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EDITORIAL

Events now move with such rapidity that it is difficult to pass an opinion which will not become ludicrously antiquated overnight. In this year of doubtful grace prophecy must be classed as one of the highly dangerous occupations. Certain statements about the not quite immediate future of the world are, however, so frequently and forcefully repeated that it may be serviceable to the interests of truth to state their opposites with equal confidence, though in the nature of the case neither proof nor disproof is possible. Something will have been achieved if only one or two are persuaded that the still small voice of reason is yet a better counsellor than the bellowings of panic psychology.

One such statement is that civilisation is in danger, and that Western culture, gratuitously accepted as identical, will in a certain contingency disappear from the face of the earth. A clincher is given to this not altogether convincing jeremiad by an emotive reference to the unbroken might of the Middle Ages. There are all kinds of dangerous assumptions here, dangerous to truth and reason, and not least of these the assumption that any modern nation wishes and intends to destroy what we call European culture. But allowing this assumption for argument's sake, we still beg to doubt the validity of the conclusion.

For it seems to us to depend upon a false interpretation of the word culture, upon the identification of culture with material prosperity and comfort. We do not underestimate material prosperity. We appreciate the worth of comfort.

We prefer electricity to the rushlight, a spring mattress to a straw pallet, a modern bathroom to the backyard pump. But these conveniences are welcome accessories, not the indispensable essentials of culture. Culture is essentially a thing of the mind and spirit, and may be more truly possessed by the hair-shirted hermit in his hovel than by the profiteer in his palace.

Being internal, not external, spiritual, not material, culture cannot be destroyed by the application of external and material forces. It will vanish only when there is no longer any effective will among men to keep it alive. And it is hard to believe that, having seen what we have seen, and known what we have known, we shall easily descend into such an abyss of apathy.

In these troubled days the School can best perform its function by a resolute refusal to tolerate the very idea of such apathy, by a vigorous determination not only to maintain but to refine the spiritual values we cherish. When all is uncertain, when we do not know what the next day and the next hour will bring forth, it is dangerously easy to fall into the slough of despond and in the face of the trivial duties of the daily routine to say, "What does it matter? Why bother?" We feel so insignificant, so helpless to do anything to stem the onrush of disaster. It is in resisting this despondency, in valiantly carrying out the little tasks that lie nearest, that we can play our part and make the disappearance of culture an impossibility.

THE EDITORS.

SCHOOL NOTES

VALETE

- BONALLO, H., 1933-40.—Evans', Upper Vb Modern, Bantam Colours 1936.
- ASTLEY, R., 1934-40.—Evans', VI Commercial, School Certificate 1938.
- CHRISTIE, R. S., 1934-40.—Leech's, VI Commercial, School Certificate 1938.
- DAWES, H., 1934-40.—Rogers', Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1939, School Plays 1936-37-38.
- HORSLEY, F., 1934-40.—Rogers', IVa Modern.
- LESLIE, J. H., 1934-40.—Edwards', Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1939, Minor Scholarship 1936, School Play 1938.
- LLOYD, M. A., 1934-40.—Mason's, VI Commercial, School Certificate 1939.
- MCLEAN, E. R., 1934-40.—Rogers', Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1939, School Plays 1937-38.
- PARKINSON, A. G., 1934-40.—Leech's, VI Commercial, School Certificate 1939, Inter-School Athletics team 1939.
- SAWBRIDGE, H., 1934-40.—Evans', VI Commercial, School Certificate 1939.
- SEED, H., 1934-40.—Woodham's, VI Commercial, School Certificate 1939.
- TOMLINSON, F., 1934-40.—Woodham's, VI Commercial, School Certificate 1939.
- WRIGHT, J. J., 1934-40.—Leech's, VI Commercial, School Certificate 1939.

BROWN, T. W., 1935-40.—Woodham's, Upper V Trans.
School Orchestra.

FORD, F., 1935-40.—Rogers', VI Commercial, School Certificate 1939.

THOMASON, J. B., 1935-40.—Gear's, Lower Vb Modern.

COLLINGE, J. K., 1936-40.—Edwards', IVb Modern.

LOWE, V., 1936-40.—Spencer's, Lower V Trans.

ELLISON, J. G., 1937-40.—Mason's, IVb Modern.

DAVIES, M. F., 1938-40.—Spencer's, IIb.

AKAGHAIAN, E. A., 1939-40.—Woodham's, IIa.

COLLINGE, P. G., 1939-40.—Edwards', IIb.

PAUSON, P. L., 1939-40.—Leech's, IVa Modern.

ROBINSON, R. W., 1939-40.—Evans', Transitus X.

SALVETE

D. J. Abbott, P. A. Abbott, J. Ayres, M. Ayres, K. Booth, L. A. Burman, J. G. Cross, I. Entwistle, H. K. Evans, D. C. Fraser, P. I. Fraser, A. P. Goode, H. O. Hughes, J. B. Johnson, L. Monahan, R. A. Morley, R. W. Muir, H. P. Preece, C. R. Thomas, A. P. Wells, D. A. Wilby, K. J. Wilby, S. E. Wilby.

It is pleasing to record the growing success of the Savings Movement in the School. The total collection up to the end of last term was £104 6s. 6d. Since the beginning of this term we have collected a further £540 4s. This is a truly magnificent response, and we trust that the enthusiasm will be maintained. The number of members enrolled now is 197.

Much valuable work has been performed by a large number of boys who volunteered to help in the collection of waste paper and materials. A great quantity of metal foil, waste paper, cardboard, etc., has been deposited each week in the school, and the Scouts have been responsible for sorting it and its carriage to the dealers. The proceeds of the sales have been devoted to the relief of Scouts in countries which have been overrun by the German invasion.

In response to an appeal from the Lancashire War Agricultural Committee 160 boys have given their names as volunteers for harvesting work during the forthcoming summer holidays. Boys of 16 or approaching 16 were invited, and the response has been practically unanimous. Many younger boys have expressed a willingness to help, and in some cases it has been found possible to make use of their offers. All boys will cycle from home each day to farms in the vicinity, and we trust that they will enjoy the novel experience, and derive much pleasure from the feeling that they have been doing really useful national work.

Every School Prefect has now undergone a course of instruction in stretcher bearing and simple First Aid. Other boys have also been instructed in elementary Fire Fighting methods. We are grateful to Messrs. H. Booth, C. Woodham, and C. W. Hardaker, for their assistance in the training of these boys.

E. W. Marsden was successful in gaining the First Open Scholarship of £120 per annum at Sedbergh School. We congratulate him on this outstanding success.

HOUSE NOTES

EDWARDS'

This term we are pleased to welcome several new boys to the House. We hope they will soon settle down and play their full part in School life. We have lost the services of Leslie and E. Smith, and we extend to them our best wishes for their future career.

With the beginning of term came the Athletic Sports, and, although we were not successful in carrying off any trophies, a good deal of enthusiasm was shown, especially by the Juniors: so we can look forward to a more successful future. In the realm of cricket we have enjoyed several hard games. Our Seniors have lost their first two matches by very small margins, and our Juniors, having won their first match, were unfortunate in losing their second by a single run after a very exciting game.

We have also to face this term the Swimming, Badminton, and Gym Competitions. We hope to see the Badminton Cup retained, for we have all come to look upon it as an essential part of the House room furniture. There is also a good chance of our retaining the Junior Gym Shield for the second year.

During these critical times we look to every boy to do his utmost for his country in the particular ways made available at School. We have had a fine response to the call for National Savings, but the House can and must do better. We express our approval at the number of boys who are willingly giving up their spare time to work of National importance.

Examinations once more loom on the horizon. To those who are taking the H.S.C. and S.C. exams. we tender our best wishes for success.

The House has been well represented in School activities this summer. Markham and Thornley have played regularly for the 1st XI, Markham has represented the House in Inter-School athletics, Walker has played for the 2nd XI, and Oakes and Abram for the 3rd XI.

The important people in the House this summer are Markham and Thornley, captain and vice-captain of the Senior cricket team; Oakes and Mayor, holding corresponding positions in the Junior team; Walker, captain of swimming; and Markham, badminton captain.

D. W. S.

EVANS'

Last term's keenly contested Rugby matches ended in our Senior team finishing third and our Junior team second.

In the Athletic Sports, held early this term, we and Rogers' finished second equal. Three records were broken by the House: by Hughes in the Group I high jump and hurdles, and by Hepburn in the Group II 220 yards.

We made a good start in Cricket by winning a Senior and a Junior match, both against Spencer's. In the School teams we have been represented by Pearson and Hepburn in the 1st XI, by Hughes and Frobisher in the 2nd XI, and by Buck and Trimble in the 3rd XI and the Colts.

The new system of swimming qualification introduced this term offers inducement to every boy to improve his swimming. Besides his obtaining more points the farther and faster he can swim, there is the more important consideration that he will be learning an art which will always be useful to him. Skill gained in qualifications should help us to put up a better show in the swimming sports than usual.

We are looking forward to the Gym and Badminton competitions in which we hope to enter two teams. To judge from past experience they should give good performances.

The House is doing its bit in the National Savings drive in the School.

In closing we wish success to the boys who are taking the S.C. and H.S.C. exams. this term.

D. M. P.

After appearing almost certain of winning the Senior Rugby trophy at the end of last term, we were deprived of the honour in no small measure by sheer misfortune: we had to take the field with a depleted team, and were narrowly beaten in the final by Spencer's, to whom we offer our congratulations.

The three customary athletics trophies—augmented this year by the addition of the Pariser Cup—duly returned to the possession of the House on sports day. A greater all-round effort as compared with last year was indicated, as we succeeded in heading the list of qualifications, which were our undoing last summer. Our outstanding seniors—W. H. Scott, N. Weatherby, I. Roe, and J. Cardwell—have appeared in the School athletics team. Scott, who is captain of this team, has been re-awarded Colours.

The inception of the new swimming regulations has resulted in the qualifications being of a more interesting and competitive nature than in previous years, and although the swimming sports were not yet upon us at the time of going to Press, the House was already leading the list of qualifications. S. K. Runcorn was appointed School swimming captain.

Although the House has a tradition in the realm of cricket which is hardly in keeping with its reputation in other spheres, this season has opened on a rather happier note, for the Seniors succeeded in winning their first match, although the Juniors were narrowly defeated. We have been represented in the School teams by D. Stewart in the 1st XI, and R. Denton in the 2nd XI.

At this early stage it is likewise impossible to give any details of our progress (or otherwise) in the Badminton competition, beyond recording that W. H. Scott and C. McMillan represented the House in the first match.

The House has played a considerable part in the success of the School's contribution to the National Savings movement. At the moment we are well ahead with forty-four members.

W. H. S.

The last term in yet another School year has ended, and examinations, cricket, swimming, athletics and badminton, have combined to make it a very strenuous time for all concerned in these activities. Before dealing with this term, however, we must place on record that last term we won the first place in the very important Honours List, and to those boys who made this fine result possible we offer our congratulations.

In the Inter-House cricket this term both our teams have done well. The Senior XI has been captained by Abram, the Junior XI has been ably led into the final by Bonney. In the school cricket teams we have been represented by Abram, Smethurst, Highton, and Williamson. We congratulate Abram, who has been acting as vice-captain of the 1st XI and has been awarded 1st XI colours, and Smethurst, who has been awarded 2nd XI colours.

The athletics competition has taken place this term. Although we did not achieve the success represented by cups or shields, it should be remembered that it is not so much the prizes which count as the intensity and keenness of effort which go into the competition. We should record, however, that Collinge won the Discus competition, and that in the Putting the Shot event Jones was the winner and Collinge was placed third. Jones, Collinge and Dodd have taken part in the fixtures of the School athletics team.

Swimming practices under the direction of Collinge, in preparation for the swimming competitions, have also been held.

The academic side of school life has been rounded off by the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate examinations, and we do hope that candidates will meet with every success. A notable academic success this term has been achieved by E. Marsden, who has completed an exceptionally brilliant record at this school by winning a scholarship to Sedbergh.

At the end of this term several senior members of the House will be leaving school to enter on their chosen careers, and the best wishes of the House go with them.

With the publication of these notes the writer bids farewell to the House with which he has had a very long and pleasant association, and it is his sincere wish that for the years to come Leech's, under its Housemaster, should proceed from strength to strength in all the spheres of school life.

L. B. C.

MASON'S

It is with pleasure that we are able to report this term that on the whole general good progress has been made. In the Honours List, which after all is concerned with the most important aspect of School life, the House occupied second place at the end of last term. This achievement is very creditable, and we hope that all efforts will be made not only to maintain the position but also to improve it.

In the sports qualifications the House was second in the track events and fourth on the field. Unfortunately, although the general standard was good, individuals did not rise in large numbers above the ranks of qualifiers, and as a result of few successes in the sports themselves, in the placings for the Mawdesley Shield the House achieved but a poor position. Nevertheless the results in the qualifications show promise for future successes in competitive events.

Throughout this term the swimming qualifications will be held, and we hope that every boy will be able to gain at least one point under the new system. May the desire to surpass the results of the sports qualifications inspire those who can swim to improve their performance and those who cannot to learn that very useful art.

The senior rugby team finally met with moderate fortune. But in general results were disappointing when the prospects of the XV, which at one time included eight members of school teams are remembered. Better results might have been obtained if a full side could have been fielded for all matches. With a depleted team games which might have been drawn were lost, and in those which might have been won the points were shared. We hope that next season the chances of success will not be marred by the handicap of a side having to play one or two short.

In their last match the Junior XV ended their run of defeats with a very creditable victory, and we are pleased to say that their cricket team has started the season with a similar success. The Senior team, of which R. G. T. Munday, the captain, has played for the 1st XI, and H. G. Sumner and D. M. Walbank for the 2nd XI has made an inauspicious beginning, for the initial match has been lost. It is to be hoped that this result will not be repeated.

We would conclude by offering our best wishes to all candidates in this summer's examinations, and to all those boys of the House who are leaving school at the end of the term.

D. M. W.

ROGERS'

We welcome several new boys and note with pleasure that most of them have already begun to take part in House activities.

The House cannot be said to have achieved great success in the Rugby competition last term, the Seniors having finished at the bottom of the League table and the Juniors fourth.

However, much more keenness was shown in athletics, and although the qualification results were rather poor the House came out well in the actual sports, finishing third in the whole competition. The efforts of several juniors were very commendable, especially those of Moncrieff, who established new records for the Group III high jump and long jump. Roberts is to be congratulated on taking part in Inter-School athletics.

Of the four cricket matches played up to the present date we can claim only one victory. The Seniors narrowly beat Edwards' by six runs, but lost to Spencer's, while the Juniors lost both their games with the same Houses. In school cricket Roberts has played for the 1st XI and Rimmer for the 2nd XI.

The swimming qualifications have taken a new form this year, and the efforts of the House seem to be reasonably good—a pleasing sign for the coming sports.

A further improvement in the standard of work of the House occurred last term, third place being attained in the Honours List, the highest for some time. It is to be hoped that the House will not have lost ground in the competition in view of the many out-door activities of this term.

When these notes are published the inevitable examinations will have taken place. To those taking part we extend best wishes for their success.

J. K. H.

SPENCER'S

It is our first pleasant duty to welcome a number of new boys to the House. We hope they all will have success in their school life and will remain with us for a long time.

Last term went out in a blaze of glory with a magnificent victory over Grear's for the Senior Rugby Shield. This performance is creditable in the highest degree. At athletics too our Junior tug-of-war team won their event in the sports.

In cricket our House has had only moderate results to date, but in School matches Coulshed has captained the 1st XI, and Bardsley, Ogden and Wilkinson, have played for the 2nd XI.

The examinations are in the not-too-distant future, and the good wishes of the House go out to all concerned. We hope for a new high level in passes and distinctions. By the time this is in print the candidates will have finished their papers and so we apologise for the lateness of our good wishes.

We would like to remind the House of the War Savings campaign and of the existence of the Post Office Savings Bank and the Trustee Savings Bank as well. These are vital lines of defence, and those far-sighted people who invest in them are pulling their weight as much as the sailor at sea, or the soldier in the front line, or the airman over it.

Finally we would ask the members of the House not to cease supporting House affairs because of political events in Europe; and to remember that, while working and praying for a quick victory and a long period of peace afterwards, they should also help to get more cups and shields in the House room. Doing so is not fiddling during the combustion of Rome: it is merely that sense of proportion that has made England what it is.

R. L. P. R. H.

WOODHAM'S

This year the number of qualifications obtained in the athletics competition was considerably less than last year. In the individual competition we did well enough to take second place for the whole competition. We congratulate J. Wilkinson on creating a new School record for Group II long jump. The House has been well represented in Inter-School athletics by W. D. Sharrocks, J. Wilkinson, and D. Sherwood.

In Inter-House cricket the Juniors have lost two matches and won one; the Seniors were unfortunate to lose to Leech's, but they won the remaining two matches comfortably. The following boys have played regularly in school cricket teams: J. Wilkinson in the 1st XI, W. D. Sharrocks, C. A. Barton, and P. H. Enwright in the 2nd XI, and W. E. Houldsworth in the Colts' XI.

This year the qualifications system of the swimming competition has been completely remodelled. We took third place in the qualifying round, but as a result of the work put in by Hart and Jones as swimming instructors, we hope to gain a higher position in the whole competition.

We wish every success to the candidates for the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate examinations.

R. T. A.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

A. M. Abrahams has passed the first part of the examination for the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons. He has also been appointed a Lecturer in the School of Medicine at Liverpool University for a further 12 months.

E. F. Cadman, who passed the second part of the M.B.Ch.B. examination at Liverpool University, has also been awarded the Senior Lyon Jones Scholarship, John Rankin Exhibition in Practical Anatomy, Torr Gold Medal, and George Holt Medal.

B. H. Slatter obtained 1st Class Honours in Engineering at Manchester University.

J. R. Lloyd was placed in the 1st Class of the Law Qualifying examination at Cambridge; only two candidates in the University obtained the distinction of a 1st Class.

R. S. Helliwell obtained 2nd Class Honours in the Law Qualifying examination at Cambridge.

C. A. Johnson was placed in the 1st Class in the Mathematical Tripos Part I, at Cambridge.

D. G. Owen was placed in the 2nd Class in Mathematical Tripos Part I, at Cambridge.

J. S. Leatherbarrow, Vicar of St. Mark's, Bolton, has been granted the degree of M.A. by the University of Manchester, for his thesis on The Religious Life of the County of Lancashire of Pre-Reformation Times.

J. H. Marshall has passed the examination for B.Eng. with 1st Class Honours in Electrical Engineering at Liverpool University. He has been appointed to a post in the Naval Research Development Department, H.M. Signal School.

Part I, Final examination for M.B., Ch.B. (Liverpool), with Distinction in Pharmacology and General Therapeutics.—Highton, T. C.

Part I, Final examination for M.B., Ch.B. (Liverpool).—Horwich, M., Schofield, T. L.

Part II, Final examination for M.B., Ch.B. (Liverpool).—Ball, G. H.

Part III, Final examination for M.B., Ch.B. (Liverpool).—Fletcher, L.

Harris, R., B.Sc., Honours in Chemistry, Class II, Div. I (Liverpool).

MARRIAGES

HARRY BROADBENT to EILEEN MARY HUNTER, at St. Hilda's Church, Whitby, on June 29th.

GEOFFREY PLATT to SYBIL MOORHOUSE, at St. Philip's Church, on June 29th.

JOHN KENNETH AUSTIN to MARIAN WILLIS, at Christ Church, March 30th, 1940.

ROLL OF HONOUR

W. H. Seale. H.M.S. Glorious. Killed in action.

M. H. Smalley. Lancashire Fusiliers. Killed in action, May 22nd.

OLD BOYS' LETTERS

To the Editors of "*The Red Rose.*"

At Southport,

June, 1940.

SIRS,—This being my first appearance as C.U.O.G. scribe, on receipt of the Editors' postcard, neatly re-directed to me by R. S. H., my first thought was to fall back on the traditional technique used in the writing of House notes, and borrow as many old copies of the magazine as possible. But this term has been unusual in some ways, and since I cannot in honesty even head the letter in the usual way, I soon abandoned the method.

The first weeks of term leading up to examinations passed in their normal lightning manner, and having finally got that bogey safely behind us we prepared to spend the last week or so of term pleasantly recuperating. This happy mood was soon shattered by the appearance, one evening, of an official notice telling us that if we had completed our examinations we must leave the following day. The next morning found us, not playing tennis as we had expected, but either finishing packing or adding to the worries of harassed railway officials. Thus it was that we returned to Southport earlier than usual, to receive a great many sarcastic, but possibly I fear envious, comment on the length of our vacation.

A further unfortunate effect of our unexpectedly sudden departure was the cancelling of the C.U.O.G.'s dinner.

We are, Sirs, yours faithfully,

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY OLD GEORGIANS.

Guild of Undergraduates,
University of Liverpool,
2 Bedford Street North,
Liverpool, 7
19/6/40

To the Editors of "*The Red Rose.*"

SIRS,—Another year has passed, for many of us our first in a University. To what use that year has been put will be evident in a week or two, but at the time of writing the examination results have fortunately not yet appeared.

The University, in concord with the rest of civilization, is in a state of constant change, each day bringing some new thing into the daily routine. The Medical School, we have just heard, is to have the pleasure of working through nearly all the vacation; the Faculty of Arts is pestering its students with questionnaires about next term's arrangements; and not only many of the students, but also a number of lecturers and tutors, are this term temporarily forsaking the pen for a more weighty if not a more powerful weapon.

It may not be generally realised, but King George V School is as well represented at this University as is almost any other school in Lancashire. There are some thirty to thirty-five Old Georgians at present reading for some degree or other. We have our representatives among the Arts Students, the Scientists, the Chemists, the Engineers, the Dentists, the Doctors, the Lawyers, the Vets., and the Architects. It is interesting to note that of these thirty-five students at least twelve are Medical students: Southport no longer needs to have any fears about epidemics of measles!

As can easily be seen by the number of Old Georgians here, it would be almost impossible to give a complete account of all their successes (that is, of those about which we have received any information). As a result only a few of the more outstanding successes can be mentioned. E. F. B. Cadman has distinguished himself in his 2nd M.B. examination by carrying off a scholarship, an exhibition, and two medals; J. H. Marshall has just passed his final examination for the degree of B.Eng.; Harris has been awarded an Honours degree in Chemistry, and T. C. Highton, M. Horwich, T. L. Schofield and L. Fletcher, have all passed their respective examinations in the Faculty of Medicine. The results from the other faculties are not yet published, and so these results will have to be included in next term's letter.

To Old Georgians, wherever they may be, in the Army, Navy, or Air Force, at home or abroad—Good Luck!

We are, Sirs, yours faithfully,

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY OLD GEORGIANS.

The Engineering Dept.,
The University, Manchester,
June 20th, 1940.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—At the time of writing we are just recovering from the examinations which formed the climax to an orthodox summer term. The term has been dominated by the mental struggle between the instinctive desire to take advantage of the fine weather and the call to work, which is far from instinctive. It was taken for granted that the weather would be brilliant during the week of the examinations, but even the pessimists had not allowed for the glass roof which assisted the sun very effectively. To complete the anguish of the poor victims, occasional exultant shouts reached their ears, as more fortunate individuals plunged into the new swimming bath. Let us, however, turn to more pleasant subjects.

The swimming bath in the Physical Education Centre, mentioned above, was opened at the beginning of the term and has proved very popular. J. M. Lambert has joined the University Rifle Club. He must have developed a deadly accuracy as he was placed in the team and took part in shooting contests with Nottingham University College. Let us take care not to arouse his wrath! He took Intermediate this term and has just finished the course of practical surveying at Heaton Park.

Your scribe, who has been taking finals, now lays down the pen, trusting that *The Red Rose* will continue to receive an epistle each term from Manchester.

I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,
B. H. SLATTER.

Saltley College,
Birmingham, 8,
Thursday, 13th.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

Sirs,—This term has been an extremely strenuous one in every respect. Immediately after we came back from the Easter holidays we spent the first fortnight in "swotting" for the First Year Finals. There was not, as you might

think, any time for relaxation after the exams., and straightway we began schools' practice, which is to continue for six weeks.

The school in which I am teaching is the most up-to-date in Birmingham, and was opened last August. One of the staff happens to be a "Sandgrunder," and during the dinner hours we spend a deal of our time upholding the name of Southport in the realm of table tennis.

We go down on July 4th, and you can well imagine how glad I shall be to return to "Sunny Southport," although the weather here has been exceptionally good.

There seems to be little else to write about except the international situation, but since my views may coincide with your own I will refrain from expressing them and bring this letter to a close.

I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,
H. COUNSELL.

The College, Chester,
20/6/40

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

Sirs,—During the last few weeks the number of Old Georgians here has been decreased by $33\frac{1}{3}\%$, although in mass the percentage is much greater, by the loss of our good friend Woodall, who has migrated into the Army. Yet, though we lament our loss we nevertheless feel much safer; for who can doubt that we shall now come through victorious? We do wish, however, to dispel the rumour that the worthy gentleman has been commissioned for service as a barrage balloon.

He has not been the only one to leave the College. Our strength has been very greatly diminished, and will continue to be so week by week. Naturally, the critical situation will greatly affect us also next year, and at the moment there is great conjecture whether the College will re-open next September. Amalgamation, due to loss of numbers, will undoubtedly occur, but the actual establishment at which training will continue is not yet known. In the meantime, however, we keep on keeping on. Cricket has not been interfered with except for the enforced

cancelling of the 2nd XI fixtures due to failure to raise a team. The 1st XI, in which I have had the pleasure of playing, has had a full and quite successful season. The weather has certainly been much in our favour—rather different from that of last year, of which I still maintain many happy memories.

In spite of the doubt whether there will be a next term, the club officials have already been chosen. With Pryce as captain of badminton and myself as secretary both of badminton and soccer, I think we are keeping up to the standard which you expect from us in that direction.

I had formerly intended, owing to the fabulous cost of postage, especially at the end of term, to get full value by writing a full account of our activities. With the threat of "blue pencil" hanging over me, however, I feel forced to change my intentions. With all best wishes for those taking S.C. and H.S.C. exams., therefore, I again bid you adieu.

I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,

R. HASLAM.

S. Chad's College,

Durham,

June 19th, 1940

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—When the note demanding a letter for "*The Red Rose*" arrived, a meeting of the Durham Old Georgians' Society was hurriedly called, at which the member duly appeared and elected himself to the offices of President, Secretary, and Committee.

This letter is being written in the middle of June week, which is a mere shadow of its former self this year: the only remnant of its former splendour is a solitary dance on Friday night. The Durham regatta, which is older even than Henley, and takes place in June week, has been cancelled on account of the war. In spite of the many changes due to war conditions the University is running fairly smoothly, although Hatfield have moved into University College, because their College has been invaded by Neville's Cross, who were turned out of their College at the beginning of the war.

Durham is a very beautiful city in the summer time. The whole scene is dominated by the Cathedral, standing high above the river, and Palace Green, where the Cathedral, Castle, University Library, Union Society, and some of the lecture-rooms are to be found, is bright with the green of the grass and the trees, and the grey and ochre of the ancient buildings.

Sport has been carried on much as usual this term. Chad's lost to King's on the river in the final for the Graduates' Cup, but carried off both of the sculling trophies.

As for cricket, the final for the Grey Cup, also between Chad's and King's, is to be played to-morrow; needless to say the result is eagerly awaited, for the Grey Cup has not been seen in Chad's since 1911.

The report of the meeting of the D.O.G.S. at the beginning of the letter will make it clear that there is room for expansion. Your correspondent can assure any Old Georgian that at Durham he would find a very pleasant place to continue his education, and he expresses the hope that next year will see more Old Georgians at Durham.

I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,

D. O. G. S.

Wesley College,

Headingley,

Leeds, 6,

17th June, 1940.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—As I sit writing this letter I am surrounded by a huge pile of packing cases and other gear, for this is the last day of the College year. At my right hand is the newspaper telling me that the war in France is over. What will happen between now and September we cannot hope to say, but we pray God that whatever may be the result to us personally our faith may never falter.

It has been a strange year for us here as it must have been for you at home. J.M. and G.B.K. continue their stalwart work in the examination rooms. At the time of writing G.B.K. still has several exams. to face.

We would like to express our sympathy for Ernest Taylor's family. We had hoped that before many years were passed he would be taking our place here. But that is not to be.

With all good wishes for the future, whatever it may hold,

I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,

FRANK THEWLIS.

SPINNING AND WEAVING

Members of the Sixth Forms paid a visit at the end of last term to a cotton spinning mill and a weaving shed in Wigan. There was much to be learnt. Not only were we made acquainted with the method of production of our ordinary household cotton and cloth, but we gained an insight into the conditions under which Lancashire mill hands have to work. We seaiders living amongst pleasant surroundings in a residential atmosphere are apt to let pass unnoticed the rather dismal aspects of industrial life.

Our first visit was to the Trencherfield spinning mill. After being introduced to our guide we left the open air and ordinary life for an inferno of steam, heat, barefoot women, and deafening noise. We first saw the room where the large bales are broken up before the refining of the cotton. Tons of the raw material are opened and beaten up. A certain amount of impurity is removed, and finally the cotton is compressed into a thick sheet of very soft, fluffy material, commonly known as cotton wool. A very wonderful machine is now put to work. The fibres are at present crossed and entangled, and although a great deal has been done to remove impurity a large amount of sand, seed, husks, dead fibres, and so on, remains. This new machine—the carding machine—tears the cotton wool on wire spikes, the fragments are blown along passages, and thus the heavier impurities fall into a dust pan at the bottom. It loosens and separates the fibres and produces a strand of loose, soft cotton known as a sliver. Over two hundred of these slivers are twisted together, and after further drawing out the thread is wound on bobbins.

After lunch the party went on to the Pemberton weaving sheds, where we were treated to a long talk before going in to see the actual weaving, because, as was explained, the noise was too great inside to permit conversation. It was not a great deal better where we then were, however, and the heat was oppressive, so that before the end of the introductory speech quite a few discreet yawns could be noticed.

In spite of the length of the explanation the processes were easy enough to follow. The cotton thread is first strengthened by passing through size and drying. The

weaving of cloth is on the same principle as darning, except that instead of the needle (that is, the shuttle) being moved over and under the cross threads (that is, the warp), alternate threads of the warp are lifted in turn as the shuttle is knocked backwards and forwards between them.

Two impressions gained on the trip were striking. The first was of the conditions under which the monotonous work is carried on. A high degree of temperature and humidity is necessary to the proper manufacture of the cotton. This heat and lack of air was sufficient to make us poor schoolboys feel weak at the knees during the comparatively short time we were inside, and then there was the effect upon the brain of the din, which still remained in our ears after we had left the building.

The second impression was that of the smooth polished efficiency of the engine rooms from where the mill's power is supplied. It had an almost mesmeric effect upon certain of our science friends, who seemed loth to leave what appeared to be their natural home.

One important fact we learned was that in spite of general incredulity Wigan pier really does exist, and is used for unloading bales of cotton.

H. L.

EVENING

The sky was clear, a lovely blue,
With not a cloud in sight;
The sun was sinking in the west:
'Twould be a perfect night.

As darkness crept o'er all the earth,
Above the trees rose high
A crescent moon; and countless stars
Lit up the cloudless sky.

The world was still, and silence reigned:
A time to think and dream;
Across the sky a shooting star
Sailed like a silver stream.

J. O.

VICE VERSA

As through the brown earth drives the gleaming plough,
The wheeling seagulls follow close to catch
The unlucky worm whose world has been upturned,
And has himself been cast upon the ground
An easy prey for keen-eyed, hungry birds.
The plodding plough-horse steadily toils on
And cleaves a furrow straight across the field,
Guided by practised hand of rural stock.
The sound of swishing scythes across the ditch;
The steady stroke that trims the straggling hedge,—
And all is happy peacefulness and calm.
But now the hellish boom of blasting bombs.
Once more the ploughshare has been turned to sword;
The pruning-hook to bestial, brutal spear.
The barbed thread that kept the cattle in,
That farmers round their orchards erst entwined
To guard the laden trees from grimy hands
Of urchins on their midnight mischief bent;
On which, upon the misty moorland heath,
Leaned shaggy sheep and eased their aching backs,
As nourishment they sought amid the waste;—
Now circles human creatures to prevent
The prisoner from going free, perchance
To claim more lives among his enemies.
This silver strand in tangled maze presents
A thorny fence to the advancing foe,
While through its twisted length the unseen volts,
Which grasp the screaming man in their embrace
And stop the pulsing heart and silent breath,
Like dreaded, dancing demons, swiftly flow.
No longer guardian of the apple trees
It now protects the nations from attack.
Where once the love of peace and high ideals
Had reigned supreme, the god of war has set
His throne. Old Mars once more takes up his sword
And Hate and Lust stride widely through the world.

D. S. B. J.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

The Athletic Sports were held on Thursday, May 16th, having been postponed from the previous day on account of the weather. We were well recompensed for the delay, for the sun shone brightly on the fresh green of the field, and the bitter blasts to which we are accustomed yielded to the gentle breath of wooing zephyrs. In consequence there was a very large attendance of parents and friends who, despite the unavoidable lack of the usual hospitality, remained in force till the last of the spiritedly contested events.

RESULTS

QUALIFYING COMPETITION

Place	Track Events	Field Events	Total
1—Grear's	100	110	210
2—Mason's	99.63	99.89	199.52
3—Spencer's	92.19	105.66	197.85
4—Edwards'	93.52	100	193.52
5—Woodham's	92.19	89.73	181.92
6—Evans'	87.58	81.41	168.99
7—Leech's	76.58	90.52	167.10
8—Rogers'	78.79	69.06	147.85

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

Place	Track Events	Field Events	Total
1—Grear's	130	100	230
2—Rogers'	49	72	121
3—Woodham's	49	59	108
4—Evans'	49	50	99
5—Spencer's	17	41	58
6—Edwards'	33	22	55
7—Leech's	0	48	48
8—Mason's	6	4	10

TOTALS

The Rimmer Cup is awarded for track events, the Taylor Cup for field events, and the Mawdesley Shield for both combined; the Pariser Cup is awarded to the House leading in individual events.

	RIMMER Cup	TAYLOR Cup	PARISER Cup	MAWDESLEY Cup
	Place	Pts.	Place	Pts.
Edwards'	5	126.52	7	122
Evans'	3	136.58	6	131.41
Grear's	1	230	1	210
Leech's	8	76.58	5	138.52
Mason's	7	105.63	8	103.89
Rogers'	4	127.79	4	141.06
Spencer's	6	109.19	3	146.61
Woodham's	2	141.19	2	148.73

RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

Events decided before May 16th

LONG JUMP, Group I—

1, Scott, W. H. (G); 2, Sharrocks, D. (W); 3, Hughes, B. (Ev.). Distance: 20ft. (School Record).

LONG JUMP, Group II—

1, Wilkinson, J. (W); 2, Lawrenson, E. (G); 3 equal, Harvey, J. H. (M), Kefford, P. (Ev.). Distance: 17ft. 3ins. (School Record).

LONG JUMP, Group III—

1, Moncrieff, M. L. A. (R); 2, Drury, M. (R); 3, Wood, J. (S). Distance: 14ft. 2ins.

Events decided on Sports Day, May 16th, 1940

TRACK EVENTS

100 YARDS, Group I—

1, Scott, W. H. (G); 2, Roe, I. H. (G); 3, Sharrocks, D. (W). Time: 11.6 secs.

100 YARDS, Group II—

1, Lawrenson, E. (G); 2, Sutton, D. F. (G); 3, Wilkinson, J. (W). Time: 12.8 secs.

100 YARDS, Group III—

1, Wood, J. (S); 2, Moss, E. (W); 3, Moncrieff, M. L. A. (R). Time: 13.6 secs.

220 YARDS, Group I—

1, Scott, W. H. (G); 2, Roe, I. H. (G); 3, Marshall, R. (M). Time: 25.4 secs.

220 YARDS, Group II—

1, Laurenson, E. (G); 2, Hepburn, K. (Ev); 3, Wilkinson, J. (W). Time: 27 secs.

220 YARDS, Group III—

1, Drury, M. (R); 2, Wood, J. (S); 3, Moncrieff, M. L. A. (R). Time: 29.8 secs.

440 YARDS, Group I—

1, Weatherby, J. N. (G); 2, Sharrocks, D. (W); 3, Lees, A. E. (S). Time: 57.6 secs. (School Record).

440 YARDS, Group II—

1, Hepburn, K. (Ev); 2, McMillan, C. (G); 3, Crowther, B. S. (R). Time: 61.4 secs.

440 YARDS, Group III—

1, Drury, M. (R); 2, Iddon, W. J. (Ed); 3, Matthewman, G. (Ed). Time: 70 secs.

HALF-MILE, Group II—

1, Kefford, P. (Ev); 2, Smith, W. H. (Ed.); 3, Holmes, R. E. (G). Time: 2 mins. 30 secs.

MILE, Group I—

1, Sherwood, D. D. (W); 2, Thornley, J. (Ed); 3, Ellis, S. H. (Ed). Time: 5 mins. 22 secs.

120 YARDS HURDLES, Group I—

1, Hughes, B. (Ev); 2, Weatherby, J. N. (G); 3, Irving, N. G. (Ev). Time: 19 secs. (School Record).

120 YARDS HURDLES, Group II—

1, Denton, R. (G); 2, Marshall, A. (W); 3, Sutton, D. F. (G). Time: 20.4 secs.

RELAY, Group I—

1, Grear's; 2, Woodham's; 3, Mason's. Time: 2 mins. 48 secs.

RELAY, Group II—

1, Grear's; 2, Evans'; 3, Rogers'. Time: 2 mins. 23 secs.

RELAY, Group III—

1, Rogers'; 2, Edwards'; 3, Woodham's. Time: 1 min. 59 secs.

FIELD EVENTS

HIGH JUMP, Group I—

1, Hughes, B. (Ev); 2, Bardsley, J. (S); 3, equal, Hartley, J. (S), Cardy, I. (M). Height: 5ft. 1½ins. (School Record).

HIGH JUMP, Group II—

1, Warren, J. R. B. (W); 2, Hepburn, K. (Ev); 3, Lisle, P. J. (G). Height: 4ft. 7ins.

HIGH JUMP, Group III—

1, Moncrieff, M. L. A. (R); 2, Unsworth, P. J. (G); 3, equal, Hartley, D. A. (W), Drury, M. (R). Height: 4ft. 3ins.

PUTTING THE SHOT—

1, Jones, D. S. B. (L); 2, Weatherby, J. N. (G); 3, Collinge, B. (L). Distance: 33ft. 4ins.

THROWING THE JAVELIN—

1, Markham, H. (Ed); 2, Cardwell, J. G. (G); 3, Hughes, B. (Ev). Distance: 131 ft.

THROWING THE DISCUS—

1, Collinge, B. (L); 2, Roberts, G. P. (R); 3, Hughes, B. (Ev). Distance: 93ft. 5ins.

SENIOR TUG—Grear's.

JUNIOR TUG—Spencer's.

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Owing to the present unfortunate circumstances the activities of the Athletics team have of necessity been restricted this term, and it is impossible to append any detailed account at this juncture. The position is aggravated by the early date of going to Press, for four of the five fixtures have as yet to take place, and a fuller account will have to be postponed until the next issue. We have still to fulfil fixtures with Liverpool Collegiate, Cowley, Blackpool, and Wigan G.S. before the end of term.

In the evening of May 24th there was a triangular meeting between Wigan, Cowley, and ourselves on the Wigan ground. With the inclusion of the Discus and Javelin events (which Cowley did not offer) the School finished first, but on those events in which all three schools competed, School and Wigan tied for first place with 46 points, Cowley being third with 28 points. The peculiar nature of the track put the visiting runners at a disadvantage and was responsible for some confusion, but a very enjoyable evening was experienced by all concerned. W. H. Scott, the captain, secured 14 points for the School, being first in the 220 yards and second in the long jump; also second in the 100 yards. The latter was a very close race and a narrow decision at the tape resulted in Scott's being placed second, with the Wigan runner, Scotting, first, in the amazing time of 10.2 seconds. B. Hughes was an easy first in the high jump, reaching 5 ft. 1½ ins., and was placed second in the hurdles: he obtained 10 points for the School. W. D. Sharrocks, the vice-captain, was second in the quarter-mile and third in the long jump, J. N. Weatherby being third in the former. In the non-competitive events G. P. Roberts and B. Collinge took the first two places in the discus, and H. Markham and J. G. Cardwell second and third respectively in the javelin. The School team were second in the relay race. D. Jones was second in the shot, whilst B. Collinge also obtained a third. Taken all round the result was a very pleasant surprise, considering the extent to which the team has been weakened this year, and augurs well for similar successes in the remaining fixtures.

W. H. S.

SCHOOL v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

At home, June 27th

- 100 Yards.—1, Scott; 2, Wallasey; 3, Roe. Time: 10½ secs.
- One Mile.—1, Wallasey; 2, Wallasey; 3, Dodd. Time: 5 mins. 2⅔ secs.
- 440 Yards.—1, Wallasey; 2, Wallasey; 3, Sharrocks. Time: 55 secs.
- High Jump.—1, Hughes; 2, Wallasey; 3, Wallasey. Height: 5 ft. 2 ins.
- 220 Yards.—1, Scott; 2, Wallasey; 3, Roe. Time: 23⅔ secs.
- Discus.—1 Pilcher, 2 Collinge, equal; 3, Roberts. Distance: 95 ft. 3 ins.
- Hurdles.—1, Wallasey; 2, Hughes; 3, Wallasey. Time: 16⅔ secs.
- Javelin.—1, Markham; 2, Wallasey; 3, Wallasey. Distance: 143 ft.
- 880 Yards.—1, Wallasey; 2, Wallasey; 3, Kefford. Time: 2 mins. 18 secs.
- Long Jump.—1, Scott; 2, Wallasey; 3, Sharrocks. Distance: 19 ft. 5 ins.
- Shot.—1, Wallasey; 2, Jones, D. S.; 3 Wallasey. Range: 35 ft. 5 ins.
- Relay.—1, Wallasey; 2, K.G.V.S. School lost by 64 points to 86

SWIMMING

THE SWIMMING QUALIFICATIONS CONTEST

In view of the increased interest taken by the School in swimming during the last few years it was felt that the previous swimming qualifications scheme no longer provided sufficient scope for the boys of the school. The present scheme was therefore worked out firstly to provide a more comprehensive test for the swimming abilities of the Houses, and secondly to give some encouragement to swimmers to improve their swimming.

The introduction of speed and long plunge tests into the contest should not have diminished the importance of the distance trials. The percentage of boys who qualified in the distance tests is not high and there is plenty of room for improvement. To know how to keep afloat in water is a very important part of a boy's education, and to be able to swim may be instrumental in saving life. Progress in the teaching of swimming has been made during the term, classes having been held each Saturday morning. The masters and senior boys who acted as instructors are to be cordially thanked, and it was pleasing to see that many boys came down to be taught. During the holidays opportunities will be given to boys who wish to learn to swim, and we hope that as many boys as possible will take advantage of this offer. We trust that many senior boys will offer their services as instructors.

The Ingham Cup for swimming qualifications has been re-awarded to Gear's. Here are the detailed results of the contest. The points gained are given as percentages of the total points:—

	Total %	Distance %	Speed %	Long Plunge %
Edwards'	11.9	15.9	7.5	10.6
Evans'	16.2	21.0	11.7	11.7
Gear's	48.1	61.7	27.7	47.7
Leech's	26.6	29.6	15.4	27.7
Mason's	30.4	42.1	14.5	29.0
Rogers'	25.6	34.2	18.2	19.7
Spencer's	21.2	26.8	15.6	18.8
Woodham's ...	29.7	40.1	19.1	23.8

S. K. R.

THE LIFE-SAVING COMPETITION

Interest in life-saving has been maintained throughout the last twelve months, and the following awards have been gained during this time:—

Bar to Award of Merit—

B. Collinge, R. C. Jones, and T. F. Settle.

Award of Merit—

S. K. Runcorn.

Bar to Bronze Medallion—

G. B. Hart, F. H. Jones, J. G. Cardwell, H. Seed, and G. Rimmer.

Intermediate Certificate—

D. A. Cox, D. Stewart, N. D. Blore, H. Seed, and C. McMillan.

S. K. R.

INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING

On Saturday, June 15th, a school swimming team was sent to compete against Calday Grange Grammar School, at Caldy. The contest was keen, the school winning by one point.

1—100 Yards Free Style (Senior)—

1, Runcorn, S. K.; 2, Monahan, L.; 3, Calday.
Time: 82.2 secs.

2—50 Yards Free Style (Junior)—

1, Calday; 2, Griffiths, T. H.; 3, Henderson, G. N.
Time: 35 secs.

3—Long Plunge—

1, Collinge, B.; 2, Calday; 3, Ingham, G. L.
Distance: 45 ft. 6 ins.

4—100 Yards Breaststroke (Senior)—

1, Collinge, B.; 2, Calday; 3, Calday. Time: 87.15 secs.

5—Style Competition—

1, Collinge, B.; 2, Runcorn, S. K.; 3, Calday.

6—25 Yards Backstroke (Junior)—

1, Calday; 2, Blore, N. D.; 3, Calday. Time: 17.4 secs.

7—50 Yards Backstroke (Senior)—

1, Calday; 2, Monahan, L.; 3, equal, Runcorn, S. K., Calday. Time: 43.3 secs.

8—50 Yards Breaststroke (Junior)—

1, Calday; 2, Calday; 3, Pulman, R. N. Time: 46.9 secs.

9—Diving Competition—

1, Calday; 2, Rimmer, G.; 3, Calday.

10—Junior Squadron—

1, Calday. Time: 66.6 secs.

11—Senior Squadron—

1, K.G.V.S. (Collinge, B., Monahan, L., Ingham, G. L., Runcorn, S. K.). Time: 2 mins. 23.25 secs.

TOTAL POINTS

K.G.V.S.	33 points
Calday	32 points

S. K. R.

On Friday evening, July 5th, an interesting match was held with Merchant Taylor's School. The School won comfortably. Events:—

1—Senior. 100 Yards Free Style:

1, Merchant Taylor's; 2, Merchant Taylor's; 3, Runcorn, S. K. Time: 70 secs.

2—Junior. 50 Yards Free Style:

1, Griffiths, T. H.; 2, Merchant Taylor's; 3, Merchant Taylor's. Time: 34 $\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

3—Senior. 100 Yards Breaststroke:

1, Collinge, B.; 2, Merchant Taylor's; 3, Ingham, G. L. Time: 81 secs.

4—Junior. 50 Yards Breaststroke:

1, Blore, N. D.; 2, Pulman, R. N.; 3, Merchant Taylor's. Time: 46 $\frac{1}{3}$ secs.

5—Neat Dive:

1, Rimmer, G.; 2, Baldwin, A. D.; 3, Merchant Taylor's.

6—Senior. 50 Yards Backstroke:

1, Merchant Taylor's; 2, Runcorn, S. K.; 3, Monahan, L. Time: 40 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

7—Junior. 25 Yards Backstroke:

1, Blore, N. D.; 2, Pulman, R. N.; 3, Merchant Taylor's. Time: 20 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

8—Long Plunge:

1, Merchant Taylor's; 2, Collinge, B.; 3, Ingham, G. L. Distance: 52 ft. 8 ins.

9—Junior Squadron:

1, King George V (Blore, N. D., Sutton, D. F., Griffiths, T. H.). Time: 49 secs.

10—Senior Squadron—1, Merchant Taylor's. Time: 2 mins. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

TOTAL POINTS

Merchant Taylor's	24 points
King George V	34 points

BADMINTON

The "Berry" Badminton Cup was won by Edwards' House. They beat Evans' House in the final. Results of the competition were:—

1st Round—Evans' beat Mason's
Edwards' beat Grear's
Leech's beat Spencer's
Rogers' beat Woodham's

Semi-Final—Evans' beat Leech's
Edwards' beat Rogers'

Final—Edwards' beat Evans'

CRICKET

1st XI CRITICISM

- COULSHED, N.—1st XI colours, 1939-40. Captain.
- ABRAM, R.—1st XI colours, 1940. Vice-Captain.
- ROBERTS, G.—2nd XI colours, 1939-40. A left-hand batsman who has played fairly well this season. His footwork is exceptionally good, but he does not make full use of it when facing up to fast bowling. His off-drive is very powerful, but he should try to improve the timing of his shots on the leg. Probably the most brilliant fielder we have had at school of recent years.
- MARKHAM, H.—2nd XI colours, 1939-40. As a batsman he has been the victim of one or two unfortunate lbw. decisions, but he should try and restrain himself when facing a slow bowler. His shots are forceful and clean all round the wicket. A very good man in the outfield, with a long and accurate throw-in.
- MUNDAY, R.—2nd XI colours, 1939-40. A safe right-hand batsman, but he should guard against lbw. decisions through bringing his left foot too far across when playing forward to a ball on the off. Has a fairly powerful cover-drive. Safe fielder.
- THORNLEY, J.—2nd XI colours, 1939-40. A fast left-hand opening bowler who has met with only moderate success owing to the fact that he cannot readily find a length, and because the wickets on which he has bowled have not been suited to him. As a right-hand batsman he has a very good forward defensive stroke and a powerful hook, but he has a tendency to use a cross-bat when attacking. Good fielder.
- WILKINSON, J.—2nd XI colours, 1939-40. A forceful attacking right-hand batsman, with a large repertoire of strokes all round the wicket, but at times he tries to force the pace when a defensive policy would be best. As a wicket-keeper he has shown consistently good form, having a good sense of anticipation, particularly when taking fast bowling on the leg side.

- SMETHURST, K.—2nd XI colours, 1940. A steady right-hand batsman who has shown good discrimination in picking out the right ball to hit. When he is playing a ball his long reach enables him to place his body right over it, and consequently most of his strokes are very powerful. He has many good strokes, but should guard against losing sight of the ball when playing fast bowling on his legs. He has been consistently successful as a change bowler owing to his ability to keep a good length and make the ball swing either way. Good fielder.
- HIGHTON, E.—2nd XI colours, 1940. Has been very successful this season with his bowling. His right-arm leg-breaks, with a very well disguised googly are very awkward to play when he finds his length, and he has gained many wickets by not losing his head when he has been hit once or twice. His fielding in the slips is very good, but his batting would improve with a little more self-confidence.
- HEPBURN, K.—2nd XI colours, 1940. Fast-medium right arm bowler, who has shown promise this season. He can bowl for long periods, keeping a very steady length, making the batsman play at him, thus enabling an attacking field to be placed close to the bat. His batting is rather wild, but if he survives the first over he can make runs quickly. Good fielder both in the outfield and close in.
- PEARSON, A.—2nd XI colours, 1940. Right-handed opening batsman. His footwork is very good, and he possesses a number of excellent shots. When he starts his innings he picks out which balls to attack, but when he settles down he is inclined to try to score off every ball, and has been out several times through trying to hit a good length ball. His running between the wickets is very good, but he is rather slow in the field.
- STEWART, D., has also played.

1ST XI v. LIVERPOOL COLLEGIATE SCHOOL 1ST XI

Played at Liverpool on May 25th, 1940. School lost by 6 wickets.

SCHOOL INNINGS

Munday, lbw. b Bruce	4
Stewart, b Bruce	0
Roberts, b Bruce	2
Abram, b Jones	1
Coulshed, run out	12
Markham, run out	4
Smethurst, b Bruce	0
Wilkinson, J., lbw. b Nicholson	4
Thornley, lbw. b Nicholson	2
Hepburn, c and b Nicholson	0
Highton, not out	2
Extras	6
Total	37

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bruce	9	3	8	4
Jones	6	2	9	1
McLaren	1	0	9	0
Nicholson	1.4	0	5	3

LIVERPOOL INNINGS

Wildman, b Thornley	4
McLaren, b Smethurst	1
Nicholson, c Coulshed b Smethurst	35
Johnson, b Smethurst	0
Leadbetter, not out	8
Extras	3
Total (for 4 wks.)	51

Did not bat: Bruce, Jones, Bradley, Ellis, Redman, and Carlisle.

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Thornley	3	0	10	1
Smethurst	3.5	0	13	3
Hepburn	2	0	6	0
Highton	2	0	16	0
Abram	1	0	3	0

1ST XI v. KIRKHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI

Played at Home on May 29th, 1940. School lost by 7 wks.

SCHOOL INNINGS

Munday, c Heame b Coupe	1
Roberts, b Coupe	5
Coulshed, c Laithwaite b Ruddock	11
Abram, b Coupe	1
Stewart, b Coupe	0
Markham, lbw. b Ruddock	0
Smethurst, c Carr b Langtree	14
Wilkinson, J., st. Heame b Coupe	0
Thornley, run out	10
Hepburn, c Wilkin b Coupe	6
Highton, not out	9
Extras	1
Total	58

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Coupe	14	7	17	6
Ruddock	10	2	22	2
Seed	2	0	16	0
Langtree	1.5	0	2	1

KIRKHAM INNINGS

Langtree, c Wilkinson, J., b Highton	32
Rigby, b Highton	5
Willacy, b Coulshed	55
Coupe, not out	5
Extras	2
Total (for 3 wks.)	99

Did not bat: Rishon, Carr, Laithwaite, Heame, Wilkin, Seed, and Ruddock.

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Thornley	7	1	19	0
Smethurst	3	1	5	0
Highton	8	1	22	2
Hepburn	9	1	20	0
Abram	4	1	12	0
Roberts	2	0	17	0
Coulshed	1.2	0	2	1

1ST XI v. BOOTLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI

Played at Home on June 3rd, 1940. School won by an innings and 134 runs.

SCHOOL FIRST INNINGS

Pearson, b Evans	32
Abram, c Swinton b Hornby	11
Roberts, run out	55
Markham, c Hadden b Swinton	0
Coulshed, run out	33
Munday, b Hornby	2
Smethurst, b Hornby	30
Thornley, b Evans	13
Wilkinson, J., not out	13
Hepburn, not out	2
Extras	14

Total (for 8 wks. dec.)..205

Did not bat: Highton.

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hornby	16	4	35	3
Horner	3	0	19	0
Evans	11	0	60	2
Swinton	8	0	40	1
Hadden	9	1	33	0
Paterson	1	0	4	0

BOOTLE FIRST INNINGS

Horner, c and b Thornley	1
Swinton, b Hepburn	1
Boggis, b Thornley	0
Shipton, c Thornley b Hepburn	0
Hadden, c Abram b Hepburn	1
Paterson, b Hepburn	5
Peake, c Abram b Thornley	19
Hornby, c Smthurst b Thornley	0
Cain, c Highton b Hepburn	0
Evans, b Hepburn	3
McRae, not out	0
Extras	6
Total	36

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Thornley	10	2	12	4
Hepburn	9.2	2	18	6

BOOTLE SECOND INNINGS

Cain, run out	0
Swinton, b Smethurst	7
Hadden, b Smethurst	11
Horner, c and b Abram	0
McRae, b Smethurst	0
Peake, b Highton	2
Evans, c and b Roberts	1
Paterson, b Highton	3
Shipton, c Abram b Highton	0
Boggis, b Highton	0
Hornby, not out	4
Extras	7
Total	35

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Smethurst	6	2	9	3
Abram	4	1	8	1
Highton	3	0	11	4
Roberts	0.1	0	0	1

1ST XI v. WIGAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI

Played at Home on June 5th, 1940. School won by 2 wks.

SCHOOL INNINGS

Pearson, b Pey	0
Abram, lbw. b Waterhouse	28
Markham, b Pey	3
Roberts, c Waterhouse b Pey	2
Coulshed, lbw. b King	10
Munday, lbw. b King	0
Smethurst, st. Phillips b Pey	4
Wilkinson, J., lbw. b Pey	30
Thornley, not out	9
Highton, not out	5
Extras	4

Total (for 8 wks.)..... 95

Did not bat: Hepburn.

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pey	10	1	34	5
King	10	5	21	2
Waterhouse	6	1	27	1
Ainsworth	2	0	9	0

WIGAN INNINGS

Pey, st. Wilkinson, J., b Highton	29
Phillips, c Markham b Highton	4
Scotting, c Smethurst b Hepburn	19
Meadows, b Hepburn	5
Rylance, b Highton	1
Russell, run out	3
Gore, c Smethurst b Thornley	1
Parry, c Wilkinson, J., b Thornley	0
Ainsworth, not out	8
King, c Hepburn b Smethurst	14
Waterhouse, st. Wilkinson, J., b Highton	1
Extras	2

Total 87

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Thornley	9	2	17	2
Highton	15.2	2	34	4
Hepburn	7	1	25	2
Smethurst	4	2	9	1

1ST XI v. LANCASTER ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI

Played at Lancaster on June 12th, 1940. Match drawn.

SCHOOL INNINGS

Pearson, run out	24
Abram, c Clayton b Holt	15
Roberts, b Fisher	0
Coulshed, run out	1
Markham, run out	5
Munday, b Holt	0
Smethurst, c English b Lamb	1
Wilkinson, J., not out	30
Thornley, b Lamb	6
Hepburn, not out	23
Extras	12

Total (for 9 wks.) ...117

Did not bat: Highton.

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Fisher	12	2	51	1
Holt	11	4	25	2
Procter	4	1	14	0
Lamb	4	1	8	2
English	1	0	7	0

LANCASTER INNINGS

Whyte, b Thornley	2
Bidgood, c Pearson b Highton	63
Holt, c Thornley b Hepburn	16
English, c Coulshed b Highton	23
Richardson, c Abram b Thornley	1
Townson, not out	4
Kirkby, st. Wilkinson, J., b Highton	1
Lamb, not out	1
Extras	10

Total (for 6 wks. dec.)...121

Did not bat: Procter, Fisher, and Clayton.

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Thornley	11	4	16	2
Highton	10	3	28	3
Hepburn	7	3	22	1
Abram	3	0	26	0
Smethurst	3	0	18	0

1ST XI v. BOTELER GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI

Played at Warrington on June 22nd, 1940. Match abandoned owing to rain.

SCHOOL INNINGS

Pearson, b Hughes, T.	1
Abram, b Wightman	0
Roberts, c Edwards b Wightman	9
Wilkinson, J., c Hauff b Hughes, T.	18
Coulshed, run out	1
Smethurst, c Wightman b Hughes, T.	0
Munday, b Hughes, T.	4
Markham, c O'Connor b Hughes, W.	0
Hepburn, b Hughes, T.	0
Highton, not out	0
Extras	7

Total (for 9 wks.)..... 40

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wightman	9	2	17	2
Hughes, T.	10	4	16	5
Hughes, W.	1	1	0	1

BOTELER INNINGS

Edwards, b Hepburn	1
Hughes, W., b Abram	2
Rippon, not out	7
Wightman, b Hepburn	0
Hardy, c Coulshed b Smethurst	17
Extras	2

Total (for 4 wks.)..... 29

Did not bat: Richards, Hauff, Grinham, O'Connor, Lloyd, and Hughes, T.

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hepburn	7	1	16	2
Abram	6	3	11	1
Smethurst	0.1	0	0	1

DEBATING SOCIETY

The two concluding meetings of the Society took place after last term's notes went to Press and were consequently not recorded. Under the heading, "If I were a Dictator," speakers enumerated the ideas they would put into practice if world power were concentrated in their hands. After building these Utopian "castles in the air" we returned to "terra firma" on March 21st, when S. K. Runcorn proposed that "The results of Sunday schools are not satisfactory," J. Culshaw successfully opposing.

Next term the work of the Debating Society will be resumed, and the responsibility for its continuation will fall on new shoulders. The exchange of ideas and the pursuit of reason play an essential part in the life of any democratic community, and we would remind the School that without active support no Society, however important, can continue to function.

W. D. S.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

No meetings of this Society have been held this term, but owing to the early date at which the magazine goes to Press, reports of several lectures were not included in the last issue.

None of these lectures has been given by outside lecturers, and the boys of the school who have come forward with lectures should be complimented on their efforts.

Mr. N. S. Taylor has again helped the Society by giving an entertaining lecture on "Rumours." He used, as examples, legends such as Robin Hood and William Tell, and also certain current rumours. On the same afternoon B. Collinge talked about "Atomic Structure." He illustrated his lecture with lantern slides of pieces of complicated apparatus and explained their uses. Later in the term the Chairman, S. K. Runcorn, lectured on "p.H. Values." He used tables of figures on the blackboard to illustrate his talk and also performed several experiments with indicators. At the same meeting the Vice-Chairman, J. Hartley, gave a lecture on "Death." He revealed the rather remarkable fact that death is not always a consequence of life but rather of age, and he also showed that some creatures do not die at all in the true sense of the word.

On May 2nd and May 23rd parties from the Society visited the Pathological Department of the Southport Infirmary. Particular interest was aroused by the specimens preserved in the department's museum. The apparatus in the laboratory in which bacilli, cocci and tumours are studied, was keenly inspected, and the working of the various appliances was demonstrated by the pathologists.

We hope that the Society will have another successful session next term.

D. A. C.

MUSIC SOCIETY

Our rehearsals have been held throughout the term and have been well attended by our stalwart members. There is a shortage of violinists and our numbers are gradually decreasing. We are looking forward to the time when the members of the violin class will be advanced enough to come into the orchestra.

Next term, the beginning of the new School year, will bring many new boys, and it is confidently expected a number of them will join the violin class. We also hope that among their number there may be boys who play, or wish to play, other orchestral instruments—string, woodwind, or brass. We would like to remind all boys that there are two violins, a 'cello and a double bass that can be lent to anybody wishing to learn one of these instruments.

K. B.

ART SOCIETY

Committee:

Chairman—B. HUGHES *Hon. Treasurer*—E. L. EDEN

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Since the end of last term we have lost our chairman, R. S. Christie, and B. Hughes has been elected in his place.

As a late start was made this term the Society is holding its meetings after school on Fridays as well as on Mondays. It seemed as if this late start would endanger the usual high standard of the exhibition which we hope to hold at the end of the term, but the members are working so well that we have great hopes for its success. Several new ideas such as lino-cuts and water-colours have been tried out during the meetings, and they promise to become very popular.

During the term members of the Society entered for a poster competition in connection with the town's National Savings week. The prizewinners were B. Hughes, E. L. Eden and A. Bishop, and the Society wishes to congratulate them on their success.

A. B.

SCOUTS

The present serving Officers are: — Scoutmaster, Mr. Mayne; Troop-Leader, R. Munday; Beavers, P-L. D. D. Sherwood and Act/Second J. H. Halsall; Curlews, Act/P.L. G. Charlick and Second J. E. Birchall; Eagles, Act/P.L. N. G. Irving and Act/Second J. P. Wood; Lions, Act/P.L. N. D. Holt and Act/Second N. G. Francis; Otters, Act/P.L. J. Wilkinson and Second J. Anstey. All four Assistant Scoutmasters, J. A. McBride, N. Mellor, F. Roberts, and G. Worsley, are serving with the Forces, and their services have been temporarily lost to the Troop.

After a quiet period due to lighting restrictions, the Troop resumed full activity on March 1st, and were eagerly looking forward to the camping season. However, the prohibition of camping breaks the sequence of eighteen years. Although everyone was very disappointed not to be able to camp no one will challenge the wisdom of the decision. How marvellous will be that first camp after the war!

Most of the older Scouts are engaged in assisting the local authorities in minor but none the less important ways, and twenty-three of them have already been awarded the National Service badge. In addition much hard work has been done in collecting waste material, and some ten pounds have been sent to help those stricken by the war.

In this connection we acknowledge the debt we owe to the many other boys in the school who have assisted in this work, and to the school for so kindly repairing the trek-cart which collapsed after thirty strenuous years.

Although the Troop has been so fully occupied time has been found to enter for the local competitions with fair success. A great deal of progress has been made in test work and some eighty badges have been obtained in the shortened Scout year—an excellent achievement.

R. G. T. M.

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

Senior Librarians—D. M. Payne, L. B. Curzon, W. D. Sharrocks.

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Our request for further books for the Troops has met with a good response, and we offer warm thanks to all who have helped to make this scheme a success. We also express our gratitude to Mr. Cooper, D. M. Walbank, G. E. Sanders, E. R. McLean, and F. Sanders, all of whom have presented books to the library.

The appeal of literature is never stronger than in times of stress, and it is encouraging to note that despite the distracting influence of fine weather and sport, boys continue to make good use of the increased facilities for borrowing books.

THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

IMPORTANT DATES

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