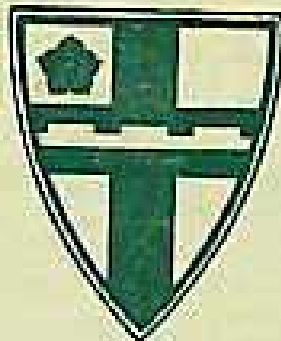


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It is the practical duty of a wise nation, first to withdraw, as far as may be, its youth from destructive influences; then to try its material as far as possible, and to lose the use of none that is good. I do not mean "withdrawing from destructive influences" the keeping of youths out of trials; but the keeping them out of the way of things purely and absolutely michievous. I do not mean that we should shade our green corn in all heat, and shelter it in all frost, but only we should dyke out the innuation from it, and drive the fowls away from it. Let your youth labour and suffer; but do not let it starve, nor steal, nor blaspheme.

It is not, of course, in my power to enter into details of schemes of education, of which a principal difficulty is the mode in which the chance of advancement in life is to be extended to all, and yet made compatible with contentment in the pursuit of lower avocations by those whose abilities do not qualify them for the higher. But the general principle of trial schools lies at the root of the matter—of schools, that is to say, in which the knowledge offered and discipline enforced shall be all a part of a great assay of the human soul, and in which the one shall be increased, the other directed, as the tried heart and brain will best bear, and no otherwise.

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EDITORIAL

We were all ready for the press in July when the Printing Trade dispute put all magazines out of circulation. We apologise, therefore, for our late appearance though it was no fault of our own.

Our copy has become slightly dated through its summer shelving but we believe it will still be found interesting as a record and picture of the school during the last half year.

The delay in publication, however, has enabled us to include our Summer G.C.E. results which are the best, at both levels, that the School has ever achieved and which include three State Scholarships.

A feature of the magazine seems to be the numerous accounts of School journeys and visits at home and abroad. All these are well written by some one or other in the various parties and all bear witness to the educational as well as the recreational value of these holidays.

There are also the usual reports of our numerous School societies including—in the French Circle notes—an account of the plays performed jointly with Coloma School. Our own play is the subject of a special article, with photographs by kind permission of *The Croydon Times*.

Of original material we had much less of quality work than editors like. Much that was offered was sub-standard; and we would remind all boys that writing for publication requires every effort, every care, and every skill. The fact that it is Examination term has sometimes been offered as the excuse for the drying up of the literary springs; but that surely is a time when they should be bubbling most freely. Of the poems printed we think the two on Spring by P. Grey and G. Beales, both of LVIA, those worthiest of special mention.

FOREWORD

by the Headmaster

“ A Great Assay of the Human Soul ”

IN 1880, when Ruskin was writing “ A Joy For Ever ”, from which our frontispiece quotation is taken, nothing resembling a State Grammar School system existed. As usual, Ruskin was decades ahead of his time; and he suggested the institution of what he called ‘trial schools’, that is schools in which ability and character should be put to the test by the type of work and discipline offered.

Ruskin was a poor, practical organiser. He made no attempt to define methods of selection to work out curricula or to suggest means of examining pupils at the end of their school careers. Sufficient for him the idea and the principle; others might carry forward his project into practical realms.

One phrase of Ruskin’s, however, struck me as particularly illuminating—his reference to education as “a great assay of the human soul”. An assay is a goldsmith’s term for determining the amount of precious metal in an alloy—and, as used as a metaphor for what we try to do in the schools, it seems to me singularly appropriate. The young boy comes full of possibilities but all undeveloped; the young man leaves, still, indeed, only part developed, but what a different fellow he usually is! In the course of his five, seven or even eight years here, he has gained in knowledge, practical skills, personal poise. If he has acted wisely, he has qualifications that can never be taken away from him, lasting interests and resources and a sense of standards which have their failings, but, by and large, they do now provide youth with its birthright, an environment suitable for “the great assay”.

It is interesting to note the conditions under which Ruskin felt this process was possible. In the first place he considered that youth must be withdrawn from “destructive influences”. In his day there was no Welfare State and among “destructive influences” he, therefore, included that abject poverty which must result in starvation, theft and a complete absence of spiritual values. Subsequent ages, in no small degree inspired by Ruskin’s writings, have, in large measure, removed these spectres from the path of youth, but we should do well to consider whether there are not other influences almost equally pernicious in our own time—among them the provision of perpetual amusement, the commercialised purveying of unworthy interests, the belief in success without work and the notion, born of American films and bad psychological theory, that life consists of noisy self-assertion.

The non-residential schools certainly cannot withdraw their pupils from all these influences; they can only ask parents as far as possible to shield them, and discourage anything that savours of demoralisation during the hours of school attendance. This they do.

On the other and more positive side they provide that tradition of strenuous living, inherited from the public schools, which does so much to form character in a boy, or, as the saying is, “to make a man of him”. A boy is living in this tradition when he is nerving himself for a stage

entry as well as when he is facing a fast bowler, when he is preparing and delivering a speech as well as when he is running the last lap of the mile, and when he is mastering a difficult piece of music, doing hard study or keeping his head in a practical exam. as well as when he is undergoing the most exacting endurance test in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

J.C.L.

AVE ATQUE VALE

AT the end of this term we shall reluctantly be saying farewell to Mr. Peasey, Mr. Warne and Mr. Wright, who are leaving for posts of higher responsibility at Willesden County School, Malory School and Wells Cathedral School respectively. We shall also be losing Mlle. Labesque, who will be returning to France after giving considerable help in French conversation, both in this and a previous appointment. We shall remember Mr. Peasey for his kindly presence and soundness as teacher and Form Master and as our expert in fencing; Mr. Warne for his bright wit and his many services in games, foreign travel and the conducting of our Whist Drives; and Mr. Wright as a master of the Lower Sixth, as a singer and also as no mean cricketer. Our best wishes go with them all.

Mr. Peasey is being succeeded by Mr. B. W. G. Cook, B.Sc., Mr. Warne by Mr. P. Robertshaw, B.A., but at the time of going to press Mr. Wright's successor has not been appointed. With the increase in numbers in the school we are entitled to two additional members of the staff, one of whom, Mr. A. J. Hasler, master for Physical Training, has been appointed and Mr. J. J. Parker, B.Sc., for Physics. Mr. Hasler, like Mr. Graham, had his training at Loughborough College. We extend a sincere welcome to all those newly appointed and trust they will find in the school a happy and inspiring environment in which to work.

J.C.L.

SUMMER STORM

Lightning, yellow, vivid, flashes through the sky;
Trees light up—and catch the eye;
Leaves are battered by the rain,
Swaying branches twist in pain;
And the rain, which beats the bud,
Churns the earth into dancing mud.
Thunder rolls across the sky
With its hideous, deafening cry,
Rumbling far away . . . away . . .
Rain stops—once more, bright day.

R. PHILLIS—Illu.

NEWS MISCELLANY

IN our last issue we forecast that our increased members would sooner or later demand additional accommodation. We can now report that the Education Committee and the Ministry have sanctioned the addition of two rooms over the Biology and Physics Laboratories. Building will probably begin during the latter part of the year and the two rooms—a Drawing Office and a General Laboratory—should be available late in 1960. Our numbers by then will be over 600 with at least 100 in the Sixth.

Other building news is that the School Pavilion is at last under construction—although only one section of it. The rest, though, we hope will follow without any hitch. Speed the day. The total absence of washing and catering facilities makes the running of a full football and cricket season more of a punishment for the organisers than the pleasure it should be.

During the Easter Holidays extensive repairs were carried out on the Mill, the centre arms being replaced and two new sails provided. The firm undertaking the work were R. Thompson & Son, Alford, Lincs., one of the few firms of Millwrights still in existence in England. Mr. Thompson estimated the age of the Mill as about one hundred and fifty years.

The School is indebted to Mr. Probert for the construction of two cricket sight screens made from tubular steel scaffolding and fine mesh wire—altogether a most intriguing and efficient piece of work. Thanks are also due to Mr. Thomas for the making and fitting of the large Careers' Notice Board in the Biology corridor.

The next School play is to be "Arms and the Man" by George Bernard Shaw, which the Dramatic Society hopes to produce from November 19th—21st.

"Arms and the Man" is an "anti-romantic comedy" in three acts and is one of the wittiest of all Bernard Shaw's many plays. The scene is set in a small town in Bulgaria during one of the Balkan wars.

Three boys recently left have definite University places for October: they are Forbath (R) at Lampeter College, Wales, Feeney (Trinity College, Dublin) and Charlton (Queen Mary College, London). Those about to leave who have places are: Rowe, Thompson, (Nottingham), Gilbert (Bristol), Tuck (Lampeter), Hammond (Leicester), Ryland (University College, London).

We offer our warm congratulations to Peter Heath, a former Editor of this magazine, who has just been appointed Assistant Lecturer in Mediæval History at Hull University. Another old boy, and contemporary of Heath's, Dr. T. P. Morris, has just had his social welfare study "The Criminal Area" published by Routledge & Kegan Paul recently and well received by the reviewers. After doing a "spell" in Maidstone Gaol as part of his survey, Dr. Morris is now leaving for a tour of American prisons at the expense of the Ford Foundation.

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION RESULTS

Ordinary Level

	<i>Vu</i>				
Allen, P. M.	-	6	Carrington, M. A.	-	2
Bacon, G. S.	-	7	Christopher, R. G.	-	6
Barber, A. B.	-	7	Daniell, J. W.	-	5
Bayliss, J.	-	6	Harris, B. A.	-	4
Benson, M. J.	-	5	Hunt, J. C.	-	2
Bolton, P. E.	-	5	Hurn, B. F.	-	4
Camfield, N. T.	-	8	Lewsey, M. J.	-	4
Cockerton, T. G.	-	4	Lints, I. H.	-	3
Cooper, M.	-	6	Little, P. S.	-	6
Drake, A. D.	-	4	Pamphilon, D. G.	-	1
Duke, K. A.	-	4	Penman, K.	-	2
Eaton, G. A.	-	1	Pratt, R. A.	-	2
Eves, R. J.	-	6	Pyant, A. F.	-	2
Fentiman, D. F.	-	6	Reeve, V. G. F.	-	5
Green, G. H.	-	6	Richardson, K. J.	-	2
Greenaway, I. M.	-	4	Rose, G. W.	-	3
Holcombe, W. M. L.	-	7	Sims, T. P.	-	5
Keyes, G. G.	-	5	Sprake, J. G.	-	4
Lancaster, T. A. I.	-	2	Taylor, R. E.	-	4
Lewis, P. L.	-	7	Tinkler, J. G.	-	6
Potter, R. A. G.	-	7	Todman, M.	-	3
Saker, G. A. E.	-	2	Walker, J. D.	-	6
Smith, M. J.	-	5	Whittington, G.	-	2
Sparks, R. W.	-	4	Wilson, A. J.	-	4
Tarvin, D. E.	-	6		<i>Vs</i>	
West, C. R.	-	6	Ansell, A. J.	-	6
	<i>Vc</i>		Biddle, A. R.	-	7
Adnams, P. J.	-	5	Brooks, A. J.	-	4
Aylesbury, I. J.	-	6	Coe, B. G.	-	5
			Collings, R. E.	-	6
			Fisher, T. H.	-	3
				<i>V Remove</i>	
			Gordon, K. R.	-	2
			Haithwaite, J. B.	-	6
			Hammond, J. L.	-	5
			Harrod, C. G.	-	4
			Hawkins, G. J.	-	5
			Howard, G. S.	-	5
			Macadam, I. J.	-	4
			Martin, D. J.	-	5
			Miller, T. J.	-	6
			Morgan, C. R.	-	2
			Nightingale, P.	-	5
			Porter, A. G.	-	5
			Poupard, J. M. G.	-	4
			Rabbits, A.	-	4
			Robinson, H. D.	-	2
			Rogers, J. C.	-	3
			St. Julian-Bown, B. A.	-	5
			Scott, C. R.	-	5
			Silvester, J. A.	-	4
			Tait, R. E.	-	3
			Tilling, P. E.	-	4
			Watkins, D. A.	-	2
			Wilson, P. J. B.	-	7
			Yculdon, R.	-	7

Advanced Level

Allen, M.	Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics.
Clibbon, J.	Botany.
Floyd, R. M.	Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics.
*Gilbert, J. A. D.	Pure Mathematics, ‡ Applied Mathematics, ‡ Physics.
Hammond, I. D.	Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.
*Larman, D. G.	Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics.
Newton, D. A.	Pure Mathematics.
Pelling, D.	Chemistry, Botany, Zoology.
Pinkney, J. C.	Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics.
Ryland, J. A.	Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics.
Smalley, M.	Pure Mathematics, Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics.
Thomas, E. G.	Pure Mathematics, Physics.
Thompson, N.	Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Physics.
Cockman, R.	English Literature, Geography.
Hollands, A. J.	English Literature, Economics, French.
*Jeffreys, M. J.	Ancient History, Latin, ‡ Greek, ‡
Lillywhite, J. G.	Geography, Economics.
Marks, A. H.	Geography, History, Economics.
Rowe, D. G.	English Literature, Geography, Economics.
Tuck, A. E.	English Literature, History.

*State Scholarship.

‡Distinction.

MUSIC NOTES

DESPITE the difficulties which multiply enormously when one is playing in an intimate as opposed to a large music group, those costumed musicians, Allen, Barber and Drake added considerably to the atmosphere of the School Play. However, the Spring Term, as usual, released our greatest concentration of musical energy. As an effective prologue, the Choir and Organ gave great justice to a setting of the Te Deum by Vaughan Williams at our Founders' Day Service.

At the Concert in March we were pleased to have Mr. Sydney Snape as our guest baritone. His greatest role was in a full performance of Bach's Peasant Cantata, where other individual soloists, Mr. Wright, Goodman and S. Smith, ably supported the Choir whose treble tone was outstandingly good; but where are those traditional mature senior voices! One cannot restrain mention of Thompson's Handel Violin Sonata, Hall's Bach Organ Prelude and the two-piano work of Rowe and Hawkins. Orchestral items, helped by three friends—not to mention borrowed timpani—reached new levels in several items but our special arrangement of the Purcell Trumpet Voluntary, with Coomber as soloist, really unleashed the enthusiasm of our audience.

During this Summer Term the School was well represented at the Croydon Schools' Festival. Nine trebles showed great enthusiasm; Deverell, Swainson, Clements and Polyblank joined in the new and successful String Group whilst your music master was again invited to conduct.

Keen musical boys continued to support visits to the following varied events:— Ernest Read and his Orchestra with Ralph Holmes in whose programme Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto was the highlight; Croydon Symphony Orchestra with Parikian playing the Shostakovich Violin Concerto; Valerie Tryon, daughter of our Mr. Tryon, in a well-chosen and brilliantly executed piano recital. Special note must be made of the Concert given on our behalf on May 2nd by the Spring Park Music Society, when our local friends provided a feast of music and the majority of a large audience. In an ambitious and successful programme we can only hint at Brahms' Gypsy Songs and a Handel Organ Concerto in which the soloist was the Musical Director, Geoffrey Kitchin. Finally, visits have also been paid to a Recital by Dora Haynes; to hear Aronowitz, the viola celebrity; and to hear the London Bach Choir's Concerts.

As we offer thanks to Messrs. Murray, Field, Warne and Nunn, we especially regret the leaving of Mr. Wright and offer him our sincere gratitude. Key musicians amongst the boys, too, have not long to stay here, but we will offer a general thank you for the present and individualise about them in the next issue.

J.N.H.

THE COMING OF SPRING

Rich, red earth paralysed within the chilling grip;
No plough can cut its sharp-edged way through Landscape's frozen sleep.
But new born lambs, announcing Spring, their warm ewe's milk now sip;
Past Winter's frigid battlements wild wind-armed March doth leap.

Twigs entwined by skilful beaks on budding frameworks rest,
Where feathered wings warm into life the shell-protected young.
A tiny, pinkish frame of skin soon sheds its mottled vest,
Then, worm-fed into energy, shrill song burst from each lung.

Bright petals thrive, refreshed by rain, that ushers into life
New leaves and scented flower-beds, whose colours warm our sight.
White gulls behind the tractor scream, a ploughshare's biting knife
Turns up red earth and yields fat worms those famished sea-birds bite.

From grey stone towers loud swinging bells remind us of the day
Our cruelly nailed Lord returned to bless the faithful few.
With Nature's beauty at its best, to Him in thanks I pray,
Who drove destructive Winter off and clothed our land anew.

P. GREY—L.VIa.

SPRING

Spring, the joyous morn of life;
Reborn, the earth gives forth
The splendour of it all anew.
Storms of winter and the strife
Of snow and blizzard from the north
Cede to flowers in the dew.
What once were skeletons of trees
Are now embodied full in signs
Of life blood flowing strong again;
And with gentle warmth the sunshine frees
The world from cold confines
To bring the joy of life to hearts of men.
There is no sense that Spring does not delight.
Bright colours flood the earth in every shade.
A fragrance fills the air, in cloudless sky
Long-hidden birds take flight.
Lambs frisk and frolic in the glade.
"Spring is here" all creatures seem to cry.

G. BEALES—L.VIa.

IS THE AGE OF ADVENTURE DEAD?

THE world is a big place, despite supersonic aircraft and high speed cars, and is yet to yield the majority of her secrets to the enquiring mind, and to those who thirst for adventure. In all spheres—land, sea, and air, there are new records to be broken, new frontiers to cross, and far-reaching discoveries to be made that will be tomorrow's history.

Man has always been inquisitive and intelligent. From the beginning of time he has experimented and reasoned, until today the world is a highly mechanised, highly scientific orb as the result of his labours. It does not end there, however, for as long as there is something unexplained and puzzling to the human being he will strive to learn its secrets, and put it to practical use.

There are many ways, today, to find adventure. Firstly, there is man's enemy and friend, the sea, which occupies two thirds of our world, and which has until recently been unexplored by the human race. Such wonders as the sea unfolds to the observer are sufficient to prompt men like Piccard and Beebe to spend their lives exploring vast undersea continents—these are today's pioneers, who bring amazing discoveries to startle us as we sit secure in our homes, eating toast and marmalade and listening to the radio.

Nature extends another challenge to the adventurers—from the sky which stretches far further than even the imagination can realise. The air appeals to everyone, from the child who makes model gliders to the pilot who cleaves through the sky beyond Mach One. Flight provides unbounded scope to the young and vigorous, and to the technicians and test pilots who battle against the heat barrier to equal the speed of light itself. Imagine the tension and anticipation of a test pilot, wondering if this fuel will work, or that surface will stand up to the strain, or whether or not the ejector system will run smoothly.

Beyond this perhaps limited field there stretches the universe with all the silent planets, waiting for the adventurous and brave to penetrate their stillness and wrest from them their innermost secrets. Here is a real sphere for adventure, the unexplored planets challenging the bold and the unflinching youth of today who tug at their tough city moorings, yearning to do something unusual 'just for the hell of it'.

There is something worth doing in every walk of life, and always somewhere for the adventure-loving to go. There are the turbulent Latin-American countries for those who like to live dangerously and sell hoovers in Havana, and the backwoods and the mountains for the independent among us who like to fight nature alone. And the continents are by no means fully explored. One can still find adventure deep in the Amazon lowlands, or among the magnificent ruins of ancient Greece and Rome.

Adventure? There is adventure everywhere! As long as there are the pioneers, the explorers, and the men who hate the quiet life, there will be adventure, for however hard it is to find, they will find it and live fuller, happier lives, knowing that they are the few, among millions, who are real men.

J. B. HAITHWAITE—Vs.

CRASH LANDING

AS Joe walked in the park he felt on top of the world. It was a bright Monday afternoon, a slight breeze was blowing which blew his brown hair well forward over his face. The office workers were just leaving the park at the end of their dinner break, and Joe was revelling in the luxury of a day's holiday.

He slowly strolled along, gloating over the poor slaves to routine wishing the sun would not be so shy and show itself more often. Slowly walking up to an unoccupied seat, he sat down, crossed his legs, and started to read his morning paper that he had been neglecting all day.

He whisked through the pages, glancing quickly at items of special interest, but stopped when he reached the sports page. He then proceeded to bury his nose in the paper and lose himself to the world.

After about twenty minutes he was slowly brought back to earth by the sound of babbling voices. He moved his gaze from the paper to the source of this disturbance.

A group of small children and mothers with prams were craning their necks up at the sky and gesticulating with out-stretched fingers. His eye quickly followed the line of fingers and saw a medium sized plane coming slowly towards him. Joe, who always prided himself on his aircraft recognition, saw at once that it was a B.O.A.C. Dakota airliner.

He ran through his mind: "Carries twenty-five people, maximum speed 215 miles per hour," but stopped suddenly when he realised that the 'plane's engines, instead of making a rhythmic hum, were making a loud, urgent, screech.

All around the people were scattering as they saw that the 'plane was gradually losing height. Joe, with fear speeding his movements, rushed for the trees, hoping that these would arrest the 'plane before it reached him.

The 'plane gradually sank lower until, with a huge bump, it hit the ground. Then it proceeded to hop towards Joe at a slowly diminishing speed and finally shuddered to a stop only seventy feet away from him.

Joe was thankful for his deliverance and, emerging from the trees, quickly ran towards the wreck. Then he smelt heavy, oily smoke, and, to his horror, saw smoke pouring from one of the 'plane's engines for by now the 'plane had divested itself of the other. He sprinted forward, reaching the plane just as the two pilots staggered from their cockpit. He charged at the passenger door and burst through the charred metal.

Inside the 'plane the passengers fought to get away from the fires. Joe managed, after a few well-placed blows, to stop the rush and create an orderly queue. Then when everyone left he took a quick look inside the cabin and walked away.

He was soon on his bus and away home. It was not until later (in his office) that he found there had been an explosion. Next day, he discovered that someone had taken a picture of him and had sent it to the papers which printed it under the title "*Unknown Hero Saves Passengers*".

His friends soon informed the papers of the hero's name and Joe, embarrassed by the consequent publicity, wished that he had never undertaken the visit to his invalid mother.

K. J. DOWNS—IVt.

DEATH

Death the destroyer rides at night,
Upon the earth in pale starlight.
He strikes at some misguided soul,
And then the bells begin to toll.

The bones of man he gives to earth,
For man is doomed right from his birth.
Though he might strive and struggle still,
Destroyer Death can win at will.

Man's life would seem to be in vain,
But nature makes him strive again.
Though Death may steal his life and laughter,
God will reward him with life hereafter.

P. GREEN—Ip.

THE STILLY NIGHT

Night falls over the universe,
Once more Life's troubles to immerse
In a blanket, thick and dark.
Not even a moonbeam leaves a mark.

Trees gently stir, birds are unwoke,
Their carefree sleep is not yet broken.
A hedgehog rolls on to the scene,
All is quiet, all serene.

D. WRIGHT—IIIId.

THE LAMPOST

A stiff kerbside metal tree,
By day, lonely;
Grey, ugly,
Standing in a tarry square.

By night, friendly;
Warm, golden,
Bathed in a pool of saffron light
Glowing on the highway's edge.

R. BODMAN—IVu.

CRIES IN THE NIGHT

The lone owl hoots as it dives on unsuspecting prey, and a rabbit scurries, homeward bound. A cuckoo coos overhead as the foster-mother willow-warbler hunts for food, and the young fight and squabble over it. The badgers begin a moonlight ramble through the trees and bracken whilst the sly fox hides himself and waits for a daring young rabbit to venture into his path. Squeaks and scrambles are heard from the small pond; the otters are playing, and the bullfrog croaks an unhappy groan.

Suddenly there is a rustle in the trees above, and the jays begin to cackle. The dreaded sparrow-hawk is on the prowl. He sees everything with his eyes and his prey has no chance to escape. He hovers, and then dives, tearing the prey apart with his great curved beak, amid the pitiful cries of the captive. It rises into the sky, and all is still in the spinney again until dawn breaks on the starlit sky.

B. HOWARD—IIIg.

THE DAWN

SLOWLY he opened the door and then made his way towards the copse on the other side of the field. It was heavy with the dew of the night that sparkled as the first rays of light touched it. His feet brushing through the wet grass, he reached the bushes at the edge of the copse. Then he stopped to get his breath and feast his eyes on the silver webs that hung from the bushes like delicate, scattered lace. Pushing his way onward he strode through the copse, treading carefully so as not to trip over the many roots that radiated from trees like spokes from a wheel.

High overhead the first bird sang its song as it flew happily through the lightening sky. Down on the grassy leaf-covered ground a field mouse hurried homeward to his burrow somewhere in the inaccessible bushes to the right of the track. Suddenly the boy thrust his way out of the trees and looked around. He was on the top of a beautifully concealed hillock and the tips of the trees were ringed with light as the sun slowly rose further above the horizon. He sat and watched the wonderful sight as the sun started on his way across the blue sky and then, with a lump in his throat, he turned and disappeared into the trees.

K. MOTTRAM—IVu.

LAMENT

I learn geography at school
Like any other chap,
Tracing queer-named rivers
Across a dusty map.
And swotting dull statistics
Of countries by the score,
Until I loathe the atlas
And think the world a bore.

G. ELLIS—IVt.

EASTER IN FRANCE

OWING to the number of people wanting to go to France this year, two parties were formed. The first, under Messrs Warne and May, left on April 1st, the second, under Messrs. Tryon and Woodard on the 8th . . .

To the members of party 1, Bruges was the most picturesque and lovely town of the trip. The weather was superb and as we roamed the streets in the evenings the sky was an unbelievable azure blue. This only sought to magnify its great beauty. Bruges has many fine buildings, too; the hotel where we spent the night faces the town hall, an ancient building with carved stonework. A little further on lies the famous bell tower of Bruges with its peal of bells, though some of us found it rather noisy in the night. Wherever you go in Bruges, you see its old, heavy-timbered house (with dates mostly in the 17th and 18th centuries) and these add to its beauty. On the second to last day we passed through it and it was only then that I caught a fleeting glimpse of crenellated gate or keep, or even barbican, and also of a windmill, so common in neighbouring Holland. Bruges certainly deserves its name (Flemish: *brugge*—bridges) because the town is full of canals, reflecting the sky, crossed by bridges. This truly is a lovely town steeped in history and a week spent there would not go amiss.

Even more lovely to me was the Roman town of Senlis, just north of Paris. Though we only stayed there a night, in the half hour at our disposal, a friend and I covered most of the places of interest. We entered the cathedral, gazed at the old Roman city walls which form the walls of stone and timber houses and tried to find the château viewing it, or what is left of it, over a high wall. We had intended to explore the Roman arena, but at that moment lacked the necessary ten francs. Lastly we walked along the city walls which run by the river. These walls intrigued me as they used to run all round the town but now only about half a mile remains. At one corner of the walls is grass, ivy and weed-covered bastion, a large round corner construction; but this was too inaccessible for us. For me there was not enough time spent at Senlis to see all I wished to see, but I have never enjoyed myself so much as when we climbed on the city walls and toured this lovely old Roman and high-mediæval royal town of Senlis.

J. H. GREEN—Vu.

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Those of us in the second group left Melun early on the day that we were going to Fontainebleau, as we were not going on a direct route. In a short time we arrived at Barbizon, a charming village in Fontainebleau Forest. We looked round a house which contained a large number of paintings by artists who had lived there, and as the paintings were for sale, some boys bought cheap etchings.

We then continued a short distance and stopped for about half an hour in Fontainebleau Forest. The scenery was extremely beautiful and it would have been a wonderful experience to stay there even for a day. We had to move on to Fontainebleau however, and we arrived there in a short while.

The château at Fontainebleau was thought by many people to be better than the palace at Versailles. However, in many cases, this opinion was due to the fact that we were given more free time at Fontainebleau. The architecture of the château is particularly attractive because of the horseshoe staircase in the forecourt. The château is also famed for its carp pool, and there are peacocks in the gardens. The gardens were especially beautiful on the day that we visited Fontainebleau, as the weather was very enjoyable, as all the party will agree.

M. CAMPBELL—IVu.

... AND IN SWITZERLAND

AT Easter a party of thirty boys, under the leadership of Mr. Richardson and Mr. Smith enjoyed a ten-day holiday to Switzerland. The centre, at Gersau on Lake Lucerne, was reached by luxury coach via Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasburg. Excursions were made, in perfect sunshine, to the snows above Andermatt and Engelsberg, to Mt. Pilatus and Lucerne, and by lake steamer to Beckenried. Photographers in the party found much scope for camera-work and many really delightful coloursnaps were taken to serve as lasting souvenirs of a very pleasant holiday in picturesque surroundings..

THE PEAK DISTRICT—1959

EARLY one Tuesday morning, twenty queerly-garbed students from John Ruskin surprised City-bound workers at East Croydon and then at Euston Station, where brief-cases and rucksacks parted company, as our party headed 'oop north' past the industrial mass of the Midlands, until we eventually reached Leak—or Lee as the local inhabitants pronounce it—the last grimy outpost of civilisation. From there, we walked a mere four miles in a slight downpour almost oblivious of the gaunt grit crags, the magnificence of Rudyard Lake, and the horizon where bare moors met twilight clouds like a Rembrandt landscape—a foretaste of things to come.

On market day, we visited the cattle market and studied the urban development and textile industries of this Anglo-Saxon town, whose history dates back to early Roman times. In the afternoon, we made a short bus journey to the heart of the Staffordshire Potteries to see how a blend of scientific precision and craftsmanship produced the elegant bone-china and fire earthenware figures in the world-renowned Royal Doulton Works at Stoke-on-Trent. Perhaps the most exciting day of all was our visit to Victoria and Chatterley Whitfield Collieries, where we shared a pit-cage with the miners and dropped, like a stone, 2,400 feet down into a dusty maze of shafts and narrow galleries leading to the coal-face. We were twenty wiser students—some of whom wore miners' helmets—who returned that night to Cliffe Park Hall Youth Hostel.

Friday was our marathon day when we trudged along the ice-cold Dane River to the bleak moors and bogs of the Millstone Grit escarpments. This was a day of interesting field-work, with the curlew-calls, deer and even wallabies adding a wilder note to these desolate uplands.

The next day we moved base to Hartington Youth Hostel—much to the regret of certain hardy early-morning swimmers—where we spent the rest of our stay. On Sunday, we went for a leisurely stroll through Karst Country of gorges, scars and caves in the peaceful Dove Dale and Manifold Valley. Such a walk must surely have inspired Robert Louis Stevenson to write "Travels with a Donkey", for we dallied long enough for one member of the group to fall into the river, to climb our highest peak—Thorpe Cloud, and to go fossil hunting at Ecton Hill. Finally, on the last day, we had the bliss of travelling by coach to live-stock farms in the area, before catching the train on Tuesday—homeward bound.

P. MANN—L.VIa.

MY VISIT TO THE B. B. C.

IT all started when I wrote to David of B.B.C. "Children's Hour" in answer to an invitation in the Radio Times saying that I would like to take part in "Regional Round", a general knowledge contest on "Children's Hour".

A few weeks later, on a Saturday morning, the telephone bell rang. It was an enquiry from Broadcasting House to ask if I were available for a broadcast that same afternoon. It so happened that the boy who was due to take part was taken ill. This was my big chance, and I was very thrilled about it.

About three o'clock that afternoon my father and I went to Broadcasting House. There we were met by David Davis, Geoffrey Dearmer, and Claire Chovil who are all connected with 'Children's Hour'.

Then the girl who was to broadcast with me arrived. We were led down many corridors to the canteen where we had a very appetizing tea. After tea we went along further numerous corridors, visiting on our way the huge control room with its bewildering masses of dials, knobs and control panels.

The corridors in Broadcasting House are smaller than in a normal building, being specially sound proofed, which gave a strange feeling as we proceeded.

The studio from which we were to broadcast was quite small and very comfortable. Besides myself there was Mary Leonard, and together we were representing the London Region.

Mary, Claire and I sat with headphones on round a table with a microphone in the middle and several tests were made. We waited excitedly and the green light came on. The great moment had come. We were on the air. The questions were varied very much and some I found easier than others. The contest with the other regions was very exciting and in the end Mary Leonard and I tied with one other region for first place, having scored maximum marks.

When the broadcast was over we went down to the main broadcasting studio with its two grand pianos and microphones and were presented with book tokens by David Davis. After a little chat we said goodbye to David, Geoffrey and Claire and started on our homeward journey, having had a most interesting and happy time at Broadcasting House. It was an experience which I shall always remember.

K. BLACKWELL—IIg.

THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSISTOR EXHIBITION

ON the 22nd May a party of Sixth Formers accompanied by Mr. Pearce and Mr. Sharrock paid a visit to the International Transistor Exhibition at Earls Court. Over eighty companies from at least sixteen countries took part, exhibiting anything and everything that could possibly be connected with transistors and semi-conductors. For anyone with a keen interest in this aspect of electronics, then Earls Court was the place for him, looking at the many applications of semi-conductors, picking up pamphlets by the dozen, asking questions of some people and avoiding highly technical sales talks from others. We saw many uses of transistors and similar devices. They are beginning to replace valves in radios; they are used in chronometers which can record time intervals to within one thousandth of a millionth of a second; they are used as very high speed switches, as vibrators, as . . . there are so many uses for these *tiny* things. A huge computer employing thousands of transistors prompted one mathematics master to say that he feared he would soon be considered redundant.

Transistors have developed very rapidly. The first one was invented in 1948 and it is expected that about two hundred million will be manufactured during 1960.

Two stands were demonstrating the assembly of transistors: it has to be done under a microscope! This, of course, is one of the advantages of semi-conductors in general; they are so small and compact, and another main advantage is that they require very much less electric power than the conventional valves, which most of us know as the three inch high assemblies of glass and metal that glow through the perforated board at the back of the radio or television set.

J, GILBERT—U.VI.Sc.

THE NINTH PARIS CULTURAL HOLIDAY

FOR the first time from this school four sixth-formers attended the ninth Paris Cultural Holiday, run by Miss Christina Williams. The idea of the course is to give boys and girls studying for Advanced Level French a chance to see Paris whilst continuing their studies and improving their knowledge of French, under French professors and students from the Sorbonne University.

The course was divided into three parts; lectures, "cours pratiques", and sight-seeing.

Each participant gave particulars of his French course and was allocated to a certain group accordingly. Each group attended one lecture on each set book. These lectures were given by qualified professors in French and proved extremely interesting and valuable although at times a little difficult to understand.

Lectures alternated with "cours pratiques" in the morning. "Cours pratiques" consisted of reading aloud "thème" or translation, again in groups, according to the time that had been spent at school studying A. L. French. It was found, however, that the classes of forty to fifty, under the supervision of undergraduates, were too big to be as helpful as they might have been. It was generally agreed that both the lectures and

"cours pratiques" did much to increase our understanding of spoken French.

The afternoons and evenings were devoted to enjoying ourselves. Coaches were often provided for us, with French students as guides. These coach trips included a circular tour of Paris and a visit to the palace of Versailles. There were other visits to the Louvre and "L'île de la Cité"—la Sainte Chappelle, Notre Dame, and the Conciergerie, where we spent an interesting quarter of an hour studying a display of and about the guillotine. The Latin Quarter, where we were staying, in a boarding school section of the University, was also thoroughly explored. The highlight of the trip was when we were officially received at "l'Hôtel de Vill" by Monsieur Loliée, le Délégué Général de l'Accueil de Paris. We were treated as V.I.P.s welcomed with a red carpet and an extremely good brass band. Speeches were made over a loud-speaker system in both English and French, by students of both nationalities, the organiser, Miss Williams, and the reception committee. Those with birthdays were given presents, and souvenir matches, flags, and photographs were thrown amongst the party. The ceremony finished with the brass band playing our National Anthem and the Marseillaise.

As on our arrival, coaches took us to the station. We were lucky enough to have a smooth, if windy, crossing. On the platform at Victoria, the course was finished on a happy note by groups of friends linking hands and singing "Auld Lang Syne" before parting, on the final stage home.

B. G. KENNETT—L.VI.a

VITH FORM HISTORY CONFERENCE

IT was with considerable trepidation that I attended a history conference at Westwood School, Upper Norwood on the Renaissance.

A mixed group of Croydon Sixth Form students, many of whom knew far more of the period than the Ruskin contingent, met on the evening of Friday, 26th April and listened to an introductory talk by Mr. J. Hale of Jesus College, Oxford.

On Saturday the more detailed lectures took place and in addition to Mr. Hale there was Mr. D. P. Waley of the London School of Economics and Mr. D. C. Turner of University College, London. Between them they gave lucid and succinct accounts on the Renaissance of the 14th and 15th centuries, the later Renaissance and the Renaissance in English literature.

These highly entertaining and instructive sessions were liberally interspersed with meals and coffee as well as both formal and informal discussions.

The lecturers were, without exception, very able, and were never too condescending. At times they were humorous and provocative and the audience never lost interest.

The conference was an experiment for Croydon and as such was well organised, mainly due to the efforts of Mr. S. F. English, the senior history member of Selhurst and President of the Croydon branch of the Historical Society.

A. H. MARKS—U.VI.a

THE SCHOOL PLAY

OUR last issue went to press just too soon to receive the report of the Dramatic Society's production of 'The Rivals' which took place in the School Hall on the three evenings of December 4th, 5th and 6th. It proved to be a very happy choice of play and a most enjoyable and successful production. It received very favourable notices both in the local press and in The Times Educational Supplement; and attendances were our best ever.



The Principals



The Full Cast

With a large cast—13 without footmen and musicians—and with no major production the previous year—most of the boys were newcomers to the footlights (or spotlights, in our case), and many exciting discoveries were made. The largely untried cast, however, rested with confidence on those twin pillars of the Society for a number of years now—David Rowe and Neil Thompson. Their performances set the seal on two outstanding school dramatic careers. As the crusty Sir Anthony and his dashing son, Jack, they set the play alight from their first entrances and their experience and ability was an inspiration to the rest. Notable among these were Neil Camfield and Samuel Sayer in the very testing rôles of Mrs. Malaprop and Mr. Faulkland respectively. Camfield made a fruity and highly gullible aunt, and Sayer gave a very sensitive performance as the querulous and confused lover. Granville Hawkins as Bob Acres and Edward Thomas as Sir Lucius O'Trigger were two other discoveries. Both managed accents—one Dorset and the other Dublin—with skill, and both added greatly to the vitality of the performances.

Great credit also goes to those who played the parts of Lydia, Julia, and Lucy—parts for which there was no rush of volunteers. Geoffrey Bacon, Nicholas Wilkinson and Robert Johnson all looked the parts, spoke elegant eighteenth century English and cooed and fluttered as required. Peter Campion also deserves special mention as a very saucy Fag and Christopher Gilbert, Brian Furner and Roger Walters all did well in menial rôles. Also helping to capture the atmosphere of eighteenth century Bath were the Pump Room trio (complete with candelabra) Peter Allen, Alan Barber, and Alan Drake and the two embriodered flunkeys John Green and Peter Lamb.

Many back-room boys—and masters—as always, contributed towards the success of the play. Mr. Gee's art class designed and painted a most attractive set. Mr. Peacock's carpentry squad constructed it and many intriguing properties besides—notably a sedan chair which might well have been made in Sedan. There were electricians and make-up men and And there was Mr. Neale, producer and director of all departments. The school is indebted to him for another quality production.

SCHOOL CHARITIES

THE interest in charities remains a live and real influence in the School.

During the past two terms the School's total contributions have amounted to £17 14s. 6d. Besides this, the response to various Christmas appeals such as the Sale of Seals realised £6 13s. 2d., principally divided between the British Diabetic Association and the National Spastics Society.

The subsequent collections are being distributed among a number of deserving bodies, ranging from the R.S.P.C.A. and N.S.P.C.C. to Inter-Church Aid for Refugees and Pestalozzi's Children's Village. Apart from missions devoted to the relief of physical want and misery,

medical institutions have also been sponsored, in particular, the National Association for Medical Health, the Empire Cancer Campaign, and the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

If the dictum, "A friend in need is a friend indeed," has never before been so valid as in this present day interdependent world, then our pupils are truly entering into the spirit of the age.

D.J.R.

THE JOHN RUSKIN COMPANY

IN the last issue of the cadet notes, the Company looked to the future.

It was planned to make full use of outside instructional help, to begin technical training and to extend generally the scope of the activities pursued during the normal evening parades.

Some cause for satisfaction has been given. A Signaller's Course was successfully completed by seven cadets and an enjoyable January evening was spent by the newly qualified signallers, their parents and the officers at the T.A. H.Q. Marlpit Lane, Coulsdon. The success of this course was due to the fine facilities provided by Major Cox and Captain Archbold, to whom go our sincere thanks. To provide other senior cadets with training and military teaching methods, Sgt. Nickson, of the 6th Queen's T.A., has organised for eight potential N.C.O.'s, a Methods of Instruction Course. The recently published results show that all cadets passed, a success that has given the Company a nucleus of



Sgt. Aylesbury receiving his award at Bisley.

well-trained instructors. A third source of outside help has come from S.M.I. Martin, who has devoted himself to the coaching of full and small bore shooting. Never before has the standard of marksmanship been so high. Our shooting teams have won both the Senior and Junior Shields for .22 shooting while to Cdt. Shaw goes the honour of Joint Champion-at-Arms, Home Counties.

Technical training has also begun in a modest manner. Instruction in signals proceeds under the general guidance of Sgt Jones, though his signallers are not always aided by the persistent eccentricities of our war-time sets. Vehicle maintenance in the charge of L/Cpl. Haithwaite, who has already brought the Francis-Barnett and the Norton to some measure of efficiency. Knowledge in the vehicle and radio fields will figure in the examination for the Clark Proficiency Trophy at the end of this term. An armoury course has not materialised. Because of the abundance of inspections, Cpl. Reeve, V. has been fully occupied in the maintenance of weapons. However, the R.E.M.E. inspectorate have pronounced the condition of our rifles "excellent" and this reflects very great credit on Cpl. Reeve.

Certificate 'A' training continues successfully and a high percentage of passes has been secured at recent examinations. Thirteen cadets gained Part I and nine gained Part II. The quality of N.C.O. instruction has beyond doubt improved. In particular, the greater emphasis upon drill by the C.S.M. and by Sgt. Aylesbury and Cpl. Martin, (both fresh from their course at the Guards' Depot, Caterham), has resulted in an unusual success for the Company. After a lapse of many years, the Battalion Drill Competition Trophy has been won by the Company Drill Squad composed of Cpls. Simmons, Whittington, L/Cpls. Ash, Oliver, Cdts. Bird, Flatman, Hills and Humfries. Meanwhile, ordinary training has been enhanced by the Whit Monday Field Day, by the introduction of a bugler Cdt. May, and by the incentive of "Stickman" and the award of the Recruit Lanyard.

For the great majority of the Company, however, the most important of our activities is yet to come. This year the Company visits Fingringhoe, near Colchester, and looks forward to enjoying the climax of the year's training, annual camp.

B.A.C.

LIBRARY NOTES

DURING the year a more generous allocation of funds than usual has enabled the School Library to acquire several useful and expensive reference books; we are glad to be able to report that they have proved very popular: long may they rest on the shelves.

Which brings us to another pleasant point; the number of books missing at last year's stock-taking is a decline on previous years and we sincerely hope that this may prove a precedent.

The Library has had a new look recently, resulting from a re-arrangement of shelves and tables. There is little need to enlarge on its merits and demerits; let it suffice to say that from the point of view of control it has proved more popular with the VIth than Vth forms.

Our grateful thanks go to two members of IP, Arthur Margree and John Cobby, who have given up considerable time in helping, most efficiently with the cataloguing of our new books, always a time-consuming process.

Our thanks are due again to all those Old Boys, Staff and Parents who have presented books. Perhaps we may single out for special mention Mr. L. C. James's gift of a first edition of "The Old Curiosity Shop" published in 1841. Mr. James was a pupil of the school some thirty-five years back.

Finally we do not hesitate to remind VIth formers who are leaving that it has been a growing tradition to present the School Library with a book related to the subject they have enjoyed studying!

M. J. WRIGHT, R. HYSLOP—L.VI.a (Librarians)

ALDERMASTON TO LONDON—EASTER 1959

IT was something of a last minute decision for us to go on the protest march against nuclear weapons.

We left for Aldermaston on Thursday evening (April 26th) and arrived after two lifts and a seven mile walk at Aldermaston at 4.30 a.m., Good Friday. No cafés were open but we managed some cold baked beans, dry bread and tea with the co-operation of two sympathetic station porters. After a short sleep in the waiting room we set off in the drizzle for the rallying point in a field five miles away the other side of the huge Weapons Research Establishment. We began then to realise the size of the march as there were about 5,000 people who set off to Reading after an hour's frantic organisation and a religious service. Most of the marchers were in their late teens and early twenties but whole families and other more elderly people took part. That day and subsequently, the jazz bands and singing helped to keep us moving in some sort of slow rhythm. Public reception was generally favourable though we were not without our hecklers. The accommodation—mostly school floors—was then, as always, oversubscribed, but we eventually managed a bench at the Friends' Meeting House.

Reading to Slough the next day was the longest lap—about 19 miles. Blisters and sore feet became a problem now for many. The Slough Council were very good that evening in opening up extra schools and even the Town Hall.

The following day (Easter Sunday) the march which had previously become a hobble now became a wade as it rained unceasingly all day. One John Feeney, now appeared, (almost) as a heaven-sent angel, as he introduced us to a bed, food and dry clothes by the grace of two Hounslow councillors, who also provided transport to and from the march that evening and the following morning.

The last day—Chiswick to Trafalgar Square—was accompanied by sunny weather and spirits. That day we numbered some 15,000 marchers and the final rally in the Square was 30,000 strong. We were addressed by many leading churchmen, politicians and literary figures. But the most moving moments were marching up Whitehall in silence broken only by a drummer beating out N.D. in Morse Code.

We were all impressed, as was the Chief Constable of Berkshire, by the excellent discipline of the marchers especially when one considers that most facets of political and religious belief or unbelief were represented.

Four days with really generous and friendly people—and a just cause—we think, far outweighed the various physical discomforts experienced.

A. MARKS. A. TUCK—U.VIa.

PREFECTS' CORNER

The light of truth is fading

FRANKLY, the situation is such, that the unprivileged Oligarchy no longer recline on their (cleaned) Roman couch owing to Senatorial action. Having aspired to greater heights, we are now forced to plumb great depths in our quest for truth.

The unsavoury shouts of "Where's your camel?" cease to echo through our domain, for the evil genius of the peat-bog has left us for the morgue; and 'Modest' is using his loaf.

We have probably succeeded in clogging the sink with twice as many T. leaves as previously claimed, but we cannot verify this without the aid of a crowbar.

We would bring to your notice that no more can one of our number be seen performing his Darwinian cavortings, which is undoubtedly a sign that the lofty ideas which the prefects held have come to an abrupt halt.

Thus we leave you with

The Prefects' Lament

On looking back last term,
we prefects find it brings
a tear to eye, as we recall
thoughts of loftier things.
Somewhere in the shrubbery
our "dusky maiden" lies
cremated, with chairs newly cleaned,
and patience sorely tried.
We brew no tea. We play no darts.
Nothing is the same.
For even our blue Chinese girl
has found a different name.
Our not-so-practical, black doors
of scratches have their quota,
As all can see, providing that
their names are on the rota.
Despite this tale, sad though it be
I stand, and call the toast:
"May the prefects as a body, stay,
A Very Jovial Outpost."

SOCIETY NEWS

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

THE Autumn Term was taken up with rehearsals for "The Rivals", which the Society presented from December 4th to 6th. An account of the play is to be found elsewhere in this issue. House points were awarded to the actors and to those who helped with the production, and, in addition, School Prizes for Dramatics were given to David Rowe, Neil Thompson, Neil Camfield, and Samuel Sayer for their performances.

Meetings were held each Wednesday throughout the Spring Term. The general theme of the play-readings was 'The English Stage', and during the course of the term we read representative plays from Mediæval times to the eighteenth century. Versions of the Wakefield Shepherd's Play and Noah's Flood proved popular and showed the Juniors what a wealth of dramatic material there is to be found in the Mystery Plays of the Middle Ages. Members of the Lower Vith presented scenes from "The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus" by Christopher Marlowe, and subsequent meetings were devoted to "Hamlet", and to the character studies from "Julius Cæsar", "As You Like It", and "Twelfth Night". In the warm Spring weather we were able to practise some of the scenes in the Mill grounds which made a "marvellous convenient place for our rehearsal". Later, members of Form IVm, directed by Sindall, Johnson and Walters, gave a spirited presentation of scenes from Sheridan's "The School for Scandal", which they had been reading in class.

We have recently had some additional stage lighting equipment installed. This includes an extra batten for more lamps, two vertical barrels on either side of the front of house for floods, and an extension to the switchboard incorporating nine circuits, of which three are for footlights. We anticipate buying further floods and spotlights for increased illumination on the fore-stage and central acting area. Our lighting facilities are already very good by school standards, and the new equipment should make them really excellent.

The Annual Verse-Speaking Competition took place in March, the final being held in Assembly on March 20th and 24th. In the Junior section the poem was "The Donkey" by G. K. Chesterton. The overall level of diction was considerable and the result was a tie between Smith (IIIu) and Pearce (Ig) for first place, with Doyle (IIb) second. Flecker's imaginative poem "The Old Ships" was the piece selected for the Seniors, and with its combination of dream and swashbuckling rhetoric proved a good poem to declaim. Here, too, the standard was generally good and the different interpretations showed how much could be done with the poem. The prize went to Sayer (L.VI) with Wilkinson, N. second, and Hawkins, G. third.

We were invited by the Director of the Youth Theatre, Mr. Michael Croft, to submit names for parts in his production of "Hamlet" and auditions were held in March. Granville Hawkins was chosen to play the Second Gravedigger and to understudy other parts, and spent some of his Easter holiday rehearsing at Dortington Hall, Devon, where the

company gave several performances of the play. The Youth Theatre is to present "Hamlet" in a London Theatre in the Summer, and will later go on tour on the Continent, and may visit Moscow.

Last term several members of the Society took part in the French plays produced at Coloma School. Anthony Hollands, Andrew Stone, Brian Furner, Bevis Kennett, Stewart Shanks, Raymond Sutton played in "Antigone" by Jean Anouilh, and were joined by Michael Sweet, Graham Beales, Michael Brooks, Martin Penrose, Michael Wright, Barrie Sturt-Penrose, Peter Grey, Patrick Wickerson and John Gordon in the sparkling mime-play, "The Wedding on the Eiffel Tower" by Jean Cocteau.

There were several theatre visits arranged during the course of the session. We saw T. S. Eliot's new 'morality' play, "The Elder Statesman" at the Cambridge Theatre, London, on October 24th, and it remained a subject for discussion for a long time afterwards. There was an exciting production of "Macbeth" on February 19th at The Old Vic, with Michael Hordern in the name-part and Beatrix Lehmann as Lady Macbeth, and it should have helped the Vth Form who have been studying the play for the G.C.E. examinations. We had a rare theatrical treat on March 23rd when we saw the famous Comédie Française in Molière's comedy "Les Femmes Savantes", at the Prince's Theatre. It was a fabulous production, with splendid costumes and sets, precise timing, and wonderfully ebullient acting that was a joy to see. Ashburton School invited us to see their production of Bernard Shaw's "The Devil's Disciple" on March 6th. The play is a good one, and we have often considered doing it ourselves. Ashburton managed it very well and brought out the humorous characters and witty dialogue with great success, and it was a most enjoyable evening. Senior members of the Society have also been regular supporters of home-products at the Civic Hall and have attended most of the productions of the local amateur companies.

Early next term we have arranged to visit Drury Lane Theatre to see behind the scenes. It is hoped that Mr. McQueen-Pope, the theatre historian, will be able to conduct us round back-stage. This should be of immense interest to members of the Society.

F.N.N.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

IT must be a very difficult task for a schoolmaster to decry the very subject that is his livelihood. Such was the task of two members of the staff team, however, when they had to oppose the motion "This House believes that a study of History is essential for an educated man". Fortunately, thanks to excellent debating on the part of the school team, they need have no fear for their jobs, for the motion was carried 15 votes to 4.

Two inter-school debates, both part of the knock-out competition for the United Nations Debating Shield, provided the main interest of the Spring term. Our team for the competition was M. Smalley, A Marks, I. Hammond and N. Thompson. The first debate, which was against Whitgift School, was held in our own 'territorial waters' on February 19th. The motion, which the school proposed, was 'This House supports

territorial waters'. The school team was adjudged the winners and went forward to the semi-final against Selhurst Boys. The debate was held on March 12th at Selhurst School. Although the school team had no difficulty in becoming anti 'stars and stripes' to propose the motion 'This House wishes that the American Colonies had lost the War of Independence', Selhurst's team won with 38 points to our 31½.

We hope to hold a 'Balloon Game' with a Croydon Girls' School later this term and as this promises to be an interesting and amusing event we hope that it will be well attended. I. HAMMOND—U.VI.Sc.

CHRISTIAN UNION

THE Christian Union continues to meet every Monday evening in the Music Room. Although with the warmer weather our numbers have dropped, a faithful few still attends the meetings.

Our programme during the past term has been widely varied and meetings included Bible Study, Discussions, Junior quizzes, outside speakers, and two Fact and Faith films.

A few members support the Surrey Schools' Christian Rallies but we would be pleased to see more boys attending these very profitable meetings.

As always we gain invaluable help from Messrs. Maggs and Nunn whose support has been such an encouragement to us.

Finally, I would remind members of our purpose—"To promote Christian Interest and Fellowship within the School". I hope all of us are doing our best to fulfil this. N. THOMPSON—U.VI.Sc. (Leader)

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

SHORTLY after the last issue of this magazine we were very fortunate indeed to have as a speaker Mr. Patrick Moore, F.R.A.S. to give a lecture on Astronautics. This was a interesting and amusing talk, well illustrated with slides which this distinguished speaker brought with him.

A lecture which was to have been held in January had to be cancelled because of fog, as did another shortly before owing to insufficient support—the only time this has occurred in the history of the Society.

These disappointments, however, were closely followed by a most enjoyable visit to King's College Hospital Medical School, where we were shown round the Pathology department. To the few boys who were able to go on this visit, it provided an excellent opportunity to see the work which goes on behind the scenes of a large hospital.

Our first meeting this term took place on the 23rd of April, when Mr. G. C. Stewart, B.Sc., A.M.I.E.E., Assistant Education Officer of the Institution of Electrical Engineers introduced a film and gave a talk on Electrical Engineering as a career.

This was followed by three films of general scientific interest on the manufacture and uses of steel.

The next meeting, just before the G.C.E. examinations, was devoted to three films on more advanced scientific objects meant primarily for the sixth forms. It is to be hoped that they may have put across some points which members of the upper sixth found useful in their Advanced Level examinations. M. SMALLEY—U.VI.Sc. (Secretary)

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

Les réunions du Cercle Français de l'année dernière ont été interrompues par les deux pièces mises en scène avec l'aide de Coloma Convent. Mais je crois que tous les intéressés seront d'accord pour reconnaître que, en fin de compte, le résultat en valait la peine, puisque, en dépit des peines et des épreuves inséparables de la représentation d'une pièce, elles eurent un grand succès.

Les deux pièces étaient "Le Mariage de la Tour Eiffel" de Cocteau, un spectacle mimé et commenté par un haut-parleur, traduit en anglais, et aussi la tragédie "Antigone" d'Anouilh, dans la langue originale.

Il convient ici de remercier tous ceux qui ont participé à ces représentations de quelque façon, et nous n'oublions pas ceux qui ont contribué à leur succès en allant les voir.

Après ces pièces, le Cercle Français est revenue au train-train hebdomadaire, d'une réunion tous les jeudis. Ces réunions ont été variées par l'introduction d'un magnétophone (avec l'espoir de nous choquer, sans doute).

Malgré l'amélioration que Melle Labesque a déjà pu effectuer dans notre prononciation, c'est une expérience salutaire de pouvoir entendre ce que l'on vient de dire—que ce soit en français ou en anglais.

M. J. WRIGHT—L.VI.a

THE FILM SOCIETY

EXPERIMENTAL showings were given fortnightly throughout the winter. They attracted audiences of 40 - 50 who were lively in their reactions, if diffident at discussing the merits of the films.

The lowness of the subscription obliged us to rely heavily on sponsored films. Some of those, however, proved to be of high quality: many will remember particularly "Chisoko the African", with its authentic background to the clash between old customs and new ways of living; and the vivid colour, clever camera work and atmosphere-evoking music of "Steel".

For the skilful projecting—with never a hitch—the Society is very grateful to M. D. Jones, R. D. Hughes, and D. W. Vigor of the Lower Sixth Science. They not only undertook the arduous task of assembling and dismantling the equipment, but also maintained the precious projector with the devoted care of the enthusiast.

L.R.H.

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

LAST term the Society was given two lectures, the first on "Developing" and the second (by Mr. T. A. Brown of Ilford Ltd.) on "Making the most of your camera". Next term there will be two lectures by representatives of Ilford Ltd. and Johnsons Ltd, and we also hope to show some filmstrips for Kodaks.

The Society meets on Thursdays and the membership fee for the year is 1/-. Members may have the use of the dark room after school, where there are facilities for the developing, printing and enlarging of films.

The Society would like to express its thanks to Dr. Saxby for continuing to run the Section and anyone wishing to join should see Dr. Saxby or the Secretary.

D. FENTIMAN—VU. (Secretary).

THE CHESS CLUB

SINCE its revival the Chess Club has met during the lunch hour on Wednesdays and Fridays in the very capable hands of Mr. Howden.

It is now once again in full swing, with inter-school matches being played regularly. Our first team have twice defeated Coloma; they lost heavily to John Fisher at first, but later managed to beat them; and narrowly missed success against Selhurst Boys. Our Under 14 team have proved formidable: after initially drawing with John Fisher they won a decisive victory, and then crushed Tenison's. It is now searching for fresh victims.

The League Table has proved valuable as an inducement to improving the standard of play. New-comers join at the bottom of the B division, but players may earn promotion to the A Division by beating opponents above them. Our knockout tournaments staged during the Spring term achieved in its earlier stages some surprising results. It was finally won by G. Keyes of 5U. A series of weekly five-minute talks on chess strategy and tactics has been given to introduce the younger members to sound principles of play, and to raise the standard of the more seasoned campaigners. A tournament will be held shortly to decide the award of the Weedon Cup for the best individual performance.

Summary of School Match Results

FIRST TEAM

- 1st May, v. Selhurst G.S. for Boys (home). Lost, 2½—3½.
- 6th Mar., v. Coloma Convent G.S. (home). Won, 4—2.
- 24th Apr., v. Coloma Convent G.S. (away). Won, 7—3.
- 1st May, v. Selhurst G.S. for Boys (home). Lost, 2½—3½.
- 22nd May, v. John Fisher School (away). Won, 3½—2½.

UNDER FOURTEEN TEAM

- 27th Feb., v. John Fisher School (home). Drew 3—3.
- 13th Mar., v. John Fisher School (away). Won, 13—7.
- 29th May, v. Archbishop Tenison's G.S. (home). Won, 5—1.

Although the membership reached 85 in the winter, and still is quite good, your support is nevertheless wanted. So why not come along and play the game that is an enjoyable taxation of the brain—chess?

G. BEALES (*Secretary*)—L.VIa.

All the above activities owe much to Graham Beales, who has proved as popular a Captain as he has reliable a Secretary. The Club is fortunate to have secured the services of one willing to give such a tonic to other players by his friendly encouragement.

A wealth of talent has been unearthed in the Junior School, which should give us a powerful team in a few years' time. The Under Fourteen Team's Captain, J. Swainson of 2m, has earned a regular place in the First Team. The First Team has gained substantially in strength through the variety of matches and constant practice though greater support from the Upper School would give a larger number to select the team from.

L.R.H.

THE FENCING CLUB

THIS term we opened the club to the school with pleasing results. About 40 boys applied for membership, some having past experience in fencing and about 25 of these are now active members.

Through various reasons we have lost several meetings this term and hope the ability of the members has not suffered because of this. As in any sport, practice is of paramount importance to obtain the best from a fencer, so all meetings must be attended if at all possible.

With our increasing members, need for apparatus becomes more acute. Therefore the club would gratefully welcome any gifts of masks, jackets or foils—new or secondhand—at any time throughout the year.

B. J. MAGUIRE—U.VI.Sc. (Secretary).

“THE BOATER CLUB”

TOWARDS the end of the Lenten Term some of the Lower Sixth Arts asked the Head Master if he would re-introduce “the boater”. He readily agreed and several ‘boaters’ or ‘straws’ were seen during the last few weeks of the term. This term the privilege was extended to all members of the school and although it could hardly be called a mushroom growth many boys, mainly from the Lower Sixth Arts, have bought boaters. We hope that more boys will do so next Summer. One irate boater wearer asked that I should state that the re-introduction of this headgear had nothing to do with “Gigi” or the Cup Final.

B. STURT-PENROSE—L.VIa.



Switzerland, 1959 (see p. 14)

HOUSE NOTES

ALPHA

Once again we were very pleased on Speech Day to see a red ribbon adorning the Endeavour Cup, and looked upon this as a promising augury. Our Senior Football results, however, were disappointing, and we lost the first basketball match by one point. Hope and morale rose when we gained convincing wins against Delta and Gamma in our following basketball contests. The Junior Football XI also fared well under the captaincy of Bateman, and their keenness and ability promise much for the future.

We completed our hat-trick of athletics championship wins earlier this term and congratulations are especially due to the captain, Wilkinson, Collings and Grieve who shared the Victor Ludorum Cup, Oliver who created a new School javelin best, and our very able sprinters and relay teams. It was disappointing that we could not bring off such a fine result—being placed third—in the cross country run. But let us hope this year we can gain the swimming trophies.

Finally I must urge all the house throughout the school, particularly in the upper half, not to flag in the fight for The Endeavour Cup. A prevalence of lateness at this stage will hazard our hopes of success, so arrive on time and inundate me with house-points throughout the rest of the year!

B. J. MAGUIRE—U.VI.Sc. (House Captain)

BETA

After having let that coveted trophy, the Endeavour Cup, slip through our fingers, Beta has done creditably in the field of sport during the past term.

Although we won neither the Senior Football nor Cricket matches, a special mention is due to Adnams who played well in both, and helped us to acquit ourselves better than we otherwise might. In the Junior Football matches, however, we undoubtedly proved ourselves the best team, and those who watched from the touchline saw some fine scoring from Noakes, although everyone who took part is to be heartily congratulated.

Again the Senior Basketball team fought well, and owing more to hard and spirited playing than to natural ability we managed to come out on top.

At the School Athletics' Meeting, Beta were literally "pipped at the post", but came a very good second, only a few points behind the winners. Among others, Macdonald, Pratt, and Adnams showed us how training helps to win points for the house.

Finally I would ask whether anyone has seen a large sackful of Beta house points lying around the buildings? I certainly hope so, for without a flood of these invaluable slips of paper we do not have a chance of catching the present leaders in the fight for the Endeavour Cup.

N. THOMPSON—U.VI.Sc. (Captain)

GAMMA

Since the last issue of the magazine Gamma has had a period of mixed successes and defeats in sporting activities. Firstly, Gamma won the Senior Football competition without conceding a single goal; a marked contrast to the unfortunate lack of success of the Juniors who lost their games without scoring. Taylor led Gamma home to an easy win in the Cross Country Run and we wish to congratulate him and indeed the whole team on their victorious exertions. Sports Day, however, once again saw us as a losing house, but we won through the first round of the inter-house cricket competition by beating Alpha House by one run on the last ball of the match. No game could have been more closely fought than was that one. We wish the team the very best of luck when they meet Delta House in the final.

Our position in the Endeavour Cup is still quite good and this could easily be 'Gamma's year' if everyone pulled his weight. When asking for a house point why not make your journey worthwhile and ask for *some* housepoints?. We would do far better still were it not for late boys continually losing us points. We are now by far the worst house in this respect, and although it is hard to believe, out of every ten boys late this term six were in Gamma as opposed to one out of ten last term. Because of this shocking state of affairs boys who are continually late are now having to 'pay a forfeit' in division room B on Thursdays. Make sure you are not there!

I. B. HAMMOND—U.VI.Sc. (Captain)

DELTA

I would like to take this opportunity to thank M. D. Rockall, our former House Captain, who left at Christmas, for serving the House so well in all spheres—especially in athletics—throughout his school career.

Since the last edition of the magazine, there have been many activities, and though individuals have shone, the overall results have been poor for a House with such a fine record. For example, while Porter, Lints and others deserve praise for their extremely creditable results in the cross country and the sports, we lost the former (coming second) and came third in the latter. Both these results were due to the lack of interest from the Senior School, who should set the example, but instead seemed loath to stir themselves even to the slightest activity on behalf of the House!

The Football results were mediocre; we came second in the Senior—being unlucky not win—and third in the Junior Championships

Success has been gained this term by the House Cricket Team which won its way into the final of the competition by beating Beta by five wickets. We are due to meet Gamma in the final later in July.

I am very pleased to be able to say that the House points position is very good; a steady stream of points are being won, but I urge you *all* to even greater efforts. Make sure that the Endeavour Cup becomes undisputedly Delta's!

Finally I would like to thank Bennett for the hard work and extremely efficient service he has given as House Secretary.

R. COCKMAN—U.VIa (House Captain)

SPORT

June 1959.

A LOAD of bricks has been delivered to the playing-field. Workmen are busily digging a marked rectangle of ground. At last a start has been made on the Pavilion. Only a portion of it, alas, with sadly limited amenities—hardly adequate, we fear, for a muddy football season.

We must, however, look forward patiently and hopefully to the later completion of the building, in, so we believe, the not too distant future.

FOOTBALL

The previous issue of the magazine appeared in the middle of the 1958-59 Football Season.

Senior XI's had a mediocre season, winning but half of the matches played, whilst the 1st XI finished ungloriously with a heavy defeat by the Old Boys XI in the Challenge Shield Competition. Indeed, only by a late desperate rally, and largely thanks to the inexhaustible Adnams did the 1st XI manage to win against the Staff team by an unconvincing margin.

Players will, however, agree that Peter Adnams was the outstanding senior player this season. As centre-forward, with a roving commission, he covered many miles of ground, working unceasingly throughout each match and scoring many powerful goals.

Adnams finished a good season by playing at centre-forward for the cup-winning Croydon Schools Senior XI.

Cockman (captain and centre-half), Gilbert (full-back) and Adnams, were awarded School Football Colours for Season 1958-59.



Junior XI: League Champions 1959

After a poor first half-season, the Second XI, captained by Maguire, improved steadily and finished the season playing some quite good football.

Once again the Middle School XI reached the final of the Croydon School Cup competition. The game was played at Selhurst Park under really atrocious conditions. A sea of liquid mud reduced the game to a travesty of football. Skill was at a discount and we eventually lost by the only goal scored.

The Junior XI for the second successive year won the League Championship to retain the Burr Shield.

This team finished with the proud record of:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Against
14	13	—	1	78	14

The only defeat came when six reserves were fielded whilst the regular team men were playing for a Croydon representative side.

For some seasons now it has been customary for our Football teams to wear dark shorts. This season our Under 13 XI wore white shorts with the familiar red and black quarter-shirts. These shorts were the generous donation of the parent-supporters. We are grateful indeed to these good friends, not only for this kind gift but also for the great help and encouragement their presence has given to the young players, and to all who have the interests of the School football at heart.

We supplied many players to these Croydon XI's.

T. Cockerton was awarded both Croydon and Surrey badges. After proving himself to be a most proficient and popular player for Croydon he was, unhappily, unable to turn out for the Hood Shield final match, for he broke a leg in the preceding game.

We trust that after "resting" throughout the cricket season, September will find him back in action once more and as powerful a player as ever.

For the Croydon Under 14 XI and Under 13 XI we supplied in each case, half the team. Regular players were Colliver, Holmes, Robinson, Masters, Little, Lloyd, together with Stanford and Lawson when needed; and for the younger XI, Bateman, Noakes, Paye, McDonald, Barnett, Bailey.

Keith Masters, another of our keen and clever players, is, unfortunately, spending some time this term in hospital. We wish him a sound and speedy recovery to full health again and trust that he, too, like Cockerton will soon be able to join us on the Sports Field.

CRICKET

The cricket-tables at the Ground continue to improve thanks to patient hand-weeding by our indefatigable groundsman Mr. Michele. His careful preparation and painstaking rolling are producing really excellent wickets for all our matches.

We go to press early in the season, but have already seen some improved batting in all elevens. We are lacking, though, in really hostile bowling in any team, whilst the standard of fielding for all age-groups has so far been deplorable.

In the Middle-School age-group Watson has been included in the Croydon Schools XI but there seems little likelihood at the moment of any further candidates for representative honours.

ATHLETICS

Although the season is not yet over, we have already seen some fine performances by our athletes, both in inter- and intra-school competition.

C. Pratt won the Discus throw at the Surrey A.A.A. meeting at Motspur Park, gaining our first National Standard in field events with a throw of 148ft. 7ins. At the same meeting the School Athletics captain, J. Wilkinson, beat his own school record for the Long Jump with a leap of 19ft. 0½in. Since then, in practice, he has jumped 19ft. 9ins. J. Oliver also set up a new record in the Javelin with a throw of 138ft. 5ins.

C. Blunt will be in the relay team representing Croydon in the Area Championships at Motspur Park on the 27th of this month. J. Wilkinson is also in the team. Both are to be congratulated on gaining this honour. Incidentally, C. Collins was chosen reserve for the Under 18 sprint team, a splendid performance considering he is still only 13.

Our own School Sports were again held early in the term at the Croydon Arena. Perhaps the timing of this meeting is responsible for the fact that there are seldom any outstanding performances, but to counteract this, it is invaluable to have schools' sports early for two reasons. In the first place it encourages athletes to start training earlier than they would do otherwise, and secondly, it facilitates team selection for the inter-schools and county meetings later in the term.

Alpha House again won the championship, and Junior School potential indicates that it will be some time before they are displaced.

R. Collings and I. Grieve tied for the Victor Ludorum Cup with three firsts each and this year's Junior Victor Ludorum is J. McDonald who also had three firsts in the School Sports.

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The Junior School again did extremely well at the Croydon Schools' Sports, coming second in the overall championship, beaten by only one point by Trinity School.

The Senior School's performance in the under 17's meeting was also very encouraging. We came third in the overall competition thanks to the efforts of a small nucleus of boys in the fifth who are virtually carrying Senior School athletics themselves.

To conclude, prospects look bright. As standards are still going up, however, we must begin training earlier and be more systematic about it. We have the talent, but athletic achievement is the result of 10% talent and 90% hard training.

LAWN TENNIS

We continue to be grateful to the Education Committee and the Shirley Park Lawn Tennis Club for facilities whereby any boy from Form IV upwards has the opportunity of learning to play Tennis. Over 40 boys each week in three or four groups have taken advantage of what is no doubt an attractive option to cricket, athletics or swimming.

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ANNUAL DINNER. The annual re-union dinner took place on Saturday 2nd May 1959, at the Shirley Poppy Hotel, Shirley, with Old Boy Raymond Alan Harding, Managing Director of Machrome Ltd. and Hallmac Tools Ltd., a most welcome and entertaining principal guest. We regret that the attendance at this function was perhaps a little lower than has been the case in previous years. Our President, Mr. Lowe, again presided in his usual excellent manner.

Our principal guest made a most interesting speech in moving the toast of "The School", quoting many anecdotes of the past. In replying Mr. R. D. Pearce made some emphatic pronouncements, very much to the point. E. G. Thomas upheld the tradition of the School Captain in his confident proposing of the toast of "The Association" and Mr. Johnson's reply was ably delivered.

May we take this opportunity of extending to those Old Boys who have far to travel our warmest appreciation for their attendance at the above function. The only sad note on this occasion was the news that our old faithful friend and ex-Master, H. B. Locke, died last November in his eightieth year.

THE CHALLENGE SHIELD. The series this year, the third, is most important as if we lose the School will have won the Shield outright. However, as far as the Old Boys are concerned, the results so far are most encouraging. Details:—

Football—Old Boys 7—School 1.

Basketball—Old Boys 38—School 29.

Cross Country—School won, but with more support in the future our chances of winning will improve.

Individual winner for us—B. Gravestock—congratulations!

So with the Cricket Match on the 18th July and the Swimming Competition on the 20th still to be decided, we are winning two events to one, as at the present moment.

JACQUARD TIE. The new Association tie—members only—is now available at Messrs. Hewitts—upon presentation of member's rule card. Price of tie is 15s. 11d.

THE HUT. Situated adjacent to St. Peter's Hall, Ledbury Road, South Croydon, is open every Tuesday evening—Club Night—from 8 p.m. and there are recreational facilities for billiards, snooker, darts, table tennis, etc. so please do not overlook these regular opportunities of contacting other Old Boys. Make it your frequent meeting place.

In addition to the above of course the School Foyer and Gym. are available weekly to all on Thursday evenings 7.30—9 p.m. where the Football Section are habitually in attendance.

DERBY DRAW. This has proved very successful this year and has consequently increased our funds quite profitably. Many thanks once again for your help and support in selling tickets for this event.

THE ARTHUR WM. MACLEOD MEMORIAL. This fund is now considered closed and the monies donated by the Old Boys handed over to Mr. Lowe who has been authorised by the Committee to select the volumes for the library. Naturally, however, any donations and/or books which Old Boys wish to present will be very welcome and gratefully accepted, as the library can always be extended. Your co-operation is appreciated, also your future support.

FOOTBALL SECTION. 1st team runners up, and are hoping to play in the Premier Division. The 2nd team finished fourth in the Fourth Division. Ken Harvey was again leading goal-scorer for the 1st eleven, and Bob Sageman headed the second team marksmen.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS.

Martin Hart—now 2nd Lieut. in the Army Educational Corps.

Bunny Burness has had a major operation on the optic nerve. Progressing favourably.

J. K. Bell—To our honoured Treasurer—another daughter—Helen. Congratulations to Mrs. Bell.

John Crumplin became 220 yards Champion at the County Sports held recently at Motspur Park.

R. G. SIMMONS—Secretary.

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Vice-Captain: Bennell, C. F.

Senior Prefects

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Larman, D. G.

Prefects

Bird, C. J., Bolton, J., Buffrey, R. M., Floyd, R. M., Grey, P., Hyslop, R., Rengger, R. E., Sayer, S. J. B., Sutton, R. P., Vigor, D. W., Wright, M. J.