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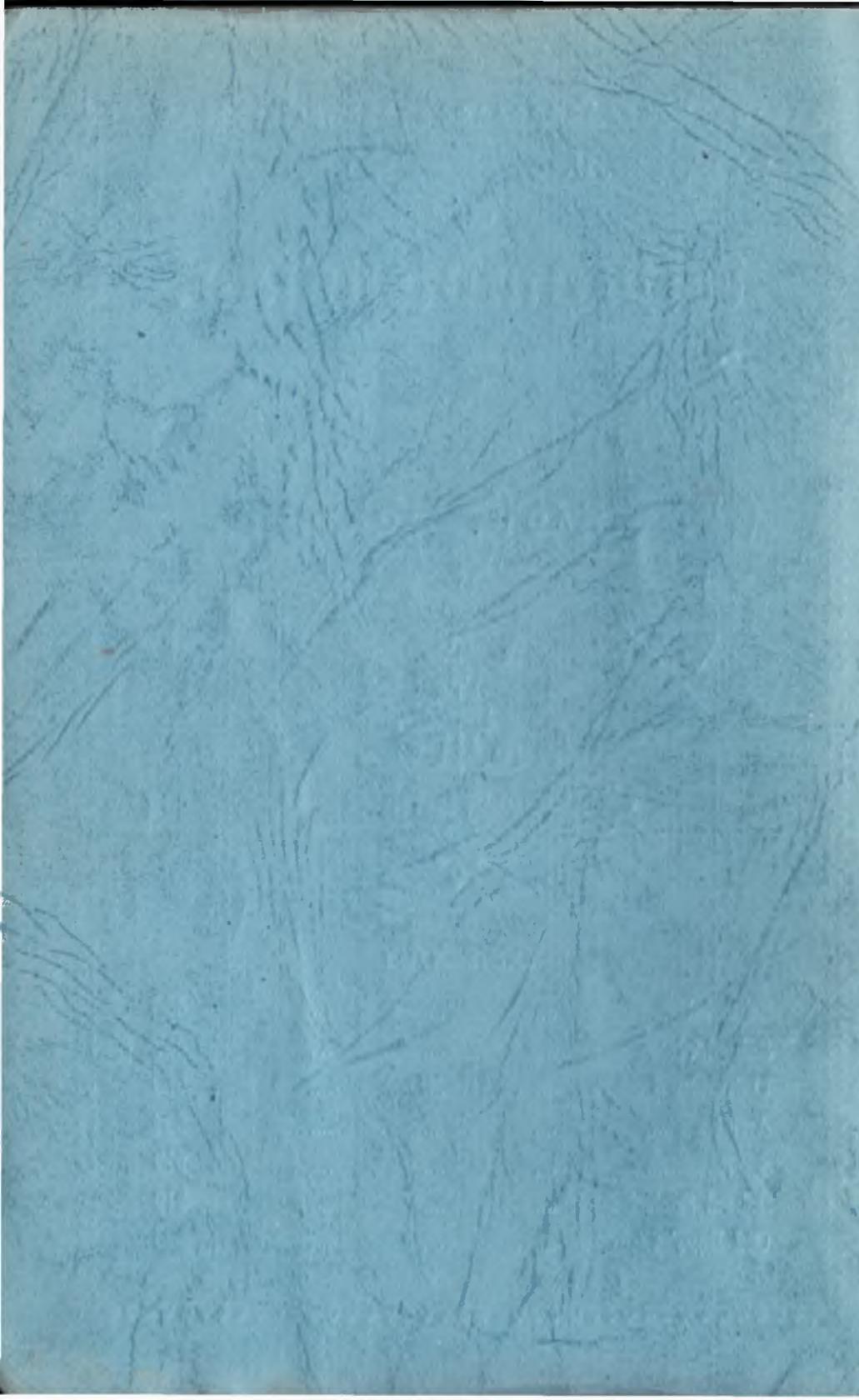
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EDITORIAL.

Autumn and Winter in this school year have been invigorating. Gradually men, healthy and full of vigour, have been taking their places at the back of the Hall for morning assembly. Though many of their names have appeared regularly in the Grey Book, they were personally known to few of the boys now in the School, which, in its turn, has changed in their absence. Little has been said of their experiences, or of the causes for which they went abroad, but they have clearly returned from the sad variety of war determined to set themselves energetically to the task of preparing new generations for a more peaceful and creative future. We, who tried to keep education going in a grey world, feel enlivened by renewed association with men whose sober pleasure at being home is tempered with a quiet resolution to continue the job through teaching. We are glad to have them back, to put behind us the days of lectures and training, the sleepless nights of watching and bombardment, and resume together the more rewarding ways of civilised living.

Material progress in the School has been slower : books and paper, though slightly more plentiful, are still scarce ; the new buildings for the Third Form have not yet been released ; the Library is still the assembly room for the Sixth Form ; classes are still held in every available hole and corner. But changes are in sight which will provide opportunities for more and better work. Meanwhile it is pleasant to be able to record that School activities, much curtailed by the circumstances of war, are already reviving, and claiming space in the magazine. The editor hopes that the Middle and Lower Schools will, for the next number, offer their own contributions to match and outdo the Seniors.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Staff.

The following have returned since September, 1945 :—

- A. C. Cave, Esq., B.A., from the N.F.S., to be Senior History Master.
Capt. W. Clark from the Royal Artillery, to be Senior Mathematical Master.
Lieut. C. M. Howarth, from the R.A.O.C. to be Senior Classics Master.
Major R. Pattinson from the Royal Artillery to teach Science and Mathematics.
Capt. M. M. Davies from the Intelligence Corps to teach Modern Languages.
Lieut. J. H. Stevens from the Royal Navy to teach English.
Dr. C. H. Moore from the Army Education Department to teach Modern Languages.
Capt. T. E. Hood from the Royal Artillery to teach Biology.

The following have joined the Staff since September, 1945 :—

- B. J. G. Rainbow, Esq., A.R.C.M., L.G.S.M., organist at the Parish Church, High Wycombe, became Music Master at the School in succession to G. F. Bailey, Esq., L.R.A.M.
H. B. Beresford, Esq., B.A. (London), who came from Surbiton County School to teach Spanish, left at the end of the Easter Term to take up the post of Senior Modern Language Master at The Holt High School, Liverpool.
F. S. Eldridge, Esq., B.A. (London), came from Dunstable Grammar School to teach Modern Languages.
R. Howard, Esq., B.A. a distinguished pupil in the English School of Leeds University, joined the English Department.
J. Hudson, Esq., M.A. (Oxon), came from Bishop Wordsworth's School, Salisbury, to teach Biology.
T. V. Sheppard, Esq., M.Sc. (London), came from the R.A.F. and previously from a post at King's Norton Grammar School, Birmingham, to teach Geography.
R. F. Emery, Esq. (Culham) an Old Boy of the School, came from the R.A.F., and previously from Mill End Senior School, to take charge of the Physical Training.
Rev. S. Price, Vicar of Hazlemere, who very kindly came in to assist with the teaching of History, was permitted to return to his proper labours at the end of the Easter Term.

E. Mewse, Esq., M.Sc., M.Ed., came from the R.A.F., and previously from Rutherford College, Newcastle-on-Tyne, where he was Senior Science Master, to be Senior Physics Master in the place of Mr. Millington.

The following have left since September, 1945 :—

Miss Z. C. U. Boddy, whose zest and gaiety in the discharge of her duties with P.T. cannot easily be replaced.

H. B. Rees, Esq., B.A., after three years' teaching of English, History and Economics, to take up a post at lecturer in History and teaching methods at the Newlands Training College, Chalfont St. Giles. Both in school and on the Rugger field his influence is still felt, and we are glad to find him able to keep close contact with the School through the students who visit us periodically.

Miss D. Jenner, B.A., who, after many months as a part-time teacher of German with us, has taken up a post at the High School. One of the many ladies whose scholarship and gracious demeanour will be sadly missed.

Mrs. T. Reddington, M.A., who, as during the last war, has assisted the School by teaching a variety of subjects for the past five years, now leaves to take up a post at Godstowe School. She no longer minds it being said that she is regarded with gratitude and affection by many generations of past and present boys.

Miss J. Shepherd, B.A., who has taught English, French and History since she came in 1944, and has been most helpful also in work for the School plays.

Mrs. M. G. C. Savege, B.A., who has taught French to a number of Forms since she joined the Staff in 1944, and has added to the gaiety of School and Staff-room by her cheerful determination to get on with the job in hand.

Dr. E. C. Millington, M.Sc., Ph.D., Senior Science Master since 1928, in charge of the Sixth Form for many years, left at the end of the first half of the Easter Term to become an Inspector of Further Education under the L.C.C. and so to find his work at County Hall in the heart of the place he loves best. Both School and Staff presented him with gifts on his resignation, as tokens of our appreciation of his great influence for many years. He has the good wishes of us all in his new enterprise which we confidently expect to be as congenial to him and as successful as the outstanding work he has done here.

General.

Head Prefect : H. G. Bass.

Second Prefect : E. Lewis.

Senior Prefects : T. C. Andrews, J. A. Bland, A. G. Duckering, B. S. Larkin, H. M. Martin, G. N. Oxley.

Prefects : E. L. Bevin, H. G. Briggs, J. L. Dennis, M. D. Fellows, C. T. Fletcher, V. G. Gibson, G. N. Ginger, T. E. Goldsmith, W. A. Grainger, G. E. Green, P. G. Harris, H. C. Hickman, H. L. L. Leach, D. T. Nightingale, D. J. Perfect, M. A. Podeshva, B. P. Smith, E. A. Gray, J. R. Smith, A. G. Spooner, J. M. Stevens, J. Stevenson, M. W. Warburg, M. E. W. Westney.

Heartiest congratulations to C. T. Fletcher, who has been awarded an Open Exhibition of £100 at Christ Church, Oxford, the first to be awarded at that college to a boy of this school.

On 19th September, 1945, Miss Diana Wong spoke about China to the School and to 150 girls from the High School in support of the Aid to China Fund.

About 360 boys from the Lower School attended a special performance of the film of Shakespeare's "Henry V" at the Odeon Cinema on 5th October.

On 30th January, 1946, a party of boys from 5a visited the Tower of London and the film of Bernard Shaw's "Caesar and Cleopatra" under the guidance of Miss Pollard and Mr. Beresford.

Members of the Staff and Senior boys attended, on 12th February, at the Parish Church, the funeral service for J. M. Evans, whose untimely death is reported in the Old Boys' Notes.

When the Freedom of the Borough of Chepping Wycombe was granted to General Eaker in the Town Hall, on 23rd February, detachments of the School J.T.C. and A.T.C. formed part of the Guard of Honour and eighty boys attended the ceremony.

School parties have profited by the return of peace and some petrol to see the Varsity match and the English matches against Wales and Scotland.

Four parties of students from Newlands Training College visited the School during the Easter Term to observe the ways of Grammar Schools as part of their preparation to become teachers. We may expect some of them to return later in the year for teaching practice.

The School gave a party on March 20th to the thirty-five Dutch children who had come to High Wycombe to recuperate. After

tea in the Hall they were entertained with films very kindly shown by Rev. S. Price.

School welcomed a visit from the Children's Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, 1st and 2nd April, not least because it meant that many boys acquired an unexpected holiday in consequence. The Junior and Middle Schools and many of the Seniors nevertheless enjoyed the performances of which a report is given later in this number.

The Easter Term closed with the House Music Competition on April 3rd, Cross Country on April 4th and a very successful School Concert on April 5th.

The following boys entered in the Third Term, 1945 :—

Addington, D. IIIu(s).	Goodson, C. C., IV(c).
Allen, H. G. III(c).	Griffiths, J. A., III(A).
Badcock, P. G., III(c).	Haines, B. W., III(A).
Barnett, D. J., III(B).	Hall, M. S., III(c).
Barnes, M. L. J., III(A).	Hall, R. J., III(D).
Benjamin, E., IV(s).	Handsombe, R. J., III(c).
Biggs, D. J., III(A).	Harris, J. C., IV(A).
Birch, J. B., IIIu (M).	Hawes, R., III(D).
Bird, R. A., III(B).	Hoing, R. C., III(D).
Bradshaw, D. H., III(B).	Hollis, A. V., III(B).
Bridges, M., III(c).	Hopkins, G. C., III(D).
Bristow, M. A., III(A).	Jackson, E. A., III(A).
Brown, D. M., III(D).	Jelly, A. W., III(B).
Bulpett, T. R., III(B).	Johns, C. W., III(c).
Carne, A. J., III(A).	Johns, J. D. E., III(D).
Carpenter, P., III (B).	Johnson, A. E., IV(c).
Chandler, D. J., III(D).	Kipping, R. A., III(c).
Chipp, J. R., III(A).	Kirby, D. D., IIIu(A).
Claff, M., III(B).	Kirwan, P., III(B).
Clark, G. F., III(c).	Knock, B. A., III(c).
Clark, T. J., III(B).	Lacey, B. J., III(B).
Convisser, B., III(D).	Langston, P. A. S., III(c).
Cox, A. M., III(D).	Lee, D., III(A).
Cromack, I. I., III(B).	Lewis, B., III(c).
Davis, D. E., III(D).	Maim, A., III(A).
Downs, A. B., IV(M).	Martin, K. W., III(B).
Doyle, M. L., IV(c).	Mayo, B. W., III(B).
Durham, M. E., IIIu(s).	McQuade, J. L., IIIu(c).
Dutton, P. J., III(A).	Monk, P. R., III(A).
Dyer, G. C., III(c).	Moore, M. J., III(B).
Emmins, C. G., III(B).	Morgan, R., III(A).
Etherington, A. B., III(A).	Nash, M. G., IV(c).
Evans, B.E., III(B).	Nelson, R. G., III(c).
Figg, J. E., III(A).	Orchard, K. A., III(A).
File, R. C., III(B).	Oxlade, A. F. J., III(B).
Gardner, D. C., III(D).	Pagram, L. J., III(B).
Gillibrand, T. B., III(D).	Pettet, E. J., IV(s).
Goodchild, C. J., III(c).	Phillips, D. M., IIIu(s).

Piggott, D. R., III(L)(B).	Smyth, G. R., III(L)(C).
Pilgrim, R. G., III(L)(D).	Southam, M. J., III(L)(A).
Priets, D. H., III(L)(A).	Springett, J. W., III(L)(A).
Prosser, W., III(L)(B).	Thirlway, R. H., III(L)(D).
Richards, J. C., III(U)(M).	Thomas, D. J., III(L)(A).
Richards, J. F., III(L)(A).	Thorpe, M. A. R., III(L)(D).
Rider, M. J. L., III(L)(C).	Tibbles, III(L)(D).
Ridgley, D. L., III(L)(A).	Varney, D. G., IV(C).
Roadnight, T. G., III(L)(A).	Walker, M. G., III(L)(D).
Robertson, S. D., III(L)(A).	Ware, J. J. B., IV(S).
Robet, R. C. W., III(L)(A).	Warrener, R. K., III(L)(C).
Rowland, P. J., III(L)(B).	Wheeler, B. G., III(L)(D).
Saunders, A. J. T., III(L)(D).	White, D. J., III(L)(D).
Sawyer, R. T., IV(C).	White, G. R., III(L)(B).
Scotchbrook, E. S., III(L)(D).	White, P. C., III(L)(C).
Seymour, D. B., III(L)(C).	Wooberry, R. J., III(L)(D).
Sharpe, R. D. P., III(L)(B).	Wright, A. W. C., III(L)(D).
Smith, A. J., III(L)(D).	Wright, F. B., III(L)(C).
Smith, H. J., III(L)(B).	

The following boys entered in the First Term, 1946 :—

Casselle, A. J., III(L)(A).	Smith, J. B., V(C).
Sinnatt, B., III(L)(D).	

The following boys left during the Second Term, 1945 :—

Angel, P., V(S), School Certificate.
 Bailey, N. K., VU(M), School Certificate.
 Baines, R. C., V(A), School Certificate.
 Baldwin, H., VU(M), School Certificate.
 Barofka, I. A., III(U)(M).
 Beck, W. A., III(U)(M).
 Birmingham, R., IV(A).
 Bodkin, T. H. D., VI, School Certificate. 1st XI Cricket.
 Bowden, V. R., V(S), School Certificate.
 Bratchell, G. E., VU(C), School Certificate.
 Brooks, J. C., III(L)(A).
 Brown, H. J., V(S).
 Brown, T. M., V(A).
 Buckle, D. S., VU(C), School Certificate.
 Bulmer, T. S., V(M).
 Butler, L. E., IV(S).
 Callis, P. G., IV(C).
 Canty, J. M., V(M).
 Chilton, A. E. S., V(A), School Certificate.
 Clarke, L. D., III(L)(A).
 Clegg, P. J., II.
 Coles, B. F., VU(M).
 Cooke, W. P., V(A).
 Coopland, A. T., III(U)(M).
 Davies, V. E., III(U)(A).
 Dawkins, L. B., III(L)(C).
 Dovey, A. R., IV(S).
 Duparcq, K. L., III(U)(M).

Eley, C. E., IV(A).
 Elms, P. R., Vu(M), School Certificate.
 Elman, C., VI. Prefect. School Certificate. Higher Certificate.
 Elman, M., V(c).
 England, D. F., IV(s).
 Evans, J. R., V(A).
 Falk, W., V(s). School Certificate.
 Feust, E., III(L)(D).
 Fishbone, G., III(L)(D).
 Francis, P. H., Vu(c).
 Freedman, M. C., II.
 Freeman, R. S. P., VI. School Certificate.
 Frewin, P. D., IIIu(A).
 Fryer, J., Vu(c). School Certificate.
 Furby, A. J., IIIu(c).
 Gann, A. S., VI. Prefect. School Certificate. Higher Certificate.
 Southend County Major Scholarship.
 Gilmore, B. R., IIIu(s).
 Ginger, D. A., VI. Prefect. School Certificate. Higher Certificate.
 Glickman, R. S., VI. School Certificate.
 Godfrey, W. C., Vu(c).
 Goldstein, A. J., IV(c).
 Gordon, R. H., III(L)(c).
 Gray, R. G., VI. Prefect. School Certificate. Higher Certificate.
 Harford, J. D., II.
 Harley, B. V., VI. Prefect. School Certificate. Higher Certificate.
 1st Rugby XV.
 Harris, R. M., IV(M).
 Hart, G., V(c).
 Haythorn, J. A., Shell.
 Heather, F. J., VI. Prefect. School Certificate. Higher Certificate. Bucks
 County Major Scholarship.
 Hill, J. A., V(M).
 Hitchman, D. A., IV(c).
 Hoelzel, A., III(L)(A).
 Hole, L. N., IV(M).
 Howard, F. J., Vu(c).
 Hurley, B., III(L)(A).
 Huxley, R. J., IV(c).
 Jacobs, S., V(s).
 Jay, J. H., III(L)(B).
 Jemmett, R. P., V(A).
 Jones, R. V., Vu(M).
 Kasmir, G. M., II.
 Keen, H. R., IIIu(s).
 Keen, L. I., V(s). School Certificate.
 Keep, F. C., Vu(M).
 Koschland, B., IV(A).
 Ladd, C. W., V(s). School Certificate.
 Ladd, K. P., V(s). School Certificate.
 Lang, A., VI. Prefect. School Certificate. Higher Certificate.
 1st XI Cricket. 1st XV Rugby.
 Liptz, N., V(s). School Certificate.

Mackrill, M. J. R., VI. Prefect. School Certificate. Higher Certificate.
 Martin, D. W., VI. School Certificate.
 Miglori, P. J., IIIU(A).
 Mitchell, C. J. S., VI. Prefect. School Certificate. Higher Certificate.
 Newell, P. B., VI. Prefect. School Certificate.
 Newitt, J., IV(c).
 Nicholls, D. L., III(L)(D).
 Nussbaum, A., IIIU(A).
 O'Leary, B. F., III(L)(A).
 Partridge, M. G., V(M).
 Pickles, J. J., VU(c).
 Piper, S. P., V(A). School Certificate.
 Ray, K. J., IV(M).
 Reuben, L., IIIU(M).
 Rich, F. E., III(L)(B).
 Richards, D. S., III(L)(B).
 Roith, O., VI. Senior Prefect. School Certificate. Higher Certificate. Bucks
 County Major Scholarship. Exhibition in Mathematics to
 Caius College, Cambridge. 1st XI Cricket. 1st XV Rugby.
 Rundle, D. B., V(A). School Certificate.
 Russell, P. A., II.
 Samson, L. R., Prefect. School Certificate. Higher Certificate.
 Scally, P. J., VI. Prefect. School Certificate. Higher Certificate. State
 Scholarship. Senior Open Scholarship in Classics at Balliol
 College, Oxford. Bucks County Major Scholarship. 1st
 XV Rugby.
 Self, B. C., VI. School Certificate.
 Slade, R. P. C., VU(M).
 Smolask, W., VU(M). School Certificate.
 Solomon, I. D., III(L)(A).
 Spearey, P., IV(A).
 Stallwood, W. E., VU(M).
 Strachan, R. R., IIIU(M).
 Sutton, D. P. G., V(M).
 Thompson, G., VU(M).
 Trowbridge, A. V., V(s). School Certificate.
 Tuckett, P. C., VI. Prefect. School Certificate. 1st XV Rugby. 1st XI
 Cricket.
 Turner, C. F., VU(M).
 Turner, D. A., V(s).
 Walker, D. A., VU(c).
 Warren, J. W., VU(c).
 Weinberg, C., III(L)(A).
 Wheeler, G. E. J., VI. School Certificate.
 Williamson, A. G. T., VI. School Certificate. 1st XV Rugby.
 1st XI Cricket.
 Willis, W. E., VU(M).
 Wilson, D. E., VI. School Certificate.
 Wiltshire, J. D., V(s). School Certificate.

The following boys left during the Third Term, 1945 :—

Banham, R. J., VU(M).
 Barrett, D. L., Remove. School Certificate.

Benyon, G. V., IV(c).
 Bingham, I. G., V(A).
 Bird, A. D., IIIU(c).
 Bowes, J. M. B., IV(A).
 Brant, F. A., Remove. School Certificate.
 Britnell, A. V., VI. School Certificate.
 Chennell, G. R. J., Remove. School Certificate.
 Cox, D. A. E., Remove. Prefect. School Certificate.
 Davies, T. L., IV(s).
 Dean, J. E., Remove. School Certificate.
 Ellis, P. D., Remove.
 Ford, N. H., Remove.
 Glazer, M., IV(s).
 Gordon, J., III(LA).
 Hadfield, G. L., V(s).
 Harding, D. A., Remove.
 Hawes, A. S., VI. School Certificate.
 Honour, K. B., Remove.
 Jones, L., VI. School Certificate.
 Keen, W. S., Remove.
 Kempner, M. A., IV(c).
 Lackington, P. S., VU(c).
 Lance, R. W., Remove.
 Lochhead, M., VI. Prefect. School Certificate. 1st Rugby. 1st XI Cricket.
 Micheals, R., VU(M).
 Ormand, A. I. C., VU(c).
 Ongley, J. E. G., VU(M).
 Page, N. W. B., VI. Prefect. School Certificate.
 Pope, A. L., Remove. School Certificate.
 Putnam, R. T. J., VI. School Certificate.
 Radford, S. M., VI. Prefect. School Certificate.
 Reynolds, M. J., V(M).
 Reynolds, J. S., Remove.
 Robinson, J. V(c).
 Sheridan, P. J., VU(c).
 Sluysen, M., V(A).
 Smith, A. J., Remove.
 Tauber, D. L., IV(s).
 Taylor, T., IV(s).
 Tibbles, J., III(LD).
 Tranter, A. H., Remove. 1st XI Cricket.
 Trenfield, P. W., VU(c).
 Turner, A. J., Remove.
 Waller, A. H., IV(c).
 Wells, H. G., Remove.
 Wells, N. F., Remove.
 White, D. J., Remove. School Certificate.
 White, R. F. M., VI. Prefect. School Certificate. Higher Certificate.
 Bucks County Major Scholarship.
 Wilmot, D. P., IIIU(c).
 Yager, C. J., IIIU(A).
 Youens, B. H., Remove.
 Youens, H. E., Remove.

Oxford Higher Certificate—July, 1945.

The following boys were successful in obtaining the Certificates : H. G. Bass, E. L. Bevan, J. A. Bland, D. Bowman, H. G. Briggs, C. Elman, C. T. Fletcher, A. S. Gann, D. A. Ginger, E. A. Gray, R. G. Gray, B. V. Harley, F. J. Heather, H. C. Hickman, A. Lang, B. S. Larkin, E. Lewis, M. J. R. Mackrill, H. M. Martin, G. N. Oxley, D. J. Perfect, O. Roith, L. R. Samson, A. G. Spooner, J. Stevenson, M. W. Warburg, and R. F. White.

Oxford School Certificate—July, 1945.

The following boys were successful in obtaining the Certificate : E. L. Bailey, N. K. Bailey, H. Baldwin, A. V. Britnell, P. R. Elms, L. Jones, I. A. McQueen, E. F. P. Mercy, A. H. Smith, J. R. Smith, W. Smolask, D. G. Surrudge, R. W. Bird, G. E. Bratchell, D. S. Buckle, J. Fryer, J. Hatch, I. M. Margetson, K. J. Martin, H. E. Miller, D. T. Nightingale, P. C. P. Oates, E. C. Simmonds, R. C. Baines, W. A. Bradley, D. P. Byrne, A. E. S. Chilton, D. C. Church, P. S. Collins, A. D. Copcutt, K. G. Folley, P. D. Fry, A. S. Hawes, T. J. B. Jenkins, J. M. King, S. J. Langston, J. S. Parker, B. C. Peatey, S. P. Piper, R. T. J. Putnam, W. G. Putnam, R. F. Ray, D. B. Rundle, G. R. Smith, P. A. Smith, D. G. Veale, P. Angel, R. G. Ashford, J. A. Bloxside, V. R. Bowden, A. A. Clarke, D. A. Collins, D. Elman, W. Falk, B. J. Fletcher, D. J. Griffiths, D. B. Hawkins, A. C. B. Housden, L. I. Keen, C. W. Ladd, K. P. Ladd, M. Leeder, N. Liptz, P. G. Nicolson, K. L. Norwood, D. W. Tanner, J. D. Weatherall, J. D. Wiltshire, P. J. Worrell, W. J. Young.

Oxford School Certificate—December, 1945.

The following were successful :—K. C. Armstrong, A. W. Bailey, D. L. Barrett, F. A. Brant, D. W. H. Brown, G. R. J. Chennell, D. A. E. Cox, J. E. Dean, M. Lochhead, I. M. Margetson, R. A. Miller, A. L. Pope, P. Stewart, and D. J. White.

County Major Scholarships were awarded to H. G. Bass, J. A. Bland, D. Bowman, H. G. Briggs, C. T. Fletcher, A. S. Gann, F. J. Heather, E. Lewis, L. R. Samson, M. W. Warburg and R. F. M. White.

University Exhibition.

C. T. Fletcher was awarded a £100 Open Exhibition in Classics at Christ Church, Oxford.

PRESENTATION TO LIEUT. IAN EDWARD FRASER, V.C., D.S.C.

On Tuesday, 18th December, 1945, the School assembled with the Governors, distinguished visitors and friends of the school to honour Lieut. Fraser, who has been awarded the V.C. for gallantry. He commanded H.M. midget submarine XE—3 in her successful attack on the Japanese heavy cruiser *Takao* (9,850 tons), at her moorings in Johore Strait, Singapore, on July 31st, 1945. During the long approach up the Singapore Straits XE—3 deliberately left the believed safe channel and entered mined waters to avoid suspected hydrophone posts. The target was aground, or nearly aground, both fore and aft, and only under the midship portion was there sufficient water for XE—3 to place herself under the cruiser. For

forty minutes she pushed her way along the sea-bed until finally Lieut. Fraser managed to force her right under the centre of the cruiser. Here he placed the limpets and dropped his main side charge. Great difficulty was experienced in extricating the craft after the attack had been completed, but XE—3 was finally clear and commenced her long return journey out to sea.

In the official citation of the award of the V.C., it is stated that "the courage and determination of Lieut. Fraser are beyond all praise. Any man not possessed of his relentless determination to achieve his object in full, regardless of all consequences, would have dropped his side charge alongside the target. The approach and withdrawal entailed a passage of eighty miles through water which had been mined by both the enemy and ourselves, past hydrophonic position, over loops and controlled minefields, and through an anti-submarine boom."

When Lieut. Fraser arrived at the School he was received by a guard of honour and escorted to the Hall. There he was welcomed by the Chairman of the Governors, who called attention to the unique nature of the occasion and was delighted to find present the mother of Lieut. Youens, the Old Boy whose gallantry won the V.C. in the last war, and whose name is perpetuated in the Youens V.C. Memorial Fund. The Chairman recalled that Lieut. Fraser came to the School in September, 1933, and left in December, 1935, to join H.M.S. Conway, and presented him with a photograph of Form 3 Lower B, 1933, in the centre of which, obviously the leading spirit and form captain, was the smallest boy in the group, now Lieut. Fraser. It was also well remembered that, during one Summer camp on the Devon coast, two boys had had to be sent home by Mr. Grant because they had crept out of camp at night, borrowed a strange motor boat and cruised the harbour in pitch darkness. One of those boys was Lieut. Fraser, who was already developing his amazing skill in navigation. The Chairman offered, not only congratulations on behalf of the Governors, but also the best of good wishes for happiness and success in life to Lieut. Fraser, his wife and baby on what happened also to be the V.C.'s birthday.

Air Vice-Marshal Langford Sainsbury, C.B., O.B.E., D.S.C., A.F.C., spoke with admiration of the work of the Royal Navy in the Mediterranean during the war and recalled with what delight and relief many air crews welcomed rescue by men of the submarine branch of the service. He felt honoured to have the opportunity of paying his personal tribute to the gallantry of Lieut. Fraser.

The Headmaster, remembering the days when Lieut. Fraser was a small boy at school, remarked that, although that small boy

had not grown very much since then, he would have noticed that the School had grown enormously and that the Headmaster himself had grown too. He acknowledged the honour done to the School by the King's recognition of Lieut. Fraser's brave deeds.

H. G. Bass, the Head Prefect of the School, spoke of the admiration of the boys for Lieut. Fraser's magnificent achievement and of the intention to create two new Houses to be named after the School's two V.C.'s, Lieut. Youens and Lieut. Fraser. He then presented Lieut. Fraser with a suitably inscribed silver cigarette and cigar box as a token of the School's sense of the honour accorded to it through the gallantry of an Old Boy.

A vote of thanks to the distinguished visitors was proposed by the Vice-Chairman of the Governors, P. C. Raffety, Esq., and seconded by an Old Boy, S. T. Theed, Esq. Major-General Sir Cyriac Skinner replied for the visitors. At the luncheon which followed, the healths of Lieut. and Mrs. Fraser were proposed by the former Headmaster, G. W. Arnison, Esq., M.A., C.C., J.P.

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS.

Since the beginning of 1946, distinguished visitors have been invited to lecture to the Sixth Form on a series of topics designed by Mr. Cave to develop the background knowledge of the senior boys. After listening to the speaker for some three-quarters of an hour, the boys divide into groups in which problems raised are discussed and formulated into questions which are put to the lecturer when the Form re-assembles. The following meetings have already been held :—

Man and the World He Lives in.

1. The Physical Universe, delivered on Friday, 16th January, by Dr. T. A. Oxley, who expounded the physicist's view of the universe in terms of distances, time, energy and heat. Most of the lecture was spent in suggesting ways of attempting to picture the vast and minute distances involved in astronomical and atomic physics. It concluded with some provocative statements about the scope of science and the materialist's conception of truth.

2. The World in the Twentieth Century, delivered on Saturday, 16th February, by Flight Lieutenant John Haire, M.P., who stated that the condition of the modern political world was very largely created by the conflict between liberalism and nationalism which emerged from the French Revolution. In the last two wars liberal democratic forces had beaten the nationalist idea of world domination, but the problem of world order still remained to be solved.

He saw the best hope for world order in a fusion between Russian economic democracy and Western political democracy, but thought that conditions in Central Europe were not yet favourable for the establishment of political democracy as understood in the West. Nations must be persuaded to give up some of their national sovereignty and there were hopeful signs of a growing feeling that the sacrifice must be made.

The Specialist and Life.

1. The Economist's View of Life, delivered on Monday, 25th February, by Sir Frederick Ogilvie, President of Jesus College, Oxford. Having established the point that the economist is confined to tests of efficiency and is not, as an economist, interested in methods, the lecturer suggested that Economics consists in attempting to answer some such question as the best ways of using resources for ends approved of by the community. With this in mind, he dealt with three points that are of considerable interest at present. First, the ways in which the great inequality of wealth between individuals has been reduced since the time of Elizabeth, a movement which is crystallised to date in the new Insurance Bill. Secondly, ways in which alternate prosperity and depression can be ironed out. As this had been achieved in Russia under Stalin, in Hitler's Germany and in Great Britain during two major wars, it seemed that the known solution was by Government control. The question remained how much compulsion the British people would stand in peace-time without the common purpose of war. Some, though as little as possible, restriction on individual freedom seemed to be necessary to even out employment. Thirdly, that there are ways of increasing the sum of national wealth. In Great Britain, where the proportion of older to younger people is likely to be enormously greater than usual by 1975, and where a large proportion of food must be imported, increased wealth can be achieved only by exporting much more than formerly of what foreigners will buy. It is therefore necessary to cultivate a much more welcoming attitude to improvements in capital equipment, and to all new methods that will produce what foreigners want. Part of the price may be some restriction on freedom of mobility.

2. The Artist's View of Life, delivered on Wednesday, 6th March, by Mr. Eric Newton, who illustrated his lecture with lantern slides. In the history of civilisation visualising comes before construction, but the question remains, what justification there is for the Fine Arts. First, they are, or were until at least the Middle Ages, instructors of the community. This function has largely been taken over by the written word and more particularly by the cinema.

Secondly, they establish records of past ages more vividly in painting than in history books, documents or music. But the most important function of the artist is as a creator, who interprets the age in which he lives, crystallises its attitudes and expresses new forms of thought and feeling.

3. The Scientist's View of Life, delivered on Friday, 15th March by Dr. Bronowski. Science is a combination of thinking and practice which involves the discovery of a new fact, thinking about its implications, and testing the results of thinking by experiment. The key to the scientist's view of life is the discovery of the truth about the relationship of human beings with nature. The whole truth about life cannot be discovered by scientists and it is the atomic scientists who are generally most clearly aware of this fact, but scientific progress has been so rapid in the last fifty years that it is up to the philosophers, theologians and artists to develop more quickly. Modern science sprang from the same climate of opinion that fostered protestantism in opposition to dogma. Non-scientific thinkers should revive their ability to discard untenable "laws" when dealing with the problems of the relationship between man and man, just as scientists have retained their willingness to test and revise their own accounts of the relationship between man and nature.

4. The Religious View of Life, delivered on Monday, 1st April, by Dr. Nathaniel Micklem, Principal of Mansfield College, Oxford. The lecturer accepted the title and made no specific references to Christianity. The views of the previous speakers were not mutually exclusive, but all, if thought back far enough, led to a religious view; to a scientist truth is sacred, to an artist, beauty, but to a religious man truth and beauty are related to a personal God. Life is a battlefield, a fight to achieve goodness and destroy evil; in this also religion, science and art are one in their concern to establish justice. However, the religious view does differ from the scientific in at least two important respects. First, in that the most certain facts in the universe are incapable of scientific proof, as, for example, the knowledge that it is right to do what is right. Secondly, the business of living compels jumps of faith: philosophical and religious problems cannot be solved before living begins. At present the main choices before men appear to be communism, fascism, Christianity or indifference.

UNIVERSITY LETTERS.

BALLIOL COLLEGE,
OXFORD.

Dear Sir,

To-day the keynote of our life is resettlement and the desire to get back to normal, and Oxford has now at last been fully overtaken by this nationwide trend. Last term was very quiet, but from the first days of this term it was evident that the situation had changed. Ever-increasing numbers of men are returning from the Services, and even now, the position is difficult owing to the great shortage of rooms and lodgings. The prospect of a further increase in numbers of 50 per cent. is causing not a little scratching of venerable heads among the responsible authorities and promises some discomfort and inconvenience for everyone. But these are mere externals of our life. Apart from them the University has quickly found its feet again. The Union is flourishing once more after its war-time stagnation; the women are being gradually ousted from the positions they gained during the war; the "Playhouse" Coffee Room is still as popular as ever in the mid-morning—and the Socialist Club is with renewed vigour defacing every possible site with its lurid posters.

Individual Colleges are at the moment preoccupied with sport, a great number of competitive events being held this term. "Cuppers" are already under way in hockey, soccer and rugger. Meanwhile the river is crowded every afternoon with Eights training hard for the races. At dinner the oarsmen can be seen in somewhat lofty seclusion devouring their vitamin diet.

In the midst of all this hustle and activity are two other old R.G.S. men, for Oxford has not so many of us as her more scientifically-minded sister University. C. Bridger, the first ex-serviceman to return, is doubtless beyond the memory of most members of the School, as he left to come up when I myself was still in III LB. Indeed no light of recognition dawned on his face when we first met here. He did a two-years' course in Geography before the war; and managed to take his Schools and become a B.A. before going into the R.A.F. to do Radar work on the Isle of Wight. He expressed no aversion to being back again. He is rarely to be seen outside his rooms now, as July will bring him further examinations.

With him in Jesus is A. Lang, who is up on a R.A.F. short course. The change of surroundings have affected Lang but little, and he is managing to maintain uninterrupted the even tenor of his life. Provided that he is out of bed by such an uncongenial hour, 11 a.m. finds him taking coffee in the city or in the comfort of the Air Squadron

Mess. Though he engages from time to time in the broil of the rugger-field, one cannot but think that really, as his pensive look reveals, his thoughts are centred on the click of bat on ball, on off-drives and late cuts with which he once graced the "square."

Such is our position at the moment. During the year more service men will probably return to swell our numbers. In the meantime the three of us are holding the position and preserving the R.G.S. tradition in Oxford.

Bridger and Lang join me in wishing the school every success.

P.J.S.

JESUS COLLEGE,
CAMBRIDGE.

Dear Sir,

Life at Cambridge is, like that of any other town of England, undergoing all the changes that peace can bring in the national interest, and is consequently very much a compromise. The colleges still bear the sears of anti-blast walls (and of Government occupation); gentlemen are reminded that "Coffee, tea and porridge at breakfast will not be sweetened and that they will be required to provide their own sugar for such purposes from the weekly allowance"—collected weekly with other rations; service-men attending Russian courses mingle with undergraduates in the lecture rooms; these are but a few of the signs that wartime conditions still prevail in many ways. On the other hand, ex-service men's clubs are growing rapidly as class-B classes resume their studies; restrictions on sports are being eased and the number of students increases every term.

But the essential life has remained more or less the same under these restrictions of war and transition. Lecturers parade one after another in the lecture rooms to deliver their wisdom, only stopped by a severe illness or honorary-degree ceremony—both very rare occasions. Every afternoon the river resounds to the falling oars, and there is generally some activity on the playing fields. In the evening, as the last words of a Latin grace are pronounced, students in their black gowns lean over their dinner beneath the portraits of their long-dead predecessors, which adorn the Hall. Societies of all kinds—cultural, political, athletic—hold their meetings; there is discussion on many topics. Entertainment is also to be found in the numerous cinemas, at the theatre, or, on fairly frequent occasions, at a concert. An undergraduate not wishing to spend his evening in study has no need

to be bored. Just before the numerous Cambridge clocks chime the hour of midnight, the last few to return to college are admitted by the porters—if they do not climb in to save the latter the trouble and themselves the fine inflicted after 10 p.m. to encourage early hours.

There is much in the town of Cambridge itself to interest those who wish to explore it. Besides the colleges with their chapels and histories, there are numerous old churches, well-stocked libraries and museums—in fact everything to suit any taste.

So much for life in general, inadequate as the preceding description is. The rest of this letter will be more or less a report of the activities of Old Wycombiensians now at Cambridge, who on February 9th (1946), held a very successful gathering. The only one of the eleven not present was F. Wickens, recently returned after demobilisation. E. J. Miller, who is also renewing his studies, and D. R. Witney, now taking up the Exhibition he was awarded in 1941 were fortunately able to attend and enliven the proceedings. Witney—whose performances in school plays will be remembered by many—has joined the A.D.C. and Marlowe Society, having already appeared as the Warder in Shaw's "The Dark Lady." Senior amongst those present was L. G. Willmot, who having gained his degree is now reading for the education diploma. That spirit of light-heartedness peculiar to medical students—not unnaturally perhaps—was spread by R. Barnes and M. Gibbs; the latter rowed last term with Jesus 4th VIII but has now been reduced to occasional sculling by pressure of work, the medical student's bug-bear. D. H. Wintsch, an ardent politician of the Left, completed the second year men. R.S.M. Belbin who plays Rugger for his College 1st XV, represented the University at boxing against Edinburgh University during the week and was consoled by those present for his unfortunate defeat. The party was held in D. A. Ginger's rooms and was well under way when F. J. Heather arrived from another held by his college boat club in whose 2nd VIII he now rows. O. Roith, who had also been otherwise engaged during the earlier part of the evening, arrived soon after and completed the company. He plays regularly for his college 1st XV, and has taken part in the University Trials, besides doing occasional boxing. The evening was spent quite merrily, some time being devoted to the recalling of the more humorous moments of school-life. The geniality permeating the gathering until it broke up shortly before midnight was increased by the refreshments supplied by those present, several toasts—including the school—being drunk.

CANTABRIAN.

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS.

Dear Sir,

Mention of the London School of Economics is apt to conjure up in people's minds notions of a hotbed of communism ruled over by the unique figure of Professor Harold Laski. This is a disproportionate view. Although both communism and Professor Laski are to be found in the School, neither of them bears too great a sway. The School is, in fact, an extremely sane, broad and balanced society.

Anyone entering for the first time one of the two six-storied blocks which face each other across Houghton Street, off Aldwych, might easily think he was in the lobbies of UNO. Throngs of men and women, of varying ages, colours, and nationalities swarm on the staircases, overflow into the lifts, crowd round the notice-boards, flow in and out of lecture-halls. Only the multiplicity of vivid black, yellow and purple scarves and ties marks the place down, at first sight, as a university college. Further penetration would, of course, reveal the extensive British Library of Economics and Political Science, the leading collection of its kind in the country, extending over three floors, its tables lined with students deep in silent study; and the theatres and lecture-rooms crammed with men and women busily noting down the immortal words of Professor Benham, Professor Hayek, or Professor Laski. In this college some three thousand day, evening and occasional students pursue degrees in subjects ranging from economics to law and sociology to commerce. About a fifth of the students come from overseas.

The social life of the School centres on the Union. Membership is free and universal: everyone may air his grievances at the lively weekly meetings and be sure that, if the officer concerned is unable to give a satisfactory reply, the President will look into the matter. The Director and Governors invariably respect the decisions of the Union: the School enjoys constitutional government, with a maximum of democracy and a minimum of discipline. Add to this the opportunity of meeting the opposite sex on equal terms, and the result is a sensible, orderly community, yet lacking nothing in natural gaiety. One has only to spend ten minutes in the crowded smoky common room, and read the sketches and reports and cartoons of "Beaver," the weekly wall newspaper, to feel the spirit of L.S.E.

From the Union and its counterpart the Athletic Union spring a score or more of societies: socialist, communist, liberal, conservative; dramatic, music, art; rowing, swimming, fencing, chess,

squash, and so on. From the weekly reports we gather there is a ruggier XV which loses handsomely : and in the realm of table-tennis, the School is unrivalled.

Many people regard London as a mere provincial university, and the School of Economics as the bad boy of London. But we have our own fine traditions, of Lord and Lady Passfield (better known as Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Webb), of Bernard Shaw, of the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Our High may be the Strand and our Backs the Embankment, and we may join the business hordes travelling to and fro at morning and night ; but we are firmly attached to our grey and gloomy buildings, and to all that is implied by our proud emblem of a beaver rampant.

A.G. & L.S.



ARTICLES.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

At the end of the Spring Term, the junior end of the School, and those Seniors who were able to insert themselves into the audiences, were the willing victims of an interesting experiment : the presentation of Dickens' "Great Expectations" in dramatised form by Children's Theatre Productions. All school children between the ages of eleven and fourteen in the district had an opportunity to see, in one of the four performances given in our School Hall on 1st and 2nd April, in what ways theatrical entertainment may be more enthralling than the cinema. The fact that more than one of our boys saw at least parts of the play twice suggests that the venture was not entirely without merit. The company deserve nothing but praise for the way they tackled a difficult job.

The most important difficulty was undoubtedly the choice of play. If, as it must have been, the intention was to show the qualities of Dickens' work, "Great Expectations" was hardly a good choice for dramatisation, for that novel has never approached the popularity of "Oliver Twist" or "David Copperfield" and may be supposed to lack some of the more endearing characteristics. However, the question is not so much whether this novel is representative as whether Dickens' work can be dramatised at all. Certainly the plot can be translated to the stage without more loss than the restricted time of a stage performance enforces. But the most admirable qualities of Dickens are to be found in his style : his peculiar view of scenes and characters ; his endless verbal invention in all circumstances ; the tones of ironic comment, pathos and

horror ; the caricatures that depend for their effect upon his literary skill in the use of words. The qualified success of the scenes with Miss Havisham at Satis House, admirable as they were, only served to remind us of what we were missing. What we were given on the stage was just the plot, together with inevitably sketchy representations of a few of the odd characteristics of the leading persons in it. Unfortunately the plot is not the strongest part of Dickens' work. Indeed the intermingling of the characters by means of the most improbable coincidences, and their final reunion, each falling into his allotted place at the end, only emphasised the chief weakness of the book, which seems to be a strong tendency to melodrama for its own sake—a fault that passes almost unnoticed when the book is read.

However that may be, few who saw the play will deny that what there was left to act was admirably acted and most effectively staged. Pip was a convincing, personable young man, his younger self an interesting object lesson in how youngsters should act, Estella caused a fluttering in many hearts and Magwitch was very frightening. The sets were cunningly designed to represent sometimes both the inside and the outside of a room, and neatly painted to avoid the realism which so often destroys credibility in the theatre. The Satis House scenes appeared to put a typical Dickensian illustration on the stage and Miss Havisham triumphed in never once stepping out of the cobwebby, tarnished silver atmosphere of her room. As an entertainment "Great Expectations" was full of interest and quite enjoyable ; as a lesson in stagecraft it was excellent ; but in so far as it may have been intended as an introduction to Dickens it must be accounted a failure, for, if it has been the means of leading anyone to read Dickens, it has done so under false pretences, a form of deceit that has been far too common on both stage and screen in recent years. We do, however, wholeheartedly commend the enterprise and hope to see the company again as soon as possible—in a play.

A.G.D. VI.

THE PICKWICK PAPERS.

We hear so much of the expression "well-read," that we may take it as an undeniable fact that to be "well-read" is a great virtue. The earlier we start reading the sooner we develop a taste for reading. It is difficult to start, I agree. When we are introduced to someone of our own age, how awkward and uncomfortable we are—how strange and suspicious ! But the more we see of this "someone" the more friendly we become—I think you can understand the

analogy. Thus we find it difficult to cast aside our "Rover" or "Hotspur," and start on some novel, which our teachers tell us is "great," but which we think is dreadfully dry. We pick up, say, "Pickwick Papers," how dull is that opening chapter! Most of us throw it away again, and take a look at that refreshing, roaring Rockfist Rogan, R.A.F. Good old Rockfist!—pilot through two wars, never lost a fight, always thrilling, exciting, always killing Germans and living to tell the tale

One or two of us persevere with the first chapter, and we gradually slip into a new world, Dickens' world, a world in which there is humour, love, and even adventure. Soon we realise that this is far deeper, more detailed, more sincere than Rockfist Rogan.

"Pickwick Papers" is often deemed Dickens' greatest. It is a novel containing a number of stories which centre throughout upon the admirable personage of Mr. Pickwick, and his delightful servant Sam Weller. Mr. Pickwick is a gentleman—that simple English expression is sufficient to pay him tribute for all his virtues, his kindness, benevolence, understanding His case with Mrs. Bardell, handled by the sharp lawyers, Dodson and Fogg, is very amusing and is but one of his many experiences. He is attended by Sam Weller, the devoted, inimitable servant, and the most entertaining character of all. He is an endless source of humour, typified by expressions like, "what the devil do you want with me, as the man said wen he see the ghost," and, "Well, its no use talking about it now as they always says in Turkey ven they cut the wrong man's head off." Sam's father is great fun, especially with his aversion to widows.

There is the love affair of Mr. Winkle and Arabella Allen; the conversion of the swindlers, Jingle and Job Trotter; the Eatanswill election, and political battle of the "blue journal" Gazette and the "buff" journal "Independent"; the amusing trickery of "surgeons" Bob Sawyer and Benjamin Allen. Every character is an individual who adds another tint to the rainbow of the book. There is the fat boy who lives to eat and sleep; there is the poetic Snodgrass

In addition to the character there is a background of contemporary life, of the obnoxious debtors' prison, the tricks of surgery, the affectation of society, the corruption of the law. There is, too, a graphic background of the country, of Dingley Dell, of cricket, hunting, shooting. Nineteenth century life so unlike our own, becomes something romantic and beautiful. It is enhanced by numerous short tales embodied in the whole, and by Dickens' subtle ridicule of all that asks for ridicule.

We who persevere with the first chapter of "Pickwick Papers" find we cannot return to Rockfist Rogan. We find that we can write ourselves with ease about a million Rockfist Rogans, with different names and different occupations, but always winning through by the skin of their teeth after a million hair-raising, last minute escapes. We cannot write about a million Pickwicks—not even about one Pickwick! But we turn to more Dickens and to more writers, and the more we read the more we want to read. And we find that as we read we learn. We learn and pass time at once. And we discover there is no end to reading, just as there is no end to the fame of Mr. Pickwick. We are on the road to becoming well-read.

E.L. VI.

PROPOSED SPEECH BY THE HEADMASTER

We have reached the end of the second term of the Peace, and I think it safe to prophesy that the long-awaited War will come during the holidays or the term following.

During the term we have faced up to the difficult tasks and situations imposed upon us by the dark shadow of Peace. We have lost many women teachers, whom it has been difficult to replace. We must congratulate the men who have filled their places so diligently, and we must appreciate the fact that they are gallantly holding the fort until the War comes, and the women are once more demobilised from their husbands.

We have had to suspend, in these new, delicate times, a large number of free periods. We have, without grumbling, slipped into fuller time-tables and more games. We look forward to a speedy return to leisure hours, and periods which we can while away in the Junior Building or Boarders' dining hall.

Many of our rest-rooms have unavoidably been requisitioned. The stage no longer offers its window-sills to weary scholars. The Classicists have firmly entrenched themselves in the Headmaster's study, and Mr. Cave has occupied almost every nook and cranny in the school. Even the Ladies' Staff-room is devoted to lessons.

The bright-green notice-boards, so bare and refreshing during the War, have been disfigured by thousands of little notices. As a result there has been an acute shortage of paper and drawing-pins which is severely taxing the school's finances.

In these new times even the interior woodwork of the school is suffering. The sun is blazing through windows whose black

curtains have been removed and remade as masters' gowns. The windows, too, have suffered; many of them have been weakened and smashed because of the removal of the protective black paint.

There is a great surplus in the school, which only the coming war will combat. Air-raid shelters, with their strong walls and roofs, are falling into ruin and disuse. Old footballs are being discarded—recklessly discarded—and new ones are actually being bought to replace them!

In addition much is being worn out that War will once more preserve. Dozens of cars and motor bicycles are wearing down the parade-ground. No longer are exercise book covers being used up. Wood is being rapidly consumed in the workshop. Boys themselves are being worn out by societies, clubs, lectures, competitions and so on.

We can, I think, look forward with confidence to the War which is at last in sight. The dark days of the last two terms are passing into oblivion. We have moved through the misty valley on to the clear plain beyond, and let us say, with no remorse in our hearts and no food in our bellies, that we all shall meet again, "in thunder, lightning, or in rain."

E.L. VI(M)

THIS IS THE LAW

This country is blessed with a very fine Judiciary System, and it was to see part of this system at work that I paid a visit to the local Police Courts, officially termed Petty Sessions. If any boys are interested, and all should be, the Courts are held in the ancient Guildhall, and open at 10.30 a.m.; I would especially recommend a visit on a Saturday morning, since it seems that then the best cases are collected and duly presented.

The Saturday of my visit, I made my way up the worn wooden and, of course, creaking stairs, and entered through half-open doors into a room neither spacious nor cramped, but oh, so official! At the lower end of the Court reigned a long tall table, with tall chairs behind it and tall glasses of water on it; officially termed the Bench. Before this was a much smaller table, with common chairs, reserved apparently for recorders, local newspaper representatives and other odds and ends. The remainder of the room was taken up with rows of chairs, most of them empty, and after trying several for their viewpoint, I settled very sedately in one.

Being settled, I surveyed the other few people sitting in the well of the Court (that's what it is known as officially), trying to distinguish

who were due to appear before the Bench and who had come for their amusement

Rather disappointedly I could find no particularly murderous-looking individuals, though one man who I thought looked somewhat shifty, turned out to be but one of the solicitors. It was while looking around me, however, that I became suddenly aware of being examined with much closeness and deliberation by two huge, nay tremendous policemen. Thoughts began to flash through my mind, as thoughts are apt to do under such close observation by custodians of the law, and, after reassuring myself that I had come merely out of curiosity, and that I had not been summoned or anything, I prepared to stare back at them, when one of the giants rushed at me and in a voice like steel, like steel being sharpened, demanded to know my age, and when satisfied that I was over 17, left me as abruptly as he had come.

I had hardly got over that when his friend, the other giant roared out something like "Allstanupats offerr !!" and after jumping up in a frenzy I was relieved to see the Magistrates make their entrance, three men and one woman, and seat themselves behind, though technically on, the Bench, place various tablets near their glasses of water and call for the first case.

This proved to be a request by the owner of a certain Hotel for extension of his licensing hours until 12 midnight during the night of a dance to be held in aid of a certain fund. All four magistrates looked hard at the miserable man making the request, looked at each other, one blew his nose, another tapped her pencil, another took a drink, while the fourth was slightly drowsy ; no one minded. Finally the Chief Magistrate sat back in his chair, and said, "We have considered your request and will consent to an extension of your licence until 11.30 p.m." The sweating proprietor muttered thanks, hurriedly signed a book, and literally ran from the Court. How the decision was made I cannot tell, but I have strong suspicions that a nose-blowing, a pencil tap, or a drink of water, and even a quiet sleep, have far more significance on the Bench, than we laymen realise.

And so to the next case, which was pathetically typically of many. A small and rather ill-kempt old man was brought in presumably from the cells, and the far too familiar story told of him. He lived in a certain hostel, was in a games-room, saw a jacket hanging up with a protruding wallet, took it. The owner of the wallet was called from the Well of the Court to the Witness Box, where he told simply how he had left his jacket hanging up and had come back to find his wallet missing. Then after evidence of a detective, the

prisoner was brought forward to testify, and told of unemployment, troubles at home, lack of money and the temptation of easy money. All four Magistrates were very much awake, and viewed the man with a past clean record with much sympathy, let him out on probation and promised to help him with a job. He left the dock and walked through the Court, when the owner of the wallet left his seat, and the two walked out arm in arm. Both noble men—the one a victim of circumstance, the other upright and understanding.

There were several smaller cases, during which the Court Clerk, the only man versed in law, was kept very busy with various points of law. The constables too were occupied, not only with keeping the Court quiet but also with the ejecting of a certain man who became somewhat objectionable in connection with a ruling against him for failing to pay alimony to his wife that was.

All in all, things were quiet, and becoming more interesting, as the session proceeded, when suddenly one of my friends, the giant, roared out "All persons not concerned with the F— versus F— case will immediately leave the Court."

Disconsolately I got up, and was surprised to see no one else move, and only then realised that I was the only one in Court who had come quite voluntarily! Something of a surprise, but most uplifting, and as I walked out I looked at those remaining people with some scorn, and swaggered out rather lazily.

Ah, it's grand to be free!

M.A.P. VI.

SONNET.

The bi-plane, ever mounting, climbs above
This dreary world, this embryonic Hell,
And parts the clouds, to satisfy man's love
To conquer new spheres and of power to tell.
But piercing once those lofty, azure heights
Man is confounded by their majesty,
And, in that mighty dome of blue, delights
To bow to God, and all his might to see.
But man can never stay in this domain
And must to puny earth return his thought,
To dirt and squalor and a life of pain
And to that misery which evil wrought.
Thus man may strive to equal God's proud strength
But must to earth recall his thoughts at length.

P.S.C. VI.

THE VOICE OF DEMOCRACY.
A Defence of the "Hyde Park Orators."

There is a corner of the huge metropolis of London, where the very pulse of Britain can truly be said to throb. On this "blessed plot" more queer types and unforgettable characters congregate, than could ever be found among all of Dickens' immortal novels.

The "Hyde Park Orators" are now regarded as just another of London's many curiosities, and visitors to this city go to watch them and listen to their chatter with much the same idea that prompts sightseers to visit the Zoo, and pay particular attention to the Monkey House! This attitude, to my mind, is quite intolerable, since these orators of the Park are men and women superior in their sincerity and stronger in their determination than any of your platform speakers who, armed with first a polite introduction from the chairman, and the polite claps and "hear hears" of stiff men and women with him on the platform, apart from the traditional, but you really shouldn't use it, glass of water on a table, and the ever patient and respectful audience. Such men or women used to such respectability would positively quake at the prospect of having to speak under "soap-box" circumstances.

And what are these circumstances? Imagine this: an open space with no protection from the weather, shaky stands for the speakers, and the speakers, (but of them later) and a milling crowd, good natured, but critical, all go to make up the Park side saga. Such surroundings it would be imagined, could not foster any depth of thought or forcefulness of speech; and yet how wrong is this assumption, for do but listen to the varied topics discussed and the gusto with which they are discussed, and such ideas will quickly vanish from the mind.

I have already touched on the superiority of the orators, but more should be said about the respective characters to be found regularly in the Park, and the topics on which they talk with the greatest of profundity and animation; though one must never forget the hecklers who are an integral part of the proceedings, and indeed it has reached a stage when though the hecklers would greatly miss the speakers, the speakers would no less miss the hecklers. It would be best perhaps to divide the speakers and their topics into three groups. Firstly, religious; secondly, political; and thirdly, those who feel the urge to speak as their conscience dictates. The hecklers can only be divided into resident and non-resident.

First, the religious speakers. These are men and women for the most part, who have a belief in a certain faith, and are of such

good nature that their main desire is to share the fruits of their faith with the world at large. Some would say they are fanatical ; I would prefer to say that they have a deep sincerity and conviction. Why, did not a certain gentleman belonging to the " Society of Cherubim and Seraphim " quite calmly and deliberately announce that he had correspondence in his flat in the Edgware Road from the Messiah ? and did he not further claim, in all sincerity, that he and his followers sank the " Titanic," and in an odd moment started, and then ended the latest of World Wars ? Such conviction is surely worthy of investigation.

Secondly, the political speakers. These in turn can be divided into three groups : (a) those who dislike the present Government, whichever it might be, (b) those who have a grudge against the world, and (c) those who have highly original ideas on economics. Some, who really can't appreciate their depth of thought, say they are " cranks " ; I would prefer to say that they are economists and sociologists, with a difference. What if one respectable gentleman wishes to " kill off the idle rich " in one great swoop ; he has his reasons and should be heard. Supposing another advocates the abolition of the taxes ; he has his rights, and he may prefer buses.

Thirdly, those who speak as their conscience dictates. Some rather unkindly term them comedians ; I would rather call them men of wisdom. These men of wisdom have a " wonderful dexterity " in talking on the widest of topics, and with the profoundest of graces. I must admit that I have listened to some for a long time, after which I suddenly realise that they have talked of nothing, and have imparted no new knowledge, and yet even with this realised their sagacious demeanour holds one transfixed with admiration. Whether they stand and recite Shakespeare, as one man did, or put themselves up as a one-man Brains Trust, as another man does, there is about them an authority never to be lost.

Of the hecklers it can be said that, though they lack the sincerity of the speakers, they have very great humour, and much faithfulness —as many a speaker will tell you, who has been followed by the same few hecklers for months, and who finds his favourite lines being chanted before he himself can even begin them.

Yes, this is indeed the Voice of Democracy and tells better than all other English institutions, the true spirit of our country. Humorous, humane, sincere and at all times controversial, these are the attributes of that corner in Hyde Park ; examine them in more detail, magnify them as fit a country and there will be seen the noble characteristics of this England. After Scott, I can but

say that speech is thought, and thought is beauty and surely there is nothing finer than beauty.

M.A.P. VI.



SPORT

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Although, perhaps, this season's Rugby was not so successful as last, it has been enjoyable and not without its triumphs. The number of mid-week games has, we hope, encouraged interest in the game throughout the School.

This year team difficulties were more acute than usual ; only four of the previous year's 1st XV remained, and filling in the remaining positions was rendered the more difficult because this year brought to light the lack of practice during the war years. Consequently the team was drawn from all parts of the School, and was, on the average, younger than is usual for the 1st XV. Indeed, we included two 14 year-olds.

Amongst the first games of the season, we played our farewell game with our old rival the 2nd/5th Welch Regt., and were soundly beaten. We also lost, by a very small margin to Stowe 2nd XV in a very hard-fought game.

What was probably the best game of the season was played against Reading School. The teams were very evenly matched. The School gained a 3 point lead midway through the second half ; hanging on grimly, the forwards played an excellent game and made several fine rushes to save the game, so that we finally emerged victors by 17 pts. to 14. Up to this point in the season we had done quite well, having beaten Windsor County School twice, and Borlase School with little difficulty.

We then suffered a setback, for against Watford Grammar School, Lochhead, the most experienced member of the side, received concussion and was able to play in only one more game during the season. Stewart also received a shoulder injury which kept him out of the game for some weeks. These injuries made it necessary for Goldsmith to become the regular fly-half, a position he filled very capably.

Then from early November until Christmas we suffered a monotonous series of eight defeats broken only by a 4-0 victory over Borlase School. During this period we encountered and lost to Aylesbury Grammar School whom we had not met for some

years, R.A.F. (Booker) twice, Halton No. 1 Wing twice and Stowe 2nd XV. Reading School had their revenge on us.

The Christmas holidays seemed to refresh the team, which was re-arranged; Andrews moved to the centre, and Nightingale took his place at full-back. The first game of Lent Term produced a victory over Berkshire Wanderers by 25 pts. to 11, which so encouraged the team to a higher standard of play, that the next week we brought off a creditable victory over Watford Grammar School, thereby reversing the decision of the former match.

A new fixture against Merchant Taylor's 2nd XV was won easily, and we would probably have had run up a higher score if the weather had been better. When the fixture with Thame Grammar School was revived we maintained our current form and won quite comfortably. In our last match we were outplayed and outrun by a combined Masters' and Old Boys' XV. The Old Boys' backs were far too fast for us and gained breakaways from several fine movements. However, the game was not quite so one-sided as the score (5-30) suggests; the forwards, at least, had a fair part of the game.

Although we lost more matches than we won, the season was quite creditable to us, for many players were comparative novices to the game—but there was no player, whether experienced or new to the game who did not prove his worth.

Above all else we must again this season thank Mr. Rees for the invaluable coaching he gave us during the Autumn. Unfortunately he left us at Christmas to take up another appointment. Luckily he was succeeded by another fine coach in Mr. R. Emery, himself an Old Boy and captain of the Old Wycombiensians' R.U.F.C.

It is to be hoped that the season's Rugby has encouraged boys all through the School to take a real interest in the game, for it is by practice lower down the School that we shall in future be able to construct the perfect team worthy of a School such as ours.

A.G.D., VI. (Capt.).

During the season, tries were scored by:—

Goldsmith 12, Woodward 6, Duckering 5, Lewis 4, Smith 4, Phizackerley 3, Lochhead 3, Larkin 2, Andrews, Hodson, Nightingale, Pawley, A. W. 129 points.

Tries were converted by:—

Duckering 8, Woodward 5, Goldsmith 4, Smith 1. 36 points.

Penalty goals were kicked by :—
 Duckering 7, Nightingale 1. 24 points.

Goals were dropped by :—
 Goldsmith 2, Nightingale 1, Lochhead 1. 16 points.

2nd XV

Although the 2nd XV won only two of their seven fixtures and suffered several heavy defeats, the keenness and the improvement shown were very encouraging. This was mainly due to the energy of Mr. Hollingworth whose interest and coaching proved invaluable. The true result of this work will be seen next season when a number of promising players will be taking their natural place in the 1st XV with considerable inter-school match experience.

RESULTS OF MATCHES, 1945 - 46.

1st XV.

	1945	Opponents	Ground	Points		Result
				F	A	
Oct.	6	—Windsor County School	... Away ...	13	0	... Won
"	13	—2/5 Welch Regiment	... Home ...	0	19	... Lost
"	17	—Borlase School, Marlow	... Home ...	42	0	... Won
"	20	—Windsor County School	... Home ...	28	16	... Won
"	24	—Stowe School, 2nd XV.	... Home ...	19	21	... Lost
"	30	—Reading School	... Home ...	17	14	... Won
Nov.	10	—Watford G. S.	... Away ...	0	14	... Lost
"	14	—Aylesbury G. S.	... Away ...	0	18	... Lost
"	17	—Halton No. 1 Wing	... Home ...	0	10	... Lost
"	21	—R.A.F. Booker	... Home ...	3	6	... Lost
"	24	—Stowe School 2nd XV.	... Away ...	4	16	... Lost
"	28	—R.A.F. Booker	... Home ...	9	16	... Lost
Dec.	1	—Reading School	... Away ...	0	13	... Lost
"	5	—Borlase School, Marlow	... Away ...	4	0	... Won
"	8	—Halton No. 1 Wing	... Away ...	5	28	... Lost
Feb.	2	—Berkshire Wanderers	... Home ...	25	11	... Won
"	9	—Watford G. S.	... Home ...	9	6	... Won
"	13	—Merchant Taylor's 2nd XV.	Home ...	9	0	... Won
"	16	—Thame G. S.	... Away ...	13	3	... Won
Mar.	27	—Old Boys	... Home ...	5	30	... Lost

Played 20 ; Won 9 ; Lost 11. Points for 205 ; Against 254.

School Matches : Played 13 ; Won 8 ; Lost 5. Points for 158 ; Against 102.

2nd XV.

	1945	Opponents	Ground	F	A	Result
Oct.	6	—Windsor County School	... Home ...	12	3	... Won
"	24	—Stowe School 3rd XV	... Home ...	0	58	... Lost
"	30	—Reading School	... Away ...	0	47	... Lost
Nov.	17	—Borlase School, Marlow	... Away ...	10	14	... Lost
"	24	—Stowe School 3rd XV.	... Away ...	0	31	... Lost

Dec.	1—Reading School	...	Home	...	0	22	...	Lost
..	15—Borlase School, Marlow	...	Home	...	29	5	...	Won
	Points 7 ; Won 2 ; Lost 5 ;		For 51 ; Against 180.					

HOUSE RUGBY. FINAL TABLE.

			Points					
	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.		
Disraeli	3	3	0	85	0	6
Queens	3	2	1	73	20	4
Kings	3	1	2	24	74	2
Arnison	3	0	3	13	102	0

HOUSE RUGBY.

House Rugby was revived this year upon a league basis, each House playing every other House. The competition was not quite so exciting as it might have been, as two Houses, Disraeli and Queens commanded the majority of the 1st and 2nd XV's between them. This does not reflect upon the gameness of the other two Houses who put up a very good show throughout.

The first week of the competition provided fairly easy victories for Disraeli and Queens. The second week produced much the same results.

The final week saw a great struggle between Disraeli and Queens, Disraeli, with most of the School pack, finally triumphed by 12 pts. to nil. In the other match, Kings' extra thrust provided them with a 21 pts. to 9, victory over Arnison.

1st TEAM CHARACTERS.

DUCKERING (*Captain*)—Has made an eminent success of his captaincy. His example has set the team a high standard of sound play and hard work. As leader of the forwards he was always well up with the ball, as the tries he scored proves. His place kicking has been exceptional, no less than 15 kicks being successful.

GOLDSMITH (*Vice-Captain*)—A capable stand-off. Has combined well with Miller. A strong runner, he has engineered some fine moves, but retains a flair for kicking to touch rather than getting his line moving. Top scorer (with Duckering) having scored 12 tries.

NIGHTINGALE. Full-back. Has played in this position only since Christmas. Formerly a centre he was rather slow although possessing an elusive side-step. At full-back has been very sound, his fielding has been good and his kicking of fine length.

WOODWARD. R-Wing three-quarter. Is only 14 years old but stands 6 foot. An extremely strong and fast runner. His only drawback is his tendency to stop confronted by an opponent. He will probably grow out of this. Has an extremely powerful place-kick.

ANDREWS. R-Centre. Formerly full-back but moved later to his present position. His tackling is deadly and he possesses a fine kick. His speed has given Woodward many openings.

HODSON. L.—Centre—A new player to the game who has played well. He is very fast and he has occasional flashes of brilliance. His handling and passing are inclined to be erratic but will improve.

PHIZACKERLEY. L. Wing three-quarter.—Possesses a safe tackle and a good turn of speed. His handling has at times left something to be desired but when he has the ball runs very well for the time. Deserved to score more tries than he did.

MILLER.—A very good scrum-half. Has always provided an excellent service to Goldsmith. Has a good instinct for breaking round the blind side. Is fast and good in defence.

PAWLEY, P.J.—A tall and fast forward. Is excellent in the line out using his height to advantage. Is unfortunate in not scoring as he is always on the spot to back up any of the backs.

PAWLEY, A. W.—Brought in as a reserve for the first match, he kept his place throughout the season as hooker. Not only his hooking but also his dribbling was very good. Will make an outstanding player.

HICKMAN.—A very hard worker who never slacked at any time. One always found him at the bottom of a scrum. His cheerful manner helped greatly towards the morale of the team.

STEWART.—One of the last year's colours. A fine sound player who gets through a great amount of work, although not spectacular. His dribbling was of high standard and often led forward rushes.

LEWIS.—Rather light, but a good wing forward. Fast, and good at following up and has scored some good tries. Has also proved very useful in filling vacancies in the back division when injuries have occurred.

LARKIN.—His speed, height and weight have made him a good forward. Does not spare himself and often has initiative to start attacks.

SMITH J. R.—As a wing forward has used his speed to good advantage in sporting tactics. His dribbling is excellent and has been the means of several tries. His 4 tries reflect his high standard of play.

All the above have been awarded 1st XV. Colours.

CRICKET.

For the 1946 season, the following Colours are returning :—
1st XI—T. E. Goldsmith (*Captain*), D. T. Nightingale (*Vice-Captain*), J. M. Stevens, J. R. Smith.

2nd XI.—Bradley, Turmer, Groom, Woodward, Free, Clarke, Bailey, Lamb.

CROSS COUNTRY.

This year the Cross-Country Races were revived. All four were run on the same day, Thursday, April 6th. The weather proving perfect, good times were returned in all the races but the lack of sufficient practice was especially noticeable in the Senior Event.

Results.
SENIOR.

<i>Disraeli</i>		<i>Queens</i>		<i>Arnison</i>		<i>Kings</i>	
2	Chinn	3	Stewart	1	Buzzard	7	Cox, D.
4	Miles	5	Syrett	12	Miller	11	Fellowes
8	Miller	6	Whittaker	15	Nicholson	16	Bevan
9	Hodson	13	Lewis	18	Brown, F.	20	Gold
10	Ashford	17	Pettit	24	Collins, P.	22	Groom
14	Smith	21	Cuthbertson	25	Mercy	23	Cox, A.
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Time : 28 mins. 50 secs.

COLTS.

<i>Queens</i>		<i>Disraeli</i>		<i>Kings</i>		<i>Arnison</i>	
3	Standage	1	Woodward	14	Patey	2	Parker
4	Kipping	10	Smith, D.	16	Francis	5	Reading
6	Lochhead	11	Howard	21	Weale	20	Doyle
7	McFarlane	12	Harris, M. J.	22	Smith, G. R.	26	Johnson
8	Page	15	Jones, D.	24	Keen	37	Stokes
9	Haddon	23	Boyles	25	Fry	40	Sawyer
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Time : 26 mins. 5Bsecs.

JUNIOR.

<i>Queens</i>		<i>Disraeli</i>		<i>Kings</i>		<i>Arnison</i>	
2	Timms	6	Edwards	1	Cooper	16	Read
3	Norcote	7	Crook	5	Cussell	30	Bowman
4	Phillips	9	Harris	8	Wheelband	35	Hersey
10	Crook	12	Tucker	11	Fleet	40	Cowlett
18	Clarke, M. D.	13	Dronfield	21	Tapping	41	Reeves
20	Barrell	14	Peddle	22	Harcourt	45	Keep
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Time : 15 mins. 2 secs.

JUNIOR BUILDING.

<i>Disraeli</i>		<i>Queens</i>		<i>Arnison</i>		<i>Kings</i>	
3	Prosser	5	Sharpe	1	Smith	2	Martin
4	Priest	8	Bradley	7	Roadknight	9	Richards
6	Knock	10	Lee	15	Cromack	11	Bulpett
12	Barnes	13	Scotchbrook	20	Maine	23	Jelly
17	Robertson	14	Carpenter	24	Griffiths	26	Emmins
19	Seymour	16	Garratt	25	Kipping	30	Dutton
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Time : 11 mins. 23 secs.

SCHOOL SOCIETIES.

MACBETH.

This year's school play, Shakespeare's "Macbeth." was a triumph for the leading actors and the people behind the scenes. It was a production in which the secondary and minor characters deserved of the customary but well-earned praise meted out to performers each year. This year, however, we perceived a great advance in stage and scenic effects, and a new standard was set up by the main characters.

J. L. Dennis reaped a harvest of admiration in his presentation of Macbeth. Whether great general, scheming murderer, cowardly criminal or ruthless tyrant, Dennis always met the situation with a wealth of expression and action. It was clear that he had studied the part very thoroughly a part which suited his powerful voice and large build. So praiseworthy was his performance that he must endure one word of criticism. He tended to speak too fast and was a trifle indistinct. His partner, B. P. Smith, was no less applauded for his Lady Macbeth. He never stopped acting; his very walk and talk was admirably feminine. He reached the summit of his performance in an excellent display during the Sleepwalking scene.

The other actors gave the usual creditable performance, but the stern eye of the critic was so caught by the performances of Dennis and Smith, that he could not say, with conviction, that any of them shone. Green was a well-cast and attractive Malcolm. By a convincing display of more human emotions Podeshva's Banquo and Duckering's Macduff provided a powerful contrast to the tyrant Macbeth. The witches were beautifully weird; the porter amusing, if rather expressionless; Lady Macduff and son were entertaining. Duncan, Lennox and Ross were all good. Lord, soldiers and servants did not act quite enough, but their appearance was commendable.

Pains were taken this year to provide good effects behind the scenes. The sound and light experts deserve a special word of praise. The whole atmosphere was enhanced by fanfares and drums, storms, the use of dimmers, and a miscellany of sounds like the owl's hoot, and the harp. The scenic arrangements, based on the minimum of scenery to be used, enabled a continuity far better than in the "Merchant of Venice" production of Easter, this year.

Finally, right behind the scenes, metaphorically this time, a word of congratulation to all who co-operated to produce "Macbeth." It can be no easy job to produce, with success, a Shakespearean tragedy. Let the truest praise be, therefore, that "Macbeth" was produced, with success.

E.L. VI.

Characters in order of their appearance :

First Witch ...	...	...	...	...	R. MICHAELS
Second Witch ...	...	...	...	...	P. D. FRY
Third Witch ...	...	...	...	...	B. C. PEATEY
Duncan, King of Scotland	...	...	...	...	J. M. STEVENS
Malcolm, Son of the King	...	...	...	...	G. E. GREEN
Donalbain, second son of the King	...	...	...	...	M. E. WESTNEY
Lennox	}	...	...	...	F. F. SUESSMAN
Caithness		...	...	...	P. G. NICOLSON
Menteith		Scottish Lords	R. G. BOYLES
Ross		H. L. L. LEACH
Angus		D. W. LAMB
Another Scottish Lord ...	...	...	...	...	J. T. MILES

A Scottish Captain	...	...	...	D. B. HAWKINS
Macbeth, the Thane of Glamis	...	...	...	J. L. DENNIS
Banquo	...	...	...	M. A. PODESHVA
Lady Macbeth	...	...	...	B. P. SMITH
An Attendant	...	...	...	D. LIPSCOMB
A Waiting Gentlewoman	...	...	...	B. V. SMITH
Macduff, the Thane of Fife	...	...	...	A. G. DUCKERING
Fleance, Son of Banquo	...	...	...	K. KENYON
The Porter	...	...	...	N. C. HARRIS
An Old Man	...	...	...	W. CHINN
First Murderer	...	...	...	P. J. PAWLEY
Second Murderer	...	...	...	N. M. MARKS
Third Murderer	...	...	...	D. L. TROTT
First Apparition	...	...	...	D. S. MILLER
Second Apparition	...	...	...	M. BUTLER
Third Apparition	...	...	...	F. C. TUCKER
Lady Macduff	...	...	...	P. S. GROOM
Her Son	...	...	...	G. W. BRADLEY
Seyton	...	...	...	J. M. KING
A Scottish Doctor	...	...	...	B. N. LITTLEWOOD
Siward	...	...	...	T. E. GOLDSMITH
Young Siward, his Son	...	...	...	J. E. DEAN
First Soldier	...	...	...	M. D. PARRY
Second Soldier	...	...	...	B. W. HONOUR

Lighting :

I. M. MARGETSON, D. T. NIGHTINGALE, D. J. WHITE.

Scenery :

D. J. COX, M. D. FELLOWS, A. M. E. LEESER,
P. G. SQUIRES.

Fanfares and Drums :

R. J. BANHAM, D. R. HILL, P. S. LACKINGTON, I. R. MCQUEEN,
A. I. C. OMAND, D. J. WHITE.

Curtain : P. S. LACKINGTON.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY.

The Modern Languages Society was revived on Monday, January 21st, 1946, for the benefit and entertainment of language scholars in the middle and senior schools. The following committee was elected:—President: The Headmaster, Chairman: E. Lewis, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer: S. J. Langston, G. R. Smith VI, Whittaker, V(s).

Meetings of this Society are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 1.20 p.m. Owing to the departure of E. Lewis, there will be a slight alteration during the Summer Term. It is hoped that Mr. Gilbert, Senior Languages Master, will take over the post of Chairman.

During the Spring Term, steady progress has been made. A trip to the Academy Cinema, London, to see Francoise Rosay in "Une Femme Disparait," was made on March 28th and it is expected that such trips will be termly occurrences. Future entertainment will be decided at the beginning of the Summer Term, and it is hoped that it will consist of film shows and termly plays. The committee hope that this society will prove a source of benefit and entertainment to anyone interested and stress the fact that it is apart from school work, and to help language students, giving them at the same time a pleasant period apart from school lessons.

VISIT TO A FILM.

On March 28th, 1946, the Modern Languages Society visited the Academy Cinema, London, to see Francoise Rosay in "Une Femme Disparait." This film is unique, in that it was the only one made during the German occupation. Throughout, Francoise Rosay acts with an ease and ability which can only characterize Francoise Rosay. Her superb portrayal of the four totally different characters of a stage artiste, a country-bred farm servant, a school teacher, and a gipsy bargee's wife, was exceptional. Her acting completely eclipsed that of all others, although the rest of the cast was by no means mediocre.

The lack of material and background, due to the German occupation of France, was partly overcome, though not completely, by the strenuous exertions of the cast. The filming was fairly good, and the sound, although rather bad at first, reached the standards set by American and British films. The scenes were all set around a lake, leaving no room for artificialities in the scenery. The French spoken was good and the English captions were flashed on the screen at the exact moment they were needed.

The object of the Society, in going to see this film, was to be able to hear French spoken by natives of France. The opinion of several of the members of the Society was that this experience was worth-while and gave them an opportunity of learning several phrases and expressions which could only be learnt by hearing them spoken by a Frenchman. However, without the aid of the English captions, the French was rather difficult in places.

It is to be hoped that in the future, similar arrangements will be made to profit by hearing French spoken by French people. I am sure that all those who went on this trip were fully satisfied by the performance of the French actors, and derived as much benefit from this film as they would from learning French in school.

S. J. L.

CHESS CLUB.

The Chess Club was re-formed at half term after a lapse of about three years. Mr. Black called a meeting of all people interested in Chess and the following committee was elected: Chairman: V. G. Gibson, Treasurer: Mr. Black, Secretary: D. W. Lamb, Senior Members: R. Lang, J. S. Young, Junior Members: W. H. Gibbs, R. Tapping.

There are now 38 members in the club, meetings of which are held on Monday and Wednesday during the lunch hour and after school on Wednesday in the Geography Room. Senior members of the club have played members of the staff to gain experience. The club has entered a team for the Berks and Bucks School Challenge Shield which is now held by Reading School. This team consists of six members who have to play the High Wycombe Technical Institute in the First round.

The membership fee is 6d. per term. This money is used to buy books on Chess and to replace any men or boards which happen to be lost or broken. The club has only six sets of its own at the moment and would gladly buy from boys any sets not in use.

The team picked to represent the club against the Technical Institute is as follows: A. Leeser, E. Bevan, V. Gibson, D. Andrews, D. Lamb, and H. Steele. This round will be played on the first or second Wednesday of next term at School.

MUSIC SOCIETY.

During the Easter term 1946, the Music Society, under the leadership of Mr. Rainbow and Mr. Black, carried on with the good work begun in September 1945.

Encouraged by the support gained in that previous term a further ten lunch-time concerts, including "Request Programmes," "The Individual's Choice" and piano and violin recitals, were presented each Thursday to audiences of both members of staff and pupils, fifty of whom were enrolled as members of the Society. Several of these recitals were on records from the Society's own Record Library which has been started with the proceeds from the weekly concerts and membership fees.

As a result of Mr. Rainbow's skilful direction a high standard of entertainment was maintained throughout the term which culminated in Mozart's Symphony No. 40, and Schubert's Unfinished Symphony. And so, in his end of term review, the Headmaster praised the work of the Music Society.

J. L. D.

HOUSE MUSIC COMPETITION.

On Thursday, April 3rd, the House Music Competition was once again held at school. Despite the fact that it took place on a glorious spring day—the hottest, we were told, for 90 years—the varied programme held the interest of the school. We were glad to welcome as Judge, Mr. L. J. Blake, Director of Music at Malvern College, who by his great charm of manner, made even the first and less interesting section of the competition, a musical dictation, entertaining.

Section B. was the composition of a tune to fit words by *Herrick*. Mr. Blake sang a number of the tunes sent in ; some of these were extremely pleasant. Section C. consisted of solo items and was the most enjoyable part of the competition since performances were given not only on the piano but on instruments ranging from the violin to the 'cello, the flute to the euphonium.

The last section was for concerted items, but only two houses put in entries. Owing to this the result of the Competition was much closer than at first seemed likely, Disraeli beating Queens by only one point. Mr. Blake ended the competition by commenting on the performances given, saying how pleased he was to find that boys had not all chosen to play the piano. Mr. G. F. Bailey then presented the shield to Duckering, Captain of the winning house.

The final result was : Arnison : 104 Disraeli : 120 Queens : 119 Kings : 77

The following boys represented the Houses :

ARNISON.—Austin, Cowlett, Fletcher, Hutchinson, Keep, Wilks.

DISRAELI.—Bennell, Betts, Duckering, Gray, Hobbs, Key, Potts, Tucker, Turner, Wright, Youers.

QUEENS.—Carpenter, Carter, Dakin, Harris, Kipping, Lecser, Long, Punter, Sachs, Sydney.

KINGS.—Brown, Collins, Crump, Smith, Why.

J. T. C. NOTES.

The Easter Term saw the return of some officers from the Forces and the resignation of those officers who had so ably carried out the duties of the J.T.C.

with all the other additional duties caused by the shortage of staff during the war years. Resignations were as follows :

Major E. R. Tucker, Capt. H. G. Brand, Lieut. P. L. Jones, Lieut. H. B. Rees.

The following appointments were made :—

Commanding Officer : Major R. Pattinson, R.A. ; 2nd in Command : Capt. M. M. Davies, I. Corps.

Activities during this term were confined mainly to training for Certificate "A". The examination was held on March 26th and in Part I, 35 candidates passed out of 42 and in Part II, 14 candidates passed out of 18.

The following is an extract from the Examining Officer's report.

Squad Drill.—The drill of the Cadets was good, but more attention should be paid to the detail of each movement. The absence of a permanent instructor to the Cadets has no doubt handicapped them.

Weapon Training.—Knowledge of the rifle was good but the handling was very poor. It is suggested that Cadets should get more practice at the handling of weapons.

Map Reading.—Cadets had a very good knowledge of this subject, a very high percentage of marks was obtained.

Fieldcraft.—Cadets seemed to try and remember too much about what they had read in pamphlets which showed a definite lack of practical instruction.

General.—Members of the Board were impressed by the keenness and enthusiasm with which cadets tackled the various questions. With more practical training a very high standard should be obtained. The absence of a permanent instructor to the school is a great handicap.

The M.T. and Signals Sections, though small, continue to attract enthusiastic supporters. Three out of four candidates passed the preliminary examination in M.T. and it is hoped that they will take certificate "T" next term. Activities have been mainly confined to indoor training but the M.T. Section paid a visit to the Vauxhall Works at Luton whilst the Signals Section had a "Field Day" by reporting the progress of the School Cross Country Races by wireless and broadcasting the results to the spectators.

R.P.

CERTIFICATE "A" RESULTS.

The following Candidates passed in the Examination held on 26th March, 1946.

PART II.

D. P. Byrne	T. B. Jenkins
A. A. Clarke	D. P. Joynson
R. Fountain	A. King
J. Gardner	J. M. King
M. T. Harris	R. A. Miller
D. B. Hawkins	D. H. Newell
K. F. Jarrett	N. G. N. Stansbury

PART I.

R. G. Ashford	R. V. P. Hudson
S. W. Ashford	K. Kenyon
P. Blackmore	D. Lipscomb
J. A. Bloxidge	J. W. Lomas
D. N. Bristow	J. T. Miles
D. W. H. Brown	I. A. Neish
R. Buzzard	D. P. Owen
M. W. J. Carter	P. B. Pettit
M. G. Chalk	D. E. Plumridge
A. G. Cook	W. G. Putnam
M. M. Cornish	R. P. Ray
J. Cox	R. E. Styles
P. J. Cuthbertson	D. K. T. Ward
R. E. Gardner	J. D. Weatherall
F. L. Gay	N. R. Woollett
D. J. Glynn	P. J. Worrell
D. J. Griffiths	J. S. Young
D. R. Hill	

A. T. C. NOTES.

In the new school year, starting in Sept. 1945, fresh arrangements were made for the School Flights of the A.T.C. Previously Cadets had been able to be members of the J.T.C. as well as of the A.T.C. but it was now felt that less time must be devoted to Training Corps work. Under the new arrangements 3 periods per week are given to Corps training and Cadets over 15 may choose which Corps they prefer. In the circumstances a drop in numbers was to be expected although the Squadron can still claim to be one of the largest School units in the country.

The sudden ending of the war with Japan and the subsequent need to replace men about to be demobilised swept a very large proportion of the Old Boy members into the Services. Hopes of aircrew training were dashed but quite a number of Cadets still elected to enter the R.A.F. and to wait for the opportunity of flying training. News has just been received that such training is about to begin again.

As a result of this change in strength it was decided to suspend formal classes on Monday evenings on 26th October, 1945. It is worth while to mention here that starting early in February, 1941. the Monday evening instructional classes were kept going in all trades throughout the war, with scarcely a break. Such was the enthusiasm that parades took place even on Whit. Monday.

Training has continued on much the same lines as before with some consolidation. Proficiency Certificates have been obtained by Cadets Brant, F. A., Britnell, A. V., Smith, A. H., Wilson, D. E., Kirby F., Suessmann, F., Bratchell, G. E., Bird, R. W., Warren, J. W., Pickles, J. J., Tanner, D. W., Housden, A. C., Saunders, P. B., and Aldridge, A. These Cadets thus secure promotion to Leading Cadet.

In the Advanced Training steady progress has been made and the following Cadets have secured the major part of the Advanced Training Certificate L/Cadet Suessman, F., Cpl. Cox, D. J., L/C Ransley, L., L/Cadet Chinn, W., Sergeant Smith, J. R., L/Cadet Harris, R., L/Cadet Miller, H., Cpl. Perfect, D., Cpl. Briggs, H., L/Cadet Smith.

Enthusiasm for Gliding continues and thanks to the efficiency and energy of F/Lt. Bunn and his staff of instructors at the Gliding School at Booker, several more Cadets have gained the "A" Gliding Certificate.

Several changes of personnel among the officers and instructors of the Squadron have to be recorded. F/O E. C. Millington who was mainly responsible for the Pre-Proficiency training in Navigation has left the School. His persistent cheerfulness and enthusiasm were a source of encouragement and help to all who knew him. We have been fortunate indeed to secure in his place as civilian instructor F/Lt. R. F. Emery who has been a pilot in Bomber Command as well as a pilot instructor. On the technical side we have been equally fortunate. F/Lt. T. V. Sheppard who was engaged in Special Technical Development has taken over classes in trade subjects for Proficiency. F/O J. Hudson has been transferred to the Squadron and is giving invaluable help as Signals Officer.

In the Advanced Training work we have been much helped by the kind assistance of Mr. G. H. Peck, of Messrs. E. Turner & Co., who is now responsible for the Advanced Training in Wireless.

Much useful practical work has been done and some very instructive visits have been arranged.

Flying has continued at intervals throughout the winter, although not to the same extent as previously. However recent orders by Air Ministry indicate that we can look forward to an extension of this side of training.

Last year's camp at Downham Market was attended by 82 Cadets who received instruction in all kinds of work, particularly in the use of radar navigational aids.

On the Sports side the enthusiasm for boxing has been well maintained thanks to the energetic efforts of F/O James and Mr. Van den Bergh. Four Cadets, D. J. Cox, M. Bond, D. W. Tanner and W. Chinn won their contests in the Eastern Command Final Championships and the other entrant, W. J. Hobbs was unlucky not to win his bout. Chinn went on to become champion of Eastern and Midland Command and was only defeated in the Southern semi-finals.



OLD BOYS' CLUB.

BIRTHS.

G. P. ARDEN (1923-30). On August 13th, 1945, in London, to Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Arden, a daughter.

E. BENYON (1926-31). On July 6th, 1945, at Beaconsfield, to Mr. and Mrs. Benyon, a son.

O. L. BERRY, (1932-36).—On April 30th, 1946, at Bletchley, to Mr. and Mrs. L. Berry, a daughter.

G. R. BUNCE (1929-36). On January 19th, 1946, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Bunce, a son.

R. W. CLARK, (1923-27). On May 6th, 1946, at Prestwood, to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Clark, a daughter.

H. A. CLUETT (1928-34). On March 27th, 1946, at Gillingham, Dorset, to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cluett, a son.

G. A. COLLINS (1922-27). On February 19th, 1946, at Hampstead, to Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Collins, a son.

R. F. CROME (1925-31). On November 10th, 1945, at Perivale, to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Crome, a son.

L. K. FOX (1930-36). On March 6th, 1946, at Rochford, Essex, to Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Fox, a son.

I. E. FRASER (1933-35). On June 23rd, 1945, at New Brighton, to Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Fraser, a daughter.

V. G. GEE (1924-29). On March 3rd, 1946, at Hazlemere, to Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Gee, twins (son and daughter).

J. H. GRACE (1925-30).—On April 24th, 25th, 1946, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grace, twin sons.

K. S. HART (1925-31). On November 19th, 1945, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Hart, a daughter.

W. J. HART (1931-37). On January 23rd, 1946, at Kingsland, Herefordshire, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hart, a son.

C. S. W. HARTE (1926-31).—On April 27th, 1946, at Beaconsfield, to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. W. Harte, a daughter.

F. W. HOWES (1927-31). On February 27th, 1946, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Howes, a son.

K. C. HUTCHINSON (1926-30). On April 5th, 1946, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Hutchinson, a son.

F. KING (1925-29). On November 15th, 1945, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. F. King, a son.

G. St. J. LARKIN (1921-29). On February 22nd, 1946, in London, to Mr. and Mrs. G. St. Larkin, a son.

N. W. LUNNON (1925-30). On October 27th, 1945, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Lunnnon, a son.

J. F. LUTTMAN (1915-19). On December 12th, 1945, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Luttmann, a daughter.

K. R. D. MINES, (1923-26).—On April 26th, 1946, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Mines, a daughter.

C. MORRIS (1914-18). On February 19th, 1946, at Beaconsfield, to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Morris, a son.

R. P. RAMAGE (1928-33). On August 17th, 1945, at Balham, to Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Ramage, a son.

P. W. REDWAY (1930-35). On January 25th, 1946, at Aylesbury, to Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Redway, a daughter.

M. H. SPRIGGS (1926-30). On August 11th, 1945, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Spriggs, a son.

G. C. STANNERS (1930-36). On January 23rd, 1946, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Stanners, a daughter.

P. THORNE (1933-40). On January 16th, 1945, at Lane End, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Thorne, a daughter.

R. G. WHEELER (1919-25). On October 18th, 1945, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Wheeler, a son.

MARRIAGES.

AUSTIN—FRANCIS.—On September 4th, 1945, at High Wycombe, H. J. Austin (1928-34), to Miss B. J. Francis.

CASTLE—CORDWELL.—On October 6th, 1945, in London, J. H. Castle (1935-40), to Miss Pauline Cordwell.

FRASER—HUGHES.—On June 26th, 1943, at New Brighton, I. E. Fraser (1933-35), to Miss Melba Hughes.

GOMM—BISHOP.—On November 14th, 1945, at High Wycombe, T. Gomm (1930-35), to Miss Joan C. Bishop.

GREEN—FAILEY.—On December 11th, 1943, at High Wycombe, J. M. Green (1932-37), to Miss J. Failey.

LORD—DODDS.—On December 29th, 1945, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, H. G. Lord (1933-38), to Miss Elizabeth Dodds.

MORRIS—REID.—On February 25th, at Princes Risborough, R. C. Morris (1917-22), to Miss A. Reid.

OAKESHOTT—CLUTTERBUCK.—On March 8th, 1946, at Bramley, Surrey, K. R. Oakeshott (1930-38), to Miss J. Clutterbuck.

PEATEY—GIBBONS.—On April 20th, 1946, at High Wycombe, K. J. Peatey (1934-39) to Miss B. E. Gibbons.

PLATT—CLIFFORD.—On March 23rd, 1946, at Swindon, R. L. Platt (1930-33) to Miss E. I. Clifford.

RAMAGE—PARNELL.—On October 28th, 1944, in London, P. R. Ramage (1928-33), to Miss H. Parnell.

RHODES—FOREMAN.—On June 6th, 1943, at R. S. M. Rhodes (1934-38), to Miss E. Foreman.

RIPLEY—GOULD.—On April 23rd, 1946, at Penarth, Glam., E. L. Ripley (1930-37) to Miss S. Gould.

SMITH—MORRIS.—On October —, 1945, at High Wycombe, A. J. H. Smith (1921-25), to Miss V. E. Morris.

SHERRIFF—GLADMAN.—On March 17th, 1945, at Newcastle-under-Lyme, B. A. Sherriff (1929-35), to Miss J. E. Gladman.

STEVENS—ANDREWS. On April 20th, 1946, at Emberton, P. G. Stevens, (1927-33) to Miss M. Andrews.

THORNE—WHATMOOR.—On April 8th, 1944, at Wallasey, Cheshire, P. Thorne (1933-40), to Miss A. M. Whatmoor.

WHITE—CASTELLING.—On January 28th, 1942, at Naola, Northern Rhodesia, M. F. P. White (1926-32), to Miss E. S. Castelling.

WICKENS—ROY.—On August 26th, 1945, at Bangalore, India, F. C. Wickens (1931-38), to Miss Una Roy.

YOUENS—BUSH.—On August 17th, 1945, at Hornchurch, J. M. Youens (1933-39), to Miss B. Bush.

DEATHS.

N. H. COLLINSON (1915-20).—On August 4th, 1945, N. H. Collinson of Kingsmead, 10, Marsh Lane, Stanmore, Middlesex, aged 41 years.

A. J. BIRCH (1937-43).—Royal Corp of Singals, on November 22nd, 1945. A J. Birch of 205, West Wycombe Road, killed in air accident in Somerset on way to India. Aged 20 years.

C. H. CLARK (1936-40).—R.N.V.R. on March 15th, 1946 at Singapore, C. H. Clark of Harrias Cottage, Beaconsfield, aged 21 years.

J. M. EVANS (1938-44).—Royal Welch Fusiliers, on February 8th, 1946 J. M. Evans of 62, North Street, Matcham, Berks. accidentally killed by collapse of air-raid shelter, aged 19 years.

W. B. MORRIS (1880-'84).—On February 8th, 1946 at Martins End, Great Missenden (formerly of Handy Cross Farm, High Wycombe) William Beasley Morris, aged 76 years.

H. PITCHER (1892-95).—On October 27th, 1945, Herbert Pitcher of Grange Farm, Great Kimble, aged 65 years.

OLD BOYS' NOTES AND NEWS.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Art Room on Saturday, March 2nd, 1946, after a lapse of seven years. In spite of the Rigger Match (School v. Old Boys) having to be scratched owing to a hard frost a good number of Old Boys attended the meeting.

The Officers appointed for the year were :—President : Mr. G. W. Arnison ; Vice Presidents : Mr. W. J. Bartle, Mr. W. H. Healey, Mr. P. C. Rafferty, Col. L. L. C. Reynolds and Mr. E. R. Tucker ; Hon. Sec. : Mr. P. L. Jones ; Hon. Treasurer : Mr. R. F. Emery (1927-33) ; Games Sec. : Mr. H. G. Brand ; Committee : Messrs. L. B. Barnes (1924-31) ; N. G. Dean (1929-34) ; R. B. Dukerty (1926-31) ; A. E. Franklin Hole (1925-30) ; S. E. Hands (1915-20) ; A. E. M. Janes (1914-19) ; H. W. Johnson (1930-37) ; J. P. Lord (1924-39) ; S. T. Theed (1914-21) ; J. Tucker (1917-23).

The following points were discussed and left to the deliberations of the Committee (a) The disappointing number of members of the Club (b) Old Boys' News in the Magazine (c) Club funds (d) War Memorial. The Committee's decisions will be given in a later issue of the Magazine.

The Annual Supper was held in the School Hall immediately after the General Meeting. Nearly a hundred O.B.'s were present

to enjoy an excellent meal prepared by the staff of the School Kitchen. Short speeches were made by the President and by the Headmaster. Although, owing to a "technical hitch" in the heating of the building, the atmosphere was decidedly chilly, a very representative gathering of Staff and Old Boys spent an enjoyable evening exchanging reminiscences.

D. ALDERMAN (1937-40) as a guardsman in the King's Company of the Grenadier Guards found out that he did not really work hard while at school.

H. J. AUSTIN (1928-34) escaped five times and on the fifth was successful in reaching his home.

Mr. Bailey, father of J. W. BAILEY (1930-36) reported "Missing" believed killed," has now had more details from a ship-mate. J. W. Bailey was a member of the Commodore's staff and the ship was five days' journey from home, in presumably a safe area, when she was torpedoed at 10.30 p.m. They had plenty of time to get away but some of the rafts and boats must have been swamped. His friend was rescued the next day but as far as he knew only seven of the crew survived. None of the staff was amongst the rescued.

G. A. BECKETT'S (1936-40) present unit was formed on 1st April and was intended as one of the advanced Radar Stations—all of which resulted in very exciting times from "D" day till after the crossing of the Rhine. He often ran into his father who ran a Y.M.C.A. Van for the benefit of the 7th Armoured Division.

R. G. BLAKE (1921-25) after twenty years thought it was high time he joined the O.B.'s Club. He was discharged from the R.A.F. on medical grounds and has since obtained a very good post with a firm of Stockbrokers—more Maths!

A. W. BRADLEY (1938-43) with a loaded revolver on his desk, writes from Batavia that in spite of all the news he has so far only seen six corpses. The tanks of the natives remind him of one of the staff cars at the R.G.S.—no names! He has been asked to stand by the Radio Station and often reads the news—he still likes to hear his own voice!

G. M. H. BUNCE (1922-28) was sent to Portland where he was married in 1940 and he hopes to have his sons and daughters educated at Weymouth Grammar School. He writes, however, from Colombo where he expects to be until 1947. He ends his letter with "I have a daughter away at present."

H. G. BUTLER (1890-96) has been admitted to the Freedom of the City of London. While at School Butler was Captain of football and cricket and Sports Champion in 1895. He also played football for the Wycombe Wanderers and for Berks and Bucks. During the Great War he was chairman of the Allied Black List Committee and in the World War acted as Treasury Officer for the Southern Region.

From the War Office E. F. EVANS (1918-22) writes that while he has been there he has had so much to do with the seamanship and navigation of the Air Fleet that he hopes, when he has settled down, to form a Sailing Club with Marlow as a possible headquarters. He invites recruits from the R.G.S.

S. J. R. EVANS (1929-34) (after serving as a Radio Instructor to the R.C.A.F. was attached to a Glider Unit servicing Commandos and travelled over 1,000 miles with them. He was with the Royal Norwegian Fighting Wing throughout the European Campaign. He is now on the staff in India. During his many travels he met two O.B.s, E. Barry-Smith and W. J. Neve.

J. C. F. EVISON (1935-41) after qualifying for a commission in the R.A.C. was politely transferred to an Infantry Officer Cadet School and is now in the O.B.L.I.

M. FLEURY (1938-41) is justly proud to be in the 2/5th Royal Gurkha Rifles with its 150 decorations including 3 V.C.s. When he wrote he was on his way to Japan. In India he met Bradley who was editor of the "Signals Rag" and while there he heard that F. B. Kelly was the proud father of a daughter.

C. W. FOUNTAIN'S (1926-33) guilty conscience resulted in £3 3s. 0d. to the O.B.'s Club. He finds things rather dull in spite of having plenty to do restoring communications in Hanover, Bremen, etc. He is looking forward to strenuous Rugger and is still very proud of the 1933 O.B.'s team. He remembers meeting "Polly Parrott" in Cairo, H. W. Ross in Sicily, Dick Underhill in Tripoli and again in Germany.

R. D. GARWOOD (1941-42) while in a transit camp in Cape Town met Giggs who was on his way home after qualifying as a Pilot Officer.

After four years' service J. M. GREEN (1932-37) who says he is the brother of G.R. and P.J., gives a short account of his "war life." He travelled for a long time at the Government's expense as a Flight Mechanic when he met R. Grant at Waterbeach. He was transferred to the Fleet Air Arm and so he thinks, was saved from sea sickness and suicide planes by VJ Day. He was married in December 1943 and now lives in Hatters Lane.

R. L. GERMAN (1940-42) sends his greetings to all the Boarders of his day. He is attached to the British Pacific Fleet c/o F.M.O. Hong Kong. He spent 3 weeks in Tokio and Yokohama where he managed to get yards and yards of good silk which however was confiscated by a "Yankee Patrol". He, like so many other Old Boys had such a good welcome in Australia that he has decided to settle down there and his future address will be 31 Mosman Street, Mosman, Sydney, N.S.W.

W. T. GRIMSDALE (1920-25) as well as collecting a second "Mention" and the C.B.E. unfortunately contracted diphtheria whilst in Germany and then had very unpleasant complications including paralysis. He is A.I. once more.

T. C. A. HANKS (1937-43) writes a long critical and interesting letter from Brisbane. He thinks the trains awful but the trams perfect and gets as much sleep as he wants. D. A. Aldridge went out on the same boat.

D. B. HARDING (1933-38) when not making trips over Germany played cricket in Yorkshire. He had the misfortune to break his bat whilst making his top score of 27 not out. He met Cronin in Yorkshire and also "Wilf" Pearce who is back from Nigeria.

Giving news of J. R. HARRIS (1937-41) his mother thinks that with trips all over the Mediterranean hunting submarines and destroying mines he has had quite a good deal of activity.

D. E. HARRIS (1933-38) was recommended for the D.C.M. but was one of the unlucky ones. He, however, had the honour of bringing in the first captured Jap tank after a scrap in which five Jap tanks were destroyed.

J. E. HAYNES (1937-43) writes from H.M.S. "Golden Hind," that a bad spell of air-sickness finished his career as a pilot in the Fleet Air Arm and he is now in the Pay and Account Office of H.M. Royal Navy. He ran into G. W. Stevens, A.B. (Radar) on his way out to Australia. He met Bill Harking in Sydney, and also T. C. Hanks who was involved in a problem about a wall and a ladder, but this did not prevent the three of them from having a "slap-up meal." Haynes intends to see quite a lot of China and Japan before returning to England.

D. E. HAZELL (1931-33) joined up as a private in the Pioneer Corps in July 1940. In 1945 he was a Captain in the Royal Engineers serving in Belgium.

It was only in July, 1945 that the War Office informed Mr. Hutton that his son D. D. HUTTON (1926-31) must be presumed killed. The ship he was on struck a mine on October 23/24, 1943, near the island of Cos and sank very quickly but there were still hopes that he might have landed on one of the small islands around.

D. T. G. KINGHAM (1934-40) was so grateful for the Roll of Service and News that he became a life member of the Club. He had glimpses of eleven countries while serving with the Fleet Air Arm.

F. W. LANGLEY (1928-33) sailed many oceans as an A.L.O. on an aircraft carrier. He is now instructing in a school of Air Support and has kindly offered to come and lecture to the A.T.C.

R. J. LEE (1936-39) after partaking in a little excitement on "D" Day and after surviving the celebrations of VE Day hopes to improve his geography by moving about with the Marines.

J. D. MARIES (1935-58) had some lively moments when he was in charge of an L.C.T. landing Sherman Tanks on the Quistreham Beaches. He took a similar craft to India after the end of hostilities in Europe.

Mr. R. MATTHEWS, a former member of the staff, having as he says retired as early as he could has decided to live in London. He is temporarily residing in Chelsea among the beards and corduroy trousers. He spends much time chasing useless house agents.

F. N. MUGLISTON (1931-37) is in Greece waiting impatiently for his release.

Giving an account of his four sons, all O.B's., MR. PAINE wrote that G. H. after volunteering to do bomb repair damage in London as one of the R.A.F. "lost 2,000" was sent to Bulawayo to train as a pilot and was doing well. J. C. was in Italy and L. A. at Derby second-in-Command of a Training Battalion. R. G. was trying to run a garage near Oxford with next to no staff. R. G. has two sons and L. A. one son.

G. R. PEATEY (1937-41) has spent most of his time on board a frigate sweeping for submarines and escorting convoys to Russia where life seemed to be just an existence. When he wrote he was stationed at Portsmouth for medical reasons but he was looking forward keenly to a game of Rugger with the O.B.s.

J. K. PRIOR (1934-40) writing from India after being an Intelligence Officer in A.E.F. and B.L.A. gave news of the following O.Bs: B. W. Barnett is in Germany; J. H. Castle is home from a P.O.W. Camp; A. C. Collins is in England on leave; F. H. Collins is at Tenby; P. Z. D. Evans is somewhere in India; L. W. Ward in India expects to go to Singapore and A. F. Grover after fighting in Europe is ill in a Military Hospital at Shaftesbury, Dorset. More such information would be very much appreciated.

G. W. PERFECT (1932-37) transferrd from the Middx. Regt. to the O.B.L.I. found himself with the 6th Airborne Division bound for Palestine. He met "Big" Timpson at Bulford.

S. J. RAMAGE (1934-48) did not find his journey from India via Burma to Singapore too exciting. He saw Aylward in the uniform of the "Royals."

J. N. ROBINSON (1928-33) after being specially trained and equipped for mountain warfare found himself in true army fashion, stuck in the flattest and wettest part of the Scheldt. He had his greatest thrill when he was attached to the Desert Rats as they slashed across Germany. Such a life was too good to last and he soon was on the way to India perhaps to play polo at Poona. He gave the Roll of Service full marks this time contenting himself with four errors.

G. W. ROGERS (1938-43) while writing to correct an error in his own particulars forwarded a list of eight O.Bs. whose names should be included in the Roll.

Listeners in the B.B.C. French programme sometime ago heard a translation from a script by A. R. ROSE (1931-39). The broadcast centred round "Kite" a collection of stories and verse of which Rose is the editor and formed part of a feature series entitled "Angletterre en Mouvement."

L. J. RUSSELL (1926-31) says that at last he is making progress and hopes soon to get on top of his disability to open a grocery business all on his own.

According to his father V. W. SKUES (1923-30) is back at his job in Manilla where he was visited by P. North who borrowed a cot to sleep in.

P. M. M. SLATTER (1919-26) keeping a promise wrote that he had been stationed in Beirut for ten months and was greatly impressed by the way British troops restored order in Damascus after quite a nasty fracas. He arrived eventually at Cairo to help with the release of members of his own R.A.S.C., He hopes to be demobbed some time in June.

L. H. SMITH (1936-41) was not in favour of being transferred from the R.A.F. to the R.N. because he found everything so much different. The R.N. has its good points however even though it appears to run on tradition.

D. J. STAMMERS (1936-41) did not appreciate leaving his county battalion for the Somerset L.I. While with the O.B.L.I. he did a route march under Bews. He is at present on the N.W. Frontier and has been up to the Khyber Pass. As soon as the lights go out in the cinemas at Peshawar bats fly across and lizards crawl up and down the screen just to make things more awkward.

G. C. STANNERS (1930-36) was dropped at Arnhem, collected thirty or more pieces of shrapnel, a couple of bullets and was captured. It was a miserable skirmish, he says, it poured with rain for all but two of the days. He is glad the war is over! He has been awarded the "Dutch Bronze Lion."

The first thing H. S. STEVENS (1933-38) did after returning to England was to become a life member of the O.B. Club. He was a prisoner of war for over two years after being captured with the 1st Parachute Regiment.

R. G. STEWART (1937-41) according to his mother was having a grand time training to be a pilot in Canada and would prefer to finish his course there rather than come back home.

R. N. STONE (1938-42) stationed at Northolt can easily get home but his brother P. E. spends his time on a lake near Berlin trying to fit a car engine on to a boat—the result is not yet known.

Writing about her husband P. THORNE (1933-40) Mrs. Thorne states that he was reported "missing" from a raid on Dortmund on Feb. 21st, 1945. He was on the periodical fortnight's operation alwork required of all instructors. The raid from which he did not return was his second and he has since been officially presumed killed, no further news is available of what exactly happened to him.

I. H. TUBBS (1936-43) in a Xmas Greeting letter seemed quite proud of the fact that he was teaching Arithmetic in India—he does not mention whether his pupils were Indians or not.

D. J. WATSON, (1903-09) was so grateful at receiving two Rolls of Service and News that he forwarded the names of two O.Bs. who should be included.

It is with deep regret that we learnt of the death of G. T. WEBB (1927-32) previously reported missing. He was killed over Berlin on the night of Nov. 7/8th, 1941. His father was informed by the Air Ministry that the International Red Cross had found his grave at Derden Marden on the Dutch coast.

K. WEEDON (1930-37) is still a private, still doing clerical work and still medically C.2. after his accident when a D.R. He found studying while doing military duties very hard but he did manage to get his B.A. (London) and hopes to enter the Civil Service.

G. W. WEST (1935-40) was so uncertain of his future—he wrote from Scotland—that he deemed it safer to send his receipt for £3 3s. 0d. to his home address. He found playing games for the squadron a great relief from doing nothing. After passing through Sandhurst he met Evison.

R. H. WHITING (1936-43) was posted to the West Riding Regt. of Cavalry to ride in or on "flame-throwers." He asks if it is true that his car has forsaken Mr. Brand.

