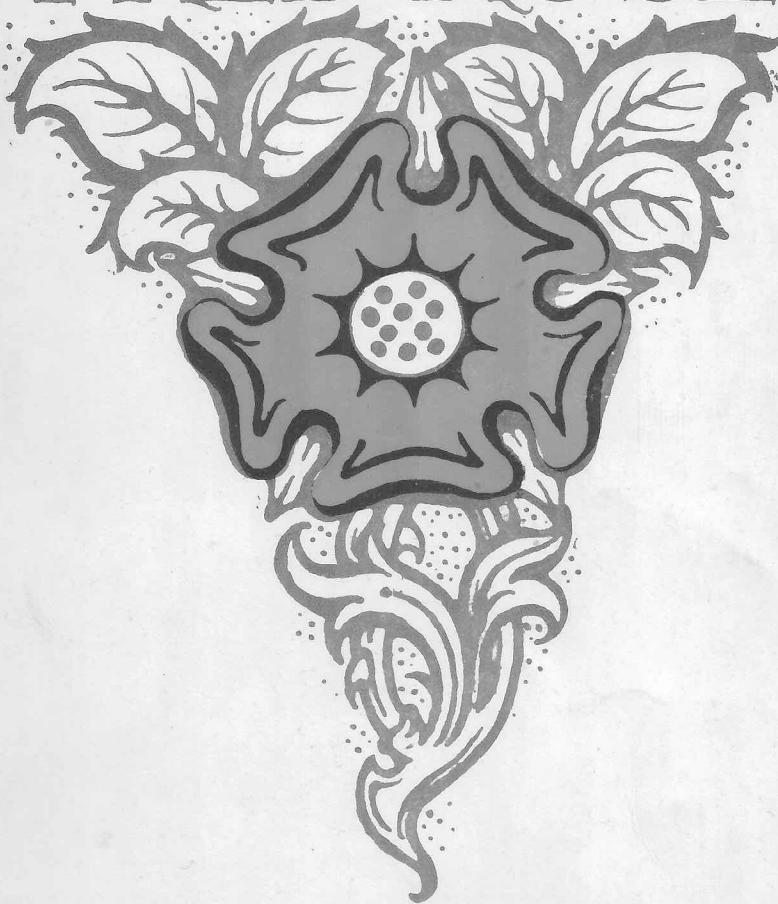


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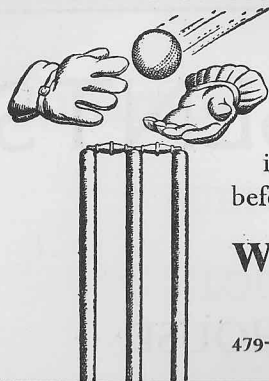
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No one was prepared for the news of Mr. Hope's death. It came to us suddenly in the midst of our everyday pre-occupations. One day we saw him about the school as usual; the next morning we heard that in the short space of ten minutes he had passed away whilst reading in his home.

The realisation of our loss increases daily.

An element of stability and permanence has gone from us, something deriving from the Doric ruggedness of his Border stock.

There is a window in the school from which at times T.R.H. looked out upon the world. He spent much of his small leisure in that little room beside the library, quietly, industriously marking, reading, pondering—not easily disturbed, his mind completely given to his task; though he had but to raise his head one moment to realise how near he was to the traffic of life.

Whilst picturing him in the sheltered study we would not suggest in him any cloistral trait. His view was upon the world and from his watch-tower he would descend from time to time into the hurly-burly of the forum, to comment on men and matters.

Officialism and official documents stimulated him to notable displays of verbal skill, he made so few words do so much work. We who have seen him come into the staff-room to seek information from notice boards which carried a full spread of papers will not easily forget his explosive reaction, his gesture, his one-word summary of all he thought about it—but you would find that he had learned all he required, and would later find him quietly doing what had been asked, whether in his own special work, or by helping a colleague, or giving up some of his spare time.

So we remember him in his late years, though we who knew him when first he came from Tettenhall College remember him as robust, jovial, a lover of games, enjoying the hours as they came either with friends or alone. Later when physical limitations imposed a quieter routine and a slower pace he accepted the restrictions quietly, he just started earlier, was always the first to arrive, greeting us with a quiet smile when we teased him about it, answering our banter with a ready wit. But when we approached him on more serious matters we found him wise in council, quick to spot an omission, ready with information, firm in defence of his views. He measured an opponent in silence for a while—he had a rare command of dramatic silences—and when the full effect of that pause had been absorbed, he dealt tersely and vigorously with the point at issue.

Leaving common-room and study—in the classroom he remained master of the situation, thorough, capable, conscientious. All generations of Old Boys pay tributes of respect and gratitude to a sincere thinker and an earnest scholar and teacher—a fine reputation added to year upon year.

Mr. Hope's going was in character with the whole of his school life. The end of the day would come, the bell would sound and Mr. Hope would take his leave. Every task had been performed, all was in order.

To Mrs. Hope we should like to offer sympathy in her bereavement. Her loss is shared by the whole school.

School Notes

It came as a great shock to the school to hear of Mr. Hope's sudden death on April 23rd. An appreciation of his work in the school appears elsewhere in this issue. The Staff and boys have contributed to a memorial for Mr. Hope which will probably take the form of a set of books for the School Library.

Mr. J. Charnley has come out of his retirement and kindly undertaken Mr. Hope's work until the end of the term.

Mr. F. Rollinson intends to retire at the end of this term, having been in charge of Handicraft since the opening of the School Workshop in 1936. An appreciation appears elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. Smithson and Mr. Joyce, who have been doing temporary work here for the last few months, leave us at the end of this term.

On March 16th the annual Old Boys' Dinner was held at the Palace Hotel, the guest of the evening being Mr. Stanley Dumbell, Registrar of Liverpool University. The dinner was preceded by a Rugby match against the school. It was an enjoyable game despite incessant rain throughout the afternoon.

The Choral and Orchestral Concert took place on March 20th, and fully maintained the high standard set the previous year.

A meeting of parents of boys in the Lower Fifth Forms was held in the evening of April 24th to discuss careers.

On May 1st the annual Athletics Sports took place, the date having been brought forward from July owing to the later time of the General Certificate examination this year. We were lucky in having one of the few fine days of early May.

Founders' Day celebrations took place on June 4th, and a return to tradition was made by having a cricket match between the 1st XI and a Staff XI. The Staff celebrated the occasion by winning by 10 wickets.

It was a great pleasure to see Mr. and Mrs. Millward at Founders' Day and on a number of occasions since then.

The Charity Collection this term was for the Mayor of Southport's Submarine Affray Disaster Fund and realised £12 17s. 0d.

On June 2nd, J. O. Clark, the Captain of Swimming, represented the school at the Regent Street Polytechnic, in London, and was presented with the Darnell Excellence Trophy of the Royal Life Saving Society by Princess Elizabeth.

On July 3rd, 4th and 5th, after the examinations, it is hoped to organise a number of expeditions of educational interest. A two-day visit to Stratford-on-Avon and a two-day biological expedition to North Wales are among the visits planned.

The Cricket match against the Old Boys' XI will take place on July 2nd, and it is hoped to revive the pre-war fixture against a Parents' XI on July 10th. On the same day the Handicraft, Photographic and Art Exhibitions will be held.

C. J. Allister has been awarded a Leverhulme Scholarship of £200 per annum for two years to H.M.S. Conway.

D. H. R. L. Smith has been successful in the recent examination for special entry into the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

L. Barton has won an Open Scholarship in Natural Science at Christ Church, Oxford.

VALETE

Wood, J. W., 1943-51—Edwards', Upper VI Modern, Higher School Certificate 1949-50, School Prefect, House Captain, Senior Librarian, Chairman Debating Society 1950-51, School Plays and Orchestra 1947-51, R.L.S.S. Award of Merit 1950, Demyship at Magdalen College, Oxford.

Platt, C. A., 1944-51.—Spencers, Lower VI Special, School Certificate 1950.

Moorcroft, T. H., 1945-51.—Woodham's, Lower VI Special, School Certificate 1950.

Jones, B. S., 1947-51.—Leech's, Lower VI Science A.

Hayne, M. A., 1949-51.—Evans', IIIb.

Kippax, R., 1949-51.—Evans', IIIb.

Rollings, B. P., 1949-51.—Mason's, IIIb.

Mr. F. ROLLINSON

At the end of this term we must, regretfully, bid farewell to Mr. Rollinson, who retires after having been in charge of Manual Training in the School for the last fifteen years.

Probably few boys will be able to envisage the school without its workshop, but until the mid-1930's the site lay bare and empty, and the school curriculum was devoid of any subject, other than Art, in which a boy might express himself by the use of his hands. In 1936, the new block was erected and, under Mr. Rollinson's guidance, a new adventure had begun.

We could have had no better guide, for, in his youth in and about his father's workshops, and amidst the historical and architectural treasures of the fine city of Lincoln, Mr. Rollinson had learned to admire, and had himself acquired, the skill of the expert craftsman. Throughout his fifteen years here, his skill has been matched only by his enthusiasm and energy. But, for the first ten of these years at least, even his energy must have been sorely tried as he hurried

from one task in the workshop to another, demonstrating now to his woodwork students, now to the metal-workers, and at all times ready with some ingenious suggestion for the solution of any problem which might arise either within the workshop or elsewhere. Seldom has Mr. Rollinson's ingenuity failed to produce some hint, or some "gadget", designed for the successful achievement of the desired end, and there can be few departments of school life which have not called upon him again and again, for his advice and assistance. His help was always cheerfully given. Whenever the brown overall appeared or the surprisingly immaculate shirtsleeves were put into action, there was the certainty of a good job well done and, by way of extra measure, a smile, several appropriate anecdotes and a genial dig at "you unpractical fellows." "It's quite easy," he would say. Invariably he made it appear so.

Mr. Rollinson's activities have been so widespread, ranging from his work with the A.T.C. to constructional work for the School Plays, that it is impossible here to attempt to do justice to them all. Hence, I would merely write, shortly, of the Craft Society which Mr. Rollinson founded, and which flourished so vigorously until wartime and post-wartime scarcities made its continuance impossible. In the early days, those who were privileged to enter the workshops were the members of the lower and middle school; but in the upper-school, and among members of the staff, there were many who longed to develop their skill and to experience the joy of using their hands in some creative work. For their enjoyment Mr. Rollinson formed the Craft Society, and every Friday night until about 9 o'clock, and frequently during mid-day break, members of the group were at work upon a variety of tasks in both wood and metal. It would perhaps be unwise to declare too openly how glad we were of that supervisory eye, and of the masterly hand which sometimes rescued our efforts from the threat of impending disaster, or to admit how often we enjoyed the admiration of a piece of work whose perfection was perhaps due to a skill other than our own. They were gloriously happy days, and the Society undoubtedly gave proof of the excellent craftsmanship of which the "academic" student is capable, when wise and skilful guidance is available.

We are sure that innumerable Old Boys would join with us in seeking to express our appreciation of a fine craftsman, by recalling the words of Michael in the final scene of "The Zeal of Thy House," which Mr. Rollinson helped to stage so splendidly for the School four years ago.

"Behold then, and honour, all beautiful work of the craftsman, imagined by men's minds, built by the labour of men's hands, working with power upon the souls of men."

H.B.

House Notes

EDWARDS'

At the end of last term, we bade farewell to our House Captain, J. W. Wood, who has joined the R.A.F. before going to Oxford.

The Senior Cricket XI, led by G. A. Burras, lost their first two matches, but the Junior XI, captained by Llewellyn, opened the season with a good win. We would like to remind all boys that they should qualify at the baths as soon as possible.

Finally, we wish all boys success in the forthcoming examinations.

M.C.R.

EVANS'

We hope that all boys awaiting the Certificate Examination results will end their anxiety with news of success.

Although on Sports Day our group I was strong, our groups II and III were not. D. Rimmer, D. H. Hamilton and J. D. Clark, our athletics captain, have taken part in inter-school athletics matches.

A. Burton, our swimming captain, has taught several boys to swim and has given great encouragement to those struggling to qualify, with the result that up to the time of writing we are first, equal with Gear's, in the competition for the Ingham Cup.

Our Senior cricket team drew their first match with Woodham's after being very near victory, and lost their second to Mason's. Two of its members, N. Baker, and H. D. Silverton, have played for the 2nd XI.

The junior cricket team, under the captaincy of S. B. Rimmer, won their first match against Gear's quite comfortably—a good beginning. The captain and F. Colledge, have played for the Colts XI.

The Life-Saving under R. A. S. Kay, has met with further success. Kay attained the Bronze Cross and Bar to the Bronze Medallion; M. Haigh the Bronze Medallion and Intermediate Certificate; Williamson, the Intermediate Certificate; and Handsforth, the Bronze Medallion.

H.D.S.

GEAR'S

"Labori atque ludo"

Last term both our Senior and Junior Rugby XV's played well. The Junior XV reached the final but were beaten by the better side.

Although only a few boys from the House took an interest in boxing last term, the quality of these few was very encouraging. Our congratulations go to J. Gibbons and M. Gibbons who reached the final of their respective competitions, the former winning his event. As a result the House was placed third in the competition.

Once more we had an excellent year on the athletics field, winning the Hepburn Cup for track events, the Pariser Cup for team events, and the Mawdsley Shield for the highest aggregate of points. The two most outstanding performers were D. S. Preston in Group I, and A. W. A. Brown in Group II. It was indeed a fitting reward for Preston, captain of the school Athletics Team.

The House has had a fine year in the Gym competition.

It is pleasing to note that there has been a good response to the appeal made last term by our swimming captain, J. O. Clark; consequently there has been formed a life-saving class conducted by G. R. Wilson. Clark, K. V. Bladon and Wilson have continued to represent the school in inter-school matches. We are pleased to record that Clark had the honour of representing the school in London at the Jubilee meeting of the R.L.S.S., at which Princess Elizabeth presented him with the Darnell Trophy, awarded to the School last year for excellence in Life-saving methods.

Our Senior Cricket XI, captained by D. S. Roberts, got off to a good start by winning their first match, noteworthy for the low scoring of both sides.

Finally we hope all have acquitted themselves well in the G.C.E. examinations and we wish every success to those who are leaving.

A.T.B.

LEECH'S

Once again the House did great credit to itself on Sports Day, and although it gained only one trophy, the general standard was high. Collins broke his own discus record and the shot-putt record, and Knowles broke his own half-mile record.

The Senior Cricket Team has played two matches: the first, against Edwards', it won; but it suffered a heavy defeat in its second match against Rogers'. The team has shown great keenness, but as the House has no boys in Group I we would urge as many boys as possible to practise hard. The juniors have shown promise in practices, and we look for a good performance from them.

It is very pleasing to note that the House has improved academically: for last term it gained most points for places in the Honours List, a thing it has not done for many years, and it seems that many members of the House have achieved the happy mean of "mens sana in corpore sano."

The collection for the "Affray" disaster fund was very successful, and compares very well with that of other Houses.

G.F.

MASON'S

Last term the Junior House Rugby team won the Shield after a hard game against Gear's in the final played under dreadful weather conditions. The enthusiasm of the Juniors was evident in all the games, although much of the credit must go to the captain, Ormesher, who was the mainspring of the attack.

During the absence of D. M. Holmes, the swimming captain, D. J. Williams has temporarily assumed command in this field of House activities. Life-saving is continuing under the guidance of Kaitiff, Dowling and Owen, but little interest is being shown by the members of the House. Qualifications are now well under way after an apathetic start. The House wishes D. M. Holmes a speedy recovery after his long illness.

The Senior House Cricket team, although well represented in School teams, has met with only moderate success, losing to Gear's and defeating Evans'. D. J. Williams, R. A. Eccles and D. Batty play for the 1st XI, D. Kaitiff, P. H. Rimmer and R. Hammond for the 2nd XI and G. Batty, Bray and Ditchfield for the Colts. The Junior House team, captained by Waiters, looks forward to an even more successful season than the last, when they won through to the final. They have already defeated Woodham's in this year's competition.

The number of boys who qualified to represent the House on Sports Day was once more lamentably small. The insignificant number of points we eventually gained was mainly due to the efforts of the captain of athletics, R. A. Eccles. There was, however, an enthusiastic show by members of the Junior School, which promises well for the future.

Dowling and Sourbut have been made Librarians.

J.S.

ROGERS'

Last term, our team, captained by C. G. Booth, won the Senior House Rugby competition after a very hard match with Spencer's. The advantage of having a good all-round team pulling together was apparent, and they are to be congratulated on putting up an excellent performance. As it appears that a nucleus of the team will be present next year, the House will be able to put up a good fight to retain the shield. Our Junior team, however, were not quite so fortunate, as we played at a disadvantage on more than one occasion, through injury to one or more members of the team.

In the Athletic Sports, we did better on the whole than last year. Although we could claim few first places, yet we produced competitors for every event. The experience gained by Juniors, especially, may prove an asset to the House in future years.

The House 1st XI, under its captain M. B. Solomon, has played two matches so far: one drawn game against Spencer's, in which we were beaten by the clock, and a victory over Leech's.

In the Swimming Sports at the end of the term we stand a reasonable chance, although the Junior team will be rather weak. It is rather disappointing that we lie as low as fifth position in the points awards for swimming qualifications. It seems that there are too many boys in the House who can not swim sufficiently well to qualify.

R.A.N.

SPENCER'S

Academic achievements since the last issue of the Red Rose have been well maintained. L. Barton, our House Captain, won an Open Major Scholarship to Christ Church, Oxford; D. H. R. L. Smith gained special entrance to Dartmouth Naval College and C. J. Allister won the Leverhulme Scholarship to the "Conway."

The senior cricket team has felt the loss of three of last year's stalwarts who were all bowlers. It is, however, still in the running for the Cricket Shield, having won one and drawn one, thanks mainly to some good batting by W. P. Cowley and some equally sound bowling by R. H. D. Smith.

Whereas the senior cricket team is short of bowlers, the junior team has an abundance of them. If the batsmen can give the bowlers good support, the team should do well, under the captaincy of P. A. McLean.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Athletics' captain, D. H. R. L. Smith, the team was considerably weakened at the Athletic Sports. It was, however, not altogether out of the lime-light, gaining two first places through L. Barton in the Javelin and P. Sumner in Group II High Jump.

There has been a remarkable improvement in swimming this term. In Life-saving, Spencer's at the moment have a commanding lead of 80 points over other Houses. Spencer's have also done well in qualifications and now stand third in the competition. All boys who have given their support in this sphere of House activities are to be highly congratulated.

M.D.

WOODHAM'S

In the realm of sport this term, we have done reasonably well. In the Athletic Sports, we acquitted ourselves admirably, finishing third in the final placings. The senior cricket team, under J. M. C. Davidson, has played two matches, drawing one, and losing the

other. The Junior XI, captained by Platt, have only just started their series of matches. They lost their first match, but we hope for better things later in the term. We are pleased to have a good representation of our boys in school teams. J. M. C. Davidson is the captain of the School First XI, while Andrews is the captain of the Colts XI. Weber is in the Second XI, and Platt and Thompson in the Colts XI. Life Saving classes have been started this term, and tuition is being given by Weber, Ralph, E. E. Sinnott, and Arnold.

To Mr. H. Evans goes a special vote of thanks and appreciation for his zealous administration of the House during Mr. Booth's absence. It has been a great encouragement to see him taking a real interest in the activities of each individual boy in the House.

We wish all boys who are leaving us this term, the best of good fortune in their future careers. N.M.

Old Boys' Section

NEWS OF OLD GEORGIANS

Arnold Chazen (1945-50) recently called at School. He has qualified as a wireless operator in the Royal Corps of Signals and was on embarkation leave, expecting to go out to the Middle East some time in June. Another visitor was B. Sharples (1942-46) who has just concluded his period with the Fortune Players as Publicity Manager and has been appointed to the same position with a Touring Company. J. A. Buck (1925-30) who is a Town Planning Officer in Malaya is at present home on leave.

R. N. Davidson (1943-50) has just gained his commission in the R.A.F. and has gone out to Canada for 10 months' training as an Air Navigator.

R. Shaw (1940-44) has been appointed curate to the Rector of Yellourn, South East Victoria Gippsland, Australia; R. T. Wright (1925-32) has been appointed Assistant Solicitor to the Nairobi City Council.

J. A. Prescott (1943-48) has been awarded the Boots' Open Scholarship for 1951.

G. P. Roberts (1935-41) won the English Amateur Golf Championship at Hunstanton on April 28th.

NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITIES

Cambridge University

Undoubtedly the most important activity of the Cambridge O.G.'s this term was to welcome Mr. Millward and his wife to

the city. They were entertained to dinner with Mr. S. V. Perry, presiding; your scribe can report the only 100 per cent. attendance in his memory—there was even W. G. Fuge from another (unknown) university. Everyone was pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Millward looking so well; we hope they will come again to our fenny backwater.

The Triposes and the river have been much in mind this term. M. Seal, out punting, is said to have been observed clinging vainly on to a protruding diving-board minus pole, minus punt. T. K. Stratford is heavily engaged with the Bats Dramatic Society; he has made Cambridge his home-town (apologies—home-city).

R. H. Garstang is going to America in the autumn; if he is an invisible export we hope he will make his presence felt on the other side of the Atlantic. He hopes to meet another Old Georgian, J. K. Hulme at the University of Chicago.

E. W. Marsden has spent six weeks in Sweden, at Uppsala University, as a student representative of St. John's College, Cambridge. He has now gone for a short stay to Marseilles University, during which he will formally receive the Pre-Pythias Prize. This prize is offered by the University of Marseilles and awarded by Cambridge University on the results of the Classical Tripos, Part II. At the same time he will be given the Diploma of the Geographical Society of Marseilles and be admitted to Life-membership of that Institution.

The other Old Georgians have, by their own account, done nothing this term; one can hardly believe this. Let it suffice to say that they are, to all appearances, fit and virile.

Liverpool University

Early this term, R. G. Pearson succeeded in qualifying for the high-jump in the University Athletic Sports, while J. Pearson shot for the University Rifle Club at London. R. Duckworth captained the University tennis team in its match against Warwickshire County at Birmingham. C. B. Holmes has been selected as a member of the British Universities' Water Polo team, and next year he will captain University swimming.

B. Newton has forsaken the billiard-cue for the bar-bell as a member of the exclusive Weight-Lifting Club.

E. Dewhurst, immersed in "Finals," sighs for carefree school days; while M. English, who goes down from the University at the end of the term, relinquishes with some reluctance his N.U.S. Secretaryship and, with some relief, the honorary office of Gavel for Union Debates.

D. McAllister and J. K. Williams await impending Terminals with philosophical calm, while many O.G.'s, examinations completed, look forward to the glitter and gaiety of "Commem. Week."

Oxford University

The Festival has come to Oxford, 'not with a bang, but a whimper.' The dreaming spires have all been washed and stand, naked and rather ashamed, under the glare of illuminations and the cameras of the inevitable American tourists. But Oxford's interpretation of South Bank is, on the whole tasteful and distinguished, and few undergraduates have escaped participation in Festival Play Productions, Festival Music Recitals, Festival Physical Culture Demonstrations and the like.

This has not been the case with the Old Georgians at the University. For us, this is just another term, the examination term, and 75 per cent. of us have been working hard.

Arnold Reuben unfortunately graces no Festival dramatic production. For him the drama is in the Examination Schools and we hope he will be as distinguished there as in all his other dramatic parts.

Harold Solomon is to be seen by the privileged, walking round Balliol with a far-away look in his eyes. This is understandable, for the obliging gentlemen of Trinity, next door, have painted Balliol in a charming red which unfortunately does not harmonise with that college's colour scheme.

Bill Fuge, also taking exams, went to Cambridge at the beginning of term to dine with the Old Georgians' Society there, and was a fellow-guest with Mr. and Mrs. Millward. We gather that he was greatly impressed by Cambridge hospitality, for he has been heard to mutter darkly that there is a lot to be said for "the other place."

Ivor Robertson, free from care, admits that he has been doing all that should be done in the Summer term—nothing.

Sheffield University

Early in the term O.G.'s saw the surprising spectacle of Winston S. Churchill being given the Freedom of the most Socialist city in the Country. Sheffield's only contribution to the Festival of Britain is the building of a conservatory and a boating lake and demolishing some blitzed buildings. Trams v. Buses is the current controversy and one O.G. riding his bicycle got his front wheel stuck in a tram-line and came off nearly under a car, he has strong views on the subject.

This term is one of work for the undergraduates and although the sun may try and tempt him out (and sometimes does) he can only hope that unlike last year it will also shine during his summer vacation. Both J. A. Cheetham and W. E. Marsden have had their noses to the grindstone, drawing demand and supply curves and perfect competition and then discovering there is no such thing

and so having to learn some more for normal conditions. After exams. they were seen upholding the reputation of Southport on the miniature Sheffield golf course against all challengers. H. Townsend lectures on the Theory of International Trade and we are told that he has thrown some light into dark places.

London School of Economics

The London School of Economics, described many years ago as the empire on which the concrete never sets and in which the concrete is never discussed, has resounded for many months past with the noise of falling girders, whining hoists and boiling kettles. Now, however, the builders have left a further addition to the labyrinth which so confuses the visitor.

The problem which many students are facing now that the summer vacation has arrived is that of obtaining a temporary job in order to pay for the Continental holiday about which they have been carelessly boasting during the past term. The opportunities range from grave-digging to ice-cream selling and the 'do anything, go anywhere' attitude is much in evidence. The more enterprising offer to drive people round the Continent; others make for the south coast and act as hotel waiters. There are also work camps abroad which offer the combination of a fortnight's road building and a week's rest in order to recover.

The ranks of the Old Georgians here are slowly dwindling; only C. Kissen and D. B. Read remain. But next October may see the arrival of reinforcements.

Examination Successes

Cambridge

R. Harrop (1937-43) has been awarded the Rayleigh University Prize for a Mathematical Essay. This is one of the main honours a Mathematical Student can gain.

C. Woodham (1938-47)—2nd Class Hons. Mechanical Sciences, Part I.

K. F. Hulme (1941-49)—Natural Sciences Tripos Part I, Class I.

M. Seal (1941-48)—Natural Sciences Tripos Part I, Class I.

T. K. Stratford (1940-48)—English Tripos Part I, Class II, Div. II.

Liverpool

R. A. Johnson (1941-48)—M.B. Part I.

Birmingham

S. Ginsberg (1940-46)—M.B., Ch.B. with distinction in Medicine.

MARRIAGES

- A. Weinberg to Carol Redstone at Arnside Road Synagogue, on December 4th.
J. S. Wilson to Betty Cropper at All Souls' Church, on December 4th.
K. Parkes to Barbara Cowen at St. George's Presbyterian Church, on January 20th.
D. J. Abrams to Margaret Baldwin at Church Street Methodist Church, on February 10th.
A. N. Crowther to Joan Mostyn at Duke Street Methodist Church, on March 3rd.
K. Blundell to Heather Kempster at Harrow Congregational Church, on March 24th.
C. Ackers to Sybil Pugh at St. Andrews Church, on March 31st.
P. M. Mallinson to Marjorie Barker at St. John's Church, Birkdale, on May 5th.
C. A. Darwin to Kathleen Orr at St. Andrew's Church on May 8th.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION DINNER

This event took place on the 16th March and repeated the success of the previous year. Again it was held at the Palace Hotel and about 80 people were present. The guest of honour was Mr. Stanley Dumbell, M.A., Registrar of Liverpool University, who proposed "The School" with considerable wit and distinction, and this toast was responded to by the Headmaster who emphasized the importance of having pride in the School. The toast "The Old Boys' Association" was proposed by Mr. J. Charnley, M.A., of immortal memory, and despite his many amusing anecdotes, his affection for the School was so apparent and moving that it was unanimously felt that no one better could have been entrusted with this duty. Mr. A. R. Lewis, the Chairman, suitably responded and in so doing asked for greater support and wider publicity for the Association. The toast "Our Guests" was proposed with considerable humour by Mr. A. V. Cunliffe, and Mr. S. R. Hutton, B.Sc., the Chief Education Officer of the Borough, responded in similar vein. There was an admirable toastmaster in the person of Mr. W. G. Fuge. After the speeches many Old Boys and guests renewed acquaintances, and it may safely be said that a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

Miscellaneous Reports

THE SCHOOL CONCERT

The Orchestra has at last absorbed all the School's music critics and the year's concert must be criticised from within. The two main

works on the programme were Parry's "Blest Pair of Sirens" for choir and orchestra, and the last two movements of Haydn's "Oxford" symphony. "The Blest Pair"—as the first work was called, none too affectionately, by the performers—was possibly a more ambitious work than the Vaughan Williams "Hundredth Psalm" which was played last year. The choir parts were more difficult, but again the choir suffered from lack of strength. The tenors were individually and numerically weaker than could have been desired, and like the basses, lacked confidence. The basses, however, did succeed in making their solo leads heard, an inspiring sound when younger voices are usually predominant. Even the trebles and altos, strong in numbers, suffered from the same reluctance to sing out. The orchestra, as usual, lacked balance at times, but struggled manfully with parts which required rather better tone than lay within the ability of any of its members.

The Haydn "Oxford" symphony, having more skilfully written parts and being in the classical style where notes have considerable worth irrespective of purity, was more suitable material for performers of slight experience. School orchestras have always enjoyed, and will always enjoy, playing Haydn, and more time might have been expended on this exciting symphony! The sforzandos of the Presto which were played with such zest and the awesome silences of the "grand pauses" were a special delight. Most outstanding, however, were the heights to which the first violins rose in playing the lyrical but tricky second theme. The wind players were surprised into silence when they heard it for the first time at rehearsal. With respect to the Trio of the third movement, may a further plea be made for some benevolent friends to present the school with low pitched wind instruments? There were enough difficulties to be found in the syn-copation of the Trio without the troubles presented by high-pitched instruments.

Of the shorter items, the junior choir's rendering of "The Ride by Nights," urged on by the mystical passes of their conductor, was particularly praiseworthy, while the entertainment value of "Salt Beef," as sung by the senior choir, was immense, even if the musical standard was limited by the lack of quality in the voices. Elgar's dance from "The Bavarian Highlands" was under-rehearsed in the bass and tenor parts, but it has a value which any rendering of it is able to produce.

Here it may be added that could the orchestra concentrate for the whole year on worth-while works for the concert instead of wasting much time in the autumn term on works for the School Play, more satisfaction and enjoyment might be had by both the performers and listeners.

J.M.C.D.

last and an enjoyable afternoon was spent by many parents and friends who saw Gear's house deprive Leech's house of three of their four trophies. Yet two members of Leech's house broke School records. F. W. Collins broke his own discus record by 7ft. 4in., and also the Shot record by 6½ inches. J. B. Knowles ran a fine half-mile to break his own record by 5.8secs.

RESULTS

100 yds. Group I: 1, J. M. C. Davidson (W); 2, D. H. Hamilton (Ev); 3, I. Chazen (G). Time 11secs.

100 yds. Group II: 1, G. Topping (L); 2, D. H. Rimmer (Ev); 3, P. Pearce (Ed). Time 11.4secs.

100 yds. Group III: 1, A. D. Hughes (R); 2, C. E. Andrews (W); 3, R. Twist (L). Time 13.2secs.

220 yds. Group I: 1, (equal) D. H. Hamilton (Ev), D. S. Preston (G); 3, F. W. Collins (L). Time 24.8secs.

220 yds. Group II: 1, A. W. A. Brown (G); 2, P. Pearce (Ed); 3, R. H. Elliott (G). Time 27secs.

220 yds. Group III: 1, J. B. Rimmer (W); 2, D. L. Booth (R); 3, J. E. R. Smith (G). Time 30.4secs.

440 yds. Group I: 1, D. S. Preston (G); 2, R. A. Eccles (M); 3, F. W. Collins (L). Time 58secs.

440 yds. Group II: 1, G. Topping (L); 2, S. N. Booth (R); 3, J. W. Webster (R). Time 64.2secs.

440 yds. Group III: 1, J. B. Rimmer (W); 2, J. Searle (M); 3, D. J. Rimmer (R). Time 70secs.

120 yds. Hurdles. Group I: 1, J. M. C. Davidson (W); 2, A. R. Eccles (M); 3, B. H. Shorrocks (R). Time 16.5secs.

120 yds. Hurdles. Group II: 1, A. W. A. Brown (G); 2, P. F. Butterfield (Ed); 3, J. G. Sharp (G). Time 18.8secs.

Half Mile. Group II: 1, J. B. Knowles (L); 2, F. W. Ball (M); 3, A. Bond (Ed). Time 2min. 19.2secs. (School record).

One Mile. Group I: 1, E. W. Durham (G); 2, C. G. Booth (R); 3, L. M. Harris (S). Time 5min. 17.6secs.

Long Jump. Group I: 1, D. S. Preston (G); 2, A. R. Eccles (M); 3, G. A. Burras (Ed). Distance 18ft 7½ins.

Long Jump. Group II: 1, G. Topping (L); 2, J. Webster (R); 3, D. D. Steele (G). Distance 17ft. 4ins.

Long Jump. Group III: 1, C. E. Andrews (W); 2, M. R. Ball (G); 3, P. T. Walsh (R). Distance 13ft. 11ins.

High Jump. Group I: 1, C. Russell (L); 2, R. Smith (L); 3, I. Chazen (G). Height 5ft. 2ins.

High Jump. Group II: 1, P. Sunner (S); 2, A. W. A. Brown (G); 3, P. F. Butterfield (Ed). Height 4ft. 9ins.

High Jump. Group III: 1, M. R. J. Ball (G); 2, C. A. Burgess (L); 3, E. J. Usher (W). Height 4ft. 1in.

Throwing the Discus: 1, F. W. Collins (L); 2, J. D. Clark (Ev); 3, D. S. Preston (G). Distance 121ft. 4in. (School record).

Throwing the Javelin: 1, L. Barton (S); 2, J. D. Clark (Ev); 3, D. A. Fann (S). Distance 133ft. 10in.

Putting the Shot: 1, F. W. Collins (L); 2, D. S. Preston (G); 3, H. D. Silverton (Ev). Distance 38ft. 4in. (School record).

Relay. Group I: 1, Gear's; 2, Evans'; 3, Leech's. Time 2min. 47.3secs.

Relay Group II: 1, Leech's; 2, Gear's; 3, Rogers'. Time 1min. 57.2secs.

Relay Group III: 1, Woodham's; 2, Gear's; 3, Rogers'.

Tug O' War. Senior: Gear's.

Tug O' War. Junior: Gear's.

TROPHIES

THE MAWDSLEY SHIELD (for the highest aggregate points in all events): GREAR'S.

THE HEPBURN CUP (for individual Track Events): GREAR'S.

THE TAYLOR CUP (for individual Field Events): LEECH'S.

THE PARISER CUP (for Team Events): GREAR'S.

CRICKET

1st XI MATCHES

v. Wigan Grammar School. At Wigan, April 28th.

School won by 12 runs.

SCHOOL		WIGAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL	
Williams, lbw b Brown	0	Gerrard, b Solomon	0
Eccles, b Fairhurst	6	Cockram, lbw b Solomon	0
Davidson, M., lbw b Finan	7	Finan, c Mighall b Solomon	4
Davidson, J., b Finan	18	Holliday, run out	0
Dennett, b Finan	5	Topping, b Solomon	7
Batty, not out	11	Lang, b Roberts	6
Barton, lbw b Finan	2	Brown, c Davidson, J., b Roberts	4
Roberts, run out	0	Ball, b Roberts	6
Woodfine, b Finan	1	Oldefield, b Roberts	0
Solomon, run out	0	Knowles, b Roberts	4
Mighall, c Finan, b Brown	0	Fairhurst, not out	6
Extras	0	Extras	1
Total	50	Total	38

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-6, 3-28, 4-33, 5-36, 6-38, 7-46, 8-50, 9-50, 10-50.

Fall of Wickets: 1-0, 2-1, 3-4, 4-4, 5-11, 6-17, 7-27, 8-27, 9-27, 10-38.

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Brown	8	1	21	2	Roberts	12	3	26	5
Fairhurst	5	0	11	1	Solomon	11	6	11	4
Holliday	7	3	12	0					
Finan	8	4	6	5					

v. Upholland Grammar School. At Upholland, May 19th.
School lost by 5 runs.

UPHOLLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL		SCHOOL	
Moss, c Davidson, M., b		Williams, lbw b Whitehead	5
Solomon	1	Eccles, lbw b Whitehead	5
Higgins, lbw b Roberts	0	Davidson, M., b Hurst	31
Gordon, st Davidson, M., b		Davidson, J., b Gaskell	17
Williams	12	Dennett, c Barton b Hurst	4
Staines, b Roberts	28	Batty, b Hurst	3
Pickles, b Williams	4	Barton, c Higgins b Gaskell	0
Moyers, c Davidson, J., b		Cowley, lbw b Gaskell	0
Williams	1	Roberts, b Hurst	1
Whitehead, lbw b Williams	0	Woodfine lbw b Hurst	4
Barton, A., c Davidson, J., b		Solomon, not out	1
Williams	1	Extras	9
Barton, R., not out	19		
Hurst, c Eccles b Woodfine	2		
Gaskell, b Roberts	7		
Extras	10		
Total	85	Total	80

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-2, 3-46, 4-50, 5-51, 6-51, 7-57, 8-57, 9-71, 10-85.

Fall of wickets: 1-5, 2-20, 3-63, 4-63, 5-67, 6-70, 7-70, 8-70, 9-79, 10-80.

BOWLING				BOWLING					
	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Roberts	12	6	11	3	Hurst	12	3	29	5
Solomon	5	1	17	1	Whitehead	7	3	21	2
Williams	10	3	39	5	Gaskell	7	3	21	3
Woodfine	5	3	8	1					

v. Ormskirk Grammar School. At home, May 26th.
Match drawn.

SCHOOL		ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL	
Williams, b Chantrell	22	Wright c Barton b Roberts	0
Eccles, c and b Ingham	3	Taylor, c Davidson, M., b	
Davidson, M., c Travis, b		Solomon	2
Chantrell	4	Ingham, b Roberts	6
Davidson, J., b Harrison	30	Chantrell, b Roberts	2
Dennett, lbw b Chantrell	11	Travis, c Barton b Williams	11
Batty, b Harrison	5	Harrison, c Davidson, J., b	
Barton, not out	16	Solomon	1
Cowley, b Chantrell	3	Mawdsley, c Davidson, J., b	
Roberts, c Taylor b Chantrell	5	Williams	46
Woodfine, lbw b Harrison	6	McClintock, lbw b Roberts	5
Solomon, lbw b Chantrell	2	Parkinson, c Davidson, J., b	
Extras	5	Williams	7
		Merarry, not out	0
		Howell, not out	0
		Extras	0
Total	112	Total (for 9 wks)	80

Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-15, 3-38, 4-66, 5-73, 6-84, 7-90, 8-98, 9-109, 10-112.

BOWLING

BOWLING				BOWLING					
	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Howell	4	1	7	0	Roberts	15	5	19	4
Ingham	7	1	17	1	Solomon	11	3	23	2
Chantrell	19	3	43	6	Williams	8	1	13	3
Travis	4	1	9	0	Woodfine	4	1	25	0
Harrison	11	2	31	3					

v. Hutton Grammar School. At Hutton, May 30th.
School won by 10 runs.

SCHOOL		HUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL	
Williams, lbw b Parker	5	Rawson, b Woodfine	12
Eccles, b Leeming	6	Leeming, lbw b Roberts	0
Davidson, M., b Parker	0	Wiggins, c Barton b Williams	2
Davidson, J., b Parker	0	Entwistle, b Williams	8
Dennett, b Hull	7	Tattersall, b Roberts	3
Batty, c Wiggins b Hull	0	Isherwood, b Roberts	1
Barton, b Leeming	12	Rigby, c Cowley b Solomon	28
Cowley, not out	27	Hull, lbw b Woodfine	0
Roberts, lbw b Leeming	0	Heyworth, not out	10
Woodfine, c Tattersall b		Killcross, c Eccles b Roberts	0
Leeming	6	Parker, lbw b Roberts	0
Solomon, c Rigby b Hull	3	Extras	3
Extras	11		
Total	77	Total	67

Fall of wickets: 1-9, 2-9, 3-9, 4-24, 5-24, 6-40, 7-40, 8-40, 9-59, 10-77.

Fall of wickets: 1-6, 2-22, 3-22, 4-25, 5-28, 6-37, 7-42, 8-67, 9-67, 10-67.

BOWLING				BOWLING					
	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Hull	15	9	16	3	Roberts	15	10	13	5
Parker	10	3	19	3	Solomon	7	2	8	1
Leeming	11	2	25	4	Woodfine	15	7	26	2
Rawson	2	1	6	0	Williams	8	4	17	2

v. Blackpool Grammar School. At home, June 2nd.
Match drawn.

BLACKPOOL GRAMMAR SCHOOL		SCHOOL	
Hodgson, c Davidson, M., b		Williams, lbw b Fletcher	3
Roberts	22	Eccles, c Brigden b Fletcher	2
Brigden, c Barton b Roberts	3	Barton, run out	1
Quarmby, c Davidson, M., b		Cowley, b Fletcher	0
Woodfine	27	Davidson, J., b Fletcher	40
Fletcher, lbw b Roberts	3	Dennett, lbw b Hodgson	12
Pilkington, b Woodfine	16	Roberts, b Fletcher	5
Grimley, not out	1	Davidson, M., run out	1
Gibbs, c Eccles b Solomon	7	Batty, not out	0
Southern, not out	0	Woodfine, not out	1
Extras	3	Extras	6
Total (for 6 wks. dec.)	82	Total (for 8 wks.)	71

Did not bat: Stansfield, Eastwood, Lea.

Did not bat: Solomon.

Fall of wickets: 1-23, 2-32, 3-44, 4-73, 5-74, 6-81.

Fall of wickets: 1-3, 2-5, 3-6, 4-7, 5-46, 6-64, 7-65, 8-70.

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Roberts	18	7	24	3	Fletcher	11	0	32	5
Solomon	15	3	24	1	Lea	5	2	10	0
Williams	6	0	22	0	Hodgson	4	1	19	1
Woodfine	4	0	9	2	Eastwood	1	0	4	0

1st XI v. Masters' XI. At home, June 4th. 1st XI lost by 10 wickets.

1st XI

Williams, c	Smithson	b	Joyce	0	C. J. Woodcock, b	Williams	45	
Eccles, lbw	b	Saint	3	R. Abram, c	Cowley	b	Woodfine	53
Barton, c	Abram	b	Joyce	2	C. W. Hardaker, b	Woodfine	16	
Davidson, J., b	Woodcock	31	F. S. Saint, b	Roberts	6			
Davidson M., b	Woodcock	4	G. F. Dixon, c	Eccles	b			
Dennett, lbw	b	Abram	0	Williams	24			
Cowley, b	Saint	3	D. L. Joyce, lbw	b	Roberts	0		
Batty, lbw	b	Abram	0	J. R. Waddington, b	Woodfine	0		
Roberts, lbw	b	Saint	9	W. Fletcher-Fleet, c	Dennett	b		
Woodfine, not out	1		Roberts	0				
Solomon, lbw	b	Joyce	3	J. L. Smithson, not out	1			
Extras	3		D. W. Shaw, not out	1				
			Extras	8				
Total	59		Total (for 8 wks.)	154				

Did not bat: A. E. Wormell.

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-3, 3-13, 4-38, 5-39, 6-43, 7-44, 8-51, 9-56, 10-59.

Fall of wickets: 1-75, 2-111, 3-126, 4-132, 5-132, 6-133, 7-152, 8-152.

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W
Saint	14	6	10	3	Roberts	14	4	31	3
Joyce	12.5	6	22	3	Solomon	4	0	27	0
Abram	7	2	12	2	Williams	9	1	33	2
Woodcock	5	0	12	2	Dennett	3	0	14	0
					Davidson, J.	4	0	14	0
					Woodfine	10	4	26	3

Prose and Verse

THE BEACH

Waves, waves, crashing ashore;
Fishes, shells and seaweed galore;
I love the sight of them more and more.

Gales, gales, often occur,
Bringing distress to vessels out there.
The sea has secrets beyond compare.

P. Sawle, 2A.

PREFECTS

At Blowicke once, on the brooke Fine Jane
Ther stont a howse of learninge and muche pain,
—For mony a pore lad his latin "hic hoc hae"
He learnt with hardie blows and mony a sigh.
In this dulle place there dwelte a merrie bande
Of hardie fellowes, muche feared through the lande.
Of learninge ought these merrie fellowes made no recke,
Save how to drinke, their joly whistles for to wette.
The bande by name of PREFECTS full welle were knowne,
And spoke to alle and sundrie with right loftie tone.
In their denne they drank and made goode cheere
For they were masters, and hadde none to feare.
In this strange compagni ther war some shining lights
And I wol telle you of these fulle famous wights.
—One NOBBIE ther was, a righte stronge fellowe
Who coulde runne eke loudlie bellowe.
At snooker halle ond hostel he was wont to reste
Ond drincken ever strong ale of the best
Another ther was, of fulle deepe cheste,
Who was with mightie muscles by God yblest.
This wight, CHOUF, his fellowes were wont him to calle
—From some strange noise, I not, he coulde fulle welle bawle.
A learned scolere was ther in their bande
Who wonne great honors in the lande.
His name waren GEORGE, an he coulde playe the flute.
(Though others liked it not, an wished it mute).
An amorous wight ther was, with a false toothe,
Who courted many wenches, say I in soothe.
This fellowe eke was famous, an hadde a wondrous frowne;
An they namèd after him a northerne towne.
—But he war notte the onlie lover of this crewe,
For soothe to saye, of them ther war notte fewe.
—For lo! here war a WADDY and a MANXMAN
Who both hadde oft a-courting gan.
A BRENDA there war of these strange wights,
Who ate a lotte, and helped at the fights.
Of his past life, I wol nothings say,
Save he war a fellowe young ond gaie.
A WILLIAMS ther was, a reale brighte sparke,
Who coulden singe as high as any lark;
An a COMMUNIST, fulle wide ond bigge,
Who coulde, with his tong, give mony a sly digge.
I wol now this historie bring to a close,
For if I write muche more, I wol have mony foes!

K. Dowling, Lower VI. Mod.

THE KEW PENITENTIARY

He rushes madly on, his breath coming in short tearing gasps. He is on the verge of exhaustion. His legs grow rapidly weaker with each desperate yard gained towards his objective. The last vestiges of his strength are draining from his perspiring body. He can go no further. Stop and rest? But no! He must go on; he will go on; faster, ever faster.

A thousand thoughts flit through his brain. To be delayed, held up at the crucial moment by that confounded train when he was already congratulating himself on his success! He had almost succeeded—he might even yet succeed. Oh! if he could only go faster. They could not punish him for anything else: his uniform is complete, he has his little book and he has done—well, most of his work. If only he can do it. He will not have to be in mortal fear of turning round and finding the Assistant Head Custodian, having crept up with silent tread, pointing an accusing finger at him.

He has arrived! No, he has failed; he can see the leering Junior Custodians, their left breasts glinting in the morning sunlight, waiting for him. Yes, waiting there like lions ready to spring, glad because he has not succeeded.

But he will show them; they shall not pounce on him; he will cheat them yet. He creeps stealthily along under the high wall. He peers gradually round the corner; now, when they are looking the other way, quickly into the doorway out of sight! Now open the door a few inches—nobody in sight; then squeeze through the half-open door and crouch in a dark corner, merge with the shadows, and wait.

Footsteps! His heart bounds wildly, his stomach ties itself in knots. What can he do? Quick, do something — there is nothing to be done, save crouch lower until he feels a part of the wall—and hope. Nearer, nearer, they are almost here. "Click!" the light flashes on, lighting up all the dark corner and revealing him in his naked fear.

Found, he is found after all. A low moan of despair escapes his lips and they mouth curses. But wait, no commanding voice, no kick and then click. The all-revealing light is banished; he has another chance. Surely he must now succeed. Dare he venture out of this none-too-safe hiding place? No, better wait, a shell never lands in the same hole twice. He waits longer and slowly recovers, his heart slows its furious beating and his limbs recover some strength.

Then, thank heavens, he is saved. His fellow victims, cheerless and downtrodden, pour dejectedly out of the Big Room. He mingles with them, unnoticed; he has succeeded. A feeling of

buoyancy spreads throughout his body. He has a sense of something achieved, alone cheerful in that miserable throng.

Suddenly, a voice hails him; he turns, to face — a bony forefinger, pointing accusingly at him A. J. Leadbetter.

THE RETURN

Along the trail the weary cowboy rode, his horse lathered in sweat. This was the country he knew, but it was many years since he had ridden about these parts as a wild, gawky boy. Now a man of forty years, he climbed the last ridge sensing that many other things had changed.

At the top he dismounted and sat down on the short-cropped grass. The town had changed vastly since last, as a boy, he had sat on this ridge, and he was not sure that he welcomed the change. As he sat and looked, he drew some strange delight from this lingering contemplation of his trail's end, for this was his home. Home! When he had left it, there were only a few straggling streets, with houses set out in aimless fashion. But the little town had been caught in the mighty dust of the "cross-current," that south to north migration of the Texas cattlemen, which first brought violence and later the modern ways of the east.

For now he could see the shimmering steel rails of the new railroad spanning the basin and passing on through the town and away beyond it. The main street, where once there had been only one saloon, had now three or four, and two churches as well. Where horses had trodden the dusty trail, now small cars moved back and forth, intermingled with a few horses and cowboys. The little stream where he used to swim was now turning large, dirty water-wheels for what appeared to him to be a small factory.

These things he saw at a glance. He was a man of his own solitary whims and he was seized with an impulse to turn away. He fought the feeling down and banished it from his thoughts; and so it was that he rode into the little town—the much-changed town of his boyhood, where he knew not what awaited him.

M. McBride, Upper VB.

School Societies

BEE CLUB

Chairman: J. H. FAIRHURST

Vice-Chairman and Secretary: M. H. IRVING

Treasurer: Mr. G. F. DRAKE

Committee: K. ELLIOT, J. B. KNOWLES

We have now started a very busy season. Although the bees have been fed during the winter, they are still very weak. Owing to the cold weather only two examinations of the hive have been

made, and we are very pleased to see that they are building up very quickly. We were surprised to find that the bees had replaced their old queen by a new queen; this is a good thing because the committee had already decided to change her. The first event of the summer term was the showing of the film "Sunny Tribe." The film included some excellent, and apparently unique, shots of larvæ in their cells and queens emerging from cells, as well as a very thrilling shot of a swarm issuing from a hole in a tree. We were very pleased to see how well the show was attended, and we are sure our audience would have been larger still but for the athletic heats. At the end of this term we are organising an even bigger and better exhibition than last year, and we are hoping to enter for the Flower Show in various honey classes. We would like to remind all boys that the Club night has been altered from Monday to Tuesday. We are very disappointed at the apathy shown towards the club by the Juniors, and would advise them to come along just once to see if they would be interested in bee-keeping, because if enough members come, we hope to increase our stocks and give more boys a chance of handling bees for themselves.

M.H.I.

CHRISTIAN UNION

The need for a union such as this has been felt for some time amongst some senior boys. After the Headmaster's permission had been given, we met, sixteen strong, on Monday, 13th December, 1950. Since then we have continued to meet every Monday, our numbers increasing gradually.

The meeting has the following procedure: Hymn, opening prayer, reading, talk and discussion and closing prayer. The speakers have all been either members of the staff, namely the Headmaster, Mr. Drake, Mr. Fleet and Mr. Tweedy, or members of the School. The subjects have been as different as the speakers, ranging from "What is Prayer?" to "Sundays."

One of the most interesting and probably the most memorable meeting took the form of a Brain's Trust on May 28th, the team being the Headmaster, Mr. Drake, Mr. Joyce, L. Barton, R. Smith, N. Meredith, whilst the Question Master was M. C. Ridyrd. A typical question was: "How far can a Christian take part in war without damage to his faith?"

Next term we hope to see a much greater enthusiasm on the part of the 5th and 6th Formers.

A.S.G.

LIBRARY NOTES

The following boys have been made librarians this term: M. S. Davidson, J. Glassberg, K. Dowling, B. Sourbut.

Two new periodicals, "The Athlete" and "Mainly About Animals" are now available in the Library, and most periodicals are now adorned with fine new covers which will, we hope, encourage readers to handle them with respect. Many additions have also been made to the shelves, among which are the following: works on all periods of architecture since the Tudors; works on Classical Literature and History; The Standard Natural History, P. Pycraft; Trees in Britain, L. J. F. Brimble; Classical Landscape with Figures, Osbert Lancaster; The Living Garden, Sir E. Salisbury; London City and Cumberland and Westmorland (County Book series); The Land, V. Sackville-West; Plays of Wycherly and Marlowe; The Meaning of Democracy, Ivor Brown; and works of fiction by Agatha Christie, Freda Lingstrom, C. Day Lewis, and Ngaio Marsh.

We are grateful to J. W. Wood for a gift of books, and to the boys of Upper V B for "The Character of England" presented "in affectionate memory of their dear friend and respected Form Master, Thomas R. Hope."

THE LIBRARIANS

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Chairman: N. RALPH. Vice-Chairman: A. MURGATROYD

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A film strip of this year's Sports Day, prepared by P. M. P. Griffiths and D. T. Holden, was shown at the term's first meeting. Several action shots of competitors and views of spectators made it a most popular meeting, and the Lecture Theatre was packed almost to capacity.

At the second meeting of the Society held on May 28th, D. T. Holden gave a most interesting talk on Kodachrome Colour Transparencies. He took the audience on an imaginary trip through Wales and exhibited some excellent colour-shots.

The Committee decided not to have its own School Expedition this year, since it was felt that the many trips already organised would provide sufficient photographic opportunities for members. It was also suggested that it might be possible, at some future time, to have an exhibition of photographs taken on excursions, and that members might even give illustrated talks to those who, for some reason or other, could not take part in these.

Interest in photography still continues in the school, though there are indications of a decline in membership of the society. The high cost of apparatus and materials may account for this and the less frequent use of the darkroom, especially by Junior members. The committee hopes, however, that next term's enrolment of new members will show that there are still many boys who wish to take up photography as a most interesting and educational hobby.

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

SCOUT TROOP

New recruits have been quick to pass the Tenderfoot test, etc., although some of the senior boys have allowed other summer activities to distract them from their preparation for the Second Class tests, we can now boast our first Second Class Scout, J. Wareing is the pioneer, and he has been appointed full Patrol Leader of the Curlews.

About half a dozen of us had our first taste of 'pot-holing' on the last Saturday of April. We pitched our chilly camp on Casterton Fell, overlooking Kirby Lonsdale, and in the evening spent several hours down Bull Pot, a large and intricate pot-hole nearby. Our thanks are due to the Headmaster who arranged the expedition and was our expert and hard-worked guide, for an experience, not perhaps wholly delightful, but nevertheless thrilling and memorable.

Since no suitable site was available elsewhere, we again held a week-end camp on the School Field. The campers, four seniors and most of the new recruits, were favoured by the weather and on the Saturday enjoyed a 'day out' in the Hoscar-Parbold area.

The Summer Camp will be held this year at Lovesgrove, Aberystwyth, on the banks of the Afon Rheidol, from the 13th to the 24th July. We aim not only to enjoy this camp as much as we did last year's, but also to raise our standards of camping as we gain experience.

On Friday, 29th June, we were pleased to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Millward to our Scout Meeting. Mr. Millward formally presented us with the fine new Troop Flag which is his gift to the Troop.

IMPORTANT DATES

Autumn Term begins September 4th.

Half Term October 29th and 30th.

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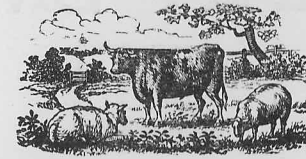
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