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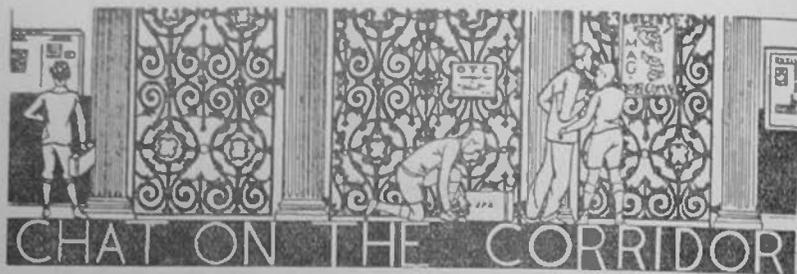
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Editorial.

TO bid adieu in these, our last words, to the School Magazine is an unenvied task. We realise that we have been highly privileged; not only did we prolong our allotted span of office, but we saw the Golden Jubilee. But the Magazine, of which the School can justly be proud, deserves every effort. We have never envied for one moment the Editors of those many journals which have come our way from elsewhere. Rather the distinct quality of our own Magazine has, like the Athenian constitution, served as a model for others, has proved to be a positive influence in determining the character of those who have followed our example.

The unique function of the Magazine in the School was manifest by the Golden Jubilee. The success our last number established among Old Boys we hope in the future to consolidate. We should like now to thank all the friends who assisted us in our Jubilee, and make known our sincere appreciation of the efforts that have been rewarded by success. And now, with sad regret, we take from our head the Crown, battered though it may be, yet resplendent in its many glories. With our sincere wishes for all that is good in the future, we pass the regalia and keys of office into the hands of our successor.

There, it is done. The Editorial anonymity remains, as ever, inscrutable, unchanging, inexorable.



ONCE more we head our notes with a subject which transcends our usual Corridor Chat. Evacuation schemes are a grim reminder that international affairs are still in a state of critical tension. We hope that no occasion to use the schemes has been, or will be, presented, but if the crisis ever arose, we are confident that the School would conduct its affairs with a discipline and self-restraint that would be an example to other civilians.

To turn to brighter subjects, we must mention the Prefects' Ragtime Entertainments. Eight dinner-hour shows is a record worthy of respect, and our congratulations go out to pianists, crooners, instrumentalists, players, international table tennis stars, Bee competitors, to our conjurer Captain Nathan, and to all who contributed to make the series a great success. We must not forget the actors who presented the dramatic serial, and thank the heroes of the secret service who captured Cecil in the midst of his dastardly work in the last minute of the last instalment.

We welcomed the two afternoon lectures given this term. Mr. R. H. Turner's lantern lecture on "John Bunyan" was delivered with great sincerity and vigour. The Schubert afternoon was delightful—we hope to hear the artists once again one of these days.

The electricians have invaded the School last term; we gather the School is under process of general overhaul. They even say Black Maria, the P.R. stove, is to be renovated. It is a wonderful world!

A. Carr and the late School Captain recently had their voices recorded for the Youth Week programme at the Tatler News Theatre.

On March 2nd and 3rd the whole School was out at Greenbank and Mersey Road, during the occupation of the School by Junior City Scholarship candidates.

The big event of the term has of course been the School Exhibition on March 18th. Accounts of this show and of the production of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* will be found in later pages.

At the end of last term the School lost J. W. Saunders, the School Captain. He is off to Australia and South Africa for five months. We wish him *bon voyage!*

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The School Exhibition, 1939.

THE outstanding success of this year's Exhibition was a great tribute to the organisers of this unique School function.

On March 18th the Societies took charge of the School building; strange were the processions down the corridors, stranger the pots, pegs and props that were carried about in ceremonial efficiency.

There was the Music Room, occupied by the Choral and Orchestral Society, with photographed reminiscences of past operas. Next door the L.N.U. held sway, with an admirable display of posters and pamphlets. The Working Models were a great favourite; we wonder whether any one solved that trick of the running water. The map-room was a model of painstaking neatness. We would have liked to enter in the Philatelic Competition, but time was very pressing. The more we see of the Photographic art the more we are convinced of our own ignorance. The art rooms provided considerable variety and wide representation; the industry of every entrant is to be commended. Passing down the corridor, we visited the Magazine stall, which was doing good business, and ogled at our favourite film star resplendent in the Film Society display. We must say that we profoundly disagree with the Macalister Society's opinion of ties, though prepared to condemn to the fires of destruction those mantelpiece horrors. The Scouts next door took us by surprise; we had hardly expected to find a whole tent erected there. The handicraft section again filled us with awe and admiration for the ability which could produce such a beautiful display. The O.T.C. room attracted considerable attention and, we hope,

proved thoroughly successful. Down in the Basement, having successfully interpreted the one-way notices, we came across the Biology laboratory, most scientifically laid out, and in the Gymnasium successful displays of the Gymnastic art.

Here are the individual prize-winners in each of the Sections :

...	(1) N. W. Jenkins (o) U.4.
...	(2) N. H. Wilshaw (o) Rx.
Handicraft	(1) A. Singleton (T) U.4.
...	(2) G. B. Kitson (T) U.4.
Maps	(1) J. W. Hanlan (P) and K. H. Wilkinson (o) Bsc.
...	R. V. Roberts (T) Rc.
...	(2) V. E. Dawson (P) 4c.
...	E. A. Dodgson (o) 4c.
Photography	(1) G. H. Townend (P) Asc.
...	(2) G. H. Townend (P) Asc.
...	K. H. Wilkinson (o) Bsc.
Philatelic	(1) M. L. Hope-Stone (A) Rsc.
...	A. Carr (A) 6a.
...	(2) A. C. Levinson (o) Rsc.
...	P. R. de Gouchey (T) Rsc.
Working Models	(1) K. H. Wilkinson (o) Bsc., G. C. Wilkinson (o) 4sc.
...	(2) R. W. McCleave (o) 5c.
...	J. Ruthven (T) U.4.
L.N.U. Posters	Senior—G. G. Saunders (P) Rx.
...	Junior—W. D. Chalmers (c) 1c.
Plays	Alfred Holt—F. N. Cave, S. Gardner, Am; G. F. Jones, 5c; R. B. Chalmers, 4c.
...	Tate—D. Halewood, Ac; G. T. Hughes, Am;
...	J. A. L. Barlow, 5sc.
...	Owen—G. MacGuire and R. V. Olsen, Ac.

The House Competition resulted as follows :—

Philatelic	(1) Alfred.	(2) Owen.
Working Models	(1) Owen.	(2) Philip.
Maps	(1) Owen.	(2) Philip.
Photographic	(1) Philip.	(2) Owen.
Handicraft	(1) Tate.	(2) Alfred.
Plays	(1) Alfred.	(2) Tate.

The final positions were :—

1. Owen	...	31 points.
2. Alfred	...	24 "
3. Philip	...	23 "
4. Tate	...	18 "

The Junior School Competition was won by Danson, with Hughes second, and Cochran third.

Sooner or later everybody found himself in the Hall to see the House Plays. The high standard achieved by all four houses alike and the hard work put into the production must have made

adjudication a difficult task. But we personally believe that the result was the right one.

Philip Holt came first with " Snobs " by E. Temple Thurston. The stage setting's excellent contrast was attained by studied attention to detail. H. T. Muskett, as the butler, was appropriately unbending in the execution of so many complicated duties. G. E. Gregory was convincing as Herbert Bradbury, but both he and his wife (R. Kaye), who delicately executed a difficult part, suffered from an occasional inaudibility and a slight stiffness of stage sense. J. W. Saunders, did not look a convict, but then he was Lord William Savile as well! His voice and experience were valuable assets to the dramatic tone of this play. K. Beastall, as the warder, did what he was supposed to do; there is no greater tribute.

The second play was Tate's production of " Birds of a Feather," by J. O. Francis. Again the setting was successful, though entirely different, by the full use of the darkened stage. G. T. Hughes, playing Tom Tinker, possessed a fine sense of humour, unspectacular but expressive. J. A. L. Barlow, as Dicky Bach Dowl had an individual success. It is not easy to portray emotion on the stage, and the correct sense of the imaginative, but this study was convincing. W. A. Mitchell, as the keeper, used his voice in powerful contrast to that of the two poachers. The Bishop of Mid-Wales (D. Halewood) too used his voice well; perhaps throughout he was not fatigued enough to suit the circumstances, but as a Bishop—church not chapel—he left nothing to be desired.

" Compromise " by Ronald Gow was Owen's play. The most remarkable point about the production here was the full use of the stage for placing. There was none of the mechanical in the changing positions. G. MacGuire and R. V. Olsen, as the Painter and Joiner, worked admirably together as specimens of the British working man. The farcical element was not too overdone. H. A. Jones portrayed a young doctor in love with the correct tact; perhaps his stage sense was embarrassed occasionally by the words. E. A. Nieman, as Mary, was not afraid of her part, was forthright and yet did not forget the delicacy of her part. Of B. A. Willis we always expect a polished performance; as Gerald, his stage experience once more stood him in good stead.

The last play was Alfred Holt's production of " The Scarecrow " by J. A. Ferguson. We believe that this play deserved its victory; it had difficulties the other plays escaped, and so must have more credit. Tate came nearest, but then they had no " women " in the play at all. Alfred had the two best

"women" of the whole programme. G. F. Jones' old woman was for us the most admirable performance of all; her dialect was at any rate convincing, and the emphasis, and vigour of her interpretation assisted to a thoroughly realistic portrayal. R. B. Chalmers, as her daughter, was none the less convincing. His dress particularly was excellent, while his voice, despite its inconsistencies, conveyed extraordinary stress. He made love with complete credibility. F. N. Cave's Policeman had much work to do; it was a part which required considerable study and intelligence. Apart from the Irish dialect, we could find nothing wrong. A. W. Poole played the title part; his anonymity was only equalled by his efficiency. The production was particularly good, and the general use of the stage exemplary.

Then we all went home. All who assisted to the outstanding success of the whole Exhibition deserve congratulations. Everybody, we feel sure, had a finger in the pie somewhere, but our especial thanks are due to Mr. Folland, in his capacity as general factotum, and head chef of a very tasty dish.

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Bach's St. Matthew Passion.

Presented by the Liverpool Institute Choral Society, in the School Hall, on Monday and Tuesday, April 3rd and 4th, 1939.

IT was with a feeling of sincere awe and respect that we set out to write a few words in appreciation of the Choral Society's latest achievement. We feel sure that here we must abandon the usual procedure of these critiques and merely set down our own impressions as the Society and Orchestra built up this magnificent edifice of music. To depart into the technical mishaps that occurred, or into considered comments on the work of the soloists, would be almost impertinent. Here then are our impressions, just as they happened to come to us.

The Orchestra began strongly, while the Choir were rather more timid. The audience naturally were very slow to take part. The tenor (Mr. Ben Crompton) possessed a sweet quality of tone and clear diction. The piano was tactfully subdued. Mr. James T. Williams, the bass, sang with sympathy and sincerity: his understanding was impressed on the audience. The first aria was given a studied and intelligent rendering by Miss Dorothy Reid, the contralto. The Choir were still just slightly hesitant in time. Aria No. 19 was pleasing; Miss Emily Evans, the soprano, has a natural sweetness of tone. The woodwind was not coming across well owing to a tendency to hurry. The

audience gradually entered into the spirit of the chorales. No. 26 was valiantly traversed by the tenor; the Chorus were much more impressive. No. 33 was obviously difficult; firm conducting by Mr. Young added strength when it was needed. The Chorus, Orchestra and Organ combined magnificently here. The Chorale, No. 35, was very moving; particularly we admired the first flute; it was a strong and perfect ending to the first part.

The Chorus settled down to more admirable work in the second part, and a passing feeling of dissatisfaction with the violins was retrieved and atoned for by some delightful work before the Aria No. 47; the pizzicato work by the 'cellos was excellent; this Aria as a whole was particularly admirable with perfect combination by orchestra and soloist. The soprano in No. 57 was once more naturally sweet, assisted by the valiant first flute, which showed very fine constraint. From this point minor mishaps were forgotten and there was scarcely a touch that was not pleasing, except perhaps for an occasional dilatoriness from the 'cellos. The closing passages were restrained, but brisk, played with confidence and success. The whole *Passion* was deeply moving; impressive without being grandiose; sincere, faithful, and wholly pleasing.

For the noble achievement we thank all who took part—the Soloists who had so much that was a real test and a challenge; the Orchestra (Leader, Mrs. Knight); the Choir, of all voices and degrees; and the Conductor, Mr. L. G. Young, whose firm strength through the whole evening made of the *Passion* a majestic success.

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Old Boys' Section.

THANK you for your support of the Golden Jubilee Number! If the fine response can be maintained, the Magazine may look forward to the future with every confidence. Would you care to send us any information you have? It is only by your letters that we can maintain the interest of this Section.

We regret to record the death of Mr. T. Rowland Hughes, a former High Sheriff of Caernarvonshire and until last year a Magistrate for Liverpool, who died on his ninety-first birthday at his home, Plas Iolyn, Conway.

We were very interested in the discussion in the Press on the question of our oldest Old Boy. We had intended to com-

pile some form of record, but could not do so in time. Perhaps it would be only discreet to remain out of the ring with such redoubtable opponents.

W. N. Fraser has sent us a letter in which he says:—

"Thank you very much for sending the Jubilee Number of the School Magazine. It is very interesting to me, because I was with Sir F. M. Baddeley in the Commercial School in the same Form, along with H. C. Hilton. I moved to the High School in 1890 with an exhibition, when Mr. Alfred Hughes succeeded the Rev. J. Sephton. When I was in Form VI. I was made secretary of the first Library, and in a very old copy of the Magazine there was this statement about the Library: '*Wilhelm der Machtig has it in hand.*' Mr. A. Hughes would not allow this to be printed, because he thought it was written about Mr. William Snow, who was then Classical master in the High School. When it was pointed out to him it was only W. N. Fraser, he withdrew his opposition.

"I remember Sir R. Burn, J. B. Dale, H. E. Long, Kenthack the Rigger player, who helped to beat Merchant Taylors and gained the Shield in 1891. I remember J. T. Lewis (Maths. master), J. A. Owen, Mr. Bock, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Burton, Mr. Caldicott, Mr. Brain (who used to take the names of boys who were late), Mr. Balmer, Mr. R. G. Flett, Mr. E. B. Ewart, and a great many more. I met the Rev. H. H. Symonds in the Lake District last year at Grasmere.

"The School is a great one and I shall always be glad I was a member of it. I remember walking down the corridor with T. H. Creighton and J. H. Grace in 1891, and suddenly Tommy Creighton said to Grace: 'What's the matter with Fraser, is there anyone dead in his house?' I said, 'No, how do you make that out?' Creighton said, 'I thought there must be, his pants are *half-mast.*'

We report the following successes in Liverpool University examinations:—Faculty of Medicine: Degrees of M.B. and Ch.B., first examination, Part B (General Biology); U. B. H. Baruch, J. Gould; Degrees of M.B. and Ch.B., second examination: V. L. Cooper, K. C. Fulton. School of Dental Surgery: Degree of B.D.S., second examination, Part A: G. Bate (Physiology, including Biochemistry and Histology); C. A. Martinez (with Distinction), J. N. Bywell (Dental Anatomy, Dental Physiology, and Dental Histology); Licence in Dental Surgery, second examination, Part A: R. N. Prysor-Jones (Anatomy, Dental Anatomy, Dental Physiology and Dental Histology, Physiology). Faculty of Medicine: Diploma in Public Health, Part I: J. Leiper, M.B., Ch.B.

And now another poetic contribution from J. P. Pearce, about the School in 1892-8, entitled "Memories."

I remember "Jack and his chip cart,"
"Sam, with his tuppenny ices";
I used to attempt to wheedle them
To reduce their normal prices.

We had eightpence allowed—for dinner;
There were whines, yea and repinings,
When we'd squandered half our allowance
Before we got to "*The Dinings!*"

I seldom played cricket or football,
And I never obtained a prize;
Nor even a School Certificate,
And "Euclid" I still, sir, despise!

I was always "top" in "history"!
But at "sums"—well—I didn't count.
I played "ringing bells" in Percy Street,
And I fought on Saint James' Mount.

We sang in "the Hall" with Vic Bulmer,
And I tapped on the Master's door.
I sometimes chatted on corridors!
And poured ink on the new laid floor.

We sang "*Dulce Domum*" so gaily;
And sang in a scholarly way;
Now, forty years on, we remember
"John Peel"—and "The Vicar of Bray."

Our homework we (sometimes) accomplished,
(Sometimes it was done by our Dads).
We, sometimes, spoke "French" like a teacher
—And, sometimes, like Lancashire lads.

We drew pretty scenes on the blackboard,
And sometimes a cat or a mule!
We "pictured" ourselves in "mortar boards,"
And we snowballed another school.

Just over the road, was a tuck-shop,
And Lewis was going his rounds!—
Discovered me—under the counter—
And maintained I was "out-of-bounds."

Our "chemistry" was an adventure!
And so was our "physics," as well;
"Experiments" lead to explosions
—With always the chance of a "smell."

Oh! happy the days of our boyhood,
And this we can never refute.
So great were the comrades we "chummed" with
At The Liverpool Institute.

And, now, in old age, we look backward,
We remember days that have been!
And so we recall them (in verses)
In the dear old School Magazine.

Two ex-School Chess captains have won their way to many honours recently. C. Leak ('38) has been chosen to play for Oxfordshire and Oxford University, R. C. Nairn ('37), for the Merseyside Open Champion, for Lancashire and Liverpool University. Both players have been chosen to represent the British Universities in a team of eleven against the Dutch Universities in Holland. Our congratulations!

J. W. Morris, K.C., who took silk in 1935, and has twice contested the Ilford Parliamentary Division as a Liberal, has been appointed Deputy-Chairman of Caernarvon County Quarter Sessions.

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House Notes.

ALFRED HOLT.—I can only repeat that the House has put up an excellent performance in all its activities and shows every promise of maintaining its success in the future. D. NODEN.

Owen.—The House has every reason to congratulate itself upon its successes this term. Although we did not succeed in producing even a full team in the Senior Horsfall Cup Competition, in all other branches of School sport we have done very well. The Gymnasium team came second in a hard-fought Competition, the Senior fives team has carried all before it, the House Chess team has every prospect of winning the Paul Limerick Trophy, and, by the united efforts of the whole House, by what has been called for generations "House spirit," we came top in the Hobby Show.

Next term come the cricket competitions, the swimming competition, and the Sports. In the cricket competitions we have little to fear, but only by the initial efforts of the whole House can we win the other two. Please remember that.

J. G. VICKERS

Philip Holt.—Congratulations, Philip, on a solid effort to make up for lost ground! Our steeplechase runners, Senior and Junior, and particularly the individual winners, Myerscough and Buckley, well earned our congratulations for a job nobly done. Our chess team, too, has won great victories against high odds, and our Soccer teams were very unlucky to lose in such a fashion after reaching the finals of the Horsfall and Whitehouse Cups. Though materially unrewarded, the House put up a good show at the Exhibition. Next term we have

swimming, cricket and the Sports. A great effort is needed to retain the Sports Shield, which we won last year, but with united determination Philip will win through once more.

For my part I must say good-bye. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve the House. I wish my successor good fortune and the House the very best for the future.

J. W. SAUNDERS.

Tate.—The successes won by Tate House during the past term speak for themselves—the Boxing Competition, the Gymnasium Competition, the Junior Steeplechase and the Whitehouse Cup and Aggregate Championship for Association Football. Each member of the House must determine to make his own individual effort to maintain this excellent record next term. W. E. HESLOP.

Vale.

J. W. SAUNDERS.—Entered 1931, 3x (Philip Holt); Prefect, May, 1937; House Captain, 1938-9; School Captain, 1938-9. Literary and Debating Society, Secretary, 1937-8-9. League of Nations Union, Chairman and Secretary, 1937-8-9; Inter-Schools Junior Committee, Chairman, 1938-9; Editor of *Pax*, 1938; Winner School and Inter-Schools Speech Competitions, 1938-9. School Play 1934-6. Magazine, Sub-Editor, 1936-7; Editor, 1937-8-9. School Certificate (exempt. Matric.), 1935; Higher School Certificate, 1937. 38 (distinction in English Literature). Sir Frederick Radcliffe Prize for Elocution (Senior), 1938. Samuel Booth Prize for English Literature, 1938. Open Exhibition in English Literature to St. John's College, Oxon., 1938; Special Scholarship, 1939; School Leaving Exhibition, 1939.

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Literary and Debating Society.

Debate on Scientific Progress.

A meeting of the Society was held in the Board Room, on Tuesday, January 24th, at 7-0 o'clock, with Mr. Moore in the chair.

Committee members absent were H. Hargreaves and C. V. Jones. The two sets of minutes were read and signed without alteration.

E. M. Felgate was then called upon to propose that "The benefits of scientific progress have proved to be far greater than its disadvantages." He apologised if his speech would appear a mere catalogue of facts, and went on to quote numerous examples of indisputable advantages, with

regard to transport, communications, industry, education, medicine and surgery. Such examples the opposition could not bring, and the weight of facts must weigh the balance. D. Ellwand in opposition quoted Einstein, and blamed inventors for the abuse of scientific discoveries. He was condescending enough to admit numerous advantages, but these were all outweighed by disadvantages in other spheres. The advance of medicine on the one hand was cancelled out by the spread of disease on the other. Science was as yet only a means of going backwards, but, assuming a prophetic air, he forecast a Utopia of the future.

R. Brearley then added his scientific wisdom to support the motion. He blamed the opposer for sophistry and murmured about Einstein and socialism. It was not the fault of science that men had misused it. He described the life of the opposer in a non-scientific age and declared that only silly Sectarianism could support the opposition. D. Halewood, in seconding the opposition recited with breathless rapidity "the man who said damn." The "Brave New World" might be true, and there was a real danger to the mind. He attacked the ignorance of the British bourgeoisie, and subsided into his chair exclaiming "Buy a pound of culture."

In Public Debate, S. Lipton said it was all a foregone conclusion. There was no more uncertainty about the future now than there was in the days of the Cave Man. B. V. Anderson quibbled about the word "proved," but decided to be optimistic. A. G. Parker, however, for the opposition objected strongly to scientific stereotyping. H. Kushner then reminded the Society that the Englishman of Victorian Times was not as happy as he of To-day, but Elizabeth's day had been the happiest of all. Science was to be blamed for the deterioration. E. C. Colville was exasperated with the "utter drivel" of both sides. He preferred civilization without science, to the Russian science without civilization. C. Alexander declared that "what the eye don't see the heart don't grieve," and there was little difference in the death rate of to-day and that of "olden times." S. Gardner agreed that what we have we cherish. We must either stifle science or continue to progress. Anyway the proletariat did have brains. H. T. Muskett made three points. There was a universal desire for peace, cancer was not a new disease, and the Russian communist considered the bourgeois the lowest of the low. A. Packter, who deplored the Society's ignorance of science, compared the civilization of to-day with that of three thousand years ago. The scientist was not responsible for chaos. A. Carr had a "hunch" that the opposition had it all wrong. The disadvantages were infinitesimal when compared to the benefits. G. T. Hughes was not convinced, but had much to say about deaths on the road. F. W. Myerscough lauded the spread of education and art, and defended the bourgeois. The scientist as an assimilator of knowledge was a great benefit to mankind. R. G. Denig asserted that the only way to decide was by comparing lists of advantages and disadvantages, but J. W. Saunders was convinced already. Ours was an age of exultation, and science was responsible for a more virtuous life. Going on to the inspiration of Deanna Durbin, he sat down murmuring "Gosh! isn't science wonderful!" M. P. Varey, in a maiden speech, drew a distinction between science and pseudo science, and commented upon the increased expectation of life to-day.

In summing up for the opposition, D. Ellwand said that the proposition had resorted to false arguments and abuse. Whatever the nature of science its results had always proved disadvantageous. In reply, E. M. Felgate once more defended the bourgeoisie, and announced his mistrust of Mr. Huxley. His first arguments must win the debate.

The motion was carried by 35 votes to 9—the largest majority since October, 1934. The meeting then adjourned.

Debate on Co-Education.

A meeting of the Society was held in the Boardroom on Tuesday, February 7th, at 7 o'clock, with Mr. Moore in the chair.

After D. Ellwand and H. Hargreaves had vainly criticised the minutes, they were signed with only one alteration being secured by R. Brearley. The Secretary then explained the position with regard to old minute books, and in spite of H. Hargreaves' displeasure the vote of thanks sarcastically proposed by R. G. Britten was carried (ha! ha!) by the Chairman's casting vote. A short conflict raged between the Secretaries and H. Kushner, but this was adjourned to give audible sanction to the presence of an Old Boy—C. N. Hammond. Committee member absent was C. V. Jones.

R. G. Britten was then called upon to propose that "*This House is in favour of Co-education*" (With reconciling words and courteous mien, Turning to sweet milk the sophist's spleen.) He appealed against prejudice and declared that the only differences between male and female psychology resulted from ages of servitude for women. Co-education would restore the balance. The war had shown the ability of women. Segregation must go. For the opposition, F. W. Myerscough (oh! star-eyed science hast thou wandered there, To waft us home the message of despair), declared the chief fault of modern education to be stereotyping. Co-education would only make it worse. What sex was the teacher to be? In our search for love we did not want psycho-analytical field glasses.

Seconding the motion, D. Halewood (A silent, shy, peace-loving man, He seemed no fiery partisan) asserted that mixed classes would be an incentive to increased work. He denounced modern political teaching, and deplored "hotel bar" unions, declaring his support for the motion. J. W. Saunders described education as a happy medium between work and play, which was not consistent with co-education. Social education was marred by premature sophistication, and consequently one's permanent sense of values was destroyed.

In Public Debate, H. Hargreaves (The rattling tongue, Of saucy and audacious eloquence) summed up his attitude in the words "absence makes the heart grow fonder," and B. V. Anderson agreed that co-education led to an easier but less useful existence. Mr. C. N. Hammond was sure that England was growing Nazi, if segregation were to be approved. Co-education would encourage mental training. H. Kushner (Sweet, silent rhetoric of persuading eyes) urged frankness in facing the problem and loudly condemned the idea of romance as depicted on the films. S. Gardner agreed that co-education would bring healthy competition and would be beneficial to both sexes. Training in the impressionable age was necessary. G. T. Hughes asserted that co-education was widely practised in Wales with favourable results. Co-education should begin at home. R. Brearley further claimed that co-education would achieve social adaptability and eliminate lonely spinsters (Ah!) M. P. Varey was content to pour ridicule upon the athletic qualities of women. B. S. Gaffney declared the family to be a baneful influence, and deplored the influence of the parent. He looked forward to State controlled co-education. S. Lipton (Now the rich stream of music winds along) disputed about the time taken for School Certificate in various curricula, and asserted that the Universities were not co-educational.

R. G. Dening declared that it was co-operation not co-education that was needed, while A. W. Sharp, in a maiden speech, suggested that co-education would result only in failures in examinations. A. Packter (The moan of doves in immemorial choir, And murmuring of innumerable bees) instancing a certain Madame Curry praised co-education in the interests of proposers. Let women shew what they can do. J. Levitsky, in a maiden speech, asserted that present system of education was obviously wrong. He too favoured co-education. D. Noden, who declared co-education apparently unnecessary, urged the Society to vote against the intrusion of a gaggle of giggling girls. E. Wootton (I am no orator as Brutus is) painted the horrible picture of everybody in the School marrying each other. B. V. Jacob further asserted that co-education was not suitable for adolescents. A. G. Parker, the next speaker, expressed perfect satisfaction with the present system and feared that co-education would only spoil it. This time, A. Carr's "hunch" was for the motion. Segregation he asserted displaced one's sense of values. Life had a deeper purpose than functionalism, and true harmony required an early start. K. Beastall next declared that the virtue of co-education was that it made the change from School to office life seem less drastic.

Summing up for the opposition, P. W. Myerscough said that allowance should be made for the physical and mental differences between the sexes. Nature demanded a different form of education for each. Individuality must not be suppressed. In reply, R. G. Britten claimed that the similarities between the sexes were far more numerous than the dissimilarities. He quoted America to prove his case, and said that even tigers and lions were co-educated.

The motion was defeated by 29 votes to 23. The attendance being the largest since October, 1929. The meeting then adjourned.

Debate on Adversity and Success.

A meeting of the Society was held in the Boardroom on Tuesday, February 21st, at 7 o'clock, with Mr. Moore in the chair.

The minutes were signed without alteration. Committee members absent were R. Brearley and F. W. Myerscough.

J. W. Saunders was then called upon to propose that "*Adversity fosters a finer spirit than success.*" He described the motion as a spiritual one, and a challenge to nobility. Success demanded both a winner and a loser, of which the former could only enjoy material advantage, while the latter could seek refuge in the things of the spirit. Success meant complacency, adversity the humble and contrite heart, and the purer victory. Then followed the narration of an anecdote to prove the courage of poverty, and he concluded by saying it was not to General Franco that our hearts went out but to Haile Selassie, Dr. Benes, Negrin and Chiang Kai-Shak. In opposition, A. Carr reproached the proposer's sentimentality, and warned the Society of the danger of high-sounding, sententious remarks. Adversity would not engender a high spirit—witness Socrates!—and as often led to misery and dejection as it did to humility. He told of a mouse in the clutches of a cat. While he deplored the successful man who "sat on his laurels," he found adversity only bearable when there yet remained a possibility of success. Success was essential to world progress.

G. T. Hughes, seconding the motion, accused the opposer of lack of warmth of feeling. There would never be a substitute for mental strife. We did not admire the bloated capitalist, but the bird fighting against a gale. Adversity shows us our own faults and in short maketh Man. B. S. Gaffney, for the opposition, decried the previous speaker's

"high flown blather." The betrayal of Spain was making its people lethargic without any spirit of fight, while success in Russia was doing much for the people's morale. He even suggested that examination successes spurred on the candidate to greater effort.

In Public Debate E. M. Felgate opposed the motion by declaring that effects of Adversity and Success differed with contrasting natures, and H. Hargreaves begged the Society not to vote because the spiritual plane was as yet beyond our reach. D. Ellwand, as a confirmed materialist, embarked upon a bewildering treatise involving the rapid repetition of "effects" and "efficients," and a comparison of the effects of sand-paper on wood, blanc-mange and highly polished wood, after which he declared that he would abstain from voting. H. Kushner, describing himself as the *basso profundo* of the quartette, re-asserted the importance of character, and declared that we could not formulate an opinion without statistics. S. Gardner said that the fine spirit depended on ambition which in spiritual affairs was without cessation. All successful men were not Lady Wintertons, nor all suffering from adversity, miserable. D. Halewood recollecting from personal experience certain examination results found himself in support of the motion. E. C. Colville, though confessing to be a poor mathematician found the odds 2—1 against the motion, and decided to play for safety. R. I. Taylor asserted his support for the non-voters and sat down. A. Packter, with more subtle mathematics, found five alternative solutions, upon which basis he decided to abstain from voting. K. Stewart found that his personal experience, too, favoured support of the motion. C. Alexander favouring the happy medium found Adversity neither worse nor better than Success, and G. Cohen, while his own experiences supported the motion had observed in his friends just the opposite tendency.

A. Carr, in summing up, repeated his initial arguments. Success had far greater chances of fostering a fine spirit than adversity. After a long and complicated simile he repeated his convictions and sat down. In reply, J. W. Saunders protested that he was sincere not sentimental. He, too, repeated his former arguments and urged the Society not to be faint-hearted.

The motion was lost by 11 votes to 13, with 11 abstentions. The meeting then adjourned.

A Three-corned Debate.

A meeting of the Society was held in the Boardroom on Tuesday, March 7th, at 7 o'clock, with Mr. Moore in the chair.

After the reading of the minutes the only alteration was on the motion of S. Gardner that the number of abstentions be recorded. There was considerable confusion and a very lengthy discussion with numerous abortive attempts to clarify the position. After the business was finally settled a few more points were raised and D. Ellwand successfully talked out time, so that the minutes remained unsigned.

D. Ellwand was then called upon to propose—in a three-cornered debate—that "*The Football Pool is the greatest danger to Civilization.*" The subject, he said, was not as trivial as it seemed. It was a method for Capitalism to rob Peter, and to pay Paul only a fraction. The pool promoter did no good to justify his wealth. Pools required no intelligence and diverted attention from more important problems. H. Hargreaves, giving the case against "*Hollywood*," declared that all the good in the film was outside Hollywood, all the bad inside. The evils of the film could be destroyed by the destruction of Hollywood. Standardization, immorality, uselessness were the chief faults, and they were observable only to much lesser degree in the Press and the Football Pools. H.

Kushner, speaking against the "Daily Press," inveighed against capitalism, immorality, the publicity given to such figures as Barbara "Stan-wike," the hero-worshipping of criminals, the political bias and the fostering of party politics in general. He concluded with quotations from Kipling (via Wickham Steed) and Wickham Steed (via "Penguin.")

Audible sanction was then given to the presence of two Old Boys, Mr. A. Cohen, and Mr. H. R. Disley.

In Public Debate, K. Stewart asserted that Hollywood was not on the map, and that in his opinion cross-word pools were more beneficial than football pools. S. Gardner could level only the charge of escapism against either Hollywood or the Pools, but the Press was responsible for misconstruction of facts. The reform lay in education, but the Press was most dangerous. D. Halewood found the influence of the Press and of Hollywood negligible while the Football Pools were leading to an intellectual collapse. P. J. Gray asserted that any means of providing employment was a benefit, and H. T. Muskett, who indignantly refuted former arguments, decided against Football Pools. R. G. Britten asserted that Pools were purely negative, while Hollywood harmed a sense of values and the Press destroyed it. E. M. Felgate found gambling the worst of all evils, both to the individual and to the State, and consequently was influenced against the Football Pool. R. Brearley found Hollywood and the Press to be Public Services, while the effects of Pools were malignant in the extreme. This time, A. Carr's "hunch" was against the Press because of its wider influence, and he blamed it for the popularity both of Hollywood and the Pools. J. McCulloch, in a maiden speech, blamed previous speakers for exaggeration and attacked the Press. Next, Mr. A. Cohen confessed considerable pleasure in revisiting the Society, and he too was opposed to the Press. We had to decide whether Hollywood and Pools were themselves dangerous, or was it the Press that gave them publicity that was to blame. A. Packter also found the Press to be the worst of three evils.

H. Kushner, summing up the case against the Press, held up the B.B.C. news as an ideal of news-distribution and demanded wholesale reform of the present system. H. Hargreaves, against Hollywood, said that while the intelligentsia might avoid the dangers of the film, to the rest of the world it constituted the most potent danger. D. Ellwand, speaking against Football Pools blamed a bad educational system for the misuse of the Press, the misunderstanding of Hollywood, and the very existence of the Pools. The Pools should be totally abolished, the Press and Hollywood merely reformed.

The voting was—against the Football Pool, 16; against Hollywood, 2; against the Daily Press, 17; abstentions, 4. The meeting then adjourned.

Debate on Patriotism.

A meeting of the Society was held in the Boardroom on Tuesday, March 21st, at 7 o'clock, with Mr. Moore in the chair.

First as regards the unsigned minutes of February 21st, C. Alexander and R. G. Britten obtained two further alterations, and the minutes were then signed. After the reading of the second set of minutes D. Ellwand had his own name substituted for that of H. Kushner, and J. McCulloch had his speech correctly described as a maiden. A motion proposed by a whole host of members secured the signing of the minutes. A committee meeting was arranged to decide the date and nature of the last meeting of the session, and audible sanction was given to the presence of three Old Boys: Messrs. P. Curtis, T. W. Slade and U. B. H. Baruch. E. C. Colville was then called upon to propose that "*Dulce et*

Decorum est pro patria mori." He stressed the importance of the motion, and, passing over ambiguities of meaning, emphasized the significance of the word patria. Mental development, not military power were the signs of greatness. Civilization was worth dying for, and to-day Europe was divided into two camps that stood for Barbarism and Civilization respectively. Those who believed in Civilization must support the motion. The opposer, R. Brearley, described the artificial division of the world into nationalities, Patria was an unsatisfactory compartment. Better to die for science or some higher ideal than for an artificial community only fostered by Pride.

W. E. Heslop seconded the motion in a maiden speech. He defined the contrast between aggressive nationalism and passive patriotism. While nationalism was wrong, pacifism was useless. Patriotism was the *via media*. The motion was a challenge to democracy. To oppose it was to laud fascism. D. Halewood with trenchant brevity asked "What good to sacrifice one's life to the organisation that provides it?"

In Public Debate, Mr. P. Curtis decided that the motion suggested a moral obligation in fighting for one's country. Had the crisis never happened the significance of the motion would have been different. Therefore it was never unconditionally true. D. Ellwand asserted that a "patria" could not be preserved by fighting. Better to sacrifice one's country than to make war. R. G. Britten declared that patriotism and nationalism had now been surpassed. These could not be supported in face of the higher ideal of a unified world. A. J. M. Craig contradicted this assumption by declaring that it was a man's duty to posterity to fight for his country. B. V. Anderson, who reminded the Society of the early date of the quotation, defined the difference between fighting against Fascism and fighting for one's country. A. Packter agreed with the assumption that to fight for one's country was a moral obligation. G. T. Hughes declared, amid cheers and cries of question, that pacifism was not cowardice and that war achieved nothing. S. Gardner found difficulty in discussing an untranslatable spirit, and thought it not right for a fascist to fight for a Fascist State. F. W. Myerscough said that the quotation was the expression of an ancient and barbaric creed, and inasmuch as it was written to order could neither be sane nor reasonable. Mr. S. Samuels defined patria as any good cause. Liberty was dearer than life. R. G. Dening declared that nationalism was a mere inheritance from the apes. America could not be relied on, just like Britain at Munich—that was to say last September. Mr. T. W. Slade said that the modern equivalent to the saying would be *Dulce et decorum est pro patria caedere*. Liberty without life was impossible. Though the course might be necessary it could never be "*dulce et decorum.*" H. Kushner said that ideals must inevitably clash in a changing world. We must oppose the motion. J. W. Saunders spoke of death as a thing of the soul not of the body, and should therefore not be rendered to Caesar. He deplored that the army should be given a *carte-blanche*. The last speaker, A. G. Parker, found an under-meaning in the School motto, which he quoted—but only in English.

In summing up, R. Brearley repeated that patria was only an artificial unity. He had heard tales of Horace's personal cowardice in battle, and found it more righteous to consider Humanity as a whole. In reply, E. C. Colville declared that such allusions as had been made were mere illusions. "Patria" to Horace was the whole known world. No one could live a full and individual life under a man like Hitler.

The motion was lost by 28 votes to 13. The meeting then adjourned.

A. CARR	} Hon.
J. W. SAUNDERS	

Rural Etching.

"PIGS be pigs, Jim."
 "But, dad, I love her."
 "Pigs be still pigs."

And father and son quitted the sties, and entered the house where Jim's mother was seated, her feet on the fender, knitting with all the ferocity of a woman finding it difficult to control her temper. She stabbed the wool even more viciously as the men came in.

"So! Th' 'ast come at last. I thowt tha'd never be done moonin' about yon sties. Fine place ye choose to gossip at."

"Jim wants to go gallivantin' about this afternoon," said her husband resignedly.

"Oh!" (she stabbed the wool) "He does! Pretty time he picks for his gadding."

"But, mother, tha don't understand. I told her—"

"Who?"

"Alice Booth."

"Pah!"

Jim winced, but continued, "I told her we'd go to the band contest. She moidered me so, I had to promise."

"Had to promise. Had to. James Warton had to promise. Tha must think her face a sight prettier than I do."

"But I love her."

"Hum. All the more reason why tha should stay at home and help. Tha may think *now* that love is all trumpets and pretty smiles. But when th'art as old as thy father and me, tha'll see it's nowt but darnin' and dustin'. We need all the hands all the time here just now (her husband nodded approbation), and tha shouldn't go. Besides (the vigour of her knitting increased) yon girl thinks a sight too much about the style o' her hat, and too little about washin' the back of her neck to be good for herself or you."

Jim left the room in silence, and as he went, his mother murmured across to her husband: "Thy son must be fair lost in love, or he'd notice the tide-mark."

"Aye," he answered, "He'll have a stiff fight over goin' or not, he's got such a mighty conscience."

Meanwhile, Jim, obviously perplexed, had wandered over to the sties. He looked aggressively at the swine; but gradually his gaze softened.

Late that same afternoon, Jim left the farm with the air of a man by no means resolved. He crossed the yard hesitatingly, and stopped with his hand on the latch of the gate. He turned round, caught sight of the sties, and walked meditatively back.

He lifted his eyes, looked at the clearness of the sky, and halted for a while. Then, with a sudden impulse, he marched out of the gate, and strode down the lane, stamping with every step his conscience into the ground. Four minutes later he stopped before a house door, raised the latch to tap gently, and then lifted it higher and banged with all his might.

"Hello. You're late."

"I've been working."

The girl pulled the door to behind her, and stood with Jim in the road.

"So your work's more important than I am?"

"I didn't say so. I just said—"

"Oh, don't bother. Do you like my hat?"

"Well . . . No."

"You say you love me, yet my hat offends you."

"Because I don't happen to like what you wear doesn't mean that—"

"Oh, come along," she interrupted impatiently, "we're late as it is."

Now that it had come to the point of his going or not, Jim was not so confident of his ground.

"I . . . I don't think I want to go."

"What! So that's your promise."

"I know. But you see, . . . well . . . things have changed—at the farm."

"You mean your father has resigned his position to *you*," she suggested bitingly.

"Don't be foolish," he answered, "they need all hands to help—that is all."

"Oh, the farm will stop dead if *you* leave home to hear the Bands."

"You go."

"Trying to get rid of me?"

Jim was fast coming to see that his mother was right about Alice's disposition.

"Perhaps you'll be saying you don't love me next," she added confidently.

"Perhaps I don't."

"But perhaps you *do*," she replied.

Now that the challenge had come directly, Jim's courage rose. There was no more excusing to do, no more explaining. Here was a chance to thrust home, and Jim seized it.

"Your neck's dirty."

Alice's mouth and eyes opened wide with astonishment,

and Jim turned and went off towards the farm as if he had an army behind him.

Half-an-hour later he was feeding the pigs when his father came across to him.

"I thowt tha'd gone to the Bands, Jim?"

"No," answered his son testily.

"Did tha see Alice?"

"Yes."

"Then why did na' tha go, lad. Thy mother's whiskey when she's high—but I'd have cooled her for thee."

"Thanks. But pigs be pigs, dad."

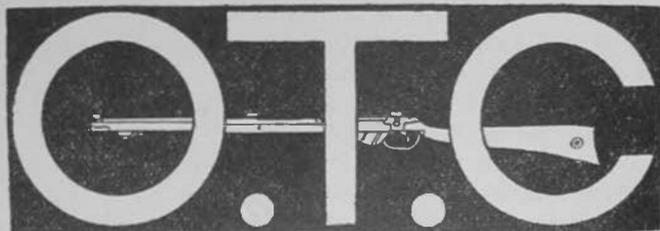
"What?"

"I said pigs be pigs—they must eat."

"Eh? Oh—I see. Aye. Th'art right. Pigs be pigs."

S. GARDNER.

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THIS term we have suffered two great disappointments in our field-work. "General Rain" utterly defeated us in our advance on Altcar, while our route march at the beginning of the term was literally a "wash-out." We hope, however, to hold a Field Day early in the Summer Term, and Brigadier Lathom (C.O. 130th Infantry Brigade) has been invited to attend to inspect our field work.

Over parades at School a peculiar lethargy has crept, which has been by no means confined to cadets. In the past the British Army has always been outstanding in maintaining a very high degree of efficiency on the square. To-day the pendulum has swung to the other extreme: ceremonial has been cut and every effort made to make the recruit into a soldier and not a parade-ground robot. There has, therefore, been a tendency to consider that efficiency and smartness on the square are things of the past. While this state of affairs may account for the cause, it cannot be accepted as an excuse. Ceremonial is nearly non-existent, but it must be emphasised that what remains must be

carried out with the same, if not greater efficiency. With the Inspection so close at hand, all ranks must make a point of attending all extra parades as well as normal weekly parades.

At very short notice the Corps was informed that it had been assigned a room at the Hobby Show. Although strategically and geographically the room assigned was not highly promising, the great interest shown by all who visited it in the various items on view are sufficient praise for the small band who co-operated with the C.O. in arranging the exhibits. Well-informed circles, as the newspapers say, uttered a silent prayer of thanks for the services of an unassuming electrician who, watching the efforts of the C.Q.M.S. to assemble the Lewis Gun, quietly restored the gun to its former order.

The Hobby Show and the speech which the C.O. made to the Upper School, both combined to bring us a very welcome number of recruits. Yet there are still vacancies for boys over fifteen, and at a time when everyone is engaged on National Service of some sort, it is the duty of all members of the School to do their share by undertaking the only task which their age and general circumstances allow.

The sudden influx of recruits so near the end of term put unusual strain on Mr. Moy and the C.Q.M.S. in their issue of uniform and equipment, but no hitch occurred and all orders for uniform will have been executed by the end of the holidays.

Owing to circumstances over which we had no control the Soirée which we hold annually in the second term had to be cancelled. So long as we do not encounter any other, different, circumstances over which again we have no control, we shall go to Camp from July 25th to August 2nd, and cadets are advised to make immediate arrangements to prevent the clash of family holidays.

E. C. COLVILLE, C.S.M.

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The Nine-forty Evacuation.

JEREMIAH, Hubert and I sat gazing at each other. We were sitting in the train as it waited at one of those vast, empty platforms in Lime Street Station.

"Remarkably efficient, this show," said Hubert, cheerful as ever.

"Efficient," growled Jeremiah, the very antithesis of cheerfulness, "Efficient! I've never seen a worse display in my life."

"May I point out," said Hubert sweetly, "that this is the first time any of us have seen anything like it?"

"You may," returned Jeremiah, "But you won't alter my conviction. Did you ever see such an ugly looking scene as that at the barriers? The public has panicked already."

"Panic," scoffed Hubert, "why, they were perfectly quiet. From what I could gather, most of them wanted to know what it was all about."

"Well," I interrupted, "It was a surprise, wasn't it? I mean, none of us had the slightest warning that this would happen until we turned up at School at nine o'clock."

"Huh," grunted Jeremiah, "There's efficiency for you. Here we are, two hundred white-listers told at nine o'clock to go to Lime Street and catch the 9-40 Evacuation Special. Here we are, two hundred of us, in the hands of ten of the Staff, and three prefects. We know this much, but do you know where you're going? You do not. Does anybody know? They do not."

Hubert laughed. "Does your mother know you're out, Jeremiah?"

Jeremiah was serious. "It's no joke," he said, "It'll be a great shock at home to know we've gone, heaven alone knows where."

"Heaven, and the Government," I interposed.

"I said Heaven alone," said Jerry, "and I mean it. Perhaps we'd better include the driver of this train as well. But I'm sure he's got his doubts."

"Well," said Hubert with a smile, "It's my belief we're going to Wales."

"The last I heard of it," said Jeremiah, "was that we were to go to the Fylde area. Efficiency, huh!"

"Dear child," sighed Hubert, "If it's the Fylde area, they'd have sent us to Exchange."

"Clever fellow, aren't you?" said Jeremiah, "Very clever."

"Oh, I read Freeman Wills Crofts," said Hubert modestly, "And if you ask my opinion, I've put my shirt on Merioneth."

"And where, pray, is Merioneth?"

"I haven't the slightest idea," said Hubert.

"Whoa!" I interrupted, "we're off!"

So we were. The 9-40 Evacuation Special was moving slowly out of the station past silent platforms.

"And to send us out of a railway station," said Jeremiah, "I ask you. It would be the first thing enemy aircraft would go for."

The mention of enemy aircraft brought a thoughtful smile to Hubert's face.

"I wonder if war's actually broken out," he said.

"I read the newspaper this morning," I said, "and there wasn't anything in it. There's this Yugo-Slavian business, but that doesn't seem particularly serious."

"War," said Jeremiah, "Modern war, I mean, is sudden and annihilating. It wouldn't surprise me if we hadn't lost the war already."

Hubert grinned. "Well, if we have, I consider it rather indecent of them not to consult Liverpool. After all, there's us still left, and the two hundred white-listers, and the engine driver, to say nothing of all the people in Renshaw Street."

The train was sliding through the darkness of the tunnels under the city.

"It wouldn't surprise me," said Jeremiah, "if we never get out of this tunnel. Bombers could easily shut us up in here with a couple"

"It wouldn't surprise me," said Hubert, "if you had indigestion."

"Privility is pure escapism," replied Jeremiah with dignity.

"What's worrying me," I said, "is that they haven't given us time to collect our equipment."

"You mean our cups and plates (preferably unbreakable) and our orange, apple, etc.?" said Hubert. "Not forgetting the gas-mask."

"There's inefficiency for you," said Jeremiah. "We're being evacuated without the slightest pretence of organisation."

"The independent self-sufficiency of every Englishman is good enough for me," said Hubert.

We had emerged from the tunnel, and were sliding into a station.

"This'll be Edge Hill," I said.

"And if you ask me," said Hubert, "we're stopping."

"That's right," added Jeremiah. "Stop the train in the middle of the danger zone. One bomb now—"

We were stopping. There was no doubt about it. Hubert got up and put his head through the window, as we sidled to a stop opposite an aged guard, looking at us with a curious smile.

"Here's our chance to get the truth from the horse's mouth," whispered Hubert. "I say! We are going to Merioneth, aren't we?"

"Ah," said the guard, "that would be telling, wouldn't it?"

"There you are," said Jeremiah, "he doesn't know."

The guard looked up the platform, and then came across to us, to whisper: "Well, it's supposed to be a secret, but we're only waiting for another engine to hook you up and take you back to Lime Street. Ah, yes, there we are."

The coach swayed slightly with the impact.

Jeremiah was looking somewhat ill.

"Bless you," said the guard, "you didn't think it was a real evacuation, did you? They only wanted to see if it would work."

"And has it?" I asked.

"Well, gentlemen," he said, "you ought to know that better than I do."

And the train slid back under the city.

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The Accountant.

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TOO many of our boys and girls on leaving school simply drift into a job without considering where that job is likely to lead them. A little foresight and perhaps a little guidance may enable them to plan their careers and allow them to fill just that niche in society for which nature and their educational attainments have equipped them. Thus we should not advise any boys or girls to contemplate a career in accountancy unless they had a natural aptitude for figures and unless they had shown promise in their mathematical studies at school.

The Accountant has played an increasingly important rôle in the commerce of the country since the middle of the nineteenth century. Various Acts of Parliament, such as the Companies Act and the Bankruptcy Act, have contributed to this, but the greatest impetus has been imported by the keen competition for trade which has made it imperative for manufacturers to consult the accountant who is versed in the critical analysis of expenditure as applied to every phase of manufacture.

In considering Accountancy as a profession many people think only of the Chartered Accountant or the Incorporated Accountant. This is a mistake. True, the Chartered and Incorporated Accountants are the most widely recognised, but the costly premium which has to be paid by the parents of any boy or girl on the signing of articles is frequently an insurmountable barrier. But there are other bodies which are widely recognised and which do not insist upon Articles before a boy or girl can obtain the professional qualification; the most important of these are the Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants, the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants, the Institute

of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants, and the Institute of Book-keepers. A few particulars of these may prove helpful to boys and girls just leaving school.

Chartered Accountant.

The normal age for entry is from 16-18½. Articles of Clerkship in England and Ireland or an Indentured Apprenticeship in Scotland for five years with a Chartered Accountant must be entered into. A premium is payable to the principal of the firm when articles are signed—the amount of the premium varies considerably, being dependent upon the standing of the firm. A small salary is sometimes paid during the period of the articles or apprenticeship. In England three examinations have to be passed although in most cases exemption will be granted from the Preliminary Examination which is of a standard comparable with the School Certificate. In Scotland there is no preliminary examination, but apprentices are required to have passed the preliminary examination for a University or its equivalent. The Intermediate and Final examinations which must be taken during the period of Articles or apprenticeship consist largely of professional subjects.

Incorporated Accountants.

The usual age of entry is from 16-18. Candidates must be articulated to an Accountant for five years or employed in the Accountants' Department of a Corporation, Municipal Authority or Public Body for at least six years. A small salary is usually paid during the period of articles. The examination is in three parts, but exemption from the Preliminary examination is granted to applicants who have passed one of the recognised school examinations. The Intermediate and Final examinations, consisting entirely of professional subjects, must be passed during the period of articles.

Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants.

This is the title of a body formed this year by the amalgamation of the London Association of Accountants, and the Corporation of Accountants. The examinations are open to anyone of either sex intending to adopt an Accountancy career, or at present engaged in the keeping of account books. No articles are required and a salary may be expected from the commencement of employment. The Association is specifically named in Acts of Parliament, and its recognition extends to large municipal authorities, public institutional and other bodies, and also to the financial and business community, which gener-

ally accept the qualifications of members of the Association in respect of the audit and preparation of accounts and appointment to executive positions. Candidates may obtain exemption from the preliminary examination if they have passed Matriculation or similar school examination. The Intermediate and Final examinations must be passed to qualify for membership of the Association.

Institute of Cost and Works Accountants.

The main function of Cost Accounting is to provide and maintain an internal control upon every form of expenditure relating to an undertaking. Those who possess a mathematical aptitude with a leaning towards mechanics and engineering will find the work congenial. The examination is in three parts. Exemption from the Preliminary Examination may be obtained by candidates who have passed a recognised school examination roughly of the standard of the Matriculation examination. The Intermediate and Final Examinations consist of professional subjects.

Institute of Municipal Treasurers and Accountants.

Membership of the Institute is confined to those employed in the Local Government service. It provides them with a recognised qualification in Accountancy, and should be the goal of those in the service of local Councils who aspire to promotion.

Institute of Book-keepers.

The Institute caters for those who keep books in the accounting houses of business firms. It makes a strong appeal to those who desire to secure recognition as qualified Book-keepers. The examinations are fully recognised by the Accountancy and Secretarial Professions, Local Education Authorities and by leading business houses. The examinations are in three stages and are confined to Book-keeping and Accountancy.

It has only been possible to give a brief outline of the various careers in Accountancy, but such careers undoubtedly afford unlimited scope for the boys or girls who are keen and ambitious. The career of Accountancy is in the pioneer stage so far as women are concerned, but it can definitely be predicted that women accountants will be more and more in demand during the next few years.

The boy or girl who enters an accountants' office, or, indeed, who enters any branch of the commercial world, should aim at acquiring the highest qualification within his or her means and capacity. This is the only sure road to a successful career.



League of Nations Union.

THE Italians entered Addis Ababa in May, 1935. During these last four years we have had to stand idly by as the Rome-Berlin Axis grew in power, not only territorially, but in influence. Our Government had faith in the word of the Dictators, believed that what was happening was natural, inevitable, and for the good of all concerned. But the power politicians in Germany misconstrued the settlement at Munich and the motives of the democratic Governments in agreeing to such a dissection of a friendly state. There followed the crisis of March and a campaign, engineered and executed with naive simplicity. It was obvious that Herr Hitler had cared no more for the Sudetens in September than he did for the Slovaks in March; both held the keys to Rumania and the Ukraine, which "*Mein Kampf*" asserts to be his ultimate objects. As a nation then we must act. We may believe Herr Hitler to be a sincere patriot, or a man who has much justice on his side, we may too regret our inaction in the post-war years or our own colonial crimes. But nothing can condone the disruption of Czecho-Slovakia. We must put our trust once more in collective security and must resist from whatever quarter it comes the growth of Nazism. The reckoning for Hitler is still to come. These unnatural conquests cannot be recognised and must not be permanent.

The time will come when Germany returns to her senses. Then the L.N.U. comes into its own. If we put our trust once more in intransigence and firmly refuse all the claims of justice, then we shall be committing a crime which cannot be excused. Our one hope is a fair settlement of disputes, based on knowledge of the truth. This knowledge, bodies like the L.N.U. can—and do—teach. In the meantime everyone should be encouraged to join, to keep alive the conception of collective security and

international settlement for which we stand. To give the Branch a permanent form, we have adopted a Constitution this last term, to regulate and regularise the meetings. One of the biggest problems that confront Britain is the German claim for colonies: intransigence here is actually serving as condonance for Hitler's Central European conquests. Last term the Branch studied the whole problem, in three fortnightly papers given by S. Gardner, E. C. Colville and the Secretary. All who were present testify to the usefulness of the series. The other event of the term has been the Speech Competition. Entry was disappointing and should be higher next year. The Secretary was the winner of this and the Inter-Schools Competition. For continued help and guidance our best thanks to Mr Perers and all our friends.

Next term the big event will be the publication of *Pax*. Last year we broke records for the sale in the School. This June let us do even better. Indeed *Pax* is a most remarkable magazine, well worthy of our support.

Summing up the year, it has been one of consolidation at a time when all faith in the League was losing ground. We have through troubled times carried on the machine which represents collective security and international sanity. There is every reason for confidence in the future.

J. W. SAUNDERS, *Hon. Sec.*

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The Spirit of the Wood.

She walked among the curtseying trees,
Spirit of the wood.

She caught in her hair the way-less breeze,
And fed it to each timid bud.

She kissed the petals of the coming flowers,
Till they blew their glories around;
She slept among leaves in the moonlit hours,
And vanished at a sound.

With the sob of a purling brook she wept,
And laughed at the warble of birds.
Still as the stir of the rushes she wept,
And whispered melodious words.

From pale blue, and purple, and eye-soothing green,
She skirted the cooling dew.

I knew not the names of the beauties I had seen,
But the Spirit of the Wood I knew.

CYRIAC.



THE Club has had quite a successful term; there was a slight increase in membership. Parties of members, with Mr. Elliott, visited the works of Mabie, Todd; Goodlass, Wall; J. Bibby & Sons; W. & R. Jacobs; Charles Birchall, all of which visits were very interesting. On Saturday, March 11th, the outstanding visit of the term was paid when a party of members with Mr. Barnard visited the Central Fire Station, Hatton Garden. After having the equipment of a number of fire-engines shown and explained to us, we saw the Hose Tower and some A.F.S. equipment. Then we went to the Store Room where we were shown a great deal of equipment, including "Joey." Later we proceeded to the Control Room. Following this, we listened to an explanation of the Fire Brigade system in Liverpool. This concluded a most interesting and instructive visit.

The Club exhibited at the School Exhibition. Pieces from the Liverpool Gas Co., Meccano, and Bryant & May were displayed, together with accounts of the excursions of the last six months.

Next term we hope to have the long-promised May outing.

N. C. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec.*

Photographic Section.

Having given up the idea of carrying on as a separate body, the Society has now resigned itself to remaining affiliated to the Camera and Field Club. A meeting was held in the first week of term to examine our position and arrange for future activities. Meetings were then held fortnightly on Tuesdays, except for Half Term. We are grateful to Mr. Barnard for giving two talks on "Developing" and "Printing," which were supplemented by demonstrations in the Dark Room by Mr. Stell on the following Fridays.

We are not anxious for a large membership* in the Society, but we would like to see a little more courage among the younger

**Mirabile Dictu.*

members. Very few entered photographs in the School Exhibition, but we expect more results in the Easter Competition which has been arranged. We hope to arrange further competitions on similar lines next term. Next term, too, the new Scrap-book will be available for use, besides the copies of the *Amateur Photographer* and *Ilford News* which we now get regularly.

A. CARR, *Hon. Sec.*

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Foolproof.

I TOOK a biscuit and wished I hadn't come. Spencer was rather a bore at best of times. There was a touch of the genius in his far-flung theories, but, alas, a warped and deformed genius. Still, he was leaving for America in the evening, so one had to be nice to him.

"I've invited you to have tea with me, my dear Peter," he said, rising, "for one special reason. I believe you are somewhat of a criminologist . . ."

I smiled evasively. Being a witness in a murder trial and a reader of detective fiction at the same time was an unfortunate coincidence for me.

"Now I have been busy for weeks," he went on, "On a theory."

The inevitable was happening; I took consolation in a biscuit.

"I have evolved," he said, "what I believe to be a perfect murder."

The inevitable frittered away into surprise. He laughed with pleased contentment.

"Please do not be alarmed, my dear Peter. Some more tea? I assure you it's not poisoned." He laughed. "Well, as I was saying, I have evolved the perfect murder. The obvious objection to most murders, Peter, is that the administration of the crime nearly always necessitates the presence of the murderer. That is to say, if you poison someone, you must be there to put the poison in the cup, or if you shoot someone, you must be there to fire the shot. This is rather awkward, because first you might quite conceivably leave clues behind you, and second there is the difficulty of an alibi. The obvious moral is therefore to use new methods and be a great distance away when the victim—ha! ha!—shuffles off this mortal coil. Have another biscuit."

I did so somewhat mechanically, while he walked up and down.

"I expect, Peter, you have noticed the peculiarities of the room in which you are."

I had.

"It is very sparsely furnished—carpet, two chairs, table, small cabinet by the wall. Nothing else. Over yonder in the corner you see a small sink and a water tap. There is a telephone on the cabinet—you can see the steel piping leading along the wall there—and inside the cabinet—what do you think?—three oxygen cylinders. A most unusual room to have afternoon tea in, eh, Peter?"

He laughed again, self-indulgently.

"The walls," he went on, "are built of concrete and steel. The steel door, by which we entered, fits into the wall like a glove, very much like a strong room in a bank. You will observe there is no window—all the light coming from the electric chandelier overhead. The whole room is built on the ground floor, right in the middle of the house. You have guessed its purpose, I presume?"

I shook my head, and took the last biscuit.

"Ah, Peter, you're not living up to your reputation. The A.R.P. authorities built this room. It's supposed to be gas-proof, splinterproof, and protection against even a direct hit exploding upstairs. The men who were building it for weeks said a family of five could live in here for eleven hours. Now this is my theory. If the victim were to be lured here, and then locked in, he'd be bound to perish, either from suffocation or starvation. This room is absolutely severed from civilisation—the victim could make as much noise as he wished, he could not be heard outside in the street. If the murderer were then to lock up his home in the normal course of events, notify the police and his friends that he was going abroad, he could leave the country before he could be discovered. It might be years before they suspected anything and opened up the room, and then—ah! I see we've finished the biscuits, I'll go and get some more. I discharged the girl, you know. Going away and all that."

He stepped towards the door, which was ajar. Suddenly a rather terrible thought struck me and in something akin to panic, I arose and rushed to the door. But very carefully he shut it after him. I heard the key turn in the lock, and then nothing more.

The full significance of the situation flooded in on me with unnerving impetus. But panic was foolish; so I poured out a cup of tea, and tried to calm down.

Of course, you are not anxious at all. You know that I am still here to tell the tale. Yes, I *did* escape in the end. Can you think how?

The room was as secure as poor Spencer had said. The walls were very solid, and there seemed to be no connection with the outer world. My first thought was that if the room were gas-proof, it would also be airtight. I opened the small cabinet, and took out the oxygen cylinders, to discover how they worked. This done, and feeling more secure, I looked about. The telephone was the first suggestion; I took off the receiver and dialled the operator, but the line was dead. He had cut the lines on the outside apparently—too much to expect him to make such an infantile error. I looked up at the chandelier and sat down, thinking as calmly as I could. Suppose, suppose I fastened the telephone flex to the terminals. Would the interference be heard on neighbours' wireless sets? I knew that the hair-drying machine next door could be a perfect nuisance. But this happy thought was a delusion: I might fuse the circuit, the fuse box would go, and nobody would be any the wiser, while I, poor victim, would be left in absolute darkness.

I then walked across to the sink, and turned on the water, which ran away down the waste pipe with a freedom I envied. I had desperate thoughts of sending messages down, but realised with heavy heart that it would be weeks before they were discovered, if they ever were—and by then.

It was then I had the brain wave, so exasperatingly simple. We British do not believe in Dictators in politics, or in the crafts. Each head plumber or head electrician is king in his own realm; even the architect is not permitted to intervene with impunity. Co-ordination is of course a forbidden crime. So here, after the room had been built, the plumber had come along and put in a sink, and then the electrician had arrived with the telephone. The piping was not incorporated *in* the concrete, but ran *along* the walls, diving through the wall by the door.

I went over to the telephone, gripped the flex and tugged. After some difficulty, yards and yards of flex and the cut end came through, leaving empty piping. Having established a connection with the outer world, I knew that suffocation was impossible now. The next task was more difficult. Looking about for a weapon, I found on the table the tea knife, better than nothing, and attacked the piping, trying to lever the staples away from the wall. There was a joint just by the outlet, and after about a quarter-of-an-hour I succeeded in severing a length of about nine yards. Now with the aid of a handkerchief and my tie, I fastened one end of the pipe to the tap, the other to the



Troutal.

Where blue-clad mountains tower peak on peak,
 And lonely tarns lie calm in sheltered hollows,
 Where rivers surge from sunlit pool to pool,
 And weather reports are viewed with veteran scorn,
 Lies Troutal.

There you may see the peaceful field
 Where J.R. argues with the wasps,
 And there the hawk who finds down
 Gently caressing the egs.

There is the pool where kindly anglers
 Go alone at night, and catch fine trout
 And throw them back.

There is the marsh where brows were
 Deep in thought, and legs in mud,
 As strong men fought for water in the drought.

But the rain came ;
 The river roared over its banks,
 Menacing the bridge,
 And tormented down the roads.

A valiant few clung tight to trees
 In the rushing, foaming water
 For their morning in-and-out.

Dripping figures toiled behind a car
 Which stubbornly refused to float.

Gleeful lots were drawn
 For a ten-mile winter foot-road.

The rain stopped
 And the sun shone.

Pyjamas walked in celebration ;
 Defensive and aggressive alliances
 Were made, barricades erected,
 And sieges withstood.

Then came the heavy tread of authority,
 The demolition of fortifications,
 The rout of pillowed warriors,
 The circumtradition of the sweets of swift persuasion,
 And the murmuring of Duddon in the quietness of night.



This poem wins the Troutal Prize. It is by R. S. Sharrock (6Ac). The headpiece was designed by J. St. C. Ruthven (U.4), and the tailpiece by N. W. Jenkins (U.4).

outlet again. The piping was rather long, so it had to be bent. I turned on the water. This was the crucial moment—but the piping stood the strain.

At about roughly an hour later, as far as I can gather, a passing policeman was astonished to see long streams of water running from under the front door, down the steps into the street. He knocked at the door as was his duty, and receiving no answer, proceeded to knock next door. There he was informed that the tenant, a Mr. Spencer, had left in a taxi for Victoria about an hour and a half ago, en route for the United States. And still the water poured out, whole pools of it now. The policeman went back to the station to report, and in due course returned with a plumber and a ladder. They went through next door, up to the roof, and climbed through a skylight. What they found you know. The remainder of the tale consists of the work of an oxy-acetylene lamp which cut me out when I was dizzy from the oxygen.

And that was that. Spencer was arrested as he was boarding the ship at Southampton, and is now at Broadmoor.

So all's well that ends well.

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MacAlister Society.

THE term's activities began with a paper by J. W. Saunders on "Aesthetics," which gave rise to a lengthy discussion on art generally and a vain attempt to discover the real significance of Clive Bell's "significant form."

Later in the term the Society was fortunate to have an opportunity of inspecting the new Philharmonic Hall in company with the architect, Mr. Rowse. Though the scaffolding still present inside rendered a full appreciation of the interior rather difficult, it enabled us to examine the ceiling and lighting effects at close quarters and to obtain a view which few will have the opportunity of seeing once the scaffolding is removed.

The rest of the term was mainly occupied with arrangements for the Exhibition and the time devoted to it by members of the Society was well rewarded by the obvious interest taken by visitors in the display of good and bad design in various products of art and industry.

In conclusion we owe our thanks to Messrs. Pollard and Chapman for continuing to guide the Society on its way.

A. CARR (*Hon. Sec.*)

Film Society.

ON Tuesday, February 14th, the Film Society met in the Blue Coat Chambers to be addressed by Professor Lyon Blease on the subject of "Walt Disney." Professor Blease outlined Disney's character as far as it could be deduced from his cartoons, and the talk was illustrated by two examples of Disney's work. On Thursday, February 23rd, at a meeting held at Radiant House, Mr. Thomas Baird spoke on "The Cinema as Criticism," illustrating his views with three very excellent documentaries. The meeting scheduled for Friday, March 17th, a debate in which the School was to have taken part, was unfortunately postponed through lack of adequate support. The only consolation was that the largest contingent present represented our own School.

The Film Questionnaire.

In connection with the Hobby Show held last term, a film questionnaire, arranged by H. Kushner to cover as large a variety of film topics as possible, was issued to the Upper School. It was received with a mixed welcome. While it was apparent that an almost encyclopaedic knowledge of the film was necessary in order to be able to answer all the questions, many in consequence were too diffident to answer any questions at all. Others of sterner stuff rushed into the fray only to leave a trail of glaring inconsistencies behind them. Nevertheless it is only fair to say that out of the eighty sheets handed in, the majority had been answered in a serious frame of mind, and the results were generally satisfactory.

Although there was a good deal of confusion on the subject of direction and production, and the exact nature of a documentary film, there was a remarkable degree of unanimity on questions demanding individual opinion. It is, however, opportune here to draw attention to certain "howlers" that presented themselves. The film "Suez" which had not yet appeared in Liverpool was commented upon in twenty-five per cent. of the cases, and the film "Citadel" which also had not yet reached local cinemas was placed high in the assessment of the year's best films. Many who declared colour to be universally applicable did not find it suitable for particular films, though we are surprised to note how many considered "Dead End" an apt subject for colour photography. Again we question the sincerity of the statement that the sound effects of "Moonlight Sonata" were out of place. Quite a considerable number had apparently forgotten the name of Grierson as producer of the film "Night Mail," but the fact that this film was the most

popular in this branch of production indicates that its showing in School was not entirely wasted.

It was not surprising that no one actually completed the whole questionnaire; indeed this was the expected result, for the purpose was not so much to open a new field for "Mass Observation" as to suggest new possibilities of intelligent enjoyment for those who take the film seriously. The results show that in many cases this was not necessary; for the others we can only hope.

D. ELLWAND.

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The Scouts.

THE most notable feature of this term's activity was the successful experiment of recruiting two of the five patrols from the Junior School, under the patrol-leadership of two of the older members of the troop.

One field-day was held at Childwall Woods and was mainly devoted to cooking. This was followed by an interesting tracking game, with playing cards laid as a trail, but the field-day was cut short by an unfortunate accident, which deprived us of one of our patrol leaders for the rest of the term. His place has been ably taken for the time by his acting-second, M. P. Preston.

Weekly parades were held on Wednesday and Thursday as usual, but were very badly attended. Those immediately preceding the Hobby Show were spent in preparing the various camp gadgets that were included in the Scout Display. The exhibit that aroused the most interest was the raft, made of ground sheets stuffed with newspapers, supported on a frame of scout staves. Its floating abilities have not yet been tested, so that we cannot definitely refute the doubts that were raised as to its efficiency by an officer of the O.T.C.

It is to be hoped that, in the summer, the weekly parades will be better attended and that we will have a really successful term.

T. CORLETT (T.L.)

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The Camp Orderly.

HE patted his hair, singular in number, and stroked his moustache.

"My wife was to blame," he said, "though she weren't my wife then. First she egged me on t' join the Terriers. Shiny buttons was what she wanted. Shiny buttons! If I'd known what them shiny buttons 'ould cost me, I'd have shiny buttoned her. Too true, I would. Then she weren't content with the Terriers. No, not she. She bloomin' well wanted me t' join the Reg'lars. I swore, and cursed, and said I'd cut me throat rather than wear those blinkin' puttees all day long. I joined up three days later and my throat was still intact."

He swallowed his tea.

"This is what I got for it. Serve your country! All I do is serve 'undred achin' bellies. 'Orderly! Orderly, orderly!' All day long from six t' nine I 'ear them roarin' 'eathens shout. Shiny buttons! Spotted dog and Irish stew are magnificent prog when y'aunt got the washing to do. But when they've 'ad their fill, you can see me up to me elbows in greasy sausage and dirty water. And the smell! Lor', lummy! It's 'nough to make them 'eathen forriners never want to fight the British Lion. Aha, I say 'Lion.' They're more like pigs than lions! Don't think I'm not patrio—, well that I don't luv me country. I'll take me lid off, and shout 'Three cheers for King George' any day in the week. If I was the king, I'd make them devils eat corn beef and clean out the tins, too!"

He paused, and a raucous voice shouted, "Orderly! orderly! 'Urry up. Step lively, Tommy." His moustache bristled.

"I'll orderly 'em. Too true, I will. Shiny buttons! Shiny buttons. Curse their 'eathen ideas."

His voice was lost in a storm of abuse but the incessant "shiny buttons" kept ever repeating in his mind that it was his wife's folly. He'd shiny button her. Too true, he would!

D. P. SEALEY (Rc).

The Sixth Form Science Society.

THIS term we have had only two lectures and two visits, owing to competition from the Hobby Show, Examinations, and other such diverting pastimes.

The first meeting of the term, on February 10th, was a lecture by Mr. Thomas of the Liverpool Gas Company on "*The Carbonisation of Coal and the Gas Industry.*" This was preceded by a film on "*How Gas is Made.*" Both the film and the lecture itself proved extremely interesting, and the comparatively large audience acquired a new respect for gas. On February 22nd, a small party visited the works at Speke of Messrs. Beck, Koller Ltd., Manufacturers of Synthetic Resins. Here, we were given a short lecture by the Chief Chemist before being shown round the factory. On March 11th, Mr. W. H. Jones delivered a lecture on "*Photography with Brush and Paint,*" with practical demonstrations. Although, as Mr. Jones pointed out, this subject is alien to the pure photographers, it was noticeable that the photographers in the Society were extremely interested, and assisted later in the production of a finished "bromoil." The many examples which he showed us paid tribute to Mr. Jones's skill in this line. On March 15th, a party visited Messrs. Evans, Sons, Lescher & Webb's Biological Institute, at Runcorn. It is sad to record that two members of the Society, who had apparently started a hunger strike, turned a pale shade of green on seeing a horse being bled. We saw all the stages in the manufacture and testing of Vaccines, Anti-Toxins, a new disinfectant, and Liver Extract. The visit concluded with a most enjoyable tea. It is rumoured that one of our fasting members here broke his fast to such an extent as to evoke comments from the waitress.

Next term, being the Summer term, culminating in examinations, will probably be a slack term for the Society.

W. A. MITCHELL, A. STONE, *Hon. Secs.*

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Philatelic Society

THE Spring term always seems to be one of general lethargy for Philatelists; and although the meetings were held regularly, they were rather poorly attended.

Towards the end of term, the Hobby Competition was held, and once again, it is interesting to note, all the prize-winners were members of the Society. We must congratulate A. Carr

and M. L. Hopestone on sharing the first prize, and P. R. DeGruchy and A. C. Levinson, the second.

However, it seems a great pity that so few stamp collectors are spirited enough to join the Society—and become *Philatelists*.

R. H. PAIN.

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Boxing.

THE Boxing season, 1938-39, has been a noteworthy success. In all the practices on Monday and Friday evenings consistently good attendances were maintained, and as a result the School is producing quite a number of efficient boxers. The Juniors are showing a keen interest, and in a few years many of them will develop into really good boxers. The Seniors, unlike previous years, attended regularly, and during the latter term the School boxing team was very strong in the heavier weights.

As usual at the end of the season the Inter-house Boxing Competition was held. The result—counting the points gained in the preliminary bouts—was as follows:—

1st	Tate House	...	...	72	points.
2nd	Alfred House	...	...	68	..
3rd	Philip House	...	...	47	..
4th	Owen House	...	...	17	..

The individual contests were:—

Curtis (T)	defeated	Tarr (A)
Williams (P)	..	Hannah (T)
France (T)	..	Pink C. (A)
Morris, T. J. A. (O)	..	Malone (A)
Pink, G. J. (A)	..	Davies, G. W. (P)
Gordon (A)	..	Morris (O)
Jones (P)	..	Kaufman (O)
Walker (T)	..	Sealey (T)
Kirkham (P)	..	Coop (A)
Haugh (A)	..	Salmon (T)
Beastall, D. (P)	..	Rawlinson (T)

On March 21st the School Boxing team fought Birkenhead Institute Boxing team and won by nine contests to four. The competition took place in the gymnasium.

The individual contests were:—

School.		Birkenhead.
Curtis	defeated	Nugent.
Pink	..	Powell.
France	..	McLachlan.
Pink	..	Smith.
Morris	..	Bolton
Gordon	..	Hughes.
Kirkham	..	Bell.
Haugh	..	Roberts
Salmon	..	Fellows.
Hannah	lost to	Mandy.
Williams	..	Boston.
Malone	..	Keraighan.
Rawlinson	..	Clarke.

The fight between Coop and Beauchamp was declared "no contest" when Beauchamp was compelled to retire from a head injury sustained early in the first round.

This is the first competition the School Boxing team has had with the Birkenhead Institute, and the School were in the main superior. It is hoped that this fixture will be renewed next season. The annual match with Quarry Bank School was this year cancelled by Quarry Bank owing to illnesses in their boxing team. The School Boxing team, however, felt confident of a win over Quarry Bank for Quarry Bank had been defeated by Birkenhead Institute.

We must now thank those who have been responsible for the success of the boxing this season. We thank Mr. Bowen, who took charge every Friday night, and who worked untiringly to arrange the competitions at the end of the season. Also Mr. Pincher, who took charge every Monday night during the season. Finally, we thank Mr. McEvoy the instructor, who has trained the boys to such an excellent standard of proficiency. We can only hope that next season will prove as successful as this.

K. BEASTALL.

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Chess.

CHESS has had another successful term this year, both in School and Inter-school activities. The first team has played three Wright Challenge Shield matches, winning all three.

Jan. 31st.	v. OULTON SCHOOL (Away)	Won	5½—1½
J. G. Vickers	1
E. C. Colville	1
R. J. Edwards	0
W. R. Lund	1
H. Hargreaves	1
C. V. Jones	1
P. R. de Gruchy	½

<i>v.</i> BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL,		<i>v.</i> ROCK FERRY HIGH SCHOOL,	
Feb. 14th (Home)	Won 6-1	Mar. 7th (Away)	Won 7-0
J. G. Vickers	... .. 1	J. G. Vickers	... .. 1
E. C. Colville	... .. 0	E. C. Colville	... .. 1
R. J. Edwards	... .. 1	R. J. Edwards	... .. 1
W. R. Lund	... .. 1	W. R. Lund	... .. 1
H. Hargreaves	... .. 1	H. Hargreaves	... .. 1
C. V. Jones	... .. 1	C. V. Jones	... .. 1
P. R. de Gruchy	... .. 1	P. R. de Gruchy	... .. 1

The result of the last match of the season, against Wallasey Grammar School, on which depends the award of the Shield, has not yet been decided.

The second team has played and won two matches:—

Feb. 9	<i>v.</i> Birkenhead Institute	... ..	Won 4-3
Mar. 28	<i>v.</i> Merchant 'Tailors' School	... ..	Won 5-2

The team on both occasions was: G. Ellis, A. J. M. Craig, E. A. Ringrose, B. V. Anderson, E. W. Goulding, T. Aitken, R. A. Longmire.

League Tournaments were arranged to include all team members.

Results.

1st League	1st	R. J. Edwards	... ..	5	points.
	2nd	{ W. R. Lund	... ..	3½	..
		{ E. C. Colville	... ..	3½	..
2nd League	1st	{ E. W. Goulding	... ..	6	..
		{ B. V. Anderson	... ..	6	..

Inter-house Chess matches have produced surprising results, and so there will be three Houses in the final next term.

Philip beat Alfred. Tate beat Owen.

Philip „ Owen Tate „ Alfred.

Philip „ Tate. Owen „ Alfred.

Philip are thus the terminal champions with three wins, and must play the winner of a match between Owen and Tate, last term's joint champions.

Next term it is hoped to arrange an open Knock-out Competition, and a lightning tournament for those who wish to participate.

R. J. EDWARDS.

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Gymnasium.

THE Annual House Gymnasium Competition was held on Tuesday, March 7th, at 4-30 p.m., and was presided over by the Headmaster. The practices had been attended only spasmodically and it was therefore not surprising that most of the teams showed a lack of co-operation in their drill, and individuals a lack of finish. Tate House worked together well

and gained a lead which eventually won for them the championship. Apart from this, the exercises were performed smartly and efficiently, though, owing to lack of musical accompaniment, the marching and running was rather slovenly. The House jumps and rope climbing were creditably performed.

Those who had practised did well on the apparatus. R. S. Sharrock (13), A. R. Brown and G. H. Townend put up a good display on the horizontal bar, while G. C. Billington was outstanding on the parallel bars, gaining full marks (15). H. Coop, M. H. Rose, and G. J. Pink showed good promise. The rings were mainly used by unskilled performers who apparently considered them as easy as they looked. M. P. and J. F. Varey, with W. H. Adams performed quite well.

We extend sincere thanks to Mr. Stell, for the interest and patience which he has shown in once more training the House teams, and to Messrs. Halton and Pincher for their able services in the adjudication.

The final marks for the House Competition were:—

- (1) Tate.
- (2) Owen.
- (3) Alfred Holt.
- (4) Philip Holt.

The final awards in the Individual Championship were:—

- (1) G. R. S. Sharrock ... 44
 - (2) G. C. Billington ... 43
 - (3) A. R. Brown ... 41
- (Possible total—46)

Half Colours have been awarded to A. R. Brown and Full Colours to R. S. Sharrock. Full Colours have been re-awarded to G. C. Billington.

There are one or two points which should be of interest to those who hope for the future success of Gym. as an after-School activity. One evening a week is not sufficient for boys who have no other opportunities to practice. An attempt should be made to gain another evening and have the Competition in December. A short period of intensive practice would soon bring competitors up to the standard required for the Competition and for display. The more spectacular side of Gym. should also be exploited. This is not done in School and consequently few boys realise the possibilities of this sport. Every House should now be able to enter a team of eight and this should be insisted upon. Old Boys, too, might give an advanced display.

In making these suggestions for the future progress of Gym. as a School activity I wish next year's Captain every success.

G. C. BILLINGTON.

Fives.

THE general lack of consideration prevalent in the School has often been mentioned. With reference to Fives it has too frequently been pointed out that several boys will persist in booking courts without any intention of using them. The result is that the more enthusiastic players are deprived of their use. In the winter months, when there are less opportunities for play, it becomes more serious. This term it came to such a pass that a new system had to be devised whereby we could ensure that each player had a fair share of the courts. As yet there has been no complaint.

Beyond the introduction of the new system nothing of unusual interest has occurred. The weekly Junior practice has revealed to us that there is some promising talent and we have hopes that in the future the team will not be of so poor a standard as it was two years ago.

The team has had a very poor term. Only two matches were played—against Hulme Hall and against the University Old Boys. The usual match against Wallasey Grammar School was rained off.

In conclusion I again thank Mr. Doughty for his kindly interest, both in the team and in the game in general.

Match Results.

- v. Hulme Hall, at Manchester Lost 5—7 games.
v. The University Old Boys at School Won 163—101 pts.

Full Colours have been re-awarded to H. Kushner and M. P. Varey, and Half-colours to J. F. Varey. G. Ellis has been awarded Half-colours.
H. KUSHNER.

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Cross-Country Running.

THE School team has had quite a successful season, having won six matches and lost four. Full Colours have been awarded to F. W. Myerscough, B. Downs, G. H. Townend, and G. K. Williams, while half-colours have been re-awarded to A. R. Brown and H. A. Appleton and awarded to N. A. Hamling.

SCHOOL v. CHESTER COLLEGE. Away. Jan. 28th
School: (2) G. H. Townend; (5) G. K. Williams; (7) F. W. Myerscough; (9) B. Downs; (10) A. R. Brown; (12) N. A. Hamling.
Chester College: 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 11. Result: Lost 45—33

SCHOOL v. OULTON H.S. Away. Feb. 1st
School: (1) G. H. Townend; (2) G. K. Williams; (3) F. W. Myerscough; (4) B. Downs; (5) N. A. Hamling; (12) A. R. Brown.
Oulton H.S.: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. Result: Won 27—51

SCHOOL v. QUARRY BANK H.S. Home. Feb. 18th
School: (3) G. K. Williams; (4) F. W. Myerscough; (5) G. H. Townend; (6) N. A. Hamling; (7) B. Downs; (12) H. A. Appleton.
Quarry Bank H.S.: 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11. Result: Won 37—41

SCHOOL v. UNIVERSITY II. Away. March 1st
School: (3) G. K. Williams; (6) F. W. Myerscough; (7) G. H. Townend; (9) B. Downs; (10) N. A. Hamling; (11) A. L. Haugh.
University II: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 13. Result: Lost 46—33

SCHOOL v. ORMSKIRK G.S. Away. March 11th
School: (1) G. H. Townend; (2) G. K. Williams; (3) F. W. Myerscough; (4) B. Downs; (5) N. A. Hamling; (10) H. A. Appleton.
Ormskirk G.S.: 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13. Result: Won 25—55

SCHOOL v. WALLASEY G.S. Away. March 15th
School: (7) G. H. Townend; (8) F. W. Myerscough; (11) G. K. Williams; (12) N. A. Hamling; (13) A. L. Haugh; (14) H. A. Appleton.
Wallasey G.S.: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. Result: Lost 65—21

The School team ran a very poor race at Blackpool in a four-cornered fixture with MANCHESTER G.S., KIRKHAM G.S., and BLACKPOOL G.S.

School: (17) G. H. Townend; (20) G. K. Williams; (24) F. W. Myerscough; (26) B. Downs; (28) N. A. Hamling; (30) A. L. Haugh.
Result: (1) Blackpool G.S., 39; (2) Manchester G.S., 67; (3) Kirkham G.S., 75; (4) Liverpool Institute, 145.

Running in the Merseyside Inter-Secondary Schools race for the Cumella Cup at West Derby, the School team was placed third with 54 points; the Collegiate School being first with 18 points, and Quarry Bank H.S. second with 23 points.

School: (10) G. H. Townend; (11) G. K. Williams; (13) F. W. Myerscough; (20) H. A. Appleton.

The Steeplechase was held on Saturday, April 1st, over courses of 4½ miles (Junior), and 6 miles (Senior), from the L.B.A. Ground, Allerton, in beautiful weather. In the Senior race, F. W. Myerscough managed to gain a comfortable lead from G. K. Williams and G. H. Townend, after a very interesting first four miles, during which Townend and Williams set the pace. S. R. Buckley won the Junior race after leading all the way, D. P. Dawson and N. S. Guy being second and third respectively. The Running Shield was won by Philip Holt House.

SENIORS.

ALFRED.		OWEN.		PHILIP.		TATE.	
Williams	2	Downs	5	Myerscough	1	Draper	16
Bell	4	Hamling	6	Townend	3	Barlow	18
Adams	7	Bargery	9	Gregory	8	de Gruchy	19
Gordon	14	Rose	15	Brooks	10	Morris	21
Haugh	17	Jones	23	Appleton	11	Hargreaves	25
Gardner	22	Forshaw	28	Davies	12	Billington	31
Denning	24	Edwards	29	Kushner	13	Wolfenden	32
Coop	27	Stone	33	Simpson	20	Stansfield	36
Lee	34	Young	35	Muskett	26	McCutcheon	37
Sutton	38	Tyndall	42	Beastall	30	Salmon	45
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JUNIORS.

Cavanagh	6	Leak	5	Buckley	1	Dawson	2
Parkinson	7	Bibby	23	Guy	3	Park	4
Watson	8	Parry	33	Attwood	10	Crisp	9
Malone	14	Broster	38	Askew	13	Eagle	11
Petherbridge	16	Murless	39	Miller	19	Parry	12
Leason	17	Lucv	41	Hine	20	Williams	15
Mumford	18	Barnes	57	Van Dijk	24	France	22
Blenkinsop	21	Basano	58	Comaish	27	Dixon	25
Wright	31	Morris	59	Naylor	29	Goldsmith	26
Keating	35	Kaufman	67	Hartley	30	Curtis	28
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Our thanks are due to those members of the Staff who acted as markers and in particular to Mr. Folland for his marking of the course and to Mr. Jones and Mr. Wormald for their untiring work, both at the time of the Steeplechase and throughout the running season when their work with the School team is greatly appreciated.

F. W. MYERSCOUGH.

Finish an outdoor snack
with a **FRY'S**
CHOCOLATE SANDWICH

Hockey Season, 1938-39.

AT the beginning of the January term we were very pleased to welcome Mr. W. G. Cretney, from The Arnold School, Blackpool, to take charge of School Hockey. Mr. Willott had previously managed hockey for two terms, but on Mr. Cretney's joining the Staff he gave over this position to one more conversant with the game. However, Mr. Willott continues to give School hockey all his support by helping Mr. Cretney to umpire practice games and matches at Greenbank and on our opponents' grounds. In the first term in which Mr. Cretney has been associated with School hockey, he has shown much energy and enthusiasm towards the game, and has doubled our playing strength by his persuasive means of recruiting non-players.

The School team has had, this season, one of its largest fixture lists, having played 17, won 9, lost 7, drawn 1. The most outstanding game of the season was the School's defeat of Birkenhead School by 8 goals to 2. The eleven was at full strength, with just one or two positional changes. Before the match the team attended a lecture by Mr. Cretney, and on the afternoon of the game, the School played superb hockey. I think lectures of this kind should be made a regular custom before each match.

Never before have practices taken place at Greenbank, while the School eleven is playing away. Sometimes so many have turned up to play as to necessitate two practices in one afternoon.

The two 2nd XI matches v. Birkenhead School's 2nd XI stimulated further interest amongst the younger players, and were very successful. The *Hockey World* library in Room 45 has not been made full use of, by players. There are many good articles on positional play to be read. Next season there will be many places in the team to fill, and an opportunity for everyone to show his prowess. Present players would be very useful in recruiting boys.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Cretney and Mr. Willott for the untiring hours of umpiring and coaching they have given us, in producing such a sound team. Lastly, our thanks to Wass who takes every care of our ground at Greenbank, and makes tea for our home matches.

It is with deep feelings that I sever my connections with School hockey. Having played hockey at School since 1931, I have seen the game struggle through its difficulties, from those days when we could not raise a side that was able to claim a victory, to the present day when we are able to hold our own with any School team in the district. I wish it were the privilege

of the pioneers of our School hockey to see the fruits of the seeds they planted. The future growth and popularity of School hockey should develop abundantly under the charge of Mr. Cretney, as his keenness and enthusiasm is infectious. My position as Captain of School hockey for the last four seasons was one I loved, one which was made so easy by the ready help and advice given to me by Mr. Roberts, Mr. Willott, and recently Mr. Cretney. To my successor I wish the very best of luck.

Colours have been awarded for the season 1938-39 to :—

Full : Rumjahn, P. U. ; Rumjahn, E. J. ; Billington, G. C. [Re-awards]. A. Stone ; R. J. Edwards.

Half : A. Carr.

P. U. RUMJAHN.

CRITIQUE : THE FIRST ELEVEN.

- R. J. EDWARDS (*Goal-keeper*).—He has improved considerably during the present season and his reliability has enabled the defence as a whole to play with greater confidence.
- A. J. MORGAN (*Right full-back*).—Introduced into the team in January, he has rapidly developed into a sound player. He has a remarkably good eye and is a strong hitter. Development of stick work is necessary and he must also overcome a tendency to rashness.
- A. STONE (*Left full-back*).—Very steady and reliable, he has been an outstanding player in the defence. His experience and positional play have been most valuable.
- F. L. SPANSWICK (*Right half-back*).—His control of the ball and his stick work are good and he has been sound in defence. He must learn to feed his wing man and to help his forwards generally.
- G. C. BILLINGTON (*Centre half*).—He has filled this important position uncommonly well. His control of the ball is excellent. He has shone in attack rather than in defence.
- A. CARR (*Left half-back*).—A steady and hardworking player who has given the team very good service.
- R. M. RUMJAHN (*Outside right*).—He is a very young player who promises to emulate his brothers.
- G. H. TOWNEND (*Inside right*).—He has speed and determination and his play has greatly improved.
- E. J. RUMJAHN (*Centre forward*).—Vice-Captain. He is a good leader and an excellent shot. His speed and opportunism have made him a prolific goal scorer.
- P. U. RUMJAHN (*Inside left*).—Captain. His knowledge of the game and his remarkable ability have been of exceptional value. We have all been extremely proud that he has been chosen regularly to play for Lancashire.
- W. N. LEAK (*Outside left*).—He is keen to learn and promises to do well. He should learn to get his centres across quickly and accurately.
- S. LIPTON has appeared for the School on most occasions. He is a hard-working player whose reverse stick work, in particular, is good.

Results.

Jan. 25th v. COLLEGIATE SCHOOL, at Home. Won 18—0
Team : Edwards ; Stone, Carr ; Spanswick, Billington, Lipton ; Rumjahn, R. M., Townend, Rumjahn, E. J., Rumjahn, P. U., Leak.

Jan. 29th v. NORTHERN III, at Crosby. Won 5—0
Team : Edwards ; Stone, Carr ; Spanswick, Billington, Lipton ; Rumjahn, R. M., Townend, Rumjahn, E. J., Rumjahn, P. U., Leak.
Scorers : Rumjahn, P. U., 2 ; Rumjahn, E. J., 3.

Feb. 15th v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' II, at Crosby. Lost 2—3
Team : Edwards ; Stone, Carr ; Grey, Billington, Spanswick, Lucy, Townend, Rumjahn, E. J., Rumjahn, R. M., Leak.

Feb. 18th v. SEFTON III, at Home. Won 4—0
Team : Edwards ; Morgan, Carr ; Spanswick, Stone, Lipton ; Burden, Mr. W. G. Cretney, Billington, Rumjahn, R. M., Leak.
Scorers : Billington, 2 ; Leak, 1 ; Rumjahn, R. M., 1.

Feb. 25th v. CALDAY G.S., at Home. Lost 3—7
Team : Edwards ; Stone, Morgan ; Carr, Billington, Lipton ; Rumjahn, R. M., Spanswick, Rumjahn, E. J., Townend, Leak.

Mar. 4th v. BIRKENHEAD, at Birkenhead. Won 8—2
Team : Edwards ; Stone, Morgan ; Spanswick, Billington, Carr ; Rumjahn, R. M., Townend, Rumjahn, E. J., Rumjahn, P. U., Leak.

For the first time this season the School played its full team ; and avenged the defeat of last year. The game was one of the most enjoyable of the season, being distinguished by several points of interest. The School defence played as if inspired ; not once was it possible for our opponents to catch them napping, although they drove back into the circle where two hard drives went home. Birkenhead were the superior side in hard, clean hitting, and good stopping, but their best players were defeated by the skilful handling of the ball by the School players.

Mar. 11th v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' II, at Home. Lost 1—3
Team : Edwards ; Carr, Morgan ; Spanswick, Stone, Lipton ; Rumjahn, R. M., Mr. W. G. Cretney, Billington, Burden, Jehu.

Mar. 18th v. WEST DERBY B, at Home. Drew 2—2
Team : Edwards ; Stone, Morgan ; Carr, Mr. W. G. Cretney, Lipton ; Leak, Spanswick, Townend, Rumjahn, P. U., Rumjahn, R. M.

Mar. 29th v. COLLEGIATE, at West Derby. Won 9—0
Team : Edwards ; Stone, Morgan ; Carr, Billington, Lipton ; Lucy, Townend, Rumjahn, E. J., Rumjahn, R. M., Leak.

April 1st v. OLD BOYS, at Home. Won 1—0
Team : Edwards ; Stone, Morgan ; Carr, Billington, Lipton ; Rumjahn, R. M., Mr. W. G. Cretney, Rumjahn, E. J., Spanswick, Leak.

This was one of the best games of the season. The teams were equally good, the School having the better forward line while the O.B.'s defence played an enthusiastic and exhilarating game ; Blower and Roberts being outstanding. The tactics of our own forwards were not lively enough and they fell back into the old fault and played as individuals without any constructive team work. This led to very close play in the O.B.'s circle where swift passes would have led to a more definite score and a cleaner game.

THE SECOND XI.

There was one second eleven game against Birkenhead School II. The result was : Lost 3—9. A second game was cancelled owing to bad weather.

Rugby Football.

AT last the team can boast a season which has not been a series of defeats. Towards the end of last term it revealed a very promising form which it has maintained throughout the Easter Term with the result that this season has been perhaps the most enjoyable, certainly the most successful, that the team has played.

The School XV has improved beyond all recognition since last season and, despite a few unaccountable lapses, has played very attractive, open football. The threequarters handle cleanly and run strongly, whilst the forwards have played excellently in the loose and one or two have at last discovered the knack of joining in passing movements. Consequently the games played this season have been most enjoyable, both for the players and for the spectators.

Thanks are due to Mr. Pollard whose interest in Rugby has never waned and whose coaching and encouragement has been invaluable to the School XV. We are also very grateful to Mr. Chapman, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Halton and Mr. W. R. Jones who have refereed for the First Fifteen and who have performed yeoman service in coaching the Junior Fifteen. Finally, we thank Edwin, who for yet another season has kept our pitches in perfect condition.

And so, with the confident expectation that School Rugby football will go from strength to strength, and wishing it every success, I bid farewell.

Junior Rugby.

Last term, an experiment was made by introducing Rugger into the Third Forms. The response was encouraging and a considerable number of practice games were played. This term, although the enthusiasm of some of the players was somewhat diminished, we were able to form a Junior XV which only lost once in four matches.

Naturally, the members of this Junior XV have still a great deal to learn; the threequarters tend to run across the field instead of straight ahead, whilst often the forwards are overcome by the temptation to kick a Rugby ball as though they were playing soccer. However, I am sure that with practice, these faults will be remedied. Already many of the players have shown a genuine talent for Rugger; their enthusiasm is literally overwhelming and I confidently predict that after a few more seasons this team will be irresistible. I wish them every success in the future.

D. NODEN.

CRITIQUE.

- K. BEASTALL.—A sound and reliable full-back; a strong tackler with a good kick and safe hands. His injury last term robbed the team of one of its most valuable members.
- E. WOOTTON.—His handling has improved a great deal and he has an exceptionally strong kick. Has adapted himself well to his new position at full back, where he has played excellently. With a little practice he should become a good goal kicker.
- M. H. ROSE.—His tackles are not very effective and he should practice touch kicking. He runs quite strongly, however, and, with a wider knowledge of the game, should make a good player.
- A. C. BRIDGE.—A very powerful runner whose tackling, handling and kicking is beyond reproach. Early in the season he moved from the wing to centre threequarter where he has proved most valuable both in attack and defence.
- A. L. HAUGH.—A fast and enthusiastic player who only needs more practice. He has played well as wing threequarter and as wing forward, and should develop into an excellent player.
- A. C. BRIGGS.—A useful player in attack who has this season developed a highly effective side step. His handling is excellent even in the worst weather but his tackling is still rather weak and he should remember to kick for touch when on the defensive.
- M. GOULD.—Perhaps the best scrum half that the School has yet produced. With a little more experience he will make a great player.
- S. G. BOURNS.—A very good forward who works hard and tackles well. One of the most useful members of an excellent pack.
- D. BEASTALL.—Plays a good game as hooker, tackles well and is in every way a sound and efficient forward.
- W. E. HESLOP.—A fast, powerful forward who has led the pack well. He plays intelligently and has set a fine example for the rest of the forwards.
- D. W. JACKSON.—Has played excellently on occasions, and with his height and speed should be a very good forward. He must, however, overcome the temptation to relax and should study the rules of the game more closely.
- E. M. FELGATE.—Together with Jackson has made a good second row. Packs well and is prominent in forward rushes.
- R. V. OLSEN.—Needs more experience and should concentrate on improving his tackling.
- P. J. GRAY.—An excellent forward who has always been very enthusiastic. He has proved a most valuable member of the team and I wish him every success at his new school.
- N. LEE.—Unfortunately he was only available towards the end of the season when he played extremely well. He kicks well and has a very safe tackle.
- D. NODEN.—Has once more proved himself an excellent Captain. His own play has improved considerably and he now handles with confidence. I wish him every success at Cambridge. C.F.P.

1st XV Results.

The teams during the term were chosen from the following:—Noden, Heslop, Beastall, K., Bridge, Wootton, Beastall, D., Bourns, Briggs, Gould, Gray, Felgate, Haugh, Jackson, Olsen, Rose, Lee.

SCHOOL v. AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE CO. Jan. 14th. Home.
Won 6—5

SCHOOL v. OLDERSHAW. Feb. 8th. Home. Lost 0—3

The School, encouraged by their previous success, showed an unusual vigour and confidence in this game, and were, if anything, rather unfortunate to lose. From the kick-off it was obvious that the match was to be very close, and by half-time neither side had scored. The threequarters were very evenly matched, and while the opposing forwards were more lively in the loose, the School pack had a definite advantage in the set scrums. In spite of their larger share of the ball, however, the School threequarters gained no decisive advantage, and the second half, like the first, consisted largely of a series of vigorous forward mauls which rapidly carried play from one end of the field to the other. Near the end of the game K. Beastall received the ball from a scrum beneath the posts and narrowly failed with a drop goal, but almost immediately afterwards Oldershaw scored an unconverted try from a tussle near the School line. The School replied with persistent attacks and on one occasion Bridge was forced into touch on the corner flag, but in spite of desperate efforts they failed to score.

SCHOOL v. KING GEORGE V SCHOOL. Feb. 11th. Away.
Lost 0—24

SCHOOL v. OWEN OWEN LTD. Feb. 15th. Home. Won 14—7

SCHOOL v. ORMSKIRK G.S. Mar. 4th. Away. Lost 3—5

Although playing against a strong wind in the first half the School began with several promising movements, and for the first quarter of an hour kept the play inside the Ormskirk half. The threequarters ran and passed well in spite of the heavy going, while the School forwards found the muddy state of the ground to their liking. The School, however, were eventually pushed back, and Ormskirk opened the scoring with a converted try resulting from a good passing movement after a line out in the School twenty-five. With the pack constantly gaining ground the School attacked again and were very unfortunate when Heslop lost the ball on being tackled while crossing the line with no one following up to touch down. In the second half the School pressed hard with the advantage of the wind, but the forwards began to tire quickly and there was little incident until Heslop intercepted a pass near the half way line and ran through to score a try which was not converted. The School again failed to increase their score by missing two penalty kicks, and the final score was 3—5. This match could have been won had full use been made of all opportunities.

SCHOOL v. BIRKENHEAD INSTITUTE. Mar. 18th. Home.
Won 11—8

The School began this match with a burst of scoring almost as surprising to themselves as to their opponents, and scored eight points in the first five minutes. First Heslop broke through from a line out and passed to Gray who raced away to score under the posts. Noden converted, and two minutes later Bridge scored an unconverted try near the corner from a threequarter movement. After this bright beginning, however, the standard of play deteriorated, chiefly because of the drizzle which made effective handling almost impossible, and the rest of the half consisted of a series of forward rushes without any really good passing movements. As the result of a converted try scored against the

School early in the second half the game became more interesting and both sides showed greater enthusiasm and energy with Birkenhead attacking strongly. The School eventually obtained relief from this pressure when Rose, taking the ball on after a forward rush, found it bounce into his hands, and ran through to score an unconverted try. The School's lead was again reduced when Birkenhead scored a penalty goal, but further attacks were repulsed until the end of a hard and enjoyable, if not spectacular, game.

SCHOOL v. WEST PARK SCHOOL, St. Helens. Mar. 25th. Home.
Draw 9—9

In the first half the School were definitely outclassed by a team which was superior in all departments, whose threequarters handled well at amazing speed, and whose forwards, though quick at following up and in the loose, were heavy enough to obtain a fair share of the ball from the set scrums. West Park took the initiative from the beginning of the game and scored two unconverted tries from fast threequarter movements. A further unconverted try was added when the School full back had his kick charged down after fumbling badly. The few occasions during this half on which the School reached striking distance of the West Park line resulted from forward rushes in which Lee was prominent but weakly supported. With the help of a slight breeze in the second half the School showed a great improvement in spite of a deficit of nine points, and a try was scored near the corner from a threequarter movement on the left. The goal kick was unsuccessful. Then the School pack led by Heslop began to assume control of the game, and from a loose scrum near the West Park line Heslop forced his way over for an unconverted try. There followed a few anxious moments for the School as West Park attacked, but the School forwards recovered all the lost ground by a series of irresistible rushes, and in the last minute of the game Heslop snapped up the ball in the loose after a forward movement to cross the line again near the posts. The goal kick failed. The team as a whole showed remarkable powers of recovery in the second half and was never discouraged when a crushing defeat was at one time threatened.

Junior Results.

The Junior team played four games last term. The teams were chosen from:—

Isherwood, K. H. C., Patterson, D., Hine, W. L., Murless, P. J., Hopestone, H. F., Kingham, W. R., France, A. A., Cohen, D., Weston, W. G., Brett, R. L., Durband, A., Howlett, N. S., Williams, I. E., Parry, A. P., Thornley, A., Moore, C. M., Evans, J., Dickson, C. R.

v. COLLEGIATE JUNIORS.	Away.	Feb. 22nd.	Lost 0—8
v. COLLEGIATE JUNIORS.	Home.	Mar. 11th.	Draw 6—6
v. OLDERSHAW JUNIORS.	Home.	Mar. 18th.	Won 24—0
v. OLDERSHAW JUNIORS.	Away.	Mar. 22nd.	Won 3—0

Association Football.

THIS term has seen a decided improvement in play of the team, and many worthy victories have been gained. Only three defeats have been suffered, the score being 3—4 in each case. The confidence expressed last term of a continued revival was fully justified.

At the same time, however, the term has not been without its disappointments. The School team had won every match before visiting Waterloo in the 1st round of the Senior Shield, but in this game, with everyone playing below form, the defence being shaky at times, a 3—1 lead was lost for the School to lose 3—4. As if to demonstrate that this result was not a true indication of the team's ability, a victory was gained in the next game against the Collegiate, the eventual winners of the Shield Competition. As the majority of this year's team is staying at School for at least another year, we can look forward with confidence to next season.

The 2nd XI has not met with as much success as it did last term, but the standard of 3rd XI play remained high, though the XI was unlucky to lose its 1st Round Junior Shield tie.

It is again our pleasant task to thank Mr. Moy for the work he has put in with the 1st XI, and Messrs. Peters and Bradshaw for their work with the 2nd and 3rd XI's respectively. We thank also Mr. Reece for his supervision of School football and his organisation of House games. At the same time we feel that the School does not take sufficient advantage of the excellent facilities for football provided at Mersey Road. The apathy of the School is appalling.

We cannot end these notes without extending our thanks to Wass and Edwin for their splendid care of the pitches.

Full Colours for football have been awarded to H. T. Muskett, T. R. Sanderson, S. Gardner, G. E. Gregory, and R. E. Walker. Half-colours have been re-awarded to G. Cohen, and awarded to W. H. Adams, R. J. Brooks, H. Coop, C. Draper, H. Fisher, B. E. Price and K. Rawlinson. H. T. MUSKETT.

House Football.

The Senior "Horsfall Cup" Competition was won by Alfred Holt House, who defeated Philip Holt House in the final.

The Junior "Whitehouse Cup" Competition was won by Tate House, who defeated Philip Holt House in the final.

CRITIQUE.

H. T. MUSKETT (*Centre-forward and Captain*).—He began the season in goal, but later moved to centre-forward, a position which it had been difficult to fill. He is settling down in his unaccustomed position and should do well next season. His willingness to shoot on every occasion has already brought him many goals.

T. R. SANDERSON (*Centre-half and Vice-Captain*).—He has played very well indeed at centre-half and has been the mainstay of a defence which, in the early part of the season, was rather easily drawn out of position. He tackles decisively, kicks strongly and is quick in recovery.

PRICE, B. E. (*Goalkeeper*).—Has proved himself a capable goalkeeper. Must remember that constant reliability is preferable to occasional brilliance.

RAWLINSON, K. (*Right full-back*).—A strong player, but inclined to be slow. Should mark the wing man more closely. A good kick but not always accurate.

ADAMS, W. H. (*Left full-back*).—Has developed into a really sound full-back. Tackles well and can recover quickly.

BROOKS, R. J. (*Right half*).—A hard worker, without being spectacular. Combines well with his wing-man. Often neglects defence for attack.

GARDNER, S. (*Left half*).—Dribbles well and is the starting point of many attacks. Often tries to trap the ball when it would be more advisable to head it. Tackles well but should recover more quickly to help in defence.

GREGORY, G. E. (*Outside right*).—Has played well at outside right and centre-forward. Centres with judgment and has a good shot.

WALKER, R. E. (*Inside right*).—Has improved considerably and makes good openings for the other forwards. Uses his weight effectively but still inclined to hold the ball too long.

COHEN, G. (*Inside left*).—Dribbles and swerves well. Perhaps the hardest worker in the attack. His shots are neither strong nor frequent.

IRELAND, B. H.—Never daunted by bigger opposition. Good right-footed shot, but this does not help his centres from the left wing.

DRAPER, C. (*Outside left*).—Has the ability to become an accomplished outside left, once he overcomes his timidity in facing large full-backs.

RESULTS.

SCHOOL, v. QUARRY BANK. Home. Jan. 25th. Won 3—2
Team: Price; Ferguson, Adams; Brooks, Sanderson, Gardner; Gregory, Walker, Muskett, Cohen, Ireland.
The half-time score was 2—1 for us. Our goals were scored by Muskett, Walker and Ireland.

SCHOOL, v. ALSOP H.S. Home. Jan. 28th. Won 4—1
Team: Price; Ferguson, Adams; Brooks, Sanderson, Gardner; Muskett, Walker, Gregory, Cohen, Ireland.

Play in the first half was fairly even, but the School right wing seemed rather cramped. It defeated its own ends by its failure either to shoot or to make useful centres after long bouts of close passing. In the end, however, Muskett, veering to the left after a corner, put in a first time shot to score with the goalkeeper unsighted. At half-time the School led by 1—0. After the interval the forward line changed its

formation once again. Muskett went to centre-forward and Gregory to outside right. The game then became more open, and the School soon went further ahead through Cohen. But Alsop rallied, and after a long period of play in midfield reduced the arrears. Again the School pressed and Muskett took a through pass to score a third goal. The School were now playing confidently and combining well. The Alsop goal was subjected to a severe bombardment and they were lucky not to concede any further goals before Walker nodded in a long centre from the wight wing just before the end. The School were well worth their victory in a good game.

SCHOOL v. WARRINGTON G.S. Home. Feb. 1st. **Won 6—2**
Team: Price; Ferguson, Adams; Brooks, Sanderson, Gardner; Gregory, Walker, Muskett, Cohen, Ireland.

The frozen state of the ground made ball control difficult and full speed impossible, but the School's combination tactics were perfectly suited to the conditions. The School led at half-time by two goals from Muskett. In the second half our superiority became marked and Walker (2), Muskett and Ireland added further goals, though Warrington reduced the lead through their centre-forward who was unmarked by a defence which had relaxed its vigilance.

SCHOOL v. S.F.X. Away. **Won 4—3**

After a bad start, the team tightened up and a good goal by Gregory, after a movement along the right wing, brought new life into the team. Two minutes later Muskett headed a perfect centre by Gregory into the net. Despite the fact that the opposing centre-forward replied with a snap goal, after drawing Price out of position, the School were now playing much more confident football.

After the interval the School was obviously concentrating on defence. Only rarely did the ball go out of their half of the field, but whenever it did a goal seemed possible, the S.F.X. backs proving surprisingly unsteady under pressure. After Muskett had scored a third goal, the School retired into defence more markedly than ever. These tactics were almost disastrous for within ten minutes of the end S.F.X. had drawn level. These two goals by our opponents galvanised the School to life, the half-back line as a whole advanced, and the opposing halves engaged by the School forwards could no longer threaten our defence. The constant pressing was rewarded when Walker headed a beautiful pass to Muskett, who netted the ball in a flash.

SENIOR SHIELD—1st Round.

SCHOOL v. WATERLOO G.S. Away. Feb. 15th. **Lost 3—4**

Waterloo attacked from the kick-off, and the School defence, perhaps unnerved by the cries of the Waterloo supporters, was not at all sure in its kicking. Price was called upon to make clearance after clearance. The wing-halves tried, without success, to set the forward line moving, and their passes often went astray. The right wing promised well, but Gregory's centres were inclined to drop behind Muskett. Shortly before the interval, however, Muskett ran over to the right, and centred for Walker to score with a well-placed shot. After the interval the defence had another attack of nerves, and Waterloo took their chance and equalised. The School quickly regained the lead, however, Muskett beating the Waterloo centre-half to the ball and shooting past the advancing goal-keeper. The School were now definitely superior,

and it was the turn of the Waterloo defence to be unsettled. Walker took a throw-in on the right, and with a terrific throw enabled Muskett to head a third goal for the School.

At this point tragedy entered the game (from the School's point of view). A penalty was awarded against Adams after what seemed to be a perfectly fair charge, and Price had no chance from the spot-kick. This goal encouraged the Waterloo attack, and in a couple of minutes they had equalised. A minute later and Waterloo had gone ahead. Sanderson seemed too far up the field when the Waterloo centre-forward scored with a good left-footed shot. In the closing minutes the School put everything into attack, but the Waterloo goal remained intact at the final whistle.

SCHOOL v. COLLEGIATE. Away. Mar. 8th. **Won 2—1**
Team: Price; Rawlinson, Adams; Brooks, Sanderson, Gardner; Gregory, Walker, Muskett, Cohen, Ireland.

The School kicked off in the blinding rain with only ten men, Cohen at that time bewailing a puncture in the wilds of Childwall. Play was for a time in the School half, but the defence stood up to the test well, Sanderson and Adams being outstanding. The School now began to attack more strongly, and made progress up the left wing. When Muskett ran out to the left, expecting a pass, Gardner swung the ball into the middle, for Walker to get it under control and score with a fine drive. The School held on to this lead until the interval. In the second half the School had more of the play, but the Collegiate attacks were always dangerous. Under pressure Rawlinson miskicked and the Collegiate centre-forward equalised with a good shot which hit the underside of the cross-bar. This goal served to revive the team's dampened spirits, and the game became very even. About ten minutes before the end Walker kicked the ball up-field and Muskett won the race for possession to give the School the victory.

SCHOOL v. WARRINGTON G.S. Away. Mar. 11th. **Won 4—2**

The team was unchanged. The School, playing in heavy rain on a waterlogged pitch which made ball control difficult, found themselves losing by two clear goals, but fought back to reduce the arrears to 2—1 at half-time by a goal from Muskett. In the second half the School took command and never looked back. Muskett scored three more goals to finish an excellent afternoon's work.

SCHOOL v. HOLT H.S. Away. Mar. 22nd. **Lost 3—4**

Team: Price; Rawlinson, Adams; Brooks, Sanderson, Gardner; Gregory, Walker, Muskett, Cohen, Draper.

The weather won this match. A cloudburst just before the match made the pitch into a lake. The strong wind kept the ball in our half, and Holt went three goals ahead. We scored three goals—one put in by a defender, Muskett and Walker supplying the others. But a bad defensive blunder gave the Holt victory.

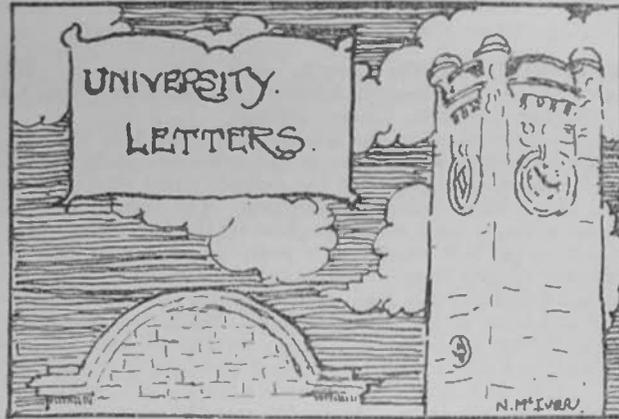
SCHOOL v. MANCHESTER G.S. Home. Mar. 25th. **Lost 3—4**

Team: Price; Rawlinson, Adams; Brooks, Sanderson, Gardner; Gregory, Walker, Muskett, Cohen, Brown.

The School kicked off but immediately Manchester took the offensive and stormed the School defence, who were too hard-pressed to give any support to our forwards. They opened the scoring from a strong shot into the net from the outside right. But the School recovered somewhat.

despite the consistent good work of their centre-half, and Walker managed to slip the ball past the advancing goalkeeper to equalise. So it was 1—1 at half-time. Then the School had it all their own way, and jumped into a comfortable lead with goals by Gregory and Muskett. But the Manchester attack was always dangerous, and working together with determination they made a strong recovery. They scored once to make it 3—2, then Price in our goal let one slip past, 3—3, and shortly afterwards they netted the winning goal to snatch victory.

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HOME OF LOST CAUSES.

SIR,

The horrid 'larum of your summons arrived most inopportunistly: for it made even more melancholy a condemned man's last meal—my breakfast before sallying forth to the modern chamber of horrors, the dentist's chair. Still, when editor's summon, especially when so flatteringly as you, Sir, mere hack journalists must obey. My obedience is, however, conditional: I positively insist that you must endeavour to have this letter printed with fewer mistakes than my last. As if Mr. Martin got wet painting! What I wrote was "punting." I think you will agree that the opportunities of immersion are far greater to those who punt than to those who paint. However, to my task.

As when of old some dragon, from his noisome den under the dark cliff, by awful bellowings from out his brazen throat, and by the fires which, issuing forth from twin nostrils, with sulphurous smoke involved, blast far and wide the youngling crops, makes known to the inhabitants of the town hard by, that the appointed hour is come when they, heavy of heart, must lead forth picked men and maids, each in a white robe and encircled as to the head with a fillet, to be flung as an annual

tribute to the hunger of the serpent—so now the dread summons went forth that the Moderators did hereby require that HAWTHORN, THOMAS, of B.N.C., HUGHES, GLYNN, of JESUS, ION, Robert H., of Pembroke, and MARTIN, Noel E., of C.C.C., should present themselves, each clad in suit of becoming darkness, and in a shirt of inconspicuous pattern, with collar and tie of virgin white, at the Examination Schools, there to be examined in the Latin and Greek tongues, the exam. vulgarly called "Honour Moderations." Unlike the dragon in the simile to which the contemplation of the unhappy lot of these gentlemen prompted me, the Moderators are more like cats which, having played with their mice, let 'em go, mutilated but living. So they are once more restored to us, and we wish them that success which they deserve—or as they would piously plead, a success out of proportion to their merits. Of their doings last term little can be said. Mr. Hughes was so far gone, that we hear he refused a game of darts at the Union. Mr. Martin on the other hand improved his knowledge of this splendid pastime at the expense of many a foaming tankard, and a chat with the Proctors, who were delighted to see him, and even more charming towards his cheque book. No! the story that he emulated the spear-famed son of Phyleus, and "with keen dart" smote the "buller" "upon the sinew of the skull" so that the dart "cleft the roof of his tongue" is a wicked and malicious fable. The truth is, he was, as always, our Gentleman No. 1. Mr. Ion has had many things curtailed, including his appendix—or more accurately, he has had many things curtailed because that awkward vestigial structure was excised from out of him. However, he is now well again, and we hope that ill-health will not have affected his Mods. Mr. Hawthorn continues on his impeccable way: far from him flies any scandal, affrighted by his honest and open countenance. He even went to the B.N.C. Mods. Dinner and remained sober. Indeed, it is a good thing that we have him up at Oxford with us: for in these days of crisis and counter-crisis, the unruffled stoicism, the balanced judgment, and serene confidence which are the most noteworthy features of his character, must have a calming effect on all who meet him, especially if they have not yet learned to discipline themselves to his serenity of mind.

Messrs. Hawthorn, Martin, Ion, and Hughes, have, as we have already said, escaped from the examiners; Messrs. Curtis and Little are preparing to do battle with them next term. Mr. Curtis blooms: his catholic taste in matters theological may be gauged when you realize that he is a member of a Romish S—C— Society for the study of politics, and a Congregationalist

Society for the study of the Gospel. Moreover, he is a prominent member of the Joint Council for Christian Teaching, which consists of dons leavened by a few undergraduates and is a very select body. He dwells with a scion of the aristocracy and when you next see him, I advise you to persuade him to tell you the story of how he and his fellow lodger went to Bloomsbury to look up a young lady. Mr. Little, though he shares lodgings with two of Oxford's *enfants terribles*, remains quiet and unsophisticated. He trains for his exams. in secret, and one sees him only occasionally.

Messrs. Hopwood, Leather, and Tharme, have some respite yet awhile from the tyranny of the examination cell. Mr. Leather is the only philosopher at Jesus, and he has retired to the country to brood on the problems involved. Yet, once in a while he comes in to Oxford, and it would seem that his rustic moralizings have not yet soured the sweetness of his smile. Mr. Hopwood is doing his level best to get expelled—not, fortunately, from Oxford, but much more seriously, from the Labour Party. From his fastness in Queen's he breathes vengeance upon Transport House for the expulsion of Sir Stafford Cripps, and, with the rapidity of an adder striking at its prey, his tongue darts forth, licking the envelopes, in which protests have been inserted against the Party's decision. Mr. Tharme still pensively looks at the fat carp in Mercury; he now shaves every day. In company with a friend of his from the House he goes out bird-watching—not the birds one usually watches, but the real thing. His conversation on such occasions is alarming. Stalking grimly through the muddy fields of Oxfordshire, with a pair of field-glasses half-raised to his eyes, he converses with you somewhat thus: "Ah, but as Mr. Chamberlain said in the House yesterday. Whoopee, a jolly little chaffinch!" It is with some difficulty that you realize that the Premier had not suddenly decided to instruct the House in Ornithology.

And so we pass to the yearlings, who are now nearly ready to be weaned, and promise to be fine healthy specimens, when that process is accomplished. Mr. Leak astounds us, his scout, and Nature. For we hear that he rises at four o'clock in the afternoon—to the annoyance of a singularly unaccommodating Dean. So now we know why he is so rarely to be seen. Mr. Hammer has not yet lost his exuberance; do you play Rugby? There is Mr. Hammer; do you play soccer? Lo, the opponent who has just sent you to commune with Mother Earth is Mr. Hammer. Do you row? Mr. Hammer is a member of the crew that bumps you. Do you ride your bicycle into motor-cars? But no, Mr. Hammer has learned sense, and he is not in the next bed to

you in the Acland. Behold now, the apartment of Mr. Hargreaves. On his desk in the far corner of the room stands a reading-lamp, throwing an eerie light over everything from its mercury-lamp, and making even more impressive to the apprehensive eye of the classical beholder, his wireless-set, with its steel-grey case, its knobs, its switches, its wavebands—in fact Mr. Hargreaves's set looks just like those super things the criminal always possesses in motion picture plays. Timidly enters the palpitating breast, but neither Mr. Hargreaves, nor his wireless-set, bites; and one is soon at home. Moreover he demonstrates that his scientific temper does not preclude a Johnsonian delight in crossing his legs and having his talk out. Mr. Holmes still preserves his air of bland mystery. He might be anything from a diplomat to a cocaine king. Even in his athletic pursuits he rises above common humanity; for he rows, and anyone who does that is certainly willing to be butchered to make an Olavian holiday. We left Mr. Burns meditating assault upon St. Hilda's. We, too, have given the matter thought. As a result of which, we come forward with a few suggestions. As Mr. Burn's purse could tell him in that empty sounding language which purses speak, there are people in Keble who shoot things. We propose that Mr. Burns should convert these snipers into sappers. They could then burrow a way for him to L.M.H.—it would only be about half a mile as the worm crawls. On the other hand, this would be not only costly and uncertain, but might even give rise to the suspicion that he and his friends were passing tests for entrance into the I.R.A. So we put out a more feasible suggestion, that he should follow Mr. Holmes and row. We have acquaintances less beauteous and less strong than Mr. Burns who have thereby caught a crab.

Lastly, may we congratulate those who will join us next year and commiserate with those who are going to our Junior University? At last I have reached the end of a task no less onerous than thankless, and it is with feelings of the profoundest relief that I subscribe myself, with my pen, but not my heart,

Your most humble, most obedient, *servant,

J. I. KNOXCLAVE.

* How many writers of this can use this word without their tongue in their cheek? Me alone, I think. I won't ask whether this is a record.—J.I.K.

THE UNION,
CAMBRIDGE.

DEAR SIR,

I must begin with my customary complaint about lack of material. Mr. Collett is the only member of the Society who can be relied upon to be consistent in his inconsistencies. I really envy my fellow-toiler of our sister society with fourteen members and five women's colleges at his disposal. I must admit having been approached by several members with requests to keep silent about certain of their doings, but no financial advantage having been forthcoming from these encounters, I must, with true journalistic decency and bearing in mind the freedom of the Press (having as yet received no notice from the Admiralty) tell the whole truth.

Anticipating reproach from our literary purist, Mr. Corlett, I apologise for the last sentence behaving like an after-dinner speaker. I was almost tempted to stop the letter and start afresh at some time when I could write better English, for every sentence which comes to my mind seems to contain firstly, a personal pronoun and secondly an "ablative absolute" clause. Some psychoanalysis must be done to discover why these faults keep cropping up. It is probably due to a surfeit of political speeches. Modern diplomacy seems to consist in making speeches every Saturday and acting contrary to them for the rest of the week. Having covered a lot of space with introduction, I come to the least important but unfortunately indispensable part of the letter.

Mr. Collett is the most active of our members, but even he has been rather comatose this term. However, on one occasion it was very difficult to sit down in his room for fear of being impaled on the hairpins which lay liberally dispersed on the furniture. Mr. Collett relies on other people being liberal with everything. His bellicosity has been the cause of great distress amongst his associates who have already had to buy him a pair of glasses and a pair of pipes broken in action. Mr. Collett's call to battle is an agonised yell "Mind my glasses, you oaf!" He has fished with no visible success.

Of the remaining three members of the Society there is little to be said. Mr. Scarisbrick held a Yarborough when his unfortunate partner held eight tricks and had bid three. (This must not be taken to be any reflection on him as a bridge player. It just happened.) Mr. Corlett continues along the straight and narrow path. He is definitely improving at darts. The same might be said of Mr. Robertson, who however got very excited

about the soccer coppers competition and muttered dire threats about referees in general and two in particular.

Despite all this, however, it has been a very pleasant term. I now realise with relief that I shall not have to write another epistle till October.

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THE UNION,

BEDFORD STREET.

To the Editor, *Liverpool Institute Magazine*.

SIR,

We congratulate you. We congratulate you wholeheartedly, unreservedly. From the depths of our humble being we offer, on the altar of your graciousness, our deepest gratitude. For have you not, contrary to the common practice of your kind, sent us a demand note which shows no small element of consideration for that most wretched of individuals, the University Correspondent. Your note, subtly flattering, delicately encouraging, has that ineffable politeness which, alas, one associates only with a more refined age when the world had butter instead of guns. Mind you, we suspect that if we do not hasten to comply with your request we shall incur the Editorial wrath which is of a nature that surpasseth all understanding. But such thoughts are unworthy of us. We dismiss them without more ado.

Meanwhile we have sent your note to our tailor—a most grasping man—in the hope that, by your example, he will learn how to address a gentleman, even an impecunious one. And talking of tailors, I wonder if you have seen Mr. Bates' tie. You haven't? O fortunate man. There are those who say that to see Mr. Bates' tie is to see all the evil the world has known since Satan made his famous long distance flight. Certainly it will add ten years on to your age and that might be awkward for scholarship purposes.

This year, we see, the Architectural Faculty is richer for the presence of Mr. L. E. Thompson. Already he looks very Bohemian and is rapidly assuming the leadership of fashion among the smarter of the more artistic set. A coming man is Mr. Thompson. Another of our architects is Mr. Penn who, besides being the owner (and what's more, the wearer) of a hat which is in itself a masterpiece of architecture, finds time to captain the Badminton team.

News Item: The Badminton Club is a mixed club.

The other day we were privileged to witness a most peculiar phenomenon. Strolling over to the Union, as is our wont, for our morning coffee, we heard a sound as of a mighty rushing wind and a great projectile sped past us at an incredible rate, so fast indeed that we could distinguish no more than the mere outline of the monster. Its passage was accompanied by the sound of falling masonry as the nearby buildings shook in their foundations and it was observed that the clock struck thirty-five. So astonished were we at this extraordinary occurrence that we made further inquiries into its nature and origin. Imagine our surprise when we found that it was none other than Mr. Gould's bicycle carrying Mr. Gould en route for Harley Street. He has, we hear, paused at the Medical School to acquire some of the knowledge required of those who practise in that august thoroughfare, but at this rate he will be there in a very short time.

Mr. Mills, on the other hand, is the very antithesis of unruly haste. Moving from Lab. to Lecture Theatre with a quiet dignity which is the very essence of good form, Mr. Mills is a model of decorum and sets an example to us all and especially to Mr. Culshaw, a happy soul whose activities last Panto Day will certainly not bear looking into.

Now every great chronicler from Froissart to the present writer (modesty is, perhaps, our most notable virtue) has, at times, found himself faced with the necessity of recording facts which have no possible meaning for him. Such is our present dilemma, for we must tell you that Mr. Kelly is still a cross-country runner. He canters for mile upon weary mile over hill and dale and ploughed field and cabbage patch, and why he should do this is beyond us who can see no wrong in so catholic a choice of transport as we have in tricycles, perambulators, handcarts, invalid chairs, and the like. However, we believe, with Ibsen, that "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" and Mr. Kelly must have had some stitches in his time.

Time? Ah, yes. Time to end the tale of
Your servant,

LJOSPHINX.

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Prefects' Letter.

'THE PREFECTS' ROOM.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

Secrets, as you may have observed, have a peculiar tendency to stimulate curiosity, and apparently it is this curiosity which

actuates you three times every year to probe into the secrets of the Prefects' Room. But if you are expecting a revelation of the dark and sinister, you are doomed to disappointment; and deservedly so. In the first place the secrets we have are neither dark nor sinister, and in the second place if they were, surely you could not expect us to divulge them to the world in general for consumption and distortion by the common herd! It would be such a pity if we were misunderstood.

And now that all your fond and morbid hopes have been well and duly shattered, presumably you are no longer interested in the Prefects. But still, you asked for it and you're going to get it, even if what you get is not what you hoped for. Nevertheless, out of pity for your miserable soul, you will be spared the agony of boredom brought on by repetition. You may find in last term's Magazine an introduction to the lives and habits of this year's Prefects. Suffice it, therefore, to note certain changes in those habits, whether for better or for worse.

Mr. Myerscough has given up his Secretaryship to Mr. Felgate and now devotes his attention to Dance Music, while the latter arms himself with large dictionaries and departs on the pretext of working. Mr. Colville and Mr. Heslop spread evil rumour about him, but Mr. Colville is himself, figuratively speaking, in a glass house and has developed a remarkably good stroke at table-tennis as a result. Mr. Heslop annoys him by blocking all his masterpieces and everyone else by persistently throwing wide the windows. He also displays an optimism about forthcoming Rugger matches which neither the cool arguments nor the infamous pullover of Mr. Noden can damp.

The coincidence of the House plays and the Prefects' play this term has had some remarkable results. The rare occasions on which Mr. Gardner is seen, he is either flourishing a red tie or swinging an oil lamp. The newly acquired wave in his hair has eclipsed the fame of the parting in Mr. Carr's, who bitterly bewails the loss of the mirror and has diverted his time to the writing of Photographic notices instead. Mr. Billington has resorted to the expedient of providing his own mirrors and not only combs his hair but even indulges in the bad habit of frequent washing. Strange sounds emanating from the Prefects' Room may invariably be attributed to Mr. Beastall blowing his piece of metal tubing, much to the delight of Mr. Saunders. Incidentally Mr. Saunders actually had the audacity to bring his pet dog Bruno to School and Bruno has now lost the squeak from his tail. But we must not speak ill of Mr. Saunders, since he is soon to suffer for his wrong-doings on a trip to Australia. We hope, however, that Father Neptune will not bring

up his past before him too often. No doubt Mr. Vickers will ably take his place as sophisticated arguer-in-chief whenever he is not engaged showing Mr. Muskett how to play table-tennis. In addition to his table-tennis Mr. Muskett shows a considerable turn for wit: indeed it is suspected he once taught Arthur Askey. As for Mr. Bridge, his life remains a mystery and, despite cries of "not to-day, thank you," he still habitually wanders in wearing a white coat and a shadow of a smile and then wanders out again.

And there you have it, Mr. Editor. *Felix qui potuit* . . .

Yours faithfully,

A. PREFECT.

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Correspondence.

SINCE the publication of the Golden Jubilee Number we have received many messages of congratulations from Old Boys, among them the letter from Mr. J. P. Rose, one of our contributors, which we print below. May we take the opportunity to thank all our friends for their support, and add our hope that in future Old Boys will take active interest in a Magazine which they might justly claim to be as much theirs as ours, a sure link between past and present.

22 REYNOLDS CLOSE,
LONDON, N.W.11.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

My heartiest congratulations on the Jubilee Number of the Magazine which I have read with very great pleasure. It is truly a memorable Golden Number; and we are all indebted to you and your colleagues both for the conception and for its excellent execution. I echo the sentiments which you express in your leader and feel sure that this achievement will strengthen the links which join the past, the present and the future.

It is a happy circumstance that the Jubilee Number should contain such a fine record of recent successes in University Scholarships. Best wishes to you all for a happy University career.

Yours sincerely,

P. J. ROSE.

Editorial Notices.

THE Editors are always glad to receive contributions from all sections of the School, and particularly from the Fifth Forms and below. Work should be written on **one** side only of examination paper, obtainable from the Editors. In view however of the necessity of an early date for publication, we ask contributors to send in all articles during the term, but in any case not later than the end of the **first** week of the holidays. The Editors cannot guarantee to print even important contributions after that date.

We acknowledge the receipt of the following contemporaries, and apologise for any inadvertent omissions: *The Caldeian*, *S.F.X. Magazine*, *Quarry*, *Ruym*, *Florentian*, *Esmeduna*, *Anchor*, *Inkwell*, *Merchant Taylors' Review*, *Pincerna*, *Wallaseyan*, *Red Rose*, *Oulton*, *Olavian*, and the magazines of *Alsop High School*, *City of London School*, *Ormskirk Grammar School*, *Holt School*.

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Calendar.

Summer Term, 1939.

Tues., Apr. 25	Term Begins.
Mon., May 22	S.C. Oral Examinations (German and Spanish).
Tues., „ 23	O.T.C. Inspection. Field Day for Scouts.
Wed., „ 24	S.C. Oral Examinations (French).
Thur., „ 25	School Excursion. The Whitsun and Half Term Holiday is from 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 25th, to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 31st.
Sat., June 17	Sports Finals.
Thur., „ 29	Entrance Examination.
Fri., „ 30	School Certificate Examinations Begin.
Mon., July 10	School Examinations Begin.
Thur., „ 13	H.S.C. Practical Examinations.
Mon., „ 17	Field Day for O.T.C. and Scouts.
Fri., „ 21	Troutal Camp Opens. Term Ends.
Tues., „ 25	O.T.C. Camp Opens.

Next Term Begins at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, September 13th.