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EDITORIAL

It is well known that in times of crisis there is a sudden change in the majority of men's minds, a change in which reason, cool thought and logic are banished to the winds. Prejudice, bigotry and wishful thinking become the order of the day and commonsense gives way to quite irrational thought. This is especially true in war time when every form of propaganda is used in an attempt to raise emotions to a state which knows not calm judgment, when every subtle device is employed to fan the smouldering embers of petty grievances and semi-mythical quarrels into a flame of blind and bitter hatred.

The present war has so far developed in a strange direction in which the dominant characteristic has been comparative inaction. As yet the mighty armies have not clashed and the guns have not spoken. Therefore, as is to be expected, we have not been subjected to the large scale propaganda which was so important a feature in previous conflicts. More than ever, then, is it essential that we prepare ourselves to resist the malicious influence of the crop of exaggerations and lies which will inevitably spring from the fertile soil of embittered passions. While there is yet time we must construct a dyke to protect us from the flood of propaganda which will sweep down and submerge all but the wary. And education will help us in our task.

It may be asked what is the place of our educational system in such a state of affairs. To such an enquiry we answer that in education, in the development of the scientific and reasoning mind, rests the only hope for the return to a sane and well-ordered society. To think for oneself, to examine ideas calmly and without bias, to listen sympathetically to the other man's point of view requires the balanced mind which is the hall-mark of a truly educated person. If Democracy is to be made a reality then education must first and foremost aim at producing citizens who realise their responsibilities as free men. They must be trained to think freely and rationally. The so called "education" in the Totalitarian states concentrates on the stifling of individuality and on the desirability of casting men's minds in one mould, a mould determined by fanatical and uncompromising doctrinaires. Such a system breeding intolerance and persecution is anathema to the liberal mind. Therefore we must realize the importance of education if we wish to prevent the intolerance and persecution which spring up as war fever spreads. The educated man must not allow himself to fall victim to the tyranny of the majority, a tyranny which condemns all those minorities who do not agree with the ideas of the day. He must not fear to side with a minority whose views, though unpopular, seem sound. He must not be one of the slaves who dare not be in the right with two or three.

The encouragement and development of individuality together with rational and constructive thought is needed more than ever in crises such as the present. It will bear fruit in a "well ordered society of free men" living in a harmony unmarred by troubles which are so obviously the results of unreason in politics and blind unthinking passion in the conduct of man to man.

"He is next to the gods whom reason, and not passion impels" wrote Claudian. Let his observation be ever-present, and ever-obvious in the results of our educational system.

THE EDITORS.

SCHOOL NOTES

VALETE

- GIBBONS, W., 1931-39.—Grear's, Upper VI Modern, School Certificate 1936, Higher School Certificate 1938, Prefect, 1st XV Colours 1937-8-9, Captain 1937-8-9, 2nd XI Colours 1937-8-9, Athletics Captain and Colours 1939, Swimming Captain 1939, School Captain 1939, Award of Merit R.L.S.S. 1936.
- JOHNSON, C. A., 1932-39.—Mason's, Upper VI Science, School Certificate 1936, Higher School Certificate 1938-39, Borough Scholarship 1938, State Scholarship 1939, Prefect, Secretary Crafts Society 1938-39, Chairman Scientific Society 1938-39.
- JONES, R. C., 1932-39.—Grear's, Upper VI Science, School Certificate 1936, Higher School Certificate 1938-39, Prefect, 2nd XV Colours 1938, Swimming team, Award of Merit R.L.S.S. 1938 (bar 1939), Vice-Chairman Scientific Society.
- OWEN, D. G., 1932-39.—Grear's Upper VI Science, School Certificate 1936, Higher School Certificate 1938-39, Borough Scholarship 1938, State Scholarship 1939, Exhibitioner Caius College, Cambridge 1939, Prefect, School Plays, Secretary Debating Society, Treasurer Art Society, Bronze Medallion R.L.S.S. 1939.
- UTTLEY, H., 1932-39.—Woodham's Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1939, School Orchestra, Librarian.
- ALCOCK, W. D., 1933-39.—Edwards', Lower VI Science, School Certificate 1939.
- HAMMERSLEY, P. C., 1933-39.—Edwards', VI Commercial, School Certificate 1939, Minor Scholar 1937.
- MELLOR, V., 1933-39.—Spencer's, VI Commercial, School Certificate 1939, 2nd XI Colours 1938-39, Colts 1937.
- MOSSCROP, A., 1933-39.—Leech's, Upper VI Modern, School Certificate 1938, Inter-School Athletics, Librarian.

- MOULSON, E., 1933-39.—Grear's, VI Commercial, School Certificate 1937.
- PEET, J., 1933-40.—Evans', Upper VI Science, School Certificate 1938.
- ROBERTSON, A. B., 1933-39.—Spencer's, Upper VI Modern, School Certificate 1937, Librarian, School Play.
- BIRCH, H. F., 1934-39.—Evans', VI Commercial, School Certificate 1939.
- BLAIR, K., 1934-39.—Leech's, Lower VI Science, School Certificate 1939.
- BUCHER, F. A., 1934-39.—Rogers', Upper Va Modern, School Certificate 1939, Inter-School Athletics 1939.
- HISCOCKS, A. W., 1934-39.—Evans', Lower VI Science, School Certificate 1939, Art Society.
- HOWARD, J., 1934-40.—Mason's, VI Commercial, School Certificate 1939.
- MALCOLM, A. D., 1934-39.—Mason's, Upper Vc, Inter-School Swimming.
- MALLINSON, P. M., 1934-39.—Edwards', Lower Vb Modern.
- SEALE, N., 1934-40.—Mason's, VI Commercial, School Certificate 1939.
- SMITH, A. H., 1934-39.—Evans', VI Commercial, School Certificate 1939.
- SMITH, E., 1934-39.—Edwards', VI Commercial, School Certificate 1938.
- STONELEY, W., 1934-39.—Mason's, Lower Vb Modern.
- SUNTER, E., 1934-39.—Grear's, VI Commercial, School Certificate 1939, Bantam Colours 1937, Captain 1939.
- TURNER, J. F., 1934-39.—Rogers', Lower Vb Modern.
- WIGNALL, H. J., 1935-40.—Spencer's, VI Commercial, School Certificate 1939.
- GIBSON, F. D., 1936-39.—Spencer's, Lower V Trans.
- LITTLE, F., 1936-39.—Evans', IVb Modern.
- WADDINGTON, J. I., 1938-39.—Rogers', IIIa.
- WAINWRIGHT, P., 1938-39.—Woodham's, IIIb.

CASH, D. L., 1939.—Evans', Lower Vb Modern.
HIBBS, G. F., 1939.—Evans', Upper Va Modern.

SALVETE

A. J. BENNETT, N. R. BONNEY, J. D. HANDYSIDE, G. H. HOGG, G. K. HOLMES, G. G. HORROCKS, J. A. E. JONES, H. B. MARLOW, G. E. G. OLIVER, K. J. ROPER, R. SAMUELS, J. G. SILK, R. L. STEVENS, J. C. TAYLOR, I. A. YOUNG.

D. G. Owen was successful in gaining an Exhibition for Mathematics at Caius College, Cambridge, in December last. He and C. A. Johnson are now in residence at Cambridge.

R. C. Jones has been appointed to a post in the Research Laboratory of the Standard Telephone Company, London.

W. Gibbons and A. V. Langfeld have been given clerical posts in the Ministry of Labour.

During this term an appeal was made to the School for the gift of books and magazines to be sent to men on active service. In a short time over 80 books were collected, and these have been despatched to a camp in Kent, where Captain R. J. Thompson is stationed. The gift has been much appreciated by the men in his camp.

In February it was decided to inaugurate a National Savings Group at the School. Each House formed a separate Group, and contributions have been received each Thursday morning. It is good to report that the membership is well over 120, and each week sees the number of contributors increased. We trust that many more boys will be in a position next term to take advantage of the facilities offered and to lend their savings to their country in this time of need. Thanks are due to the House Secretaries who have undertaken the work of collecting and the book-keeping in the various Houses.

At the Lancashire Spring Exhibition, held at the Harris Art Gallery, Preston, three works by Bernard Kay

were accepted for exhibition. Kay is in Form III and a very keen member of the Art Society, and we would like to congratulate him on his early success.

SCHOOL PREFECTS

S. K. Runcorn (Captain), N. Coulshed, B. Hughes, L. B. Curzon, W. D. Sharrocks, H. Markham, D. M. Payne, D. S. Jones, R. G. Munday, J. S. Deane, J. Hartley, R. T. Ackroyd, D. W. Smith, W. H. Scott, R. Abram, D. M. Walbank, J. K. Hulm, G. B. Hart.

HOUSE NOTES

EDWARDS'

In our House Notes for last term, we appear to have been too optimistic, as both House matches played after writing were lost, but we hope that we may be more successful in the matches to be played this term.

Owing to the fact that no House or School matches have been played to date, on account of the inclement weather, no comment is necessary on these activities.

Last term the House succeeded in obtaining fifth place in the Honours List, and we are aspiring to reach greater heights this term. As this issue will have been decided before these Notes are read, we can only urge members of the House to work hard next term, that we may occupy, as of old, the first place in this list.

We offer our congratulations to D. W. Smith on being appointed School Prefect, and to Thornley, Leslie, Dobson, Shanks, Eden, and Krushevski, who have been appointed House Prefects, and we express the hope that they will help the House in every way within their power.

We would like to remind boys that next term the Swimming qualifying competition takes place, and that the Holidays present an excellent opportunity for those who

cannot swim to learn to do so, in order that we may obtain a position higher than our usual one in this event. Also next term the Cricket, Sports and Gym Competitions take place, and these also must be practised for, if a high standard is to be attained.

The National Savings Scheme is a new institution in the School, and we would urge boys to participate in the Scheme for their own and their country's benefit. The joint secretaries for our House are Dobson and Thornley, who are doing their best to increase the House's membership.

We take this opportunity of wishing success to all members of the House who will be taking the S.C. and H.S.C. examinations in July, reminding them at the same time that our wishes alone are not sufficient to ensure a satisfactory result in the examination.

D. W. S.

EVANS'

The abnormal weather conditions which have prevailed throughout the first half of this term have put a stop to both School and House rugby fixtures, so that little can be reported.

The Senior Team has, however, managed to play one match, prior to these notes going to the press. This match against Leech's resulted in a victory for the House, despite the absence of some of the usual team.

Congratulations are due to Buck and Trimble on being awarded their Bantam Colours at the end of last term, and to G. E. Sanders and Newton, who were awarded Minor Scholarships.

The House has this term lost the services of J. Peet, H. Sawbridge and A. H. Smith. We wish them every success in their future careers.

We are pleased to see that a National Savings movement has been started in the school and hope that all boys will endeavour to make this a success.

The qualifications for the Athletic Sports will soon be upon us, and the boys in the House should now be getting ready to take part in these activities.

B. H.

GREAR'S

At the end of last term, the House was considerably weakened by the departure of W. Gibbons, R. C. Jones, and D. G. Owen. Gibbons, who has entered the Civil Service, will be greatly missed, as, in addition to being House captain for three years, he held office as captain of the School, of the first XV, of Athletics, and of Swimming. It will be found very difficult to fill the places of Gibbons and Jones in the swimming team. Owen has gone to Cambridge to take up an Exhibition at Caius, following upon his success in the State Scholarship examination. S. K. Runcorn has stepped into Gibbons' shoes as School and House captain, and our new House Secretary, W. H. Scott, has been appointed a Prefect. To both our congratulations are extended.

The weather has played havoc with the inter-house Rugby competition so far this term, and the senior team has been deprived of an early opportunity of consolidating its position at the head of the league table. Similarly the school football fixtures have been completely curtailed, but the House has been nominally represented in the 1st XV by W. H. Scott, I. Roe and J. Y. McDougall.

With a return to better weather conditions at the beginning of next term the Athletic Sports will be rapidly upon us, and if the sports trophies are once again to assume their accustomed position on the House-room wall after the lapse of the last twelve months members of the House will have to make a serious start with training during the holidays.

The House has not been strongly represented in Society membership this term, but S. K. Runcorn has been on both the Debating and Scientific Society committees, whilst D. B. Marshall has also figured on the latter.

W. H. S.

LEECH'S

Our last House notes, which were written in the middle of the autumn term, contained the remark that "up to the time of writing all the House matches we have played have been won." Unfortunately this state of affairs was

not to persist for long and a survey of last term reveals that out of seven matches played by our teams four were won and three were lost. Of all who have rendered service to the House by playing in the Rugby teams we record our appreciation. For a large part of this term there was a standstill in the Inter-House Rugby competition as weather conditions made it quite impossible to play any games, but conditions took a turn for the better towards the end of term and some of the postponed matches were played.

Turning to personalities we direct the spotlight on to R. Abram. We extend special congratulations to him because of two honours he has received this term. He has been awarded his 1st XV colours, and in addition he has become the third member of Leech's to be appointed a School Prefect. In a review of School Society activities we have noticed the mention of several members of the House. Christie is Chairman of the Art Society and Bishop is its Secretary; lectures have been given to the Scientific Society by Abram and Christie, and Jones and Curzon continue their work as officials of the Debating and Literary Societies. We have also been represented in the very few school matches which have been played this term. We would again issue a reminder to boys that all-round development involves their playing an active part in one of the School Societies.

This term was rounded off in the usual manner by the Trial examinations and we hope that all expectations of success were fulfilled. To all those who, before our next notes appear, will have entered for the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate examinations we wish the very best of luck.

L. B. C.

MASON'S

It appears that the high position held by the House at the end of the summer term was but a flash-in-the-pan, for last term a less honourable place was once more resumed. It is to be hoped that in this year's examination trials boys will help themselves and their House by striving to obtain a good result. In any case we wish all

candidates in the summer examinations the very best of good fortune.

So far this term the weather has put a ban on any football and all that can be reported are the results held over from last term. Of the concluding senior matches one was won, the other drawn, the House thus gaining on the three matches played three out of a possible six points. The juniors lost all matches, but we offer them the consolation that "the longest road has a turning" and the hope that they will reach that turning soon. It is unfortunate that the senior XV could not do better, for it has been greatly weakened this term by the loss of several members of long standing. We thank them for their past services and wish them all future success.

Among these was C. A. Johnson, who for the past year has been House Captain, and who had for a short time the additional honour of being School Captain. It is with our grateful thanks for the many services he has rendered that we offer him our best wishes for his career at Cambridge. He has been succeeded as House Captain by R. G. Munday and as School Prefect by D. M. Walbank.

It is pleasing to see that members of the House are giving energetic support to the School Societies. J. Birchall is secretary of the Upper V Debating Society, while J. L. Craston has held the same office in the Scientific Society. We hope that those in the middle school are taking advantage of the facilities offered by the Junior Debating Society and that they will prove to be a source of future strength to the senior body.

Finally, we would like to remind boys of the National Savings Movement that has been instituted in the school, and recommend them to help themselves and their country by contributing all they can.

D. M. W.

ROGERS'

Up to the time of writing, this term has been an unusually uneventful one as regards House activities,

adverse weather conditions having prevented any School or House Rugby matches taking place. Last term the House Senior Rugby team lost all three games played, while the juniors, despite the fact that they never, on any occasion, fielded a full team, won two encounters and suffered two defeats. It is to be hoped that both teams will have met with better success before these notes are published.

The Athletic Qualifications are taking place as usual this term and every fit member of the House will have a chance to do something in this sphere.

The Gym. Competition also lies in the near future, and we hope that the efforts of both the senior and junior teams will be attended with more success than was achieved last year.

It was pleasing to note at the end of last term a slight improvement in the number of points obtained by the House in the Honours list, especially as this was due in no small measure to the work of several new boys, a fact which is certainly a good omen for the future. It is to be expected that this improvement will at least be maintained this term.

The Higher School Certificate and School Certificate Trial Examinations will take place this term, and by the time the next issue of the Magazine appears the actual examinations will have been held. To all members of the House sitting for these examinations we wish the best of luck.

Finally, our congratulations are due to J. K. Hulm, on whom the responsibilities of a School Prefect have been conferred during the term.

J. K. H.

SPENCER'S

This term we have had nothing to report from the sports field owing to climatic conditions. Therefore the usual list of sports stars must be missing although the victory against Mason's juniors is a bright sign for future events.

We welcome to the House, one new boy, Horrocks, and hope that he has now settled down. We regret to

hear that P. H. W. Howarth has been ill, and hope that his health will improve.

Owing to Robertson's departure new House officials were nominated as follows:—

House Secretary—R. L. P. R. Hepworth.

House Prefects—J. E. Riding and V. Mellor. J. Hartley is House Vice-Captain and Gym. Captain in addition to his other offices.

Mellor has since left. We wish him every success in his new career.

Last term we did well in the Honours List with 51 points, but we hope the House will not rest on this but try to improve even on this performance.

In the Societies, curtailed as they are, several House members have shown up well, notably Hartley, Hepworth and Howarth. Hartley is vice-chairman of the Scientific Society.

We must convey good wishes to all Old Spencerians serving with the Forces, and hope for their safe preservation during the conflict.

Finally, we would remind the House that ours is almost the only House Room bare of trophies and we think our members should do something about this. The Gymnastic Competitions would appear to be the most obvious opportunity for remedying this state of affairs. But we do not advise them to follow the example of Mellor training for the Fleet Air Arm and get up at 5-30 a.m. to do drill!

R. L. P. R. H.

WOODHAM'S

The School, and particularly the House, has suffered a great loss by the death of Pilot Sergeant F. M. Pennell, who will be long remembered for his organising ability and outstanding physical prowess. Under his captaincy the House dominated the field of sport. He was unsurpassed at swimming, except perhaps by his brother, with whom he established most of the present School records. Unsparing in his efforts for the House, we

believe he more than justified his service motto, "Per Ardua ad Astra."

We hope that candidates for School Certificates and Higher School Certificates have made the best use of their time in view of the proximity of the trial examinations.

It gives great pleasure to note the enthusiastic response the House has given to the recently inaugurated National Saving Group in the School. Tomlinson and Jones have kindly undertaken to do the necessary clerical work for the House.

In the Inter-House Rugby Competition two fixtures were left unplayed at the end of the autumn term and none has been played this term up to the time of going to press. If it is found impossible to play any House matches this term, we hope the House will not neglect its physical fitness, since it is of the utmost importance that we should do well in the forthcoming Athletic qualifications and Gym. competition.

We congratulate Hart on being made a School Prefect. For the past two years Hart has instructed boys in swimming and life-saving with a keenness which is as admirable as it is rare.

R. T. A.

UNIVERSITY LETTERS

Gonville and Caius College,
Cambridge.

February 22nd, 1940.

To the Editors of the "Red Rose."

SIRS,—Since last term the number of Old Georgians at the University has been increased from two to four, thus theoretically reducing the term's literary effort of each by half. But in actual fact it has had the effect of passing on all the responsibility for this term's effusion to one of the newcomers. Some have greatness thrust upon them

In deference to Southport's overwhelming display of Arctic phenomena, with accounts of which our correspondents have covered incredible areas of paper,

we will not boast of our own climatic discomforts; acute though they have been. But Cambridge must surely have come out on top in the matter of influenza. Though reputed to be an inferior type, it has claimed at least one victim in five at Caius alone. The unfortunate thing, from our point of view, is that so few of the lecturers found it preferable to take their beds rather than to wait for their audiences to do so en masse. It would have been so much simpler.

It must proudly be chronicled that J. R. L. has now become the Captain of the University Judo Club, and has high hopes of his team's success in the coming clash with Oxford. In addition, R. S. H. has rowed this term in St. Catherine's First Boat. On the subject of rowing, an interesting grammatical point has emerged. C. A. J.'s introduction to the not-so-gentle art was, perhaps unfortunately, in an eight of some experience. The question arose whether to use the active or passive voice of the verb "to row." In other words, *did* he row, or *was* he rowed? But in all honesty, the writer must admit that rowing is not his own strong point. In fact, he doesn't row.

We are, Sir, yours faithfully,

C. U. O. G. S.

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

February 21st, 1940.

To the Editors of the "Red Rose."

SIRS,—After the publication of the last University letter your correspondent's very existence became almost intolerable. Sought high and low, menaced with dreadful threats, he became the prey of all those Old Georgians upon whose activities at Liverpool he had passed illuminating comment. Irate parents upon reading his letter, it appeared, had suddenly suspected that unless immediate action was taken the money they had invested in the higher education of their sons might not show

adequate returns. The results of the several actions accordingly taken, although, directly, of undoubted benefit to the gentlemen concerned, proved, indirectly, wholly disastrous to your well-meaning correspondent. It is, then, solely out of consideration for our personal safety that we make the following claim: all Old Georgians at Liverpool University are working very hard indeed.

Their industry was somewhat interrupted by the remarkable fall of snow experienced early in the term. Those who must have their little grumble are still to be heard colourfully recounting how they boarded the eight twenty-five at Chapel Street, to get out two hours later still at Chapel Street, or alternatively five hours later at Exchange. But of course these hours were not wasted; they were spent in profitable study.

The only event of major importance this term was Panto Week. For various reasons it was decided that fancy dress should give place to academic dress and the customary procession through the streets was abandoned. Much as we should have delighted to give a full review of the ensembles favoured by Old Georgians we are therefore unable to do so. Panto Day itself fell on a Saturday memorable only on account of a record snow-fall. The total collections were not very high.

Hoping that the hot water (which we remember so affectionately) is once again flowing freely round your pipes and that your stores of anthracite (we, at least, believed N.S.T.) are sufficient to carry you through whatever Arctic temperatures next term may bring.

We are, Sirs, yours faithfully,

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY OLD GEORGIANS.

The Engineering Dept.,
Manchester University.
February 24th, 1940.

To the Editors of the "Red Rose."

SIRS,—In the absence of any particularly interesting news, we propose to tell you about one of the branches

of research which have been developed here at the University during recent years.

Some years ago a scheme to put a barrage across the River Severn was under consideration. The difference of level produced at the barrage as the tide rose and fell would be used to produce electricity by means of turbo-alternator sets. It was, however, impossible to foretell the effect of the barrage on the river, particularly with regard to silting of the navigation channels serving the ports on the estuary.

To investigate the problem, a scale model of the Severn, extending as far upstream as Gloucester, was constructed in the Engineering Department. In the model, which was about 50 feet long, rock was represented by cement and sand was used for the river bed material. The tides were produced by a mechanism which took into account the lunar cycle. The time scale of a model bears a fixed relationship to the linear scale; in this case the time for one complete tide was in the neighbourhood of a minute.

To ascertain how closely the model followed the behaviour of the actual river, it was first built according to a survey of nearly a century ago. The model was then operated until it "caught up" to the present, when the river bed was found to compare satisfactorily with a recent Admiralty survey of the Severn. A float placed in the water of the model followed a similar course to that taken by a float in the actual river, showing that the various currents were accurately reproduced. Even the Severn "bore" occurred in the model.

Thus it was possible to predict any changes in the water levels and channels in the river bed which would be caused by the introduction of a barrage. Models of other rivers have since been made, usually to investigate the improvement of navigation channels.

We trust that this brief description has conveyed some idea of one of the many contributions which the University is continually making towards progress.

I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,

B. H. S. (M.U.S.O.G.).

St. Patrick's Hall,
Reading.

February 22nd, 1940.

To the Editors of the "Red Rose."

SIRS,—The University's sport has been considerably affected by the weather so far this term, as you will no doubt realise. Nevertheless, we have given a good account of ourselves on Rugger and Soccer fields.

Rowing has been impossible owing to our inability to distinguish between the Thames and the surrounding flooded countryside.

An epidemic of influenza and German Measles has also prevented many from taking exams. this term.

To those who are contemplating dairying as a career, this is the only University offering a Diploma in the subject.

Once more, I wish to point out that although there are many Lancashire men in this University, the school is represented by only one. I hope to see some other Old Georgians here next session.

I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,

F. SETTLE.

Saltley College,
Birmingham, 8.
Tuesday.

To the Editors of the "Red Rose."

SIRS,—I trust that I am not too late with my letter for the "Red Rose." There is, I regret to say, very little to write about.

After a short holiday the Spring term opened on January 4th. Examinations began almost immediately and lasted for a week. Needless to say, I was greatly relieved when the ordeal was over. The results were much better than I anticipated, and consequently I was quite pleased with my performance. There is plenty of room for improvement, however, and I hope to do much better next time.

This term I have entered one new realm of activity: I have become a member of the College choir. Although I only recently learned to play chess I managed to survive one round of the Chess Tournament, which was held during the early part of the term. This was probably due to the fact that my opponent in the first round was also a beginner. I have again been leading the attack of the College 2nd XI with a fair amount of success and have also been continuing my O.T.C. training.

There has been no half-term, and unfortunately the Easter vacation will also be much shorter than usual. But realising that "Half a loaf is better than no bread" I don't intend to grumble, and am eagerly looking forward to March 15th, which will bring the term to a close.

Yours truly,

H. COUNSELL.

Borough Road College,
Isleworth,
Middlesex.

February 29th, 1940.

To the Editors of the "Red Rose."

SIRS,—With habitual academical conceit, I turned over the pages of the summer edition of the "Red Rose," until I arrived at my correspondence to your editors. To my great astonishment I found that a portion of my letter had been cut out. In other words it had been censored. I must object as a student. Democracy, so I am persuaded to believe, embraces a multitude of ideals. One of these is the freedom of speech. Now my objection is based on the fact that students, especially those in our country, are sentimentally democratic. Let anyone try to take away our liberty, and we will do our utmost to create "a spot of bother." So, once again, allow me to say that I object to the censoring of my letters, even though they be complaints against the world in general, and college life in particular.

Apart from the above, I have very little to mention. Sport here is at a standstill owing to the inclemency of

our unfortunate climate. My dearly beloved League of Nations Union Society has been practically "interned" because of the war effort of the college, and other activities seem to have been in hibernation for a considerable period. The students must have been affected by the international situation, because their only occupation this term has been to prepare for the final examinations in Education—its principles, and, its practice—which take place in March.

And, with the knowledge that my certificate will ultimately land me in the Royal Navy.

I remain, yours faithfully,
"APIS."

[Our correspondent really ought to have known better than to send his private complaints about his College to us. That is not our affair.—Ed.]

The College,
Chester.

February 24th, 1940.

To the Editors of the "Red Rose."

SIRS,—The dismal and dreary state of the weather during this term has had its effect on College activities. The cogs of the daily-routine machine have dragged us round in their path, and only very rarely have we escaped. Rag Day came and went without waking us a great deal from our lethargy. Indeed, on a cold, drab, wintry day it is hardly to be expected that we should whip ourselves into the devil-may-care spirit which is generally expected on these occasions. What little enthusiasm was aroused soon waned when the day had passed.

The 'flu epidemic has now almost petered out. Only Woodall of our trio has succeeded in remaining erect throughout the term. I think our friend must have greater reserves than we twain; he certainly has more capacity.

At present this latter gentleman is kept fully occupied, since the period of Final School Practice is now ensuing for the second year. We juniors are relatively inactive, save for drawing illustrations, which job is pushed on to us in order to relieve the pressure of writing up lessons for the morrow.

Elections for officials to the various clubs and societies have lately been taking place, from the first year. The purpose has been to ensure that activities in these directions shall not be allowed to flag during the enforced absence of the seniors. R. H. has been fortunate in being elected Chairman of the Literary Society as well as Secretary to the Cricket Club. H. P. has been put in charge of College dances, and, although this is not official, is almost certain to be elected Captain of Badminton.

Forgive me for this rather uninteresting communiqué, but indeed there has been nothing important to report.

I remain, Sirs, yours faithfully,

R. HASLAM

(on behalf of the Chester Old Georgians).

OLD BOYS' NEWS

ROLL OF HONOUR

F. M. PENNELL, Pilot Sergeant, R.A.F. Killed in a flying accident, January 6th, 1940.

MARRIAGE

Robert Edwin Westby to Mary Brenda Ball, at Marshside Methodist Church, January 27th, 1940.

H. Lewis has passed the second examination for M.B.

E. F. B. Cadman has passed the second examination for M.B., and Ch.B., with distinction in Anatomy.

K. H. Slatter has passed the second examination for M.B., and Ch.B.

OLD BOYS' LETTERS

[We print below extracts from letters of Old Boys.]

Calcutta,

23rd November, 1939.

To the Editors of the "Red Rose."

SIRS,—Perhaps you would like to know of some of my doings during my year in India. Ever since my trips to France on the pupil exchange system I seem to have had wanderlust in my blood! Christmas holidays were spent with friends in Upper Assam, where I had my first glimpse of the snows and my first taste of the jungle. Spring holidays saw me trekking in the Himalayas, through Sikkim to Tibet. The Everest and Kanchenjunga ranges

just leave one speechless. Some of the time we were on the heels of the German Himalayan expedition. We didn't go terribly high—about 16,000 feet—but it brought back vivid memories of Sixth Form expeditions from Newlands. Among my adventures were being given a K.O. by a boulder (almost for good), and a thrilling ride on a railway trolley from Darjeeling during which the acetylene tank blew up!

September holidays were spent more peacefully at Puri, one of the Hindu holy places and home of the Juggernaut. There's a marvellous beach there.

In Calcutta much of my spare time has been taken by dramatic and radio work. I was lucky enough to get the lead in a production of W. H. Auden's recent play, "The Ascent of F6," which, with its Tibetan setting, proved very fascinating: then at School I designed a stage and produced two plays. On the radio I have been doing the regular School broadcasts, on English Literature, and take part in evening programmes: "Hamlet" is just going into rehearsal. Two plays I wrote for broadcasting have been performed and repeated and I'm busy on two more at present.

PERCY SNAPE.

France.

12th December, 1939.

To the Editors of the "Red Rose."

SIRS,—We are at present billeted in a new red-brick village which, in the last war, was razed to the ground and which has been rebuilt by the old inhabitants who returned after the German retreat of 1918. The surrounding countryside still shows the scars of that struggle and the horrors still remain in the minds of the older people. It is these people who appreciate our presence here and show us every consideration.

My French, as you will probably recollect, was never my strong point at school, but it has stood me in good stead since my arrival. I find a great difference, however, between the written and the spoken word.

R. F. HOLDEN.

Singapore,

Straits Settlements.

February 2nd, 1940.

To the Editors of the "Red Rose."

SIRS,—I've taken up a new kind of art study now—namely, photography. The next step will be tinting my snaps. There are some marvellous buildings round this district—nearly every nation in the world is represented here—and there are temples all around Singapore that make excellent subjects; there are Mosques, Siamese, Buddhist, Chinese, Balinese, Burmese, Indian, Tamil and even more kinds of temples.

It's a very interesting and colourful country. There are snakes, birds, animals, and insects of every description, and I could write for weeks about the things I've done and seen.

The town of Singapore is teeming with people of every nationality, and I'm never tired of going down there: one sees new things every time.

H. L. BALDWIN.

Hoylake.

11th March, 1940.

To the Editors of the "Red Rose."

SIRS,—I have been appointed School Dental Surgeon to schools in the Hoylake area under the Cheshire County Council Public Health Scheme, for the duration of the war.

The job is excellent and I am just beginning to realise what an art there is in handling children. Here are a few details which you might like to know in case any of your pupils are thinking of taking up dentistry. The course is now five years for L.D.S. and five and a half years for B.D.S. Bursaries are available to certain L.D.S. students, but not to those taking B.D.S. The work itself is hard if you wish to hold your own, but not too hard. It is merely a long steady pull, because the frequency of the exams. keeps one at work.

The possibilities? Well, my own is the only job I can say much about: it requires patience with children and tact with head teachers, because all our work is done on

the school premises. The hours are, of course, school hours, after which a certain amount of writing up has to be done at home. Salaries vary in different places from a minimum of £350 p.a. to a maximum of £750 p.a. approximately, depending on experience, length of service, whether there is a senior surgeon, and many other things.

J. S. LONEY.

" GENEVA "

On Saturday, March 10th, certain members of the VI Forms visited the Garrick Theatre to see a performance of G. B. Shaw's play, " Geneva."

Since the visit there has been widespread discussion on the merits of the play. It is generally accepted that little or no plot is involved. It has even been suggested that " Geneva " is not a play at all. Various characters who have little bearing on the development of the action are introduced, and most of the play consists of discussion, the general theme being the summoning of various dictators to the International Court of the Hague on charges brought by citizens of their respective countries.

The play opens in the International Office of Intellectual Co-operation at Geneva, where we are highly amused by a humble Camberwell maiden, Miss Begonia Brown, who is in charge of the bureau. Unfortunately, the inactivity of the League of Nations, which Shaw represents by means of the state of the office at Geneva, is " too true to be good." A Jew, whose property has been confiscated and who has been forced to go into exile by Herr Battler, a worker who protests against the abolition of his democratic rights, a woman from the Republic of the Earthly Paradise who is a murderess and whose husband has been assassinated by the new dictator of that country, all lay their complaints before Miss Begonia Brown. An indignant bishop of the Anglican Church is mortified by the statements of the Soviet delegate to the League, and finally drops dead when told that Russia has no paupers. In the following act we learn how a catastrophe threatens to break up civilisation owing to Miss Begonia Brown's sudden and dashing emergence from her former obscurity (along with her L.C.C. scholarship).

The third act is by far the most important of the play, and it takes place in the Office of the League at the Hague. Shaw probably wrote the play for the benefit of this act. Signor Bombardone is the first to arrive, and

enters the court resplendent in a splendid toga and a laurel wreath, reminiscent of the days of the magnificent Roman Empire. Present at the inquiry is Sir Orpheus Midlander, the British Foreign Secretary, a typical member of the old school of English diplomacy, who made his first amusing appearance in the second act, dressed in the height of Ascot fashion. Miss Begonia Brown (now M.P. for Camberwell, along with her L.C.C. scholarship!) is also at the sitting of the League Committee, with her fiancé.

Signor Bombardone is a bumptious individual who says that he has created an Empire for his country by the addition of some conquered territory in Africa. This is, of course, very significant. Yet we cannot help admitting that Bombardone, Herr Battler, and General Flanco de Fortinbras (the two latter arrive later) are only about as much like their European counterparts in character and views as the well-known caricatures of the dictators in the newspapers are to their real appearances. The author does not represent them in every detail. Signor Bombardone recounts his achievements in a stentorian voice, and argues with the working man, who accuses him of attempting to destroy democracy.

When Herr Battler arrives to the accompaniment of strains of martial music from Wagner's "Lohengrin," and wearing a dress similar to that of the opera's principal character, he begins to put forward the arguments which we know well, and in the hysterical tones we also are accustomed to hear from the individual whom he is intended to represent. Bombardone and he are both jealous of one another and both resent their actions being questioned. Meanwhile, in true British style, Sir Orpheus has fallen fast asleep, and waking in time to hear threats of war, threatens Battler in the English style, by talking about knocking the stuffing out of him. It is worth noting that when another person pronounces a Latin phrase incorrectly, in Sir Orpheus' opinion, while making a declaration, the Harrow old-boy draws a red-herring across the trail by trying to rectify the mispronunciation in true Parliamentary fashion.

General Flanco de Fortinbras makes his entrance in a beautiful uniform of blue and gold, and also argues with his fellow-dictators. He astounds Bombardone by telling him that the soldiers of his (Bombardone's) country can only fight under the command of the Catholic officer and gentleman, Fortinbras, who has successfully overthrown the "government of cads" in his country. Towards the end of the discussion, the Court of the League of Nations is horrified to hear the news that Battler's forces have invaded Ruritania. The judge finally declares that he gives everyone up as hopeless, and the Court adjourns.

G. B. Shaw evidently desires in his humorous play to demonstrate the horror and utter futility of war, and the present sterility of the League. After all, how could the League of Nations ever hope to succeed in its appointed task, when several of the world's most powerful and influential countries have withdrawn from it? The futility of the League of several Nations is due to the fact that it is nothing more than a means of preserving the territorial *status quo* of the world, to the material benefit of the victorious nations in the Great War.

G. W.

ON LOCHNAGAR

Thou purple mountain of the icy loch,
Upon whose towering height I stand and gaze;
From whose broad, barren back a myriad burns
Flow babbling down to meet the lovely Dee;
How dark and dreadful is thy lofty peak!
How wildly beautiful thy heather sides!
Which we, poor humans, insect-like, crawl up,
And having gained the top we marveling stand
To see the wonder of the mountain view.
To West, on the horizon's furthest bound,
Even dwarfing great Schiehallion's majesty,
And making Ben-y-Gloe but seem a hill,
The wonderous peak of Nevis rises high,
And towers, above all other challengers,
The King apparent of this rocky realm.
Ben Lomond and the misty Cuillin hills,
Two courtiers upon his right and left,
Attend the orders of their King and Lord.
To South, o'er highland glens, o'er Tay and Forth,
O'er Sidlaw's range and grassy Ochil hills,
But in the distance faint, the lowland heights
Of Pentland strive toward the cloudy sky.
Eastward, across the fast declining hills,
The waters of the Northern Ocean gleam.
And turning to the North, to Ben Macdhui
And the Cairn Gorms, who rear their stately heads
From the valleys and the pine woods to the clouds,
More rugged grandeur meets my ravished eye.

Though men may fight and strive in bloody war,
And worldly states may rise and crashing fall,
The grim, dark mountains of the unspoilt North
Securely stand and praise their Maker's name,
And as I gaze upon those purple slopes,
And lift mine eyes to yonder craggy peaks,
I bow before the Maker of us all
And offer up my humble thanks and praise.

D. S. B. J.

NIGHT TRAIN

The dreary rain in slanting lines
Drenched o'er the old stone bridge
Whose barrel arch the cutting spanned
Among the lofty firs,
That towering mingled with the night
Of whirling banks of black.
Through the tree-tops howled an icy blast
But silence slept below.
Shrieking with high-pitched rising note
A maddened monster came
With pulse athrob and belching stack
And terror-thudding wheels.
Beneath the trembling little bridge
This drunken dragon roared
And disappeared in noise and storm
Around the hidden curve.
The smell of oil and sooty fume
Came stealing through the night,
With silent tread like prisoners
Escaped from some high jail.
The racket faded; all was quiet
Save for the shivering rain
And the wind-ghosts humming along the wires
Aloft in the darkness.

A. R. P.

BEAUTY

A night or two ago, suffering from insomnia, I vainly sought relief. I listened to the ticking of the clock. It ticks rather loudly . . . Tick-Tock, Tick-Tock . . . Suddenly I said to myself: "Study the first beautiful thing that comes into your head." To my amazement, I thought of a daffodil. I do not know why it should be so; I have never remarked to myself deliberately that a daffodil was beautiful and yet the fact remains: it is.

This started me off seriously considering. Why was the foremost thing of beauty in my subconscious mind a daffodil? I have often sat at sunset in August looking from my bedroom window. I could see the sky splattered with blood as if from an artist's careless brush, whilst the

crimson part-sphere of the sun sank into the silvery looking-glass of the sea. I have studied multi-coloured flowers overcrowded round the village bowling green, and swaying almost imperceptibly to the slight breeze, the only relief from the midsummer sun. And then I have seen the starlings clustered together in a horribly bare tree, their feathers ruffled as they protected each other from the icy wind which murmured mournfully round the countryside. A grimmer kind of beauty . . . And yet when I asked myself to think of a beautiful thing, a daffodil appeared in all its simplicity. It seemed strange.

But, growing drowsier, I argued to myself that simplicity was the essence of beauty. The daffodil is so unobtrusive that its beauty is not marked down consciously but secretly stored away. Like all truly beautiful things it does not arouse passion but gives a quiet lasting pleasure. It does not force itself upon us, but is delicately engraved upon the memory. And in this simplicity and tranquility its beauty lies . . .

And then I must have slept for I stopped considering.

H. L.

STORM

On high the darkening firmament
Resounds with rumbling thunder;
Swiftly a fiery filament
Cleaves the clouds asunder.

And now the scowling heavens are rent
By the horrid din of war;
Beneath the storm the trees are bent,
The rivers hiss and roar.

Precipitous the storm-clouds cast
Their steely, piercing rods;
The earth is shaken by the blast,
The rage of angry gods.

The clouds dissolve, the battle clears,
A smudgy sheet of blue
In the war-scarred heavens reappears,
The earth is fresh and new.

With clearer note the songbirds' hymns
In swelling choir increase;
On the last shower the sunlight limns
The rainbow arch of peace. D. M. P.

"FOR MURDER THOUGH IT HAVE NO TONGUE WILL SPEAK . . ."

James Meade sat in the police station.

"A mere formality," the officer had said. "We only want your statement on this unfortunate affair."

And, as he wrote, "I, James Henry Meade, gentleman, do hereby declare, etc.," his mind went back over many years of plotting and planning.

For a long time Horatio Seymour and Thomas Asten, both famous actors, had vied with each other in their ever-increasing lists of successes. Then Asten was knighted for his services to the stage—and Seymour was not. Seymour's jealous rage knew no bounds, and from that January morning when the Honours List had appeared, he was resolved to kill his rival.

For years he made his preparations. As the bank balance of Horatio Seymour slowly dwindled, that of James Meade increased. Gradually the dual personality was evolved; the new character was by degrees moulded and dovetailed into its surroundings. While his appearances as his former self became less numerous, those as a country gentleman became more frequent. To so accomplished an actor the playing of another part, even if it were for the rest of his life, would not present great

difficulty, and the Seymourean gestures, famed in the popular press, could easily be dispensed with, for they had been assumed in the first place, for the sake of publicity. Further, his locks tousled to be different from the usual "sleekly groomed head," could be tidied and rendered immaculate with ease. The creation of another form of writing had been a more difficult matter, but many years of daily practice, of which all evidence was burnt, had enabled Meade to perfect a hand that could not be identified with that of Seymour.

Then came the last straw. Asten had an even greater success, and Seymour's rival attempt proved to be his first failure. Fate had decided this was the moment for the now completed plan to be put into action. The next evening Seymour visited the great man's house, and beneath the apparently friendly greeting ran a strong undercurrent of hostility. Even as the knight raised his glass, his affable manner was marred by an ill-concealed air of condescension and superiority, which fanned Seymour's burning anger to a white heat. As his enemy turned to pick up his press-book, Seymour seized the heavy decanter, and, at short range, crashed it into the back of his rival's skull. Asten fell, his head spattered with whiskey and blood. Seymour, revenged, ran out of the house.

Swiftly the police net closed round him, and he made no apparent effort to avoid it. Then Horatio Seymour made his last appearance on this mortal stage.

James Meade wrote on: "When I was about a hundred yards from the bridge, I saw a figure standing on the parapet. I shouted, and he turned on hearing my voice. Then with a magnificent gesture of contempt, he jumped. By the time I had reached the bridge there was no sign of him, for the stream is deep and swift, and where it flows into the sea there is a strong current." (That would explain the failure to recover a body, thought Meade.) "There was, however, a coat placed on the wall, and on it was pinned a note saying that Horatio Seymour was now going to meet Sir Thomas Asten in the next world, where he was sure the denizens of the nether region would

show true appreciation of the differences in their ability.

"Moreover," continued Meade's statement, "I have seen the unfortunate Seymour in one of his plays, and the figure I saw seemed to resemble him physically. There can be little doubt that the crazed murderer anticipated the course of justice."

"True enough, sir," said the officer over his shoulder, "His hat has been washed up. Would you please sign that?"

"A pleasure," answered Meade, dipping his pen with a flourish, and putting it to the paper.

"Signed, Hor . . ."

The intricate "H" and formless scrawl which had graced so many autograph books and decorated so many photographs could not be suppressed. Already he felt the hand of the law on his shoulder.
D. M. W.

A BLACK-OUT INCIDENT

"Oh! I am very sorry," I said politely,
Inwardly cursing the black-out ;
But the dark and stiff object, looming in front of me,
Did not even make an effort to acknowledge my apology,
And furthermore,

It made no attempt to move out of my way.

"Strange,"

I said to myself, lifting a hand
To feel this stubborn and awkward body.
A ray, a gleam of light.

Ah! hope at last; while the passer-by, carrying
My only hope in his hand, his precious ray of light,
Shouted,

"Trying to walk through the sandbags, pal?"

E. L.

COAL

Millions of years ago
I was a massive tree,
In a forest as dark as night
And as deep as the deep blue sea.

From year to year I sank
Into the swampy ground,
And the rotted vegetation
Fell everywhere around.

Down in the depths of the earth
I changed from wood to stone,
With thousands of other trees:
I was not there alone.

Men came down deep dark pits,
With shovel, pick, and drill,
And a little safety lamp
The pit with light to fill.

They cut me from the ground,
And took me to the head;
The sun had not yet risen,
And the world was still quite dead.

They conveyed me to the town,
Which now was full of life,
To keep the home fires burning
In these dreadful days of strife. R. E. B.

RUGBY

Owing to the weather the School Rugby fixtures have been severely curtailed. As a result, it is thought that there is not sufficient evidence to make the usual comments on the players in the 1st XV.

N. C.

DEBATING SOCIETY

Since the publication of last term's notes certain changes have been made in the membership of the committee, which now consists of L. B. Curzon (chairman), S. K. Runcorn (vice-chairman), W. D. Sharrocks (secretary), D. S. B. Jones, J. Hartley, D. Cox, J. E. Birchall, J. Lancashire and J. B. Bardsley.

On November 16th the society departed from its normal routine by staging a General Knowledge Bee. A team drawn from VI Modern and the Upper Fifts defeated VI Science and VI Commercial in a contest which was enlivened by occasional flashes of unconscious humour. A spirited debate was held on November 30th, and was followed on December 14th by an "I Protest" meeting, several speakers seizing this opportunity to voice their personal grievances.

This term only two meetings have been held as these notes go to press. On January 18th R. L. P. R. Hepworth proposed "That European Federal Union is Essential for World Peace," E. R. McLean opposing. The motion was carried by 80 votes to 50. The meeting on February 15th took the form of a Mock Parliamentary Debate. The resolution, "That this House has every confidence in the Government's prosecution of the war," was moved by D. M. Walbank and opposed by W. D. Sharrocks as Leader of the Opposition. After a debate suitably punctuated by minor interruptions, a division was taken and it was found that the "Noes" had a majority of thirty votes.

W. D. S.

LITERARY SOCIETY

Two lectures given towards the end of last term were not recorded in the preceding notes. On November 23rd E. R. McLean discussed John Gunther's "Inside Asia," a book describing Asiatic life as seen through American eyes. J. Krushevski, in his talk on December 7th, dealt with "Strife," one of John Galsworthy's best-known plays. Here the author is concerned with the practicability of compromise as a solution to the bitterest disputes.

This term some meetings have been devoted to play-readings of "Twelfth Night" and "The Tempest." It is hoped that these play-readings have achieved the desired effect, namely, the promotion of a better acquaintance with the works of the immortal Bard of Avon. With this pious wish, we feel bound to add that although the dramatic interpretation of these plays fell short of the standards of a David Garrick or a Henry Irving, nothing was lacking in the way of enthusiasm.

On January 25th D. S. B. Jones examined the plays of J. M. Barrie, drawing particular attention to the quaint but effective manner in which the author of "Peter Pan" and "Dear Brutus" expresses his ideas. D. M. Walbank followed on February 22nd with a lecture on "St. Joan." In this play Bernard Shaw, in his own inimitable fashion, attempts to explode the myths commonly associated with Joan of Arc's martyrdom.

W. D. S.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Chairman—S. K. Runcorn; Vice-Chairman—J. Hartley; Secretary—D. A. Cox; Committee—N. Coulshed, B. Collinge, D. B. Marshall, R. T. Ackroyd, J. K. Hulm.

The Society has only been visited by one external lecturer this term. This was on January 25th when Mr. Watts gave a much appreciated lecture on the Solar System. He discussed Sun spots, comets and the so-called canals on Mars, illustrating the subject with many lantern slides.

The other lectures have all been given by boys of the school and have reached a very high standard. It has been evident that each lecturer has a considerable knowledge of his subject and has spent much time and thought in the preparation of its presentation. This has been especially shown when questions were put to the lecturer—a time when a revealing light is turned upon his knowledge and his skill.

The audience has shown from its questions that it, too, has been keenly interested in the various subjects.

On November 9th last term N. Coulshed discussed the topical subject of Aircraft Design with reference to alloys and drag. At the same meeting J. S. Deane dealt with the various stages in the development of the sailing ship.

On November 23rd W. R. Shanks gave an interesting talk upon the exploration of the atmosphere, in particular Professor Piccard's ascent. H. F. Taylor then dispersed the mysteries of conjuring in his lecture entitled "Magic."

On December 7th H. Markham gave a lecture on "Carotenoids," pointing out the function of them in plants and animals and the connection between vitamins and health. N. A. Gordon gave an interesting discourse on the development of the motor car. He also dealt with the pioneers of the industry and the developments of the commercial car.

On January 11th R. T. Ackroyd lectured on "Diesel Rail Traction." He compared the Diesel engine with the petrol engine, and pointed out the requirements of the Diesel engine used for rail traction.

On February 8th D. Stewart described the development of rayon manufacture and R. Abram discussed the silk stocking industry.

On February 22nd R. L. P. R. Hepworth gave an amusing lecture on plastics, describing their manufacture and properties. He was followed by P. H. W. Howarth on the ever-interesting subject of photography.

S. K. R.

MUSIC SOCIETY

Our meetings, like the meetings of every other School Society, have been interrupted by the break in school routine caused by the snow in the early part of the term. The society is sorry to have to report that owing to their lack of enthusiasm some members who were in a position to attend rehearsals did not do so until nearly half term.

We must once again appeal to the school for new members for the society, as most of our members are in the senior part of the school and will soon be leaving. The violins form the backbone of the orchestra and we would therefore like to see more boys learning the violin at Mr. Whitfield's classes. For the convenience of boys in the junior and middle part of the school the violin class is now being held on Wednesdays instead of Thursdays. The school 'cello is not being used at present. It will be lent to any boy who wishes to learn this instrument.

The Society also likes to hear of other boys learning other instruments elsewhere. We should value their co-operation, and we look forward to the time when they will help the school by joining the society. We offer congratulations to K. Blundell, our pianist, on the result of his recent music examination.

K. B.

ART SOCIETY

Chairman—R. S. Christie; Hon. Treasurer—E. L. Eden; Secretary—A. Bishop; Committee—B. Hughes, A. R. Payne, F. H. Jones.

Since last term's notes were written the society has been holding its meetings on alternate Thursday afternoons. We are indebted to Mr. Rollinson and Mr. Maurice Johnson, who have been present at our meetings and who have given us much helpful advice.

The work done this term consists of plaster cast, still life, and architectural drawing, and although the number of meetings has been curtailed much good work has been done.

In D. G. Owen, who has gone to Caius College, Cambridge, the society has lost a very prominent member. We wish him every success in his new sphere of life.

On Fridays of next term the society hopes to resume the long evening meetings which were started in the summer term of last year.

A. B.

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. Krushevski, E. Eden, E. Pendlebury, G. P. Roberts, J. T. Dodd, D. Walker, H. Pendleton, K. Wright.

The library is continuing with the issues of books during breaks, and is also open from 8-30 a.m. every morning so that boys can read magazines.

Certain members of senior forms who are in the library for private study frequently fail in consideration for others. We particularly ask them to handle books, magazines, and furniture with care and to see that everything is returned to its proper place after use.

We are grateful to the following for gifts of books:—G. P. Wakefield, M. H. Coulson, A. W. Hiscocks, A. Davies, G. E. Sanders, and G. L. Cooper, Esq.

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Term begins Wednesday, May 1st
Whitsuntide and Half-Term Holiday ... May 13th and 14th
Final of Sports May 15th
Founder's Day June 3rd
S.C. and H.S.C. Examinations June 24th - July 15th
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