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W. L. MAYNE

The retirement of Mr. Mayne severs another link with the School's early days at the "Woodlands." Though not one of the original staff, Mr. Mayne was one of the School's most forceful personalities during those pioneering years.

He arrived from Oxford in 1922, looking very youthful; but the Balliol poise was not easily disturbed and any of the youngsters then running about the "Woodlands" who thought he could presume on looks was swiftly disillusioned. Full then of vigour (enthusiasm, of course, has never left him), he turned out on at least one occasion with the School XV. Playing centre-threequarter against a team from the Southport Club, he had the misfortune to wrench his ankle badly and had to be carried off the field. The following week the School beheld him with sympathy, not perhaps unmingled with the satisfaction natural to boys in all such cases, hobbling about with the aid of a stick.

His labours in the mathematical field were already conscientious and sound; nor did he hesitate when the need arose to step boldly even into the field of classics. Once, at a rehearsal of the opening ceremony for the new school building, the Headmaster was about to dismiss the School leaving one item, an ode of Horace, unrehearsed; but a clear, protesting voice arose from the back of the hall: "Sir, haven't you forgotten the *ode*?" "Rectius vives" was not to be overlooked with W. L. Mayne in the room. Another time, the Editor of "The Red Rose" saw fit to make a slighting reference to Gear's House motto, "Labore atque ludo," casting doubt on its Latinity. From Mr. Mayne, who had then succeeded his friend Mr. A. T. L. Gear as Housemaster, there appeared in the next number a letter offering a learned quotation from some Silver Age author which contained the identical words. No task which seemed to him worthy was beyond his efforts; no detail of decorum was beneath his attention. Such was Mr. W. L. Mayne in those early days—strict, enthusiastic, quixotic almost in his devotion to duty, and, as more than one man can remember across a lapse of many years, very quietly kind.

His first concern has always been for the School as a whole, but the full force of his personality has been felt in Gear's House, of which he has been Housemaster for nearly thirty years. During this time the House has seen many changes, but always there has remained the strong sense of loyalty and the desire to achieve great things. The duties of a Housemaster are exacting, and Mr. Mayne, in his interpretation of his duty, has never pandered to mere sentimentalists or latitudinarians. He never shrank from unpopular measures; at the same time, he did not spare himself. He never expected any member of the House to do more than his share, but there was a minimum requirement exacted of all. The misguided youth who sought to settle down to a life of ease soon found himself performing feats of

pro prowess in the classroom or on the games field. Each found himself capable of making some contribution, though it were no more than floundering the qualifying distance in the baths or taking part in the "House Hundred." However small the achievement, it never failed to earn the "Well done!" of the Housemaster.

The School Scout Troop flourished for twenty years under Mr. Mayne's leadership. It attained a high standard of Scoutcraft, without accumulating any of the eccentricities which often result when Scouting is carried to excess. The Troop gained many coveted awards, yet old Scouts, who continue to meet from time to time, have cause to be grateful to Mr. Mayne more particularly for the good fellowship which was enjoyed at Troop meetings and camps. Mr. Mayne revealed a peculiar genius for knitting together into a happy troop the diverse and seemingly incongruous types of boy that are attracted for varying reasons to Scouting.

One of the important services that Mr. Mayne has rendered to the School is to be found in the War Memorial tablets in the school entrance hall. It was owing to his efforts that records were kept of Old Boys who fell during the war, and subsequently a fund was launched which made possible both the installation of the memorial tablets and the establishment of a trust fund to assist in the further education of boys through travel abroad. Mr. Mayne is at present secretary and a trustee of this fund.

"Labore atque ludo," the motto of Gear's house, suggests the complementary rôles of work and play in true education. Mr. Mayne has always striven to encourage this conception. His own work was done carefully and with exemplary thoroughness. Though he was not an active participant on the games field during the latter years, it was his enthusiastic coaching of the Bantams that helped the School to field such strong Rugby sides in the 'thirties, and he has always been one of the staunchest supporters at School matches.

Mr. Mayne has not grown old. The years seem to have wrought little change in either the erectness of his bearing or the vigour of his arguments.

We wish him a long and happy retirement and trust that, wherever he goes, the rejuvenated Armstrong-Siddeley will remain steady, reliable and unhurried, and that we shall often see the return of this landmark to its usual place at the side of the school.

School Notes

Mr. Mayne is retiring at the end of this term after thirty years' service in the school. As Housemaster of Gear's House for twenty-nine years, and Senior Mathematics Master for the last eleven years, he has played a vital part in the building up of the school's tradition.

He will be greatly missed, and we wish him a long and happy retirement. An appreciation of Mr. Mayne's work appears elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. F. S. Saint is leaving the staff at the end of this term and is emigrating to Canada with his family. During his three years here, Mr. Saint has given invaluable service both on the Mathematics staff and on the cricket field. We wish him every success in his new life in Canada.

We welcome to the staff Mr. G. H. Ellison, who arrived on 23rd June to take Mr. Wormell's place on the Classics side.

Mr. H. Evans has been awarded the Recognition Badge of the Royal Life Saving Society for long and distinguished service in encouraging boys to take Life-saving awards in this school. We feel it is very fitting that Mr. Evans should have been so honoured and congratulate him on achieving this distinction.

The annual Rucker match against the Old Boys was played on 28th March, and the School XV wound up their season very creditably with a good win.

The annual Old Boys' Dinner was held at the Palace Hotel the same evening, the guest of the evening being Mr. C. C. Martin, M.B.E., Chief Constable of Liverpool.

The annual Choral and Orchestral Concert was held on 1st April, the School Hall being full to capacity. The large audience clearly showed its appreciation of the high standard achieved by both Choir and Orchestra. The concert must be accounted the most successful yet held.

A meeting of parents of boys in the Lower Fifth Forms was held on 6th May, at which the Headmaster and the Careers Master gave talks on the organisation of the senior part of the school and parents were able to discuss their sons' work with members of the staff.

On 19th May, the annual meeting of parents was held, at which the Rev. F. J. Alsop, was re-elected parents' representative on the Governors.

The annual Athletic Sports took place later than usual, on 20th May. In spite of an overcast sky, rain held off and allowed the events to be completed without interruption.

The Founder's Day celebrations were held on 6th June. After the service in the Hall, the annual cricket match between the 1st XI and the Staff XI was held. In an exciting finish, the Staff just managed to stave off defeat, though their last pair of batsmen had one or two narrow escapes in the last over of the day.

This term's collection was taken for the British Empire Leprosy Fund and realised £8 9s. 4d.

On 8th, 9th and 10th July, it is hoped to organise expeditions, on the lines of those which took place last year, to places of educational interest.

At the end of last summer term, we were invited to Barrow Grammar School to take part in a six-sided schools' athletic contest. This year, we have invited the five other schools here and we hope to hold this athletic contest on 8th July.

The annual cricket match against the Old Boys' XI will take place on 15th July, and the Handicraft, Photographic and Art Exhibitions will be held on the same day.

We are very grateful for the gift of a 'cello which has been made to the school by Mr. C. Massey.

F. A. Cunliffe has been awarded a De Havilland Aeronautical Scholarship, tenable for five years.

CHANGES IN HOUSE MASTERSHIPS

On Mr. Mayne's retirement at the end of this term, Mr. H. Evans will become the Housemaster of Gear's House from September.

Mr. I. Evans and Mr. R. J. Thompson have decided to retire from their House masterships at the end of this term in order to allow younger masters to take over. Evans' House will be taken over by Mr. L. C. Hargreaves and Leech's House by Mr. W. R. Caff.

VALETE

Mallinson, B., 1946-52.—Edwards', Upper VI Science B, G.C.E. (03), 1951.
Spencer, N. C. C., 1947-52.—Gear's, Upper Vb.
Hainsworth, W. B., 1948-52.—Edwards', Lower Vb.
Jones, J. W., 1950-52.—Edwards', IIIa.
Clarey, P. N., 1951-52.—Woodham's, Upper VI Science B.
Fearnley, K. A. H., 1951-52.—Evans', IIa.

SALVETE

J. M. Gaskin, G. M. Hand, D. Massey, B. D. Varah.

House Notes

EDWARDS'

Apart from the individual success of Burras in Athletics, the House has had little success this term. We have been well beaten in the Cricket competitions.

We can congratulate ourselves on maintaining a high standard of work. We would like to see the juniors extend their keenness for gymnastics to the realms of Athletics and Swimming.

We bestow our thanks on the senior boys who are leaving for their services to the School and the House. We wish them success in the examinations and in their careers.

EVANS'

This has been a term crowded with events. The House began successfully on Sports Day, taking second place in three of the competitions. J. D. Clark, the house Athletics captain, played a leading part in this, for he gained 23 points himself. D. H. Hamilton and G. J. Gillett also helped to put the house in a good position. All three were chosen to represent the School on the Athletics field.

The Senior Cricket Team, under the captaincy of T. N. Baker, who was also appointed Vice-Captain of the School XI, lost their first match to Rogers'. A noteworthy point was the keenness shown at practices, but it was lack of experience that chiefly led to failure on the field.

The juniors fared much better. After two good practices, they overran Edwards', winning by 87 runs. In contrast to the seniors, the juniors are a team of experienced players and should do well in the remaining matches under their captain, F. H. Colledge. R. T. K. Baker has played for the Colts, whilst S. B. Rimmer and Colledge have played for the Under-15 XI.

Kay and Haigh have worked hard in getting boys to qualify in Swimming. Their present ambition is to head the Qualifications table, a feat which they came near to achieving last year. The Life-saving classes are also under way.

Last term, A. Perry became champion for his weight at boxing. 1st XV colours were reawarded to J. D. Clark, Colts colours were awarded to D. Dandy, and Bantam colours to F. C. Wilson.

The House finished high up in both the gym. competition and the honours list.

Finally, we wish success to all boys taking examinations.

T. N. B.

GREAR'S

Last term the Junior Rugby team reached the final in both the Rugby and Seven-a-side competitions, but were narrowly beaten in both matches.

The House has every reason to be proud of the performance put up in the Athletic Sports. Under the outstanding leadership of D. S. Preston, the School Athletics Captain, Grear's secured all four trophies. Congratulations go to J. B. Whittaker and J. E. R. Smith on breaking records in the Group II and Group III High Jump respectively.

Swimming activities this term have been undertaken with great success under the leadership of G. R. Wilson. Seven representatives are in the School team; second place in the Life-saving Competition has been gained, and a leading position in the Qualifications Competition is expected. The standard of both senior and junior Cricket this

season has been disappointing, with many lapses in batting and fielding, but better success is looked for next year.

The Almoner's collection this term was reasonably good, though not up to expectations.

Mr. W. L. Mayne is retiring at the end of term after thirty years' devoted service as Housemaster. To him the House offers its sincerest thanks and best wishes on his retirement.

To Mr. H. Evans is given a cordial welcome and an assurance of loyal co-operation in keeping the House in its prominent position.

Finally, good wishes are extended to those leaving this term. May their good services to the School and House be rewarded by success in the G.C.E. examinations.

M. R. B.

LEECH'S

Last term, the Junior Rugby XV (captained by B. E. Key) gave a good account of itself, but was not quite fortunate enough to reach the final. In the VII's competition, played on the last day of the term, the team was knocked out after 35 minutes of strenuous football. Members of this team who were holders of school Rugby colours were Key, K. E. Mason and R. Twist, all in the Bantams. C. E. Bracken (1st XV), G. R. Stelfox (2nd XV) and G. Topping (Colts) also gained colours.

Praiseworthy co-operation and enthusiastic participation in the heats resulted in our being well represented in the programme on Sports Day. Injuries sustained earlier by two of our stalwarts undermined the strength of our entries. In the end, practically all our points were collected by one outstanding athlete, G. Topping, who did great things. As always, he excelled within his Group and just missed breaking the record for the 440 yards. In Group 1, B. Wilson finished a close second in the mile and is to be congratulated on a fine performance. G. A. Burgess and R. Gautrey both jumped well and won places, as did J. B. Knowles and R. Twist.

Our Senior Cricket XI, under the captaincy of C. D. Usher, won by one wicket the only match played so far.

In closing, the House offers best wishes for the future success of all members who will be leaving at the end of term, and trusts they will always recall with pride that they belong to Leech's.

D. E. R.

MASON'S

The House extends congratulations to Kaitiff, Burgess and Owen on being awarded 2nd XV colours, to Hardisty and Taylor on gaining their Colts colours, and to Johnson on gaining his Bantams colours. The promise displayed by the Junior Team in practice was not

fulfilled in the actual matches, of which we lost two and won one. In the Boxing Competition, Dowling won his weight and was the only champion from Mason's.

This term has shown a great improvement in all branches of House activity. In the Athletic Sports, the team pulled off a fine finishing burst to achieve third place in the Mawdsley Shield for the highest aggregate of points and second place in the Pariser Cup for team events. Most encouraging feature of this comparative triumph was the fine display put up by Group II, who collected 23 of our 35 points. Group III was promising, though it was smaller in number than usual, and we had to rely upon too few boys for all the events.

We are represented in School Cricket Teams by Rimmer, Hammond and Hardisty (1st XI), Kaitiff (2nd XI), Bray (Under-15 XI), Batty and Bradford (Colts). So far this season the House teams have played five matches, all of which have been won. The Seniors have defeated Woodham's, Spencer's and Grear's, and have qualified for the final, while the Juniors have beaten Grear's and Spencer's and remain the only unbeaten team in their section. Unfortunately, the prevalent habit in school matches of getting no runs in a very long time has begun to affect Senior House games and too often we have had to rely on the bowlers to get all the runs and all the wickets. The fielding of both teams is very bad, particularly on the ground, and must be greatly improved.

At the time of writing, Mason's are heading the list of Swimming Qualifications, but continued effort is necessary if this position is to be maintained. Life-saving is making favourable progress, but it is still obvious that the same boys take award after award and the House is content to sit back and let a small minority do everything.

The House contribution to the School Charity this term was too small, and Mason's would do well to remember that the standing of a House in the school can be fairly accurately gauged by the amount of its charity collection.

Finally, the House wishes luck to those taking examinations this term and to those who are leaving at the end of the year.

J. S.

ROGERS'

In the Junior House Rugby Competition, the House team did better than was at first expected and beat Evans' and Mason's but narrowly lost to Grear's. In the newly-instituted "Sevens" Competition, on the last day of term, our team was successful in the final. Much credit for this must go to D. Rimmer for his capable leadership.

We congratulate D. M. Marsh on the award of 1st XV colours and C. A. Booth on the re-award of his colours. 2nd XV colours were awarded to S. N. Booth, D. Buckels, J. B. A. Hyde and J. Glassberg, while G. Sumner received Colts colours and D. R. Dover and D. Rimmer, Bantam colours.

Collectively, the House did not distinguish itself in the Athletic Sports, but there were some good individual performances; in particular, C. G. Booth was first in the mile and second in the 440. In the relays we gained second place in Group I and and Group III.

In Swimming, at the end of last term we dropped from first position in Life-saving. We hope that by the end of the summer term we shall have retrieved our original position. In Qualifications, too, there was a disappointing lapse after a very encouraging start.

The collections for House Charities this year have been very disappointing. For some time now our contributions have been gradually decreasing, and we hope that this movement in the wrong direction will be immediately checked.

At the time of writing, the Senior House Cricket team, captained by R. Wolstenholme, has won its way to the final by beating Evans', Leech's and Edwards'. The Junior team, however, has been less fortunate, only managing to beat Edwards'.

Finally, we wish success to all candidates taking external examinations this term.

J. G.

SPENCER'S

The House congratulates R. H. D. Smith (1st XV colours), L. M. Harris (1st XV colours re-awarded), M. J. Harris (2nd XV colours), and Hill and Burdell (Bantam XV colours).

Last term saw a young and inexperienced Junior XV defeated in all its matches. Some consolation, however, was gained by our Junior VII's defeat of Woodham's, the Junior Shield winners. A particularly pleasing feature of the VII's display was the performance of two second-formers, Denning and Goddard—a hopeful augury for the future.

Although our points tally on Sports Day was lamentably small, we congratulate all Spencerians who took part. Particular praise goes to those who gained points: in Group I, L. M. Harris, our only first-place winner, and Sumner; in Group II, T. M. Burstall, Valins and Wright. Although no points were won in Group III, Burdell and Jones are to be congratulated on their plucky efforts. L. M. Harris is in the School Athletics Team.

The fate of the Lancashire Cup is still uncertain at the time of writing. At the end of last term we had a lead of more than thirty points over our nearest rivals. We are looking forward to the Swimming Sports in the hope that we shall maintain the improvement of recent years. M. J. Harris, captain, Ball and Hilton are in the School Swimming Team.

This year's Senior Cricket Final will bear a strange look. For the first time since 1948, Spencer's will not be one of the participants. After gaining full revenge for last year's defeat in the final by a

convincing win over Grear's, the Senior XI lost an exciting game against Mason's by six runs. As in last year's final, we lost through going for too many runs in too short a time. We wound up the season by defeating Woodham's by ten wickets. The Junior XI, under the captaincy of McLean, have lost their first two matches. They would do well to try to emulate the excellent standard in the field attained by the Senior XI. A special word of praise goes to Knowles for gaining a place in the Senior XI while still only in the third form.

L. M. Harris, captain, Hughes and Smith are in the 2nd XI; Groves plays for the Under-15 XI, whilst Burdell keeps wicket for the Colts XI; McLean has also played for the Colts.

Finally, those who are leaving join with the writer in wishing the house every success in the future. Whilst hoping to see the house-room a little less bare in future years, we should like to impress on the House that mere pothunting is not the be-all and end-all of house activities. A house is not always judged solely by the number of trophies it has won.

E. G. C.

WOODHAM'S

At the end of the Lent Term the House Junior Rugby XV was successful in winning the Junior Rugby Shield. In the earlier stages of the competition the team played good, hard football. It was a severe blow, therefore, when Andrews, who had made an excellent captain, was unable to play in the final against Grear's. But Thompson stepped into the breach and led the team to a 9—3 victory.

On the following day, however, the House met with no success in the Junior seven-a-side competition.

In the Athletic Sports, at the beginning of the Summer Term, our main successes were returned by Juniors, the most outstanding being J. B. Rimmer's 440 yards (Group III) and the Junior Tug Team's victory over Mason's in the Final.

Congratulations are due to M. S. Davidson upon his appointment as School Cricket Captain, to J. J. Thompson as Captain of the Colts' XI, and to Andrews, who has played frequently for the First XI. J. Weber and G. Morrell have turned out regularly for the 2nd XI.

Nevertheless, in the Senior Cricket Competition we have had no successes. After being narrowly defeated by Mason's, we were severely trounced by Spencer's. In the Junior Competition the prospects are somewhat brighter, and we hope that greater concentration may lead to better results and perhaps to the Final.

The Swimming Competition draws steadily to its close, and, with an eye to the future, we hope that House members who have not yet learned to swim will make good the omission during the coming holidays.

To those members of Woodham's House who are leaving at the end of this term we wish success and happiness in the future.

G. J. H. H.

Old Boys' Section

NEWS OF OLD GEORGIANS

M. G. Massey (1925-32) has been chosen to succeed Lieutenant-Colonel Bayne as Commanding Officer of the Southport Territorial Army Unit.

R. Lucas (1927-32) has been appointed Divisional Accountant to the Walsall and District Division of the West Midlands Gas Board.

M. Horwich (1930-36) and B. Jennett (1940-44) have gained the F.R.C.S. degree.

G. R. Lund (1938-42) has passed the final examination of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

M. Moncrieff (1938-44) left for Canada in May to take up a post as Structural Engineer with the Canadian National Railways.

B. Perry (1935-43) has been appointed Classics Master at the Bluecoat School, Liverpool.

A. Pendlebury-Green (1941-48) has been appointed an assistant master at Churchtown County Junior School.

R. H. Bartram (1928-30) played golf and tennis for Staffordshire.

News has been received that R. T. Bentley (1922-28) is now Senior Chemistry Master at Kirkham Grammar School.

E. R. Crane (1923-37) has passed the final examination of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. He is at present employed by the Lancashire County Council as a Senior Quantity Surveyor.

R. G. Daintree (1943-49) has been awarded a scholarship for a three-year University course, carrying the benefits of a State Scholarship, by the Building Apprenticeship and Training Council.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION DINNER

This event took place on the 28th March. Once again it was held at the Palace Hotel, and even the minor chimney-fire did not dampen the spirits of some 90 Old Boys who were present at what proved to be another successful evening organised by the Association. The guest of honour was Mr. C. C. Martin, Chief Constable of Liverpool, who proposed the toast "The School" with much good humour and at the same time gave those present an interesting account of his recent American tour. The Headmaster suitably responded in similar vein. The toast "The Old Boys' Association" was proposed by Mr. G. C. D. Mason, M.Sc., who told us of his early experiences with policemen and motor-cars and then of his happy days at school—altogether very enjoyable. Mr. T. E. Booth, the Chairman, had also had some experiences with policemen, and in the course of his speech

suggested that there should be compiled a register of the various occupations of Old Boys coupled with their addresses, so that an "Old Georgians' Agency" might be set up to help the ever-increasing number of Old Boys to keep track of each other. Mr. S. H. F. Johnston, M.A., proposed the toast "Our Guests" in a very humorous way and favourably compared the Liverpool policeman with his counterpart in Aberystwyth. Mr. R. S. Hutton, B.Sc., the Chief Education Officer, responded with similar humour, but had, unfortunately, no experiences with policemen worthy of repetition. The toastmaster was Mr. K. F. Hulme, who performed his task admirably. It was most pleasing to see several of the staff present, and we hope they will induce some more of their colleagues to come next year. After the speeches many of the Old Boys and guests had an opportunity to renew acquaintances, and once more it may safely be said that everybody had a most enjoyable evening.

NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITIES

Liverpool University

Old Georgians here continue to distinguish themselves in the spheres of study and sport. R. McIntyre has gained his Second Part B.Sc.; J. B. Cardwell, P. Davies and D. H. Macleod have passed their Second M.B. examination; K. Matson, J. D. Thompson and D. J. Williams have gained their Second L.D.S.; and C. Wynne has passed First M.B.

As for sport, C. B. Holmes and J. O. Clark continue to uphold University swimming, while K. V. Bladon has swum regularly for Derby Hall. A. C. Wynne came fifth in the Finals of the Aylward Foil Competition.

R. A. Eccles and J. Levin have returned as hardened campaigners from their T.A. camp at Oswestry. J. Levin, with a band of merry comrades-in-arms, even succeeded in losing himself in the wilds of Cambria during a map-reading expedition.

Oxford University

The fine weather this term has shaken members of the O.U.O.G.S. out of their accustomed lethargy and has persuaded them to indulge in some of the traditional pastimes of Trinity Term. A certain blight has, however, been cast on the lives of F. I. Robertson and L. Barton by the intrusion of examinations. The former, supremely confident of success, has concentrated his efforts on rowing, and has pulled an energetic oar at bow in the Queen's 1st VIII. Whether his confidence is shared by his tutors has not been revealed. The latter is a regular member of Christ Church Cricket XI, and as lately developed a passion for a quiet game of bowls while digesting his luncheon. J. D. Bonney, with his next examination infinitely distant, has been able both to visit London—on business, he assures

us—and to demonstrate his prowess on the river with both puntpole and oar.

The well-deserved success of the blue boat in the Boat Race was perhaps responsible for the increased interest this year in Eights Week, always the highlight of Trinity Term. The general disgust of members when Balliol went head on the Saturday evening was not shared by H. M. Solomon, who was indeed seen later in the week vociferously encouraging his crew to greater speed.

We do not yet know whether to expect any O.G.s to replenish our numbers next term, but we would remind the school that the departure of Robertson and Solomon will halve the Society.

Sheffield University

This term there was the unusual spectacle of one Old Georgian being lectured to by another, H. Townsend expounding his theories of International Trade to J. A. Cheetham. The latter looks a little worried, possibly by the state of the country's economic position. W. E. Marsden has been on numerous field-trips o'er moor and dale, and looks with awe at some of the marvellous scenery that is to be found only a short distance away from the city. During the summer vacation he is to do a treatise on Southport and district. Both he and J. A. C. have been heard discussing the great merits of Lancashire batsmen before a not very appreciative crowd at Bramall Lane.

P. Lapes still retains his passion for cycling, and is to be seen almost every Sunday in his shorts, preparing for a hundred-mile spin. He has now completed his first year in the Engineering Department. D. J. Williams has been playing cricket for the University Second XI, twirling an arm in the hope that the batsman will see the error of his ways in staying too long at the wicket.

J. A. C., W. E. M. and D. J. W. are all now in Halls of Residence, but in three different ones, so that there is a certain amount of rivalry between them. In closing, S.U.O.G.S. would very much like to welcome, next session, some new O.G.s to this rapidly expanding University.

London School of Economics

At present the London School of Economics is in a state of ferment. Examinations have now finished, and the suppressed hilarity of a year, as always, finds an outlet in the last two weeks of the Summer term. The growth in the number of card-players occupying the various lounges is remarkable, and the true enthusiasts take dinner, tea, coffee and other refreshments with a reluctance which is only gradually neutralised by the pangs of hunger and thirst.

End-of-term celebrations in general include a variety of going-down festivities, of which the main features are a mass visit by river to Battersea Pleasure Gardens, and a mock Parliament.

The Orchestra this year was 36 strong, and we must once again express our sincere thanks to our friends from the High School for Girls, who once more gave invaluable assistance in the Strings Section.

The strings are probably the section of the orchestra in which improvement has been most noticeable during the past years. Their tone is good; their bowing has become much more free and, in general, a pleasure to watch also. Their attack, like that of the rest of the orchestra, was outstandingly good in the Tancredi Overture and in Purcell's Rondo. But, naturally, there were occasional weaknesses. They were, possibly, least happy in their accompaniment to the second of Dyson's "Songs of Praise." Here, the tone tended to be poor and thin and, with muted strings, seemed to provide an inadequate lead to the inexperienced trebles in an awkward change of key. Again, our skill being such as it is, the pace at which "Greensleeves" was taken seemed a little too slow, and, in consequence, it became ponderous and over-heavy; but we were given much vigour and brightness in Vaughan-Williams' march, where there were some extremely pleasing solo passages for the wood-wind. Outstanding in solo work was C. B. Wilson's 'cello in "Meditation"; his performance gave intense pleasure.

This year, the members of the Choir closely approached 100 in number, and their performance far surpassed anything done in former years. Their platform manner was pleasing, their concentration upon the conductor and the work in hand was admirable, and their diction remarkably improved. These remarks applied in particular to the Junior Choir, but excellent work was done by both sections when they combined in the Past Songs for Full Choir, and handled with equal skill the plaintive "I live not where I love" and the more joyous "Fairings." The concert concluded with a full-lunged effort from Choir and Orchestra (including the steadily-improving brass section) in Haydn's "The Heavens are Telling."

The performance as a whole had reached a standard far higher than that of either of our earlier concerts, and should have given firm grounds for satisfaction both to the conductor, Mr. Eglin, and to all members of the Music Society. Given sufficient enthusiasm among the recruits to the Orchestra and to the Choir from among the younger members of the School, the tradition of good music-making should soon be strongly established here.

H. B.

MOUNTAINEERING EXPEDITION

At 8-20 on Sunday, 20th April, a party of eight heavily-laden schoolboys met on Chapel Street Station. It was a relief to all of us when a kind master undertook to carry our luggage to Preston Bus Station in his car. At the other end of our journey, however, we were not so lucky and had to walk three miles with our packs to the stone hut where we were going to stay for a week.

Just outside the hut, which consisted of an upstairs dormitory and a kitchen and another large room downstairs, there was a small swimming-pool, which was filled to depth of about three feet by the mountain streams when a sluice-gate was closed. The postal address of the hut was Rawhead, Great Langdale.

On our arrival we were met by the Headmaster and by Paterson, who, being a hardy fellow, had hitch-hiked. We immediately set out again for Scout Crag, where we had our first rock-climb, which passed over without any incident.

Monday greeted us with heavy rain, but, undeterred, we split up after breakfast into two parties. The first climbed to Cold Pike (2,259 feet) via Red Tarn, and thence along the mountain ridge, taking in the Crinkles and Bowfell (2,960 feet). From there we gradually descended to Angle Tarn and back into the valley, a total distance of ten miles. Where the second party went to, nobody quite found out, and, although they possessed the only compass, they unaccountably managed to get lost and were taking it easy when the first party arrived back at the hut.

We were up at six o'clock on Tuesday, much to the annoyance of at least one member of the party. Our objective was Dow Crag, where we intended to do some rock-climbing. We started by crossing Side Pike (1,187 feet) into Little Langdale, where we were joined by Mr. Saint, who happened to be holidaying in the district. After passing Blea Tarn and contouring round to the top of Swirl How (2,630 feet), where we were met with driving sleet and snow, we made our way along the scree above Seathwaite Tarn to Dow Crag, where two of the party decided, rather than walk back, to go into Coniston and catch the bus.

Having reached the summit of Dow Crag (2,555 feet), we rested before making our way to the top of Coniston Old Man (2,635 feet), where the mist cleared and we had a glorious view of Coniston Water. From here we made our way back to Swirl How and Three Shire Stone, where Lancashire, Cumberland and Westmorland meet, into Great Langdale.

On Wednesday, after Tuesday's strenuous walk (we had walked sixteen miles and climbed 5,537 feet), it was decided that we would not go far. Starting off by climbing Middlefell Buttriss, we traversed the ridge and continued round Stickle Tarn, finally arriving at the bottom of Pavay Ark (2,288 feet). Here the party split into three, each to do a different climb—Little Gully, Great Gully, and Rake End Chimney. Each party, on reaching the top, made its way to the top of Harrison Stickle (2,403 feet) and thence down into Great Langdale.

Thursday found us all up early making preparations for our visit to Scafell Pike (3,210 feet). We set out and climbed the Band to Three Tarns. From there, after contouring round Yeastyrigg Crag

and crossing the valley of the Esk, we entered the pass of Mickledore and started a climb up the Pinnacle and Slingsby's Chimney to the top of Scafell (3,162 feet). After crossing to the summit of Scafell Pike, we made our way home via Esk House and Rossett Gill.

Splitting up into two parties again on Friday, we had to choose between Bowfell Buttress and Great Gable. The former party found the mist so bad that they had to return. The latter party, however, reached Great Gable and climbed the Needle, Eagle's Nest West Chimney, and the Needle Ridge.

As Friday was our last night, we devised numerous forms of enjoyment which, crowned by the supper, made a memorable conclusion to a very enjoyable trip.

D. DANDY.

LONE MISSION

Lance-Corporal Peter Thorp had a nasty, nauseating feeling in the pit of his stomach. He felt bewildered, unsure of what he was doing, of how he came to be where he was—he, who only a few months ago had been a mere boy at school. Now here he was, on a churned-up battlefield, with the result of the encounter resting entirely in his hands. To him had been entrusted the carrying out of a lone mission, the success of which would turn defeat into victory, shame into glory.

It was the responsibility of his task rather than any danger involved which was causing the feeling that a myriad butterflies were exercising their wings inside his stomach. He must not lose his head now. If he failed, he would never be able to erase the blot from his conscience. But he must not fail.

Only a few minutes before, he had seen his lifelong friend carried away moaning in agony by two grim-faced stretcher-bearers; he had repelled an enemy charge single-handed. If only to avenge him, he must succeed.

At the last moment a gripping sensation of sheer funk seized him. The butterflies almost forced their way out of his throat. He would ask to be relieved of his task. Someone older, more experienced, would be more fitted to bear such an onerous burden of responsibility. Such a course, however, was clearly impossible. He must continue on the path which fate had mapped out for him and at the end of which lay either renown or ignominy and oblivion. His country, his England, was depending on him; on him indeed depended the fate of the crown.

The torrential rain, which all day long had cascaded incessantly from a leaden sky without ever for a moment slackening in intensity, had suddenly ceased. The terrifying clamour which had been going

on remorselessly ever since the encounter had started had now given way to an eerie, unnatural hush. There was not even the patter of raindrops falling into pools in the lacerated earth to break the ponderous silence. The calm was even more unnerving than the perpetual roaring had been. It was as if the eyes of the whole world were focussed on this one event; as if the universe had paused in its eternal journeying to view this momentous occasion.

The butterflies had now been replaced by a troop of galloping horses, whose pulsating hoof-beats were in reality only the frantic poundings of his heart. All was now ready. Almost unconsciously, he went forward at a trot, alone.

Men still tell how that last-minute penalty goal won the game for England by six points to five.

E. G. COWAN.

Sports Section

RUGBY

Results

Jan. 12—Upholland G.S. (H)	W	9-0
„ 19—Liverpool Coll. (H)	W	17-3
Feb. 16—Blackpool G.S. (H)	L	0-12
„ 20—Wigan G.S. (A)	W	16-9
Mar. 8—Hutton G.S. (A)	L	10-22
„ 15—Hutton G.S. (H)	L	6-8
„ 22—Wigan G.S. (H)	L	10-13
„ 28—Old Boys (H)	W	6-0

SWIMMING

Captain: M. J. HARRIS.

Vice-Captain: F. A. S. BADDELEY.

Secretary: R. A. S. KAY.

The results of this school year's swimming matches are as follows:—

Date	Opponents	Result	Score
Nov. 10—(A)	Manchester G.S.	Lost	28½-33½
Dec. 1—(A)	Bolton School	Lost	33-45
Jan. 19—(A)	Manchester University 2nd Team	Lost	17-31
May 10—(H)	Manchester G.S.	Drew	34-34
May 24—(H)	Merchant Taylors' School	Won	53½-17½
June 4—(A)	Calday Grange G.S.	Won	41½-30½

Almost all the matches had exciting finishes, the results depending on the squadron races. When we were at Manchester Grammar School, two records were broken—the 100 yards free-style and the 50 yards back-stroke by Harris and Baddeley respectively. In the match at Bolton, Baddeley broke Bolton's back-stroke record.

The competition for the Lancashire Cup for Life-saving seems to be very keen this year. Last December, about fifty boys entered for the Life-saving examinations. A fortnight before this, Mr. Johnson, the examiner, showed some film-strips to most of the boys who were to be examined. Mr. Johnson gave a detailed commentary as the strips were shown, and later he said that he was very pleased to see such a large attendance.

Positions for the Lancashire Cup as at the end of the Lent term are:—

1. Spencer's	182 pts.
2. Grear's	150 pts.
3. Rogers'	146 pts.
4. Evans'	103 pts.
5. Mason's	88 pts.
6. Woodham's	35 pts.
7. Edwards'	30 pts.
8. Leech's	0 pts.

The contest for the Ingham Cup for Qualifications is also very keen this year. The final result will probably be very close. The Swimming Sports will be held as usual at the end of the term, and also the Life-saving examinations, which will determine the winners of the Lancashire Cup.
R. A. S. K.

CRICKET

Results

Saturday, 3rd May—

1st XI (H): School, 88 for 9; Wigan, 5 for 2. Draw.
2nd XI (A): Wigan, 75; School, 13 for 0. Draw.
Colts (H): School, 90; Wigan, 45 for 5. Draw.

Wednesday, 7th May—

1st XI and 2nd XI: v. Hutton G.S. Cancelled.
Colts (A): School, 41; Hutton, 32. Won.

Saturday, 10th May—

1st XI (A): School, 76 for 4; Upholland, 75. Won.
2nd XI (H): School, 121 for 9; Upholland, 27. Won.

Saturday, 17th May—

2nd XI (H): School, 16 for 3; Lytham, 15. Won.

Wednesday, 21st May—

1st XI (A): School, 90; Lytham, 50 for 8. Draw.

Saturday, 24th May—

1st XI (H): School, 58; Blackpool, 29. Won.
2nd XI (A): School, 66 all out; Blackpool, 61 for 9. Draw.
Under 15 XI (H): School, 88; Blackpool, 68. Won.
Under 14 XI (A): School, 31 for 7; Blackpool, 30. Won.

Wednesday, 28th May—

1st XI (H): School, 30 for 3; Stockport G., 94 for 5 dec. Draw.
2nd XI (H): School, 83 for 9; Stockport G., 102 for 7 dec. Draw.

Saturday, 31st May—

1st XI (H): School, 46; Balshaws G., 47 for 7. Lost.

Friday, 6th June—

1st XI: School, 107; Staff, 69 for 9. Draw.

Saturday, 14th June—

1st XI (H): School, —; Calday, 71 for 1. Draw.
2nd XI (A): School, 39 for 3; Calday, 38. Won.
Colts (H): School, 70; Calday, 12 for 2. Draw.

Saturday, 21st June—

Fixtures v. Wigan G.S. cancelled.

Wednesday, 25th June—

Colts (A): School, 35 for 0; Bishops Court, 34. Won.

Saturday, 28th June—

1st XI (A): School, 70 for 3; Calday 67 all out. Won.
2nd XI (H): School, 66 for 3; Calday, 65. Won.
Colts (A): School, 74; Calday, 100. Lost.

ATHLETICS

Wigan G.S., 30th May (Home)

Result: K.G. V, 102 points; Wigan, 75 points.

Although we won our first Athletics fixture of the season easily, the individual performances were not very satisfactory. For example, we were only second in the 100 yards over 16, which was won in the slow time of 11 seconds. Although we won the Half and the Mile, the times were poor, and until our middle-distance runners are prepared to exert themselves in the early stages of the races slow times must result.

The experiment of having under-14 and under-16 events as well as open events proved very satisfactory. The under-16 team is to be congratulated on doing so well in the sprints without their first string, Topping, who ran in the open events. The under-14 relay team were unlucky to be disqualified on the last leg when leading by ten yards. J. E. R. Smith is to be congratulated on breaking the Group III High Jump record with a jump of 4ft. 5in.

RESULTS—

100 Yards, under 14: 1, Halliwell (W.); 2, Latimer (W.); 3, Hughes, A. D. (K.G.V.). 13.2 secs.

100 Yards, under 16: 1, Whittaker, J. B. (K.G.V.); 2, Elliott, K. H. (K.G.V.); 3, Daniels (W.). 12 secs.

100 Yards, over 16: 1, Cockran (W.); 2, Clark, J. D. (K.G.V.); 3, Topping, G. (K.G.V.). 11 secs.

220 Yards, under 16: 1, Whittaker (K.G.V.); 2, Booth, S. N. (K.G.V.); 3, Daniels (W.). 25.4 secs.

220 Yards, over 16: 1, Topping (K.G.V.); 2, Smith (W.); 3, Burras, G. A. (K.G.V.). 25 secs.

440 Yards, over 16: 1, Yendley (W.); 2, Booth, C. G. (K.G.V.); 3, Harris, L. M. (K.G.V.). 56.6 secs.

880 Yards, over 16: 1, Durham, E. W. (K.G.V.); 2, Finch (W.); 3, Knowles, J. B. (K.G.V.). 2 mins. 28 secs.

1 Mile, over 16: 1, Wilson, B. (K.G.V.); 2, Abberley, M. J. (K.G.V.); 3, Brown (W.). 5 mins. 10 secs.

120 Yards Hurdles: 1, Clark, J. D. (K.G.V.); 2, Brown, A. W. A. (K.G.V.); 3, Smith (W.).

High Jump, under 16: 1, Meadows (W.); 2, Whittaker (K.G.V.); 3, Rylance (W.). 4 ft. 11½ ins.

High Jump, over 16: 1, Burras (K.G.V.); 2, Smith (W.); 3, Brown (W.). 4 ft. 11½ ins.

Long Jump, under 14: 1, Halliwell (W.); 2, Smith (K.G.V.); 3, Randell (W.). 15 ft. 2 ins.

Long Jump, under 16: 1, Topping (K.G.V.); 2, Rylance (W.); 3, Berry (W.). 17 ft. 8 ins.

Long Jump, over 16: 1, Burras (K.G.V.); 2, Preston (K.G.V.); 3, Finch (W.). 19 ft. 3 ins.

Shot, over 16: 1, Preston, D. S. (K.G.V.); 2, Clark (K.G.V.); 3, Cockran (W.). 37 ft. 2½ ins.

Relay, under 14 (4 x 110) (Hughes, A. D.; Booth, D. L.; Smith, J. E. R.; Gillett, C. J.): 1, Wigan; K.G.V. disqualified.

Relay, under 16 (4 x 110) (Whittaker, J. B.; Booth, S. N.; Elliott, K. H.; Topping, G.): 1, K.G.V.; 2, Wigan.

Relay, over 16 (4 x 220) (Hamilton, D. H.; Clark, J. D.; Burras, G. A.; Preston, D. S.): 1, K.G.V.; 2, Wigan.

Hutton G.S., 4th June (Away)

Result: K.G. V, 96 points; Hutton G.S., 31.

Our visit to Hutton was, as always, an extremely pleasant one, and we are grateful to the staff and particularly to the organiser, Mr. Mullinger.

We won the competition fairly easily, but interest never waned, for all the events were keenly contested. The best individual performances were Whittaker's high jump of 5ft. 2½in. and C. G. Booth's 440 in 55.8 secs. The running of the two newcomers to the senior team was very satisfactory: Abberley ran well to win the 880 in 2 mins. 16.4 secs., and if Ineson's track tactics had been wiser he would have been a much closer second to Wilson in the mile.

The under-14s performed very creditably, and it is to be hoped that they maintain their present enthusiasm and continue to improve their performances.

RESULTS (Open except where indicated)—

100 Yards, under 14: 1, Booth, D. L.; 2, Smith, J. E. R.; 3, Hutton. 12 4-5 secs.

100 Yards: 1, Topping, G.; 2, Hutton; 3, Hamilton, D. H. 11 1-5 secs.

220 Yards: 1, Whittaker, J. B.; 2, Hamilton, D. H.; 3, Hutton.

440 Yards: 1, Booth, C. G.; 2, Hutton; 3, Harris, L. M. 55 4-5 secs.

880 Yards: 1, Abberley, M. J.; 2, Hutton; 3, Knowles, J. B. 2 mins. 16 3-5 secs.

1 Mile: 1, Wilson, B.; 2, Ineson, C.; 3, Hutton. 5 mins. 2 4-5 secs.

High Jump, under 14: 1, Smith, J. E. R.; 2, Burgess, A. G.; 3, Hutton. 4 ft. 2 ins.

High Jump: 1, Whittaker, J. B.; 2, Hutton; 3, Burras, G. A. 5 ft. 2½ ins.

Long Jump: 1, Burras, G. A.; 2, Preston, D. S.; 3, Hutton. 17 ft. 11½ ins.

120 Hurdles: 1, Hutton; 2, Clarke, J. D.; 3, Hutton. 17 2-5 secs.

Discus: 1, Clarke, J. D.; 2, Preston, D. S.; 3, Hutton. 109 ft. 2 ins.

Javelin: 1, Clarke, J. D.; 2, Buckels, D.; 3, Hutton. 137 ft. 0½ ins.

Shot: 1, Hutton; 2, Clarke, J. D.; 3, Hutton. 37 ft. 4½ ins.

Junior Relay (4 x 110) (Smith, J. E. R.; Booth, D. L.; Rimmer, J. B.; Gillett, C. J.): 1, King George V.; 2, Hutton.

Senior Relay (220, Topping, G.; 220, Clarke, J. D.; 440, Harris, L. M.; 880, Booth, C. G.): 1, King George V.; 2, Hutton.

SPORTS DAY

Congratulations to Gear's House. The winning of the four trophies was a fine achievement and every credit is due to the team.

The individual performances were not, on the whole, of a very high standard, but the fact that the sports took place early in the term largely accounts for this. Only one record was broken, J. B. Whittaker jumping 4ft. 11½in. in the Group II High Jump to beat the previous best by 1¼in. J. E. R. Smith equalled the Group III High Jump record of 4ft. 4in., and other notable performances were G. A. Burras' Long Jump of 19ft. 11½in. and G. Topping's 100 yards (Group II) in 11.3 secs.

TROPHIES—

Won by Gear's.

The Hepburn Cup for individual Track Events.
The Taylor Cup for individual Field Events.
The Pariser Cup for Team Events (Relays and Tugs).
The Mawdsley Shield for the highest aggregate in all events.

RESULTS—

100 Yards, Gp. I: 1, Hamilton, D. H. (Ev.); 2, Clark, J. D. (Ev.); 3, Boothroyd, M. R. (G.). 11.4 secs.

100 Yards, Group II: 1, Topping, G. (L.); 2, Whittaker, J. B. (G.); 3, Burstall, T. M. (S.). 11.3 secs.

100 Yards, Gp. III: 1, Smith, J. E. R. (G.); 2, Gillett, C. J. (Ev.); 3, Twist, R. (L.). 12.4 secs.

220 Yards, Gp. I: 1, Burras, G. A. (Ed.); 2, Hamilton, D. H. (Ev.); 3, Preston, D. S. (G.). 25.3 secs.

- 220 Yards, Gp. II: 1, Whittaker, J. B. (G.); 2, Smith, L. (Ed.); 3, Booth, D. L. (R.). 25.4 secs.
- 220 Yards, Gp. III: 1, Smith, J. E. R. (G.); 2, Rimmer, J. B. (W.); 3, Rawcliffe, C. (M.). 28.6 secs.
- 440 Yards, Gp. I: 1, Harris, L. M. (S.); 2, Booth, C. G. (R.); 3, Knowles, J. B. (L.). 57.9 secs.
- 440 Yards, Gp. II: 1, Topping, G. (L.); 2, Ormesher, B. D. (M.); 3, Burstall, T. M. (S.). 61.6 secs.
- 440 Yards, Gp. III: 1, Rimmer, J. B. (W.); 2, Gillett, C. J. (Ev.); 3, Rawcliffe, C. (M.). 68.5 secs.
- 880 Yards, Gp. II: 1, Ormesher, B. D. (M.); 2, Lindley, A. (G.); 3, Valins, G. T. (S.). 2 mins. 30 secs.
- 1 Mile, Gp. I: 1, Booth, C. G. (R.); 2, Wilson, B. (L.); 3, Harris, L. M. (S.). 5 mins. 11.6 secs.
- 120 Hurdles, Gp. I: 1, Clark, J. D. (Ev.); 2, Brown, A. W. A. (G.); 3, Davidson, M. S. (W.). 19.4 secs.
- 120 Hurdles, Gp. II: 1, Bray, T. B. (M.); 2, Waiters, A. K. (M.); 3, Wright, E. (S.). 20 secs.
- Long Jump, Gp. I: 1, Burras, G. A. (Ed.); 2, Preston, D. S. (G.); 3, Clark, J. D. (Ev.). 19 ft. 11½ ins.
- Long Jump, Gp. II: 1, Topping, G. (L.); 2, Whittaker, J. B. (G.); 3, Bray, T. B. (M.). 17 ft. 2 ins.
- Long Jump, Gp. III: 1, Rimmer, J. B. (W.); 2, Gillett, C. J. (Ev.); 3, Smith, J. E. R. (G.). 14 ft. 7 ins.
- High Jump, Gp. I: 1, Burras, G. A. (Ed.); 2, Smith, J. (M.); 3, Sumner, P. (S.). 5 ft.
- High Jump, Gp. II: 1, Whittaker, J. B. (G.); 2, Burgess, A. G. (L.); 3, Usher, E. J. (W.). 4 ft. 11¾ ins. (record).
- High Jump, Gp. III: 1, Smith, J. E. R. (G.); 2, Bennett, R. (G.); 3, Gautrey, R. (L.). 4 ft. 4 ins.
- Shot, Gp. I: 1, Preston, D. S. (G.); 2, Clark, J. D. (Ev.); 3, Mighall, M. (R.). 36 ft. 8 ins.
- Javelin, Gp. I: 1, Clark, J. D. (Ev.); 2, Buckels, D. (R.); 3, Steele, D. D. (G.). 145 ft. 9½ ins.
- Discus, Gp. I: 1, Clark, J. D. (Ev.); 2, Preston, D. S. (G.); 3, Mighall, M. (R.). 113 ft. 2¼ ins.
- Relay, Gp. I: 1, Gear's; 2, Rogers'; 3, Evans'.
- Relay, Gp. II: 1, Leech's; 2, Mason's; 3, Gear's.
- Relay, Gp. III: 1, Gear's; 2, Rogers'; 3, Mason's.
- Tug of War, Senior: Mason's beat Gear's.
- Tug of War, Junior: Woodham's beat Mason's.

School Societies

ART SOCIETY

At the time of printing, work for the Summer Exhibition is in full swing, and it is hoped that the exhibition will be even more successful than last year. Some promising work is being done by

both senior and junior members of the Society. The juniors, working together in small groups, are making large freizes; the seniors are concentrating on individual work.

Unfortunately, the G.C.E. and School examinations have severely curtailed the number of Society meetings this term. The annual architecture excursion will take place on Thursday, July 3rd. It will be a visit to Flint, Rhuddlan, Conway and Caernarvon castles. It is hoped all boys who go will find the trip both profitable and enjoyable.

E. G. C.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Two meetings held towards the end of last term completed the Scientific Society's programme for the year.

At the meeting on March 17th, Mr. Hersey, of the English Electric Company, spoke on the topic of "Television"—and, surprisingly, did not mention Terry-Thomas! Well-produced lantern slides helped to explain certain passages of the lecture, and everyone present agreed that Mr. Hersey had succeeded in simplifying a number of extremely difficult technical points.

When the Society held its final meeting of the session on April 1st, it became necessary to appoint a new Hon. Secretary. R. M. Burstall, who had filled this rôle with conspicuous success for twelve months, intimated his desire to resign, owing to the pressing demands of his other commitments. D. E. Rimmer, the only one nominated, was then elected unanimously. Thereafter, N. M. F. Heaton, a member of the Society, spoke on "Eddington's Concept of the Universe." Like previous talks by members, this had been carefully prepared, and Heaton had the advantage of a small but most collaborative audience.

The recently-appointed Secretary is now corresponding with several scientific bodies and a number of famous Northern firms in the hope of securing the services of experts to lecture on up-to-the-minute research discoveries and little-known industrial processes. His intention is that the standard of the next series of lectures will at least equal that of the past few years. These lecturers are busy men, who give lavishly of their own time and go to considerable trouble in compiling their subject-matter. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the members of the Society will continue to show their appreciation by attending in large numbers, and thus, incidentally, adding much to their fund of knowledge. A cordial invitation is also extended to newcomers to help swell the ranks of one of the most active and progressive bodies in the school. Remember, "Knowledge is Power"!

D. E. R.

BEE CLUB

During this period of exceptionally fine weather, the bee population of the hive has increased rapidly. The bees now cover all the brood-combs and six of the shallow super-combs, in which there are already several pounds of honey. If the fine weather continues, there is a prospect of several pounds of the bottled honey being on sale by the end of the term. In the near future, the club hopes to procure another hive with which it is hoped to start a nucleus.

The club is hoping to visit a professional bee-keeper at the end of the term, and all boys who are interested should see the Treasurer. With only a few weeks left before the School Exhibition, the club is searching for exhibits likely to arrest the attention of the visitors. Last year, the demonstration examination of the school bees was highly successful, and there will be a similar attraction this year. It is gratifying to notice that more senior boys are attending our meetings, as support from the Upper School is always essential.

J. B. K.

SCOUT TROOP

This has so far been an uneventful term for the Troop as a whole, but a busy one for certain individual Scouts. Two more members of the Curlew patrol are now Second Class Scouts, and several other Scouts should qualify before the Summer Camp. A few boys are within easy reach of the First Class Badge and have gained several proficiency badges. Two of them spent Whitsun week-end trudging the Wirral on their First Class Hike, and claim to have enjoyed it in spite of the rain. For this they are indebted to Mr. Peters, who organised their outing and arranged an ingenious programme of visits and enquiries.

The usual Whit week-end camp for novitiates (and any other Scouts who care to come and help) was held on the School Field. Our latest recruits there showed that they can eat from a tin plate and burn the custard as skilfully as any veteran in the Troop. The weather, moreover, gave them a slight foretaste of "wet camp." The experiment of allowing boys to join the Troop when in their last term in the 2nd form seems to have been successful. The new members appear keen and willing to work, and should become good Scouts.

Most of the Troop will be going to the Summer Camp at Llansannan at the end of this term. The site is an excellent one and we should enjoy ourselves there.

This report would not be complete without our farewell to Mr. Mayne, who was S.M. of the Troop for some twenty years and who is retiring this term. We are grateful to him for founding the 31st Southport Troop and for leaving behind him not only sound traditions of Scouting but also a fine set of equipment in good condition and a troop fund showing a sound credit balance. His interest in the re-formed Troop has continued to the present day (he has been our treasurer for the past three years), and we trust that it will not abate now. He will always be welcome at our meetings and camps.

IMPORTANT DATES

Autumn Term begins	.....	.....	.....	September 2nd
Half-Term	.....	.....	.....	October 27th, 28th
Term ends	.....	.....	.....	December 19th