

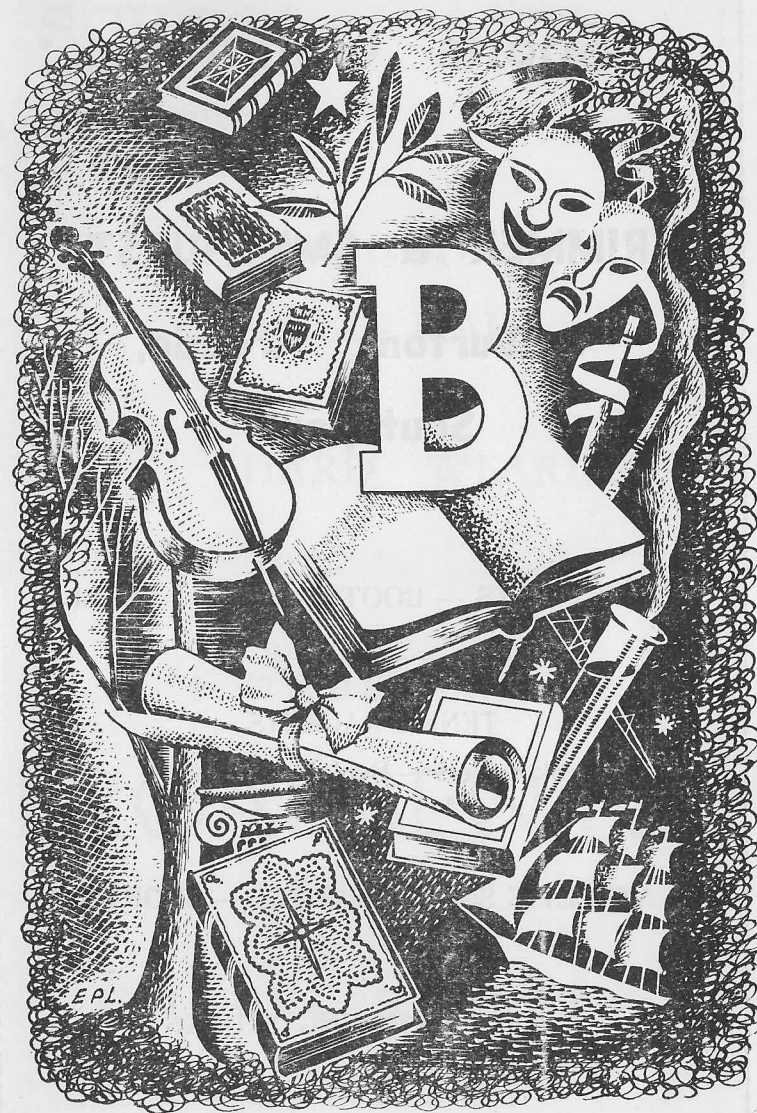
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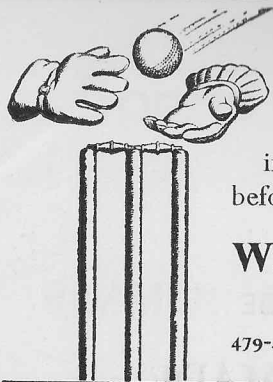
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## School Notes

Mr. T. Pye has been away from school since the beginning of this term owing to illness. He has our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

On December 14th, 15th and 16th, the Debating Society presented 'Saint Joan,' by Bernard Shaw, an account of which appears elsewhere in this issue. Though somewhat handicapped by illness in the cast, the Society is to be congratulated on a most successful presentation of a very ambitious play.

For the second time in its history the school has won the Darnell Excellence Trophy given by the Royal Life Saving Society for Life Saving awards. This cup is open for competition between all Grammar and Public Schools in England, Scotland and Wales.

The new R.U.F.C. film was shown to the Senior Games Groups on December 20th.

Sixteen senior boys attended the conference of the Council for Education in World Citizenship in London during the Xmas holidays.

This term's collection was taken for the Wireless for the Blind Fund and realised £11 4s. 6d.

On the afternoon of February 16th, just before half-term, the school saw a programme of educational films.

The Orchestra and Junior Choir gave a short concert to St. Philip's Guild on February 23rd.

The Prefects gave a party on February 24th to the Senior Sixth Form of the Girls' High School.

A second meeting at which old boys gave talks on careers was held on March 7th, when Mr. A. V. Cunliffe (1920-23) gave a talk on the Law and Mr. T. Hodge (1929-36) on Civil Engineering. This meeting was attended by boys in the Sixth and Upper Fifth Forms and their parents.

The annual talk on careers by a representative of the Regional Careers Advisory Service was given by Mr. Jamieson, of Manchester, on March 12th, to the Sixth and Upper Fifth boys.

On March 15th an Army lecturer gave a talk to the Sixth and Upper Fifth Forms on National Service in the Army.

C. A. Platt has been successful in the Army Entrance examination to Sandhurst.

J. W. Wood has been awarded a Demyship in Modern Studies (English and Latin) at Magdalen College, Oxford. A Demyship is the name given at Magdalen College to an Open Scholarship).

G. Findley was awarded a Minor Open Scholarship in English at Queens' College, Cambridge in December 1950.

B. S. Jones has gained admittance to the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

## VALETE

Ellis, A., 1944-50.—Spencer's, Lower VI Special, School Certificate 1950.  
Davidson, I., 1945-50.—Leech's, Lower VI Special, School Certificate 1950, R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion 1950.  
Hyde, M. R. E., 1945-50.—Rogers', Upper VI Modern, School Certificate 1949, School Prefect, 1st XI Colours 1950, House Almoner.  
Seed, G. T., 1945-50.—Woodham's, Lower VI Special, School Certificate 1950, School Play 1946-50.  
Taylor, B. H., 1945-50.—Mason's, Lower VI Special, School Certificate 1950, R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion 1950.  
Fleeman, H. T., 1947-50.—Mason's, Upper Va, Captain Bruce Thomson Scholarship to H.M.S. Conway.  
Howard, D., 1947-51.—Edwards', Upper V Trans Modern, Bantam Colours 1949-50.  
Woolley, K. J. W., 1948-50.—Grear's, Lower VI Special, School Certificate 1950, R.L.S.S. Award of Merit 1950.  
Buck, K. W., 1949-50.—Edwards', Trans Y.

## SALVETE

D. Anderton, R. B. Charter, P. F. Hopwood, D. J. Mansell, M. Nicholson.

## House Notes

### EDWARDS'

Our achievements so far this year have not been spectacular but we have, nevertheless, met with a fair amount of success. The Senior House XV has won two out of its three matches; the Juniors, under their captain, E. W. Llewellyn, have drawn the only match so far played, but it seems reasonable to hope that they will be more successful in future games.

In the Badminton Competition the House team, A. Bond and N. McBride, has reached the final. Our representatives in the Boxing Competition have given a very fine performance and D. Bailey, R. H. Norris, M. Noar, N. McBride, S. Johnson and A. J. Leadbetter have all reached the finals. We hope the whole House will keep up its noble efforts in the Gym Competition.

With the approach of the Summer term, we would remind all boys that we have a good reputation to maintain in life-saving and swimming qualifications.  
J. W. W.

### EVANS'

T. N. Baker, D. H. Hamilton, and J. D. Clark have been made House Prefects. The latter we welcome back to the House after an absence of a few years. It is encouraging to see the great work being done by the House Prefects for the House.

Last term we came second in the Inter-House Chess Competition, just two points behind Grear's. The two young players, D. Dandy and R. A. S. Kay, must be congratulated; the team was captained by H. D. Silverton.

The House was well represented in the School Play. The bellow-inks of Silverton were met by the simplicity of D. R. Isenberg, and the enthusiasm of Hamilton and P. M. P. Griffiths, whilst churchmanlike propriety was presented in the form of M. H. Irving.

In the boxing competition B. Rimmer and C. F. Wilson have battled their way into the finals, while R. G. Mann, J. A. Jarvis, M. S. Cohen, C. R. Wright were vanquished on the way.

Our badminton team lost its first match to Edwards', but D. Latchford, a young player, shows great promise.

The Junior Rugby practices have been very keenly attended, and the team, under the captaincy of S. B. Rimmer, drew their first match with Edwards'.

Kay is working hard with House Life-saving and the group is steadily getting bigger. Kay has been recently awarded the Scholar-Instructor's Certificate; D. Fish and J. Kelsall, the Bronze Medallion; and F. A. Hansford, L. A. E. Ashworth and R. Sutton, the Intermediate Certificate.

H. D. S.

### GREAR'S

Unfortunately, this term, owing to the shortness of the days, there has been but one Senior Rugby practice. This, however, was well attended, and proved most fruitful. The Junior team has had one or two outings, and despite its lack of size and weight, is hoping to have a successful year.

The Chess team was successful in winning the trophy for the second consecutive time. This achievement was all the more praiseworthy, as the finish to the competition was very close and exciting. The individual players' record is noteworthy:—

	P	W	D	L
Preston (Captain) .....	7	6	1	0
Clark .....	7	5	1	1
Slack .....	7	5	1	1

There has been little activity in swimming this term; D. R. Gott, however, is to be congratulated on his being awarded the Bronze Cross. J. O. Clark, the swimming captain, has expressed the wish that all swimmers should do their best to qualify during the Summer term and also support the Life-saving classes.

Several of our members have shown a keen interest in the Boxing Competition during the term.

Our Badminton team again fared badly. There are, apparently, very few boys in the House interested in Badminton; it would therefore stand us in good stead for future years if more boys, especially juniors, were to take an immediate interest in this exhilarating sport.

A. T. B.

### LEECH'S

The Senior Rugby team was unsuccessful in its first two matches, but in its last, against Woodham's, it won a very definite victory, largely owing to the efforts of its captain, F. W. Collins. The Junior Team, under G. M. Halley, has played one excellent game against Rogers', which resulted in a draw. We wish it every success in the future. The Chess Team was placed fairly high, but the Badminton Team met with no success. The House must congratulate I. M. Blair, R. Gautrey, and R. Twist, on reaching the final in the Boxing Competition. They showed a determined spirit which should be an inspiration to the rest of the House.

This term the House has been divided into groups each under a House Prefect, and we hope that this system will enable members of the House to take an increasing part both in House and School activities.

The contribution to charity this term was rather small, although P. Rushton is to be commended on his efforts to extract money from the House.

G. F.

### MASON'S

Up to the time of writing the Senior House Rugby competition is still incomplete. With one match still to play we have won one and lost one. The Junior XV, although it has not played any official House matches as yet, has shown promise in unofficial matches and practices.

Life-saving and swimming have slackened off somewhat this term owing to the absence of our captain, but we hope they will recommence next term with renewed vigour.

The Chess Team, under the captaincy of D. M. Holmes, did well in the House competition, winning more than they lost.

The Badminton Team, captained by J. Smith, has played two matches so far, one of which we won.

The School Charity this term was "The Wireless for the Blind Fund" and the response from the House was poor in comparison with that of previous years.

The House as a whole appears to be working quite well and with a little more effort should be able to equal last term's achievement of gaining most points for work done.

D. I. K., D. J. W.

## ROGERS'

It is pleasing to note that, at the end of last term, we had representatives in both the School Play and the Orchestra. Booth must be congratulated on his performance as the Bishop of Beauvais. It is to be hoped that in the future members of the House interested in dramatics will keep the name of Rogers' associated with that of the School Play.

In the sphere of Chess, the team were unfortunate in losing a decisive game against Grear's. This means that we have been brought down to third place.

Our Badminton team has played two games, with mixed success. We beat Mason's, but lost to Edward's.

One drawn Junior House match has been played against Leech's and several practices have been held under the guidance of Booth and Shorrock.

In the Boxing Competition, four of our representatives have reached the semi-finals, J. Howard, Keeley, Massey, and D. Rimmer.

In spite of the scarcity of swimmers fitted to take Life-saving qualifications, a class has been started, which should produce results at the end of the term.

R. A. N.

## SPENCER'S

A dominant feature of this term's activities has been Life-saving. The Life-saving captain, Glautier, reports that greater support has been shown by the House and he has been able to start two classes. While extending last term's work, he is also entering candidates for the Bronze Cross and Award of Merit. Glautier is to be commended on the hard work and time he has put in with his candidates.

In Rugby, the Senior XV has reached the final for the second time in two years. We hope that at the time of reading these House notes we shall see the Rugby Shield once more decorating the House-room walls after its long absence. No less than thirteen Spencerians represent the House in School teams.

Although the Junior Rugby team lost its first match to Mason's, the zeal and enthusiasm displayed right up to the last minute were a pleasure to see. Not the least notable and encouraging performance was a try in the last few minutes when the score against was 23.

In Badminton, the House won two of its three matches, but unfortunately did not qualify to enter the final.

Congratulations are due to Lever and Barton on qualifying to enter the finals of the Boxing Competition and indeed to all boys who entered the competition.

The House Almoner wishes to thank the members of the House for their grand contribution of £3 to this term's School Charity.

M. D.

## WOODHAM'S

Our first duty this term is to welcome a new boy to the House, M. Nicholson, of Lower 5 Trans. We hope he will be happy here.

As regards House activities this term, there has been a good deal to report. The Junior Rugby XV has now been selected under its captain, C. E. Andrews. Besides those representatives of the House in school teams mentioned last term, we now have E. M. Bennett in the Chicks XV. We wish them every success. The Badminton team under J. M. C. Davidson has won all its matches, and has reached the final. We hope for the best here, too. Our Chess team, under R. Rimmer, has only played one match, but won it by three games to nil. There has been enthusiasm shown in all spheres, but a little more keenness exhibited on the part of the juniors would be appreciated. As a reminder, the athletic sports will be held early next term, and we hope for good representation in every possible event.

We were well represented in the school play, "St. Joan," at the end of last term. In the cast we had N. Meredith, J. R. Weber, G. T. Seed, R. J. Elliott, and E. Glendenning. G. S. Morrell was a prompt. In the orchestra for the play we had J. M. C. Davidson, M. S. Davidson, T. R. Sagers, A. Dixon, and J. H. Wright. Other members of the orchestra are N. Meredith, M. Nicholson, J. T. H. Allen, and J. J. Thompson. We would be glad to see even more of the House joining this and other valuable spheres of school life.

N. M.

## Old Boys' Section

### NEWS OF OLD GEORGIANS

Amongst recent callers at School were: T. Bowerbank (1939-46) who, having completed his Army training, including some service in Egypt, has now taken up residence at Hull University; D. C. Wareing (1944-50), now Cadet Officer in the Blue Funnel Line, who had just completed his first voyage which included visits to Malay, Siam, and Indonesia; and M. E. Jones (1944-49), Cadet Officer in the Merchant Navy. The latter has been travelling between the United States and the Continent of Europe; the ship in which he was serving was recently wrecked off the coast of Holland, an ordeal from which he seems none the worse. J. R. Hargreaves (1940-46) returned from East Africa in January after spending three years with the King's African Rifles in Somaliland, Kenya, and Uganda.

I. Young (1940-44) writes from Roseville, near Sydney, Australia and mentions that he has recently passed the associateship examination of the Incorporated Australian Insurance Institute and hopes to

qualify for the A.A.I. degree next year. J. S. Mann (1927-33), at present senior assistant solicitor to Hastings Corporation, has been appointed a resident magistrate with the Colonial Legal Service in Tanganyika; he leaves to take up his appointment in April. A. Venables (1944-49) sailed for Southern Rhodesia in January. He has been employed in the Corporation Publicity Department and hopes to take up a Civil Service appointment in Africa.

C. Marshall (1927-33), recently returned from Helsinki where he has been Assistant Labour Attaché to the British Legation, has been appointed Employment Manager at Failsworth, Manchester.

R. Cunliffe (1939-44) has passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. B. W. Trueman (1941-46) has gained the diploma of Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists and has also passed the Inter-B.Mus. at Durham University.

K. F. Hulme (1941-49) was picked as reserve for the Cambridge Golf Team v. Oxford

S. H. F. Johnston, Senior Lecturer in Modern History at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, recently gave a talk on the B.B.C. Third Programme on "The Duke of Marlborough: Allied Comander," drawing attention to Marlborough's position at the head of a great European Alliance and assessing his achievements both as commander and as diplomat.

News was received in January of the death of J. W. Thornley (1934-41) while on a mountaineering expedition on Nanga Parbat in The Himalayas.

## NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITIES

### Oxford University

W. G. Fuge who writes on behalf of the O.U. Old Georgians is anxious that their letter should be published as a letter. Here it is:—

Union Society,  
Oxford.

5-3-51.

Sir,

The fevered frolic of Torpids is over and the gentlemen of this University, quivering with nostalgia, retire to medieval beer-cellars and distant lodging-houses to make frantic preparations for the inevitable examinations.

This is the fate of most O.U. Old Georgians. Arnold Reuben, after causing brilliant sensations in Oxford's dramatic and social circles, has quietly retired from earthly joys to the Radcliffe Camera. Arnold appeared with great success in the Experimental Theatre Club's 'Roaring Twenties' evening in an excellent item entitled "Making Whoopee." He also played the lead in the O.U.D.S. Smoker with the same inevitable success.

That oracular figure, Harold Soloman, has shut himself in his college and issued a brief statement that he is contemplating the eternal verities in preparation for Mods. Ivor Robertson on the other hand, recalled as a Class Z reservist, has been trying to forget this by attending Bump Suppers, parties and other Epicurean delights.

At the beginning of term Bill Fuge was coxing one of his college eights, but gave up this occupation, ostensibly because of a mysterious examination but, we suspect, because of the rain and snow, too many hair's-breadth escapes and affairs of the heart. He is now to be seen swathed in a long scarf and clutching a big umbrella, which decorations help to hide the look of innocent earnestness noticeable in those in their first year.

Other news we have none, for nought changes here save the colour of our duffle-coats, the colour of our language and the colour of the Martyr's Memorial (now bright and shining for the Festival of Britain).

We remain, therefore,

Yours faithfully,

O.U.O.G.S.

### Cambridge University

Old Georgians held their termly get-together in the rooms of M. Seal, were primed with coffee and cakes and, after struggling in vain with such problems as why smoke goes up chimneys, turned to consider what they had been doing this term.

A. J. Hoyle admitted he had been digging holes in chalk valleys but refused to say whether this had anything to do with Civil Defence preparations. Two of the Society, T. K. Stratford and J. C. Higgins had spent part of the term languishing in Addenbrooke's Hospital. That other Old Spencerian, K. F. Hulme, is worried: he fears that the illness might result from the food provided on the House table, of which he also partook. Meanwhile he plays far too much golf. The O.G. oarsmen reported a good term. C. M. Woodham narrowly missed winning his oars in the Lent Bumps and B. Clement's boat was also unsuccessful.

Amongst the research students P. J. Owens recently received his M.A. and forfeited ten pounds. The others seem all happily engaged in their researches.

The meeting closed with an acrimonious discussion of which was the best house at school.



### Liverpool University

Liverpool Old Georgians feel proud that the important offices of President of Guild and General Secretary of Athletics are held respectively by N. Gordon and R. Duckworth. T. Broadhurst is Vice-Captain of the Fencing Team, E. Pearson is Treasurer of the Rifle Club, while C. B. Holmes is Treasurer of the Men's Swimming Club and an active member of the University Swimming Team. J. B. Cardwell is a member of the Badminton team which is in the finals for the Vernon Sangster Trophy.

In the academic field P. W. Davies has passed his First M.B. while K. Matson and J. K. Williams have passed the First B.D.S. examination. W. R. Aspin, reduced to impecuniosity as a result of the Engineers' Dinner, is working hard for his Finals in a desperate attempt to forget his poverty.

J. Haslam continues to support the Dramatic Society and took a leading part in "The Importance of Being Earnest." J. Levin is a prominent member of the Rhythm Club.

On Panto Day, R. Pearson, his grimy face lit with fiendish glee, helped to concoct the evil-smelling fumes distinguishing the Engineers' Lorry, while M. English looked anything but military in a faded A.T.S. uniform. A. C. Wynne, obliged to refuse an invitation to drive French Society's lorry, found consolation in seconding a Union debate.

### Sheffield University

Both the Old Georgians here, H. Townsend and J. A. Cheetham, will be glad when this term is over, for Sheffield in winter is not a pleasant place and neither of them has enjoyed the best of health. The event of the term was the election of the President and Vice-President of the Union, and one thousand students crowded into a hall which normally holds only three hundred. It seemed that Sheffield aimed to rival Glasgow and during the proceedings flour bombs and moth-balls were thrown and hydrogen-sulphide bombs released. It was suggested from the floor that a President would be elected only if he promised a rag a month.

H. Townsend can be seen in his attic room, studying columns of figures trying to discover why the cost of living has risen. J. A. Cheetham, it is reported, has been muttering French words in his sleep, while both he and W. E. Marsden are lamenting Wednesday's probable drop into the 2nd Division. W. E. M. is going on a Geography Field Trip to Surrey during the Easter vacation. J. A. C.

who went on a similar trip last year, is content with informing his colleagues of the trials and hazards of such an expedition.

### London School of Economics

This is Festival Year, welcomed here by all students (apart from finalists G. L. Bantock and D. B. Read) as providing another opportunity for supplementing University grants. Guides are wanted to show visitors round London and although the majority of students are themselves from far-away places this is no deterrent to applying for the job. For there are, after all, guide-books on London and a few hours spent on one of these will enable an intelligent person to convince any foreigner that not only was he born within sound of Bow Bells, but that there is not a building he cannot name, a street he has not walked or a monument whose history he cannot relate. And as for the blitz—personal reminiscences can be practised beforehand and adapted to the site in question. It is a wonder that economic text-books are still being read while guide-books promise a quicker and larger return.

## Miscellaneous Reports

### "SAINT JOAN"

In view of Shaw's recent death, it is well that we should have been reminded of his true greatness by the Debating Society's production, at the end of last term, of his finest dramatic work, "Saint Joan." We cannot guess what the unpredictable Mr. Shaw himself would have said of this production; but, all things considered, it has a very strong claim to take first place among the School Plays—at any rate, among those produced since the war.

After a slow first scene, the production moved swiftly and smoothly to the end of the first part, and the difficult tent scene in particular, was admirably done. The various sets were simple, pleasing and effective, and there was no serious flagging of interest. After the interval, however, the long trial scene suffered from two considerable disadvantages: firstly, the small stage was unavoidably overcrowded and in consequence Joan and accusers were near each other; secondly, the set was too reminiscent of the hotel terrace in "You Never Can Tell," and its bright, cheerful appearance was partly responsible for the lack of tension after Cauchon's exit. But also, could not the extremely resourceful stage staff have given us at this point some indication that there was a large fire in the vicinity? The whole atmosphere was too pleasant and casual. The Epilogue

was very well done, and marred only by the unimaginative treatment of Joan's last speech. As the other characters gradually disappear, interest is centred more and more on Joan, and the climax is reached when she kneels in the centre of the stage, preparatory to ending the play in her quiet and sorrowful last lines; at this point however, we were treated to orchestral mutterings which accompanied Joan and then rose in a crescendo which finished the play in melodramatic style.

Any production of "Saint Joan" stands or falls by the way in which the eight or nine vital main parts are acted; and here there was a very high standard. D. R. Isenberg gave a magnificent performance as Joan, happier perhaps in the more serious moments, but sincere and convincing throughout; and he dealt admirably with the awkward dialect problem. A very self-confident Joan this, and a very good one. G. T. Seed's Dauphin began with too much vitality; this was a petulant, puckish creature whom no one in his wildest dreams would suspect of being "a grown man and a father." As the play progressed, however, the Dauphin became a more manly character and Seed's performance fell more into line. He was always an engaging Dauphin, and by the time we reached the Epilogue he was quite a Shavian one. K. Dowling added fresh laurels to his collection as the Earl of Warwick; here was a suave diplomat, worldly and hypocritical; and, though he occasionally lacked the qualities of an imperious leader, he never lacked dignity and poise. Dignity and poise were also the main characteristics of C. G. Booth as Cauchon; he was, however, rather too statuesque. From N. Meredith we had an excellent de Stogumber, both as the fiery nationalist and later as the witless old parish priest. He put everything into the part and got very nearly everything out of it. R. M. Burstall was a wise and authoritative Inquisitor, although occasionally a little too virile and vehement. Nevertheless, he gave a good account of the arduous speech in the trial scene, in spite of the garrulous assessors whom he was addressing (why, by the way, are School Play crowds always so vociferous and ungovernable?). G. A. Noar gave a very good performance as Dunois; he was, quite rightly, a plain, practical, slightly cynical soldier rather than "the darling of the ladies, the beautiful bastard" (though his poetic instincts in the third scene were a little too much in abeyance). H. D. Silverton was a ranting Baudricourt but far too restrained—histrionically, not vocally. Outstanding among the smaller parts were J. Smith, an elegant Bluebeard, K. V. Bladon, a sincere and unobtrusive Ladvenu, and M. Dennett, a gloriously whole-hearted representative of English soldiery.

The pauses between scenes were filled in by the School Orchestra which gave a fairly efficient rendering of music which was quite unworthy of the play. Certainly, suitable music can be very useful for preserving the continuity of the production; but surely the use of gramophone records has many great advantages over the use of

the orchestra. The gramophone, for instance, would be much less obtrusive and would offer a far wider choice of music. After all, the main object of the School Play is to demonstrate the School's dramatic capabilities; and it is surely unnecessary and irrelevant to prove, at the expense of the play, that we have a flourishing orchestra.

Finally, I will end in traditional style by remarking that, in spite of the drawbacks mentioned above—and they are not many—this was a very good production of a very fine play.

J. W. WOOD.

### THE C.E.W.C. CONFERENCE

During the Christmas holidays a party of Sixth Formers went down to London to attend the conference arranged by the Council for Education in World Citizenship (the schools branch of the U.N.A.), at the Central Hall, Westminster. The conference took the form of a series of eight lectures followed by discussions. The main theme was the "Under-developed Territories of the World," and each specialist dealt with the subject from his particular angle.

Senor Salvador de Madariaga opened the conference with a vague preamble, leaving Mr. George Ivan Smith to come to grips with the problem. Mr. Maurice Webb then dealt with the world's food problem, leaving a bitter taste in our mouths. Unfortunately, Mr. Anthony Eden was unable to deliver his talk on "The British Colonial Empire," but his place was most capably filled by Mr. Harold Macmillan. Sir Harold Hartley was also unable to be present, and Professor Hindel spoke in his stead on "Science in the Service of Man." This speech tended to be rather technical and lacked any aesthetic appeal. The next lecture on "World Trade" proved to be the most interesting, because owing to a misunderstanding we had two speakers, Mr. Wyndham White and Mr. Donald Brett. They presented two opposing points of view, and it was left to the listener to form his own opinion. The last two were the most popular speakers, Dr. Charles Hill, of radio fame, who spoke on "World Health," and Mr. John Bowers, who spoke on "Fundamental Education." Although the title of this last talk appears rather dry, the speaker gave us a most enlightening picture of the need for education in the march of progress, which he coupled with some amusing experiences.

The Discussions were popular with those who liked to air their opinions, and one of our delegates was in the special discussion group which made a broadcast.

The conference was enjoyed by all and much benefit was derived from the visit. We all came away with an appreciation of the world's problems and the responsibilities of every citizen.

There will be further conferences throughout the year in this and other countries, details of which will be posted from time to time on the C.E.W.C. notice-board.

H. D. SILVERTON.

## TWO DAYS AT SEA

As we marched in two's along the road, I looked out to sea. Something inside me said "It's your turn next." This was the thought that was dancing in the minds of the other boys, for the next day we were to set sail for the open sea, in the Outward Bound Sea School's ketch "Warspite." This 90-ton vessel was of a two masted rig, with a bowsprit 20 feet long.

Next morning my fellow hutmates and I were apprehensive and low spirited. We were hustled down to a waiting charabanc, which took us 50 miles to the ship. She lay storm-bound in Abersoch Bay, but the way of the gods was with us, for on arrival, the gale which had been raging all night, had blown itself out. What a lovely sight she was as she lay in the centre of the bay, with her sails neatly furled!

As soon as we were alongside we were greeted by the "Old Man," who showed us to our sleeping quarters, which were in the forecabin. No sooner were we settled in, than we got the familiar order for "all hands on deck." Within half an hour we were under way. I was posted in the bows. As I sat there on watch I had a great thrill as I felt the little ketch boldly breasting the swell, with the sails above filling with wind which brought us along. The sea around us was as blue as the very heavens themselves. Later we returned to our anchorage for the night. After tea we just lounged round the decks, as there was little or nothing to do.

I shall not endeavour to tell you about my anchor watch, for it was absolutely uneventful. This, by the way, was from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m.

We were called at four in the morning to weigh anchor. The mate told me that we were trying to get into Aberdovey (where the school is situated), if the weather was favourable. I had noticed the boat was rolling and pitching all over the place, and on arrival on deck I observed with sympathy four boys who were spending a brief interlude leaning over the bulwarks. By 4-30 a.m. we were gliding silently through the water. Seeing this, I went below for breakfast. Naturally we did not take much interest in food. The meals were prepared by the engineer, who also looked after the engines. I am not suggesting that he mixed his technique, although we were told he was a good cook. He was elderly, so he had had a long experience. His uniform was well-worn and well-ventilated. He was not interested in the effects of his food upon us.

On coming up above after my meal, I saw on our leeward side, rocks rising from the sea at some distance away. To my horror, I saw we were heading straight for them. I ran along the deck shouting, and pointed to them. When I reached the skipper, he coldly laughed at me, and told me not to be such "a landlubber," and to

get on with my work. I was so ashamed when we approached and saw that they were only the entrance to the harbour.

By this time it was raining, and when I looked at the clouds they seem to frown down at me. The spray and rain swept over and bows, tossing our little boat all over the place, and making it difficult to keep ones balance. I was told that we would not be able to make the wharf that day. My heart fell, for I was sure that I could not make another passage like that without dire consequences, for already ten cadets had been sick. We dropped anchor in the hope of the sea subsiding. At 5-30 p.m. we received a signal from the school wharf that they would send a boat to relieve the crew. The cheers that went up were deafening, for although we had only been at sea for two days, the thought of dry land was most comforting.

After a very difficult piece of manoeuvring, we managed to get the motor boat alongside. Once on shore, I felt that the winds and spray which we had encountered seemed to have washed away the cobwebs of idle, slack existence.

B. S. MEREDITH.

## Sports Section

### NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN RUGBY UNION TOUR, 1950

As most of you will be aware I had the very great honour of touring New Zealand and Australia with the British Isles Touring Team during the summer of 1950.

The selection of the side to represent the British Isles was in the hands of two selectors from each county, presided over by the Chairman and Manager of the Tour, Surgeon-Captain Osborne. The side having been selected it was the duty of the Touring Committee to establish those who were able to travel. This being ascertained we were given our preliminary notification of assembly to be in London on March 28th at the Mayfair Hotel.

We left London on the morning of April 1st and sailed from Liverpool in the afternoon on board the S.S. Ceramic. The first three or four days being rough, most of the members of the side were confined to their cabins, especially the hulking great forwards. We passed through the Canal and stayed overnight at Panama City. Leaving Panama City in the early hours of the morning we were informed that it would probably be our last sight of land until we arrived in Wellington. For the next two and a half weeks we were busy preparing for the heavy Rugby programme that we had to face in New Zealand, with P.T. in the morning and deck games in the afternoons.

On arrival at Wellington on May 1st the reception we received was staggering. Hundreds of people lined the quayside and there were photographers swarming all over the ship. The same evening we had the official reception from the R.U. of New Zealand and left by boat from Wellington to cross over to Nelson, in the South Island. Our arrival there was in the early hours of the morning—6-30 a.m. to be precise—but nearly the whole of the population was there to greet us and the town band was on the quay side. Our arrival at the hotel was once again heralded by the town band, which had passed us en route. And so we had arrived to get ready for the real hard work of the tour—that of playing football. We had ten days ahead of us before we had our first match and during that time the people of Nelson opened their hearts and homes to us. They made us feel as though we were part of the community instead of strangers from over 12,000 miles away.

After the first game we left Nelson, and very sorry we were to do so (and that was how we felt about all the cities, towns and villages that we visited); we travelled across to the west coast via the famous Buller Gorge to Westport and Greymouth. From there we travelled across the South Island through Arthur's Pass to Christchurch and down to Dunedin, where we were to make our headquarters for the first Test Match against New Zealand, one game had been fitted in between the game at Dunedin and the Test Match at a place called Invercargill, one of the famous oyster towns of New Zealand. The first Test Match over we travelled north again, calling at Timaru and on to Christchurch for the second Test Match—again with a game in between at Ashburton.

We left from Lyttleton, which is the port for Christchurch, and travelled by sea to the North Island, landing at Wellington, and played our first game in the North Island at Masterton. Whilst at Napier, the scene of the famous earthquake in the 1930's, we experienced a mild earthquake in the early hours of the morning. The experience is somewhat eerie, and one I do not wish to go through again. We thereupon travelled down to Hamilton where we visited the famous Waitomo caves in the Waikato Valley and then on to Whangarei in the very north of the Island. From there we came back to Auckland and visited the Maori Settlement of Rotorua with its hot springs, geysers and boiling mud. The Maoris there do all their cooking with the aid of these springs and the heat from the earth, and what marvellous cooking it is! We had the privilege of seeing live Maori entertainments, with all the trimmings.

After the final Test Match we had one more game to play, that against an all-Maori side, at Wellington. The scenes after that game are very hard to describe, with over 45,000 people singing "Now is the Hour" to us. It was very moving indeed and will be one of the things remembered by all who took part in the tour.

We left Wellington, regretfully, the following day, hoping that we would revisit that beautiful and homely land of New Zealand.

Our reception at Sydney, Australia, was not like that in New Zealand, but nevertheless was very warm. Unfortunately after our visit to Canberra in the Federal State territory, where we played the first game in Australia, I was admitted to hospital where I spent the remaining part of the Australian tour. I managed to get out of hospital two days before we sailed from Melbourne on our journey home. We arrived at Tilbury on the morning of Oct. 8th.

GORDON RIMMER.

## RUGBY RESULTS

### 1st XV.

Sept. 23—A	..... v. Manchester G. S.	0—23	L
" 30—H	..... v. Liverpool Collegiate	16—6	W
Oct. 4—A	..... v. Wallasey G.S.	6—8	L
" 11—A	..... v. Birkenhead G.S.	14—8	W
" 14—H	..... v. Cowley G.S.	14—13	W
" 18—A	..... v. Arnold S.	39—11	W
Nov. 4—A	..... v. Upholland G.S.	14—14	D
" 18—H	..... v. Hutton G.S.	33—0	W
" 22—H	..... v. Blackpool G.S.	3—9	L
" 25—H	..... v. Birkenhead S.	9—5	W
Dec. 9—H	..... v. Waterloo R.U.F.C.	6—33	L
Jan. 24—A	..... v. Lancaster Royal G.S.	11—6	W
" 27—H	..... v. Sale R.U.F.C.	6—3	W
Feb. 3—H	..... v. Upholland G.S.	27—16	W
" 7—A	..... v. Ormskirk G.S.	0—3	L
" 14—H	..... v. Wallasey G.S.	24—8	W
" 17—A	..... v. Cowley G.S.	8—15	L
" 24—H	..... v. Wigan G.S.	20—0	W

### 2nd XV.

Sept. 30—H	..... v. Liverpool Collegiate S.	44—0	W
Oct. 4—H	..... v. Wallasey G.S.	9—11	L
" 11—H	..... v. Birkenhead School	8—18	L
" 14—A	..... v. Cowley G.S.	3—25	L
Feb. 14—A	..... v. Wallasey G.S.	6—14	L
" 17—H	..... v. Cowley G.S.	0—0	D
" 21—H	..... v. Blackpool G.S.	10—3	W

### Colts XV.

Oct. 4—A	..... v. Wallasey G.S.	3—30	L
" 11—A	..... v. Birkenhead G.S.	3—51	L
" 14—H	..... v. Cowley G.S.	0—58	L
" 18—A	..... v. Arnold S.	3—16	L
Nov. 4—H	..... v. Upholland G.S.	6—12	L
" 18—A	..... v. Hutton G.S.	0—38	L
" 25—H	..... v. Birkenhead S.	0—52	L
Jan. 20—A	..... v. Upholland G.S.	9—3	W
Feb. 7—A	..... v. Ormskirk G.S.	3—25	L
" 14—H	..... v. Wallasey G.S.	0—19	L
" 17—A	..... v. Cowley G.S.	0—99	L
" 21—H	..... v. Blackpool G.S.	9—11	L

**Bantam XV.**

Oct.	4—H	v. Wallasey G.S.	9—5	W
"	11—H	v. Birkenhead S.	17—6	W
"	14—A	v. Cowley G.S.	3—65	L
Nov.	4—A	v. Upholland G.S.	11—21	L
"	15—A	v. Merchant Taylors S.	11—35	L
"	18—H	v. Hutton G.S.	3—11	L
"	22—H	v. Blackpool G.S.	11—13	L
Jan.	24—A	v. Lancaster G.S.	14—0	W
Feb.	3—H	v. Upholland G.S.	0—40	L
"	14—A	v. Wallasey G.S.	3—6	L
"	17—H	v. Cowley G.S.	0—56	L

**Chicks XV.**

Nov.	4	v. Bishop's Court	17—3	W
"	25	v. Bishop's Court	11—10	W
Feb.	2	v. Bishop's Court	6—8	L
"	24	v. Bishop's Court	3—3	D

**1st XV Criticisms**

Capt.: N. SLACK. 1st XV colours 1947-48-49-50-51.

F. W. COLLINS. 1st XV colours 1948-49-50-51. *2nd Row Forward.*

A strong forward whose energetic play is of great value to the team. He gains possession in most line-outs and kicks well in defence. He is inclined to kick for touch, however, when it would be better to open out play among the other forwards.

L. BARTON. 1st XV colours 1949-50-51. *Loose Forward.*

An energetic player who is quick to open out play. He plays hard in the loose but is inclined to kick if unsupported near the opponents' line, when his strong running would otherwise give good results. He should try to curb a tendency to tackle with one arm, because he can tackle well.

J. M. C. DAVIDSON. 1st XV colours 1949-50-51. *Scrum Half.*

A good scrum-half who kicks well in defence and tackles well. His passes, although mostly of a high standard, are sometimes ill-directed. He is quick to break through on his own, when his deceptive swerving run often results in a score. Will not fall on the ball when it runs loose.

R. A. ECCLES. 1st XV colours 1949-50-51. *Fly Half.*

He is a fly half with a good acceleration and he engineers some very good moves. He kicks well and has a very deceptive side-step. A good tackler.

P. T. EDDLESTON. 1st XV colours 1949-50-51. *Lock Forward.*

A strong and energetic player. Jumps well in the line-outs

where he often gains possession. He is prominent in loose play and controls the ball very well with his feet. When participating in a movement he would get better results by quick passing instead of trying to side-step any challenging opponent.

D. S. PRESTON. 1st XV colours 1949-50-51. *2nd Row Forward.*

A much improved player who works hard both in attack and defence. He often gains possession from the line-outs and is quick to break through. He runs well when in possession but should try not to delay his passes.

H. D. SILVERTON. 1st XV colours 1950-51. *Full Back.*

A fearless full back who positions himself and tackles well. His handling and kicking have deteriorated. When opening out play he should transfer the ball more quickly to the faster three-quarters.

C. G. BOOTH. 1st XV colours 1950-51. *Prop Forward.*

A very reliable player. He takes the ball well with his feet and is prominent in forward rushes. He jumps well in the line-outs and tackles very efficiently.

G. A. BURRAS. 2nd XV colours 1950-51. *Wing Three-quarter.*

He runs hard when in possession and kicks well. Should try to improve his tackling which needs to be more forceful.

J. D. CLARK. 1st XV colours 1950-51. *Centre Three-quarter.*

A very useful player with a good turn of speed. He gives his wing good passes and kicks intelligently. His tackling could be improved.

P. COWLEY. 1st XV colours 1950-51. *Loose Forward.*

A capable forward who is prominent in passing movements. He pushes hard both in loose and set scrums. Controls the ball well with his feet.

D. B. OLDFIELD. 2nd XV colours 1950-51. *Prop Forward.*

A good prop who packs well in set scrums and uses his weight advantageously in the line-out. He is quick to open out play when the ball is loose. He should try to overcome his habit of standing at the back of loose-scrums as this only hinders the scrum half.

B. H. SHORROCK. 1st XV colours 1950-51. *Centre Three-quarter.*

A strong runner who plays intelligently although not used to his position. He should try to improve his touch-kicking as the ball often ends up in the hands of the opposing wing three-quarter. Tackles hard but too high.

D. H. R. L. SMITH. 2nd XV colours 1950-51. *Wing Three-quarter.*  
He is potentially a good player but lacks confidence in himself; consequently he does not always run as hard as he can. A very good tackler.

A. W. SHARP. 2nd XV colours 1950-51. *Prop Forward.*  
A forward who pushes hard in set scrums and jumps well in the line-out where he often gains possession.

Also played: D. S. ROBERTS (2nd XV colours 1950-51), M. DENNETT (2nd XV colours 1950-51), L. M. HARRIS (2nd XV colours 1950-51), A. J. LEADBETTER (2nd XV colours 1950-51), M. J. HARRIS, G. R. STELFOX, P. WADDINGTON. 2nd XV colours were also awarded to:—G. B. COLLEDGE, M. C. RIDYARD.

Colts XV colours were awarded to:—M. S. DAVIDSON, J. B. HYDE, G. R. STELFOX, D. BUCKELS, B. SHAW, R. H. D. SMITH, W. BURGESS, D. F. EDWARDS.

Bantam XV colours were awarded to:—C. E. ANDREWS, J. E. BELMONT, J. DOBBIN, G. M. HALLEY, B. E. KAY, D. LATCHFORD, E. W. LLWELLYN, P. F. NORMAN, R. NORRIS, B. D. ORMESHER, B. PLATT, D. RIMMER, S. P. RIMMER.

## BOXING CLUB

First we wish to thank Mr. Smith for giving us his time and very able tuition. We began half-way through last term with a large number of very keen members. This enthusiasm has been maintained throughout all our meetings, everyone working hard to improve his boxing and keep fit. The one note of regret, however, is the apathy of the majority of 6th Formers.

The climax of our activities was the Championships, for which there were 72 entries. Fifty-eight contests took place, many of these being very good indeed. The general standard of boxing has improved since last year and, especially among the members of the Club, is very high. We wish to thank everyone who worked so hard to prepare for, and ensure, the smooth running of the Championships.

### Individual and House Championships, 1951—Finals.

1. 5 stones—Juniors.  
Hilson, A. F. (W.) beat Birch, W. (R.) on points. A close contest in which both boxers fought hard right through.

2. Flyweight—Seniors.  
McBride, N. (Ed.) beat Blair, I. M. (L.) on points. A good contest; both contestants boxed well but McBride's greater reach and faster punching enabled him to win.

3. 5½ stones—Juniors.  
Cain, G. (W.) beat Gautrey, R. (L.) on points. Cain was the superior boxer and although Gautrey fought pluckily, he found his opponent very elusive.

4. Featherweight—Seniors.  
Gibbons, J. (G.) beat Johnson, S. (Ed.), the contest being stopped in the second round. Gibbon's experience and accurate punching proved too much for his opponent who had fought back well in the first round.

5. 6 stones—Juniors.  
Wilson, C. F. (Ev.) beat Gibbons, M. (G.) on points. A good close contest. Both boxers showed good defence and ringcraft.

6. Middleweight—Seniors.  
Leadbetter, A. J. (Ed.) beat Barton, L. (S.), the contest being stopped in the third round. This was a very good contest in which hard punches were by no means scarce. Barton courageously tried to carry the fight to his opponent but Leadbetter's clean and well-timed punches showed to advantage after the first round.

7. 7 stones—Juniors.  
Noar, M. (Ed.) beat Rimmer, B. (Ev.), the contest being stopped in the second round. After an even first round, Noar's fast, solid punching proved too much for his opponent.

8. Lightweight—Seniors.  
Sinnott, J. F. (W.) beat Dowling, K. (M.) on points. A very good contest; both contestants boxed well and many hard punches were exchanged, but Sinnott's longer reach enabled him to get on top in the last round and win by a narrow margin.

9. 6½ stones—Juniors.  
Norris, R. H. (Ed.) beat Twist, R. (L.) on points. A good contest; both boxers fought hard and well all through.

10. 11 stones—Seniors.  
Howard, J. (R.) beat Lever, D. J. (S.), the contest being stopped in the first round. Howard attacked from the start and his opponent was unable to withstand his fierce punching.

11. 7½ stones—Juniors.  
Ormesher, B. D. (M.) beat Valins, C. J. (S.) on points. A good, very close contest; both boxers punched well and showed good defence.

### Final House Positions

1.	Edward's	30	points
2.	Woodham's	24	points
3.	Grear's	18	points
4.	Roger's	17	points
5.	Evans'	16	points
6.	Mason's	15	points
7.	{ Leech's	14	points
	{ Spencer's	14	points

A. J. L.

### SWIMMING

Captain: J. O. CLARK. Vice-Captain: M. J. HARRIS.  
Secretary: K. V. BLADON

After the success in the Liverpool and District Schools' Championships the School contested four more matches during the winter months.

At Bolton, on November 15th, the School had a very exciting match against Bolton School. The result hung on the final event, the Senior Free Style Squadron, which the School won, thus winning the match by 44 points to 39. J. O. Clark swam very well to win three events, and two other seniors gained first places. The weakness of the School team lay with the juniors, M. A. Haigh being their only winner.

The School gained revenge for a defeat earlier in the year when, at Manchester on December 16th, the team beat the Grammar School by 48½ points to 29½. J. D. Giddens won the 50 Yards Back Stroke (Junior) event in record time of 38.4secs. Nevertheless the general performance of the Junior team was again disappointing; it is to be hoped that the experience they gained in these two matches will show dividends in the summer term. The School emphasised their superiority by winning the Water Polo game, which followed the match, by 10 goals to nil.

In the New Year the Senior team have had two hard fixtures against Manchester University. The first, at the Victoria Baths on January 20th, was keenly contested and, thanks mainly to the brilliant performance of M. J. Harris in winning both Free Style events, the School were able to keep level until the last two events. These were the two squadrons, both of which were won by the University, thus giving them a clear twelve points. The Senior team was far too small to stand the strain of a University fixture, and the three key swimmers were grossly overworked. The result was that Manchester won the match by 30 points to 18.

At Manchester on February 10th, the School was completely outclassed by the University. Influenza had deprived the School of the services of M. J. Harris, and the weakness caused proved to be irreparable. F. Baddeley beat his own record to win the 50 Yards Back Stroke event in 32.2secs., and the Water Polo game was drawn 3-3. These were the only lights which relieved the gloom of a 33-13 defeat.

Ending on a brighter note, we report that great interest has been shown in the Life-saving Competition during the winter terms, and we would like to remind boys that this competition remains open until the end of the Summer term and that swimming qualifications for the Ingham Cup will begin early next term.

K. V. B.

### Prose and Verse

#### REMINISCENCE

Nine years at this school!

Every time we sing "Alma Mater" at the Founder's Day ceremony in June, my mind goes back very vividly to the day I first set my foot in this establishment. Coming to King George the Fifth School after attending a very small private school was an overwhelming experience for me. On that sultry September morning when I arrived for my first day at this school, I was obsessed by a sensation of my own insignificance, for, on leaving my former school, I was in next to the top form. I recall the first school assembly in the great hall. What a change from the other gatherings in the little room at the other school! How far away the tall, imposing, white-haired figure of the Head, standing at the desk on the platform, seemed to me. Yet the very next day he was bending over me in a fatherly manner, helping me to struggle with a problem in mathematics. At last I began to see daylight, immature though I was. I began to realise that I was here taking part with a vast number of other boys in a common two-fold purpose. I was here primarily to work and secondly "to enlarge her name on the scroll of fame." Yes, at last that terrible inferiority complex which had haunted me for the first few days was beginning to diffuse into space. I remember those happy terms in the first and second forms. I recall the speed and vivacity with which we would get our books ready, and hurry along to the History Room, or Geography Room, or maybe the laboratories for the next lesson. In the middle school we walk to the next lesson, and in the senior school we just stroll!

As time went on, we arrived in the middle school, the period in our schooldays when we think we know everything. The excitement of the day when we first don our long trousers, and the jealousy

of those other boys who had not had that privilege yet! Probably the middle school is the schoolboy's ideal period in his school career, for having already got settled into the daily routine, and seeing that there are no really important examinations for another two or three years, he can really be at ease.

Then finally the senior school. It is here that our lives begin to change. The worry of our School Certificate and Higher School Certificate examinations begin to loom up on the horizon. It is here we are put for the first time into posts of responsibility. It is here too, that a new generation of teachers begin to come into the school. They are young, fresh and zealous to uphold the tradition that their predecessors had left behind them. These changes are bound to have their effect on the life of the school. But whatever changes do come, the old spirit is still there. It has always been so, and always will be so, for King George the Fifth School has kindled in me a fire that can never be extinguished.

N. MEREDITH, Upper 6 Mod.

### GERMS

I am a little tiny germ,  
To harm you is my plan;  
I like to jump on to the meat  
When it is in the pan.  
I like to go in your inside  
To make you feel so blue;  
I like to hear you wailing out:  
"I think I've got the 'flu."  
Beware of little germs like these,  
Take care about your food,  
'Cos they are very dangerous  
When they are in the mood.  
Don't let them jump on to the meat  
When it is in the pan,  
For germs are deadly enemies  
When they're inside a man.

P. E. RIGBY, Tr. X.

### THE TRAMP

As I went walking one fine summer's day,  
I met a tramp on the King's highway,  
And, I thought as I passed this shabby figure,  
"I'll be a tramp when I get bigger.  
No work and no worry, just trudging along,  
Blue skies above and the birds in song."

As I went walking one cold winter's day,  
I met a tramp on the King's highway,  
He looked blue with cold as he trudged along,  
Clouds filled the sky, no birds were in song,  
So I won't be a tramp when I grow old,  
It's fun in the sun, but not when it's cold.

B. R. WHITTINGHAM, 2B.

### OLD SEADOG

The lone figure on the end of the jetty turned slowly and walked listlessly to the quay over the rotting brown planks. Several times he stopped and gazed again out to sea where, on the horizon, the sails of the outward-bound fishing fleet could still be discerned. It was a rough day, and the wind sent high waves splashing over the frail wooden structure, wetting the old man's faded blue jersey, and the worn dungarees that were tucked into an old pair of sea-boots. The dejected figure paid no attention, and plodded on, his eyes fixed on the ground, hands thrust deep into his pockets, and his sparse grey locks streaming in the wind.

The wizened brown face gave one last look at the wild sea as he turned homewards over the wet cobbles.

He pushed open the weather-beaten door of his little grey-stone cottage and peered into the gloom. All was still and dusty. He shut the door with a bang, and walked slowly to the mantel-shelf, and gazed fondly at the relics of his sea-faring days: the model schooner in the green bottle, the faded chart, the oar nailed to the wall. His old eyes sparkled at the memories which these souvenirs conjured up.

He turned abruptly and sat down on the edge of his favourite rocking chair, his head bent and hands clasped, slowly rocking to and fro. He sighed. Those good old days were gone; what was there to live for now?

His sad thoughts were rudely shattered by a pounding at the door. A red face thrust itself through the opening, and with an aggrieved tone panted the words, "What's up wi' thee, Jem lad; they'm bin open ten minits!" Jem's face lifted and with an excited cry, he rushed for the door.

K. DOWLING, Lt. 6 M.

### WAS RUGBY INVENTED BEFORE 1823?

Extracts from Shakespeare as evidence.

KIT:—"Give me my boots." (*Richard II*)

SPECTATORS:—"Poor souls they are perish'd." (*The Tempest*).



CENTRES :—" Be advised, sir, and pass." (*Merry Wives of Windsor*).  
 WINGS :—" Wings fleetier than arrows." (*Love's Labour's Lost*).  
 A FORWARD :—" Thou Tortoise!" (*The Tempest*).  
 ANOTHER FORWARD :—" I can hook." (*Winter's Tale*).  
 ONE MAN SHORT :—" Had'st thou not fifteen?" (*Merry Wives of Windsor*).  
 ANOTHER DEFICIENCY? :—" I'll have no halves." (*Taming of the Shrew*).  
 THE PITCH :—" How lush and lusty the grass looks." (*The Tempest*).  
 OPPONENTS :—" These knights will hack." (*Merry Wives of Windsor*).  
 TROUBLE IN THE SCRUM :—" I'll be revenged on the whole pack." (*Twelfth Night*).  
 OUR DEFENCE :—" So firm, so constant." (*The Tempest*).  
 UNDER THE POSTS :—" This barren place." (*The Tempest*).  
 THE GOAL KICKER :—" I am resolved on two points." (*Twelfth Night*).  
 TACTICS :—" Get goal for goal." (*Antony and Cleopatra*).  
 OFFICIALS :—" A touch, a touch, I do confess!" (*Hamlet*).  
 NO SIDE :—" 'Tis time." (*The Tempest*).  
 DAUNTLESS IN DEFEAT :—" We tried." (*Henry VIII*).  
 D. J. FARRANT, L. V. Tr.

## FLOOD TIDE

As I neared the sea the sound of the waves pounding against the sand-hills reverberated in my ears. The high tides were eating away the sand-hills, slowly but surely. The hungry breakers would undercut the sand-hills, bringing down huge quantities of sand and then leaving it to be sucked away by the strong undercurrent. Owing to this erosion it was hazardous to stand on the edge of the sand-hills.

Here and there the tide had washed over the tops of the very small dunes and poured into the gullies. Soon, say the locals, the tide will wash away so much sand that the fields behind the sand-hills will become salt-water marshes.

Down on the shore itself the waves were coming in so fast that one had to jump from foothold to foothold with great speed, and woe betide you if they were not firm and strong! As the huge breakers roared and boiled they flung the flotsam and jetsam high into precarious positions on the edge of the steep hillsides.

The few steamers that were in the channel were "shipping it green" as they ploughed their way out to the open sea.

As the tide turned, the sand-hills were not reached by the breakers and the tide boiled angrily trying to reach the sand. In

about seven or eight weeks' time, when the next high tides come, the winds will have blown some of the sand inland, but the tide will come and take more sand until it reaches the field. The battle between the land and the sea will go on for a long time but in the end the sea will win.

J. WAREING, L. V. Tr.

## School Societies

### ART SOCIETY

The Society has been well attended this term by boys from many forms in the school, especially from the 5th Form downwards, who have made exceptional progress in the drawing and painting of friezes; these will be on show at the Annual Art and Handicrafts Exhibition this summer.

On February 26th, several boys visited the Art School where a number of art films were shown. One, on the masterpieces of Botticelli, gave a mine of information on the work of this great painter. The construction of his paintings was clearly shown by such details as those taken from the "Birth of Venus." Other films included a highly colourful selection of Medieval Manuscripts.

We hope that with the approach of Spring and a "possible" improvement in the weather, the art society will be able to go into the open air and attempt some out-door sketching, which will make, I am sure, a pleasant change from the confines of the Art Room; where during the last few months we have dabbled in clay modelling, scratched at scraper-board, and spilt many pots of water while painting with one hand and holding the radiators for warmth with the other.

We would like to wish all our members and any boys contemplating joining the "artists" a highly colourful and artistic year.

F. P. E.

### DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: J. W. WOOD. Vice-Chairman: C. G. BOOTH  
 Secretary: J. M. C. DAVIDSON.  
 Committee:

K. V. BLADON, K. DOWLING, G. FINDLEY, H. D. SILVERTON.

In spite of competition from other activities, the Debating Society has held many entertaining sessions. The ordinary debates

were well attended, and many speeches were made from the floor. On November 3rd, C. G. Booth, seconded by W. E. Shorrock, proposed "That History is bunk:" the motion, opposed by K. V. Bladon and L. Barton, was defeated. On November 10th, in the Junior Debate, M. Noar and A. K. Waiters had the support of a large audience when they proposed "That a School Tuck-Shop be Established." D. A. Howgate and R. B. Hughes, in opposition, succeeded in obtaining six votes out of a total of 92. On November 24th, M. B. Solomon, seconded by N. Meredith, proposed "That Films are Beneficial to Mankind." H. D. Silverton, seconded by C. Wynne, opposed the motion, which was defeated. On January 12th C. Wynne, seconded by K. Dowling, proposed "That Religion is the Opiate of the Masses." G. Findley and N. Meredith were successful in opposing the motion. In the Masters' Debate, Mr. Smithson and Mr. Tweedy, the proposers, and Mr. Drake and Mr. Liptrot, the opposers, had a great deal to say on the motion "That the Modern Boy is Degenerate." A knowledgeable audience agreed that he is not.

A session of extempore speeches, which has become a regular feature of the Society's programme, was held on November 17th. Subjects varied from "Why I admire Lord Woolton," by our late Communist candidate, H. D. Silverton, to "The Economic Crisis in Kuala-Lumpur," by C. G. Booth. The Chairman, by adroit reference to Chinese mythology, proved that there is a connection between "Table Tennis and a Classical Education."

On December 1st the Vice-Chairman produced the Senior Play Reading, F. Sladen Smith's "St. Simeon Stylites." He is to be congratulated in that he persuaded the Chairman to assume a toga and sit on a pedestal to be worshipped as we know he deserves. The Chairman himself claims that what all agreed was a fine performance on his part was spoiled by the Secretary, as stage manager, dimming out the lights before he could finish his last line.

On December 8th the Junior Elocution contest was held. The prizes went to the same boys as last year, G. H. Marshall and C. R. Cheffins. Many of the other thirty-two competitors gave fine recitations, however, and the judges, Messrs. Kirkby, Marsden and Pye, had a difficult task.

An amusing innovation was a meeting, held on January 19th, entitled "Personal Choice of Light Verse." Poems ranging from literary satire to doubtful dialect were presented, while the moral standard was commendably high.

The Junior Play Reading, "The Poetasters of Ispahan," by Clifford Bax, was presented on January 26th. It is a play in verse, but although as such it provided difficulties, the young cast coped successfully with their lines. The colourful costumes were an added attraction.

The Chairman acted as Speaker in the Mock Parliament held on February 9th. After a brief "Question Time," which was nevertheless long enough for several points of order to be raised, and for the Secretary to be named and ejected from the House, there was a second reading of a Government Bill to reduce the National Service period to twelve months. The Bill was passed by 12 votes to six. Several other questions were raised before the House adjourned.

J. M. C. D.

### MUSIC SOCIETY

The last meeting of the Autumn Term took the form of a Members' Recital on Monday, November 27th. It was composed of a sonata for cello and piano by Marcello, played by C. Wynne and G. Findley, and a Beethoven Trio for clarinet, bassoon (in lieu of cello) and piano, given by C. G. Booth, J. M. C. Davidson, and J. W. Wood. The only other formal meeting held has been a lecture by J. W. Wood on "Die Zauberflöte"; but a number of members have met for rehearsals during the Spring Term.

Their efforts were heard at the concert given by part of the Junior Choir and the Orchestra at the St. Philip's Guild, on Friday, February 23rd. This concert was given at St. Philip's School, and was valuable practice and experience for all concerned for our main concert later this term.

On Sunday, December 3rd, a party of about 20 boys visited a rehearsal and concert of the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. The orchestra, under Hugo Rignold, played works by Schubert, Kodaly, Sibelius and Wagner, and the soloist in Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 5 was Henry Datyner. A similar party saw the Rambert Ballet give a varied programme at the Garrick Theatre on Friday, February 2nd. It consisted of Les Sylphides, Fireflies, The Eve of St. Agnes, and Façade. The dancing was of a high standard, and, although the playing of the orchestra was definitely below standard for such a good ballet company, the visit was greatly enjoyed.

C. G. B.

### THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

At the end of last term, the series of lectures on the more specialised branches of photography was continued with a lecture on 'Filters' by N. Ralph. Various types and colours of filters were fully dealt with and many helpful suggestions were given by the lecturer.

On January 22nd at the opening meeting of this term, A. Murgatroyd gave a lecture entitled 'Improving Negatives.' A very detailed talk on negative faults and their remedies was appreciated by the audience.

'Table-top Photography' was the subject of a lecture by I. H.

Bass on February 5th. The construction of suitable models was described and the problems of lighting were fully discussed. The effects of depth of focus and iris stop were also mentioned. Many questions were asked and several practical suggestions put forward.

With the approach of Spring, members will have increased opportunities for finding 'Exhibition Subjects.' It is hoped that the standards shown in the Exhibition last year will at least be maintained, and that the number of entries may be greater than ever.

The School is again reminded of the new class in the Exhibition open to all boys in the school, whether members of the Photographic Society or not, for photographs of school events during the year. Details of this class and all others will be given on the Society Notice Board early in the Summer Term.

P. M. P. G., D. T. H.

### SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The Society has had a most successful session. Many good lectures have been heard and the attendances on the whole were good. An encouraging sign was the presence at some of our meetings of a few of the more enlightened members of the Modern 6th Forms. One of the most pleasing features was the keenness of members to lecture themselves. Both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman did so most ably, and we feel that this is an excellent thing for the Society.

There were two meetings at the end of last term after the Magazine was published.

On November 14th, Dr. J. D. Craggs, from Liverpool University, gave a very interesting lecture on "Lightning." He illustrated some of his points with slides and also showed several slides depicting the gruesome and spectacular effects of lightning strokes.

The last meeting of the Autumn Term was on November 21st when Dr. E. Cronin-Lowe gave a lecture entitled "The Scientific Facts of the Creation Story," in which he attempted to show that the Creation Story told in Genesis has a scientific interpretation agreeing with some modern theories.

At the first meeting this term the Chairman, Mr. L. Barton, gave a lecture, which was very instructive to senior members, on "Cosmic Radiation." We hope to make the Chairman's Lecture an annual feature of our programme.

The next meeting, on January 16th, took the form of a film show. Four films were shown, namely "The First Principals of the Petrol Engine," "The Transfer of Power," "Ammonia" and "Catalysis in the manufacture of Sulphuric Acid."

A week later the Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. A. Eccles, gave a lecture on "Termites." The lecturer described in a most interesting manner the life cycle and activities of the termites.

On January 30th the best attended meeting of the term was held. Mr. T. Knowles, from Thermionic Products Ltd., first gave

a short talk and then carried out several demonstrations of "Sound Recording." He recorded, among other things, the School Orchestra at rehearsal, and a lusty if untuneful rendering of "Down among the Dead Men" by some of the senior members.

At the next meeting Councillor R. Johnson, J.P., gave a lecture on "Cable Laying from Ships," in which he described from his own experiences the method of laying and repairing submarine cables.

The final lecture of the session, given by Dr. W. T. Mathias from Liverpool University, was entitled "A Biologist Looks at Life." Dr. Mathias, in a very interesting and thought-provoking talk, brought us down to earth and pointed out Man's great limitations in supporting himself.

It is hoped to arrange, at the end of the Summer Term, one or two visits to places of scientific interest.

A. J. L.

### BEE CLUB

Owing to the hibernation of the bees during the winter months the hive has not been examined since the beginning of last term. But as the warmer days approach a few of the amazons should be seen enjoying their first flight of the year, and we hope before long to start the necessary stimulative feeding.

It has been found necessary to transfer the date for showing the film "The Golden Throng" to the beginning of next term, when all boys are warmly invited to attend.

J. H. F.

### CHESS

The inter-house competition was completed in the first week of the term, resulting in a win for Grear's with Evans' second and Rogers' third.

Their records were as follows:—

	P	W	L	D
Grear's .....	7	6	0	1
Evans' .....	7	5	1	1
Rogers' .....	7	4	1	2

A match was played on the 9th March against Ormskirk G.S. at Southport. The School won by five games to three.

Results:—

Ormskirk G.S.	K.G.V.S.
1. Callow .....	0 — Preston, D. S. .... 1
2. Leary .....	0 — Collins, F. W. .... 1
3. Procter .....	1 — Silvertown, H. D. .... 0
4. Taylor .....	0 — Hyde, J. B. A. .... 1
	(result adjudicated)
5. Rimmer .....	1 — Weber, J. R. .... 0
6. Blundell .....	0 — Davidson .....
7. Thomson .....	1 — Clark, J. O. .... 0
8. Haskayne .....	0 — Dandy, D. .... 1
	3 games
	5 games

D. S. P.

## SCOUT TROOP

Since this term marked the end of the first year of the re-formed Scout Troop, this report provides a good opportunity to assess, briefly, the progress made so far by the Troop.

We now have 32 Scouts, from the 3rds, 4th and Lower 5ths, of whom all except one or two latecomers have passed the Tenderfoot test, and most have passed several of the Second-class tests. More than half of the Troop now have uniforms and have been enrolled. A Summer Camp and one or two week-end camps have been held, though many boys joined the Troop too late to attend any of them.

The Headmaster attended a special tea and extraordinary meeting this term and presented to G. R. Stelfox, P. L. of the Lion's Patrol, the trophy for winners of the 1950-51 Patrol Competition. Mr. Dixon remarked then upon the growth of unity and team-spirit which he has noted in the Troop. It is perhaps in this very thing that the greatest and most pleasing progress has been made.

We hope to hold a Whitsun week-end camp at Parbold, a further week-end camp and then the Summer Camp, this year perhaps at Aberystwyth.

## LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

The "first fine careless rapture" of book-borrowing which always marks the first term of any school year has, as usual, been considerably diminished in the second term. We hope that matters will be improved by the issue of non-fiction books which now takes place every evening in addition to the general issue on Mondays. The Library provides one of the most valuable services in the School and it should not be neglected by anyone.

The "Illustrated London News" and the "Stamp Magazine" are now appearing in the Library and the "Boys' Own Paper" has made a welcome return. We wish to thank Mrs. Brooks for a gift of books.

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Term begins	April 9th.
Athletic Sports	May 1st.
Half-Term	May 14th, 15th.
G. C. of E. Examinations start	June 7th.
Summer Examinations start	June 22nd.
G. C. of E. Examinations finish	July 3rd.
Term ends	July 13th.



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