *King's School, Chester, St. Francis Xavier's College, Holt School*, and the *Anchor, Ruym, Ilkestonian, Birkenian, Elizabethan, Hymesian, Wallaseyan, Cowlelian, Pincerna, Hulmeian, Oultonian, Olavian, Quarry, Wyggestonian, Esmeduna.*



THE AVIARY,
OXFORD.

To the Editor, *Liverpool Institute Magazine.*

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

The only reason why you are getting this letter at all is that we do not want the nicer among our friends, people with over refined minds, whose acquaintance, fortunately, you have not made, to find out that we are connected in any way with you. The appearance of your scurrilous postcards on our mantelpiece could only lower our reputation. So without a single warning postcard we gladly write the only Oxford letter we have ever enjoyed writing—the last we shall write.

But, gentle reader, do not be misled into thinking that the purpose of this letter is to give you news. There is no news in Oxford in summer. The clock ticks lazily on, the drowsy hours pass by, the punt glides on peacefully (except when Mr. Curtis is in control), and the bees hum. But nothing ever happens.

It is not a real world at all. It is a visionary city, a Cloud Cuckoo town, high above the clouds, in the clear luminous aether.

The argument *ex consensu universorum* Don't you admire those Gilbert Murray dots? Mr. Martin and Mr. Peaston would not perhaps give an unqualified assent to our rhapsody. You may be tempted to enquire what it is that has soured their natures, usually so gentle and amiable. The answer, of course, is "Greats." Mr. Page and Mr. Ankers on the other hand have successfully conquered Honour Moderations and were wreathed in smiles when we last saw them. Only once was the superb equanimity of Mr. Ankers disturbed, on the occasion when Mr. Peaston, walking down High Street in the company of a very charming young lady, is reported to have looked straight at Mr. Ankers and not to have seen him—and even at the worst of times it is hard to avoid seeing Mr. Ankers.

Mr. Bussy continues to lead his learned and placid existence, only rarely plunging into the dissipation of Oxford. Mr. Bebb, his other confrère in the Queen of the Sciences, may be seen wherever smart Oxford congregates. But perhaps the real mystery of the term is provided by Mr. Little and Mr. Curtis. Where were they? We saw Mr. Little running hastily into Keble one day and Mr. Curtis was once observed furtively slinking into the Bodleian. The rest is silence.

And now boy, bring me the iced lemonade, tie up the punt, straighten the cushions and post my last Oxford letter. Soon there will be others to scratch their weary heads for inspiration, but we shall drift in contented silence.

J. I. KNOXUCLAVE.

THE UNION SOCIETY,
CAMBRIDGE.

To the Editor, *Liverpool Institute Magazine.*

DEAR SIR,

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I write these few words, for I am revelling in the unwonted sensation of doing an appointed task long before it is due. There is yet more cause for joy—this is the last letter I will write as University Correspondent before I hand on my office, with its great traditions and responsibilities to a younger and worthier man.

This has been a term of pleasant surprises. "Mr. Hawkins is to stay with us for another year"—these glad tidings rang in our ears late in the term, and gave us courage to face our Triposes and troubles. Similar news about Mr. Owen a few weeks earlier had spurred us on in our work and made us feel that Cambridge was a better place than we thought. On the pretext of work our President has hidden himself away, emerging from his solitude for an occasional game of tennis or an afternoon on the

river. With Mr. Rodick he appeared before the Vice-Chancellor on the 23rd of June, wearing, among other things, a rabbit-skin hood and a surprised look. Mr. Rodick's expression was rather of complete incredulity; perhaps he had not recovered from May Week. We have heard stories of secret, black and midnight deeds, tales of umbrellas, punts and ladders, but we feel that Mr. Peters knows more of this than he will say, he conspires with fellows of his own kidney (according to his lights) to besmirch his contemporaries' characters with calumny and their clothes with Golden Syrup.

Mr. Rodick has left us, however, so let us respect his memory.

Mr. Owen, by the exercise of great *savoir-faire*, chicanery, and *je-ne-sais-quoi* won for himself a term of comparative ease and quiet. He is now an expert on criminology, Danish culture, and has guided his college team through a difficult Tennis season.

Before we go any further we must make mention of the Society's dinner, which was held in Pembroke under the able management of Mr. Peters. Our guests of honour were the Headmaster and the Vice-Principal and a pleasant time was had by all—we think.

Other visitors during the term were Mr. Baxter, who had a very unfortunate influence on the Peterhouse boat, and Mr. Page, of Wadham College, Oxford, who came on a motor-cycle, and left in a hurry.

Of our Junior members we have heard little and seen less: for as the poet has truly said—

“ in May,

The Tripos holds us all in sway.”

To Mr. McCloy we take off our hats for his achievement in making his college second boat at Henley, and to Messrs. Campbell and Patterson for their Firsts. Mr. Scarisbrick is our tame dark horse; he gets tamer and darker every time we see him. We suspect big things of him.

Our crowning joy is, of course, that in October our little band (we don't mean Mr. Peter's mouth-organ band) will have increased to nine. O! for the mathematician's skill to demonstrate the growth of our Society in curves and graphs, in leaps and bounds.

In 1931, Cambridge held one Liobian; in 1932, three. Now, three years later, we are nine.

It is on this note of exultation that I will close, Mr. Editor, happy and proud to sign myself.

Yours, etc.,

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THE UNION,
MOUNT PLEASANT,
LIVERPOOL.

To the Editor, *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

On behalf of the Liobians at the University I take this opportunity of congratulating those who “got through” their professional examinations this summer. To those who have just gone down I say—“Be careful.” Little do some of them know the cruelty of the outside world and the temptations thereof. Things permissible in student days will not be permissible now and *vice-versa*; this especially applies to the “debaters” who might possibly speak in *other* company at some time or other.

Mr. Cohen does not think the examination system is all that it ought to be; the other Mr. Cohen agrees with him; maybe the third Mr. Cohen does or maybe he doesn't; he's saying nothin'; he's an Engineer. So is Mr. Burke, but he can prove it—on a “tramp” to West Coast of Africa. Although desirous of proving it up to the hilt by turning native he relented in time but Mr. Ronald Frankau has an eye on him. We bet he could tell us a thing or two—if Mr. Denerley hadn't told us first.

One cannot really talk of Biologists and examinations. Calf-love is the prerogative of Medicals (*sic*) so it's the real thing every time. Mr. Holden vouches for this, but Mr. McCloy's has attained the rank of *une grande passion*; we do not think he likes the sound of the Bachelor title he has just acquired. Neither for that matter can Mr. Rice or Mr. Eslick. He still does it by chest appeal, by the way, and Mr. Whellan thinks it's a good idea.

And so, Mr. Editor,

Yours,

LIOSPHINX.

Correspondence.

THE MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

To the Editor *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

DEAR SIR,

Last term I had the pleasure of seeing the Liverpool Institute production of “The Fountain of Youth,” and it was therefore with interest that I read your report of it: with

interest, but with surprise, for your critic, though not sparing of his praise, fails to give honour in just those places where it is most deserved. To one accustomed to school performances (and I have seen many), three things stood out as much above the ordinary: the acting of Mr. Robert Maudsley; the singing of Mrs. Chapman; and the production. I feel that it would be ungracious of me not to make some attempt to improve the balance of your uneven criticism; that it my only reason for writing to you.

Yours, etc.,
W. B. YAPP.

Rugby Fixtures, 1936=37.

Nov. 11th	v. Oulton	...	...	...	...	A
Nov. 25th	v. Ruabon Grammar School	...	...	...	...	H
Jan. 20th	v. Oulton	...	...	...	...	H
Jan. 30th	v. Ruabon Grammar School	...	...	...	...	A

Fixtures will also be arranged with the Liverpool Collegiate School.
W. H. BEASTALL.

Hockey Fixtures—1936=37.

1936.						
Oct. 14	v. Dr. Rumjahn's XI	...	...	...	...	H
" 17	v. Northern 4th	...	...	...	...	H
Nov. 4	v. Collegiate	...	...	...	...	A
" 18	v. University 3rd	...	...	...	...	H
" 21	v. West Derby " B "	...	...	...	...	H
Dec. 2	v. Chester College	...	...	...	...	A
" 12	v. Hightown 3rd	...	...	...	...	H
1937.						
Jan. 30	v. Northern 4th	...	...	...	...	A
Feb. 10	v. Collegiate	...	...	...	...	H
" 13	v. West Derby " B "	...	...	...	...	A
" 17	v. University	...	...	...	...	A
" 27	v. Chester College	...	...	...	...	H

Return fixtures to be arranged with Dr. Rumjahn's XI and Hightown.
G. HUGHES.

Football Fixtures, 1936=37.

DATE.	1st XI	2nd XI	3rd XI
Sept. 26	Manchester ...H		
Oct. 10	Collegiate .....H	Collegiate .....A	Collegiate .....H
" 17	Quarry Bank A	Quarry Bank H	Quarry Bank A
" 21		Waterloo.....A	
" 24			Und. 13 Quarry Bank H
" 31		43rd B.B. ....A	
Nov. 7			43rd B.B. ....A
" 14			Und. 13 Quarry Bank A
" 18	University .....A		
" 21	King's School...H	King's School...A	
" 25	Alsop H.S. ....H	Alsop H.S. ....A	Alsop H.S. ....H
Dec. 2	Quarry Bank H	Quarry Bank A	Quarry Bank H
" 5	Holt H.S. ....H		Holt H.S. ....A
" 9			Bluecoat Sch. A
" 12	Collegiate .....A	Collegiate .....H	Collegiate .....A
1937			
Jan. 23	Holt H.S. ....A		Holt H.S. ....H
" 27	Alsop H.S. ....A	Alsop H.S. ....H	Alsop H.S. ....A
" 30	Warr'ton G.S. A	Warr'ton G.S. H	Und. 14 Warr'ton G.S. A
Feb. 6		43rd B.B. ....H	
" 10	University		
" 13	King's School...A	King's School...H	
" 17			Bluecoat Sch...H
" 27	Manchester G.S. A		43rd B.B. ....H
Mar. 6	Warr'ton G.S. H	Warr'ton G.S. A	Und. 14 Warr'ton G.S. H
" 10		Waterloo.....H	

The Calendar.

XMAS TERM, 1936.

Wed., Sept. 16	TERM BEGINS.
Fri., " 18	Choral Society and Centenary Players' Soiree.
Tues., " 29	Meeting for Parents of New Boys. 7-30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 2	L.I.O.B.A. Annual Meeting.
Tues., " 13	Swimming Gala, Heats.
Fri., " 16	Swimming Gala, Finals.
Mon., " 19	O.T.C. Certificate " A," Practical.
Tues., " 20	O.T.C. Field Day (also Scouts).
Sat., " 31	HALF-TERM.
Tues., Nov. 17	O.T.C. Certificate " A," Theoretical.
Tues., " 24	O.T.C. and Scouts Field Day.
Thur., " 26	Gymnasium Competition.
Mon., Dec. 14	Performances of School Play in David Lewis
Tues., " 15	Theatre.
Tues., " 22	TERM ENDS.

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