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EDITORIAL

Owing to evacuation we have this term had to share the school buildings with another Secondary School. There has of necessity been a certain amount of inconvenience and congestion, but patience and consideration have overcome many of the difficulties. We hope that our visitors have been happy and comfortable among us, and that they will continue to be so until they are able to return to their own domains. We remember, when we have to dispense with some of the little amenities of corporate life, that their deprivations are much greater than ours.

For our part, we have been able to continue with the full school working day, and indeed many have found themselves more occupied than ever. This is because of certain necessary changes in the curriculum, formal lessons having been replaced in some instances by classes of a more or less experimental nature. While we must beware of doing things merely for the sake of doing something, we believe that, though a certain amount of book-learning may have had to be sacrificed temporarily, these experiments may easily prove to be not the least important part of our education; not only will they foster adaptability and initiative, but they give us glimpses of realms not envisaged by the orthodox syllabus.

The work previously done by the Debating Society, now impossible as an out-of-school activity, has been taken over and enlarged, and we now have still wider opportunities of discussing and clarifying our ideas and practising the difficult art of public speaking. In particular the Sixth forms have been able to get to close grips with subjects of literary and scientific interest, and to consider them in their bearings upon the world of today and its problems.

Another departure for many of the junior forms has been an extension of the scope of the music teaching. How many of their elders have sighed and sighed in vain for such a chance! We have become so mechanically minded in these days that we are in danger of becoming mechanically mindless. The development of our artistic sensibilities and faculties will contribute in no small measure to our salvation. But the path is not an easy one, for everywhere

we are surrounded by the vulgar products of commercialised art. Here we might well appeal to parents to help. If Young Hopeful, having been taught to listen attentively, to listen and not merely to hear, objects to music being used as a background to small talk and mastication, it will be of real service to him to be supported in his objections; and if he goes still further and expresses an unaccountable desire to listen in to a symphony, father may be doing more good than he knows by yielding with good grace, even if he must forego the doleful wails of his own favourite crooner.

And perhaps in return Y.H. will give father a hand in the garden, proudly displaying the rippling muscles he has newly acquired in digging and hoeing, and the skill and knowledge that have been added unto him in such recondite matters as manure and how to spread it, or spring cabbages and their relation to the rabbit family. Gardening is a subject long overdue with us, and though the immediate cause is the need for increased food production, we hope that when the urgency is happily past the garden will continue to flourish and be one of the school's proudest ornaments. Certain it is that most of the horticultural neophytes are thoroughly enjoying the occupation of their great ancestor Adam; to the few who look a little askance at a spade and fork we would recommend the opinion of the King of Brobdingnag, "that whoever could make two ears of corn or two blades of grass to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country than the whole race of politicians put together."

THE EDITORS.

SCHOOL NOTES

VALETE

- ABBOTT, L. W., 1931-39.—Edwards', Upper Vc, School Certificate 1939, Inter-school Athletics 1938-39.
- BLAMIREs, D., 1931-39.—Evans', Upper VI Science, School Certificate 1936, Higher School Certificate 1938, Prefect, Civil Service Assistant Traffic Superintendent.
- BLEASDALE, D. V., 1931-39.—Edwards', Upper VI Modern, School Certificate 1935, Higher School Certificate 1937, 38, 39, Liverpool University Scholarship, Civil Service Executive, Prefect, 1st XV Colours 1937, Vice Captain 1937-38, Games Committee, School Plays, Chairman Debating Society.
- GREGSON, W. G., 1931-39.—Mason's, Upper Vc.
- JONES, P. R. B., 1931-39.—Leech's, Upper VI Science, School Certificate 1936, Higher School Certificate 1939, Prefect, 1st XV Colours 1938-39, Games Committee, Debating Society Committee, School Play.
- LEAROYD, D. H., 1931-39.—Edwards', Upper VI Science, School Certificate 1936, Higher School Certificate 1939, Prefect, Chess Club, School Plays.
- PRYCE, H., 1931-39.—Mason's, Upper VI Modern, School Certificate 1936, Higher School Certificate Subsidiary 1938, Prefect, School Plays, Chairman, Art Society.
- SETTLE, T. F., 1931-39.—Woodham's, Upper VI Science, School Certificate 1936, Higher School Certificate 1938, 39, Prefect, 2nd XV Colours 1938-39, Bronze and Silver Medals Royal Life Saving Society, Secretary Scientific Society 1937-38, Crafts Society 1937-39, School Plays.
- SMALLEY, J. E., 1931-39.—Evans', Upper VI Modern, School Certificate 1936, Higher School Certificate 1939, Prefect, 1st XI Colours 1938-39, Vice-Chairman Debating Society.
- TABAHA, R. A. 1931-39.—Woodham's, Upper Vb Modern, School Certificate 1939.
- TIDY, D., 1931-39.—Spencer's, Upper VI Science, School Certificate 1937, Higher School Certificate Subsidiary 1938, Orchestra.

- WAKEFIELD, G. P., 1931-39.—Leech's, Upper VI Modern, School Certificate 1937, Higher School Certificate 1939, Librarian, Chairman Debating Society, Vice-Chairman Art Society, School Plays, Prefect.
- BELL, D. O., 1932-39.—Evans', Upper Vc, 2nd XV Colours 1938-39.
- CHARNLEY, A. D., 1932-39.—Mason's Upper VI Science, School Certificate 1937, Higher School Certificate 1939, Patrol Leader Scouts.
- COULSON, M. H., 1932-39.—Spencer's, Upper VI Modern, School Certificate 1936, Higher School Certificate 1938-39, Prefect, Games Secretary, Librarian.
- COUNSELL, H., 1932-39.—Leech's Upper VI Modern, School Certificate 1937, 2nd XV Colours 1938-39, Orchestra.
- EDMONDSON, J. L., 1932-39.—Edwards', Upper VI Science, School Certificate 1937, Higher School Certificate 1939.
- FARRINGTON, J., 1932-39.—Leech's Upper VI Science, School Certificate 1937.
- HARTLEY, F. B., 1932-39.—Edward's Upper Vc, School Certificate 1939.
- HASLAM, R., 1932-39.—Rogers', Upper VI Modern, School Certificate 1937, Higher School Certificate 1939, Librarian, 1st XI Colours 1939, School Plays.
- MILLER, P. G., 1932-39.—Woodham's, Upper Va Modern, School Certificate 1939.
- MITCHELL, W. O., 1932-39.—Leech's Upper VI Modern, School Certificate 1937, 2nd XV Colours 1938-39, Librarian, School Play.
- WARWICK, J. C., 1932-39.—Grear's, Upper Vb Modern, School Certificate 1939, School Play.
- BONNEY, K., 1933-39.—Leech's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1938, Higher School Certificate Subsidiary 1939, Librarian.
- COLLIDGE, A., 1933-39.—Woodham's, Upper Vb Modern, School Certificate 1939.

CRAVEN, E., 1933-39.—Woodham's, Upper VI Science, School Certificate 1935, Higher School Certificate 1937, 39, Prefect, Cricket Captain, 1st XI Colours 1937-8-9, 1st XV Colours 1936-7-8-9, Vice Captain 1938-39, Chairman Scientific Society 1937-38, Chairman Craft Society 1937-39, School Plays, School Captain.

DODD, A. B., 1933-39.—Evans', Upper Vc.

DOWLING, N. S., 1933-39.—Mason's, Lower Vb Modern.

GRIFFITHS, J. E., 1933-39.—Rogers', Upper Vc, School Certificate 1939, Inter-school Swimming Team.

JENNINGS, J. T., 1933-39.—Leech's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1938, Librarian.

LAMBERT, J. M., 1933-39.—Spencer's, Lower VI Science, School Certificate 1936.

LOWE, T. W., 1933-39.—Edwards', Upper Va Modern, 1st XV Colours 1938, 39, 1st XI Colours 1938, 39, Vice-Captain 1939.

TAYLOR, E., 1933-39.—Woodham's Upper V Trans., School Certificate 1939, 2nd XI Colours 1939, Music Society, School Plays.

BUTTERWORTH, R. G., 1934-39.—Edward's VI Commercial, School Certificate 1938.

CHARLTON, R. H., 1934-39.—Edwards', Upper Va Modern, School Certificate 1939, Inter-school Swimming Team.

HOLLAND, P., 1934-39.—Leech's, Upper Vb Modern, School Certificate 1939, School Play.

KENNEDY, D. M., 1934-39.—Rogers', Upper Vc.

MOSS, F., 1934-39.—Evans', Lower Vb Modern.

NORTH, R. G., 1934-39.—Leech's, Upper Vb Modern, School Certificate 1939.

PARISER, E. L., 1934-39.—Rogers', Upper Vb Modern, School Certificate 1939, 2nd XV Colours 1939, School Plays.

PULMAN, A. O., 1934-39.—Spencer's, Upper Vc.

PULMAN, D. A., 1934-39.—Spencer's, Upper Vc.

ROBERTS, G., 1934-39.—Rogers', Upper Vc, School Certificate 1939.

ROBINSON, F. S., 1934-39.—Gear's, VI Commercial, School Certificate 1938.

RIGBY, L. R., 1934-39.—Gear's, VI Commercial, School Certificate 1938, Secretary Art Society, Bronze Medallion Royal Life Saving Society.

SEDDON, S. A., 1934-39.—Leech's Upper Vb Modern.

SHAW, F. J., 1934-39.—Woodham's, Upper V Trans., School Certificate 1939, Athletics Team 1939.

SMETHURST, L., 1934-39.—Leech's, Upper Vc, School Certificate 1939, 2nd XI Colours 1939.

SMITH, W. D., 1934-39.—Woodham's, Upper Vb Modern, 2nd XV Colours 1938-39, Royal Life Saving Award of Merit.

STOCKS, G. A., 1934-39.—Edwards', VI Commercial, School Certificate 1938, School Plays.

STOKES, R. S., 1934-39.—Edwards', Upper Vb Modern, School Certificate 1939.

STRINGFELLOW, D. R., 1934-39.—Woodham's, Upper Vc.

TINSLEY, J. M., 1934-39.—Leech's, Upper Vb Modern, School Certificate 1939, Bantam Colours 1937-38.

TREMAYNE, K., 1934-39.—Woodham's, Upper Vb Modern, School Certificate 1939.

TURNER, E. L., 1934-39.—Evans', IVb Modern.

UNSWORTH, A. H., 1934-39.—Gear's, Upper Va Modern, School Certificate 1939, Athletics Team.

UNSWORTH, J., 1934-39.—Gear's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1938, Bantam Colours 1936, Athletics Team.

WASHINGTON, M. H., 1934-39.—Rogers', Upper Va Modern, School Certificate 1939.

ATHERTON, H. S., 1935-39.—Spencer's, Upper V Trans., School Certificate 1939.

BOOTH, J. F., 1935-39.—Evans', Lower VI Science, School Certificate 1938, Inter-school Swimming.

GAUKROGER, E., 1935-39.—Mason's, IIIb.

KERSHAW, G. E., 1935-39.—Woodham's, Upper Vc, School Certificate 1939.

MURRAY, A. E., 1935-39.—Edwards', Upper Va Modern, School Certificate 1939.

NEILSON, J. A., 1935-39.—Mason's, IIIb.

NEWBOLD, D. H., 1935-39.—Gear's, Lower Va Modern.

PRITCHARD, E. D., 1935-39.—Leech's, Lower Vb Modern.

HEATON, E. W., 1936-39.—Gear's, Upper V Trans., School Certificate 1939.

HORROCKS, H. P., 1936-39.—Spencer's, Lower V Trans.

ASCROFT, A. F., 1937-39.—Rogers', Upper VI Modern, Prefect, Librarian.

DITCHFIELD, S., 1937-39.—Rogers', Lower Va Modern, Bantam Colours 1937-38.

DRUMMOND, D., 1937-39.—Mason's, IVb Modern.

LANGFELD, A. V., 1937-39.—Mason's, Upper Vc, School Certificate 1939, 2nd XI Colours 1939.

BEVAN, J. W., 1938-39.—Spencer's, Upper V Trans.

MUIR, R. W., 1938-39.—Edwards', Form I.

SALVETE

C. Ackers, E. A. Akaghaian, N. Allen, A. C. Askwith, N. E. Askwith, M. F. Bailey, A. E. Ball, E. O. Ball, J. E. Ball, W. G. Bambery, G. D. Barton, C. M. Bason, M. A. Bason, W. M. Beaver, D. R. Bennett, M. Berman, G. S. Black, C. A. R. Blackmore, D. Blair, N. D. Blair, W. K. Blundell, L. Bolton, T. Bowerbank, K. N. Bray, R. C. Bray, P. B. Broadbent, H. N. Brodie, P. Brookfield, D. Buck, D. H. Carr, P. G. Collinge, G. Cunliffe, R. Cunliffe, R. D. Dawson, R. W. Dixon, A. J. Dunlop, D. Eccles, J. S. Edwards, P. H. W. Enright, M. B. Enright, M. Farrell, M. J. F. Flint, G. R. Forshaw, R. Franklin, D. A. French, A. Fyles, S. Gerrard, M. I. Goldstein, W. R. Gore, F. A. Grub, R. N. R. Greenall, F. L. Greene, I. G. Halliwell, J. E. Halsall, D. Halton, G. R. Harvey, M. A. Harvey, G. D. Hayward, G. H. Heisler, G. N. Henderson, R. M. Henderson, N. C. Henshaw, P. Hilton, R. A. Holmes, L. Holt, D. Hurst, T. H. Hutchinson, D. J. Hyam, W. Iddon, M. K. Jackson, W. D. Johnston, H. B. Kenyon, A. J. King, J. Krushevski, D. E.

Lawrance, J. D. Laycock, B. M. Levy, S. M. Lewin, M. A. Lisle, D. E. Little, F. M. Mansfield, F. Marrow, K. W. Marriott, M. Marshall, E. H. McLeod, F. R. McManus, F. H. Meaking, R. J. Melling, R. H. Mercer, E. L. Millington, J. A. L. Milner, E. Moss, J. B. Nelson, R. S. Parker, B. I. Pearce, D. R. C. Pearson, V. G. Pegg, G. H. Perrins, H. P. W. Polding, W. Rigby, C. Rimmer, P. D. Rimmer, J. Rogers, I. M. Ross, J. Ryan, R. S. Scott, P. G. Sharrock, J. T. Shaw, B. S. Sinclair, C. M. Sinclair, A. R. Skinner, K. Smith, N. Smith, R. J. Smith, E. S. Staveley, P. H. T. Stephenson, T. R. Tasker, A. C. Taylor, A. S. Taylor, E. B. Taylor, W. R. Taylor, S. Timourian, D. Venables, J. G. Walker, P. F. Watkinson, D. I. West, B. Whittle, J. K. B. Williams, R. E. Wilson, J. G. N. Wood, W. E. Woodall, C. V. Wright, R. Wright, R. A. Zucker.

The following boys have gone on to Universities:—

LEAROYD, D. H.	...	...	Leeds University
CHARNLEY, A. D.	...	...	Liverpool University
COULSON, M. H.	...	...	" "
EDMONDSON, J. L.	...	...	" "
JONES, P. R. B.	...	...	" "
MILLER, P. G.	...	...	" "
WAKEFIELD, G. P.	...	...	" "
LAMBERT, J. M.	...	...	Manchester University
PARISER, E. L.	...	...	" "
BOOTH, J. F.	...	...	Queen's, Belfast
SETTLE, T. F.	...	...	Reading University

At the beginning of the term the number of boys on the school roll was 570, which is a record in the history of the school.

The school has been sharing the premises this term with the boys of another Secondary School which was evacuated to Southport at the outbreak of war. Besides using the school premises we have been allowed the use of classrooms at the Baptist Tabernacle, and thanks to this help we are able to carry out what is practically the full timetable of the school.

During the fine weather, in the early part of the term, many boys worked with great enthusiasm on the construction of Air Raid Shelters. There is now accommodation for 1,000 boys, each shelter providing cover on all sides and over head. Thanks to the willing labour of boys in all parts of the school, and to the excellent supervision of the work by several masters, the shelters have been constructed at a very low cost indeed, the only expenditure to fall on the Governors being the purchase of some 10,000 sandbags.

The school sympathises with Mr. Booth in his illness this term and hopes to see him back in his usual health next term. Mr. D. Woodhead, B.A., of Leeds University, has been taking Mr. Booth's work during his temporary absence.

On the results of the Higher School Certificate examination, State Scholarships have been awarded to Owen, D. G., and Johnson, C. A. They have both been accepted at Caius College, Cambridge, for October, 1940.

Counsell, H., has gone to Saltley Training College. Haslam, R., and Pryce, H. have gone to Chester Training College.

The School was again invited to send representatives to the North of England Schools' Camp in Chatsworth Park, Derbyshire. Two School Prefects, B. Hughes and N. Coulshed, represented us and repeated the experiences of former boys who have enjoyed this Camp.

Owing to the difficulties created by evacuation it has not been possible to arrange the Lectures which had been provisionally booked for this term.

This year the sale of Poppies in aid of the funds of the British Legion realised £9 10s.

E. L. Pariser has presented a trophy for Inter-House Athletic competition, for which we give him our best thanks.

EXAMINATION RESULTS HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

- ACKROYD, R. T. ... Pure Maths., Applied Maths.,
Physics, with French and German
Subsidiary.
- ASCROFT, A. F. ... French with English, History and
Latin Subsidiary.
- BLEASDALE, D. V. ... History, French, Latin.
- CHARNLEY, A. D. ... Pure Maths., Physics, Chemistry,
with French and German Subsidiary.
- COULSHED, N. ... Physics, Chemistry, with Pure
Maths. and Geography Subsidiary.
- COULSON, M. H. ... Latin, Greek, Ancient History, with
Distinction in Greek.
- CRAVEN, E. ... Pure Maths., Applied Maths.,
Physics.
- CURZON, L. B. ... English, Economics, French, with
History Subsidiary.
- EDMONDSON, J. L. ... Pure Maths., Physics, Chemistry,
with French and German Subsidiary.
- HASLAM, R. ... English, History, French.
- HULM, J. K. ... Pure Maths., Physics, Chemistry,
with French and German Subsidiary.
- JOHNSON, C. A. ... Pure Maths., Applied Maths. with
Distinction, Physics with Distinction.
- JONES, P. R. B. ... Pure Maths., Physics, Chemistry,
French and German Subsidiary.
- JONES, R. C. ... Pure Maths., Physics, Chemistry,
French and German Subsidiary.
- LEAROYD, D. H. ... Geography, Chemistry, with Pure
Maths., and Physics Subsidiary.
- MITCHELL, W. O. ... French, with English and History
Subsidiary.
- OWEN, D. G. ... Pure Maths., with Distinction,
Applied Maths. and Physics.
- PAYNE, D. M. ... Subsidiary Latin.
- ROBERTSON, A. B. ... English with Economics Subsidiary.

RUNCORN, S. K. ...	Pure Maths., Physics, Chemistry, with French and German Subsidiary.
SCOTT, W. H. ...	History, Geography, with English and French Subsidiary.
SETTLE, T. F. ...	Pure Maths., Physics, Chemistry, with French and German Subsidiary
SHARROCKS, W. D....	English, History, Economics, with Geography Subsidiary.
SMALLEY, J. E....	English, History, French.
TIDY, D. ...	Physics with Chemistry and Geography Subsidiary.
WAKEFIELD, G. P. ...	English, French and Latin, with History Subsidiary.
BONNEY, K. ...	Subsidiary French, Geography, Economics and Pure Mathematics.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

L. W. Abbott, R. Abram, W. D. Alcock, H. S. Atherton, J. W. Bevan, H. F. Birch, A. Bishop, K. Blair, C. M. Britland, F. A. Bucher, J. G. Cardwell, R. H. Charlton, A. Collinge, B. Collinge, D. A. Cox, J. L. Craston, H. Dawes, O. Davey, C. T. Dobson, J. T. Dodd, E. L. Eden, F. Ford, J. E. Griffiths, P. C. Hammersley, F. B. Hartley, E. W. Heaton, A. W. Hiscocks, P. Holland, J. Howard, W. M. Jeffries, F. H. Jones, G. E. Kershaw, A. V. F. Langfeld, H. Lawrence, A. E. Lees, J. H. Leslie, M. A. Lloyd, H. Lomas, H. Lymath, D. B. Marshall, E. R. McLean, V. Mellor, P. G. Miller, C. Moss, A. E. Murray, R. G. North, E. L. Pariser, A. G. D. Parkinson, H. Pendleton, E. Pendlebury, E. W. Perrott, G. D. Prichard, J. E. Riding, G. Roberts, G. P. Roberts, H. Sawbridge, N. Seale, H. Seed, W. R. Shanks, J. Shaw, L. Smethurst, A. H. Smith, W. D. Smith, D. Stewart, R. S. Stokes, E. Sunter, R. A. Tabah, E. Taylor, H. F. Taylor, J. G. Thomason, J. W. Thornley, J. M. Tinsley, F. Tomlinson, K. Tremayne, A. H. Unsworth, H. Uttley, G. A. Vaughan, D. Walker, J. C. Warwick, M. H. Washington, H. H. Watson, G. Whelan, H. J. Wignall, J. J. Wright, K. Wright.

HOUSE NOTES

EDWARDS'

We should like to take this opportunity of wishing success to all members of the House who left us at the end of last term, many of whom had been staunch supporters for several years.

We extend a hearty welcome to all newcomers, and we hope that they will, in their turn, help to maintain the high standard of work and play for which the House is renowned, and also that they will take an interest in School matches, and other activities outside the form room.

Up to the present, we have given good account of ourselves in both Senior and Junior inter-House matches, having won all four matches we have played to date, and we hope that our teams, led by Markham and W. H. Smith respectively, will continue with their successes.

The House has been well represented in the few School matches which have been played up to the time of going to press; Markham and Dobson have played for the 2nd XV; Barton, Mallinson and Ellis for the 3rd XV; Oakes, Coxon and Bracewell for the Bantams; and N. Smith and N. Allen for the Chicks.

Our congratulations are offered to Markham, on being appointed House captain and School Prefect, to all members of the House who gained awards in the S.C. and H.S.C. examinations last July, and especially to D. V. Bleasdale, who gained a very high place in the Civil Service Executive examination.

The work of the House has been very satisfactory up to date, and there is a distinct possibility of our obtaining a high place in the House Honours List, and in the House Rugby Competitions.

D.W.S.

EVANS'

We did not think at the end of last term, which was so successful for the House, that we should start a fresh school year under the shadow of war.

Since our previous House Notes were written, we have gained, for the first time in our history, both Junior and Senior Cricket Shields, by beating Leech's in both cases.

We should like to extend a hearty welcome to all new boys to the House and wish them successful school careers, hoping that they will continue to uphold the honour of the House.

We convey our congratulations to all boys who were successful in the H.S.C. and S.C. examinations last term.

We were pleased to note that the good work of D. M. Payne in the library has been recognised by his being made a school prefect and we heartily congratulate him on his new position.

Owing to the fact that another Secondary School is sharing the building with us, difficulty has arisen in carrying out the usual school activities. On this account a House Rugby League has been introduced. Up to date in this competition, the Senior Team has played two matches, one of which was lost to Spencer's and the other resulted in a victory over Rogers'. The Junior XV, playing teams from the same two Houses, drew with Spencer's and beat Rogers.

We are pleased to note that we are well represented in all school teams. H.P.

GREAR'S

Many senior members of the House have left since the last House Notes were written; we thank them for their services to the House and extend our best wishes for their future careers.

This term we heartily welcome many new boys to the House. We hope that they will be proud of the traditions of the House and will play their part in all branches of School and House activities.

Congratulations go to D. G. Owen, who has been awarded a State Scholarship.

We congratulate our House Captain, W. Gibbons, on being appointed School Captain, W. H. Scott on the award of Athletics Colours, and C. McMillan and R. W. Denton on the award of Colts Colours.

This term I. H. Roe, W. H. Scott and J. Y. McDougal have played in the 1st XV; J. G. Cardwell, D. A. Cox and J. N. Weatherby in the 2nd XV, and J. Jarvis and C. McMillan in the Bantams XV. The Senior House Rugby XV won its first two matches comfortably and has given a good account of itself. The Junior team was inexperienced and was unable to cope with the much heavier teams against which it had to play. But valuable experience has been gained.

The House was again successful in the Swimming Sports last term. We hope that members of the House will continue, as far as possible, with their swimming practice. During the Summer holidays six members of the House were taught to swim. J. G. Cardwell, D. A. Cox, D. G. Owen, L. R. Rigby, G. Rimmer, D. Stewart and D. F. Sutton, who gave valuable assistance to the pupils, are to be warmly thanked for their efforts. It is very pleasing to see such keenness displayed both by the learners and by the instructors. We trust that the new members of the House who are not yet swimmers will take full advantage of the facilities that have been provided to enable them to learn.

The House has had further lifesaving successes. At the end of last term D. A. Cox and D. Stewart were awarded Intermediate Certificates, S. K. Runcorn obtained the Award of Merit and R. C. Jones the Bar to the Award of Merit. This term J. A. Cardwell, D. A. Cox, K. F. Parsons, G. Rimmer, D. Stewart and D. F. Sutton are taking lifesaving classes.

Members of the House continue to take an active interest in those School Societies which still exist. D. G. Owen is Vice-Chairman of the Scientific Society and Secretary of the Debating Society. S. K. Runcorn is Chairman of the Scientific Society and Vice-Chairman of the Debating Society. R. C. Jones, D. B. Marshall and E. Sunter have been members of the Scientific Society Committee.

It is hoped that the House will obtain a higher place in the Honours List this term than it did last term.

S. K. R.

LEECH'S

At the beginning of term we received the news that owing to the outbreak of war our housemaster, Mr. R. Thompson, had left us to join the Army, in which he now holds the position of Captain. The best wishes of the house go with him. To our new housemaster, Mr. A. Lessiter, we extend a hearty welcome.

This term finds the house without several well-known senior boys. Wakefield, P. R. Jones, Mitchell and Farrington, all invaluable members of Leech's have left, and we wish them well in their careers. The new house officials are Curzon, D. Jones, Abram, Collinge and Mosscrop (who left later on in the term). We congratulate them, especially Jones, who has also been made a School Prefect.

In the sphere of sport we have, up to the time of writing, been quite successful, all matches played having been won. The Senior Rugby Team is captained by Abram, whilst Bonney is captain of the Juniors. The house is represented in the School Teams by Jones and Abram, who have played for the 1st XV, by Parkinson and Mosscrop in the 2nd XV, and by Bonney and McCarthy in the Bantams.

In the very few school societies functioning this term we are represented by Curzon, who is Chairman of the Debating Society, and Jones, who is a member of its committee. Curzon and Jones are also Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the newly formed Literary Society.

To conclude, may we urge the necessity of an equal emphasis being placed on all sides of school life? Academic achievements, active participation in school societies, and success in sport are all essential if we are to maintain our position as an all-round house and as holders of the Jubilee Cup.

L. B. C.

MASON'S

It is with pleasure that we note the progress that has been made since last term's notes were written. The most pleasing aspect of this improvement is that, if not outstanding, it is general.

In the Honours List the house was third, a poor third admittedly, but that is a big advance on previous performances. This position must, at least, be maintained, if only for the benefit it confers on individuals. There are people in the house with brains—we hope they will make the best possible use of them.

In addition, the swimming team also occupied third place. Thanks for this are due particularly to A. D. Malcolm, the team captain, for both his individual efforts and his keenness as leader. J. Critchley, of the Juniors, fully deserves mention for his performance.

The Senior Cricket XI, by failing to win a replay, did not reach the final, but the Juniors gained the consolation of one victory.

As yet the football teams have each played only one match, both of which have been lost. The Seniors, however, with only thirteen players, went down fighting. The full side, theoretically, has excellent prospects, for eight of its members have played in school teams:—Chamberlain, Howard, Marshall and Sumner for the 1st XV, Munday and Walbank for the 2nd XV, Birchall and Stoneley for the 3rd XV. We hope that in practice this promise will be maintained. W. Scarisbrick, Critchley and Wilson have played in the Bantam XV.

Congratulations are due to C. A. Johnson, the House Captain, on winning a State Scholarship, to R. G. Munday on becoming a School Prefect, and to W. Scarisbrick, who has created a precedent by being, in one year, Captain of the Junior Rugby, Cricket, Gym and Tug teams.

D. M. W.

ROGERS'

As is customary at the commencement of the new School year, we have to note, with regret, the loss of many Senior members of the House. Among those who left us at the end of last term were the House Captain, R. Haslam, and the secretary, A. F. Ascroft. We thank them for the work they have done for the House in the past, and wish them every success in the world, which they have to face at so difficult a period. We are glad to welcome several new boys, who should by now have settled down to their duties.

This term it has fallen to J. S. Deane to Captain the House, while D. Lee and J. K. Hulm have become House Prefects. G. P. Roberts has been made House Games Captain. We must congratulate J. S. Deane on his appointment as a School Prefect, and also those boys who gained awards in the S.C. and H.S.C. examinations of last July.

The House has been moderately successful in the Rugby Competition, in its revised form. We are unfortunate in having lost most of the active members of last season's Senior team, and consequently have been rather heavily defeated by both Grear's and Evans' in the two Senior matches played up to the time of writing. The Juniors have, however, fared better, having beaten Grear's in their first game, but lost to Evans' in the second. The team still has a chance to win the trophy, which the House has never yet held.

Our representatives who have played in the few School fixtures this term are Roberts in the 1st XV, Charlick in the 2nd XV, Bold in the 3rd XV, and Griffiths, Illingworth and Rimmer in the Bantams.

Finally we should like to make an appeal to every member of the House to work hard in an effort to improve our position in the Honours List, which has been very low in recent terms.

J. K. H.

SPENCER'S

We extend our heartiest congratulations to all boys who were successful in the H.S.C. and S.C. examinations last term.

The House has not only continued to carry on with the usual work as in past terms, but has shown considerable promise both in Senior and Junior Rugby. We congratulate our Senior Rugby Team on its victory over Evans' and although we were beaten by Grear's, it must be remembered that Bardsley, one of the mainstays of the team, was unable to play, having developed cartilage trouble again. We hope he will be fit again very shortly. The Juniors must also be congratulated on their achievements in playing Evans' to a draw and handsomely beating Grear's.

In the School Teams, we are represented by Coulshed and Bardsley in the 1st XV; in the 2nd XV by Mellor, Wilkinson and Bevan; by Ruscoe in the 3rd XV and by Hearn in the Bantam XV.

The House Captaincy is taken over this term by N. Coulshed, who fills the position left by M. H. Coulson. J. Hartley has been appointed Vice-Captain, while A. B. Robertson retains the position of House Secretary.

J. Hartley is to be congratulated on attaining the rank of School Prefect.

The House lost several of its older members last term: we wish them all the best of luck in their future careers.

J. H.

WOODHAM'S

Owing to the war, another Secondary School has been "billeted" upon the School, and thus the time devoted to study has been curtailed, but we sincerely hope the House will intensify their efforts to reach a high standard of work, in spite of the unavoidable handicaps.

The House said farewell to many old stalwarts at the end of last term, but hopes the twenty new boys will strive in their time to be worthy successors. We congratulate the following boys on appointment:—W. D. Sharrocks as House Captain; R. T. Ackroyd as a School prefect; G. Hart, F. H. Jones and F. Tomlinson as House prefects and H. Uttley as House prefect and librarian.

Although we regret the reduction in inter-school Rugby, due to travel restrictions, we welcome the new House competition, which we believe will increase the benefits derived from the old friendly rivalries. We are pleased to record that the following boys have played for school teams:—R. T. Ackroyd, 1st XV; W. D. Sharrocks, D. D. Sherwood and J. Wilkinson 2nd XV; W. E. Houldsworth and C. P. Tattersall, Bantam XV. The Junior House team has lost the two matches played, and we hope that what the team lack in experience they will make up with enthusiasm. The Senior team has also lost two matches,

but it has been unfortunate to be without the services of two of the older hands owing to injuries.

Life-saving and swimming practices have been held regularly under the helpful direction of G. Hart, our Swimming Captain, and F. H. Jones, as life-saving instructor. The House congratulates F. Tomlinson on gaining the Bronze medallion of the Royal Life-saving Society.

R. T. A.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

J. N. Knowles has been promoted to Squadron Leader in the Royal Air Force. He has recently taken the special course and passed the special examination for Armament Officers.

G. E. Turner has been appointed supervisor of all camouflage work in the North of England.

E. H. Lee, B.A. has been awarded the John Winbolt Prize for Civil Engineering at Cambridge University for a dissertation on "The strength of struts in framework."

J. H. Richards has gained the degree of Ph.D. in Chemistry of Liverpool University.

MARRIAGE:

Basil Lowe to Jean Elizabeth Heald, at Portland Street Congregational Church, 1st November, 1939.

ROLL OF HONOUR

We greatly regret to announce the death on active service of

F. LIPROT (Gear's. Sept. 1926—Dec. 1930) H.M.S. Royal Oak.

OLD BOYS' LETTERS

St. Catharine's College,
Cambridge,
5/11/39.

To the Editors of the "Red Rose."

SIRS,—It was a great shock to many when they learned that the rural simplicity of this quaint old University town was to be shattered. The shattering process began with the importation of a section of a well-known School of Economics which lowered the proportion of male to female from 9—1 to 4—1. This forms a serious threat to our proverbial monastic celibacy which it will be hard to defy. The radio program for the enlightenment of overseas Aryans recently announced that Cambridge had been elected, by a plebiscite of the German minority in Outer Bermondsey, to the position of military objective number five. Naturally this piece of flagrant propaganda was treated with the contempt it deserved until three nights later when the same station announced that Corpus Christi and Jesus College, the centres of Semitic culture in Great Britain, were in flames. They dare not invent this, it was thought, but owing to the darkness of the night and the hazards of Petty Cury it was impossible to get immediate verification and by the morning the fires had been extinguished and the respective Colleges rebuilt. There was no question about the impression this created but as the process was worked systematically round the cycle of Colleges the general attitude became more complacent and shoulders were shrugged with a careless "It is war" or by the more soigné "C'est la guerre."

Despite all this your representatives up here are to be frequently seen gambolling in full appreciation of their rebirth as seniors.

We are, Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

C. O. G. S.

Wesley College,
Headingley,
Leeds, 6.

27th October, 1939.

To the Editors of the "Red Rose."

SIRS.—So far this term we have been very busy "black-ing out" and preparing air raid shelters. Consequently news that is of interest to you is not easily forthcoming.

You will perhaps be interested to know that we went to Keighley recently to see A. R. Westwell playing in A. A. Milne's "The Fourth Wall." We wish to record that we enjoyed the show, particularly as our host had thoughtfully provided us with free seats in the second row. Unfortunately the only Old Georgian full-time actor whom we know of has now been called up to be a soldier, a fate which your humble servants have luckily avoided.

May we put in a plea for an extra subject in the School curriculum? Preaching at Preston not long ago, the writer had to perform a christening before the critical gaze of two Old Georgians. We were of the unanimous opinion that a Sixth Form Course on "holding the baby" would not have been wasted.

As Christmas examinations draw nearer G. B. K. looks the livelier, J. M. bears the face of a Christian martyr, and "yours truly" goes about nonchalantly, knowing that the harder the others work the more certainly is his usual place reserved for him.

I am, Sirs,

Yours on behalf of the Old Georgian
Trinity at Headingley,
FRANK THEWLIS.

Guild of Undergraduates,
University of Liverpool,
2, Bedford Street,
Liverpool, 7.

To the Editors of the "Red Rose." 4/11/39.

Sirs.—Three days ago the Vice-Chancellor, addressing some four hundred Freshers, stated that it was a matter of deep regret to him that our arrival at the University had

coincided with the outbreak of war. To those of us who in the immediate future are to be summoned "to do their duty" it is no doubt a matter of even deeper regret, but to those who have the prospect of eighteen months or two years at Liverpool the misfortune is perhaps not so apparent. The fires of discussion and argument burn more fiercely in times like the present, and at the University, more than anywhere else, one has the opportunity of appreciating the other man's point of view.

The corporate life of the University has had to be greatly curtailed, of course. Freshers' Social was split up into two evenings, and the sinister insinuations of the seniors concerning the alarming initiation ceremonies proved, this year at any rate, to be little more than eye-wash. The idea of opening the Union in the evenings has had to be shelved for the present, but the more important activities, such as athletics, debates and sing-songs with cheese, cobs and beer, are flourishing as usual.

There are now more Old Georgians here than there have been for many years. Veterans T. C. Highton, M. Horwich and T. L. Schofield are spending much of their time in the Royal (hospital), while E. F. B. Cadman and K. H. Slatter only cease their labours to spend a few minutes at mid-day in the Royal (hotel). J. H. Marshall says he is not doing much except an occasional spot of work for final B.Eng. J. R. Edwards has been admitted to the Geography Honours school this term. W. F. Coulshed is most frequently to be seen displaying his skill at pontoon, find-the-lady, etc. Old Georgians are particularly well represented among the Freshers. M. H. Coulson is reading law. As he points out, in the words of the President of the Legal Society, he is one of the few "who are still prepared to enter a profession which, we are told, though it may be flattery, will have no place in a world which is liable to become finally insane." We congratulate him! R. T. Christy is finding a natty growth on the upper lip (still unfortunately immature) of considerable assistance in the study of Architecture. Our new medical representatives, P. R. B. Jones, A. D. Charnley and J. L. Edmondson, are all concentrating their attentions upon two books—"The Dissection of the Rabbit"

and "The Dissection of the Frog," and the writer is trying his best to steer a middle path between the displeasure of the academic authorities and that of the producer of the end-of-term Dramatic Society Play.

In conclusion, may I say how much we sympathise with the School in its having to bear the many inconveniences inflicted upon it by the war?

I am, Sirs,
Yours faithfully,

G. P. WAKEFIELD.

The Engineering Department,
The University,
Manchester.

3rd November, 1939.

To the Editors of the "Red Rose."

SIRS,—A survey of our number this year shows that the steady decrease during the last few years has not yet been checked. This is indeed a strange phenomenon, and one which we are quite unable to understand. We would, however, humbly suggest that those who will be leaving School next Summer should consider now the advantages which Manchester offers before deciding where to continue their studies.

The School's old stalwart A.P., completed his course here in June, and we certainly miss his frequent appearance in the refectory. Our efforts to obtain news of K.E.J. have been in vain; we should be very pleased to hear from him.

One newcomer, J.M.L., has appeared this session. He is living in Manchester and studying Civil Engineering.

Society activities are necessarily rather hampered this year by the black-out and other restrictions. The Engineering Society, in particular, has had to cancel the meetings and visits which had been arranged. The old proverb, "It's an ill wind—," suggests itself to B.H.S., when he remembers that his name was on the agenda to give a lecture to the Society.

If this letter is somewhat lacking in literary elegance, please have mercy on the scribe, who (as some may remember) is far from expert at the art of manipulating words.

We are, Sirs,
Yours faithfully,
M.U.S.O.G.

St. Patrick's Hall,
Reading,
19th October, 1939.

To the Editors of the "Red Rose."

SIRS,—I have been at this University only a very short while, yet I have been made so welcome that I already feel in a position to issue a statement regarding present conditions here.

The University itself is modernised and very centrally situated in a pretty part of Berkshire. Our residential halls are known for miles around as supplying first-class entertainment for students.

For the benefit of those who imagine that this is mainly an agricultural centre, I should like to point out that this is by no means the principal aim of the University. Courses are available for all and, indeed, it is most surprising to me that no member of the school has been here before.

If my remarks are treated with the sincerity with which I have made them, I see no reason why the number of Old Georgians here should not be doubled or trebled by this time next year.

Wishing the school every success in carrying on as usual.

I am, Sirs,
Yours faithfully,
T. F. SETTLE.

The Diocesan Training College,
Chester,
6th November, 1939

To the Editors of the "Red Rose."

SIRS,—This term has been rather a strange one in our history. In the first place the College was fortunate to reopen at all: several similar establishments, we are told, have been forced to close down under the present circumstances. Here we are, however, but not without being forced to put up with many unavoidable inconveniences.

Not the least of these is the unpleasant duty of rising at 6-45 a.m. and retiring at 9-15 p.m. According to the old proverb, "Early to bed, early to rise," the writers should of course be "healthy, wealthy and wise." The present members of the school, however, recognise the absolute impossibility of our ever being endowed with the last quality.

With military service looming in the offing, members of the second year are finding it very difficult to settle down to serious work, even if they felt so inclined. They realise, however, that their present work will play not a small part in the assessment of those who will be qualified for the certificate at the end of the year. With two years in front of them, the first year feel more secure and merely pursue "the even tenor of their way."

The great difficulties in travelling arrangements have necessarily curtailed the number of fixtures which the sports clubs had formerly made, but R. H. has represented the College in the 2nd XI soccer fixtures so far played, while H. P. shows his skill on the Badminton court. R. A. W. of course makes his presence felt wherever he may be.

With the second year concert still to come and the knowledge that no Rag will be possible this year, there seems very little news to tell. Any further news we could tell has been censored by one or other of our number.

We are, Sirs,
Yours faithfully,
THE CHESTER OLD GEORGIANS.

Saltley College,
Birmingham, 8.

To the Editors of the "Red Rose." 25/11/39.

SIRS,—Owing to the international situation the commencement of the Autumn Term was somewhat delayed. Eventually we began work six weeks late, that is, on October 21st. Naturally, this loss of time has to be made up somehow and the result is that our Christmas and Easter holidays are being severely curtailed.

It did not take me very long to become accustomed to my new surroundings and I soon made many new friends. As this week-end is Half Term, I take the opportunity of letting you know about my activities here at Saltley.

I have joined the Debating and Musical Societies and have also become a member of the Student Christian Movement. With regard to external activities, I have played regularly for the College 2nd XI and have also joined the Birmingham University Contingent of the O.T.C. The knowledge and experience which I obtain there should prove very useful when I am called up for military service.

I am, Sirs,
Yours faithfully,
H. COUNSELL.

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We are glad to have the opportunity of publishing the following article by an old boy who is engaged on research work.—EDITORS.

VITAMIN "A"

Before an account of vitamin A itself is given, a brief word on the nature of vitamins in general may be useful. These substances, of which there are five, and which are referred to as A, B complex, C, D and E, are all definite chemical compounds. Vitamin A, for instance, is a somewhat complex alcohol, while "B complex" consists of some six different chemical compounds. The vitamins, or accessory food-stuffs as they are sometimes called, are absolutely necessary, though in very minute quantities only, for normal growth and development of both men and animals. Excess of the vitamins usually causes no harm, but does no good; deficiency has a deleterious, and often

most apparent result, as will be shown later for vitamin A itself.

In a short article of this kind, it is quite impossible to give anything but the briefest survey of vitamin A and its functions. A tremendous amount of research has been done, and is still being done, on this one vitamin alone. Vitamin A is found in the animal kingdom only, never in plants, although there is much loose talk about the vitamin A of maize and other vegetable foods used for animals: mention will be made of this later. One of the richest sources of vitamin A is halibut-liver oil, as is also the more objectionable cod-liver oil. It is of interest to note that the intestines of fish, notably halibut, contain large quantities of vitamin A, and these are normally cast back into the sea by the fishermen! Other sources met with every day are milk, butter and eggs. Vitamin A is a "fat-soluble" substance, and is always found in oil or fat of the A-containing food; for instance, it is found in the yolk of an egg, not in the white. Since vitamin A is found only in the animal kingdom, the question will at once arise, what is the source of the vitamin for herbivorous creatures like cows and horses? The answer to this query took many years to work out, and it is that grass (in common with all green plants) on which herbivorous animals graze, contains a substance, carotene, which can be converted into vitamin A by the animal itself. Moore of Cambridge showed in 1935, that rats suffering from a deficiency of vitamin A could be restored to health by feeding carotene. On examining the livers of the rats after carotene-feeding, he found abundance of vitamin A but no carotene. The liver seems to be the organ most concerned with the conversion of carotene to vitamin A. Many attempts have been made to bring about the conversion of carotene (sometimes called "provitamin" A) to true vitamin A in vitro (that is, outside a living organism), as recently as June, 1938. Willstaedt in Sweden published an article on this subject in which he states that he can achieve the conversion (which is a very simple one on paper), only in the presence of a liver tissue, and suggests that the liver contains an enzyme specifically for that purpose.

Lack of vitamin A, called avitaminosis-A, is manifested in four ways: lack of growth, increased susceptibility to

infection, xerophthalmia, and night-blindness. Tests have been done on rats and chickens which show in a most striking way the effect of vitamin A on growth. In one test carried out on young chicks, a group deprived of vitamin A were only half the weight of another group of the same age (6 weeks) which had received vitamin A, fed as carotene. There is also much evidence to show that men and animals deprived of, or deficient in vitamin A are more susceptible to infection than those receiving adequate amounts. Xerophthalmia, which is an affection of the eyes, and particularly of the eye-lids, is one of the earliest symptoms of avitaminosis. The A-deficient chicks mentioned above suffered badly from xerophthalmia; in fact one or two of them became temporarily blind. If vitamin A is supplied, the complaint, even the blindness, can be cured in a few days.

The fourth manifestation of avitaminosis, namely "night-blindness," is in many ways the most interesting and most useful. Two workers in America, examining the retinas of the eyes of frogs and chicks, showed that vitamin A was present in them. Their experiments have led to the conclusion that vitamin A is closely connected with vision, and lack of it causes "night-blindness," that is, slowness or complete failure of the eye to adapt itself to darkness or low intensity illumination. The same workers have devised a test for avitaminosis-A which can be applied even to young children. The subjects are taken individually into a darkened room and there confronted with a screen on which are five spots illuminated to different intensities. If the child can see five spots, its vision is normal: if on the other hand, the child can see, say, only two spots, it is suffering from night-blindness. No great claims are made for the accuracy or infallibility of this test, but when it was used with elementary school children in the London area it was found that some 40% were suffering from lack of vitamin A as shown by night-blindness. On the other hand, only 12% of boys in secondary and public schools examined were found to be so deficient.

Of the chemical detection and measurement of vitamin A, little can be said here. Owing to the minute amounts found, a new international system of units has been devised, and measurements are carried out spectro-

graphically by using the ultra-violet absorption band at 3280 Angström units, or by using the now well-known Carr-Price test, in which vitamin A gives a blue colour with a solution of antimony trichloride in chloroform.

In this brief survey, it is hoped that a slight insight into the nature and function of this all-important vitamin A may have been given.

J. W. LORD.

BISCUITS AND JAM

A party of sixth-formers visited Hartley's and Jacobs' factories at Aintree on July 18th.

Making biscuits or jam does not involve processes of great difficulty or complexity, and though we saw several very interesting and complicated machines, perhaps the main interest of our visit lay in seeing comparatively simple and easily understood operations performed at high speed and efficiency and dealing with large quantities of material—in a word, mass-production.

We associate Hartley's with jam, and that is their main product, but the first process we saw there was the tinning of peas. On our way from Southport we had seen peas growing that were destined for Hartley's. In this part of the factory sacks of pods containing peas were emptied into a machine, from which the peas and the pods emerged in separate streams, the latter to be returned to the farm as fodder. The peas, washed in cold and then hot water, passed along a conveyor where girls were removing split peas and stray bits of pod (what monotony!). Then machinery took them again, filled tins with them, and finally forced lids on, which would be held on tightly when the contents cooled and contracted. In another part of the factory soft fruits such as strawberries and raspberries were being tinned on similar lines.

The rest of the time at Hartley's was spent in seeing the boiling, packing and storing of jam. A time-table has been worked out according to which, during the whole year, except when the machinery is being overhauled, some kind of jam is being made or some kind of fruit tinned. Jam was being boiled in cauldrons reminiscent of tympani, jars filled on a moving belt, and labels and wrapping put on by elaborate machines, although wrapping by hand is

still maintained alongside machine-wrapping and is very little slower.

Excess fruit-juice is not wasted, but used in making jelly. We saw slabs of this, cooled and set, tossed in order to fit in boxes much as blankets are tossed to lie straight on the bed.

Except for the ground-floor, almost the whole of the Hartley factory is filled with jam stored up, since, of course, jam must be made when the fruit is fresh, but in sufficient quantities to maintain supply for the rest of the year.

After the consumption of food and drink we went on to Jacobs' factory, which stands near by. Here in one room we saw numerous endless conveyor belts, at one end of which was the biscuit mixture: at the other biscuits were being packed in boxes, having, in the intervening space, passed through long ovens:

In the next section girls were packing boxes of assorted biscuits at lightning speed—another very monotonous occupation. The "fancy" cakes that children are supposed to covet we next saw being concocted. Their manufacture was not so much mechanised since apparently machinery cannot yet supplant the human touch in cake-making.

The atmosphere of the next part of the factory we were taken to was enough to cure anyone of a liking for chocolate. Here marshmallows were being made. The foundation biscuits were placed on a conveyor and passed under a machine that deposited the correct amount of marsh or mallow or whatever it was; a cherry was added to each by hand, cocoanut was shaken over them, and, having passed through a continual downpour of chocolate and a cooling chamber, they were packed.

We next came across the most fascinating machine we had yet seen. This wrapped chocolate-biscuits with silver-paper and put on the label with a most uncanny precision.

There were numerous other points of interest in both factories which there is no space to record here. We left Aintree heavily laden with jars of jam and boxes of biscuits which we had gained not through our own sleight of hand but through the kindness of the manufacturers.

M. H. C.

MEMORY

We mortals value not our prize
Until that prize we lose;
We lay each noble treasure by,
A gaudier toy to choose.

One long-lost treasure haunts me still,
Torturing me with joy;
Cursed be those thoughts! Those visions loved
I would I could destroy.

For beauty dead leaves living love
From which no man may fly
Despair must bring the dead to life,
Or let the living die.

L. S.

HORROR BY NIGHT

I. TEN THIRTY.

It was Friday the Thirteenth, and Ellen Smith was sitting alone by the drawing-room fire. George, her husband, had just gone round the corner to the "Pink Elephant" for a quick one and a game of darts.

The night was wild and stormy, and the rain was lashing at the windows. The wind was making a weird, moaning sound down the chimney. Ellen drew nearer to the fire, not for warmth, but for comfort. She was not a nervous or a superstitious woman as a rule, but it *was* Friday the Thirteenth and she *was* alone in the house. George did not often leave her like this, she knew, and after all it was his only chance of amusement during the whole day. "Never mind," she thought, "he'll be back soon."

She had been alone, and had been getting on with her knitting for about two hours, when suddenly she heard the back door open. Naturally thinking it was her husband, she stayed where she was, preparing to give him a good lecture, as it was already half past ten. "Well, he can't say he's been kept late at the office this time," she thought. Knowing George was wearing soft rubber-soled shoes that day, Ellen did not think it unnatural that she did not hear him come in. The door closed and Ellen called out, "George, whatever has kept you all this time?"

There was no answer. She waited, thinking that George was playing the fool with her. At the same time, she wondered why the room had become so strangely cold. Then she got up, not being able to bear the suspense any longer, but, going into the kitchen, she found no one there.

"George!" she cried, laughing nervously at the same time. "It must have been the door shaking in the wind." With that, she went back and sat down by the fire. It was now quarter to eleven.

The ringing of the front door bell startled Ellen from her thoughts and she went to answer it. To her surprise and fear, a policeman was standing there.

"Can you stand a shock, ma'am?" he asked.

"Yes," said Ellen faintly, leaning against the door frame for support.

"You are Mrs. Ellen Smith, by the way, are 'nt you?" the policeman asked.

When Ellen had replied, the policeman continued, "Mr. George Smith was knocked down and killed by a motor-car at half past ten this evening, just outside the public-house. Will you come and . . ."

He was just in time to catch Ellen as she was falling to the ground.

O. F.

2. IN THE SILENT WATCHES.

He was, as yet, not used to the utter darkness of the room, but he managed to stumble to the bed; not that he got in at the right end, but so long as he had found his bed he was assured of a good night's rest. Was he?

Hardly had he settled down when he was annoyed by a faint scratching below the window. It might have been a cat—then again it might not! . . . There it was again; more distinct this time. Then a dull thud, and at that moment an eerie moonbeam threw grotesque shadows on the wall, while a distant clock tolled the hour of midnight. These appeared to be the signals for a series of hoots and screeches, each more ghastly than the one before. A dark form obliterated the pale moonbeam.

This was too much for him, he reached under the pillow and was exasperated to find—no revolver! He felt an impulse to jump out of bed, on second thoughts he lay

perfectly still, hardly daring to breathe. The intruder probably had not the slightest notion that he was awake and therefore a surprise defence could be more easily effected. Ah! that was the window sliding up. He could hear heavy breathing while still more eerie sounds crept in on the fresh night breeze. The blind-cord tapped rhythmically on the pane to the melody of the rustling curtains. A dull crack rattled the glass in the window, and was closely followed by a muffled curse.

Ha! Ha! the intruder had banged his head. Meanwhile the supposed sleeper had time to decide on a plan of campaign.

The black shape was now approaching the bed; although his back was turned towards it he could sense its progress across the room. Slowly its dark shadow enveloped the bed like some enormous bird hovering over its prey. He could feel its hot breath disturbing the hairs on the back of his head. A cold shiver ran down his spine. But he had perfect control over himself, for luckily he was a daily-doser of our famous "Kilacure Nerve Tonic." Are you one too?

J. H. L.

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND

Just before war was declared the worthy citizens of Southport became gas-mask conscious. On the fatal Sunday, those who couldn't find six-months-old postcards asking them to call for their masks invaded the A.R.P. Office without delay. Persuaded to form a queue, they did so, and they did it in no half-hearted spirit. It reached (in a manner of speaking) as far as the human eye could see. There were rich men, poor men, beggar-men, and men who had lost one mask but intended to say nothing of it. And the females of each species were there with that bargain-hunting gleam in their eyes.

In this exclusive article, your Red Rose representative will take you behind the scenes, behind the queues, and behind the Special Constable, who kept saying "two more inside" after the manner of a bus-conductor, to show you how our worthy citizens looked when viewed from behind a table strewn with official documents. He is able to do so because he was one of the dozen or more boys of the Sixth

Form who were asked to help at the A.R.P. Office when the rush began.

We were initiated first (writes our Special Correspondent), into the mystery of the assembly of the various bits and pieces which go to make up a Government Gas Mask. Unlike that time in September, 1938, there were machines to speed up the work. They bore a striking resemblance to the machines used to chip potatoes. There was a handle to pull downwards, thereby releasing the wide rubber band which either fastened the face-piece to the container or flew over the operator's shoulder and, very probably, out of the window. But the real trouble was caused by the odds and ends which persistently and, it seemed, magically inserted themselves into the inside of this machine, causing someone to have to pull it to pieces. Our mad race against time produced a thousand or two masks in a few days.

Meanwhile, other stalwarts were besieged by the populace. There came many who entreated, demanded or threatened, and a welcome few who calmly asked for what they wanted. There came several, (mostly old ladies), who seemed to be under the impression that when they were asked whether they had had a mask before, it behoved them to account for every hour of their time since gas-masks were first issued, thus providing a sort of alibi. And there came those who announced that they knew members of the Cabinet and would have us all imprisoned if they were not attended to at once. Rarely indeed were the scribes of the fitting room unable to produce vivid impersonations and anecdotes at the end of the day. From this, however, it must not be deduced that all who came in were sources of amusement, but there was a lighter side in the business.

On the first day of the war I was engaged in distributing steel helmets to Wardens' Posts with some of the wardens. On our last journey at about 9.45 we stopped at the end of a dark road, and shouted in the general direction of two shadowy figures leaning on a wall. The Wardens' Post was very close by, we were told, and we manoeuvred for position. The loiterers were very anxious to help, but we did our best to discourage them. But this was not easy.

"My son's in the Army," volunteered one of them. "He has a helmet like them. Could 'ave been a corporal,

'e could. But not my son. 'E refused, 'e did, refused to be a corporal! I've got his medals here. . . . When we returned from the inner fastness of the Warden's Post he was still at it.

"I'll sell you 'is medals, sir. What do I want with 'em? Could 'ave been a corporal, too. More sense, my son. . . ."

We beat a hasty retreat amid shouted directions from the other loiterer. It was all we could do!

Back in the Office a few days later we were visited by a stout old Irishwoman with a spicy vocabulary and a hearty distrust of us all. She stood just inside the door and did not seem disposed to come any further.

"Have you come for a mask, madam?"

She swore in apparent amazement, but consented to admit that she did want a mask.

"May I have your name and address, please?"

"I'm not giving my name and address to anyone," she said, prefacing the answer as before. But she was prevailed upon to do so, and we asked her to take a chair and have one fitted.

Again the familiar reply, but she sat down, grumbling. When she was asked to remove her hat, however, she volunteered the information that she was bald, and therefore unwilling to comply. Tact was again called into play and she was gently but firmly placed inside a mask, while she expressed her feelings after the style of a navy who had hit his own foot with his pick. It appeared from the sounds that emerged that she was choking, she couldn't see, and she wished Hitler had to wear hundreds of masks all at once. Then her voice began to crack under the strain of making herself heard, and so did our self-control when she finally asked how she was expected to eat with it on.

There was one customer who refused to be served at all. She was small and elderly, with a medium-sized mask which she declared was too small for her as it gave her a headache. The fitter tried it on and adjusted it with the result that it was pronounced perfect. But she would have none of it. It gave her a headache, and she wanted a larger one.

"But you can't have a large mask. It wouldn't be protection against gas, and in any case we've none to spare."

"Well, then I'll have none, and the Lord will protect me!"

"Well, then," observed the fitter, "you'll be all right!" We had to leave it at that, and the lady retired in such anger as to cast a doubt upon her faith in the protection afforded by the Lord against mustard gas.

At one of our most busy times, when a Constable was on duty in the fitting room, a young man of ragged garb and surly gaze was asking for a gas mask.

"Have you had a mask before?" I enquired.

"No, never."

"What about that one I saw you get last September?" asked the Constable at a venture.

"Oh, I lost it this morning!" came the startled reply.

No one was more surprised than the Constable.

Finally a word about the title. Admittedly the phrase has been overworked since the war began, but then, so have we.

D. G. O.

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PICTURES

We were all agreeably surprised, at the beginning of this term, to find that another consignment of pictures had arrived. These were kindly lent by the Rutherford Trust Fund which also lent those we had last term.

The pictures that were hung in the corridors were greatly appreciated by a large part of the school as could be seen from the crowds that gathered round them. As usual the most striking pictures had the greatest attention and "The Ballet Dancer" by Degas was greatly admired. Many of the drawings in chalk and pencil were kept in the art room and have proved to be of great value to those who have been studying drawing.

A great deal of good will have been done if, in these days of the machine, a few have been made to consider the beauty of these works. Amongst them are pictures by masters of the old water colour school such as David Cox, Peter De Wint, Thomas Girtin, G. A. Fripp, S. Prout and E. Dayes. We shall be sorry to see them go.

A. R. P.

THE ART EXHIBITION

There was a noticeable change in the exhibition of 1939 from those of previous years. Very little was entered by juniors but the older boys contributed rather more than usual and the exhibition was bigger than it has been for some years. Growing interest in life drawing led to an improvement in the miscellaneous section, where a large number of portraits were exhibited. This new interest and the increased percentage of senior work are in the main the result of the extended meetings for seniors on Friday evenings.

The first prize in the Poster Section was awarded to Owen. His work is outstanding on account of its neatness and simplicity. Rigby gained the second prize. He seems to be striving after ultra-modern treatment of his ideas rather at the expense of the clearness of the message of his posters. The other posters showed a higher standard than last year, both of treatment and of execution, a result largely due to the standard set by Owen, but too much time is being spent upon fancy lettering, often very obscure, and too little upon thinking out original designs.

The Miscellaneous Section once again included too much copied work. There is very little art in copying pictures and photographs, however neat and realistic the result may be. A. Pulman entered a number of interiors of the school which showed promise and it is hoped that others will take advantage of the wide scope available in this direction. The first prize in the Section was awarded to Wakefield for one of his portrait drawings. The chief fault in his work is that it lacks tone: he is perhaps afraid of using the blacker pencils. Payne's work suffers in the same way and is rather inclined to be sketchy. One good line is worth ten little ones.

Payne was awarded the first prize in the Plant form Section. He has made very considerable advance in his Nature drawing this year and it is pleasing to note that along with Rigby and Atherton he exhibited in all three sections. There are still too few water colours of plant life: many boys showed good work in tinted pen or pencil drawings but this method of representation should take second place in favour of pure water colour paintings,

which, being more difficult, have therefore more artistic value.

Of the few Juniors who exhibited, Kay shows the most promise. His imaginary landscapes were very neatly carried out, but he would do well to spend more time on real landscape painting and less on such trifles as the Seven Dwarfs. The lack of junior efforts was rather disappointing: perhaps next year they will have a section to themselves.

The Old Boys' Section was an excellent testimony to the value of the work done by the Art Society in the past. The work of these now professional or intending professional artists was very good. Beyond such a rather indefinite statement the writer does not feel himself fitted to criticise.

D. G. O.

CRAFT EXHIBITION

The Annual Exhibition of Craft Work was held on the afternoon of July 19th, in the Elementary Physics Laboratory, and a large variety of models was shown. The standard of work was well up to that of previous years.

Among the larger models were four standard lamps of different designs. There were also several oak and walnut coffee tables and an oak dinner wagon. Two more novel articles were an upholstered stool and a bathroom cabinet. An oak bookcase, in course of construction for the workshop, was also exhibited.

One bench was mainly occupied by turned articles in various woods, including several large bowls, two cake stands, ash trays, candlesticks and similar models, among them a biscuit barrel in sycamore. On another bench were several oak trays, one of them having a piece of tapestry under a glass bottom. Veneer work was represented by a few clock cases, and there were some new designs in book-ends. Table lamps, too, were well represented in many different styles, some of them being examples of turned work.

On the metal work bench, copper bowls and dishes were exhibited. There was also a copper lamp shade, and a set of copper buttons. Useful but less decorative efforts were the pokers and tin-openers.

The Craft Society has been unable to meet this term, but it is hoped to resume the activities of the Society as soon as conditions permit.

C. A. J.

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SWIMMING SPORTS

It was gratifying to see such a large attendance at the tenth Annual Sports, held in the Victoria Baths, on July 14th, in view of the increased interest in school swimming. The spectators were not disappointed and enthusiastically applauded the competitors, whose swimming reached a much higher standard than in recent years. The School was again indebted to Mr. S. F. Chalk for acting as judge in the diving events.

Grear's retained both the Ingham Cup, awarded to the House gaining most points in the distance qualifications, and the Bradburne Cup, awarded to the House gaining the highest aggregate of points in the contest.

RESULTS

- 1—100 Yards Free Style (Senior):
1, A. D. Malcolm (M); 2, J. E. Griffiths (R); 3, W. Gibbons (G). Time: 71 secs.
- 2—50 Yards Free Style (Junior):
1, T. H. Griffiths (R); 2, N. D. Blore (G); 3, J. Critchley (M). Time: 36 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.
- 3—25 Yards (under 13):
1, R. E. Bracewell (Ed); 2, G. E. Cox (G); 3, R. W. Hayden (R). Time: 19 secs.
- 4—50 Yards Breast Stroke (Senior):
1, R. C. Jones (G); 2, B. Collinge (L); 3, W. D. Smith (W). Time: 36 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.
- 5—50 Yards Breast Stroke (Junior):
1, R. N. Pulman (S); 2, N. D. Blore (G); 3, B. S. Crowther (R). Time: 47 secs.
- 6—Neat Dive (Senior):
1, P. Holland (L); 2, D. G. Owen (G); 3, A. D. Malcolm (M).

- 7—25 Yards Free Style (Junior):
1, T. H. Griffiths (R); 2, D. F. Sutton (G); 3, N. E. Mosscrop (L). Time: 17 secs.
- 8—50 Yards Free Style (Senior):
1, W. Gibbons (G); 2, W. D. Smith (W); 3, J. E. Griffiths (R). Time: 30 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
- 9—Long Plunge:
1, R. H. Charlton (Ed); 2, B. Collinge (L); 3, R. C. Jones (G). Distance: 59 feet 8 inches.
- 10—50 Yards Back Stroke (Junior):
1, N. D. Blore (G); 2, R. N. Pulman (S); 3, E. Bennett (W). Time: 44 secs.
- 11—50 Yards Back Stroke (Senior):
1, W. Gibbons (G); 2, R. H. Charlton (Ed); 3, A. D. Malcolm (M). Time: 36 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
- 12—Neat Dive (Juniors):
1, J. Critchley (M); 2, T. H. Griffiths (R); 3, N. D. Blore (G).
- 13—House Squadron (Senior):
1, Grear's; 2, Rogers'; 3, Mason's. Time: 2 mins. 17 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.
- 14—House Squadron (Junior):
1, Grear's; 2, Rogers'; 3, Mason's. Time: 1 min. 14 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

AGGREGATE POINTS

EDWARDS'	13
EVANS'	0
GREAR'S	70
LEECH'S	16
MASON'S	17
ROGERS'	29
SPENCER'S	8
WOODHAM'S	15

W. G.

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INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING

A return competition with Calday Grange Grammar School was held at the Victoria Baths on Saturday, July 22nd. Our opponents gained 37 points and we gained 49.

The following are the results of each event:—

SENIOR

- 100 Yards Free Style:
1, Malcolm (K.G.V.S.); 2, Griffiths (K.G.V.S.); 3, Pritchard (Calday). Time: 70 secs.
- 100 Yards Breast Stroke:
1, Jones (K.G.V.S.); 2, Collinge (K.G.V.S.); 3, Hutson (Calday). Time: 1 min. 25 secs.
- 50 Yards Back Stroke:
1, Gibbons (K.G.V.S.); 2, Charlton (K.G.V.S.); 3, Littleton (Calday). Time: 36 secs.

Relay:
Won by K.G.V.S. (Malcolm, Smith, Griffiths, Gibbons). Time: 55 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

Long Plunge:
1, Charlton (K.G.V.S.); 2, Collinge (K.G.V.S.); 3, Tilson (Calday). Distance: 63 feet 10 inches.

Neat Dive:
1, England (Calday); 2, Norman (Calday); 3, Critchley (K.G.V.S.).

JUNIOR

- 50 Yards Free Style:
1, Wallace (Calday); 2, Benson (Calday); 3, Rimmer (K.G.V.S.). Time: 35 secs.
- 50 Yards Breast Stroke:
1, Wallace (Calday); 2, Cardwell (K.G.V.S.); 3, Dunning (Calday). Time: 39 secs.
- 25 Yards Back Stroke:
1, Norman (Calday); 2, Sutton (K.G.V.S.); 3, Pulman (K.G.V.S.). Time: 18 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

Relay:
Won by Caldaj (Benson, Norman, Young, Wallace). Time: 62 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.



INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS

The School Athletics team ended its 1939 fixtures with a match against Wigan Grammar School on July 19th, held in conjunction with the Arts and Handicrafts Exhibitions.

The competitors were very evenly matched, but the School just failed to register its first victory, being defeated by a total of 73 points to 67 points.

RESULTS

- 1—100 Yards:
1, Wigan; 2, Wigan; 3, Scott, W. H. Time: 10 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.
- 2—Discus:
1, Craven, E.; 2, Jones, R. C.; 3, Wigan. Distance: 96 feet 8 inches.
- 3—Hurdles:
1, Mosscrop, A.; 2, Wigan; 3, Unsworth, A. Time: 18 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
- 4—220 Yards:
1, Wigan; 2, Scott, W. H.; 3, Wigan. Time 23 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.
- 5—Javelin:
1, Markham, H.; 2, Wigan; 3, Tabah, R. Distance: 122 feet 9 inches.
- 6—Long Jump:
1, Wigan; 2, Wigan; 3, Craven, E. Distance: 21 feet 0 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.
- 7—440 Yards:
1, Wigan; 2, Shaw, F. W.; 3, Sharrocks, W. D. Time: 56 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
- 8—Shot:
1, Wigan; 2, Jones, R. C.; 3, Craven, E. Distance: 32 feet 2 inches.
- 9—High Jump:
1, Bowyer, R. E. (Wigan) tied with Hughes, B.; 3, Wigan. Height: 5 feet 2 inches.
- 10—Mile:
1, Wigan; 2, Abbott, L.; 3, Collinge, A. Time: 5 mins. 2 secs.
- 11—Relay:
1, Wigan; 2, K.G.V.S. (Unsworth, J., Roe, I., Scott, W. H., Shaw, F. W.) .

AGGREGATE POINTS

WIGAN	73
K.G.V.S.	67

Athletic colours have been awarded to Scott, W. H.
W. G.

CRICKET

1ST XI v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI
 Played at Ormskirk on 1st July, 1939. Won by 1 wkt. 63 runs.

SCHOOL INNINGS		ORMSKIRK INNINGS	
Craven, c Houghton b Jordan ...	26	Smith, c Haslam b Lowe	0
Smethurst, c Glayzer b Postles ...	5	Houghton, c Highton b Lowe ...	18
Abram, c Ashcroft b Jordan	16	Tranter, b Highton	4
Haslam, c Houghton b Postles... 21		Glayzer, b Langfeld	7
Coulshed, l.b.w., b Dean	9	Peter, b Langfeld	0
Roberts, c Peter b Ashcroft	8	Dean, c Craven b Highton	2
Langfeld, b Postles	0	Culshaw, b Langfeld	7
Lowe, not out	12	Ashcroft, not out	2
Markham, b Postles	1	Jordan, c Roberts b Langfeld ...	2
Highton, c Postles b Ashcroft ...	0	Postles, b Langfeld	0
Extras	11	Bretherton, c Markham b Langfeld 0	
		Extras	4
Total (for 9 wkts.)	109	Total	46
Did not bat: Mellor.			

BOWLING		BOWLING	
	O. M. R. W.		O. M. R. W.
Langfeld	13 ... 8 ... 6 ... 6	Bretherton	10 ... 1 ... 28 ... 0
Lowe	6 ... 0 ... 24 ... 2	Postles	10 ... 1 ... 24 ... 4
Craven	1 ... 0 ... 4 ... 0	Houghton	1 ... 1 ... 0 ... 0
Highton	6 ... 3 ... 8 ... 2	Ashcroft	8 ... 2 ... 24 ... 2
		Jordan	4 ... 0 ... 11 ... 2
		Dean	2 ... 0 ... 6 ... 1
		Peter	3 ... 1 ... 5 ... 0

1ST XI v. OLD GEORGIANS
 Played at Home on 15th July, 1939. Match Drawn.

SCHOOL INNINGS		OLD GEORGIANS' INNINGS	
Craven, c Frost b Rigby, K.	3	Smith, K., c Highton b Langfeld	5
Smethurst, b Sawbridge	13	Duncan, R., c Mellor b Langfeld	7
Abram, b Edwards, J.	16	Riddlesworth, c Abram b Highton	5
Haslam, run out	43	Walker, P., run out	29
Coulshed, b Rigby, K.	1	White, J., l.b.w. b Abram	3
Roberts, b Sawbridge	0	Pennington, A., c Craven b	12
Markham, not out	12	Abram	12
Extras	15	Rigby, K., not out	6
		Edwards, J., run out	4
Total (for 6 wkts. dec.)	103	Extras	2
Did not bat: Gibbons, Langfeld, Highton, Mellor.		Total (for 7 wkts.)	73
		Did not bat: Frost, R. T., Saw- bridge, Humphreys.	

BOWLING		BOWLING	
	O. M. R. W.		O. M. R. W.
Langfeld	0 ... 3 ... 16 ... 2	Rigby, K.	15 ... 6 ... 27 ... 2
Craven	7 ... 0 ... 28 ... 0	Sawbridge	14 ... 3 ... 20 ... 2
Highton	2.3 ... 0 ... 10 ... 1	Walker, P.	4 ... 0 ... 12 ... 0
Abram	5 ... 1 ... 8 ... 2	Edwards, J.	5 ... 2 ... 9 ... 1
Haslam	2 ... 0 ... 9 ... 0	White, J.	3 ... 0 ... 20 ... 0

1ST XI v. CROSSENS XI
 Played at Home on July 18th and 19th, 1939. Match Drawn.

SCHOOL INNINGS		CROSSENS' INNINGS	
Craven, b Wright	14	Heys, c Langfeld b Craven	37
Smethurst, c Wright b Heys	11	Blundell, R., run out	3
Abram, l.b.w. b Wright	0	Wright, c Abram b Langfeld	0
Haslam, b Heys	9	Bates, c Haslam b Abram	2
Coulshed, not out	17	Todd, l.b.w. b Abram	6
Roberts, not out	11	Martin, b Craven	4
Extras	6	Waring, not out	0
		Blundell, c b Craven	8
Total (for 4 wkts.)	68	Extras	1
Did not bat: Markham, Taylor, Langfeld, Highton, Mellor.		Total	61

BOWLING		BOWLING	
	O. M. R. W.		O. M. R. W.
Langfeld	3 ... 0 ... 15 ... 1	Wright	5 ... 2 ... 13 ... 2
Abram	6 ... 0 ... 26 ... 2	Bates	4 ... 0 ... 14 ... 0
Highton	1 ... 0 ... 9 ... 0	Heys	4 ... 0 ... 14 ... 2
Craven	3 ... 0 ... 10 ... 3	Blundell, R.	3 ... 0 ... 17 ... 0
		Blundell, C.	1 ... 0 ... 4 ... 0

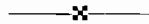
2ND XI v. ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2ND XI
 Played at Home on 1st July, 1939. Lost by 81 runs.

SCHOOL INNINGS		ORMSKIRK INNINGS	
Munday, l.b.w. b Stockley	2	Fishwick, b Thornley	1
Steward, l.b.w. b Milne	4	Grey, c and b Parkinson	7
Wilkinson, b Stockley	0	Brown, c and b Taylor	5
Taylor, c and b Milne	24	Mullin, b Parkinson	45
Thornley, c Sellars b Stockley ...	5	Price, b Parkinson	0
Sawbridge, c Grey b Milne	3	Renfrey, c Munday b Parkinson .	0
Wright, l.b.w. b Stockley	2	Sefton, c Hepburn b Parkinson ...	2
Edmondson, b Renfrey	1	Sellars, not out	11
Hepburn, c Brown b Renfrey	8	Bosanks, not out	50
Parkinson, b Stockley	0	Extras	10
Wilkinson, not out	3	Total (for 7 wkts.)	137
Extras	4	Did not bat: Milne and Stockley.	
Total	56		

BOWLING		BOWLING	
	O. M. R. W.		O. M. R. W.
Taylor	13 ... 4 ... 44 ... 1	Taylor	10 ... 2 ... 27 ... 3
Thornley	11 ... 4 ... 18 ... 1	Milne	10.3 ... 3 ... 19 ... 5
Wilkinson	5 ... 2 ... 15 ... 0	Stockley	1 ... 0 ... 6 ... 2
Hepburn	4 ... 0 ... 13 ... 0	Renfrey	
Parkinson	13 ... 1 ... 37 ... 5		

RUGBY

- OLD BOYS AND SCHOOL XV—*v.* an Army XV at home, November 15th. School won 17—0.
- 1ST XV—*v.* Cowley 1st XV at home, November 1st. School lost 22—3.
- “A” XV—*v.* Upholland Grammar School away, September 30th. Draw 11—11.
—*v.* Ormskirk Grammar School away, October 7th. Draw 11—11.
- 2ND XV—*v.* Cowley School away, November 1st. School lost 26—0.
- 3RD XV—*v.* Ormskirk Grammar School at home, October 7th. School won 24—8.
—*v.* Cowley School away, November 1st. School lost 24—8
- BANTAMS XV—*v.* Cowley School at home, November 1st. School lost 36—3.
- UNDER 16 XV—*v.* Merchant Taylors' at home, October 25th. School won 6—3.
—*v.* Merchant Taylors' away, November 15th. School lost 8—0.



DEBATING SOCIETY

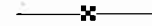
A committee of nine members was elected at the beginning of term from the Upper Fifth and all the Sixth forms. The members are L. B. Curzon (chairman), S. K. Runcorn (vice-chairman), D. G. Owen (secretary), D. S. B. Jones, W. D. Sharrocks, J. L. Craston, J. E. Birchall, J. Lancashire and J. B. Bardsley.

The Debating Society has appeared this term in a new form, as a compulsory part of the syllabus, but it is hoped that meetings will continue on much the same lines as before. At the time of writing, there have been two debates. S. K. Runcorn proposed that “The Pen is mightier than the Sword,” and the motion, opposed by J. Culshaw, was defeated by ten votes. The motion “That we should adopt the Continental Sunday,” was proposed

by R. L. P. R. Hepworth and opposed by D. M. Walbank. The motion was carried by a large majority.

On October 19th, Inspector Howarth came from the A.R.P. office to give an informative lecture on Air Raid Precautions in general. We offer him our sincere thanks for his trouble.

The School Play, climax of the Debating Society's Christmas term activities, has unfortunately had to be abandoned this year. D. G. O.



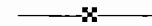
THE MUSIC SOCIETY

Our weekly practices have been held steadily throughout the term. The attendance has been rather low owing to difficulties of transport, some of the boys having to travel a long way home.

The society intends to carry on practising as long as lighting conditions allow. If the orchestra was stopped for the duration of the war it would take a long time to start again, and this would be a serious matter.

We are grateful to Mr. Higgins of the Bootle school staff for his help and to some of his boys who are coming and helping us at practices: by their addition the orchestra now boasts a flautist.

The violin Class has also been holding its usual lesson every Thursday after school. We are pleased to see that there are a few new members, and hope to see more boys joining. The orchestra will need some more new young violinists, as most of our elder boys will be leaving at the end of the year. K. B.



ART SOCIETY

In last term's Exhibition, the number of entries was at least up to the mark, and prizes were awarded to G. P. Wakefield, B. Hughes, D. G. Owen, L. R. Rigby, L. Atherton and A. R. Payne. The presence of a number of pencil portraits, drawn at last term's evening sessions, was a new feature in the Miscellaneous Section.

Maurice Johnson, Rigden and Bass, Old Boys and ex-members of the Society, brought numerous contributions, which were a source of great interest, especially to members.

At the end of last term we said goodbye to two very prominent members, G. P. Wakefield and L. R. Rigby. We have the consolation of knowing that Rigby has not given up Art.

Finally, an appeal to the powers that be to give us back facilities to carry on in the lighter days of next term. The problem ought not to be impossible of solution, but if it is not solved soon the Society will suffer severely D. G. O.

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SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Chairman—S. K. Runcorn.

Vice-Chairman—D. G. Owen *Secretary*—J. L. Craston

Committee—C. A. Johnson, R. C. Jones, B. Collinge, D. B. Marshall

Owing to the somewhat unusual circumstances, the Scientific Society meetings are now held each alternate Thursday afternoon in the Lecture theatre, when lectures are given by members of the Sixth Forms, no external lecturers being invited. Membership to the Society is restricted to the Sixth Forms, and is no longer voluntary.

E. Sunter was elected as representative of Sixth Commercial, but he left on October 21st, his place being taken by D. B. Marshall.

Up to the time of going to press, four meetings have been held, the first meeting being a general one for the election of officers.

At the second meeting three lectures were given by Messrs. R. C. Jones, D. G. Owen and C. A. Johnson, under the general title of "Motion Pictures." Each lecturer described his own particular branch of the subject in great detail.

For the next meeting Ackroyd had prepared a lecture on "Diesel Rail Traction," which he was going to give in conjunction with Hulm, but, owing to an unfortunate

accident, he was not able to give it, Hulm however, was able to present his talk. This was entitled "Steam Locomotion." The lecturer went systematically through the various parts of a modern locomotive, describing each section in a simple non-technical manner. Mr. N. S. Taylor then gave a short and somewhat humorous lecture on "The Nervous System."

At the last meeting of the Scientific Society, Lawrence gave a very interesting talk on "Alternating and Direct Current." The bench in the Lecture Theatre was strewn with apparatus, and the lecturer, by means of many experiments, pointed out the differences between A.C. and D.C.

When Lawrence had finished, a short lecture was given by Christie on "Printing."

So far, all the lectures have been of a very high standard and it is to be hoped that they will continue at this level

J. L. C.

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THE LITERARY SOCIETY

Chairman—L. B. Curzon. *Vice-Chairman*—D. S. B. Jones.
Secretary—W. D. Sharrocks.

This term marked the formation of a new School Society, and fortnightly meetings have been held in which members of VI Modern have discussed topics of literary interest.

On September 28th L. B. Curzon examined some of the more important works of H. G. Wells. The social philosophy of this great modern author was clearly and comprehensively defined, and, needless to say, several controversial points were raised.

On October 12th W. D. Sharrocks outlined the main ideas expressed in "Man and Superman," and drew attention to the theory of evolution which prompted Shaw to write this particular play.

Two works by J. B. Priestley came under consideration on October 26th. J. H. Leslie discussed his novel, "Faraway," and E. Pendlebury followed with a talk on

"I Have Been Here Before," a play written round the theory of "spiral time."

On November 9th A. R. Payne gave a lecture on "The Doctor's Dilemma," a play in which Bernard Shaw discusses the medical profession and its relation to the community.

W. D. S.

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PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The society has not been able to hold any meetings this term, on account of the present circumstances at school. It is hoped that its meetings will be resumed when affairs in general become more settled.

Last term, when the society started, there was a small subscription for all members. It was intended that some philatelic literature should be obtained with the proceeds, but, as it is not likely that there will be another meeting for some considerable time, the committee has decided to make a donation of this to the Earl Haig Fund.

The committee hope that all keen philatelists will take advantage of the dark evenings to develop their interests in their collections.

T. W. B.

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SCOUTS

The troop has carried on this term under considerable difficulties as evening meetings have not been permitted. Patrol meetings have been held on Friday afternoons, usually in the Air Raid Shelters and some Saturday meetings have been possible. The only change of note in the patrols has been the departure of the Eagle patrol leader A. D. Charnley to Liverpool University. N. G. Irving has taken charge of the patrol: otherwise leadership of patrols has not been altered. Two of the assistant scoutmasters, J. A. McBride and F. Roberts, were mobilised at the outbreak of war as territorials. They and all other old scouts who are serving have our sincere wishes for a speedy and safe return from abroad. At the end of the holidays and also during term much quiet work has been done to assist the local authorities in connection with emergency measures.

Towards the end of last term the troop won the general efficiency competition, thus adding to its previous success in ambulance. Patrol-leaders Charnley and Munday both became King's Scouts, and won their All-round Cards. They are to be congratulated on this success.

Camp was spent at Aberystwyth in weather so bad that descriptive words fail. The camp ground was flooded on one night and the troop slept at Lovesgrove. Although the older boys re-occupied the camp next day the younger boys slept at Lovesgrove for the remaining nights. We were pleased to welcome the Headmaster and Mrs. Millward to camp for five days, the first of which was the only fine day in the fortnight. To mark their appreciation of the way the boys stood up to the terrible weather conditions they have given the troop a new flag to replace the one they presented when the troop was founded in 1923.

Six Seniors spent two nights on the slopes of Plynlimon, four of them climbing to the top of the mountain. This trek of 32 miles entailed much hard work, but afforded the Seniors the opportunity of getting away from the routine of a standing camp and was appreciated.

At the end of camp Acting Patrol-leader D. D. Sherwood was promoted to the rank of Patrol-leader, and Acting-leaders N. D. Holt and J. Wilkinson to the rank of Second. A large number of tests were passed during the camp, but the usual cooking tests had to be abandoned, as also was the visit of Father Neptune!

The Jefferis Trophy for 1938-9 was won by the Beaver Patrol (Leader, D. D. Sherwood).

W. L. M.

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LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

Senior Librarians—

D. M. Payne, L. B. Curzon, W. D. Sharrocks.

*Junior Librarians—*D. S. B. Jones, A. R. Payne, D. M. Walbank, J. H. Leslie, H. Uttley, J. Krushevski, E. Eden, E. Pendlebury, G. P. Roberts.

As we are now sharing the premises with another school, it has been necessary to restrict the times at which the Library can be open. It has nevertheless been possible to

open the Library at 8-30 every morning before school so that boys who so desire can read the magazines. We have also by careful organisation been able to arrange for issues of books during the breaks.

We are grateful to the following for gifts of books: K. Bonney, J. Jennings, E. Pendlebury, J. E. Smalley.

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

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Half-Term	February 19th
Term ends	April 4th

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