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## School Notes

We welcome two new members to the staff this term. Mr. H. Fletcher joins the Mathematics staff from Langley School, Norwich. He also has considerable experience and ability in games and will be a great asset to us on the games field.

Mr. N. Harrison took over the Art Department in January and came to us from Catford Boys' School. Mr. Harrison is a Southport man and had his early training at the Southport School of Art.

Mr. Higham has been ill and away from school since the beginning of December but the latest news is that he is now recovering rapidly and hopes to be back at school again shortly. In the meantime we are very grateful to two old boys, J. B. A. Hyde and R. A. Eccles, who have taken some of Mr. Higham's periods and also to Mrs. Eccles and Dr. Pendlington who have taken short periods of duty here to fill in the gap.

On 27th November a party of about 40 boys were taken by Mr. Duncan and Mr. Jones to Liverpool University Engineering Department where they were entertained by the staff and shown the laboratories. This visit was a sequel to the talks given to the Sixth Form by Professor Owen and other members of the Faculty of Engineering at the end of the summer term.

On 2nd December, 1954, a party of boys from Upper and Lower VI Modern attended a lecture at the Girls' High School entitled "The Classical Influence in English Poetry." It was delivered by Mr. H. H. Huxley, Lecturer in Classics at Manchester University.

The annual play last term was 'Romeo and Juliet' which was given on 16th, 17th and 18th December. We congratulate Mr. Wakefield once more on a very successful production. An unusual and interesting feature this year was the incidental music which was specially composed for the occasion by Mr. Williams.

The Old Boys' Dance was held once again in the School Hall on 22nd December, the day after the end of term.

10 members of the C.E.W.C. Society went to the C.E.W.C. Christmas Conference in London during the holidays. This was the culmination of a strenuous term's activity by the C.E.W.C. Society. A talk to Sixth Forms by Professor Barraclough of Liverpool on an international subject is planned for the end of this term.

On 14th January Captain T. Knowles (Spencer's 1921-26) gave a talk to the Sixth Forms on West Africa and showed a film of

which he was joint producer which had been made to help to educate Africans in modern methods of agriculture.

On 17th February, just before half-term, educational films were shown to the school. This year the junior film show was held separately in the morning and each film was preceded by a short explanatory talk by a master.

This term has seen a great revival of interest in the school in Cross-country running. 2 school matches have been held, which are reported elsewhere in this issue, and senior and junior Inter-House Cross-country runs have taken place. This has been a very successful revival and it is hoped that in future a number of school matches will be held each year.

The charity collection this term was in aid of the National Fund for research in Poliomyelitis and realised £13/3/6.

We congratulate L. Lyons on winning a Major Open Scholarship in Natural Science at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, last December, and also I. Ziment who won a Minor Open Scholarship in Natural Science at the same College.

#### VALETE

- Farrington, A. H., 1947-54.—Spencer's, Lower VI Special, G.C.E. (07) 1953-54, 2nd XV Colours 1954-55, R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion and Bar 1954, Bronze Cross 1954.
- Hodge, J. B., 1948-54.—Rogers' Lower VI Special, G.C.E. (08) 1954. Music Society Committee 1954.
- Clarke, B., 1949-55.—Mason's, Lower VI Special, G.C.E. (03) 1954.
- Groves, J. B., 1949-54.—Spencer's, Lower VI Special, G.C.E. (06) 1954.
- Hilton, R. A., 1949-55.—Spencer's G.C.E. (05) 1954, R.L.S.S. Bronze Cross and Bar and Award of Merit 1954.
- Restall, E. E. 1949-54.—Woodham's, Upper VI Modern, G.C.E. (04) 1953-54, School Prefect 1954, Senior Librarian 1954, House Secretary 1954, Secretary C.E.W.C. Society 1954.
- Seale, J., 1949-54.—Mason's, Lower VI ScB., G.C.E. (05) 1954, Colts XV (Under 16) Colours 1954.
- Yates, N. J., 1949-54.—Rogers', Lower VI Special, G.C.E. (01) 1954.
- Gregson, J. C., 1951-55.—Gear's, Lower Vb.
- Singleton, G., 1951-54.—Evans', Lower VI Special, G.C.E. (02) 1954.
- Spieler, A., 1951-54.—Spencer's, Lower VI Special, G.C.E. (07) 1954.
- Cole, B. T., 1952-54.—Mason's, Upper Vb.
- Roberts, W. T., 1952-54.—Edwards', IVa.
- Woolfenden, J. B., 1952-54.—Edwards', IVa.
- Lince, J. L., 1953-54.—Evans', Trans Y.
- Rimmer, J. A., 1954.—Spencer's, IIa.

#### SALVETE

R. C. Barfield, R. M. Le Roy, G. Pearce, A. P. Simm.

## House Reports

### EDWARDS'

*"Amici Usque ad Aras"*

*Captain:* D. J. Farrant. *Almoner:* J. M. M. Dalby.  
*Prefects:* B. Ackers, P. Croston, E. W. Llewellyn, I. J. Milne,  
M. C. Thompson.

Having allowed a term for the appearance of our House motto to take effect, we would now offer an explanation for its appearance. Edwards' was undoubtedly the first House to possess a motto, as this one was adopted in 1930. Until recently it had been unknown, but, in the middle of last term, cleaning activities in the Houseroom uncovered it.

Owing to our lamentable paucity of senior boys the Senior Rugby XV met with little success last term. Although we sustained three defeats, the fervour shown was most commendable. The prospects for the Junior XV, under the captaincy of C. W. Jerram, are, however, much brighter, as we have several boys in the divers School teams and as the form displayed in the practices has been most promising.

We had several members of the House in the School play last term, and, as well as N. H. M. Freeman, who took the feminine lead, J. M. M. Dalby, P. G. Davies, J. K. Stuart and P. Dodworth all rendered valuable assistance.

The House's long line of successes in the Junior Elocution Contest was well maintained last term by G. R. Desser and E. Stephens who shared second place in the competition.

In the recently concluded Cross-country competition the House was placed seventh, a disappointing result seeing that we have four runners, A. S. Bailey, B. Henshaw, S. Tasker and D. J. Farrant, in the School team.

This term we have had a record number of entrants in the Boxing competition, and, although many have been defeated, we would wish fortune to those remaining and, at the same time, thank all those who did enter.

J. M. M. Dalby, the House Almoner, has met with a most encouraging response to his appeal on behalf of the National Fund for Poliomyelitis Research, and the House has totalled more than last term's sum already. D.J.F.

### EVANS'

*"Disce Prodesse"*

This year, so far as the House is concerned, has been one of the most successful for some time, and there are sure signs that the Evans' star is very definitely on the ascendant.



After the Magazine had gone to press last term, M. J. Forbes and S. B. Rimmer were appointed School Prefects, thus making our House the one with the largest number of Prefects. J. A. Hoyle has been made a House Prefect.

Also at the end of last term, the House was placed first in the Honours' List. We congratulate all those boys responsible for this excellent result and hope this high standard will be maintained.

The Senior House Rugby XV, captained by D. Latchford, won its last two matches, and was unfortunate not to be in the final. In addition, though losing our grip on the Chess Cup, we obtained second place in the competition. In the School Play, we were represented by J. A. Hoyle, D. Latchford and A. T. Williams.

Our most notable achievement this term has been in the newly-instituted Cross-country competition which we won convincingly, gaining first place in both the Senior and the Junior events; our representatives in the Senior race were: R. A. Sutton (captain), C. J. Gillett, M. D. Heeley, S. B. Rimmer, J. R. Savage and C. F. Wilson, and in the Junior race: M. J. Whiteley (captain), P. N. Heyes, M. R. Little, J. H. McLachlan, A. Perry and A. Scholes. The following boys also ran for the School in the recent Cross-country matches: R. A. Sutton (who captained the team), C. J. Gillett, M. D. Heeley, J. R. Savage, C. F. Wilson and M. J. Whiteley.

At the time of writing, the Boxing competition is well under way; the House has responded well, and there is a reasonable chance that our entrants, led by C. F. Wilson, will gain a high place in the final results.

Owing to the lack of cooperation on the part of the weather, no Junior House matches have been played as yet; but if it is possible to judge by the keenness displayed by our Juniors in practices, we should not disgrace ourselves when the games finally take place.

Under the guidance of B. Livesley, an Inter-House Chess competition is in progress, and we hope that this has encouraged more boys to play chess and will provide us with the strongest team possible for future House matches.

Life-saving classes have been taking place, and several Second Form boys have been taught to swim and show an interest which promises well for the future. Eight boys have also gained R.L.S.S. awards: P. N. Ashton, A. B. Johnston, J. M. Rawlinson (Intermediate Certificate); P. Dickinson, J. R. Peet (Bronze Medallion); C. N. Ashworth, B. M. Large (Bronze Medallion and Intermediate Certificate); B. Livesley (Bar to Award of Merit, Bar to Bronze Cross, and Bar to Bronze Medallion).

Finally, we wish the best of luck to all boys taking the G.C.E. and School examinations next term, and hope that the high standard of work usually set by the House will be upheld.

D.N.M.

## GREAR'S

*Captain:* G. A. Pearce.

*Secretary:* J. M. Pendlebury.

We congratulate J. H. Martindale on his recent appointment as a School Prefect.

After winning the last two games of the qualifying rounds by comfortable margins the Senior House Rugby XV were fortunate in being able to turn out in full strength on the day of the final, though several of the members were returning to School for the first time, after having been struck down by the influenza epidemic. After a good hard game in which the result was in doubt almost up to the final whistle the team left the field victorious. Having been beaten in the previous year's final by the same opposing House the result was most joyfully received by our members.

Although hampered by the bad weather and frozen ground the Juniors up to the time of writing have had two Rugby practices. The outcome of the practice match against Rogers' was favourable and we have high hopes of retaining the shield.

The final result of the Chess competition was that out of the eight games played we lost five and won three.

The House was represented in the School play by G. A. Wade.

So far, in the Gymnastics competition the Seniors and the Juniors are both in first place.

The House was represented in the Senior Cross-country race by R. Blundell, G. Sharp, M. Gibbons, B. Taylor, A. Lancaster and G. A. Wade and in the Junior competition by J. D. Adams, R. M. Whiteley, J. G. Wilson, M. Hollinrake, D. Harrison and D. C. Thomson. The Seniors finished third, the first of our team home being R. Blundell who finished in fourth position. The Juniors were fourth.

Our Boxing team under the organisation of G. Sharp has so far acquitted itself well. Remaining in the competition, which has now reached the semi-finals, are J. B. Whittaker, G. Sharp, M. Gibbons, B. King, J. D. Adams, G. Cursley, F. Barton, D. Crompton, D. G. Riply, R. F. Keam and D. Morris.

On the academic side last term things were not so bright. It would be a pity if our position in the Honours' List prevented us from retaining the Jubilee Cup after striving so hard in the field of sport. It only needs a little more effort on the part of those boys capable of gaining points for us greatly to improve the situation.

J.M.P.

## LEECH'S

*"Ad unum omnes"*

*House Captain:* I. M. Blair.      *Vice-Captain:* G. Topping.  
*Secretary:* M. F. Savage.

This is the term when the Juniors usually have a good chance of showing their worth on the Rugby field. But not so this term! The January snows have had the upper hand, and our first House match against Edwards' has had to be cancelled. Every time that Davies, M. K., has drawn up his team with Szymaniak as captain, it has started to snow.

But this term has had its compensations despite the weather. In both the Senior and Junior Cross-country competitions, we came second. Morris, C. E. joined the team at the last minute and came 6th. The other two placed were Rothwell and Roberts. As for the Juniors, Whitehead, E., and Robinson gained first and second places in the House team with Turner, J. G. in third place. Turner has reached the House headlines by playing for the Chicks and by reaching the semi-finals of the Boxing competition.

We had 17 entries for the Boxing competition, and the people who reached either the finals or semi-finals are Whitehead, R., Kendrew, Southworth, McLean and Lewis who is unable to take part in the final because of a bout of measles.

Hewett is working on a design for a House Shield on which will be our House Motto: 'Ad unum omnes' (All for one). It will be hung in the House-room where he and Roberts, E. S., are planning extensive decorations.

We are pleased to note that many Old Boys have returned to visit the House. Elsen, Knowles and Rubins have all made welcome re-appearances. Others who can manage to pay visits to the School will always be made welcome.      M.F.S.

## MASON'S

Last term our Senior Rugby XV was unfortunate in not reaching the final, as we had to field a weakened team against Rogers' in our second match. We hope that our Junior team, under the captaincy of Mentha, will improve on the performance of the Seniors.

The Cross-country team was rather disappointing. However, Kissenisky is to be congratulated in being first past the post in the senior event.

Our entry for the Boxing competition this year has been small, but, on the whole, the entrants have done well, and we still have a chance of adding the Boxing Cup to the others in the House room.

The appointment of Ormesher has increased our number of School Prefects to two.

The strength of the Chess talent in the House was demonstrated by the fact that Bray, who was unable to gain a place in the victorious House team, has played on the fourth board for the School team. It is hoped that as a result of the enthusiasm shown by the junior members of the House, the Chess Cup will remain with us for a long time.

The collections for the School Charity are slowly improving term by term, but are still very small compared with the sum of £3 which used to be exceeded regularly not so very long ago.

Swimming classes are being held on Saturday mornings, in the hope that the Ingham Cup will be held for the fourth year. Life-saving classes, under the instruction of Ashurst, are progressing well.

As regards work, the burden of gaining points for the Honours' List always seems to fall on the same few boys each term, while the rest of the House contributes nothing. We must do better if we are to regain the Jubilee Cup. Boys are also reminded that the G.C.E. examinations will soon be upon us, and that sensible revision now can greatly improve the awards attained.      L.L.

## ROGERS'

The House was very sorry to learn last term that Mr. Higham would be away for some months. We are glad to hear that he has nearly recovered now and should be back with us at the beginning of next term; we hope that he will henceforth enjoy good health. In the meantime we have been fortunate in having Mr. Woodcock acting as Housemaster; he has impressed us all by his keenness and efficiency.

Last term saw the end of our long holding of the Senior Rugby shield which was wrested from us by Grear's in a well-played final. In a previous game our team had achieved an extremely good win against Mason's. The loss of the shield was partly made up for by K. C. Slater and P. T. Walsh who retained the Badminton cup for us. Our chances of winning the Junior Rugby shield this term are by no means negligible, but our team must try harder than they have done in practices.

In the Cross-country runs re-introduced this term we had a good representation; D. J. Rimmer and B. W. Howgate ran especially well. We are strongly represented in the Boxing competition and our team captained by M. A. Alder should do well.

Norman is now running two Life-saving classes which are making slow but sure progress.      I.Z.

## SPENCER'S

We said goodbye at the end of last term to Farrington who was House Rugby captain. His place has been taken by Hill, I.

Unfortunately our Badminton team did not continue its success and lost the House Final to Grear's.

In the Senior House Rugby competition last term we lost our final match against Rogers'.

Owing to the rather inclement weather prevailing at the time of writing, the Junior Rugby team has not been able to demonstrate its ability, but we wish it luck for the future.

We are still fairly well represented in School Rugby, but have lost Farrington and Hilton both of whom played for the 1st and 2nd XV.

The House is well represented in the Boxing competition, Pickard, T., Williams, K., Gill, B. F., Haigh, A., Smith, G., Turner, C. E. Halsall, F. Knowles, J. H. Wintersgill, M. Wintersgill, D. B., have reached the semi-finals.

The Cross-country competition took place just before half-term and although we had a good crop of entries, as a House, we did not turn up trumps. Nevertheless Nyman and Wintersgill, M., must be congratulated on their performances in the Senior and Junior races respectively.

The Life-saving captain has been organising classes again and we have hopes of a fair number of successes in the examinations at the end of the term.

Athletics practices are in the offing and we hope that all boys will take an increased interest in this sport next term and that as many as possible will enter for the School Sports in May.

The response to the House Charities this term has again been moderate and we would urge boys to give more consideration to this very important matter.

Finally we wish all boys the best of luck in their examinations in June, but tactfully remind them that one cannot pass on luck alone.  
J.A.F. and P.A.M.

## WOODHAM'S

*House-Captain:* Elliott, R. J.      *House Secretary:* Gatiss, J. W.  
*House-Almoner:* Bibby, F.

The Lent Term is always rather less eventful than the other two. The only three events of note this term are the Boxing competition, the Cross-country race, and the Junior Rugby competition.

In the Boxing competition we have been reasonably successful; five members of the House are in the finals of their sections and one in the semi-final.

A great deal of fervour was aroused this term with the reinstatement of the Cross-country competition. Wright, K., excelled himself by coming in third and leading a very young team into fourth position in the Senior part of the competition. The Juniors, also a young team, did not disgrace themselves and came in fifth. Our final position in the whole competition was fifth.

Great things are expected from our Junior Rugby team which, because of the weather, has not been tested yet. It is almost the same team as last year and thus there is not only a wealth of experience but also a well moulded team. We hope that the end of this competition will begin the return of the other trophies to our once well-stocked House-room wall  
J.W.G.

## Old Boys' Section

### NEWS OF OLD GEORGIANS

H. R. Buck (Ev) (1937-42) has taken up a post in Nairobi as an administrative assistant to the County Council.

J. N. Catlow (S) (1941-46) has passed the Intermediate examination Part 1 of the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants.

M. Clayton (G) (1947-54) has been successful in attaining the rank of Second-Lieutenant at Eaton Hall Officers' Training School.

K. Farr (S) (1945-51) has passed the Intermediate examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants; he was 4th out of 1,001 candidates.

J. B. A. Hyde (R) (1946-54) represented Oxford in the Badminton match against Cambridge on 26th February.

R. A. Johnson (Ev) (1941-48) has gained his M.B.,Ch.B. degree at Liverpool University.

J. A. Kirkham (W) (1946-52) has passed Part I & II of the Intermediate examination of the Society of Incorporated Accountants.

The Rev. J. S. Leatherbarrow (G) (1920-26) preached at the morning service at Westminster Abbey on 6th February.

E. W. Marsden (L) (1936-40) has gained his Ph.D. at Cambridge. He is now a Lecturer in Ancient History at Liverpool University.

J. B. Morris (S) (1936-42) has recently joined the B.B.C. Scottish Orchestra as first bassoonist. Previously he was with the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.



The Rev. S. Ogden (S) (1924-32) has been appointed as a padre, with the rank of Captain, in H.M. Forces and is at present in Hong Kong.

H. J. M. Royden (W) (1945-49) has passed the final examination of the Law Society.

Second-Lieutenant S. R. Samuels (R) (1940-43) has been posted to Berlin with the Manchester Regiment, he trained at Eaton Hall Officers' Cadet School.

N. S. A. Shaw (S) (1940-49) has passed the Intermediate examination Part II of the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants.

D. Wareing (W) (1944-50) has passed the final examination for his Second Mate's certificate.

A. Wilson, M. A. (Cantab) M.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S. (Ed) (1928-36) has been appointed Lecturer in Animal Pathology in the new School of Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge University.

### Marriages

G. F. Brown to June Kay at St. Peter's Church, Formby, on 28th August.

D. Hodge to Judith Bond at Mornington Road Methodist Church, on 11th September.

P. J. Lisle to Doreen Kern at the Bethesda Chapel, Southport, on 11th September.

J. Howard to Enid Harrand at Christ Church on 18th September.

K. W. Whitehead to Ada Green at Christ Church on 18th September.

K. C. Brooks to Deirdre Mackenzie at St. Philip's Church on 23rd October.

J. K. Ross to Valerie Cane at St. Philip's Church on 4th December.

L. Bolton to Margaret Mark at St. John's Church, Birkdale, on 11th December.

A. Reuben to Audrey Cussins at Chapeltown Hebrew Synagogue, Leeds, on 16th December.

S. Boulton to Brenda Cromhout in Capetown, 24th December.

G. Bromilow to Brenda Smith at St. James' Church, Birkdale, on 24th December.

J. C. Scarisbrick to Alice Rigby at St. John's Church, Birkdale, on 9th February.

T. M. Buckels to Mary Evans at St. Philip's Church on 16th February.

A. W. Ihren to Betty Waterhouse at St. Andrew's Church on 22nd February.

### "ROMEO AND JULIET"—CHRISTMAS 1954

Having learned the piece chosen for this year's School play, one was left to ruminate on many things, including the casting of the more important female roles. These difficulties were surmounted, however, and the play was most successful.

P. A. McLean met with great applause for his Romeo, and deservedly so. He displayed the impetuosity of "Hamlet's younger brother," and yet achieved a high tragic standard to accompany it. He has an excellent voice and clear enunciation, and he varied his tone cunningly to good effect. His passionate moments with Juliet, however, lacked sparkle, and, in her presence, he never seemed to be quite at ease. For this reason, the balcony scene was unconvincing, and Romeo's descent, like a Commando, helped to emphasise the lack of grace shown in the scene. Nevertheless, this was an excellent portrayal of an exacting role.

As Juliet, N. H. M. Freeman had a most difficult task, but was able to convince us of his obvious capabilities as a tragic actor. Unfortunately he was too tragic, and, even in Juliet's few moments of cheerfulness, seemed too apprehensive. His performance boded well for the future, nevertheless, as he has a clear voice and is perfectly at ease on the stage.

A. T. Williams does not strike one as a potential Mercutio, yet he suited himself to the part admirably and gave an outstanding performance. He had a superb costume of light blue that seemed to give an added vitality to his portrayal of the dashing cavalier. There is, however, a slight annoyance caused by his vowels. The "a" seemed strangely arched and oratorical, and was incompatible with the breezy speed of Mercutio.

As the Nurse, J. A. Hoyle had probably the most difficult task of all, for this part requires a maturity not to be found in school-boys. His otherwise convincing performance was marred, however, by his being incapable of real grief on the supposed death of Juliet. F. F. Bibby, in his debut, was excellent as Friar Laurence. He had obviously studied the walk and mannerisms of a friar and his portrayal was most convincing and very moving in the closing scenes.

Shakespeare has confused us over the respective ages of Capulet and Montague. He makes several references to their advancing years, but they seem far too old to be the fathers of Juliet and Romeo. The producer decided that they should be old, but then the portrayals were over-emphasised. Already made-up to be middle-aged, F. R. Entwistle affected a doddering walk



which was unnecessary, whilst P. F. Hopwood moved so slowly and venerably that one wondered if he would eventually reach the wings. Apart from the age problem, Capulet and Montague were most successful. Entwistle's voice became a little strained in anger, but his testiness and Hopwood's quiet dignity provided an effective contrast.

The wives of these two lords have very dissimilar parts, however. As Lady Montague, R. S. Bowen, one of the very few actors with an unbroken voice, did adequately all that was assigned to him, but D. R. Seddon seemed determined to portray only the harsh, bitter side of Lady Capulet's nature, omitting any expression of her more redeeming traits. Even her grief over Tybalt seemed forced, but she achieved sincerity on the discovery of Juliet's apparent death.

M. F. Savage, as the Prince of Verona, looked regal in costume and was heralded by a fanfare, but his voice was not sufficiently authoritative.

Among those representing the houses in conflict P. L. Harris gave an excellent performance as Tybalt. He has the classical mould of face and a heavy voice, and he was able to portray the sulky, revengeful side of Tybalt's nature to great advantage. His fencing was so good that at least one member of the front row was able to remark that she sat transfixed throughout the first act! E. Usher, making a first appearance, as Benvolio was, at first, colourful only in costume. In the later scenes, however, he found some vitality and proved a most capable foil to Romeo. H. Nyman, as the county Paris, appeared somewhat ludicrous in his vivid yellow costume, yet by some careful acting allayed our first suspicions that he was Malvolio in disguise.

One of the best performances was by K. C. Slater, another newcomer, as Peter. He suited the part so well that it is almost impossible to think of a better choice. As the Chorus, C. P. Hershon was probably the most mature actor on the stage. Delivering his lines in a sonorous, deliberate way, he was most effective in making their meaning clear.

The subsidiary parts were all well taken, R. B. Austin as the Apothecary and P. G. Davies as the Guard Captain standing out especially.

Once again the set was a masterpiece of construction. The light coloured painting of Verona at the rear of the stage gave a remarkable impression of three dimensions, and the variations on the one set, particularly the tomb scene, were most praiseworthy. The School Orchestra provided stalwart assistance and rendered some excellent music composed especially for the production by Mr. J. R. Williams.

On the whole the play was another great success. Though the dancing lacked cohesion and some speeches were indistinct, the lighting effects were most satisfying, and the most important thing, the acting, was carried out at a very high level. Our congratulations must go to all concerned, especially Mr. G. P. Wakefield for his imaginative production of a difficult play. D.J.F.

## Sport

### RUGBY

#### 1st XV Matches

1954

November 20th: Manchester G.S. 0; K.G.V. 11.

Muddy conditions detracted from team work among the backs. Nevertheless the pack held their opposition well and tries were scored individually.

November 24th: K.G.V. 14; Lytham 8.

The defence was strong despite playing reserves. The quick heeling of the pack resulted in very open play.

1955

January 26th: Lancaster G.S. 13; K.G.V. 9.

The School fought keenly against a very powerful team and were only beaten in the last few minutes of the game.

January 29th: K.G.V. 32; Blackpool G.S. 6.

The ball came out the scrum slowly; nevertheless when the backs did receive the ball their speed proved too much for the Blackpool defence who were weak in the tackle.

February 2nd: K.G.V. 8; Wallasey 3.

The first half provided all the scoring but the rest of the game developed into a relentless struggle between both packs; it was noted, however, that whenever the Wallasey backs attacked down the middle the School was immediately in difficulties.

February 9th: Wigan G.S. 0; K.G.V. 5.

Playing uphill in a pitch beset by mud, the School team showed their superiority in defence and thanks to the fighting spirit of the pack and a grand opportunist try, gained a good victory.

March 16th: Upholland G.S. 11; K.G.V. 5.

C.P.H.

#### 1st XV

Wilson:—After trying his hand in the backs and in the forwards, he has become an extremely good full-back. He will be better when his kicking improves.

Whittaker:—This year he has started to run round his man, or sometimes through him, and he has now developed into a strong attacking winger.

Ormesher:—A centre who has the ability to split up any defence with his speed and determination. Tackling is his weak point but he should improve with practice.

S. B. Rimmer:—He probably has more ability than anyone in the team when he chooses to use it. It usually takes some annoyance to produce it however.

Pearce:—This year he has been a trifle disappointing and only shown his guile on rare occasions. He has, however, the safest pair of hands in the team, which he needs in his position.

Latchford:—A greatly improved player this year, even though he still keeps everyone guessing whom the ball is intended for.

Martindale:—A main stay in the forwards this year, who has put in a lot of hard work. He amazes us at times with a burst of speed which makes the backs quite envious.

Burdell:—The youngest member of the team but he does not show this in his play. His hooking has been of a good standard and he will be an excellent forward with practice and experience.

Hodge:—This tough prop forward has the makings of a really good forward. Some of the work he does is excellent but he needs to keep his head in an emergency.

Bray:—This year he has taken the place vacated by Booth and he has succeeded beyond all expectations. His line-out play and his place kicking have been well worth watching.

Waiters:—Partner to Bray in the second row, he has all the potentialities of a good forward. His weakness is a desire to knock back in the line-out.

Crompton:—A robust back-row forward who has speed and ability to handle a ball. He has stood in at wing three-quarter when we have been short, and has made a good impression at both positions.

Pickering:—Another speed merchant of the forwards who has a very powerful tackle. He would probably be appreciated more by the hooker, if he pushed a little harder at times.

Norman:—After being taken out of the second team, he has led the pack with enthusiasm and showed them how to heel a ball. He has also hooked with good results in the absence of Burdell.

D. J. Rimmer:—Last but not least in the pack, he has been outstanding in his covering and defence when trouble has seemed imminent.

G.T.

### Under Fifteens

In spite of the weather, enough has been seen of this team to say that it contains some very promising players. Enthusiasm and



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THE CAPULETS



"A PLAGUE O' BOTH YOUR HOUSES"

team spirit have been high, and although some of the members of the team are a little small and light, they have always played hard and clean rugby football.

The forwards have been the strongest department. Individual praise is not possible in this team which contained no individualists, but Watkinson, Keeley, W. T., Perry and Carver played particularly well. Rimmer led the pack competently and also acted as captain on two occasions. Amongst the back division Barton, F., made a sound scrum-half, and Davies, P., Rawcliffe, Lawson, Barton, J., and Goddard all played consistently well. Mellor also played well and made a good job of the team captaincy.

One fact will illustrate the improvement which the team showed during the season. In the Christmas term the match against Liverpool College was lost by more than 30 points; and yet in the return game this term Liverpool were beaten 6-0. The following also had either one or more games for this fifteen:— Whiteley, M. J., Whiteley, R. M., Woodhall, Jackson, D., Burgess, Sinnott, Bailey, Whitehead, R., Davis, King, Schober, F., Lloyd, D., Chester, Halsall, F.

## **Junior Rugby**

### **Bantams**

The results fairly reflect the strength of this season's team. It has been the best for some time, and all the successes have been well merited. No points have been scored against us in the last four games, while we have gained 109, mostly through tries, for the goalkicking has been poor. The totals of points, 212-27, reveal what scoring power the side has possessed, and how sound the defence has been.

The Captain, W. E. Morton, by his keenness, his understanding of the tactical side of the game, and his skill on the field itself, has been a worthy leader of a fine side. He has been ably supported by that other 'veteran,' Taylor, who has thoroughly enjoyed himself on the wing.

Beattie has proved himself to be a strong and determined runner at stand-off, but his defence is weak and he will never be a complete footballer until he learns to kick with his left foot. The most dangerous centre has been Mentha, but he still cannot give out an accurate pass. Hulm played some fiery games at scrum-half latterly; he is tough and resolute. Knowles improved with each game, and should make a dangerous centre next year. Wilson, at full back, often had little to do. He is a safe fielder of a ball, however, and an excellent kicker with either foot. He is still reluctant to fall on the ball.



But good as the backs have been, the marked success has been due primarily to the hard work and skill of the forwards. Well led, initially, by Swindlehurst, and, since Christmas, by Moister, they have been a stalwart body; hard scrummagers; determined in the tackle; quick on the loose ball; and skilled in line-out play. They have never been subdued. The pack, until Christmas, consisted of Swindlehurst, Gatiss, Moister, Jerram, Szymanski, Halsall, Harrison, Smith. It would be unjust to single out any boy for special mention, as they were primarily an eight working together.

Of the new members in the Lent Term, Buckels, who has at last roused himself, and Anderson, a determined tackler, have been outstanding.

Turtle, Town, Ripley, McLachlan, Perkins and Symington have played also.

#### Under 14 XV

The record of this side is not as impressive as that of the Bantams, but the victory against Liverpool College was perhaps the most stirring success of the season. The whole team fought with admirable determination against a side which had not previously been defeated. Swindlehurst has captained the side with discretion and enthusiasm; he has led from the front and given praise when deserved.

The inclusion of Green and Rimmer forward improved the pack still further, the line-out work of these two being particularly impressive. Husband has had two very good games; he is a whole-hearted and courageous player. The kicking of Burgess has been a great asset, and his thrust in the centre has been very valuable. Unfortunately, he still fails to link up with his supports as he should.

On the whole then it has been a good year for Junior Rugby, one of which all those who have participated should be proud.

#### 2nd XV

Feb. 2—v. Wallasey G. S. (away)	11—12	L
Feb. 9—v. Wigan G. S. (away)	9—12	L
Mar. 5—v. Ormskirk G.S. (away)	11—10	W
Mar. 16—v. Upholland G.S. (away)	0—18	L

#### Other Results

Jan. 29—v. Blackpool (home)	15—0	L
Feb. 9—v. Wigan (home)	19—0	W

#### Bantams

Feb. 2—v. Wallasey G.S. (away)	9—0	W
Feb. 9—v. Wigan G.S. (away)	34—0	W
Feb. 12—v. Merchant Taylors' (home)	46—0	W

#### Under 14 XV

Jan. 26—v. Lancaster R.G.S. (away)	0—8	L
Feb. 5—v. Liverpool College (home)	8—3	W

## CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

We made our debut in this sphere of athletics when we competed in the Southport Harriers and Athletics Club's Annual Cross-country championships in December. Despite the fact that our teams were depleted by the influenza epidemic—we only fielded one complete team—we gave a reasonable account of ourselves. R. A. Sutton finished 11th in the Under 15 race, while the Under 16 team ran very well to finish third to Southport Technical School and Waterloo Grammar School. The team was: Kissenisky, Gillett, K. Wright, Whitehead, Roberts. We have also had matches with Merchant Taylors' School and Liverpool Institute.

The outcome of the interest shown for the sport was the Inter-House Cross-country Competition which was held on the 16th and 17th of February. The event was a complete success and was won comfortably by Evans'. The revival has been due primarily to the efforts of the Captain, R. A. Sutton. His encouragement and enthusiasm has stimulated interest throughout the School, and we wish him even further support and success next year. We look forward to the Northern Counties Public Schools' Championships and a fixture with Hutton Grammar School.

**Match against Merchant Taylors' School at Crosby, February 5th:—**

Open race, 4 miles:—Sutton, R. A., 2nd; Nyman, 3rd; Blundell, 4th; Rimmer, D. J., 9th.

Result:—K.G.V. won with 18pts.; M.T.S. 19pts.

Under 16 race, 2½ miles:—Wright, K., 2nd; Roberts, 4th; Savage, J., 5th; Whitehead, 6th; Rothwell, 7th.

Result:—K.G.V. won with 24pts.; M.T.S. 28pts.

Under 14 race, 1½ miles:—Howgate 2nd; Henshaw 6th; Marsh 8th; Pond 9th.

Result:—M.T.S. won with 13pts.; K.G.V. 25 pts.

The course provided some very wet country and long stretches of road.

**Match against Liverpool Institute and Southport Technical School at Aigburth, February 12th.**

Open race, 3½ miles:—Sutton, R.A., 4th; Nyman, 5th; Blundell, 6th; Ormesher, 8th.

Result:—Liverpool won with 13pts.; K.G.V. 23pts.

Under 16 race, 2½ miles:—Wright, K., 9th; Rothwell, 13th; Gillett, 15th; Whitehead, 16th.

Result:—Southport Tech. won with 12½pts.; Liverpool 25½pts.; K.G.V. 54pts.

Under 15 race, 2 miles:—Savage, J., 3rd; Whiteley, 5th; Barton, 7th; Adams, 12th.

Result:—K.G.V. won with 27½pts.; Southport Tech. 28½pts.

Under 14 race, 2 miles:—Howgate, 2nd; Pond, 8th; Henshaw, 10th; Wintersgill, M., 11th.

Result:—Liverpool A won with 15pts.; K.G.V. 31pts.; Liverpool B 48½pts.; Southport Tech. 59pts.

In the Open race we met some good opposition in the form of Thompson and Cowan, both of whom are very good runners. The U16 had a tough race against Southport Technical School—probably one of the finest school teams in England. Howgate ran well to finish 2nd to a far taller boy from Liverpool Institute.

### Senior Inter-House Competition

#### Points' Scorers

1 Kissenisky ... (M)	9 Gibbons ... (G)	18 Taylor ..... (G)
2 Sutton ..... (Ev)	10 Rothwell ... (L)	21 Pond ..... (R)
3 Wright ..... (W)	11 Ellis ..... (W)	22 Jones ..... (S)
4 Blundell ... (G)	12 Wilson ..... (Ev)	23 Morrell ... (W)
5 Nyman ..... (S)	13 Roberts ..... (L)	24 Milne, B. ... (Ed)
6 Morris ..... (L)	15 Ormesher ... (M)	25 Kershaw ... (Ed)
7 Rimmer D.J. (R)	16 Crompton ... (R)	28 Pickard ..... (S)
8 Heeley ... (Ev)	17 Milne, I. ... (Ed)	29 Hodge ..... (M)

### Junior Inter-House Competition

#### Points' Scorers

1 Perry ..... (Ev)	9 Robinson ... (L)	18 Wintersgill ... (S)
2 Howgate ... (R)	10 Mentha ..... (M)	20 Bailey, A. S. (Ed)
3 Whiteley M. (Ev)	11 Henshaw ... (Ed)	24 Beattie ..... (W)
4 Whitehead ... (L)	12 Marsh ..... (M)	25 Harrison ... (G)
5 Adams J. D. (G)	14 Barnett ..... (R)	26 Knowles ..... (S)
6 Scholes ..... (Ev)	15 Pond ..... (R)	31 Jerram ... (Ed)
7 Husband ... (W)	16 Lawson ..... (W)	32 Moister ... (M)
8 Whiteley ... (G)	17 Davies, M. K. (L)	34 Rimmer,

B. W. (S)

**Aggregate:** 1, Evans', 32; 2, Leech's, 59; 3, Gear's, 69; 4, Rogers', 75; 5, Woodham's, 84; 6, Mason's, 99; 7, Edwards', 128; 8, Spencer's, 133.

### BADMINTON

Last term we had the Badminton competition, and the sets won by the various Houses were as follows:—

**Group A:** Spencer's 6, Evans' 5, Edwards' 4, Gear's 3.

**Group B:** Rogers' 9, Woodham's 5, Mason's 3, Leech's 1.

The final was played between the winners of the two groups, Spencer's and Rogers', Rogers', represented by K. C. Slater and P.

T. Walsh, winning the match by 21-14, 23-21. In the second set L. J. Rigby and B. Gill, the Spencer's pair, played with great determination, losing narrowly after a long struggle.

We have had two matches against Hutton G.S. this year. The first was played at home, and the result was K.G.V.S. 7 games, Hutton G.S. 2. The School was represented by K. C. Slater, G. A. Pearce, L. J. Rigby, G. Topping, S. B. Rimmer and L. J. Usher. The return match at Hutton resulted in a win for Hutton G.S. by 5 games to 4. For this match, the School team was P. T. Walsh, Slater, Rigby, Topping, Rimmer and C. P. Raynor. K.C.S.

### BOXING

This term, the Boxing Club has staged the annual Boxing competition, and at the time of going to press, the semi-finals are in progress. There has been a record number of entries this year, 142 in all.

The standard of the boxing has shown a great improvement on previous years, and as larger numbers of boys are becoming interested, we can hold out great hopes for School Boxing in the future. I.M.B.

## Prose and Verse

### THE EAGLE

An eagle hovers in the sky,  
A little lamb it sees.  
Down it swoops in steepening curve,  
This easy prey to seize.

With talons strong he grips its fleece  
And, with powerful beat of wings,  
He soars aloft to distant crag,  
Where secret eyrie clings.

Within this eyrie eaglets cry,  
With beaks outstretched for food.  
The eagle gives the little lamb,  
To these, its struggling brood.

M. Wintersgill (Trans. X).

## THE SNOWFALL OF FEBRUARY 19th

Extracts from the essays of boys in Trans. X.:—

“The fields look like an expanse of cotton wool.” (Kelsall).

“The roads looked like peaceful rivers with occasional ripples in them.” (Turner).

“The snow on houses is blown into better shapes than the greatest sculptor could work.” (Milne).

“The gateposts had great domes upon them, making them look like strange oriental palaces of the Far East.” (Baird).

“The clothes hanging from the line looked like dead men, very still and stark.” (Turner).

“The long expanse of snow-covered sand made me think of the Arctic wastes.” (Wintersgill).

“Gateposts and dustbins looked like mushrooms.” (Kelsall).

“When I shook the clothes line it sent down great cascades of snow, shimmering in the early sunlight.” (Baird).

### WINTER THEME

Lord, with thy hands of tempest dost thou rive  
Cathedrals of thy consecrated oak,  
Blasting with swift seraphic fires  
The rich quintessence of our slow desires.

The mankind bones of Youth are robed in dust  
And embryonic ice has stunned their marrow,  
The sacred drops that sifted from the cross  
Have proved to be no rains of resurrection.

I walk by the tumbling stooks of waves  
For the waters are chanting the psalms of night,  
And the sun like a red and sullen ape  
Sleeps in the barbarous halls of cloud.

The whirring spokes of the year chill to a halt  
And Winter's nerves are frigid in my blood,  
The ancient metres of the thunderous seas  
Are spoken to the man of wind and sand.

In my deep veins fall the great salt torrents,  
I feel the saffron flame in the nuptial year,  
Nineveh's songs are dumb in ashes  
Yet the lips of the mute eternally cry.

For the rose is Summer's silent chapel  
Singing a scarlet anthem to her thorns,  
And sonorous below the frozen petals  
The voice of the seed in dark fruition calls.

R. K. Wright (Upper VI Mod. Schol.)

## THOU FOOL . . . . (St. Luke, XII,20)

Here lies the dead full shrouded,  
Black 'neath the swan-downed snow;  
Mouldy 'neath its blanket's freshness  
Death lays man low.

Vain in life, surrounded  
By sicklied air, untossed;  
Soothed by honied bees browsing.  
Vain, proud, uncrossed.

Green budded: full blossomed:  
Drowsy the air and sweet.  
Lushly the meadow lies smoothed,  
Placid sheep bleat.

Heavy, the black clouds move,  
Man still in blindness lying;  
Lightning sears the blackened dome,  
Death kills, sighing.

Thou fool, would'st live again?  
Would'st kiss fair Nature's lips?  
Would'st lie as was your thoughtless wont?  
Hell's hot fire licks.

B. E. Howard (Upp. VI Mod. Schol.)

## SCIENCE AND RELIGION: TWO VIEWS

### I

The controversy surrounding Mrs. Margaret Knight's recent broadcast talks has caused a revival of interest in this fundamental question, so that there is a need for a simple explanation of the official points of view, and a rough attempt to draw conclusions from them.

There is still a widely-held idea that science and religion are in conflict about the conception of a God or Original Entity, and about the question of Creation. A careful study of modern scientific thought shows that this is no longer the case. In the nineteenth century, materialism led to the idea that matter was something which one could (theoretically) see and touch. From this the theory grew that what could be seen and touched was reality, and anything which could not be seen or touched (e.g. "to enjoy religious experience or to apprehend values") was not reality. Today, the basis of all this way of thinking—the view of matter—has disappeared. As C. E. M. Joad said, "Modern matter is something infinitely attenuated and elusive; it is a hump of space time, a 'mush' of electricity, a wave of probability undulating into nothingness; frequently it turns out not to be matter at all



but a projection of the consciousness of its perceiver." Now because modern physics does not limit the imaginative conception of reality to things tangible and visible, it no longer opposes that view which gives a religious explanation to life.

It is commonly thought that much of the conflict between science and religion emanates from the Church's interpretation of the first three chapters of Genesis. Yet modern Christian opinion is unanimous in its support of science in its study of creation and evolution. But because we dispense with the idea of a seven-day creation, we need not dispense *ipso facto* with the idea of a purposive creation of the Universe and man.

The development of science and its acknowledgement by religion mean that there is no longer a conflict between them. We are free to find a theistic conception of the universe, and to accept a billion-year creation, and we shall be frowned upon neither by science nor by organised religion.

Professor Arnold Toynbee said in a recent letter to "The Observer" that religious experience was of two sorts—we will call them the intellectual and the poetic. Consideration of both these types of thought seems to me to point to the idea of a God and a Creator.

Firstly, thought about the Universe leads inevitably to the conclusion that there was a "First Cause," a "Necessary Being." There must have been something "In the Beginning."

And poetically, a glance at a snowflake or a blade of grass beneath a microscope will suggest to most of us that more than mere "chance" was responsible for their creation.

Secondly, when we recognise how essential it is to every second's survival that there shall be law in the Universe; how catastrophic it would be if just one single sun were to burst from its mooring in space, and that this law penetrates even into the smallest and most commonplace, we are left no alternative but to agree that this Creator also rules.

Why are we here? It seems unlikely that such a vast and magnificent creation could have taken place without purpose. And it seems unlikely also that man, with intellect sufficiently great to comprehend his position, should be left ignorant of his place and purpose in the Universe. It might be possible to say that the rest of creation was a whim or desire for expression on the part of a being with ability to create the beauty and magnificence and intellect to frame its laws. But if this Creator knew what he was doing, there must have been some special purpose in the creation of a being so fundamentally distinctive as man. And if this God, as I call Him, loved us sufficiently to create us and make us supreme in the Earth, it seems logical that he would reveal his plan and purpose, that he would make a revelation.

Buddhism never claimed to teach anything with a divine origin. Mohammed had no credentials or miracles, and his religion was spread solely by the sword. A process of elimination leaves us with Christianity, and its basis of Faith and Life, the Bible. Christianity can justify itself by prophecies fulfilled and miracles performed, the principal one being the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, which cannot be logically denied, and by the testimony of millions down the ages.

To say that science opposes Christianity is to be fifty years out of date. To deny the existence of an omnipotent creator is to be illogical. And to deny the Divine Revelation of Christianity is to leave oneself in a void of purposeless confusion.

F. R. Entwistle (Upper VI Modern).

## II

I believe that all living movement and thought is controlled by chemical and physical reactions which are "triggers" to further reactions; in fact, that the continuance of life through generations and through evolution has been moulded in this way. Some reactions are promoted by causes within the body and some by causes from outside. In his book "The Nature of the Universe," Hoyle stated that the galaxies in the cosmos are moving away from one another but that as this happens new galaxies are created between them, so that the number of galaxies in a certain volume of space is always the same. From this, he inferred that there is "continuous creation" and that the cosmos has "no circumference in time or space." In other words, he maintains that there was no initial creation. These two hypotheses satisfy me as explanations of the universe and of man's existence. One problem to which I can find no answer however (which the Christian religion does provide) is how the first reaction occurred from which man and all life has evolved.

At this point I must sink to a lower form of argument to uphold my beliefs—that of criticism. One of the main reasons many do accept Christianity is that from the Bible man can seemingly deduce the answers to all questions; those which cannot be deduced are matters which will be understood in the after-life. The Bible satisfies men emotionally, intellectually and above all in their desire to know their purpose in life and their fate after it. The Prophets were used perhaps by God for divine guidance but, on the other hand, the idea of God may well have come from within man in his search for a solution. Is not belief in a god the natural desire of man who has probed into the field of science with marvellous results and yet who finds that he cannot explain his own creation? If there is revelation does not Christianity cease to be a faith and



become fact? If God were just and almighty he would only tell us the truth.

The life of Jesus is the factor which, eventually, secures for the Christian Church the man who has still a few doubts about biblical explanations. Christ realised how man, if he wished to attain great happiness, should live, and he hoped that people would follow the pattern his life presented. Of the mystical ideas which now surround his life-story and those which he himself was said to believe, we do not know how many he insisted were true and how many were added later by biographers and witnesses. Did he, in fact, insist that he was the Son of God? He preached at a time when ideas such as deism were even more difficult to disbelieve than nowadays. He lived a wonderful life and for this we should worship him as our hero.

For life after death I can see no reason. I do not think any Christian believes that leaves, when they fall, are segregated into two groups, one to live with God and the other in eternal misery. Are we so vain that we should suppose man alone is chosen for this honour; when we are still in the process of evolution and have in the past evolved from lower forms of creation? Our advantage over that of the leaf is that we can think and enjoy life and perhaps leave the world a better place for future generations; then to pass into a state not of absolute happiness nor absolute misery but one of no feeling whatsoever. We seek the purpose of life. Is it not possible that a man's brief stay on this earth has eternal consequences in its influence for good or for evil? These are a challenge to every human to live a good life and try to attain happiness and the satisfaction which can only be obtained by doing good; to enter, in fact, a state which approaches that of Heaven in the Christian Faith.

J. Webster (Upper IV Mod. Schol.)

## Society Reports

### ART SOCIETY

*Chairman:* R. J. Hewett.      *Vice-Chairman:* P. D. Bagshaw.  
*Secretary:* D. R. Holt.

A great deal of satisfactory work has been carried out this term and has included drawing, painting and clay modelling. Our meetings on Thursday have become increasingly popular, particularly among Junior members of the School, to such an extent that no new members can be accepted for a while.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Harrison as our new art master and wish him every success in his new work.      D.R.H.

### BEE CLUB

*Chairman:* M. L. Salkie.      *Treasurer:* Mr. Drake.  
*Secretary:* I. Ziment.      *Vice-Chairman:* R. J. Elliott.

It is with great sorrow that we record the death of our stock of bees. They had been in a weak condition last autumn, and inspection at the beginning of this term revealed their sad fate. Providence had not entirely deserted us, however, for Mr. J. Kay, a former chairman of the Bee Club, has promised to give us one of his stocks of bees. We are very grateful to him for this extremely generous offer. We now intend to find new quarters for the hive, since the junior quadrangle has been far from ideal from many points of view.

The tragedy of death stunned most of the senior members into inactivity, but some of the juniors have devoted much energy to the cleaning and tidying up of our equipment. Before the end of term we hope to have a lecture from chairman Salkie.

Next term should be a more lively one for us. We plan to show a film and perhaps to have some lectures. The newer recruits will also have a chance to gain some practical experience—but we advise them all to be well protected when we inspect the hive.

I.Z.

### CHRISTIAN UNION

*Chairman:* J. M. M. Dalby.      *Vice-Chairman:* J. B. Whittaker.  
*Secretary:* A. T. Williams.  
*Committee:* Mr. G. F. Drake, D. H. Rimmer, J. B. Forshaw.

The annual Brains Trust was held on January 25th. The team, consisting of Mr. Marsden, Mr. Drake, J. B. Whittaker and D. H. Rimmer, discussed questions on the problem of evil, the alleged decline in the power of the pulpit, the debt of world civilisation to Christianity, the charge of hypocrisy against Christians, the compatibility of everlasting damnation with a loving God, and the inspiration of the Bible. All present agreed that this was a very profitable meeting.

On February 15th Mr. H. P. F. Bird, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, showed a sound-colour film entitled "The Living Word." This film, produced in Australia, depicted the work of the Society in the missionary field, and in translating the Bible into many hundreds of new tongues. Starting with pictures of Canterbury Cathedral and St. Giles', Edinburgh, it concluded with scenes from small islands in the Pacific, demonstrating the world-wide influence of the Society.

Several group-study meetings are being held this term on the duty of the Christian to his fellow-men.

Remaining features of this term's programme are a visit from Mr. B. A. Burbridge, a "Fact and Faith" film from the Moody Institute, and a special Easter service.  
A.T.W.

### CHESS CLUB

The School Chess team has played two matches this term. The first was at home against Cowley G.S on Monday, February 7th. The School had a very successful match, winning by 7 games to 0. The team was B. Livesley, L. Lyons, B. E. Howard, A. Roberts, G. Livesley, T. B. Bray and I. Ziment.

The following Monday evening, a School team, somewhat below full strength, entertained some of the members of the Southport Chess Club. Of the 14 games played, L. M. Mansfield won and R. Williams drew; the other games took their natural course. The evening was very useful in providing experience for the members of the School team.

It is hoped to have some more matches during the rest of the term.  
L.L.

### C.E.W.C. SOCIETY

*Chairman:* C. Hershon. *Secretary:* D. N. Max.  
*Librarian and Publicity Officer:* A. T. Williams.  
*Committee:* Mr. F. R. Lewis, D. J. Farrant, P. A. McLean, R. K. Wright.

This term, the Society's meetings have been of a very varied nature, and it is pleasing to note that there has been an increase in the number of regular attenders, despite the fact that our meetings have clashed on several occasions with those of other Societies.

At our final meeting of the Autumn term, on November 2nd, the Society was addressed by Mr. Athye Siam, a Malayan, who gave a most interesting talk on his country and answered numerous questions.

Owing to the departure from the School of the Secretary, E. E. Restall, a reorganisation of the Society's officers was necessary, and on January 11th the recommendations of the Committee, to be seen above, were adopted. Future activities were discussed, followed by reports on the C.E.W.C. Christmas Lectures in London by C. Hershon, D. N. Max, A. Brookfield and R. W. Smith, from whom we gathered that the social aspect of the Conference overshadowed the rather dull lectures which were lightened by only occasional spots of interest. The principal complaint was that the subject, "Latin America" was treated too much from the British official's point of view, and too little attention was paid to the opinions of natives of Latin America itself.

On January 25th, the Society held the most successful meeting of its existence, when Staff Sergeant Cambier from the U.S.A.A.F. camp at Burtonwood, gave a most interesting and graphic account of the American way of life to an audience which filled the Geography Room to capacity.

On February 8th, Mr. G. Berry addressed members on the life, work and philosophy of Dr. Albert Schweitzer, O.M., the missionary doctor and Nobel Peace Prize winner. Mr. Berry gave an interesting and informative account of a great man, and one who embodies the spirit of the social aspect of the United Nations Organisation.

By the time this report is published, it is hoped that the final two meetings of the Society's 1954-55 session will have been held, in which Mr. Bowker and Professor Barraclough (from Liverpool University) are due to give talks on European Affairs.

Finally, we hope that next year the Society will go from strength to strength, and that the ideals set forth by the Council for Education in World Citizenship will affect an ever-increasing number of the members of the School.  
D.N.M.

### DEBATING SOCIETY

*Chairman:* C. Hershon. *Vice-Chairman:* D. J. Farrant.  
*Secretary:* A. T. Williams.  
*Committee:* P. A. McLean, D. N. Max, L. Lyons, I. Ziment.

November 19th: the motion that "Bachelors are a menace to society" was proposed by B. Livesley and N. Ziment, and opposed by D. R. K. Seddon and F. R. Entwistle. After a lively and at times humorous debate, the motion was rejected by 39 votes to 18.

December 3rd: a high standard of performance was attained in the Junior Elocution Contest, of which the judges were Messrs. Kirkby, H. Evans and Ellison. The first prize was awarded to Brown of 4A, and the second to Desser of 3B. Stephens of 3B was especially commended, and also mentioned were Raynor and Thompson, both of Trans. Y.

December 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th: the School Play was "Romeo and Juliet." Our thanks are due to all those masters who helped in this production, and especially to Mr. J. R. Williams, under whose direction a section of the School Orchestra played the incidental music of his own composition, and to the producer, Mr. G. P. Wakefield.

January 7th: extempore speeches were given by twelve members of the society. Although some of the speeches, such as that describing "the fairies at the bottom of my garden," succeeded in being humorous, the general standard was rather low, probably owing to the choice of subjects.

January 14th: J. A. Hoyle, seconded by F. R. Entwistle, proposed the motion that "competitive examinations should be abolished." The opposition, led by L. Lyons and J. B. Whittaker, gained the support of the house in a well-argued debate and the motion was rejected by 25 votes to 4.

January 21st: the Junior Debate was on the motion "that there is no hope for civilisation." The proposers were J. R. A. Smith and M. J. Meadowcroft, and they were opposed by R. Greenhalgh and D. C. Thomson. There were several speakers from the floor, all of whom supported the motion, but after the voting had resulted in a tie of twenty votes each, the Chairman used the casting vote to reject the motion.

February 11th: the Senior Play Reading was of "The Fascinating Foundling" by George Bernard Shaw. The actors were J. A. Hoyle, A. T. Williams, M. F. Savage and F. Bibby, and the play was produced by P. A. McLean.

February 25th: there was a very large audience for the joint debate between the Society and the Literary and Debating Society of the High School, on the motion "that this house considers the Arts superfluous in contemporary society." D. J. Farrant, seconded by Miss Catherine Cookson, proposed the motion, which was opposed by Miss Carole Greenhalgh and P. A. McLean. After numerous speeches from the floor the motion was overwhelmingly defeated.

The remaining meetings of this term are a Mock Trial, the Chairman's debate, the Senior Elocution Contest, and the joint debate with the Old Boys' Association, on the motion "that this house prefers fiction to fact." A.T.W.

## LIBRARY

Several books have been added to the shelves of the School Library this term, and we are grateful to this year's Chairman of the Old Boys' Association, J. W. Lord, for the gift of a number of musical scores by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin and Mozart; books have also been presented by F. Bibby, C. Hershon, M. S. O'Neill, E. E. Restall and Mr. C. J. Woodcock. P. L. Harris and K. C. Slater have been appointed Junior Librarians.

## MODEL CLUB

*Chairman:* P. D. Bagshaw. *Vice-Chairman:* K. F. Wilson.  
*Treasurer:* P. J. Travis. *Secretary:* D. J. G. Salmon.  
*Librarians:* P. Dodworth and R. Aldred.

The Club began its activities this term with a general meeting held in the lecture theatre on the 18th January. At this meeting new members were enrolled and subscriptions were collected. The

Model Club Library was also started and the building of a model of the School was discussed.

A successful meeting was held on February 15th when a large number of boys assembled on the field to see a display of control-line flying.

On March 1st the building of the proposed model of the School was at length started. There will be meetings every Tuesday when this model will be built.

The Model Club Library is always ready to lend books to members of the Club who have paid their subscriptions. There is no fee.

The Club is to have another meeting this term and its form will be announced in due course.

All boys are cordially invited to attend the meetings of the club. D.J.G.S.

## MUSIC SOCIETY

*Chairman:* I. M. Blair. *Secretary:* R. A. Hargreaves.  
*Treasurer:* M. Forbes.  
*Committee:* D. L. Booth, C. P. Hershon, B. E. Howard, D. H. Rimmer, M. Salkie.

Preparations for the School Concert were held back somewhat at the beginning of term, owing to Mr. Williams' unfortunate absence, but practices are now being held regularly and it is hoped that the concert this year will be as good as in any previous year.

The chamber music group has not been able to meet this term owing to the G.C.E. Trial Examinations, and the preparations for the concert. It is hoped, however, to devote more time to this pursuit next term, when there should be more time to spare.

On Tuesday, 4th January, a party of boys went to Liverpool to a Philharmonic Orchestral concert. The Orchestra was conducted by Hermann Scherchen, and the solo pianist was Moiseiwitsch. The programme included: Overture, Namensfeier, by Beethoven; Suite, The Faerie Queen, by Purcell; Symphony No. 7 in E, by Schubert; Overture, William Tell, by Rossini; and Pianoforte Concerto No. 1 in B flat minor, by Tchaikovsky.

On Sunday, 27th February, about two dozen boys heard a concert in the Garrick Theatre, Southport, given by the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. The programme was very popular and included: Overture, Prince Igor by Borodin; Symphony No. 6 in F (The Pastoral) by Beethoven; Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini by Rachmaninov; and Capriccio Espagnol by Rimsky-Korsakov. The pianist in the Rachmaninov work was Peter Katin, and the conductor was John Pritchard. R.A.H.



## PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

*Chairman-Secretary:* D. R. Holt.      *Treasurer:* A. C. Jackson.  
*Librarian:* C. A. Griffiths.  
*Committee:* R. A. Hargreaves, A. Rodwell, D. Latchford, J. B. Forshaw, D. R. K. Seddon.

The membership of the Society has now risen to a record number of 53. Consequently the darkroom has been very much in demand during the term.

Newcomers to the Society have shown great keenness and have soon mastered the technique of how to develop, print and enlarge their own photographs. It is hoped to hold a number of portraiture evenings next term, when members will be able to bring their cameras and try their hand at portraiture.

The new books bought last term for the Society's library are now in circulation and should provide interesting reading for members.

We would remind boys that the membership fee is 5/- and that even though half the school year has now gone, it is still worth their while to join the Society. The membership fee covers the use of the darkroom, chemicals, apparatus, library, and many other facilities offered by the Society.      D.R.H.

## SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

*Chairman:* I. Ziment.      *Vice-Chairman:* J. B. Whittaker.  
*Secretary:* J. W. Gatiss.      *Projectionist:* L. Illingworth.  
*Committee:* J. Elliott, L. Lyons, N. Ziment.

The meetings of the Society this term have been of an excellent nature and deservingly well attended. It is encouraging to see that more members of the middle school are coming and we hope this trend will continue.

The first lecture of the term, on January 11th, was on 'The Special Theory of Relativity,' delivered by Mr. Jones at very short notice, due to the non-arrival of some films. The difficulties of this subject were greatly simplified by him and he removed much of the aura of mystery that seems to hang around this subject.

On February 8th, Mr. K. J. Ledgard, on behalf of Dunlop Rubber Ltd., gave a very interesting talk on the processing of rubber, preceded by a film of extremely high standard showing the manufacture of tennis balls. The end of the meeting saw the members examining the numerous rubber samples and attempting to make balloons from latex and coagulator, using the wooden mould.

The last meeting to date was on February 22nd, when Mr. S. Kennett from the Department of Metallurgy at Liverpool University gave a well-informed lecture on the surprisingly complicated subject of 'Metal Crystals.' He explained, with the aid of slides, the various physical processes that occur when metals break under stress.

We hope that the next meeting will be the Chairman's Lecture on 'Applied Psychology.' No doubt this will be of great practical interest to the less intelligent members. Finally, L. Lyons will deliver a set of three short lectures.

In order to obtain as interesting and comprehensive a programme as possible for next year we would be glad to receive any suggestions as to suitable subject matter.      N.Z.

## THE SCOUT TROOP

The meetings of this term commenced with the annual party. Large quantities of food were consumed and an enjoyable if noisy evening was spent playing games. We take this opportunity of thanking the parents for the good things provided and Miss Ingleston for her co-operation in preparing the meal.

The result of the annual inter-patrol competition was announced at the beginning of this term. The Eagle patrol have won the trophy. Their success was well deserved as they were a patrol consisting mainly of juniors who worked well and consistently, gaining points steadily. J. M. M. Dalby, the P.L., is to be congratulated for this achievement.

A new form of competition was introduced last year. Each patrol was commissioned to prepare a book which would be of assistance in the various tests to be taken on trees. It was desirable that this should be a patrol effort and should be as original as possible. The results varied. The ideas were good but instead of spreading the task over the whole year, too much was left until the end of the Christmas term. The Otters won the competition. It was obvious that considerable time and preparation had been spent in producing a most pleasing book containing the right information. It was well illustrated with black and white drawings and water colour sketches and had an impressive cover. Care and thought had produced a most creditable and interesting piece of work. L. A. E. Ashworth the P.L. of the Otters is to be congratulated and we hope we shall have a companion work on birds at the end of this year.

We have welcomed a number of new recruits this term. They have made a good start with their tests. Six of them will be enrolled before the end of the term. We are pleased to report that



Chapman, P.L. of the Lions, is now a First Class scout. Austin has been promoted to the rank of Patrol Leader and Tyson and White to Seconds. It is most gratifying to find an almost overwhelming enthusiasm to take tests.

A number of original inter-patrol competitions have been set during the patrol work period. De-coding, mapping and message carrying have formed the subjects of these competitions which give an opportunity for each member of the patrol to contribute towards the result.

The weather has not been favourable for outdoor activities but a small party lead by Mr. Garnett went on a hike to Ashurst Beacon during the half-term holiday. Despite the arctic weather and deep snow they gained their objective. The trip was uneventful except for the fact that they discovered the tracks of a one-legged bird and a three-legged animal. These strange phenomena were probably seen as the result of snow blindness.

Arrangements have been made to visit the Lake District for a week during the Easter holidays. The visit last year was so successful that it will probably become an annual event. The party will again make their headquarters at 'Hammarbank' which is a delightful mansion overlooking Lake Windermere. This year there will be a number of juniors in the party.

The Troop is in a most thriving condition and has had a most successful term. We look forward to the camping season and to the longer evenings during which we hope to be able to invite the parents to an open meeting.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Term begins .....	April 19th.
Athletic Sports .....	May 10th.
Half-term .....	May 30th, 31st.
G.C. of E. Exams. begin .....	June 8th.
Summer Exams. begin .....	June 28th.
Summer & G.C. of E. Exams. end ...	July 1st.
Term ends .....	July 15th.



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