

C. E. Adams (1929) is in the Information Department of a Lancashire textile research station.

Rev. J. E. Bebb (1928), Vicar of St. Mary's, Lower Ince, Wigan, reminds us that Rev. F. Bussby (1929) (now B.D., as well as getting an M.B.E. during the war) is a Vicar in Bournemouth, and has a daughter. Rev. M. H. Bates (1931), is a Vicar in Jesmond, near Newcastle, not too far from G. L. R. Brown, one-time Form Master of Re, and now Headmaster in Gateshead.

A. S. Kerr (1927) is making a name as a brain specialist at Walton Hospital.

T. M. Knox (1919), Professor of Moral Philosophy at St. Andrew's, has recently seen G. King (1917), who is Professor of Midwifery, University of Hong Kong.

We have received visits in School from quite a number of more recent Old Boys, many doing their National Service. P. G. Jacob (1947) is on the way to the Far East with the R.A.F. E. J. Horton (1946) is on demobilisation leave, after a spell in Malaya, mostly on patrol work on plantations. W. H. Devine (1948) has been training at a whaling station, and is off to the Antarctic very shortly.

We offer our congratulations to Eric W. Hawkins (1932) on his being chosen as the Headmaster of Oldershaw Grammar School, Wallasey. He will take up his new duties at the beginning of the September term.

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EDITORIAL.

Psychologists tell us that readers of magazines fall into three classes. Many people start at the end and read backwards. They judge the quality of an essay (or so they say) by its conclusion, and so can see at a glance whether a particular article is worth reading the proper way round. The second type "know what they like," and regard everything else as worthless. Almost without thinking they open their copy at the Prefects' Letter, or, if they are secretaries, at their own report.

Then there are the few methodical plodders who start at page one and go relentlessly through, until they reach the last advertisement.

Such, we believe, are you yourself, for who would read an Editorial from choice, and who, pray, would read it backwards?

We find ourselves wondering how many boys in the School have ever thought of the work entailed in producing a school magazine. Many of an Editor's duties are those of a mere literary hack, but he does have his all too brief hour of glory. This comes on the closing date for entries, when secretaries and prefects—the most unprepared set of people in this world—beseech him on bended knee to give them a day's grace. And as a kind heart is concealed behind a stern and unbending exterior, he generally complies. If he did not comply, indeed, there would be no magazine.

Next, it is his task to write the Editorial. At this time the melancholy thought strikes him—perhaps nobody will read it, after all.

This term, it is more difficult than ever to think of suitable matter for the Editorial. The usual theme, as all the world knows, is apathy. But as if by a miracle, apathy has turned to enthusiasm. The great and the small have been bombarding the Editors for weeks. Perhaps in this enthusiasm we have a possible subject.

Then another thought, more melancholy than the first, strikes him. He is coming to the end of his space; there is no room to develop the idea. Like most ideas, it came too late.

We would, however, thank all those who have shown such a live interest in the Magazine, even though some contributors have seen their work gratefully refused; and with this thought we offer our compilation to the world in the hope that the efforts of the few will satisfy the tastes of the many.

MR. W. H. DOUGHTY.

Mr. Doughty, Vice-Principal since 1945, retires at the end of term after 42 years in the School. It is hard to imagine the place without him; his complete devotion to its interests, his happy relations with boys and colleagues, his gift for friendship, his work for the Old Boys' Association, his scholarliness, and his unflinching readiness to respond to every call, however unreasonable it may have appeared—all this marks him as a man to whom the School owes much.



Mr. W. H. Doughty.

As Vice-Principal his kindly and friendly attitude to others has been particularly noticed by new members of the staff to whom, in their first few weeks, his help and advice have been such as to leave them with a lasting esteem and deep sense of indebtedness. We shall miss his droll, incisive humour, always so liable to break out in an apt remark which would not only relieve any tense or dull moment in the Common Room, but serve on occasion as a friendly but powerful corrective.

His only impatience is of false standards and cheap make-believe, and his honest, outspoken criticism when the circumstances warranted it, have made him trusted and respected by all. He has spent himself in the service of the Institute; to few men is it given to serve any place as long as he has; to fewer still is it given to serve it so well and so loyally.

We wish him all happiness and length of days in his retirement, and in this wish we include Mrs. Doughty.

CHAT ON THE CORRIDOR.

We were all very sorry to lose Mr. Nolan at the end of the Christmas term, when he left us to take up a post at Durham University. In his comparatively short stay at the School, Mr. Nolan had become one of our most respected and well-loved masters. We take this opportunity of wishing him all the success that we know he deserves.

Mr. Nolan's place in the Library has been taken by Mr. Folland. A difference in the running of the Library has soon been evident. Instructions have appeared on newly-fitted notice-boards, and woe betide the boy who contravenes the many regulations. Two new features have been much appreciated—a regular list of additions to stock, and a Suggestions Book. There is now a calendar in the Library, and Sixth Formers who use this room for Private Study have not failed to make use of the improved furniture. Mr. Folland has also started to compile an accurate and up-to-date catalogue.

We should like to welcome to the School Mr. J. G. Rogers, M.A., of Jesus College, Oxford, who replaces Mr. Nolan on the History Side; and Mr. A. V. Preece, B.A. (Wales), who comes to us as English master.

Two orchestral concerts have been given to members of the School. Last December part of the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra visited the School, and the following month a well-primed group of scholars met the Orchestra on their home ground. Mr. Louis Cohen conducted on both occasions. At the second concert we were able to hear Mr. Peter Ward give an account of the first movement of the Schumann Concerto.

Sixth Formers again visited the Philharmonic Hall at the end of last term, this time to see the film, "Men of Two Worlds." Those with an appreciation of the fantastic were fascinated by a pictorial representation of Brahms's Fifth Hungarian Dance. This was given as an illustration of Mr. Huntley's explanatory talk on "Film Music."

We offer our sincerest congratulations to Mr. Webster, who has recently assumed the responsibilities of parenthood, and to Mr. Day, whose second child was born in April.

A long-drawn-out medical inspection last term was followed by a hectic week in March, when a group of His Majesty's Inspectors put the School through its paces. During this week there was no chat on the corridor. About this time also the School fire-bell rang with an almost monotonous regularity.

Success in the scholastic field in the last few months has been achieved by G. Jones, Open Scholarship in Modern Languages to Brasenose College, Oxford; A. Cashdan, Open Scholarship in Classics to Corpus Christi College, Oxford; G. Topp, Scholarship in Geography to Jesus College, Oxford; and A. R. Pugh, Open Exhibition in Modern Languages to Pembroke College, Cambridge.

At the end of the Spring term a party of Sixth Formers attended a World Forum of Youth at Picton Hall. The theme of the conference was "My Country and World Peace," and delegates from Denmark, Australia, Canada, Germany, Holland, and Sweden answered questions about their own countries.

Young and old alike were thrilled this term at the magnificent gift of one pound of apples which was sent from Canada for every British scholar. Judging by the sounds heard during the day and the sweet aroma which pervaded the School, the School was well satisfied.

At the end of the Christmas term a concert was given in Hall. Music by Handel was played by the Orchestra, and a group of carols was sung by a dozen Sixth Formers. The Orchestra is making good progress under Mr. Hillman's chairmanship. The choral group formed the nucleus of a larger choral society. Most members have discovered that *The Creation* requires much longer than six days, if it is to be successfully completed.

H. H. Magnay has recently left us to take part in a schoolboys' tour of Rhodesia and South Africa, sponsored by General Smuts' Aid to Britain Fund. He goes with our very best wishes.

Accounts of Speech Day and the School Play appear elsewhere in our pages.

HOUSE NOTES.

ALFRED HOLT.

We must congratulate all members of the Senior House football team upon their gaining the Senior House Shield. The Junior team also deserves praise, having won the Competition the previous term; last term they were defeated in the final by Owen.

Alfred also achieved distinction in the Hockey Competition; they were deprived of the Boswell Cup when Danson defeated them in the final.

These successes indicate a certain rise in Alfred's fortunes, and it is hoped that they will at least be sustained. There are, however, many weaknesses in the House, especially in the sporting sphere. Another event in which Alfred is undistinguished is the Hobby Show. There we have every opportunity of achieving success, and it is not too early to ask all members to prepare contributions now.

Unfortunately we have failed to repeat last year's successes in the Cross-Country running events; this is usually Alfred's strong feature, and there is every hope for better things next year.

Nevertheless the House is to be congratulated upon its efforts; it has gained credit, despite its handicap in the Senior events.

P. F. SMITH.

HUGHES.

This year has so far brought mixed fortunes to Hughes. Our long-awaited first success was achieved when we defeated Owen House to gain the Senior Cross-Country Shield. Our Juniors also put up a creditable performance in the competition, and we were placed second on the aggregate. This triumph was most heartening, and was gained through fine teamwork—something which had previously been lacking in many of the House activities.

Unfortunately this success was not repeated in the other competitions. Our Senior Football XI fell victims to Owen and Alfred in successive terms, though we can take consolation from the fact that Alfred were the eventual winners and Owen the defeated finalists. The performance of our Junior side was praiseworthy, but lack of height among the forwards proved too great a disadvantage. In the Boswell Cup Competition the hockey team was defeated by a single goal at the hands of Danson, winners of the trophy.

We extend our congratulations to the following on the award of colours for their work during the past season:—G. M. Gadd, P. L. Pearson, M. A. Pearson, and N. Pine (full colours); C. Hedges, J. T. N. Lloyd, W. J. Simpson, and K. J. Warbrick (half colours).

We should like to thank all who have played their part in the sporting activities of Hughes, whether victorious or defeated, and particularly the runners, who have made the outlook a little brighter for next year. Our warmest thanks are due to Mr. Bowker for his encouragement and advice to the football teams, and for his own personal enthusiasm in every sphere of House life.

N. A. WILKIE.

DANSON.

Most Houses were successful in some sphere of activity during the past term: Danson's success was in hockey. Despite the handicap of having to field a team short of two members, we won the Boswell Cup. The team did not concede a single goal in the three games; every player exhibited tireless energy and enthusiasm, which were especially notable in the final.

The Senior Football XI was narrowly beaten in the second round of the Horsfall Cup. Unfortunately the Juniors were defeated in their first match. There was, however, noticeable enthusiasm which was welcome after the poor results in Cross-Country running. More interest in Fives should bring better results in this game.

United effort can gain more achievements for the House. Indeed, it is the only way in which we can be successful.

A. V. WILLIAMS.

OWEN.

During the past two terms the House has, on the whole, maintained the high standard which it has set itself. We are rather unfortunate in entering most competitions as favourites and thereby having all the other Houses keen to see us defeated.

We distinguished ourselves in the Cross-Country races by winning on the aggregate. The Seniors were close second, while the Juniors won their section. In the Autumn term we won the Horsfall Cup, and were narrowly defeated last term, when we played with a weakened side. The Juniors must be congratulated on winning the Whitehouse Cup last term, as must the chess team for their half share in the Paul-Limerick Trophy. The hockey team gave a disappointing account of itself in the Boswell Cup, when it was defeated in the semi-final.

Only by the wholehearted effort and enthusiasm of every member will the House retain its supremacy. It is pleasing to see that the Juniors are taking their full share of House activities, and I hope this will continue when they become Seniors.

J. P. BARBER.

PHILIP HOLT.

Last term Philip Holt failed miserably on the sports field. For several years now we have met with a fair measure of success during the Summer term, but have always discredited such summer achievements by complete failure in the Winter terms. The House is capable of better things, but until we have a united effort from Seniors and Juniors alike, we will continue to be beaten.

The forthcoming Hobby Show offers us a great opportunity, and I shall expect a record number of entries in all sections of the competition.

Our congratulations are extended to G. Jones, A. R. Pugh, and I. G. Topp for their scholastic attainments.

Finally, we should like to thank Mr. Booth for his help in the management of the House.

E. DAVIES.

TATE.

The record of Tate House in both the Senior and Junior sections this year has been far from outstanding. The sole success has been the Silver Knight Chess Trophy, which was shared with Owen House. For this victory our congratulations must be given to the Chess team, the more so because of the youthfulness of its members.

In the sporting sphere the House has not met with success. We were defeated in the Horsfall and Whitehouse Football Cup competitions, and were narrowly beaten by Philip Holt House in the Boswell Hockey Cup. In the Cross-Country races we achieved no better result.

The fact remains that we are a very small House, but this should be an incentive rather than a hindrance, in any competition; everyone should do his best to win. Victory can only be achieved if every member, Senior and Junior, gives his whole-hearted support to all the House activities. Support is forthcoming from the Lower School, but by the time the members have entered the Sixth Form, their enthusiasm has died out and the maxim of *mens sana in corpore sano* seems to have been forgotten. Without the Sixth Form's support the House can achieve nothing, but if this is rectified, as it must be, the House will gain much greater success next year than it has done this.

H. H. MAGNAY.

SPEECH DAY.

Speech Day was held on Wednesday, December 14th, 1949, in the Philharmonic Hall, when the prizes were distributed by Sir Frederic A. Sellers, M.C., one of His Majesty's Judges of the High Court of Justice.

The Head Boy of the School, H. H. Magnay, delivered in Latin the customary address of welcome, which was applauded by a sensitive and enthusiastic audience. Immediately afterwards the Headmaster arose to make his annual report.

The Headmaster deplored the fact that many boys spent at Youth Clubs much of the time that should be devoted to homework. There was no reason why pupils should patronize these clubs when the School itself was able to offer a wide range of activities. Among the few cited were the Hobby Show, the School Play, the Orchestra, the Music Club, Football and Cricket. At this point he extended a warm invitation to parents to come along and enjoy matches at Mersey Road. Furthermore, there were opportunities for travel; at Easter one party under Mr. Forbes had toured Belgium and Luxembourg, while during the summer holiday Mr. Moore had organised an excursion to Spain; H. A. W. Seeckts had just returned from Iraq, and H. H. Magnay had been chosen as one of a group of grammar and public schoolboys to visit South Africa. In conclusion, the Headmaster paid tribute to the work done by the Vice-Principal, Staff, and Prefects, and expressed how proud he was of the trust placed in him by the Governors of the School.

Mr. Lawrence Holt, on behalf of the Governing Body, emphasised his appreciation of the work done by the School. His family had served the Liverpool Institute for a hundred years, and he was honoured to continue in this service. The devotion of past generations was a challenge to all, and members of the School must strive to make themselves worthy inheritors of this tradition. What was needed above all in this age of scientific progress was a corresponding increase in wisdom.

The Chairman's address was followed by the hearty singing of those inspiring songs of Sir Henry Newbolt, with music by Stanford—"Devon, O Devon," and "The Old Superb." The prizes were distributed by Sir Frederic Sellers, who had a word of congratulation and encouragement for many of the recipients, and the audience settled down to hear his address.

Sir Frederic began by stressing the importance of pride in the School and its tradition. The many Old Boys with whom he had been in contact had shown through their sterling qualities the character of the Liverpool Institute. Credit for the good name of a school must go to its staff, a body of men and women who were seldom, if ever, adequately thanked. His message that evening, he added, was simple—*Good Character*, without which nobody had a firm foundation on which to build. The remedy for dishonesty and juvenile delinquency lay in the home as well as at school; there was no greater joy than the possession of a happy home, a joy which could be realised by discipline, good sense and restraint.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Brian Heathcote; the Choir gave a charming rendering of "The Christmas Tree," the music of which was composed by Dr. J. E. Wallace; the School sang lustily the "Sergeants' Chorus" from the "Pirates of Penzance," and the happy occasion ended appropriately enough with the singing of "Lo! the Sound of Youthful Voices," to the tune of "Cwm Rhondda."

BUTTERMERE.

The lakes are grey and gloomy;
The mist clings to the peaks;
The beck comes racing down the fell;
The weeping willow weeps.

The golden bracken rustles,
And waves rise from the lakes,
While piercing through the sullen clouds
The sun grim shadows makes.

The wind comes rushing gaily
From high above the Drum;
The shepherd's driving home his flock,
His daily labours done.

P. L. TAYLOR. L5A.

HOCKEY.

There is little doubt that the 1949-50 season was the best since the end of the war. This was due in great measure to the captaincy of W. B. Lello, who practically doubled the previous record by scoring no less than 60 goals during the season. The previous record was 36 goals.

We have still not succeeded in closing the gap which exists between Caldy Grange and ourselves. This time we were beaten by 3 goals to 2, after a very hard fight, in which the whole team gave of its best. This defeat was compensated, however, by our winning the match against Birkenhead School for the first time in many years, the score being 3 goals to 2.

It is hoped that next season there will be greater support from the lower part of the School, and thus we can hope to uphold the high standard which has been reached. There is also a great opportunity for these players to reach high-class club hockey while still at School, since the School is working closely with Sefton Hockey Club; many of the 1949-50 players were "Schoolboy" members of the Club, and thus gained some very valuable first-class experience.

During the season we had talks by Mr. R. W. Smith, a county umpire and a well-known hockey authority on Merseyside.

On the whole the season was a very creditable one, and we wish to express our thanks to Mr. Willott, Mr. Booth, and all the others who helped to make it so.

The team during the 1949-50 season was usually:—W. Simpson, F. T. Swallow, K. Warbrick, E. Davies, G. C. Finch, G. Craine, N. A. Wilkie, K. R. Jones, W. B. Lello (captain), A. V. Williams, and J. C. Mitchell.

Also played: P. Pallister, D. Walker, D. Osbourn, and M. McGregor.

RESULTS.

1st XI.

Played 27, Won 13, Lost 10, Drawn 4, Goals for 127, Goals against 77.

Full Colours were re-awarded to: W. B. Lello, G. C. Finch, K. R. Jones. Colours were awarded to: F. T. Swallow, A. V. Williams. Half Colours were awarded to: G. Craine, J. C. Mitchell, W. Simpson, K. Warbrick.

G. C. FINCH.

FIVES.

Despite the fact that the School Fives team has once again won all its matches, there is no room for complacency on the part of the rest of the School. The attitude should rather be one of concern. At the end of this term we are losing three of the present team, and thus the outlook for the coming year is not at all reassuring. Play among the lower forms is steadily improving, but it is from the Seniors that the effort must come. It is imperative that interest be revived among the Upper Fifts and Lower Sixths if, in the future, we are to offer any opposition to other teams.

Boys who wish to learn the game and those who require copies of the rules, as laid down by the Rugby Fives Association, should consult E. Davies.

Finally, we should like to express our sincere thanks to Mr. Bentliff for the great interest he has continually shown in the game, and for the help and encouragement he has given to the School team.

E. DAVIES

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

A new experiment was tried this year in playing six School teams; considering the numerous changes in arrangements that had to be made, the venture has proved a great success, and plainly gives everybody more chance to represent the School.

The performances of last year's First XI were, on the whole, disappointing. Much was expected from the team, for it had great potential skill and a backbone of experienced players, but only for one spell during the season did it reach the high standard expected. On numerous occasions bad luck was responsible for our narrow defeats, although this cannot entirely account for the lack of success against sides which were inferior.

The football in mid-field was excellent, but often the forwards failed in front of goal, while the defence made many costly mistakes in our own penalty area. The main fault of the defence appeared to lie in its lack of speed, which made recovery very difficult, and thereby led to many goals against the School.

In the period during which the team played at its best, it showed fine form and did not lose a game for nine weeks. The defence tightened up considerably, and the forwards at last began to take their chances. We became very confident of regaining the Senior Shield, but quite unexpectedly the team lost its form, and finished the season with a series of defeats.

The Second XI had one of its most successful seasons. There was always a keen spirit in the side, combined with a great deal of skill. This is even more remarkable when one considers the numerous changes which were forced upon them by calls from the First team.

The Third XI, although not having a great number of matches, proved to be an efficient side and showed that it will be a great force in the future.

The Under 15 XI met with fair success, although it did not reach the standards of the last two years. It was unfortunate in losing the semi-final of the Junior Shield against a bigger and stronger Alsop side. Our team made up for lack of inches in ability and zest.

The newly-formed Under 14 XI has distinguished itself during its first season. The team settled down quickly and has become a fine means of selecting next year's Junior Shield side.

The Under 13 XI played with its usual enthusiasm, and although the results were not brilliant, the team always gave a good account of itself, and showed a rare spirit.

School football owes a tremendous debt to the members of the staff who are prepared to give up their spare time in organizing the teams. We lost Mr. Davies last term, and Mr. Morgan took over the First XI, while Mr. Bowker, Mr. Webster, Mr. Edge, Mr. Cain and Mr. Rowell were in charge of the other sides.

The following played regularly for the First XI:—Lloyd, Leeming, Hedges, J. S. Thomas, Lane, N. Pine, B. A. Goodall, J. P. Barber, Ebden, D. W. McKay, Johnson, R. Clark, N. Hutchings.

Goals for—44, against—43. Scorers:—Hutchings 13, Ebden 8, McKay 5, Clark 5, Johnson 4, Goodall 3, Darley, Hedges, Pemberton, Shaw, Bozman, and Hickey 1 each.

TEAM RECORDS.

	P.	W.	L.	D.
First XI	23	11	10	2
Second XI	18	10	5	3
Third XI	11	7	2	2
Under 15 XI	20	8	7	5
Under 14 XI	14	10	4	0
Under 13 XI	18	8	8	2
Under 12 XI	5	2	0	3

SENIOR SHIELD—FIRST ROUND.

School v. Prescott G.S., at Mersey Road, on March 1st.

The School had previously been beaten by Prescott, but our form had improved so much that we were able to gain a 5—2 victory.

Although we had most of the play territorially in the first half and took the lead through Hutchings, two bad defensive errors gave Prescott a half-time lead.

After a fairly even opening to the second half, we gradually gained the upper hand, and three goals by Ebden and one by Johnson sealed Prescott's fate.

Hutchings was by far the outstanding player on the field.

SENIOR SHIELD—SEMI-FINAL.

School v. Collegiate, at Mersey Road, on March 11th.

We faced the semi-final with great confidence, for we had been undefeated for nine weeks, and had previously defeated our opponents on two occasions.

We opened by attacking strongly, and were unfortunate to see a shot by Clark hit the bar. After this opening spell, Collegiate settled down, and their quick, thrustful raids soon had the School's defence in difficulties. Collegiate's pressure was rewarded by three "gift" goals from the School's defence, and so, after holding our own in mid-field, we were faced with a formidable task in the second half.

Our hopes of recovery ended when Collegiate added to their total immediately after the opening of the second half, and Hedges, who had been injured, was forced to play on the wing, with McKay coming to full back. The School still tried hard, and with Collegiate falling back on defence, we had numerous chances of reducing the lead, but a goal headed in by Hedges was our only reward.

The Collegiate deserved their victory through better team work and their ability to accept chances.

J. P. BARBER.

A THIRD FORMER'S IMPRESSIONS OF THE ROMANS.

I have not met any Romans in my roamings, but after three terms of Latin, I am sure they must either have been supermen, or else not given to saying more than they had to. I'll tell you why. When the first Roman was thinking up Latin, he wasn't content to find a word to describe a thing and leave it at that. No, he had to play around with it and give it hundreds of different "endings" and invent all sorts of rules about how you were to use these endings, until the whole business became most incredibly complicated. That first Roman was a clever man—too clever, I imagine, for the second Roman and all the other Romans. When they came to study the language, they found the rules so difficult that they decided not to bother, and except for the swots like Virgil and Cicero, they either used deaf and dumb language or else summoned all their wits about them and spoke in words of one syllable, like babies.

Life must have been very quiet for a Roman family. You can imagine them sitting round the fire on a winter's evening, all deep in thought. A look of triumph appears on father's face. He signals to his family to get ready to write, and amid tense excitement he utters a sentence of two or

three words. He repeats it slowly so that they can take it down. For an hour or so there is profound silence, as they study it. Everyone has a copy of "Approach to Latin, Part One," to which they make frequent reference. Round about bed-time young Marcus, who is destined for a brilliant career, indicates that he knows the answer. Mother looks admiringly at him and father writes down what he says, ready to work it out next evening. One argument lasts them the winter, and they are all so engrossed in it that they don't want to turn on the wireless, or go to the pictures. Strong, silent men, these Romans—especially silent.

FLOGGINS MIXOR, 3F.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

The opening of the Cross-Country season found the School with a much depleted team, owing to the fact that all but two of last year's team had left. Because of R. N. Dailey's inability to run regularly, T. W. Shaw was elected Captain and M. A. Pearson Vice-Captain. We welcomed also Mr. Day, who has now taken charge.

The team again did well in the Sangster Cup Competition and gained third place, but enjoyed little success in inter-School matches. Several of the fixtures were keenly contested, but lack of experience put the team at a great disadvantage. Next season we are hoping for more success.

The School run was held in early December from Mersey Road, and both the Senior and Junior Championships resulted in close finishes. The Senior race for the H. W. Peck Cup ended in a tie between R. N. Dailey and J. P. Barber; Hughes won the House Championship. The Junior race for the Orions Cup was won by P. R. Lunt, with K. G. Burnett in second place; Owen retained the House Championship.

I should like to take this opportunity of inviting all boys who would like to join the club to come to the Saturday morning practices which will be resumed next term. It is essential, if the Cross-Country section is to flourish in the future, that there be an active response from members of the Lower School.

Finally, our thanks are due to Mr. Day, Mr. Reece, Mr. Wass, and to those, particularly the Stewards, who have contributed in any way towards a very enjoyable season.

Full Colours were re-awarded to T. W. Shaw, and awarded to M. A. Pearson. Half-Colours were awarded to G. L. Roberts, W. J. Fraser, A. Paul, and C. Legg.

T. W. SHAW.

CHESS NOTES.

The chess team started the season well by winning the first five matches of the Wright Challenge Shield Competition. Unfortunately this standard was not maintained, and, after the final match, the team occupied third place.

Again we thank Mr. Booth for his help and encouragement, and Mr. Willott, under whose direction the Third Form's Chess Club has met every Thursday.

This year the House Chess Trophy was shared by Tate and Owen.

W. M. NORRIE.

PREFECTS' LETTER.

Prefects' Room,
Liverpool Institute.

Sir.—Once again you dare to intrude upon the seclusion of the Prefects' Room; once again you demand to know the truth of its mysterious inhabitants. You will have no pity on the one poor scribe with sufficient courage to obey your cruel command. For, Sir, the Prefects are jealous of their privacy, and may even seek to avenge their sullied honour by violent physical retribution. I fear that my pseudonym will prove inadequate disguise, for in the P.R. are many searching intellects, and all my colleagues are decidedly curious.

The P.R. seems very strange since Mr. Magnay left his seat by the fireplace to embark on a long journey for darkest Africa. While there, we understand, he hopes to pick up several new tongues. There will, however, probably be room for many more. His robe has fallen on the shoulders of Mr. Barber, the idol of the Third Formers and the most idle of the Sixth Formers; it fits him remarkably well. In his spare time Mr. Barber tussles with the intricacies of Latin syntax, but in reality his only problem is to decide who is sufficiently distinguished to carry his cricket bag for him.

Mr. Dailey and Mr. Smith are together equal to one vice-head boy. Unfortunately they rarely are together. The former is a mathematician, although we fear that the epithet "applied" is in his case more appropriate than "pure." His real interests are running, tennis and politics. In the political world he is, however, completely overshadowed by Mr. Smith. Everybody knows Mr. Smith's political persuasions—except Mr. Smith. This fine, upright gentleman keeps strange hours these days, and his frequent disappearances in the direction of the Art School are cause for much speculation. Many a time he may be seen travelling along Prince's Avenue at a furious speed, a queer, off-white-robed figure clutching frantically on to his waist. This is none other than our literary member, Mr. Wilkie, whose autobiography "From John o' Groats to Land's End for One and Ninepence" will shortly be rejected by all respectable publishers. In his many adventures his companion is the ever-cheerful Mr. Williams. Despite the terrible truth revealed by the Green Book, we regret to say that this gentleman has not yet reached the age of discretion. He is the possessor of a powerful voice, but alas! rarely sings the same tune as Mr. Wilkie.

His, however, is not the only Voice in the P.R. In the field of vocal exuberance there are two formidable rivals. The first of these is the august body of Mr. Swallow, whose hearty greeting is feared by all. The second, of course, is Mr. Peterson, a recent addition to stock. Such gentlemen as he are seldom found on earth, for they, in the words of the poet, "tho' unseen, are ever on the wing."

His friend is Mr. McKay, who modestly hides his talents beneath a large hairy overcoat. He achieves by subtle wit what Mr. Swallow achieves by brute force. So subtle, indeed, is his wit, that he himself is often unable to appreciate his many witticisms. This is in some ways a pity, as everybody else refuses to.

Mr. Rochester, on the other hand, takes life seriously. It is rumoured that he finds his way to the P.R. with the aid of a compass. His boasted ability to light a fire by rubbing two milk bottles together has never been put to the test, as he finds it easier to use matches. He also collects Kellogg's cards (advert.).

Mr. Clark's frequent disappearances from the P.R. are not, as one might reasonably expect, to such trifles as lessons, but to the more serious business of post-horn practice. This enables him to travel on the Hough Green stage-coach without showing his contract.

Then there are the other new members—Messrs. Davies, McGuinness, and Morris. Mr. Davies's fond ambition is one day to model for Fairy's Soap.

He recently starred in the film "Tarzan and the Magic Flute." Mr. Davies played the flute. He has recently attempted to start a new fashion in the School—prefect's gown and gym. shorts. There has, unfortunately, been little response, as the School prefers the more conventional attire of Mr. McGuinness. This gentleman is the slave of the P.R., and those who have noticed his purposeful expression as he journeys round the School building gripping tightly his mysterious case, will be interested to learn that he is probably ensuring the safe delivery of a clean towel to the prefects' wash-room. Mr. Morris is justly famed for his habit of wandering round the School stage carrying planks of wood. His purpose in life is to play the organ for money; in his spare time he is a switchboard operator.

And there, Sir, you have the failings and foibles of these fourteen "dwellers in high places." I hope I have satisfied my audience, for only this hope could console me in the dreary days to come. I shall, I fear, be cast out of the society of these my slighted tormentors; bear with me, Sir, in my unhappy plight.

I am,

Yours in trembling,

X. OFFICIO.

TRAFALGAR.

We left the port before the dawn;
A merry sight were we.
With Nelson as our admiral,
We sailed out to the sea.

But when we reached Trafalgar,
The Frenchmen met us there,
And as their sea dogs were asleep,
We took them unaware.

A shot rang out to starboard,
Where Nelson stood on high.
And stunned he fell on to the deck
Under the sweltering sky.

And though we won a victory,
Our admiral was dead,
So back we sailed to England,
Our heavy hearts as lead.

Though many years have passed away
Since Nelson ruled the sea,
"England expects" true duty still,
From even you and me.

A. F. STOKES, 4C.

C.C.F.—ARMY AND BASIC SECTIONS.

Last term was one of quiet but steady progress. Two Certificate "A" Examinations were held, with gratifying results, 36 Cadets being successful in Part I and 13 in Part II.

We have, however, some big events to look forward to. The most important is the Annual Inspection, which will take place on July 14th; Brigadier Goldie

will be the Chief Inspecting Officer. We also have two camps this year; one in Germany and the other at Park Hall, Oswestry. A party of twenty-four Cadets under the command of Major Bowen, assisted by Lt. Schofield, will leave Liverpool for Dortmund, or Iserlohn, on July 20th. An excellent programme of training and sight-seeing tours is in course of arrangement. The other camp at Oswestry, under the command of Captain McDonald, will be from August 1st to 9th, and it is hoped that a large number of Cadets will avail themselves of this opportunity. The charge for the nine days at Park Hall is 12s. 6d., including railway fare.

Open Range Shooting will take place at Altcar every Wednesday this term (weather permitting), and we hope to find enough Cadets with sufficient skill to enable us to enter shooting teams in a number of competitions at Altcar. It is hoped that we shall shortly be able to send a Shooting Eight to Bisley to compete for the Ashburton Shield and other trophies.

It must be emphasised, however, that this can only be done if the Officers of the contingent have the full support of all Cadets.

Another point that must be stressed is prompt attendance at all parades and lectures, in uniform when required. We appeal to all Cadets to give of their utmost in support of the Officers and N.C.O.'s of the contingent, who devote a large amount of time and energy to maintain the high standard of which we are so proud.

P. F. SMITH.

C.C.F.—AIR SECTION.

During the past term the activities of the squadron have increased to a marked extent. In February four more Cadets passed the proficiency exam., and at the end of the term we had in the unit an all-time record of twenty-five proficient Cadets, who are now pursuing advanced training in aircrew subjects.

We should like to congratulate Cpl. Sutherland on obtaining his "B" gliding licence. Courses are now being arranged for other Cadets who wish to take up gliding.

Field Day last term was held at Hawarden, when some section Cadets accompanied the unit and spent a very interesting day; their activities included flying, firing on the range, and attending lectures, films and demonstrations. A party of proficient Cadets was taken on a tour of inspection of the De Haviland Works adjacent to the station, where they had the privilege of seeing "Vampires," "Mosquitoes," "Hornets," and "Chipmunks" under construction.

This year another popular innovation was a camp during the Easter holidays, when twenty-one Cadets visited R.A.F. Chivenor, North Devon.

This term twenty-five Cadets visited "H.M.S. Illustrious" while it was berthed at the Landing Stage, and made an instructive tour of the vessel with a midshipman.

Many classes are now being held daily for proficiency and advanced training, and each week Cadets fire on the range at Mather Avenue Barracks or at Altcar Rifle Range. Many Cadets have passed their second class, and some have passed their first class shooting tests.

Finally, we should like to thank the Officers of the unit for all they have done; especially we must thank our C.O., Flt/Lt. Watson, who has displayed such energy and enthusiasm, both in and out of School, on our behalf.

EASTER CAMP, 1950.

A party of twenty-one Cadets left Lime Street Station at 23.35 hours on Thursday, 6th April, for R.A.F. Chivenor, North Devon. The arrangements to Exeter, where we changed trains, and on to Wrafton, near Barnstaple, were extremely comfortable, since reserved accommodation had been obtained by our C.O. The only Cadet who obtained any really deep sleep, however, was L/Cdt. Barber, who slept for three hours on the luggage rack.

During a two-and-a-half-hours wait at Exeter many Cadets availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting places of historical interest, such as the cathedral, which was bombed during the war, but is now being restored.

After our thirteen-hour journey we were pleased to find an R.A.F. lorry waiting to take us, first to our huts to deposit our luggage, and then to an eagerly awaited dinner.

We were welcomed into the camp by the Commandant, Sqdn./Ldr. West, and his staff.

The accommodation was excellent. The huts were divided into eight rooms, with three Cadets per room, and each room boasted, as well as the usual beds and the electric light, a chest of drawers, curtains and a coke stove.

Our camp was well situated on the main road from Barnstaple to Ilfracombe, four miles from Barnstaple.

On the day of our arrival, Friday, most of the Cadets decided to stay in their rooms and recuperate from the long journey; not so L/Cdt. Barber, who, after his sleep on the train, wanted to play football; consequently, a team was picked from our Cadets to play another C.C.F. unit. On arrival at the pitch, however, they were greeted not with an hour's football, but with an hour's P.T. with the notorious Sgt. Smethers!

On the Saturday we enjoyed an interesting lorry trip to Barnstaple, Bideford and Westward Ho although the wet and windy weather was not very pleasant.

On the Sunday morning a church parade was held at the camp church, where Flt./Lt. Watson surprised us all by playing the harmonium; and we were addressed by Group Captain Trevor of Reserve Command H.Q. In the afternoon the Cadets took part in organised games, but three of us went for a quiet walk round the locality.

During the week Cadets enjoyed flying in "Ansons," "Beaufighters" and "Oxfords" for four or five hours. Some even flew as far as London. When not flying, Cadets were either gliding to a height of one thousand feet, mastering the intricacies of the "Link," shooting on the range, seeing instructional films, or listening to lectures on navigation, radio or engines by very competent instructors detailed for the job from Reserve Command.

At night time most of us found our way to Barnstaple, where an exciting, and in many ways educative, time was had by all. Cadets took full advantage of late passes, which were efficiently organised.

On the Monday afternoon Cadets had dinghy drill at Ilfracombe baths, transport there being provided by R.A.F. lorries.

The main party left Chivenor under Sgt. Seeckts on Friday morning and enjoyed a comfortable journey home. Five Cadets in the charge of Flt./Sgt. Peterson stayed on till Monday morning, and one Cadet, Green, remained till the following Friday; the extra few days were enjoyable, as we took whatever training we wished.

The camp was voted by every Cadet to be the best ever, and many hope to have the chance of visiting the R.A.F. Fighter Station at Chivenor again at some future date.

N. PETERSON, Flt./Sgt.

PER ARDUA AD HABBANIYAM.

Sergt. Seeckts and Cpl. Bailey were selected by 63 (W. and W. Res.) Group to take part in duty flights to R.A.F. Station Habbaniya, near Baghdad.

The aircraft on both occasions was a Hastings C. Mark I, four-engined transport, capable of carrying fifty-two passengers and a crew of eight at a maximum cruising speed of about 310 knots (350 m.p.h.) at 27,000 feet.

The Cadets' duties as Air-Quartermasters included supplying the crew and passengers with flying rations and drinks while in flight; ensuring the welfare of the passengers; supervising loading and unloading of the aircraft; checking stores and equipment, and maintaining weight, load and balance sheets.

As part of the take-off and landing procedure they acted as observer, occupying a very precarious position in the astro-dome.

The flight consisted of six stages in the case of Cpl. Bailey, and seven in that of Sgt. Seeckts. This was due to the fact that Seeckts' aircraft developed engine trouble over France and an overnight stay in Istrés, near Marseilles, became necessary. The stages were as follows:—Lynham (Wiltshire) to Luga (Malta), Luga to Fayid (Egypt), Fayid to Habbaniya (on the river Euphrates)—a total distance of 8,000 miles, including the return journey.

The weather throughout both trips was extremely bumpy, and drops of two hundred to three hundred feet were encountered in air pockets over the Syrian desert. No parachutes were carried, but the Cadets soon adopted the imperturbable, confident attitude of the crew.

During all the flights the Cadets were billeted as air crew; they became very friendly with their respective crews, who took them into Valetta, Malta's largest town, and entertained them lavishly.

At Fayid personnel were served by natives known singularly as "Charlie," and collectively as "Wogs"; these names varied, depending upon the temper of the person using them. There appeared to be two types of employed natives, those serving in the buffet, who were immaculately dressed in white robes with red, white and blue bands around their waists, and those working at menial tasks, bare-footed and garbed in filthy rags. In a corner of the buffet was a small shop called "Jack's Stores," selling every conceivable kind of foodstuff and sweetmeats to passengers at exorbitant prices.

Habbaniya was the largest of the three stations visited. It is self-contained, and possesses seven cinemas, five theatres, complete sports amenities and numerous churches of all denominations.

During the Habbaniya-Fayid section, over the desert, both Sgt. Seeckts and Cpl. Bailey took over the controls for approximately one hour; "George," the automatic pilot, in both aircraft being unserviceable.

Approaching Malta on the return journey, the aircraft in which Cpl. Bailey flew encountered the only difficulty of the trip—the radio burnt out, and after numerous circuits of the island, while other aircraft landed using radio, the aircraft made a panic landing with only nine minutes' fuel in the tanks.

Transport from Luga to Valetta and return cost 6½d. in the local buses, 3d. in, 3½d. out. These buses are painted a bright red and have various flags and banners hanging from them; the insides of the buses at the front are small shrines complete with lamp, cross and pictures. The shrines are often used as the driver hurtles through the narrow streets.

The two Cadets toured the whole of Valetta, including the infamous "Straight Street," known as "The Gut."

Altogether both Sgt. Seeckts and Cpl. Bailey thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and hope that their first flight will not be their last.

H. A. W. S., G. R. B.

SCOUT NOTES.

At the beginning of the Autumn term fifteen recruits were accepted by the Troop from a long waiting list. Some of these have already gained their second-class badges, while the remainder have still some tests to pass.

During the term, in addition to our regular Friday evening meetings, outdoor activities were arranged, including one night "wide game."

On the field day the Troop journeyed from Ormskirk to the "North Pole" (Parbold Hill). Three parties were racing for "the Pole," and all had severe obstacles to overcome. Blizzard delayed parties and put them off their course, and when members of some of the parties were struck down by frost bite, they had to be carried by their faithful companions for the remainder of the journey. The winning team (the Nansen Party) received a "handsome medal" (by Tate & Lyle) and pennant (from the tail of somebody's shirt) from the "Royal Polarbearic Society."

The real highlights of the term, however, were to come in December. First, the Troop entertained the boys of the Menlove Avenue Remand House with a series of songs, sketches and other items, as their Christmas good turn, and later at the City Association camp fire, the Camp Fire Baton—a beautifully polished Irish shielagh—was regained, after being lost last year. This was very gratifying, as the School Troop had been the only previous holders.

After the Christmas holidays the Friday evening meetings were recommenced, but with a difference; each meeting was organised with a view to bringing out different aspects of scouting; for instance, on one occasion the Troop became a spy school, for the purpose of testing ingenuity. All five patrols succeeded in finding different ways of:—

1. Writing a short message without paper, ink, or pencil.
2. Producing a substitute for an overcoat button.
3. Producing a piece of paper exactly six inches long without using a ruler or measure of any kind.
4. With six inches of string rendering a person completely immobile.
5. Making an improvised stretcher without using coats.

There was also a piece of decoding to do, but only three patrols were successful in this.

This term the field day was held on Heswall Dales, and was largely devoted to large scale wide games, and a great deal of practice was gained in long distance signalling.

During the Easter holidays, although no actual meetings were arranged, scouting activities were many and diverse. In the first place Patrol Leaders Robinson and Osbourn are to be congratulated on making successful "first class journeys."

The Scoutmaster, Mr. Haig, and a number of the younger Scouts spent an enjoyable week making journeys on foot from Llangollen Youth Hostel. The Assistant Scoutmaster, C. Legg, and several other members of the Troop, made an expedition "awheel" into North Wales, in search of camp sites. Troop Leader R. W. Rochester and Patrol Leader E. R. Oxburgh went on a Pioneer course to Brynbach, which they both thoroughly enjoyed; they also learned a great deal, which they hope to pass on to the Troop in the near future. Brynbach also saw Patrol Leader Orlans, who offered his services for a week as a forestry worker. In addition to the foregoing, most of the patrols held day outings of their own, and since the beginning of this term the Swifts have already held a very successful week-end camp at Tawd Vale.

We take this opportunity of thanking the School chef, Mr. Smith, our Treasurer, and, of course, our Scoutmaster, Mr. Haig, for their constant concern for our well-being, and also all members of the School staff, who have helped us in various ways.

E. R. OXBURGH.

"TWELFTH NIGHT."

Two years ago the hope was expressed in the Magazine that the School Play would become an annual event. It now appears to have been decided that there will be a School play every second year, alternating with the Hobby Show. Mr. Cretney, who was responsible for "The Rivals," left us over a year ago; his place has been taken by Mr. Webster, who produced Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" in the School Hall on February 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th.

Dr. Gervinus, who published his penetrating analysis of "Twelfth Night" a century ago, draws attention to the fact that "the matter in question in this play is not the plot, but the actors themselves." Indeed, the plot, revolving round the idea of mistaken identity, is of the slightest, and emphasis is throughout laid on the characters. Intelligent acting is therefore essential.

The principal interest to spectators of this play centres on the low-life scenes. These were handled brilliantly. N. A. Wilkie was almost unrecognizable in the guise of Sir Toby. He had thoroughly mastered the character of the ageing drunkard, and his obvious relish of the part communicated itself to the audience. His brief appearance as the drunken herald of "one at the gate" was beautifully timed.

An outstanding performance was that of J. B. Taylor as Maria. We expect great things of this young actor in the future. The difference between pertness towards Sir Toby and disdain of Sir Andrew; the affected scorn with which he treated Viola, despite his keen interest in the intrigue; his attempt to hide a smile at Malvolio's strange behaviour—these details in particular must be mentioned.

H. H. Magnay's Sir Andrew was very different from the traditional conception of the "foolish knight." The merits of this performance resided in its humour and in the fact that the interpretation was very well sustained. E. G. Jones as Fabian marred an otherwise good performance by a tendency to over-act in the letter scene. That this did not steal Malvolio's thunder is a fine tribute to Glynn Jones. Indeed, the balance between the low comedy of Sir Toby, and the near tragedy of Malvolio was excellent throughout this scene. Jones succeeded in making the audience feel genuinely sorry for Malvolio. The sarcastic curl of the lip in his first scene, and his churlish treatment of Viola made us dislike the character, but nobody could fail to believe that he was treated too harshly. The poison sapped into his already softened brain, and when he was thrown into prison, who could fail to be moved by his repeated "I am not mad, Sir Topas"? His realization that he had been duped and his cry of "I'll be revenged—on the whole pack of you!" was perfect in its control and timing.

Olivia (P. R. F. Smith) played up to this performance. Even she, we felt, was thinking of her steward as "Poor Malvolio." Smith played with exceptional grace and ease; his deportment was always perfectly natural, and he showed great feeling for the part.

A criticism of J. C. Mitchell (Viola) would be that he was somewhat lacking in this feminine grace and charm. As compensation, however, his delivery was admirably clear, and his knowledge of the text thorough. He

was at his best in those scenes where Viola is upset at the confusion her disguise is causing in the lives of others. The sense of melancholy and genuine distress was excellently conveyed.

J. H. Ashby gave an outstanding performance as the Duke. This inactive figure was portrayed with immense conviction, and Ashby's beautifully modulated voice expressed all the touching melancholy of this man in love with Love.

One of the most unrewarding parts in the play is that of Sebastian, one of the few characters who exist only for the sake of plot. It would be difficult to better the performance of B. Hechle, who played with just the right feeling and with no sense of strain. In this he was helped by A. V. Williams, who did all that could be done to make Antonio a living character.

Of the minor parts, C. Legg and I. J. Hall played those thankless rôles, the courtiers, Valentine and Curio, and F. T. Swallow, the Captain. Nobody knows whether this Captain hails from Devon, Cornwall, or even Shropshire; nevertheless Swallow's performance was most convincing.

W. G. Jones took the part of Feste. His actions were perfect—a considerable achievement. Unfortunately his words were sometimes rushed and hence lost. It was a pity that the songs had to be omitted. Music, more important in this play than in many of the comedies, was limited to the Court Musicians at the beginning of Parts One and Two. We are indebted to Mr. Hillman and the Orchestra for this part of the show.

The setting—a simple background of arches, with a dais on the left—bore witness to the ingenuity of man, for P. F. Smith had achieved the seemingly impossible and found a set which provided seven exits from the School's most unhelpful stage.

We have to quarrel with Mr. Webster on one point. In his few words to the audience on the Saturday night he said that he always thought on such occasions that the producer was out of place. We cannot agree. We must praise Mr. Webster for making the whole production hang together. In particular we must mention the care with which the grouping had been studied. In this lies Mr. Webster's talent as a producer. May his next production be an equal success!

A. R. P.

BOXING CLUB.

Last season was a successful one for the School Boxing Team. Of the five contests in which the School took part we lost only one—to Merchant Taylor's School; a decision which was later reversed in the exciting return match.

There was a most gratifying response to last term's appeal for more support, and the club now has more than thirty active members. With this large number of boys to choose from, the team naturally became stronger and more proficient. The increase in the standard of boxing, however, cannot be solely attributed to the large membership; it is mainly due to the expert supervision and help of Mr. Schofield and the excellent coaching of Sgt. Highton, who has proved to be of great assistance to the club. Sgt. Highton's seconding, too, has been of a high standard all season.

The members of the Boxing Club are very keen, but despite numerous requests, it is impossible to continue the instruction periods on Wednesdays during the summer term. This does not mean that training is to cease entirely, for next September, when the boxing season starts again, there are a number of early contests which will demand the best of every boy.

P. L. PEARSON, Captain.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The 1949-50 session of the Literary and Debating Society has been very successful, in spite of the difficulties which have had to be overcome. At the beginning of the School year G. Jones and H. H. Magnay were elected as secretaries, but in February G. Jones left to serve in H.M. Forces. W. B. Lello filled the vacant office for one meeting, and G. H. Jones was then elected as secretary for the remaining meetings of the spring term. J. P. Barber was elected to the position of Lord High Poker-in-chief, and both N. A. Wilkie and W. B. Lello fulfilled the duties of deputy secretary during the regular secretaries' absence.

During the autumn and spring terms were held many very enjoyable debates, which were well supported by the Sixth, Removes, and Upper Fifth Forms. Although it is very difficult to single out the best debate, the motions "That in the opinion of this House the world is flat" and "That the introduction of a State Lottery is to be desired" will long be remembered; the one for its excellent wit and humour and the other for the serious debating which took place.

On the whole the speeches were of a high standard, and the keen support of the younger members augurs well for the future. Serving the society in any official capacity is no easy task, and it was very gratifying to see the large attendances at the last two meetings of the spring term. Many more members of the Upper School would benefit very much by taking part in the Society's debates, and any new members will be especially welcomed next year.

For the success of this session, we must give our thanks to the Chairman, Mr. C. H. Moore, and Mr. D. G. Bentliff, the Vice-President, for their whole-hearted support to the Society during the year.

H. H. MAGNAY, G. H. JONES.

The following debates were held during the year:—

September 27th.—"That the world owes more to its artists than its scientists." Pro.: J. S. Thomas; Con.: N. Peterson. Result: 22—25, 7 abstentions.

October 11th.—"That economic planning is incompatible with personal freedom." Pro.: N. A. Wilkie; Con.: A. R. Pugh. Result: 9—13, 6 abstentions.

October 25th.—"That a general election is long overdue." Pro.: P. F. Smith; Con.: B. Benson. Result: 17—24.

November 8th.—"That in the opinion of this House the world is flat." Pro.: G. Jones; Con.: N. A. Wilkie. Result: 24—20, 8 abstentions.

November 22nd.—"That a world without evil would be intolerable." Pro.: G. L. Roberts; Con.: H. H. Magnay. Result: 17—28, 1 abstention.

December 6th.—Impromptu Debates.

January 17th.—"That a revival of Germany constitutes a threat to world peace." Pro.: G. H. Jones; Con.: H. H. Magnay. Result: 18—17, 2 abstentions.

January 31st.—"That the introduction of a State Lottery is to be desired." Pro.: W. B. Lello; Con.: G. Jones. Result: 15—17, 2 abstentions.

February 14th.—"That this House laments the decline of the British Empire." Pro.: E. R. Oxburgh; Con.: J. P. Barber. Result: 5—22, 1 abstention.

February 28th.—“That Trade Unionism has had its day.” Pro.: R. W. Rochester; Con.: C. C. Harrison. Result: 5—28, 2 abstentions.

March 14th.—“*Non nobis solum sed toti mundo nati.*” Pro.: A. R. Pugh; Con.: J. P. Barber. Result: 23—14, 6 abstentions.

March 28th.—“That this House believes in fairies.” Pro.: A. R. Pugh; Con.: N. A. Wilkie. Result: 8—6, 34 abstentions.

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday, March 14th, with Mr. C. H. Moore in the chair.

The Chairman drew the Society's notice to the fact that the meeting was being held at the same time as the School was being officially inspected, and that, as a result, some of the inspectors had come to the debate. Among the visitors was an Old Boy of the School, Mr. R. E. Williams, and he and the other inspectors were warmly welcomed.

Next the Chairman called upon A. R. Pugh to propose the motion that “*Non Nobis Solum Sed Toti Mundo Nati.*” The proposer had learned that the Latin phrase had been in use as the School motto since 1838. He had made some other interesting discoveries in the Calendar of Heraldry. This same Latin tag had been the motto of the Robinsons (the West Riding ones) and the D'Arcy's (the hunting, riding ones) some years before the School used it. All this, however, had nothing to do with the argument.

The translation of this motto, he informed us, was “We are born not for ourselves alone, but for all the world.” He told us some entertaining anecdotes about a certain master's periods, about Shakespeare, about milk crates, and then confessed he could not read. With obvious satisfaction he glanced at the clock; only seven minutes more. The opposer was captain of School cricket, and he, the proposer, had strong suspicions about the ways in which people become captains of School teams. Then, amid great excitement, he made his first point. Dependence on other people was not equal to cancelling one's own ego. People had given their lives to the service of others. Every individual has to rely on other people for something in his life. Finally, he said, the sands of time having almost run out, the greatest things are friendship and love, and no healthy society could afford to be without them.

J. P. Barber, the opposer, was insulted. Everyone was biased and self-righteous; everything revolved round the individual. Everybody was selfish at birth, and his own first memory was of refusing a poor starving little girl a lick of his lollipop. Anything but selfishness was pure unadulterated hypocrisy. A typical human being stood before the assembly, he asserted. He had frequently been called conceited, but that was only because he admitted he was selfish. He bought matches from old men solely that people might see him do it and say “What a noble person!”

N. A. Wilkie was seconding the proposition. He had a habit of collecting Sixth Form quotations, and he proceeded to read those uttered by J. P. Barber, proving completely the opposer's hypocrisy. Individual freedom was a selfish ideal. He held a very high opinion of the individual, but knew that it was incompatible with the instinct of self-preservation. The case was very similar to the psychological development of a child. Unconsciously it develops, and the social group in which it lives makes the laws for its benefit. The world works on a give and take relationship. He concluded by saying that the fulfilment of an individual's ideals should conform with three conditions—the ideal of one's self, the pleasure that is to be obtained, the help the community will receive.

W. B. Lello arose to second the opposition. Only the ageing helped other people, he said. Those who were young and healthy could afford to be selfish because they were strong. Old people were weak and so had to help others in order that they could be helped in their turn. If the individual was unable to look after himself, he stood in danger of losing the struggle for existence.

He advised everyone to safeguard the family, because the family gave strength. Everyone was selfish, except the Chairman, the Vice-President and the Inspectors.

The first speaker from the floor was N. Peterson. Born for the world was the important phrase.

W. Robinson said the motto was an insult. He had read a book by H. G. Wells on the planned life. The Society sympathised.

H. H. Magnay, the Secretary, said that everybody must work for the benefit of the community and so the individual would progress in safety. He advocated voting for the Opposition.

D. Beamer was shared by his mother and his father. He did not want to be shared by everyone. Change “world” to “state,” he proposed.

At this stage the Secretary realized his error and hastened to correct it by urging the Society to vote for the Proposition.

P. F. Smith, the evening's Lord High Poker-in-Chief, said that the war was a result of selfishness, and selfishness would ruin the community irreparably.

D. H. Clarke had heard of the survival of the fittest. “Go down town,” he advised. The Society did not really feel inclined. He muttered something about employers with H.S.C.'s and three years.

J. J. Nickson (a maiden speaker) considered it impossible to live for the world and the individual nation at the same time. We were born for the community.

The next speaker was Old Boy A. C. O. Ellis. He had memories of Speech Day; he disapproved of the Opposer; he approved of Sir Archibald Salvidge; he wrote poetry.

E. R. Oxburgh supplied an authoritative translation of the text. Something must be done with the individual in view.

G. L. Roberts did not know what to say about the motion, but that did not deter him from giving an excellent demonstration of thinking aloud. He asked the Society to stop listening to the speeches (unfortunately it already had) and to think for itself.

The Society was very pleased to see the next speaker rise. Mr. R. E. Williams, Old Boy and Inspector, drew our attention to the fact that there was no verb in the sentence. Were we to supply “we are” or “we ought to be.” One can argue about such quibbles, but not build eternal truths on them.

Mr. D. G. Bentliff, the Vice-President, accused our visitor of drawing red herrings across the trail. Man is a social animal, says the Greek philosopher, and the motto serves as a warning.

M. V. Kennedy, who came as self-confessed representative of Self, merely wanted his name in the minutes. He had no other reason for speaking. His name therefore appears in the minutes—M. V. Kennedy.

R. W. Rochester had been impressed with the speech of the original Proposer. We must leave a heritage and improve our “humanitas.”

Selfishness was needed to keep oneself dominant in one's own life, opined G. E. Silverman.

K. Warbrick put forward the horribly materialist view that if the motion were defeated all School badges would have to be altered, and this would cause endless bother.

The Opposer and Proposer summed up, and on being put to the vote, the motion was carried, there being 23 votes for, 14 against, and 6 abstentions.

H. H. M.

POEM IN AUTUMN.

In childhood I remember walking through
An orchard cold in autumn, where the sun,
Dutifully glinting on the iron boughs,

Curled warm its fingers round my heart to dull
The pain of constant unsuccess they gave,
Scattering their leaves like lost ideals, their will

To death revealed. Their crests might search in waves
On waves of green the sky; without reward
They must disintegrate, but to remind
That they were always rooted to the ground.

At night autumnal swallows smash their wings
Against a lighthouse glass; distended lungs,
Pregnant with songs for summer, flood with green

Despair; while, unaware of this, birds mourn,
Who don't migrate, because they cannot go
Where time is always summer to the swallow.

I mean perhaps a figure I once saw
Leaning upon a lichen-covered gate,
Which led, he knew, to lands away from war,
But bore a sullen notice saying—"Private."

J. G. NICHOLLS (1948).

SEA LYRIC.

Fragilely swaying
where the waves slap
impatient hands
against the sides,
and the seabird sounds,
though few, are keen,
our oars throw spray
like sand dazing
the sky's gaze.

The latter leans
over our shoulders,
with frowning brows
noting our shudders;
under this curve
of delicate wood
which frames our mad
inexorable verve
swim staring fish
who, seeing us,
become like our wishes
incredulous.

Gladly we left
the stone harbour,
delighted to drift
between the storms;
until death comes
neglecting the rudder,
where joy is more fierce,
although shorter.

J. G. N.

MACALISTER SOCIETY.

Last term it was decided to revive the Macalister Society, which had not met since before the war, and to this end a business meeting was held on February 13th. It was decided that certain members of the Upper Sixth be invited to form the Society, and that its purpose should be the study of subjects of cultural and artistic significance. The following officers were elected:—President, the Headmaster; Chairmen, Mr. D. G. Bentliff and Mr. R. Tudor Jones; Secretary, A. Cashdan; Assistant Secretary, A. R. Pugh.

Three meetings were held last term on alternate Tuesday evenings. Members read and discussed papers under the general title of "Contemporary Problems." These were "The Theatre," A. Cashdan; "Interpretation in Music," A. R. Pugh; and "Town Planning," P. F. Smith. The discussion was keen and of a high standard.

This term we hope to organize one or two outside expeditions to places of architectural interest.

The Society is grateful to the Chairmen for their ready co-operation and advice.

A. C.

MUSIC CLUB.

The past year has been one of considerable success. Gramophone recitals have been organized every fortnight. This season there has been a more methodical approach to the problem of programme-building. In an effort to educate the members in a little musical history, we began with Bach, and worked through Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin, Brahms, Rimsky-Korsakoff (the ever-popular "Sheherezade") to Delius and Rachmaninoff.

There have been three outstanding recitals. Last December, G. H. Cross, now at Liverpool University, gave an excellent performance of César Franck's Prelude, Chorale and Fugue.

In February, against a background of galleons and velvet curtains, and to the accompaniment of knocking and hammering, Mr. Hillman and Mr. Rowell valiantly tried to give a sensitive performance of sonata movements by Bach and Beethoven. In large measure they succeeded, although the curtain improved Mr. Hillman's violin tone as effectively as the hammering enhanced Mr. Rowell's piano playing.

In March, Mr. Hosker gave a lecture-recital on the patter-songs of Gilbert and Sullivan.

Last November Dr. Wallace treated us to a splendid talk on "Harmony and Counterpoint." Comment would be both superfluous and out of place.

A. R. PUGH.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY NOTES.

Meetings have been held regularly after School on Tuesdays throughout the autumn and winter terms, and have been of two kinds—talks and film-shows. The latter are open for attendance to all members, and any boys in the Third and Fourth Forms who wish to come. Film subjects have included "Life in a big American Industrial City," "The Tennessee Valley Authority," "Land Reclamation in Holland," and various aspects of English country life. Attendances at the Society's film-shows have always been good, and we usually have over eighty members present.

Talks have been given by members of the School (both pupils and masters), and by visiting speakers invited by Mr. Willan. Attendances at these meetings have been very gratifying; this was most rewarding for the speakers. Visiting lecturers have included Mr. Gabriel of the International Wool Secretariat, Mr. I. B. Ferrett from Liverpool University (who spoke on "Domesday Cheshire"), and Mr. D. C. Richards, an Assistant District Commissioner in the Gold Coast. Mr. Forbes (on "The Distribution of Languages in Europe") and Mr. MacDonald (on "Old Maps") have also addressed the Society. All the talks given have been authoritative and extremely interesting.

The Geographical Society Library has been open on Wednesdays and Fridays in Room 37. Many members have taken advantage of this opportunity to study the large and varied collection of magazines and pamphlets in stock. During the summer term the Library will be open on demand only.

In conclusion our thanks are due to Mr. Willan, whose infectious enthusiasm has done much to ensure the success of the Society.

G. H. JONES.

NORTH WALES, EASTER, 1950.

During the Easter holidays a party of boys from the Sixth Forms, under the care of Mr. Willan, spent six days youth hostelling in North Wales.

From Bangor, where we left the train, we took a bus to Bethesda, and during the days which followed we made our way southwards across Snowdonia to Cader Idris, returning to Liverpool from Dolgelly. The primary object of the trip was to study physical geography and, in particular, the effects of glaciation upon the scenery.

Once into the mountains we observed many of the results of glaciation. Nant Ffrancon and Nant Gwynant provided good examples of the over-deepened U-shaped valleys, which are typical features of glaciated regions. Lake Glaslyn, nestling at the foot of Snowdon, is situated in a cirque, partly blocked by a moraine, above which steep cliffs rise for nearly fifteen hundred feet. Many other examples of these cirques or corries were seen, notably at the foot of Cader Idris. In the valleys of the region there was much haphazardly spread drift, as well as the clear remains of former lateral and terminal moraines. Much of the exposed bed-rock was ice-smoothed and striated, and there were numerous examples of "roches moutonnées" and perched blocks.

From Snowdon we went southwards, spending the next night at Harlech. We saw the reclaimed land which stretches northwards from Portmadoc, occupying what must once have been an estuary as picturesque as that of the Mawddach, which we crossed by the railway bridge at Barmouth. On the following day we lost ourselves in the trackless wastes among the Rhinogs behind Harlech, but found our way to the seaward slopes of the hills in time to enjoy a magnificent view of Cardigan Bay, with Snowdon, snow-tipped, to the north and the Llyn Peninsula silhouetted grey against the setting sun in the west.

We learned something of the occupations of the people, for near Maentwrog we met a farmer who told us that the mountain farms usually send their yearlings to the lowlands for the winter. He also mentioned that many cattle were reared in the valleys and lowlands of North Wales and later sent to the Midlands to be fattened for beef. Two of his own cattle were going to Market Harborough on the following day. The second most important occupation appeared to be quarrying. We saw the enormous quarries at Bethesda and Llanberis, and often heard blasting.

We ascended Snowdon by the Pig track, in swirling mist and snow, our teeth chattering as the icy wind hurled itself against us. Two hours later we were sun-bathing at its foot, while its snow-capped summit was outlined against the background of a clear blue sky. We visited Harlech Castle, enjoying the quiet calm of a perfect spring morning and the sharp contrasts of light and shade within its ancient walls. On the penultimate day we climbed Cader, which was also capped with snow. During the morning clouds covered the summit, so we climbed it again in the afternoon and had a last, wonderful view over the hills and valleys of North Wales.

N. J. P.

A REFLECTION.

How nice it would bea
If the sea
All the way down
Was brown,
And deposited this shaid
On man and maid.
We would then have no need to purchase innumerable varieties of sun-tan lotion
When we could obtain all the sun-tan we, or anyone else, would need, from the
otion.

ME(N)ANDER.

ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORT SOCIETY.

Meetings have been held regularly after school on Mondays throughout the winter term in the Biology Lecture Room. Attendances have been good, and the lectures, which have all been given by members, have generally been of a high standard.

The outdoor activities of the Society have not been neglected, visits to places of engineering and transport interest being combined with walks of varying lengths through some of the more picturesque parts of the local countryside.

There have been two Youth Hostel trips since Christmas. At half-term a small party composed mainly of the younger members visited the Peak District, and on the last day saw something of the Sheffield tramway system, one of the most efficient in Great Britain. At Easter another party visited the site of the Roman Wall in Northumberland, and included in its itinerary a visit to the transport systems of Sunderland and Gateshead, which are among the most interesting still in existence.

A highly successful innovation last term was the E.T.S. Library, which has grown amazingly during an extremely short period. The library has been very popular, particularly among the younger members of the Society. In order to acquire some of the more expensive transport publications, a subscription of 6d. per term has been inaugurated for every member who uses the library regularly.

Before concluding we should like to thank Mr. Forbes for the enthusiasm and interest he has shown in the work of the Society.

G. H. JONES, P. M. HOWLETT, A. S. McINDOE.

STUDENT CHRISTIAN GROUP.

Since last year's Student Christian Conference, girls from Blackburne House have attended our weekly meetings. Many members have taken part in the discussion meetings, and we feel that these have been profitable to all.

From time to time also we have listened to outside speakers. Particular mention must be made of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Liverpool. Other speakers include the Rev. P. D. Humphries, the Rev. T. C. Baird, Major Ian Thomas, and Major W. Caldwell.

During the Christmas holiday a social evening was arranged. This proved to be far more successful than had been expected.

Our thanks are again due to our Chairman, Mr. Watson.

A. R. PUGH, P. B. QUINE.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

Cambridge.

The Editor, The Liverpool Institute Magazine.

Sir,—With barely one week to Tripas you dare to demand a letter, a letter to be written, Sir, in a vein of humorous banter, of "Tatler"-like scandal, of "Sketch"-like wit. With the terrible possibility of having to start earning our own livings in the cold world beyond these walls, humour is noticeably absent. Unfortunately, Sir, you must be obeyed.

Those members of our august body who are essentially ephemeral consist of Mr. Stewart, the aged recluse of Pembroke, his chic companion, Mr. Warbrick, and Mr. Pugh, who is a model of domesticity and in consequence out of circulation. Then there is the gay company of Messrs. Baird and Macphail. The former, our resident Peter Pan, seems to have developed ornithological tastes beyond his apparent years; Mr. Macphail hides his light behind some bristle which trembles violently at every one of his frequent greetings in the streets. The other Elder Brother is Mr. Evans; he has acquired a motor cycle; we hope his insurance policy is fully paid-up.

Of the younger brethren, Mr. Griffith, whose army career begins very soon, remains aloof. Mr. Barter's life seems to consist of preparing for, going to, and recovering from, sherry-parties. Some of his anecdotes are so weak that even his rich voice cannot help them. He will be a lawyer eventually. Messrs. Craig and Sweeney live over the kitchens. Mr. Craig dances, and is believed to be looking for his famous "greasy pole" again, this time in Portugal. Mr. Sweeney has been seen in the street with a scythe.

We are well represented at the "Bull." Mr. Nott specializes in high dives into the Cam late at night from third-floor windows in dubious circumstances. Mr. Sharpe accompanies him but confines his suicidal activities to the Air Squadron. Mr. Blackstock, the semi-civilian, rows and exhibits his scarred hands proudly. Mr. Waddington is believed to be somewhere near Mr. Parry, behind locked doors at Caius.

Mr. Boss, one of five semi-exiles, plays in and on the Cam, both voluntarily and accidentally. At the other end of the town are two hermits of Downing. Mr. Eedle heads happily and rapidly for domestication. His attempts to raise funds by acting as punter to other gentlemen have met with

a minimum of success. Mr. Durband has an enviable figure for these days, and lives as quietly and respectably as Mr. Leak across the river. Lastly, Mr. Jacob, whose sojourn at Selwyn is reputed to be the reason for the newly-constructed reinforcement to the entrance at Newnham.

Such, Sir, is our community today. To those who will join us in October from School, and to those more hoary members from the Forces, we extend a warm welcome, and hope to reveal their weaknesses in future exertions.

Meanwhile, we remain, Sir,

Yours in haste and repentance,

CANTABRIENSIS.

OXFORD LETTER.

Oxford, May, 1950.

The Editor, The Liverpool Institute Magazine.

Sir,—The time, it appears, has come round again when a brief survey of the Oxford microcosm is required. The candid eye of your observer must again be closed as he records the "res gestæ" of this noble band.

Since my learned colleague last addressed himself to the task of adorning your columns, an event of unparalleled magnificence has taken place in our midst—the celebration of our Annual Dinner. Oxford gasped, Sir, as the solemn procession, gleaming in white and black, passed from Jesus College to the Roebuck Inn; but once arrived, our members were seen to be like other men in the way in which they applied themselves to the banquet. Only the pen of Pope (or the "Take it From Here" programme) could capture the gaiety of that scene, only that of Dr. Johnson could do justice to the Headmaster's Ciceronian periods or Mr. F. C. Francis's Attic grace as they addressed us. Indeed, Sir, it was with some surprise (albeit agreeable) that we learned that the latter owed allegiance to our sister University. The evening was all too short, but the event memorable.

Our members, I am happy to say, thrive like the green bay tree. The most striking feature of the scene is the strong hold we have taken on Brasenose, where no less than one-quarter of our numbers pursue their various activities. Mr. Gallimore is become uncommonly elegant, while his twin, Mr. Bardsley, seems to have forsaken ordinary colours for the blanched white of cricket almost entirely. Mr. Chalmers has lost his normal composure and is beginning to take life seriously. Mr. Cass becomes more dignified as the days roll by. Mr. McKie, alas! was burnt out in the Great Blaze of Brasenose, but rumour has it that he beams lenigly as ever in a secret closet far from the madding crowd.

Mr. Shaw-Smith, over in University, has taken to writing fairy stories in the intervals of being profound; but Mr. MacDowall (Corpus Christi) and Mr. Noonan (New College) take wing all too seldom from whatever empyrean they occupy today. Could it be, Sir, could it be that they have taken to *working*? Mr. Willeox is benevolently absent-minded and flits agreeably through the Merton quads. Mr. Hugill of Worcester is shortly due to qualify as a Thames boatman, and meantime charms as much as ever. Mr. Strapps and Mr. Pierce represent our interests at St. Edmund's Hall, the former proliferating musically as much as ever, the latter joying in the advent of the cricket season. Mr. Carr, our ancient of days from Merton, pursues neuroses and things in the suburbs of Oxford. Our other Don, Mr. Kneale, has disappeared from Exeter on sabbatical leave. If I knew what that meant, I should tell you, but all I do know is that it is more than a long week-end.

Finally, Sir, my pen falters as the time comes to mention those who must shortly leave us. Those dire spinners of men's fates, the Examiners, have sent forth their adamantine fiat. Mr. Alan Brown, Mr. Alan Parker, Mr. Robert Dodd, Mr. John Little, and Mr. Arthur Parry must be taken from us, though it is our fervent hope that one of them will return to us next year. Their wit, their social graces, their loyalty—what can replace these? Send us such men again, Sir, and we in Oxford shall be grateful. We wish them all prosperity and envy those who succeed to the pleasure of their company.

On this note, as befits the ending of the academic year, I draw to a close. Rest assured, Sir, that the fair name of the School in Oxford is not tarnished (it seems to have been chromium-plated). Once again we salute you.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant.
NOMEN IN CAMERA.

SIXTH FORM SCIENCE SOCIETY.

During the past term the activities of the Society have been limited, owing to the uncertainty of the arrangements for the February examinations.

One visit took place, on the half-term holiday, to the Shell Oil Refineries at Stanlow, which are so extensive that we had to use a motor coach to enable us to see even a small part of the installations.

At the beginning of the term the Chairman, Mr. Doughty, gave us a most interesting demonstration of "Some of the Errors of the Senses," assisted by K. H. Turner as a willing subject.

For our final meeting J. D. Wray gave an original and very instructive demonstration of the tiny, but obviously extremely powerful engines used in model aircraft.

The Society offers its deep sympathy to its Treasurer, K. J. Warbrick, who is in hospital suffering from rheumatic fever. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

It is hoped to hold one or two meetings and visits after Higher School Certificate, which may provide some compensation for the lack of activity during the rest of the term.

R. PORTER.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

During the Spring term members have had the opportunity of hearing a number of highly interesting and instructive lantern lectures and of seeing demonstrations, the material for which was provided by Messrs. Ilford Ltd. and Messrs. Johnson Ltd. In addition Mr. W. H. Jones has held tutorial classes dealing with various technical processes, such as the development of negatives and prints.

There is now a large number of reference books and periodicals in the Photographic Library, which is open in the Biology Room every Tuesday and Thursday during the dinner-hour. The books may be borrowed for periods of one week.

The dark room, which is moderately well equipped with apparatus, including a good enlarger, may be used every Wednesday and Friday evening, and on other evenings by appointment.

The Society has recently received from Mr. Heathcote, one of our Governors, various articles of photographic apparatus and several reference books for the library. For this gift the Society is very grateful and as an immediate result of Mr. Heathcote's generosity, classes in Pigment Printing will be arranged during next session.

It is hoped to run an excursion by motor-coach during the last week of term.

The number of prints entered for the "Spring" Competition was disappointing. On the whole, members have not made full use of the facilities and services which have been provided for them, and for which they have paid. For the Photographic Society to be a real success every member must take an active part in its proceedings; otherwise its chief aim—to help members to create good photographs—will not be achieved.

R. PORTER.

THROUGH A COTTAGE WINDOW.

As I looked through the latticed pane
At the old and idle water-wheel
By the stream, now swollen with rain,
I thought of the miller and his men;
Their aprons whiter than the meal,
And the sacks they filled, and filled again.

But now the mill in ruin stands,
And we forget the miller's zeal,
The skill and labour of his hands
And the turning, splashing water-wheel.

J. B. TAYLOR, L5A.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Since our last notice the membership of the Society has increased, but on no great scale. There is no doubt that the number of stamp-collectors in the School is many times greater than the total membership of the Society, but a general apathy towards joining is all too apparent. There can be no question of an uninteresting programme driving away prospective members, as the record of the past term clearly indicates the varied selection of topics discussed during meetings.

Last term there were three talks, given by W. L. Pugh on "Flaws and Errors in British Stamps"; G. E. Gilroy on "Stamps of Great Britain"; and T. F. R. Goodwin and M. A. Maginsky on "Design in Postage Stamps." There were also two competitions, the winners of which were Pugh, Staples and Livingstone; Howlett and Christie. We also had a film-show at the end of the term.

We hope that greater interest will be shown in the Society next September.

G. E. SILVERMAN.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

The Annual Dinner of the Old Boys' Association, to mark the 125th Anniversary of the Foundation of the School, was attended by nearly a hundred and fifty Old Boys. The Lord Mayor and the Chief Constable were our guests, and many travelled from the South of England to be present.

One of those present, R. E. Williams (1918), had spent the previous week in his capacity as H.M.I. inspecting part of the work of the School.

N. H. Howlett (1945) landed from abroad just in time to come with his father, S. H. (1907).

"Taffy" Ellis, looking as young as ever; and H. A. Baxter were both there.

A. D. Baxter (1927) at present Superintendent of the R.A.F. rocket propulsion station at Westcott, is shortly to take charge of teaching aircraft propulsion at the College of Aeronautics, Cranfield.

A. J. Peters (1934) visited the School recently. He is now an educational officer with the Colonial Service, and has just completed a spell of duty in the Seychelles.

P. H. Doughty (1938) was last year awarded first prize in the final examination of the Timber Development Association Ltd., in Timber Technology. Over two hundred candidates entered from various parts of the country.

T. B. Walker has been awarded the M.B.E. for his work while in charge of the explosives site at the R.A.F. base at Seletar, Malaya.

We have heard news of F. R. Hodson (1949) who is now serving with the Photographic Section, Joint Intelligence Bureau. Since December last he has been stationed at G.H.Q., Melf, Fayed, in the Canal Zone of Egypt.

Those who remember J. D. Evans (1943) will be interested to hear of his recent achievements at Cambridge. He obtained a starred first in Part II of the Archaeology Tripos last year, and was awarded a College Foundation Scholarship and Research Studentship. At the same time he was elected to the Anthony Wilkin Studentship for Archaeology and Ethnology. This is a University Studentship. He is at present engaged on research into the archaeology of Spain, particularly the Bronze Age.

P. Jacob (1948) did not go to Singapore, to his great sorrow. He is now out of the Forces and looking forward to going to Selwyn next October. B. Davis (1948) has also recently been demobbed; for part of his eighteen months he was stationed at Hong Kong.

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