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SCHOOL NOTES

VALETE

- HEARN, J. D., 1937-44.—Spencer's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1943.
- HOLMES, R. E., 1937-44.—Gear's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1943, Prefect, Captain School XV (Colours 1942, 1943); Vice-Captain Swimming team (Colours 1943); Award of Merit R.L.S.S.; A.T.C.
- KING, J. A., 1937-44.—Woodham's, Lower VI Science B, School Certificate 1943, Award of Merit R.L.S.S.; A.T.C.
- WILSON, R. E., 1939-44.—Rogers', Lower VI Science B, School Certificate 1943, A.T.C. (Cpl.).
- WOODALL, W. E., 1939-44.—Evans', Lower VI Science, School Certificate 1943, A.T.C.
- ANDERSON, A. M., 1940-44.—Spencer's, Lower VI Science B, School Certificate 1943, Prefect, 1st XV Colours 1943-44, Award of Merit R.L.S.S.; A.T.C.
- EVANS, H. K., 1940-44.—Woodham's, Lower Vb Modern, A.T.C.
- FRASER, D. C., 1940-44.—Gear's, Lower VI Science B, School Certificate 1943, A.T.C.
- LIVINGSTONE, W. A., 1940-44.—Woodham's, Lower Vc.
- ROBINSON, D. E. S., 1940-44.—Leech's, IVb Modern.
- BARTON, A. P., 1941-44.—Woodham's, Lower Va Modern.
- ROBINSON, B. K., 1942-44.—Leech's, Lower Vc.
- COTTRILL, C. E., 1943-44.—Spencer's, Upper Vc, Bronze Medallion R.L.S.S.
- GREENLEES, L. J., 1943-44.—Rogers', Upper Vc, A.T.C.

SALVETE

E. Glassberg, D. J. Lever, D. R. Prole.

The Savings Collections have amounted to £4,385 5s. 11d. this term. The amount collected since February, 1940, now stands at £22,143 6s. 7d. The House Collectors of the Savings Groups and others who gave valuable assistance during the Special Week were thanked specially by the Chairman of the Governors on May 26th. We are grateful to Councillor F. W. Reddaway for finding time to pay a special visit to the school in order to meet and speak to the collectors. The boys were very encouraged by this official recognition of their work. The amount raised by the school was

The collections for the Merchant Navy Comforts Service have now reached £113 19s. 11d. We were able to send £10 for the crew of our adopted ship the *Greenwich* at Easter, and £40 to the local branch of the Merchant Navy Comforts Service in June.

The Five Million Club subscriptions this term amount to £10 15s. 2d.

An appeal has been made for boys to volunteer for farm work during the Summer holidays. A good response has resulted, and we hope to be able to arrange for over 250 boys to help in the vital work of gathering the crops.

J. Scarisbrick has been accepted for an R.A.F. University Short Course.

J. R. Anstey has been accepted for a Naval University Short Course.

Another Major Scholarship has been gained at Caius College, Cambridge. P. J. Owens was awarded a scholarship of £100 per annum for Natural Sciences in March. At the same time D. J. Hyam, who left last Autumn to return to London, was successful in gaining an Exhibition in Natural Sciences. We offer our congratulations to both these candidates.

The Science Department is grateful to D. J. Hyam for the gift of the book "Introduction to Atomic Physics," by Dr. Tolansky.



HOUSE NOTES

EDWARDS'

The first week of this term saw us making our final preparations for the School Athletic Sports. Nor were they being made in vain. Three of the four trophies came to the House for a second year, and we were runners-up for the fourth. This was indeed a very creditable performance and well in keeping with our usual high standard of proficiency in this direction.

In the School Athletics team this year we are represented by G. A. Matthewman, J. A. Mayor, M. G. Sanderson, F. Buxton and J. M. Bather. We are ably represented in the 1st XI by Sanderson and Mayor; in the 2nd XI by J. Hargreaves and K. Blundell; and in the Colts XI by Bromilow, Crompton and K. F. Bather.

Bracewell is our sole representative in the School Swimming team this term. Great efforts are being made in Life Saving now, and classes are being run for each of the medallions on two days each week. Our instructors are doing grand work and we trust that they will be supported to the utmost by the whole House.

Our Junior Cricket XI, captained by Bromilow, shows good promise this season. Mayor led our Senior XI to an easy victory in the first of our fixtures, and it is hoped that our Seniors may bring off a "double" this year by regaining the Cricket shield.

This term will also see the departure of a good many of our old stalwarts. We extend to them our best wishes for their future careers and at the same time we wish success to all our S.C. and H.S.C. candidates.

G.A.M.

EVANS'

Failure to win the Junior Rugby Final at the end of last term proved a disappointing finish to a very successful competition. Next term almost the whole of the team will be playing in the Senior Rugby Competition and should do well.

The few entries for the Sports produced good results, considering our lack of Seniors, while the Juniors deserve credit for the performance which won them the Tug.

This season we are represented in the 1st XI by L. G. Coyle, in the Colts by I. R. J. Williams, in the Swimming team by G. E. Sanders, and in Athletics by B. F. Slater and G. E. Sanders.

During "Salute the Soldier" Week the £300-target was beaten easily. Thanks are due to all who contributed—parents and boys—and to the voluntary collectors, G. E. Sanders, P. J. Owens, D. Halton and K. R. Blundell.

This term, counting examinations, we ought to be top in the Honours List, since we have held second place with over forty points for two successive terms.

P. J. Owens, our House captain, deserves congratulations for, in spite of his age, he has gained a Major Scholarship to Cambridge.

The House wishes the best of luck to all boys who are taking their S.C. and H.S.C. examinations this term, and to the boys who are leaving, success in their future careers.

K.R.B.

GREAR'S

In the "Salute the Soldier" Week the House acquitted itself very well, and we thank both subscribers and secretaries for their work during the week. We would remind boys that a steady total, week by week, is even more desirable than the occasional special effort.

In the Cricket competition our success has been meagre. The Seniors have lost their match, while as yet the Juniors have not played. We congratulate Richardson on being awarded Colts' Colours, D. Macleod on his success in the Junior Chess tournament, and I. M. Ross on a School record in the 100 yards free style.

Our results in the Athletic Sports could have been better, but as usual, practice was left until it was too late. We congratulate Russell on breaking a School record in the half-mile.

Life Saving Classes are continuing this term. We would urge all boys to give greater co-operation in this sport, thereby easing considerably the work of the captain.

To those boys who are taking S.C. and H.S.C. examinations we wish every success.

N.G.F.

LEECH'S

We should like to express our thanks to J. R. Anstey and H. B. Kenyon for their untiring efforts in conducting Life Saving classes, and congratulate all who have obtained R.L.S.S. awards during the year. The keen spirit with which this particular branch of activities has been regarded is very pleasing, and we urge all boys to attend these classes.

We are grateful to our Savings Collectors and those Prefects who helped them during the "Salute the Soldier" Week. A reasonable average has been maintained in our collections: all boys should try to contribute a little each week.

Our Swimmers and Cricket teams have our best wishes for a successful season. In the academic field this last term of the year has its trials for all boys, and therefore their motto should be "Work hard and play hard."

It is probable that the House will lose many members this term. Seniors will be joining the Forces, and to all who are leaving, we wish every success in the future. We look to the younger members to be worthy successors.

M.C.

MASON'S

This term a promising Senior Cricket team has won a comfortable victory over Evans' in the first House match, and we hope that they may continue in winning form. A large number of boys have qualified at the baths and, with Glass as Swimming captain, we hope to achieve something in the approaching gala. This has been quite a good term so far as War Savings are concerned, the House passing its target by a good margin during the "Salute the Soldier" Week. Congratulations are due to the Savings secretaries for the hard work they put in to reach such a good figure. Our final total was over £550 with a target of £300.

The results of the Sports were very poor from our point of view, but with better luck and some hard practice we may come out of next year's Sports with a more favourable result.

With the Summer examinations at hand we urge all boys to work hard and endeavour to regain the high position in the Honours List which was held of old. We extend our heartiest best wishes to all boys taking H.S.C. and S.C. examinations this Summer, and wish the best of luck to all boys who will be leaving School this year.

H.Q.D.

ROGERS'

Last term the House repeated its academic success by retaining 1st position in the Honours List. Success on the games field was achieved by the Junior House Rugby team, which once again won the shield. We hope that the gaining of this trophy will become a House tradition.

In the Athletics competition we were the runners-up, and several of our representatives put up excellent performances. This especially applies to our entrants in the Field Events; this team captained by M. Moncrieff, was successful in winning the Rimmer Cup.

It is pleasing to think that our House had some share in the great honour the School has achieved in gaining the Darnell Cup for Life Saving. A great amount of work has been done by the House instructors and the number of awards gained shows that the time has been well spent.

Finally we should like to thank the House Savings secretaries for the work they have done in making the recent Savings Week such a success.

A.J.H.

SPENCER'S

This term the House has lost A. M. Anderson and J. D. Hearn to the Navy. Anderson has acted in the place of F. Horton as House captain, and has been House Rugby captain and Athletics' captain. F. Horton has recently left hospital; we hope to see him about in School as soon as he is fit to return.

Congratulations to N. V. Moreton on being appointed acting House captain, and to J. R. A. Shaw on being appointed a House Prefect. W. S. Holden is now House secretary.

In the Sports A. M. Anderson won the 440 yards, Group I, and J. E. Ball broke the School records for 100 yards and 220 yards, Group II. The House was third in the number of points gained.

In Cricket we have, in the House, the good fortune to have L. Bolton, who has played for the School 1st XI. He is vice-captain

of the House team, and an excellent stumper and outstanding batter. L. Bolton, D. H. Johnson, J. R. Pilling, M. G. Farrar and D. Rowell are the main pillars of the House team. At the time of writing the Seniors have reached the semi-finals, but there have been no Junior matches.

I. E. Maxwell has gained the award of merit in Life Saving. M. G. Farrar and R. N. Pulman have obtained a bar to the Bronze Medal. N. V. Moreton, R. N. Pulman and D. B. Crusham have swum for the School Swimming team.

We wish to thank the boys who helped to collect National Savings during the "Salute the Soldier" Week, in particular D. H. Johnson, on whom most of this work fell. The cleverly designed poster painted by L. A. Burman was especially appreciated.

Finally we wish success to all boys who are taking the S.C. and H.S.C. examinations this Summer.

W.S.H.

WOODHAM'S

This term, by the general vote of the House, M. Enright was appointed captain of the House Senior Cricket team, and D. Houldsworth was made captain of the Juniors; we should like to congratulate both these boys, and wish them success in their positions. Furthermore, Enright has been appointed vice-captain of the School XI, and Houldsworth captain of the Colts XI. We should also like to congratulate W. Gore, who has been made House Swimming captain on the departure of J. King. The House would like to thank all those boys who took part in the Athletic Sports, by whose efforts we held our own not unsuccessfully in the competition.

In the "Salute the Soldier" Week the House raised the splendid sum of £655 9s. 0d. We should like to thank those boys who gave up their own time in acting as collectors during the week, and all who contributed to make the week successful.

Finally, we wish all success to boys entering the H.S.C. and S.C. examinations, and all those for whom this is the last term with us.

E.E.S.



OLD BOYS' NOTES

ROLL OF HONOUR

It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of the following Old Boys:

A. VICKERS	R.N.V.R.	March, 1944
(Woodham's 1933 to 1939)		
K. C. OSWALD	R.A.F.	25th April, 1944
(Woodham's 1931 to 1938)		
E. R. CLOUGH	Army	21st May, 1944
(Gear's 1933 to 1936)		
R. E. LORD	R.N.V.R.	May, 1944
(Edwards' 1929 to 1934)		

It is regretted that in our April issue the date of passing of H. Buckley (Rogers') was given as 1942 instead of 1941.

Information has been received that the following is a prisoner of war :

P. WRIGHT (Gear's 1928 to 1933) Army

Information has been received that the following have been posted as missing :

J. J. LAPES (Leech's 1934 to 1941) R.A.F.
P. HUGHES (Edwards' 1933 to 1934) R.N.V.R.
R. J. WOOSNAM (Gear's 1931 to 1936) R.A.F.

Information has been received that the following have been wounded :

W. H. SCOTT (Gear's 1933-1940) Army
J. R. LLOYD (Mason's 1932-1938) Army
J. A. OLDFIELD (Mason's 1928-1931) Army

The following have been mentioned in despatches :

J. W. LEIVESLEY (Leech's 1931-1937) Army
J. A. OLDFIELD (Mason's 1928-1931) Army

A. P. Goode, Caius College, was placed in the 3rd Class in Mechanical Tripos Part 1.

L. G. Jaeger, Caius College, was placed in the 1st Class at the preliminary examination for Mechanical Sciences and has been awarded a Minor Scholarship by the College.

A. M. Wild, Caius College, has gained a 1st Class in the preliminary examination for Natural Science and has been awarded an Exhibition by the College.

A. D. Charnley has passed the Part 2 of the final examination for the degree of M.B., Ch.B. at Liverpool University.

E. H. Lee has been elected to a Fellowship at Caius College, Cambridge.

N. Coulshed gained Distinction in Pharmacology in Part I for the final degree of M.B.Ch.B. at Liverpool University. He was also awarded the Kanthack Medal for Biology and Pathology, and has been awarded the University Scholarship given annually by the Medical Faculty.

H. Townsend, of Corpus College, passed out from the Naval Short Course at Cambridge with Distinction and also gained 1st Class Hons. in Economics Tripos Part I.

F. W. B. Shepherd, of Queens College, obtained 3rd Class Hons. in Economics Tripos Part I.

R. H. Garstang and R. Harrop, of Caius College, were placed in the 1st Class of the Mathematics Tripos Part I.

H. N. Mallinson, who is serving in the R.A.F. in the Middle East, recently broadcast a description of Corsica and its people, and was congratulated on his knowledge of French and his fluency in that language.

Midshipman R. G. Newton has been congratulated by the Elder Dempster Lines Limited for his action in helping to save the life of a native fireman who fell overboard from s.s. Calumet.

R. T. Christy has passed the final examination for the degree of B.Arch. with 1st Class Honours at Liverpool University.

MARRIAGES

- P. H. WOODHAM to KATHLEEN MICHAEL, at Dundee, on March 25th, 1944.
A. C. BLYTHE to MURIEL KNOWLES, at St. Peter's, Southport, on April 15th, 1944.
N. E. SMITH to JOAN PELHAM, at St. Philip's, Southport, on April 29th, 1944.
H. MARKHAM to IRENE M. ASPINWALL, at St. Philip's, Southport, on May 1st, 1944.
L. H. HAYES to MABEL M. LAIRD, at Chapel Street Congregational, Southport, on May 3rd, 1944.
J. W. PIERPOINT to EDITH LAWSON, at St. Mary's, Stotfold, on May 20th, 1944.
R. E. SMITH to ANN MAYNARD, at All Souls', Ismailia, Egypt, on May 22nd, 1944.
C. H. DICKINSON to KATHLEEN BENNETTS, at Cheam, Surrey, on May 29th, 1944.
R. HASLAM to DOREEN WAITE, at St. Cuthbert's, Halsall, on June 1st, 1944.
B. BARRATT to MARJORIE COOPER, at Manchester, on June 3rd, 1944.

OLD BOYS' LETTERS

Chancellor's Hall,
Augustus Road,
Edgbaston,
Birmingham, 15.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS.—At long last, Tom Brown and myself have agreed that there shall be a letter sent from the Red Brick University to School, and that I shall be its author.

My meetings with Tom Brown are infrequent and only by chance, owing to the demands made upon us by widely differing courses. He has just completed his second session at the Medical School, and I have enjoyed my first year here as a freshman in the Engineering Department.

Long awaited examination results indicate that we shall be allowed to remain at the University for a further year.

We earnestly hope that among next year's crop of freshers we shall find someone who has trodden the Kew campus, but, sad to say, Birmingham University cannot boast more than one old Georgian a year, and that is not good enough. Come on, School—what about it? Let's have some of you down here!

This has been a very busy year. Student life allows of no time for pleasant pipe dreams or day dreams. What with Guild affairs, dances, athletics and many society functions, to say nothing of many a pleasant hour spent with the S.T.C., time tends to pass rather rapidly, till one finds oneself in the same position as I do now, pleasantly reflecting on the happenings of one year and looking forward hopefully to the next.

I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,

KEN BLAIR.

Gonville and Caius College,
Cambridge.

June 14th, 1944.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS.—It does not often happen that the Old Georgian Society at one of our Universities has the privilege of welcoming an Old Georgian other than an undergraduate. We at Cambridge, therefore, take great pride in welcoming E. H. Lee to this University, and we wish him every success in his new appointment.

The Summer term, whether at School or here, is, of course, chiefly notable for examinations. The ever-present cloud seems to damp all activity, and we find ourselves with little to report.

As far as examinations themselves are concerned, A.W., R.H., R.G. and A.G., have all finished theirs at the time of writing. All without exception feel despondent. L.J., still in the midst of his, is as confident as ever.

The Home Guard and S.T.C. authorities, much to our relief, have let us off fairly lightly this term. R.H., who has recently joined the Home Guard, obtained, we understand, exemption from parades during his examinations. A.G. finished all his parades with a two weeks' intensive course at the beginning of the term, while R.G. and L.J. had no parades during the latter half of the term. They have, however, a two weeks' intensive course at the beginning of the vacation. L.J. finds this particularly irksome. It leaves him with less than three weeks to indulge in activities of a different nature in Southport. A.W., as we have reported before, is a prominent member of the Fire Service and is believed to have attended no more than two parades during the past year.

Before closing we would like to congratulate D.J.H. on his recent examination success and wish him the best of luck in his career.

We are, Sirs, yours faithfully,

THE CAMBRIDGE OLD GEORGIAN SOCIETY

Guild of Undergraduates,
University of Liverpool.
June 10th, 1944.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS.—The part of the Summer term preceding the examinations is marked by a reduction in the social life of the Students' Union, especially in these days of "satisfactory progress" committees, when to fail in an examination means the end of University life. But when, in two days from now, the exams. are ended, the various societies do not fail to make up for lost time, especially in commem. week at the end of June. The Dramatic Society, of which the writer is stage manager, is busy rehearsing for the annual productions which are to be presented then in the Guild theatre. In war-time it is difficult to cast these plays because so few men are available.

The Socialist Society has, perhaps, been the most active of all. Having greater support than any other society, it can be more ambitious than most in its programme, and it is rare for a week to pass without a debate or "brains trust" being organised, or some well-known person being invited to deliver a lecture. A great many

dances are organised by most societies, and are uniformly well attended, especially by those who would never dream of attending an ordinary meeting.

The University S.T.C. are very busy. They have recently returned from camp, and seem to have so many parades that one wonders when they manage to do their work.

Throughout the year the Guild has arranged for students to take part in the Army education scheme. Their share has mainly consisted in holding brains trusts at different sites in the Liverpool area, and these have all been very popular with the troops, who always succeed in trapping us with the most awkward of questions.

We hope that next term we shall have the pleasure of welcoming some of your readers, and we are certain that if they decide to come to Liverpool they will never regret their choice.

We remain, Sirs, yours faithfully,

L.U.O.G.S.

The University Union,
Manchester 15.

June 15th, 1944.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS.—This term has unfortunately seen a great reduction in the numbers of the M.U.O.G.S., due to the departure of R. Abram, C. Ditchfield and P. F. Wilks. All three have made their names in the sphere of athletics as befits true O.G.'s, and Abram was re-awarded a well-earned maroon for Rugger just before he left.

Those of us who remain here have not been wasting our time. Our special congratulations go to J. Edwards, who gained 1st class Honours in Geography and Anthropology—only the third graduate to achieve this Distinction in fifteen years. G. J. White, despite the great amount of work he is putting into Tech. Union activities as Union Secretary, easily cleared the hurdle of Part I of the B.Sc. Tech. (Hons.) exam., while E. Rose, the other Tech. man, has managed to persuade the Faculties to transfer him to an Honours course—no mean achievement in war-time. On the principle of always putting off until to-morrow what you feel you cannot tackle well enough to-day, C. Moss has postponed his important Second M.B. exam. until September, thereby very effectively ruining his Summer.

Manchester University has always been one of the first to organise students into various forms of Emergency War Service, and as a result our spare time, formerly somewhat limited, is now almost non-existent. Our diversions have become much more serious. Instead of attending lunch hour or evening dances, many students are loading cargoes at the docks or on the railways, while the large amount of time formerly spent in Cafeteria is now used to better advantage in work on the land. A large number of us have become blood-donors, and, more recently, stretcher-bearers.

Fortunately, our notorious Rag Ball was unaffected, although this year the Shrove Tuesday Rag was cancelled.

As usual, our main athletic interests are centred on the water. G. L. Ingham has continued his good work for the Swimming Club and we understand that he is now one of the mainsprings of the team. Moss and Rose now form one half (the heavier and, they insisted, the

better half) of the University Second Crew, and have represented the University in many races.

The S.T. Corps is again in the news, but at last we are able to say that it occupies far less of our time than formerly. C. Moss, in company with all 3rd Year Medicals, has been honourably discharged, and is a free man once more. E. Rose and Ingham, having passed the Cert. B exam., are now among the élite of S.T.C. society and as a result have very little to do. Congratulations are due to Ingham who, obtaining top marks in the exam., was awarded the Cert. B Cup. The trophies for both Cert. A and Cert. B are now in our possession, this creating quite a good record for so few of us. White, against our better advice, joined the Signals Unit, and is often seen with symphony music issuing from a "Walky-Talky" strapped on his back. This leaves him the only O.G. with an active interest in the Corps.

During the last few years quality rather than quantity has been the hall-mark of the M.U.O.G.S. This year we should like to see an improvement in the quantity without the quality being impaired, and we venture to hope that Georgians coming up to University will realise the many advantages that Manchester has to offer.

We remain, Sirs, yours faithfully,

M.U.O.G.S.

Borough Road College,
Isleworth,
Middlesex.
June 15th, 1944.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS.—Once more the end of term draws in sight and I am writing while I have time, before the days of examinations and School practice come. You at School will probably feel, just as I do, that, although the exams. are close at hand, you know very little. It is one of the feelings that come to me annually.

Life at College is very much as usual. Topics of conversation continue to be films, American dance bands, and cricket, while our lecturers urge us to discuss the new Education Bill or the essays of Lamb as compared with those of G. K. Chesterton.

An important part of College life is, as I said in an earlier letter, the Home Guard. When we heard that the long-awaited "D-Day" had arrived we expected to be out on patrol, guarding the great metropolis against enemy parachutists and the like. But we were not allowed to make any sacrifices for England, Home and Beauty. We hoped to be relieved of College work for a week or two, but we stayed here, very "browned-off," to use a current vulgarity.

I hear that yet another Georgian is coming to Borough. He will be, as far as I know, the third from K.G.V.S. to come here within recent years. Now, you chaps who are due to leave School next year, why not take up the noble profession of teaching? Your masters at School, of course, will advise you not to. They will probably say, "Don't do it boy, I know, I've had some." One of their number told me, when I informed him that I was going in for teaching, "I thought you had more oil in your can." Who it was I will leave you to guess. But seriously, I think that the teaching profession has a

great future before it and I would recommend all who agree with me to come to Borough which, I think I may say without boasting, has a reputation for turning out good teachers.

I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,

JOHN H. HALSALL.

From J. B. PERRY, serving in France:

It will interest you to know that I am now in France. I can't tell you where I am, of course, but in any case there is little enough territory from which to guess my location.

Contrary to newspaper reports, we are received in a way which, if not uproarious, is at least kindly and rather touching. The people are needy and we carry on a mutually beneficial system of barter. Cigarettes, chocolates and soap are the chief commodities of which they are short. We can supply them, and in return get hold of cider (home-made), eggs and fruit. And, by the way, whole pads of this excellent notepaper. For this I paid 20 cigarettes. We were paid 200 francs before embarkation, of which I have spent only 15—on laundry, sock-darning thrown in.

We are billeted on a farm, as you may have guessed. The people are not in any way badly dressed, nor are they apparently undernourished. But I understand that this is because of the productive nature of Normandy.

The accent,—dialect, I should say, makes conversation interesting, and on the whole communication is a great deal easier than I had anticipated. They will begin with 2nd Form French, but if they get the idea that you are at all educated in their language, they will set off at a formidable speed and leave you wondering what the verb in the last sentence but one came from. I notice a custom of theirs mentioned to us at school, and that is the charming practice of a demure "Monsieur" whenever one passes them. Not knowing the right answer to this, I tried a "Madame," and received the same recognition word as before, so now I'm all set.

We are confined to our quarters to a large extent, although I have managed a few hours in the town "on duty." The estaminets are out of bounds to us, of course, we being unruly creatures and likely to cause trouble. In the same way we are forbidden to buy bread, though for a more understandable reason, although a certain town near us is said to produce a large surplus of bread every day.

From A. AYRTON, serving in North Africa:

I have witnessed two interesting occurrences of late—a sirocco and a display of low-flying by locusts. The "genuine" sirocco blows at the end of September usually, but there are milder imitations of it throughout the remaining part of the year. When they blow I think the camp is sure to become airborne: the wind is dry and hot and seems to burn the skin, and altogether the effects are uncomfortable.

The locusts arrived here in their millions three days ago. It isn't a bad swarm: we can still see the mountains to the south a few miles away! The fun (to us, but not to local farmers) will occur in a month's time when all the young are hatched. Then we shall have to feel our way about the place.

TWO FALLACIES

The sound of martial music fills the air,
Drums beat, flags wave, crowds cheer, while youths parade
Neath the saluting base. The noises fade,
And all those present hear some lord declare
That uniforms and service discipline
Are what our youths require, and (with blind eyes
To slums turned) that this Demi-Paradise
Always the fairest land on earth has been.
We who are out a better world to build
Must study to avoid these fallacies.
Young people must their own opinions frame,
Remembering the many miseries
Of those with mouths inadequately filled,
Not holding war in glory, but in shame.

F.R.M.

LIFE ON THE FARM

As early dawn broke,
And the sun prepared for his daily round,
Life on the farm was suddenly re-awakened
By the cock's matin.
While the last streak of night's darkness disappeared,
The white-painted farmhouse
Became a hive of human labour.
The milk-maid, adorned in a lily-white smock,
Sallied forth in the direction of the cow-sheds;
And the farmer's wife,
After clearing away the remains of breakfast,
Made her way towards the poultry huts.
Suddenly, the quiet of the countryside was disturbed,
As, with a roar, the tractor-driven plough-share
Was set in motion.
The farmer, well-fed, and therefore good-tempered,
Now appeared, in earnest conversation with one of the
farmhands:
Something had gone wrong and needed his personal
attention.
And so, through the tiring day,
The never-ending work of the farm went on.
And when at last the day was ending,
And the farmer's family gathered for late dinner,
Much honest sweat had been shed.
After this, the most important event of the day,
They congregated round the roaring fire
And listened as the missus and her daughters
Told of adventures at the market,
Or heard a tale from father
Picked up at "The Dragon's Head."
Then limbs began to sag, eyes began to close;
And so to bed.

A.J.P.

FATE OF AN ATHLETE

The sun, like the Cyclops' blazing eye,
Glared on the playing-fields brown and dry
One fine spring day;
Laughed at a white-clad figure's plight
That loped along a track of white,
Working at play.

Sweat streamed from the panting figure's face—
"Oh, why should I keep this killing pace?"
It asked the sky.
"While my mates the country-side explore
Must I run here for evermore
Until I die?"

"The songs of the gay birds never cease,
And all of the world is resting at peace,
All except me."
But a banner appeared before his eye,
With "Noble It Is For One's House To Die"
Writ fiercely.

And far away down the shimmering track,
Luring him on and reflecting back
Rays of the sun,
As Sir Galahad saw the Holy Grail
He saw the Pariser Cup gleam pale,
Bidding him run.

To run on or rest? Near torn in two,
His brain would not work; the tension grew,
Grew bit by bit.
'Twas more than flesh and blood could stand;
And, like a straw 'neath an iron hand,
That great mind split.

The sun, like the Cyclops' blazing eye,
Winked at the playing-fields brown and dry,
And, with the birds,
Smiled at a white-clad figure's plight,
That sat on an endless track of white,
Chanting mad words.

J.F.G.

SUNRISE

A cool breeze slightly stirred the fresh green leaves
And made them gently kiss each other's tips,
And set the sleeping woods a-whispering,
While all the time the east was growing light
And rosy-tinted clouds were floating by;
When suddenly the sun in all his robes
Stepp'd up above the dark and jagged trees,
And flooded all the world with blazon'd light.
The trilling of the thrush, the sparrow's chirp,
Filled all the air with melodies and song,
While rushing over rounded rocks a stream
Raced merrily towards the open sea.

W.B.J.

TO A PERSIAN CAT

Oh silent, velvet-furred sage,
Crouching, sphynx-like, before the fire,
How can I guess, from those bright orbs
That search the glowing coals with crystal gaze,
On what you ponder?—
On mice, or milk, or sunny walls,
Or wandering through green and hidden ways,
Or—well, I wonder.

D.E.

A SUMMER MORNING

One morning as I walked through meadows green,
Just as the silvery veil of curling mist,
That covers landscapes on such summer morns,
Was lifting fast before the rising sun,
I heard ahead a swiftly running stream
Whose song was floating down the gentle breeze.
Then past a copse of tall and stately elms,
Through dewy grass and daisies touched with pink,
I softly made my way, for fear I broke
The silence of that golden summer morn.
And then I spied a clear and bubbling stream
That played and chattered o'er its time-worn bed,
All strewn with rocks, which now were bathed in gold,
And softened too, by flowers on its banks,
Like coloured stars in a stretch of emerald heaven.

R.S.

A RAINY DAY

" Oh! rain again," the children say,
" It seems to rain each holiday."
And " Rain again," the mothers cry;
" How shall I get my washing dry? "
" What lovely rain! " the farmer cries,
And flowers and leaves send out soft sighs,
" Such lovely, sweet, refreshing showers
Give life to these dry roots of ours."
" Quack, Quack! Quack, Quack! " cries every duck;
" Another rainy day! What luck! "
And through the pools they splash with glee,
While people walk most carefully.
Though children and grown-ups complain,
And grumble when they hear the rain,
It is a silly thing to do:
Some take a different point of view.

S.G.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

I have committed murder: Yes, murder. I have killed my partner Richards. I had borne his injuries and insults as best I could for a long time, but when he ventured upon blackmail, I swore to get my revenge.

You should have seen how cunningly I proceeded. Not a harsh word, not a surly look, did I give him. Oh no, I was too clever for that. I was never nicer to him than during the week before I killed him. On the Sunday afternoon, I proposed a walk on the cliffs in the most affable manner, and when the poor fool consented the job was as good as done. Walking along the cliffs, I just gave him a push. It was ever so easy. I went straight back to town, and at the Police Station told them about the terrible accident. I was not in the least worried about discovery, as I considered myself to be absolutely above suspicion.

I went home in quite a happy frame of mind. Fool that I was, I ought to have known things would not work out as easily as I had expected. It started that very night. In my sleep I saw Richards coming slowly towards me, his bloody hands outstretched and his head and face so horribly mutilated from having been dashed on to the rocks that I could scarcely recognise him. On he came, slowly, until he was standing just above me, and then he lowered his hands to my neck. I gave an unearthly shriek and woke in a cold sweat.

That happened exactly a week ago, and it was only the first of the mental tortures I have had to endure. The very next day, as I was walking down the street, I saw a policeman on the other side walk straight across the road towards me. That did not worry me, for what had I to fear? But as he came nearer, thoughts began to flit through my mind, and with them fears—wild fears, cold fears. The policeman came steadily on. I tried to bring reason to control my scattering faculties, assuring myself that the policeman could not be coming for me. But it was of no avail. By the time he was about two yards away I was gasping with fear. But he veered off behind me.

Since then I have found it impossible to have a calm mind. Thoughts and fears haunt me night and day. I cannot escape them. Every night I see Richards slowly advancing towards me, until his hands hover above my neck. I cannot stand it any longer. This mental torture is more than I can bear. I shall go mad soon. Already my nerves are on the point of breaking.

To-morrow I am going to the Police Station to confess all.

G.G.H.

THE TRAGEDY AT THISTLE HALL

Sir Horace and Lady Thistle dwelt at Thistle Hall. Sir Horace was a man of little fame except in connection with his fabulously valuable collection of Old Dutch masters, which had been in the family for many years. They were known throughout the world of art, and the Baronet passed many happy hours displaying them to admiring and covetous eyes. The old couple passed a very peaceful existence in their ancient home, relying on the neighbouring village of Littleton for their groceries and other supplies. Each Thursday little Mr. Binks came on his bicycle with the rations and any extras he could spare. It was Thursday night

The bedroom was hot. Lady Thistle could not get to sleep and had turned over many times, much to the displeasure of her husband. She began to ponder over the worries for which she would have to find solutions on the following day. One constant worry was what to give Horace for his mid-day meal. He refused to eat Woolton pie, and anyway he had always disliked Lord Woolton. She thought perhaps a solution lay in the fact that she had four points left. Horace could have spam for his dinner. Oh, but Binks had brought the rations and two eggs. He should have an egg as a special treat.

These ruminations were interrupted by a faint thud downstairs. After momentary flutterings of the heart she decided that it was Ginger the cat coming in after his nightly prowling. She considered. Should she give Horace some bacon as well, or was one treat enough at a time? Again she heard the noise. Surely Ginger was not going out again. She slipped out of bed, donned her well-worn dressing gown, and crept bravely downstairs.

Sir Horace sat up with a start as his wife released a terrifying scream. Pulling on his dressing gown and slippers he stumbled to the head of the stairs. His wife came rushing up to him, gasping, "We've been burgled. The" The baronet interrupted her, "Never mind, dear, I should have had them insured." But his wife did not hear him for she was sobbing heartbroken on his shoulder. After accompanying her down to the lounge Sir Horace rang up the local police station and asked the sergeant to come down. When he returned to his wife she was in a very distressed condition and could only whimper, "It's not for myself, Horace. It's you I'm thinking about."

A moment later the sergeant arrived and pompously took out his pocket book to start taking the particulars.

"Perhaps for a start, ma'am, you could tell me exactly what was taken."

The poor woman could hardly bring herself to speak.

"Sergeant," she gasped, "two brown eggs"

"TWO BROWN EGGS!" repeated his lordship and the sergeant in unison.

"And . . . and four ounces of butter," she added.

The next day Horace had spam for his dinner.

C.R.



THE RUTHERSTON LOAN COLLECTION

In previous terms I have had as my object in writing of this collection the explanation of pictures which have aroused most curiosity and criticism, and it must therefore be credited to my modesty that I attribute the absence of comment this term to the more orthodox nature of pictures in the current collection, rather than to the effectiveness of my very humble arguments. This is due in some measure, I think, to the fact that the Rutherford Loan Collection is now being reinforced by pictures from the Manchester Supplementary Loan Collection, consisting for the most part of works by younger artists of interest and promise, selling at figures which justify experiment by a progressive and interested municipality. The scheme, a highly commendable one, serves the dual purpose of supporting and encouraging contemporary

artists, and at the same time presenting to the public a standard of work to be recognised as worthy of the support of qualified opinion. We shall be interested to see more of this collection.

My own especial interest was drawn to the Japanese drawings of the school of Hokusai (Rutherford Loan), one of a wounded animal, obviously a monkey; the other, four separate treatments of the same subject, a man, presumably a Japanese actor, on his knees. Free brush drawings, they looked, superficially, so easy and effortless, but close inspection revealed a wealth of profound and minute observation. I am reminded of the story, allegedly true, of the Japanese artist whose whole-time occupation consisted in observing tigers and perfecting with his hand the single flowing line of movement which would characterise the animal's stealthy action; his father, too, before him had spent a lifetime studying the beast, and in two or three generations possibly—"who knows?"—a future member of the family might eventually draw a tiger. Think of this when you try drawing your prisms and cubes in the pauses essential to breath-snatching between stages of conversation with your neighbour; it may help you to draw.

J.B.J.



ATHLETIC SPORTS

On Tuesday, May 16th, the Athletic Sports took place under very unfavourable conditions, but many parents and friends braved the vagaries of the weather to witness the very strongly-contested efforts of the competitors.

RESULTS

100 Yards, Group I.—1, Moss (W); 2, Mayor (Ed); 3, Moncrieff (R).
Time, 11 2-5ths secs.

100 Yards, Group II.—1, Ball (S); 2, Knowles (Ed); 3, Pinch (W).
Time, 11 1-5ths secs.

100 Yards, Group III.—1, Livesley (L); 2, Rosenberg (Ed); 3, O'Brien (W). Time, 12 3-5ths secs.

Putting the Shot.—1, Griffiths (R); 2, Hayden (R); 3, Moncrieff (R).
Distance, 30-ft. 11½-ins.

220 Yards, Group II.—1, Ball (S); 2, Read (R); 3, Pinch (W). Time, 25 secs.. (School Record).

220 Yards, Group I.—1, Mayor (Ed); 2, Sanderson (Ed); 3, Greenall (R). Time, 25 secs.

220 Yards, Group III.—1, Rosenberg (Ed); 2, Livesley (L); 3, O'Brien (W). Time, 29 secs.

High Jump, Group I.—1, Sanderson (Ed), and Moncrieff (R); 3, Slater (Ev). Height, 5-ft. 1-in.

120 Yards Hurdles, Group II.—1, Miller (R); 2, Read (R); 3, Grub (L). Time, 18 2-5ths secs.

440 Yards, Group I.—1, Anderson (S); 2, Matthewman (Ed); 3, Bather (Ed). Time, 61 secs.

High Jump, Group III.—1, Budd (Ev); 2, Sohm (Ed); 3, equal, Smith (W), Sheard (S). Height, 4-ft. 3-ins.

440 Yards, Group II.—1, Knowles (Ed); 2, Rowell (S); 3, Miller (R). Time, 63 3-5ths secs.

120 Yards Hurdles, Group I.—1, Sanderson (Ed); 2, Moss (W); 3, Moncrieff (R). Time, 16 4-5ths secs.

440 Yards, Group III.—1, Buckles (R); 2, Warburton (Ed); 3, Sheard (S). Time, 75 secs.

Throwing the Discus.—1, Moncrieff (R); 2, Dowland (M); 3, Sanderson (Ed). Distance, 100-ft. 2-ins.

High Jump, Group II.—1, Ball (S); 2, Smith (Ev), and Anderson, D (G). Height, 4-ft. 7-ins.

Relay, Group I.—1, Edwards'; 2, Spencer's; 3, Woodham's. Time, 2 mins. 44 secs.

Relay, Group II.—1, Spencer's; 2, Edwards'; 3, Rogers'. Time, 2 mins.

Relay, Group III.—1, Edwards'; 2, Rogers'; 3, Woodham's. Time, 2 mins. 12 secs.

1 Mile, Group I.—1, Sanders (Ev); 2, Griffiths (R); 3, Buxton (Ed). Time, 5 mins. 10 4-5ths. secs.

880 Yards, Group II.—1, Russell (G); 2, Woolley (G); 3, Crowther (Ev). Time, 2 mins. 28 secs. (School Record).

Senior Tug.—Rogers'.

Junior Tug.—Evans'.

EVENTS PREVIOUSLY DECIDED

Long Jump, Group I.—1, Slater (Ev); 2, Moncrieff (R); 3, Sanderson (Ed). Distance, 18-ft. 3-ins.

Long Jump, Group II.—1, Ball (S); 2, Pinch (W); 3, Knowles (Ed). Distance, 15-ft. 8-ins.

Long Jump, Group III.—1, Rosenberg (Ed); 2, Fearn (S); 3, equal Arden (R), O'Brien (W). Distance, 14-ft. 3-ins.

TOTAL POINTS

Edwards'	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	81
Evans'	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Grear's	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Leech's	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Mason's	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Rogers'	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57½
Spencer's	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48½
Woodham's	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20

Mawdsley Shield	...	...	...	...	...	Edwards'
Pariser Cup (for Relays)	...	...	...	...	...	Edwards'
Taylor Cup (for Field Events)	...	...	...	...	...	Rogers'
Hepburn Cup (for Track Events)	...	...	...	...	...	Edwards'

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS

K.G.V. v. WIGAN G.S. at Wigan. 9th June, 1944.

100 Yards.—1, equal, Harmer (W.), and Sanderson; 3, Kennedy (W.). Time, 10 4-5ths secs.

220 Yards.—1, Mayor; 2, Harmer (W.); 3, Kennedy (W.). 25 secs.

440 Yards.—1, Matthewman; 2, Carrington (W.); 3, Bather. 61 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1, Sanderson; 2, Moncrieff; 3, Smith (W.). 17 3-5ths secs.

1 Mile.—1, Parkin (W.); 2, Sanders; 3, Buxton. 5 mins. 18 secs.

High Jump.—1, equal, Moncrieff and Sanderson; 3, Carpenter (W.). 4-ft. 10-ins.

Long Jump.—1, Harmer (W.); 2, Darbyshire (W.); 3, Moncrieff.

Shot.—1, Bradbury (W.); 2, Carrington (W.); 3, Griffiths.

Javelin.—1, Sanderson; 2, Barton; 3, Nicholson (W.). 113-ft. 2½-ins.

Discus.—1, Carpenter; 2, Moncrieff; 3, Ainsworth (W.).

Relay.—1, K.G.V. (1, Sanderson; 2, Matthewman; 3, Ball; 4, Mayor).

FINAL RESULT.—School Won by 74 points to 64.

K.G.V.S. v. HUTTON G.S. and PRESTON G.S., at Hutton.

June 22nd, 1944.

A very keenly-contested match. Before the final event, which was the Relay, the score was K.G.V., 25 pts.; Hutton, 24 pts.; Preston, 23 pts.. School Won the Relay.

100 Yards.—1, Rawlinson (P.); 2, Sunderland (P.); 3, Sanderson. 10 3-5ths secs.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1, Cross (H.); 2, Moncrieff; 3, Elkin (P.). 16 3-5ths secs.

220 Yards.—1, Ball; 2, Mayor; 3, Donkin (P.). 25 secs.

440 Yards.—1, Morley (H.); 2, Moore (H.); 3, Matthewman. 56 3-5th secs.

880 Yards.—1, Harvey (H.); 2, Buxton; 3, Wells (P.). 2 mins. 12 1-5th secs.

1 Mile.—1, Hammond (H.); 2, Rooke (P.); 3, Harwood (P.). 4 mins. 56 2-5th secs.

High Jump.—1, Moncrieff; 2, Elkin (P.); 3, Sanderson. 5-ft. 3in. (School Record).

Long Jump.—1, Sunderland (P.); 2, Moncrieff; 3, Caunce (H.). 19-ft. 8-in.

Relay.—1, K.G.V. (1 Sanderson, 2 Matthewman, 3 Ball, 4 Mayor). Distance—4 x 220 yards. Time—1 min. 40 secs.

RESULT—K.G.V., 30 pts.; Hutton, 24 pts.; Preston, 23 pts.

J.A.M.

SWIMMING

Early this term the Darnell Trophy arrived at school and it was exhibited to parents on Sports Day. In order to remind boys constantly of its presence it is being placed on the high table in the dining hall each Monday, and it is hoped that this reminder will also act as an incentive to everyone to maintain the efforts of last year, so that the school may gain the award given to the school with the least decrease

after winning the Darnell Trophy. A photograph of the cup and the boys by whose efforts it was gained was taken during the term.

Several swimming matches have been held this term. The School teams defeated Wigan Grammar School twice and also Calday Grange Grammar School, but were beaten by a narrow margin by Bolton School at Bolton and by Manchester Grammar School at Manchester.

There have been some good individual performances. I. M. Ross broke the school record for the 100 yards Free Style, set up by the late F. Pennell in 1934, by doing the distance in 60 2-5th secs., whilst R. E. Bracewell has equalled his own record for the 50 yards Back Stroke. G. E. Sanders, R. N. Pulman, R. W. Hayden, G. Johnson and the school captain, T. H. Griffiths, have maintained a high standard. The Juniors have improved during the term and much promise for the future has been shown by D. W. Vernon, G. J. Woolley, C. B. Holmes, J. L. Halsall, J. B. Cardwell, M. G. S. Anderson, and D. Chester.

W.B.J.

CRICKET

1st XI

- v. Ainsdale Cricket Club. Match drawn. Bolton, 55.
- v. Wirral Grammar School 1st XI. School lost by 8 wickets and 3 runs.
- v. Hutton Grammar School 1st XI. School won by 111 runs. Mayor took 4 wickets for 9 runs.
- v. Upholland Grammar School 1st XI. School won by 3 wickets and 44 runs. Sanderson, 72 not out.
- v. Wigan Grammar School 1st XI. School won by 8 wickets. Mayor took 8 wickets for 22 runs; Enright, 45.
- v. Upholland Grammar School 1st XI. School lost by 6 runs. Enright, 49.

CHESS CLUB

The Junior tournament, which was played on a knock-out basis, was won by D. H. Macleod, whom we congratulate on his success.

On Thursday, March 30th, a match was played against Ormskirk Grammar School, the result being as follows:—

King George V School		Ormskirk G.S.	
0	S. G. Gold	King	1
0	Cohen	Dean	1
$\frac{1}{2}$	McManus	Woods	$\frac{1}{2}$
0	Franklin	D. C. Munro	1
1	C. O. Gold	Yates	0
1	Timourian	Churchman	0
1	Macleod	J. Munro	0
0	Roberts	Webster	1
1	Finn	Rawsthorne	0
1	Ratoff	D. D. Munro	0

King George V School won by $5\frac{1}{2}$ games to $4\frac{1}{2}$.

F.R.M.

MUSIC SOCIETY

For various reasons, at the time of writing these notes, we have not had many meetings this term. In spite of the absence of some members who have been conscience-stricken concerning revision, our good attendance has continued. This is partly due to the interest in good music shown by a few juniors. Happy though we are to welcome them, we should be more pleased if one or two of them refrained from waging private feuds whenever the eye of authority is turned aside.

We thank once again all who have brought records or given lectures.

S.G.S.

VIOLIN CLASS

This term has been a fairly quiet one for the violin class. Several new members have joined us and are progressing exceedingly well under the teaching of Mr. Whitfield. The older members play much well-known music and are becoming quite competent. Any further members will find a warm welcome at the class and benefit by attending regularly. The class is held in the hall after four o'clock on a Wednesday, and the fee is the moderate sum of ten shillings per term: the necessary music is provided.

R.S.

ART SOCIETY

Since our last notes went to Press, work has been proceeding steadily in all directions. One of our best efforts resulted in the appearance of as many as 12 posters during Salute the Soldier week. Our work must not stop there; much more has to be done before the exhibition, and we shall welcome any new members.

THE COMMITTEE.

FIVE MILLION CLUB

The total amount of the terminal subscriptions to the Five Million fund is not available at the time of going to press, but it can be confidently stated that it will not be less than £10. We are particularly grateful first to all members who made their contribution at one or other of the two House meetings, which saved so much extra labour in collection; and secondly to all House secretaries—Crowther in Edwards', Halton in Evans', Read in Gear's, Nuttall in Leech's, Wilby in Mason's, Franklin in Rogers', Johnson in Spencer's, and Edmunds in Woodham's. An addition of nine members this term is also a welcome and encouraging sign that more and more boys appreciate the objects of the association, which is to provide playgrounds not more than half-a-mile apart in our built-up areas.

E.E.S.

SCOUTS

The printing of these notes will mark the close of twenty-one years of scouting in the school, for it was on July 3rd, 1923, that the troop was first registered. It is therefore fitting to make a brief survey of the successes and disappointments during this period.

The troop started under the guidance of two masters, but one of these left the school after a few months; the other has remained in charge ever since. From time to time other masters have given occasional help. The need for extra assistance in coaching scouts for special tests and in running the annual camps has always been met, but the troop has no doubt suffered through the lack of permanent help, appreciated though the temporary assistance has been. The adequate running of a troop which has in numbers remained fairly steady about the thirty mark requires full-time help from three or four adults. Over the years assistance has been received from a number of Old Boys. The first to receive a warrant in the troop was J. L. Paisley. The next to give helpful service was G. E. Long. After him the troop for a short time had four assistant-scoutmasters—N. Mellor, J. A. McBride, F. Roberts and G. Worsley. The war, however, soon interfered with their activities, but we hope they will be able to resume office at the close of hostilities. At the present time J. A. Fairclough, who was one of the first to join the troop in 1923, most appropriately holds a warrant. For several years the scouts were divided into two troops, four Houses contributing recruits to one and four to the other. The 2/31st was in charge of Mr. J. S. Burton, who had been a staunch helper of the troop from early days. On the tragic death of Mr. Manson in June, 1934, the division ceased and henceforth all recruits joined the 31st.

The standard of discipline has been high—some have thought too high—and it is useful to record that the most successful periods in the troop's history have coincided with the periods of best discipline. Too often a patrol has been spoilt by the indiscipline of one or two of its members. When a firm patrol-leader has been in office the trouble has been eradicated but otherwise the rot has spread. The upkeep of a high standard of patrol-leadership has not been easy, and it is here that the absence of extra adult assistance has been felt from time to time.

During the war there has been a tendency for the average age to drop. This has been partly accounted for by the claims of pre-service units, for eager as a boy may be to remain a scout after joining such a unit it is seldom possible for him to give adequate time to both, and the scouts have felt it their duty to allow boys to transfer. All such scouts will find a warm welcome if they return to the troop after the war.

Up to the beginning of the war summer camps were held in different parts of the country, from Windrush in our very raw days to Aberystwyth in the days when we had acquired some skill in the art of camping. Very few of the seventeen camps held produced fine weather, but that is due no doubt to our custom of taking our long holidays in August when the bloom of summer has gone. We may still hope that in the not too distant future our long vacation will be taken in June. Aberystwyth holds the distinction of flooding us out of camp on two occasions and of making amends by providing us with our best site, boundless hospitality on all occasions and particularly when the weather was at its worst, and also with some of our best weather. Three camps were held in the Lake District. Suffice it to say that on one occasion we managed to continue the camp only by placing tents inside tents and through the proximity of a sawmill from which unlimited supplies of dry wood were produced. Besides Aberystwyth the only place which gave us a completely dry camp was Alveley, to which we were

introduced by the late Mr. Merchant. In every camp our welcome was all that could be desired, and we came away feeling that our visit had been too short and with a desire to return again notwithstanding the weather. Besides the camps mentioned we must not forget the happy times spent at Oxton, Caton, Nibthwaite, Middleham, and Harden, and those treks to the Sherwood Forest in search of Robin Hood.

In addition to the annual camps, very many week-end camps were held up to the period of the war in places close to Southport, among them being Halsall, Aughton, Parbold, and Tawd Vale, to say nothing of the testing camps on the Field.

For some years an Easter visit was paid to the Lake District by the senior scouts when, through entrusting the cooking to our hostess, plenty of time was available for fell walking and modest climbing.

We have many happy memories of those gallant Old Boys:—R. E. Rolinson, A. E. Law, G. A. Maiden, A. J. Shirm, F. Harrison, J. H. Dickinson and E. H. Bond, who have given their lives in the war.

The troop can count itself successful in proportion as its former members go out into the world inspired with the desire to give useful service to the community.

W.L.M.



No. 652 KING GEORGE V SCHOOL SQUADRON, AIR TRAINING CORPS

At the end of last term we were very happy to welcome the Officers and Cadets of No. 1879 (Southport) Squadron to our Headquarters. F/Lt. Radcliff presented the School Squadron with an A.T.C. ensign, and it is now hoisted and lowered with full ceremony each Sunday morning. Mrs. Taylor also presented the inter-crew trophy, which she had so kindly given to the Squadron, to the Captain of the winning crew—G Crew. For both these gifts we are most grateful. After the presentations cadets of both Squadrons were entertained to a cinema show, consisting of instructional films. Our thanks are due to Mr. Giles for his co-operation in this entertainment.

The Squadron has taken part in two important parades this term. The first was for the Salute the Soldier campaign and the second was a Church Parade at St. Philip's Church on Empire Youth Sunday. On both these parades cadets acquitted themselves very creditably.

L/C. Roper was placed third in the Essay Competition by North-West Command and was awarded a prize of savings certificates. His essay on "Convoys, Sea and Air," was a very fine effort.

This term three cadets have joined the Forces. A. M. Anderson and Lloyd have joined the Royal Navy, and both have been chosen for Officers' Training Courses. D. C. Fraser is a meteorologist with the Royal Air Force. Two other cadets, F/Sgt. Scarisbrick and Sgt. Anstey, have been accepted for R.A.F. and R.N. University Courses respectively, and Corpl. Matthewman has been accepted by the R.N. under the "Y" Scheme. These cadets are worthily upholding the traditions of the Squadron.

We have had visits from a number of ex-cadets this term. F/O. Dickinson, of Ferry Command, thrilled us with his tales of Atlantic crossings and his trips to Brazil, Africa, India and Italy. Petty-Officer Rimmer is now a pilot with the F.A.A., having completed his training

in Canada. Two other cadets who visited us were Shepherd and Lymath, both having satisfactorily completed their R.A.F. University Courses. We hear also that Lucas has got his "wings" and that he was top of his course.

On April 11th the Squadron was inspected by the District Inspecting Officer, Sq/Ldr. H. R. Leach, and his words of encouragement and praise will be a great help to us in our future efforts.

We welcome to the Squadron this term F/O. Barton, who was Commanding Officer of the Haslingden Unit and has been transferred to this Squadron. His services will be very useful and his help greatly appreciated.

The strength of the Squadron is still increasing and we have now passed the century mark. We shall, however, inevitably lose many cadets at the end of this term, and we earnestly hope that many boys at present in the Upper and Lower Fifth forms will join the Squadron and so help to maintain its strength and efficiency.

FLIGHT SERGEANT.

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

Senior Librarians.—M. Craingold, H. Q. Dowland, E. E. Sainsbury.

Junior Librarians.—P. A. L. Anderson, A. Davidson, T. H. Griffiths, J. F. Glass, W. R. Gore, D. Harrison, R. W. Hayden, G. G. Horrocks, J. Nuttall, D. B. Read, C. Rimmer, K. A. Smedley, S. Timourian.

This term we have had to make further complaints about the misuse of magazines and the covers in which they are kept. In spite of earlier pleas, too, there are still one or two boys who on occasion set the rules at naught and remove magazines from the Library. It is very disheartening that such behaviour can occur in a community like ours, where training for good citizenship should be the first consideration. We are very loth to take more drastic measures by withdrawing magazines from circulation, as the innocent would suffer with the guilty, and moreover it is better that the black sheep should of their own accord wash themselves white, but if appeals continue to prove fruitless authority must needs act.

The number of missing books is still on the increase, and with the growing difficulty of obtaining good books this is a matter for grave concern. It is a strange peculiarity of human nature that many who would recoil with horror from pilfering the smallest coin of the realm look upon books as legitimate prey. Again we express the hope for a better public spirit.

Our best thanks for gifts of books are due to Miss Pennington, M. Craingold, C. Rimmer and I. Williams.

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

IMPORTANT DATES

Autumn term begins September 13th.
Half-term October 30th and 31st.
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