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## EDITORIAL

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“ A good servant and a bad master ” is a phrase often applied to fire, and one, we submit, no less applicable to examinations. There are grave, inherent defects in the examination system, as in all systems, but these would be as trifles if examinations were regarded in their proper light—as a means of testing mental development. This, no doubt, is what they were originally intended to be, but in an age of bustling materialism, in a world where the weakest goes to the wall, a world that is hag-ridden by the fear of unemployment, they have come to be regarded as the royal road to wealth and happiness and the end to which all our studies should aspire. Men exult in the passing of examinations, not as a proof of mental progress, but for their own sake.

Since a job is a necessary adjunct to a happy life, and since examinations are the means of securing jobs, the whole object of modern education is becoming the passing of examinations. They are no longer our servants; they are well on the way to becoming our masters. Boys choose their studies on a consideration of their suitability to examinations, and, consequently, the arts that take a lifetime to acquire are deserted for subjects that can be quickly learned. It matters not a whit that the study of poetry enables us to distinguish between what is “ excellent and inferior, sound, and unsound, or only half-sound, true and untrue, or only half-true; ” it is unsuitable for examinations and consequently is deserted.

There is evidently something wrong with a system that forces us to adapt our study of literature to examinations instead of adapting examinations to our study of literature, or, indeed, of anything. The utter impossibility of testing culture and creative power by a three hours' exam. has long been realised by educational authorities. The conclusion of an ordinary man would be to scrap, or at least adapt, the examination system, but our learned professors are not built that way. The solution, they say, is to scrap culture and concentrate on something that can be easily tested—on knowledge. Hence it arises that the boy of to-day turns from the arts with a shrug of the shoulders and the words, "Oh! they are all right, but they are no good for exams. You never know where you are. Not definite enough."

The remark is profoundly true, but that should be no reason for concentrating on the assimilation of a mass of half-understood facts. An eminent teacher, himself an artist, has said that the man we would wish to turn out from our schools is a man remarkable not so much for what he knows as for what he is. If those who are responsible for framing the curricula of our schools, and the examinations that these curricula lead up to, if they could only free themselves from this mania for knowledge, our schools would cease to turn out intellectual snobs, crammed with masses of disordered facts, and we would see the emergence of men endowed, not with an encyclopædic knowledge, but with the power to discern and appreciate whatever is noble and beautiful in art, in politics, or in any branch of human activity.

THE EDITORS.

## SCHOOL NOTES

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### VALETE

WALLACE, J. G. A., 1928-36.—Edwards', VI Science, School Certificate 1934, 2nd XV Colours 1935-36.

RIDDLESWORTH, A. F., 1929-36.—Mason's, VI Science, School Certificate 1934, Higher School Certificate Subsidiary 1935, Prefect, Games' Committee, 1st XV Colours 1935-36, Debating Society Committee, 1st XI Colours 1934-5-6, Captain 1936, School Plays, Inter-School Athletics 1936.

HUMPHREYS, T., 1930-36.—Gear's, VI Modern, Matriculation 1935, Prefect, 1st XV Colours 1936, 2nd XI Colours 1936.

LOW, F. A., 1930-36.—Gear's, VI Science, Matriculation 1934, Higher School Certificate 1936, Prefect, 2nd XV Colours 1935-36, Debating Society Committee, Games' Committee.

PROUDFOOT, H. N., 1930-36.—Edwards', VI Modern, School Certificate 1936, Inter-School Swimming Teams, Inter-School Athletics, 1936.

SCOTT, A., 1930-36.—Gear's, VI Modern, Matriculation 1935, School Orchestra.

SMITH, N. E., 1930-36.—Evans', VI Modern, School Certificate 1936, Games' Committee, Inter-School Sports 1936.

WADE, T. F., 1930-36.—Mason's, VI Modern, School Certificate 1935, Secretary Art Society 1935-6.

BOLTON, J., 1931-36.—Spencer's, VI Modern, School Certificate 1935, 2nd XI Colours 1936.

BOND, H., 1931-36.—Leech's, VI Commercial.

DUTTON, T. H., 1931-36.—Mason's, VI Commercial, Matriculation 1936, 2nd XI Colours 1936, School Play.

HUMPHRIES, T., 1931-36.—Rogers', VI Commercial, School Certificate 1936, Bantam Colours 1933-34.

SKIPPERS, F. W., 1931-36.—Woodham's, Up. Vc.

WILLIAMSON, A. P., 1931-36.—Spencer's, VI Modern, School Certificate 1935, School Orchestra.

BARTON, H., 1932-36.—Spencer's, Lr. Vb.

LEACH, E. S., 1933-36.—Spencer's, VI Commercial, School Certificate 1936.

EDWARDS, H. A., 1934-36.—Evans', Lr. Va, Bantam Colours 1936, School Scouts.

SMITH, W. E., 1934-36.—Edwards', Lr. Va.

HAMPSON, F. A., 1935-36.—Mason's, Tr. Y.

LINDSAY, R. T., 1935-36.—Rogers', Lr. V Tr.

HAMPSON, B. L., 1936.—Mason's, Lr. V Tr.

WEAVER, R., 1936.—Evans', Ila.

## SALVETE

R. C. Badley, J. E. Bradshaw, O. D. B. Drummond, M. F. Drury, E. W. Heaton, T. L. Hosker, J. C. Leeming, J. W. Moss.

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From the proceeds of the School Play, given on December 17th, 18th and 19th, the sum of 30 guineas was forwarded to the Southport Infirmary for the maintenance of the School Bed in that Institution.

On January 21st members of Form VI Modern attended a lecture given by Mr. J. A. Davison, a lecturer in Classics at Manchester University. Mr. Davison spoke on the Greek Drama and its relation to British Drama. The lecture was illustrated by excellent lantern slides and was much appreciated. A vote of thanks was proposed by K. E. Johnstone.

On Thursday, February 25th, there was a school lecture to Forms III, IV, V and VI, by Mr. C. L. Clarke. A summary of the lecture is given in the notes of the Photographic Society.

The first Senior Gymnastic Competition for the Pennell Cup was held on February 24th and 25th. Teams of 12 were entered from each House and went through the table of exercises under the command of Mr. Jones. The judges were Mr. H. Booth and Mr. H. Higham. The winning House was Spencer's, Gear's and Woodham's being placed 2nd and 3rd respectively.

*The report of the judges was as follows:—*

The judges were pleased at the very high standard of work of the first two teams and the good work of the third.

Most notable was the surprisingly high standard of the winning teams in the agility section and the apparatus work. This seems to the judges the more praiseworthy in that all

these competitors have taken up this comparatively difficult work so late in their school careers.

Most teams contained one or two members of outstanding ability. In many cases, however, their efforts were negated because less skilful members of the teams failed to give any support by way of keenness and genuine effort.

On the other hand, keenness does not mean wildness in approach and execution. All movements should be performed under complete body control, and it was in this respect especially that the winning team, Spencer's, greatly excelled all others.

H. H., H. B.

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The School gratefully acknowledges the receipt of several additions to the History Museum. Among these is an Edward VIII Coronation Mug, in Royal Sutherland Bone China, presented by Mr. R. Billington, and a King George V and Queen Mary Coronation Mug 1911, presented by Keeley, of Lr. Vb. A further interesting gift was from A. B. Robertson, of Up. V Trans. The gift consists of three ration tickets, used during war-time, one a " spare," one for meat, and one for lard, each for a child.

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#### LIST OF PREFECTS

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A. R. G. S. Westwell (Spencer's)  
K. E. Johnstone (Woodham's)  
D. V. Bleasdale (Edwards')  
K. Rigby (Edwards')

J. R. Lloyd (Mason's)  
E. Craven (Woodham's)  
G. Worsley (Woodham's)  
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W. Gibbons (Gear's)  
S. V. H. McDonald (Mason's)  
E. B. Faulkner (Rogers')  
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## HOUSE NOTES

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EDWARDS'

At the beginning of this term we lost a very valuable member of the House, Proudfoot. He had always been an enthusiastic swimmer and also a keen House football captain, and we shall miss him both on the football field and in the swimming competition. We extend our best wishes to him in his future career.

At the end of last term we beat Grear's in the replay of the final by eleven points to nil, and so regained the Senior Rugby Shield which we have held so many times before.

This term Rigby and Lowe have played regularly for the 1st XV, Hargreaves has played for the 2nd XV, and Burns and Atherton have played for the Colts' XV.

Our Senior Gym. team did not win the competition, so we hope that the Juniors will restore the prestige of the House at the end of the term. So far this term our Junior Rugby team has lost one match.

We must congratulate Bleasdale on winning the Senior Elocution contest.

This term Harris has been made a House Prefect and Livesley a School Prefect. The House has now three School Prefects and one House Prefect.

A. G. L.

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EVANS'

Last term the House was unfortunately defeated in the Senior Rugby competition, but this term we hope to make

a good fight for the Junior Rugby Shield, as we have a very strong Junior XV, which includes two regular Bantam players, Bonallo and Pearson.

We are happy to record that Evans' again topped the Honours' List last term for the third time in succession. We congratulate all the boys who helped the House in this respect.

This term has been a very busy one. The Senior Gymnastic competition was held about a month before the breaking-up ceremony, and although our average standard was not very high we put up a good show and we were complimented on our efficiency as a combination. We trust our Juniors will do their best to gain the Junior Gymnastic Cup.

Near the end of the term the School and Higher School Certificate Trials will be held, and we extend our best wishes to those boys who will be taking them.

Last year Evans' were second in the summer sports, and we hope to improve on that result this year, although several of our best runners, such as N. E. Smith, have left. There will also be swimming and cricket, so the House will be kept busy, and at the end of the term, of course, there will be the School and Higher School Certificate Examinations.

J. E. S.

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#### GREAR'S

At the end of last term we lost three of our Senior members, F. A. Low, T. Humphreys, who succeeded Low as House Captain, and A. Scott. To them we tender our best wishes for the future.

We congratulate the House Captain, W. Gibbons, on being appointed a School Prefect, and also R. T. Christy, who is a House Prefect.

After a great struggle our Senior House team was defeated in the Senior Rugby competition by Edwards' after a drawn game.

Owing to the weather conditions there have been few School matches this term. Even so, the House has been well represented.

Congratulations are due to J. A. McBride, R. T. Christy, and W. Gibbons, on being awarded 2nd XV Colours.

In the Senior Gymnastic competition the House was placed second, the standard of the display being high.

The Life Saving has brought more successes, these being scored by S. K. Runcorn, J. Y. McDougall, D. G. Owen, and J. Cardwell.

W. J.

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#### LEECH'S

This term, although the shortest of the year, has been a very busy one for the House. In the short space of ten weeks are to be decided the Junior Rugby, Senior Gymnastic, and Junior Gymnastic competitions, and the S.C. and H.S.C. Trials have been held.

At the time of writing the result of the Senior Gymnastic competition has just been announced. We congratulate the winning House and hope that, although our House was not able to gain a place among the first three Houses, it at least acquitted itself creditably. We can look forward to the result of the Junior Gymnastic competition with greater confidence, for at the few practices that have been held the Juniors, as a whole, showed great promise.

The Junior Rugby team was successful in its first match against Edwards'. We hope that it will continue in the same style and that the Junior Rugby Shield will in due course adorn the walls of our House room.

In the School Rugby teams this term the House has the same representatives as last term. We congratulate all of

them, and especially Stevenson and Taylor on obtaining their 2nd XV Colours.

To all those members of the House who are taking part in the S.C. and H.S.C. Trials the House extends its best wishes.

We should like to take this opportunity of reminding all members of the House that everyone is expected to contribute his share towards supporting his House and School. The School Societies this year are more numerous than ever before, and every boy should be able to find at least one of them interesting to him. Those who do not excel at games or athletics ought to work all the harder at their studies to make up for this, and so bring credit to themselves and the House by appearing in the Honours List. H. L.

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#### MASON'S

The Senior Rugby XV met with little success last term if success is measured by games won. However, the team is to be congratulated on the good displays they gave, more so when it is realised that the team suffered the loss of several experienced members, through illness, in the later fixtures.

The Junior XV lost its first match with Woodham's by the narrow margin of 9—6 points. The team exhibited great keenness but had the misfortune to lack the services of several prominent juniors. We wish them every success in the remaining matches and would urge boys in the House to give the team keen support on the touch-line.

In the recent Senior Gym. competition our team, although not placed first by the judges, is to be congratulated on a very creditable display. Despite a lack of inches some of the smaller members of the team attempted every exercise with cheerfulness, and this augurs well for future competitions.

As it will soon be the turn of the Juniors to show their prowess in the Gymnasium, we would like to impress upon

them the necessity for constant practice if they are to succeed in the competition. We hope that all the Juniors will do their best for the House in this direction.

We remind the House that during next term the School Sports will be held. In the holidays there will be facilities for practising at School and we urge boys to attend, so that the prestige of the House may be as high as in former years. Next term also the Badminton competition takes place. In this sphere we have been successful in every competition except one, and our chances in the coming competition are as high as ever, as R. Rigby, one of last year's team, is still at School. We urge other members of the House to practise assiduously so that the team may be of uniform strength.

We congratulate S. V. McDonald on his appointment as School Prefect, and both McDonald and J. M. Cunningham on being awarded 2nd XV Colours.

We hope that the members of the House who are taking the Trial Examinations will do well, and we trust this will be a good omen for success in July.

L. D.

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#### ROGERS'

This term we have lost our House Captain, F. Thewlis, and our Games' Captain, Townsend. We offer our thanks to them for their valuable service to the House.

It is pleasing to note the keenness shown by some of the Junior members of the House on the football field. The practices in the Christmas holidays were well attended. This keenness, however, was not rewarded in the first House match when the Junior XV, captained by G. P. Roberts, were defeated by a much heavier team. We hope for much greater success in the two remaining matches. It would be gratifying to see more boys on the touch-line to support the team.

This term we are well represented in the School teams, and we congratulate D. T. Atkinson, R. M. Hastie, and



E. B. Faulkner, on having played for the School 1st XV, G. P. Roberts, W. R. Parkinson, E. P. Pariser, R. Howard, and G. H. Charlick, for the School Bantams, and G. A. Vaughan and A. R. Lucas for the Chicks.

The House was also well represented in the School Play, F. Thewlis and H. A. Dawes both playing major parts.

The Athletic Sports will be taking place early next term and boys should make good use of the Easter holidays, when the School will be open on certain days for boys who wish to train.

Other competitions next term are those for the Senior and Junior Cricket Shields and the Swimming Cup. We can look forward to all these with a certain amount of optimism, and with regard to the Swimming Sports we would remind boys who are not chosen to represent the House in the actual events, that they have their chance to play a part by qualifying.

E. B. F.

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SPENCER'S

Last term the efforts of the Senior House Rugby XV met with little success. The team fought hard but to no avail. Nevertheless we would like to compliment the members on their dogged perseverance. This term the Junior XV lost their first game to Evans', but we were by no means disappointed by their performance. Their obvious skill augurs well for future seasons. Hopeless playing conditions have prevented any further matches as yet this term.

This Spring the first competition in Gymnastics was held. We record with great pleasure the success of the Senior House Gymnastic team in carrying off the new trophy. We would heartily congratulate the members of the team on their performance, and we are especially pleased that the gymnasium has given scope for such pillars of the team as Barnett, Briscoe and Ramsay, to exploit their energy in

support of the House. Great credit is reflected on the Captain, E. F. B. Cadman.

This term J. Bolton, a most enthusiastic supporter of the House, left us, and we wish him the very best success.

We are pleased to record that the House was again represented in the prize winners of the Debating Society's Senior Elocution contest.

We congratulate E. F. B. Cadman and W. F. Coulshed on being appointed School Prefects, and the following who have played for School teams this term, for the 1st XV, Coulshed, W. F., and Burdon, A. S.; for the 2nd XV, Workman, M. E., and Coulshed N.; for the Bantam XV, Mellor, Pulman, A. O., Pulman, D. O., Ruscoe, Sweet, and Westerman; and for the "Chicks" XV, Wilkinson and Foster.

The Athletic Sports and the Swimming Sports next term will afford ample opportunity for the House to distinguish itself further.

To all those taking examinations this term we wish a very successful outcome of all their Trials.

A. R. G. S. W.

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WOODHAM'S

At the end of last term the House performed its usual duty of providing stage-hands for the School Play. We thank all those who so willingly made this possible.

We have unfortunately lost two senior members of the House, A. Pickering and F. W. Skippers this term. We tender them our best wishes for their future careers.

We congratulate the following on their appointments:— R. S. Helliwell as a School Prefect, and T. W. Kay and T. F. Settle as House Prefects.

As was predicted in our last report we failed to retain the Senior Rugby Shield. The team defeated Mason's and Leech's but lost to Gear's. The Junior Rugby team, very

much weakened owing to illness, defeated Mason's in the only game they have so far played. The ability and keenness shown at the practices lead us to believe that if this team, captained by G. Russel, does not reach the final it will at least fight very hard to do so. As usual we have been well represented this term in the School teams, and since the last notes were written, 1st XV Colours have been awarded to E. Craven and K. E. Johnstone, and Bantam Colours to G. Russel.

The Senior Gym. team put up a creditable performance and was placed third in a closely contested competition. By the time this report is published the result of the Junior Gym. competition will be known. We can only hope it will be even more satisfactory to the House than the Senior.

Since the Athletic Sports come very near the beginning of next term, practices will be held during the Easter holidays. We make a special appeal for all the House to be present at these practices, as we want a large number of boys taking part in the sports and not a few doing everything.

In preparation for the Swimming Sports, regular Saturday morning swimming practices will be held next term. Boys who cannot swim are asked to attend these practices and learn how to swim, and boys who are able to swim can improve by attending regularly at practices.

E. C.

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OLD BOYS' NEWS

- G. N. COOP has gained the Ph.D. (Engineering) at Liverpool University.
- C. SHACKLETON has passed the final examination of the Law Society.
- R. BINNS has passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.
- C. HARE has passed the final examination of the Pharmaceutical Society.

- J. L. HAMPSHIRE has been appointed Deputy County Accountant for Kent.
- J. F. CUNNINGHAM is lecturing on Post Office Engineering at the Liverpool Technical College.
- H. BROADBENT has written a Play for the pupils of Whitby County School called "The Philosopher."
- F. G. BASS has been awarded a Scholarship to the Slade School of Art, London.
- R. GILLOW has become a Partner in the firm of Richard Collinson & Son, Estate and Insurance Agents, at Eccles.
- T. D. HARDY is now a Solicitor in Port Talbot, Glamorgan-shire.
- D. FRAZER is now a Dentist in Penge, S. London.
- C. L. MINSHALL is an Accountant in Lancaster.
- J. A. IRVIN is Assistant Principal in the Regional Director's Office, G.P.O., Leeds.
- K. C. COOP has been appointed an Assistant Manager of the West Yorks. Electric Power Co.
- E. PRICE is with the Petaling Tin Co. Ltd. in the Fed. Malay States.

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OLD BOYS' LETTERS

Gonville and Caius College,

Cambridge,

March 2nd, 1937

*To the Editors of the "Red Rose."*

SIRS,—The Lent term, which is now drawing to a close, is usually the coldest, wettest, and dreariest of the three University terms. This year, however, we have been blessed with some very good weather and there have been

occasions when we have suspected that summer is approaching. The eight weeks of full term have passed in a flash. This is partly due to the fact that as we are sitting for Tripos Examinations in June we felt it would be a good thing if we knew a little about our respective subjects before then.

Our good resolutions to work have not been fully maintained. On the contrary, we must confess that we have occasionally strayed so far from the straight and narrow path as to fall asleep in a lecture. This is not regarded as a serious offence by the authorities. Indeed, some lecturers encourage somnolence, as they find that there are fewer interruptions in the course of the hour. When we awaken at the end of the lecture we cannot help wondering if every other undergraduate in the room has also been in the arms of Morpheus, and if so, did the lecturer continue doggedly on his appointed course or did he slip out for a quick one? Some day we shall pretend to be in the land of dreams but shall keep one eye open so that a solution to this most interesting question may be found. In view of the fact that we have a distinct recollection of the hardness of the school board dusters and of the draughtiness of the school corridors, we are refraining from recommending the experiment to your readers.

We have been very conscientious in the matter of early rising this term. This is not due to any desire to take part in a health and beauty campaign—as far as the latter is concerned we regard such efforts as redundant. The blame lies entirely on the shoulders of the B.B.C., who are so inconsiderate as to broadcast test match commentaries at 8 a.m. Even yet we are not despairing of hearing that Bradman is out.

We regret that the opening paragraph of this letter has angered the gods. At the moment it is snowing heavily and fierce wintry blasts are whining round the old stones of this venerable building. We are convinced that the clerk of the weather must have a sense of humour.

We are, sirs,

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY  
OLD GEORGIANS.

The University,  
Liverpool,

4/3/37

To the Editors of the "Red Rose."

SIRS,—That "things aren't what they used to be" is a fact appreciated only by those who have experienced the "old times," and so I will not compare matches against Cowley of way back in the early 'thirties, with the last match. Old Cowleians never miss an opportunity of asking me the result of this last match. If I say that I haven't heard they tell me the score, and I look surprised and refuse to believe it.

The University Rugby, Soccer, and Hockey teams have won their Northern Universities Championships, thus qualifying for the semi-finals of the National Championships. S. V. P. has soon got his place in the rugby side, which meets Swansea University in the semi-final mentioned. (Swansea are *not* fancied, Mr. W. L. M.!)

Together with athletics the most pressing matters are at present exams., and whether or not women are to be allowed to continue using the men's dining room here.

Yours faithfully,

M. M. P.

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The University,  
Sheffield,

4/3/37

To the Editors of the "Red Rose."

SIRS,—It becomes increasingly difficult to find a topic calculated to "interest and amuse" readers each term. May this be my apology for any deficiencies in this letter.

I had the pleasure of hearing Lord Cecil speak on "Is War Inevitable?" at one of our Celebrity Lectures. How-

ever, he raised no new matters nor did he leave me, at any rate, with the feeling that he had answered the question.

A few weeks ago I met A. S., disguised as a business man. Unfortunately I was in rather a hurry at the time, and though I asked him to "look me up," to date he has not done so.

Rugger this year has been about up to average, which I fear means only moderate. Medicals retained the Inter-Faculty Shield.

I am, sir, yours faithfully,

PERCY BAKER.

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## MARRIAGE

J. SANKEY to CONSUELO HAMPSON, at St. Philip's Church, on February 6th.

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## CAREERS

### X: CHARTERED SURVEYOR

The Chartered Surveyor is an expert in the management and development of land and the handling of the various interests therein. He deals with Valuations, Town Planning, and the development of Land for Building, matters relating to Sanitation, Taxation, Rating, Building, Quantity Surveying, Measurement and Management of Mining Properties and the Management of Rural and Urban Estates. He is essentially a practical man, and his training is a careful combination of theory and practical experience.

As in all professions, examinations play a very important part. The Chartered Surveyors' Institution is the governing body and conducts the examinations, without which no student can obtain membership. The parents of the intending student should first of all write to the Institution (a) for details of the examinations, which are as follows:—

1. The Preliminary, approximately of Matriculation standard (Matriculation is considered as giving exemption from this examination and alternatively certain School Certificates are accepted).
2. The Intermediate, open to students over the age of 19.
3. The Final, open to those who have passed the Intermediate Examination.

The Intermediate Examination is divided into two parts, which must be taken separately. The student is expected to be examined in one of four sub-divisions in which he intends to specialise, *i.e.* :

1. Land Agency, or
2. Valuations and Urban Property, or
3. Building and Quantities, or
4. Mining and Mineral Properties.

For all except the Preliminary Examination practical experience is essential, and it is to ensure that this is adequate that the age of 19 is fixed as the youngest at which the Intermediate Examination may be taken. The point which arises next, therefore, is "where shall the practical experience be obtained," and the answer is, "as a pupil in the office of a Chartered Surveyor." It is here that the parent must take care that his boy is receiving instruction in an office acceptable to the Institution, for if this is not done, although the Examinations may be successfully taken, Membership may be withheld on the grounds of inadequate practical training.

The usual arrangement is for the student to be articled for a period of three or four years, paying a premium which, by arrangement, may be spread over that time. The student is then in a position to study for the theoretical side of the examination, and at the same time, acquire the necessary practical knowledge. Tuition for the examinations for students living in the provinces is usually by means of Postal Courses with the College of Estate Management, and the keen student will also probably amplify these courses in certain subjects (Building Construction,

Economics, Bookkeeping, etc.) which are often available at the local Technical College. The following is the cost of Complete Courses for the Examinations:—

- (1) Preliminary from 6 to 10 guineas
- (2) Intermediate from 14 to 22 guineas
- (3) Final from 20 to 28 guineas.

The necessary books may be borrowed at reasonable fees.

For those who desire degrees, the University of London awards an external B.Sc. degree in Estate Management in either suburban or rural subjects, upon the results of Matriculation, Intermediate, and Final Examinations, and the University of Cambridge has an internal Arts degree for agricultural students. The holder of these degrees is exempted from the Examinations of the Chartered Surveyors' Institution, provided he has the necessary practical experience. A Degree in Rural Economy at Oxford, or in Architecture, Engineering or Agriculture at Cambridge, or in Law and Economics at either University, may be accepted as enabling the holder to sit for a "Special Degree Holders' Examination," instead of both Intermediate and Final Examinations of the Institution.

The address of the Chartered Surveyor's Institution is:—  
12, Great George Street, Westminster,  
London, S.W.1.

A very adequate *Postal Tuition Course* may be obtained from *The College of Estate Management, 35 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2.*

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### GREEK DRAMA

On January 21st Mr. J. A. Davison, of Manchester University, lectured to members of the Sixth Form on "Greek Drama." The subject was rather unusual, differing widely from those generally given, yet it proved most

interesting, despite the fact that the majority of Mr. Davison's hearers had no intimate knowledge of Greek Drama.

Mr. Davison began by giving an account of the development of Greek literature from the epic and lyric forms to the dramatic shape. The gradual humanising and more natural rendering of tragedy from Aeschylus, the founder, through Sophocles, renowned for his skill in portraying characters, to Euripides, in whom Greek tragedy assumed its most human form in such plays as "The Medea," was outlined carefully.

In comparing Greek drama with the modern version, the lecturer pointed out how Greek models had been used by authors in English and French literature. The successive stages of comedy in Greek, and later, early Latin, were compared with some of Shakespeare's and Molière's works.

In his treatment of the subject Mr. Davison contrived to present a lecture which everyone enjoyed and appreciated.

K. E. J. (VI Mod.).

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### THE MISERIES OF HUMAN LIFE

It seems to me that the philosophers of today lay too much stress on the doctrine that the man who is truly happy is he who is ever looking on the bright side of life. Such injunctions range from dance bands who command us in no uncertain manner to "Sing, baby, sing," to our Prime Minister who, on many occasions, has been overheard to express the assurance of many years of prosperity should the electorate only choose to retain his Government in power.

For my part I am neither assured that this gentleman was not just the smallest bit prejudiced, nor that this doctrine of universal optimism is the fairy godmother it is made out to be, nor yet, that an occasional glance at the not-so-pleasant side of life is not only of advantage

but necessary to real peace of mind. Accordingly let us lend an ear to some of the groans of human existence.

Have you ever heard the boy next to you detained for failing to conjugate a verb which you are assured you knew but a quarter as well?

While you are laughing or talking to yourself when walking, suddenly seen a person steal close by you who must have heard it all, then, in shame made a wretched attempt to sing or hum in a voice as like your talk as possible in hopes of making your hearer think you had been only singing all the time?

Entered into a "quick-step" at a Christmas party with such spirit as to force your foot through the muslin drapery of your fair partner?

Come to the top of a flight of stairs and attempted to mount another step which is present only in the imagination?

Bumped into a person in the street, and after due apology moved aside each way, several times, but with the same motion as he?

Met with a train window that will neither move up when it is down, nor down when it is up?

After telling some anecdote of humorous character to a friend, been told that it was he who told it to you?

In reading a new book to have had to make a paper knife of your finger?

In sharpening a pencil in haste to have had the point break off repeatedly?

On arriving half-way through the last chapter of a highly exciting novel to have found the remaining leaves torn out?

Ever suffered a moment in which you discover you have taken a mouthful of string in mistake for mutton?

Let us ponder, thus awhile, on the miseries of life and then, and only then, open our ears afresh to the optimist, who, if he be honest with himself, will admit that no great

pleasure is achieved without pain, and that the light of day is brightest to those who have known the blackness of night.

A. R. G. S. W. (VI Mod.).

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## A NIGHT-WATCHMAN'S STORY

As I walked briskly towards the night-watchman's box, a pint mug in each hand, I pondered over the figure I had just seen. "Fancy dressing like that in England," I said, as I handed a mug to Old Joe and sat down by the fire.

He slowly took his clay out of his mouth. "What's that?" he asked.

"Down at the Pig and Whistle. An Arab or something, dressed in a sheet and a towel round his head."

"An Arab!" said Old Joe. "An Arab. Well, fancy one o' them things comin' 'ere. If I was to tell as 'ow - - - -," and he sat looking into the fire.

"Yes?" said I, scenting a story.

He puffed his chest out, took a gulp at his mug, and began:

"To look at me y'd never think as 'ow I was once a soldier, but," here he pointed his pipe at me, "If it 'adn't bin for me we'd 'a' lost Arabia. It were like this. Say this fire was our camp, an' you over there was a blob o' mud wi' some water in it, an' all round us there was sand-hills an' things. Well, I was 'ere with a few other chaps guarding this 'ere mud, that's you, an' we was 'avin' a game o' cards an' a chat, like, an' I was just leanin' over to pick up my winnings, when suddenly up jumped thousan's an' thousan's o' these 'ere Arabs."

"Thousands and thousands?" I asked.

" Eh?" He glared at me across the fire. " As I was sayin' ", he continued, " up jumped millions o' these 'ere niggers, shriekin' an' doin' enough to freeze your blood, an' there sat all our fellers, petri—, petri—, petrified, that's the word, petrified wi' fear o' a lot o' niggers.

" 'Course I weren't like that." He took out his pipe and stabbed at me across the fire. " Before you could count two, I was up an' at 'em, fixin' me bayonet as I went, an' them Arabs never knew what 'it 'em. I got the first one through 'is 'eart an' tossed 'im over me left shoulder, an' I got the next one through 'is throat an' tossed 'im over me right shoulder. Then one of 'em 'it me an' I lost me temper. I'd killed a dozen before our chaps woke up, an' soon, after I'd killed about fifty or so, none o' them there niggers would come near me."

He took another drink of beer, and I looked at his five foot one inch of height and waited for him to go on.

" Well, as I stood there surrounded by them seventy chaps I'd killed . . ."

" I thought you said fifty," I interrupted.

He did not deign to reply. " As I stood there surrounded by them 'undred niggers I'd killed, I looked round, an' over by that patch o' mud, that's you, I saw a chap, six foot three if 'e were an inch, wi' a sword in one 'and an' a gun in the other, an' 'e was mowin' our chaps down like as if they were flies. 'Course I couldn't watch 'im doin' that; so off I set across the camp."

" Well, as I was sayin', I went across to this 'ere nigger, wi' me rifle in me 'and, as cool as this 'ere beer, and as 'e stood there, I knocked 'is sword out of 'is 'and wi' me gun, and took 'is rifle wi' me free 'and, six foot six if 'e—"

" I thought he was six foot three?" I said.

" Now look 'ere," said Old Joe, " am I tellin' this 'ere story or are you? As I was sayin', or goin' to say, when you butted in, seein' this 'ere nigger unarmed, an' not

wantin' to take im' at a disadvantage, like, I threw down me rifle an' fought 'im wi' me bare 'ands.

" Well, that chap John Ridd, the one you was tellin' me about the other night, well, 'e 'ad nothin' on me. I stepped up to this Arab, seven foot tall if 'e was an inch, an' I tore 'im to bits wi' these 'ere 'ands. First I pulled 'is arms out o' their sockets an' tore 'em off 'is body. Then I broke 'is legs an' tore 'is muscles out, like that John Ridd feller. Well, I was gettin' a bit excited like, now, worked up you know, an' so I broke this nigger's neck, sixteen stone if 'e was a pound, an' pulled 'is 'ead off. Then I picked the bits up an' threw 'em at 'is pals, an' they took one look at me an' set off runnin' across that desert, an' I bet they 'aven't stopped runnin' yet."

Old Joe settled his seven stone nine comfortably in his box, and, as I watched, his eyes closed and a gentle snore broke the stillness of the night.

G. M. (VI Com.).

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## REALISATION

If man could only realise  
What God for him hath done,  
He wouldn't make the armaments  
That in time might kill his son.  
He would not want to murder folk  
Who had done to him no wrong;  
He would help the poor and needy,  
The weak against the strong.

He would not from his neighbours  
Steal money they might need;  
He wouldn't bring the poverty

That's always caused by greed.  
He would always love his neighbour,  
He'd work, yet have some fun.  
If man would only realise  
What God for him hath done.

J. W. (Lr. Vb).

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### MUSIC—BOTH TASTES

During this 20th century music of all kinds enjoys a spell of extreme popularity—popularity not confined to any particular kind of music: on the one hand, it is to be found in so-called "classical" and "romantic" music, and has brought with it a new school of talented composers and several attempted revolutions in musical form; and on the other hand there is jazz (including its most characteristic form, "swing music," as fashion demands we should call it), which has attained a popularity, as far as numbers hold, unequalled by any one kind of music. The popularity of "popular" music of all ages, of which jazz is the modern representative, has probably, however, exceeded that of "concert" music, as I shall label the other category for convenience.

At the same time there has arisen in the minds of many supporters and lovers of jazz an antagonism against "concert" music, so that jazz now claims to be the equal of "concert" music. Naturally it is impossible to condemn one or the other, as musical preference is largely a matter of temperament and taste, and this being so, supporters of the one are not justified in condemning the other because it does not appeal to them.

The main object of all music is to give enjoyment, to use the word in a wide sense, to the listener; and, as the word "listener" suggests, this enjoyment is to be had by

*listening* and not by *passive hearing*. This is the parting of the ways. Full enjoyment of jazz can be obtained with little or no real *listening*: the main feature of jazz is a steady, metrical rhythm dressed up in attractive clothes, and it produces an exhilaration similar to that experienced by some people in listening to, or rather hearing, the steady repetition of noise made by carriage wheels over gaps in railway lines—an exhilaration obviously not to be despised. But the inexperienced listener, whom we take as being the only unbiassed person, has to *listen* hard to concert music before he can obtain true enjoyment from it. "Well that," says Jazz, "proves the case against concert music." On the contrary, for two reasons. If a man can paint a picture, or swim a hundred yards, and enjoys it, does he despise the man who can paint a better picture or swim a mile? Certainly not, if he is not subject to an overpowering jealousy, as we sincerely hope he is not. He sets about to achieve greater success, even though it takes greater effort. Does the listener who enjoys jazz try to emulate the listener who, with greater effort, enjoys concert music? It would appear not. He argues, "Because I can't enjoy it, it's no good." Note the British sporting spirit. Therefore, the jazz-lover has no desire to master the listening of "concert" music, and, incidentally, it is maintained, misses the enjoyment that jazz, with its limited means, can never give.

The second reason is that when our inexperienced listener has listened hard for a few times he finds it no effort—compare our swimmer, who, after perseverance, swims a mile as easily as he formerly swam a hundred yards. Thus the difference in effort required for listening is obviated and an enormous sphere of enjoyment is opened to him who is reasonable enough to listen intelligently to concert music.

Technicalities have not been introduced into this article, nor anything alien to a man provided for the first time with a wireless set and with little or no knowledge of music. If the man is not entirely apathetic and insensible to emotion,



with normal mental assets, he will see how much more enjoyment and interest there is to be found in "concert" music than in any "popular" music.

M.H.C. (VI Mod.).

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#### ON THE NIGHT BEFORE THE EXAM.

I dreamt I lay upon a map of Spain,  
My head as pillow had the Pyrenees.  
Some charts were o'er me for a counterpane,  
The Guadalquivir flowed beneath my knees.  
A voice was singing near about a square  
On a hypotenuse; it seemed to me,  
I heard the voice also declare  
That P.V. equalled C.

My situation changed, and now I found  
That I was flying in an aeroplane;  
Twelve thousand miles was I above the ground,  
The air was thick with driving, stinging rain.  
Then suddenly, I reached the planet Mars,  
On which I saw many French verbs did lie.  
And, as I landed, ninety British tars  
Said "Kill him—he's a spy!"

"We'll put you to a test," the leader cried,  
"And if you answer right we'll let you go.  
"How old was Perkin Warbeck when he died?  
"Translate the whole of Virgil at one go,  
"Recite the formula you learnt last term  
"To sum a series which is in G.P.  
"Say what is meant by  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$ ,  
"And what by pachyderm.

"It can't be done," I moaned, "No good—no bon."  
I think my hair stood up on end by now,  
And all the self-control I had was gone,  
Great beads of perspiration dewed my brow.  
They raced towards me with an awful yell,  
And murderous howl and diabolic roar.  
They pushed me off Mars—a great jar—I fell  
And woke up on the floor.

R. L. P. R. H. (Lr. V tr.).

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#### HEARD IN THE LOWER FIFTHS

Prussic acid was first discovered by Bismarck. He prepared it from blood and iron.

An angle between  $90^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$  is called an obtusive angle.

A Junket is a famous make of German aeroplane.

Plumbago is another name for backache.

Henry VIII never meant what he said. That is why he was known as "Bluff King Hal."

In France, people condemned to death are executed by the gelatine.

Poetic licence is a permit to write poetry.

P.T. is short for "Painful Torture."

G. W. (VI Com.).

# RUGBY

## 1st XV CRITICISM

- K. RIGBY (Captain).—1st XV Colours 1935-6-7. Hooker.
- R. RIGBY (Vice-Captain).—1st XV Colours 1935-6-7. Loose forward.
- E. CRAVEN.—1st XV Colours 1936-7. Loose forward. A very strenuous, hard working forward, who keeps well up with the ball. A good dribbler and safe tackler.
- T. HUMPHREYS.—1st XV Colours 1936-7. Loose forward. A hard working forward and strong tackler. A good dribbler.
- K. E. JOHNSTONE.—1st XV Colours 1936-7. Front row forward. Very useful in line-outs and tight scrums. A good tackler, but inclined to fly-kick when dribbling.
- F. A. LOW.—2nd XV Colours 1935-6. Forward. Always well up with the ball. A good tackler.
- J. H. TAYLOR.—2nd XV Colours 1936-7. Front row forward. Makes good use of his size in line-outs, especially when bunching. Makes much ground with short bursts.
- D. T. ATKINSON.—2nd XV Colours 1935-6. Centre three-quarter. Has a good cut through, but seems to have lost much of his old confidence.

- J. G. A. WALLACE.—2nd XV Colours 1936-7. 2nd row forward. Although small of stature is a strong tackler. Dribbles well.
- S. V. McDONALD.—2nd XV Colours 1936-7. Wing three-quarter. Runs hard when in possession, but must learn to watch the ball when taking a pass.
- W. GIBBONS.—2nd XV Colours 1936-7. Full back. A very safe fielder who makes sure of a touch. Has been successful as the team's goal kicker.
- J. D. G. STEVENSON.—2nd XV Colours 1936-7. Centre three-quarter. Has a good eye for an opening, but leaves his passing a little too late.
- M. CUNNINGHAM.—2nd XV Colours 1936-7. Fly half. Although very diminutive has made many openings for his three-quarters. "Sells the dummy" extremely well.
- J. A. McBRIDE.—2nd XV Colours 1936-7. Centre three-quarter. Has a strong defence, but when attacking is inclined to force his partner towards the touch-line.
- J. R. HASTIE.—2nd XV Colours 1936-7. Scrum half. A comparative new comer to the side. His service of the ball has been quite good and he is not afraid to go down before a forward rush.
- T. LOWE.—2nd XV Colours 1936-7. Wing three-quarter. Not really fast enough to be a winger, but often saves a situation with judicious kicking.
- R. T. CHRISTY.—2nd XV Colours 1936-7. 2nd row forward. Good in line-outs, but must learn to heel the ball when told.
- J. H. MARSHALL.—Wing three-quarter. Has not played regularly through illness. Good defence, but when attacking will not run straight.
- PROUDFOOT, LLOYD, COULSHED, FAULKNER, WORKMAN, LEACH, HARGREAVES and WHITE, have also played.

## RESULTS

### 1st XV

- Jan. 13th—v. Wigan Grammar School. At home.  
 School ..... 3 pts.  
 Wigan Grammar School ..... 0 pts.  
 McDonald scored one try.
- Jan. 16th—v. Blackpool Grammar School. At home.  
 School ..... 3 pts.  
 Blackpool Grammar School ..... 0 pts.  
 McBride scored one try.
- Feb. 10th—v. Liverpool Collegiate. At home.  
 School ..... 17 pts.  
 Liverpool Collegiate..... 11 pts.  
 McDonald scored 3 tries, Gibbons 1, and Lloyd 1.  
 Gibbons converted one.
- Feb. 17th—v. Cowley Grammar School. Away.  
 School ..... 6 pts.  
 Cowley Grammar School ..... 35 pts.  
 Craven scored 2 tries.
- Feb. 20th—v. Liverpool Institute. At home.  
 School ..... 33 pts.  
 Liverpool Institute..... 3 pts.  
 K. Rigby scored 1 try, Gibbons 3, McBride 2,  
 Christy 2, and Lowe 2. Gibbons kicked 3 goals.
- Feb. 27th—v. Sale R.U.F.C. Away.  
 School ..... 6 pts.  
 Sale R.U.F.C. .... 3 pts.  
 Pennell, F. M., scored 2 tries.

### 2nd XV

- Jan. 13th—v. Wigan Grammar School. Away.  
 School ..... 37 pts.  
 Wigan Grammar School ..... 6 pts.  
 Coulshed scored 3 tries, Sawbridge 2, Workman 2,  
 Hancock 1, and Blythe 1. Sawbridge kicked 5 goals
- Jan. 16th—v. Blackpool Grammar School. Away.  
 School ..... 6 pts.  
 Blackpool Grammar School ..... 0 pts.  
 Jones, R. C., scored 1 try, and Sawbridge kicked one  
 penalty goal.
- Jan. 20th—v. Park High 1st XV. At home.  
 School ..... 21 pts.  
 Park High School ..... 0 pts.  
 McDonald, Craven, Coulshed and Lloyd, scored 1 try  
 each. Gibbons kicked 2 goals, and Hastie dropped 1  
 goal.
- Feb. 10th—v. Liverpool Collegiate. Away.  
 School ..... 12 pts.  
 Liverpool Collegiate ..... 8 pts.  
 Coulshed scored 2 tries, Capel 1, and Williams 1.
- Feb. 17th—v. Cowley Grammar School. At home.  
 School ..... 0 pts.  
 Cowley Grammar School..... 17 pts.
- 3rd XV
- Jan. 16th—v. Blackpool Grammar School. Away.  
 School ..... 3 pts.  
 Blackpool Grammar School..... 0 pts.  
 Lievesley scored 1 try.

Jan. 20th—v. Park High School 2nd XV. Away.  
 School ..... 17 pts.  
 Park High School ..... 0 pts.  
 Hind, Sawbridge and White, scored 1 try each.  
 Sawbridge converted 2 tries and dropped 1 goal.

Feb. 17th—Colts v. Cowley Colts. At home.  
 School ..... 0 pts.  
 Cowley Grammar School ..... 12 pts.

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### BANTAM XV

Jan. 16th—v. Blackpool Grammar School. At home.  
 School ..... 12 pts.  
 Blackpool Grammar School ..... 0 pts.

Jan. 20th—v. Park High School. At home.  
 School ..... 5 pts.  
 Park High School ..... 6 pts.

Feb. 10th—v. Cowley Grammar School. At home.  
 School ..... 6 pts.  
 Cowley Grammar School ..... 33 pts.

During the past year Bantam Colours have been awarded to E. L. Pariser, J. M. Tinsley, B. E. Chamberlain, G. Russel, H. A. Edwards, H. Bonallo, J. Unsworth.

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### DEBATING SOCIETY

The first meeting held since the appearance of last term's notes took the form of a Play-Reading on November 27th by members of VI Mod. The Chairman and Secretary

of the Society were very convincing as two old "lags," and their cries of "Bitten!" and "Sold again!" were taken up by the School with great gusto. We have to thank Mr. Payne for producing the Play.

The last meeting before the end of the winter's term took the form of a Junior Elocution Contest. A very high standard was attained by the large number of entrants, and the prizes were finally awarded to Shilling and Lisle. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Society to the Judges.

On January 15th a Debate of great importance took place. A. G. Livesley proposed: "That the Prefect System should be Abolished." The brilliant arguments of the opposition, led by F. Thewlis, left no doubt as to the issue. Whatever may be wrong with the national physique we are convinced by the School's decision on this matter that the national brain is in perfect order.

The 'flu epidemic was responsible for the abandonment of the Mock Trial and Junior Debate, but it was found possible to hold a Play-Reading of the third act of the Insect Play of the Capek Brothers. The Play was produced by Mr. Cooper and acted by members of VI Commercial. They are to be congratulated on their performance.

The last meeting held before the time of going to press was the Senior Elocution Contest. The number of entrants was smaller than usual, but the high standard obtained, especially by some of the younger boys, was extremely gratifying, and promises well for future years. Prizes were awarded to D. V. Bleasdale and A. R. Westwell.

The time of the Concert draws nigh, and this year we shall be deprived of the services of the Secretary, F. Thewlis, who left half-way through the term. But we are in high hopes of a very enjoyable meeting to round off a very successful session.

D. V. B.

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### SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Owing to the serious influenza epidemic several of the Society's meetings for the term have had to be cancelled,

and up to the time of writing only one lecture has been given. Among the cancelled lectures was one which should have been given by Dr. Myers, of Manchester University.

The only lecture already given was one dealing with the "Engineering Works of the Southport Water Board," which was given by Mr. H. Ashmole. This was a most interesting lecture and was well attended by both Seniors and Juniors.

It is hoped that one more lecture will be given before the end of the session, and that an excursion will be arranged before Easter.

E. F. C.



#### CHESS CLUB NOTES

It is very pleasing to note that this term there have been some new members, and we now have a large number of boys, both juniors and seniors, attending our weekly meetings in the Art Room after school.

The most interesting event this term has been the playing of the annual tournament. There was a good entry, and in the semi-finals Duckworth will play Learoyd and Harris will play Entwistle.

There is now no shortage of boards, thanks to the new ones made for us in the workshop. The standard of play in the club is very high.

Next term, as usual, there will be no meetings, but in September we begin a new session. We would like to see a large number of new boys to make up for the senior members leaving the school next July. Any boy desiring to become a member should attend meetings of the club in September next.

N. E. H.

#### MUSIC SOCIETY

Our thanks are due to three old boys: Ive, Scott and Williamson, who so kindly helped us at the School Play last year.

This term and next we have no Play for which to rehearse, but we would urge members to attend the weekly meetings, as much valuable experience can be gained from the practice thus obtained.

We welcome to the Society four new violinists: Brown, T. W., Nolan, W., Griffiths, J. E., and Garner, R. It is pleasing to see Juniors coming forward to learn the violin, for the Society depends on them for its survival. We also welcome Tidy, who has come forward to play the double-bass. Even so, like Oliver Twist, we always ask for more, and we would be pleased to hear of any boy who can play an instrument, and will come and join us.

A. G. L.



#### PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This term has seen very little work done in the dark room. The reason for this is probably due to the fact that many amateur photographers seem to think that winter time is unsuitable for taking photographs.

It is hoped that Mr. Clarke's lecture on "The Wonderland of Photography," which took place on the 25th of February, has shown those members who do not practice winter photography that some splendid results can be obtained.

Mr. Clarke's lecture was given to a mixed audience of seniors and juniors, and, judging by the applause at the end, and the ready response to the lecturer's witticisms during the lecture, it was appreciated by everybody.

The slides which were shown by a very capable lanternist, impressed us with the care and skill which Mr. Clarke must have employed in order to produce such a fine, entertaining lecture.

J. R. Pownall proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer at the close of the talk.

We hope that the Society will have a more prosperous session next term on the advent of better weather.

J. R. P.

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THE ART SOCIETY

Since the last report went to press the Society has suffered two losses. The Vice-chairman, T. F. Wade, left us at the end of last term to seek pastures new, and a little before the end of the present term, our Chairman, S. V. H. McDonald, also bade us " adieu."

A General Meeting was held on February 26th, and R. N. Hind, who had succeeded Wade, took up the reins which McDonald relinquished. At this meeting a vote of thanks was proposed to McDonald by M. A. S. Williams, for his long and much-valued services. McDonald was pleased to accept, at Mr. Merchant's suggestion, an honorary position as Vice-president of the Society. We wish both McDonald and Wade every success in the paths they have chosen.

At the end of last term the ultra-Oriental posters for the School Play exhibited to the full the unquestioned talent of the Society. The prizes, very kindly presented by Messrs. Cooper and Woodham, were won by L. Rigby, first, and K. E. Edwards and B. Hughes, second equal.

The annual Post-card competition, always a very keen one, brought forth much original work, the Senior prize being won by McDonald and the Junior prize by A. Pulman. Blythe, Rigby, Gaskell, Thomson, Pulman, D., and Scott, W. R., were commended for the high standard of their work. Mr. Rogers and Mr. H. Evans supplied the well-appreciated incentive.

Those holding office now are:—R. N. Hind, Chairman; G. P. Wakefield, Vice-chairman; B. Hughes, Hon. Secre-

tary; A. C. Blythe, Hon. Treasurer. The new officials hope that members, keeping in mind the Annual Exhibition, will continue to support the Society as they have done in the past, and that any boys interested in the subject will not be backward in coming to the Art Room on Monday and Friday evenings.

G. P. W.

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CRAFT SOCIETY NOTES

The first meeting of the Society, which was held at the end of last term, was devoted to the election of a Committee and a general discussion on the objects of the Society.

It was decided that the object of the Society should be to give boys in the Sixth forms, who cannot take manual training as part of their school time-table, a chance to become efficient in woodwork and metalwork.

It is unfortunate that owing to the size of the workshop our membership has to be limited. That we were justified in launching the Society was proved by the fact that the number of applications for membership far exceeded our maximum.

This term the Society has met regularly after school on Friday afternoons. The first few meetings were spent in making joints, but now most of the members are working on their own models.

We want to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Rollinson for allowing us to use the workshop and for his valuable instruction, without which the existence of the Society would be impossible.

E. B. F.

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

We tender our very grateful thanks to the following for gifts of books: E. M. R. Jones, W. H. Lee, J. D. Tinkler, and P. R. Jones.

There has been a large addition to the shelves this term, and we trust the best use will be made of these new facilities.

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.



IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Term begins ... .. Wednesday, April 21st

Final of Sports ... .. May 4th

Coronation Day ... .. May 12th

Coronation & Whitsuntide Holiday... May 13th—18th

Founders' Day ... .. June 3rd

S.C. and H.S.C. Examinations ... .. July 2nd—17th

Parents' Match ... .. Monday, July 26th

Term Ends ... .. Tuesday, July 27th



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