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## EDITORIAL

There are few who in recent months have not known fear. To our credit most of us have admitted it, and the admission has brought us nearer together, has strengthened the ties of our common humanity. We have not been ashamed of our fear, for from its very excess we have learnt that there is nothing to be ashamed of. "At a signal of danger," Epictetus tells us, "even the soul of the philosopher shall be somewhat moved, and he shall shrink and grow pale: not through any opinion of evil that he has formed, but through certain rapid and unconsidered motions that forestall the office of mind and reason." We have been in good company, then, and in the same company we must try to re-establish the reign of reason.

When our bodies are out of order we suffer pain. Pain is a device of Nature's for our preservation: it is a warning that something is wrong, an advice that it must be set right. The man who tries to ignore the pain, to disguise it with drugs, is not wise. Wisdom is with him who faces the reality and endeavours, not to muffle the tocsin, but to remove the hostile forces whose presence set it clanging.

Fear, too, is pain. When we feel it enervate our limbs, clutch at our vitals, set our hearts pounding, we should recognise it as a warning that Nature is suffering some monstrous evil. More insidiously, fear is pain of the mind: as such, it is not only a warning of danger but a danger itself. It saps the will, it destroys self-control, it numbs the brain, taking from us the very weapons we have to fight it with. It makes us creatures of panic and fills us with passions—hatred, vindictiveness, blood-lust.

The indulgence of these passions is one method of disguising the fear that inspires them. So gentle and humane people demand reprisals in all their brutality. In the weakness of their imagination they ask for they know not what: could they have it and see it their fate would be that of de Stogumber when he had set the fire to Joan of Arc. It is noteworthy that it is those who fear that clamour, not those who have suffered.

Another kind of dope, frequently prescribed, is a swaggering defiance, a thumb-nose, shake-fist bravado, a

sort of "rum" courage. It has no doubt its uses up to a point, but being based on self-delusion it is fundamentally unsound. It is a bubble which collapses at the touch of reality.

Fatalism, in a popular edition, has many advocates. It is a mixture of a bastard Epicureanism and a naïve Stoicism, and may be reduced to the maxim, "Get your fun while you can and take what's coming to you." Perhaps this is some improvement, but it is only a matter of degree: essentially it is like the rest, a quack remedy.

The real cure can be found only by facing the truth. And the truth is that we ought to be afraid of these obscene abominations to which we are subjected. Our fear is the instinctive revolt of all that is good in us against evil that we can and should prevent. We ought to refuse to accept horror as normal: we ought to struggle against growing so accustomed to it that we are no longer horrified. We ought to heed the warning, not smother it.

So doing, we may be guided to destroy the fear by destroying its causes, to eradicate the symptoms with the disease. The first step must be to disabuse ourselves of the melodramatic views of history that are current. Men cannot be divided into black and white, nor nations into sheep and goats. We are all in it together, we are often told. We are, friend and foe alike. We are all the victims, not of a supposed handful of wicked men, but of deep-seated political and economic forces which have got out of control, and in the final analysis these are derived from our individual human passions—selfishness, greed, hatred, and fear itself: so is the strange circle completed. Once we recognise this we can proceed to cleanse our own hearts, our private lives, and thence pass to the purification and reconstruction of society. The way is long and hard: paradise is not just round the corner. If we want a brave new world we must bring to its creation at least as much energy as we are always ready to give to destruction. We may not achieve it in our time, but the effort will start a song of hope in our hearts, a song that will banish the fears that breed ever more monstrous fears, a song that will give us a measure of the tranquillity which is the highest happiness and the highest wisdom.

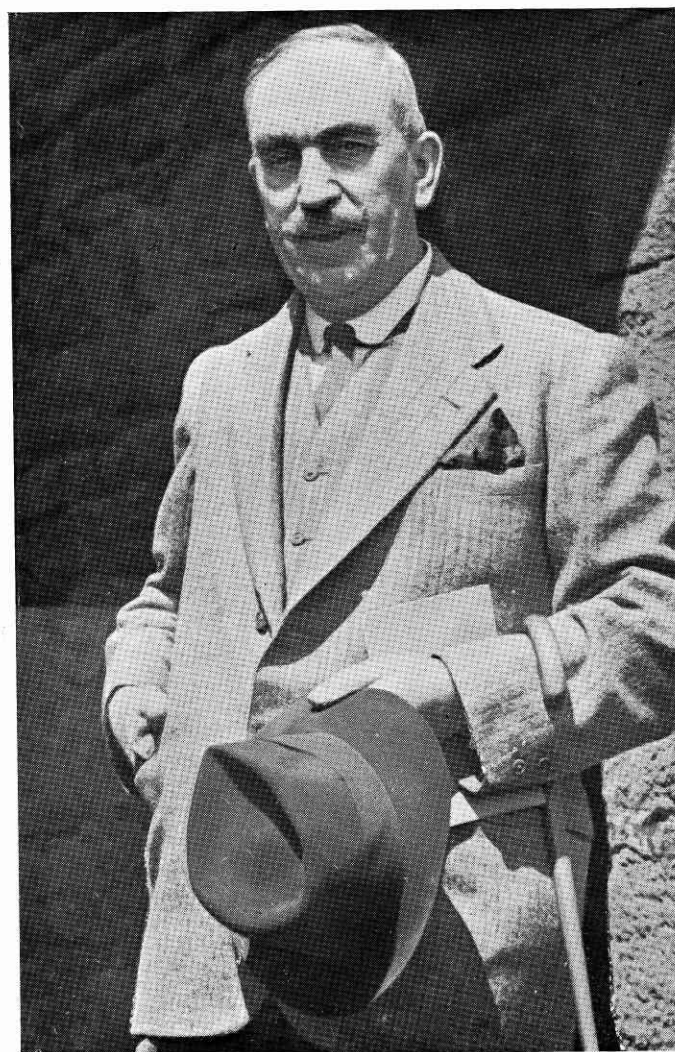
THE EDITORS.

## HENRY MERCHANT

Henry Merchant died on Tuesday, 22nd October, 1940, after a life passed almost wholly in art and the teaching of art. During an early manhood spent in Southport and Shropshire he became well-known as a painter of animal studies, especially of horses and dogs, but in middle age his career was interrupted by the war of 1914 to 1918. At the end of the war he entered the teaching profession and was Art Master among us for twenty years.

Out of school hours he was usually to be found, hard at work, in his studio, filled with a sort of divine discontent with his own achievements, ever experimenting and ever seeking greater perfection. Hence, he has left behind him a mass of work both in water-colour and in oils on a wide variety of subjects. His "flower pieces" are probably his best known works, for in them he employed to the full his admirable sense of colour. Latterly he worked almost entirely on landscapes, and some of his recent Cornish paintings are amongst his finest creations. But the greater part of his work in this sphere was inspired by his love of the farmsteads of Shropshire and by his real appreciation of the flat country around his Lancashire home. In all his farm paintings he displayed a marked individuality and captured the breadth and the "breeze" of the country he knew and loved so well.

In his teaching, he was in some respects unconventional, but he met with great success, and it would be difficult to find anywhere a school where "art" has meant so much to so many. Boys of all types, some outstanding in book-learning, others with but little academic interest, were stimulated by him to express themselves with pencil and brush. To him, in his room or in his studio, came students both past and present, to consult him upon questions of art and of daily life, and few went away without advice or constructive criticism, or a promise of the use of his influence, while to the youngster, perhaps, he might give material assistance in the form of painters' colours and brushes. His





career had brought him into contact with men of all types and all classes, and that breadth of contact gave him a balance of judgment and a breadth of view which so few are fortunate to retain who serve as schoolmasters all their days.

But the mortal man has gone, and exists only as immortal memories in our minds. Some of us will for ever see his aldermanic figure, surrounded by his groups of senior boys, sauntering perhaps through the rooms of Burlington House, or round the Castles of North Wales, or through the Parish Churches of York. Others of us, when we think of him, will see him in shirt sleeves, before his easel, eyes half closed, as he picks out the high-lights in the work under his brush, or we may only think of how that great spatulate thumb would sweep over the paper to demonstrate the line to be followed. But, probably for most of us, he will for ever genially preside over those annual Art Society Exhibitions. In our mind's eye we shall see him, in the midst of a group of Old Boys, nod a greeting to a Governor, amble in leisurely fashion in the wake of the judge who, with bird-like rushes, whisks from one exhibit to another, or shake hands warmly with the parent of some aspiring young artist. There, with his constant kindness, his gentle sympathy and homely humour, he was perhaps at his happiest.

And so the school has lost one of its more notable and picturesque figures, and the stream of its life may flow for a time in narrower channels. But his influence will for long remain with us, and probably his most lasting memorial, and undoubtedly the one which would be most pleasing to him, will be the continuance and the growth of that artistic tradition which he so firmly established here.

H. B.

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(We are greatly indebted to Mr. Percy Lancaster, R.I., A.R.E., for his kind permission to reproduce his drawing of Mr. Merchant at work in his studio.)

## SCHOOL NOTES

### VALETE

- CURZON, B. L., 1931-40.—Leech's, Upper VI Modern, Higher School Certificate 1940, Senior Librarian 1938-40, Chairman Debating Society 1939-40, Prefect, Agnes Sinclair Scholarship Liverpool University, Major Scholarship 1940.
- ACKROYD, R. T., 1932-40.—Woodham's, Upper VI Science, Higher School Certificate 1940, 2nd XV Colours 1938-39, Scientific Society, Bartlett Scholarship Liverpool University, Major Scholarship 1940, Prefect.
- CARDY, I. F., 1932-40.—Mason's, Upper VI Science, Higher School Certificate 1940.
- HOWARTH, P., 1932-40.—Spencer's, Upper VI Science, Higher School Certificate 1940.
- JONES, D. S. B., 1932-40.—Leech's, Upper VI Modern, Higher School Certificate 1940, Junior Librarian 1938-40, Debating Society Committee 1939-40, Prefect, Inter-School Athletics 1940.
- CARDWELL, J. G., 1933-40.—Gear's, VI Commercial, School Certificate 1939, Secretary War Savings Group, Bronze Medallion Royal Life Saving Society, Inter-School Athletics 1940.
- COULSHED, N., 1933-40.—Spencer's, Upper VI Science, Higher School Certificate 1940, 1st XV Colours 1940, Captain 1940; 1st XI Colours 1939-40, Captain 1940, Prefect.
- DEANE, J. S., 1933-40.—Rogers', Upper VI Science, Higher School Certificate Subsidiary 1939, Prefect.
- GORDON, N. A., 1933-40.—Rogers', Upper VI Science, Higher School Certificate 1940.

- HUGHES, B., 1933-40.—Evans', Upper VI Science, School Certificate 1938, Prefect, Art Society, Music Society, Athletic Colours 1940.
- MARSHALL, D. B., 1933-40.—Gear's, VI Commercial, School Certificate 1939, Minor Scholar, Secretary War Savings Group.
- ROSTRON, N., 1933-40.—Evans', Upper Vb Modern.
- SCOTT, W. H., 1933-40.—Gear's, Upper VI Modern, Higher School Certificate 1940, Prefect, Athletic Colours (Captain) 1939-40, W. P. Sinclair Scholarship Liverpool University, Major Scholarship 1940.
- SHARROCKS, W. D., 1933-40.—Woodham's, Upper VI Modern, Higher School Certificate 1940, Librarian, Debating Society, Elizabeth James Scholarship Liverpool University, Major Scholarship 1940.
- SMITH, D. W., 1933-40.—Edwards', Upper VI Science, Higher School Certificate 1940, Prefect, Secretary Games' Committee, Derby Scholarship Liverpool University, Major Scholarship 1940.
- WESTERMAN, G. K., 1933-40.—Spencer's, Upper Vb Modern, School Certificate 1940.
- WHITFIELD, D. C., 1933-40.—Evans', Upper Vb Modern, School Certificate, 1940.
- BARDSLEY, J. B., 1934-40.—Spencer's, Upper Va Modern, School Certificate 1940, 2nd XV Colours 1938-39, Inter-School Athletics.
- BROWN, N. W., 1934-40.—Edwards', Upper Vc.
- CHARLICK, G. H., 1934-40.—Rogers', Upper Vb Modern, School Certificate 1940, Patrol Leader School Scouts.
- EVANS, W., 1934-40.—Gear's, Upper Vb Modern, School Certificate 1940.
- FITENI, O., 1934-40.—Leech's, Upper Vc, School Certificate 1940.
- GRAHAM, C. W., 1934-40.—Rogers', Upper Vc, School Certificate 1940.
- LEES, A. E., 1934-40.—Spencer's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1939.

LOY, J., 1934-40.—Leech's, Upper Va Modern, School Certificate 1940.

NOLAN, W., 1934-40.—Evans', Upper Va Modern, School Certificate 1940, Minor Scholar.

ROE, I. H., 1934-40.—Gear's, Upper V Transitus, School Certificate 1940, Minor Scholar, Inter-School Athletics, 2nd XV Colours 1938-39.

SHANKS, W. R., 1934-40.—Edwards', Lower VI Science, Higher School Certificate Subsidiary 1940, School Play.

SKAIFE, H. E., 1934-40.—Gear's, Upper Vc, School Certificate 1940.

BALDWIN, A. D., 1935-40.—Gear's, Upper Vc, School Certificate 1940, Bronze Medallion Royal Life Saving Society, Inter-School Swimming, School Scouts.

BISHOP, A., 1935-40.—Leech's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1939, Secretary Art Society 1940.

BOLD, W. D., 1935-40.—Rogers', Upper Va Modern, School Certificate 1940.

DAVEY, O., 1935-40.—Mason's, VI Commercial, School Certificate 1939, Secretary War Savings Group.

ELLIS, S. H., 1935-40.—Edwards', Upper V Transitus, School Certificate 1940.

EVANS, M., 1935-40.—Gear's, Upper Va Modern, School Certificate 1940.

FROBISHER, J. W., 1935-40.—Evans', Upper Vb Modern, School Certificate 1940, 2nd XI Colours 1940.

GREENALL, R. H., 1935-40.—Rogers', Upper V Transitus, School Certificate 1940.

GREENWOOD, K., 1935-40.—Woodham's, Upper Va Modern, School Certificate 1940.

HOGG, J. S., 1935-40.—Gear's, Upper Vc.

JEFFRIES, W. M., 1935-40.—Mason's, VI Commercial, School Certificate 1939, Secretary War Savings Group.

JONES, F. H., 1935-40.—Woodham's, VI Commercial, School Certificate 1939, Secretary War Savings Group, Bronze Medallion Royal Life Saving Society.

MARSHALL, R., 1935-40.—Mason's, Upper Vc, School Certificate 1940, Inter-School Athletics 1940.

McDOUGALL, J. Y., 1935-40.—Gear's, Upper Va Modern, Bronze Medallion Royal Life Saving Society.

OGDEN, P. H., 1935-40.—Spencer's, Upper Vc.

ORMEROD, J., 1935-40.—Evans', Upper Vc, School Certificate 1940.

PEARSON, A. C., 1935-40.—Evans', Upper Va Modern, School Certificate 1940, Bantam XV 1938, 2nd XI Colours 1940.

PENDLETON, H., 1935-40.—Gear's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1939, Librarian.

ROBERTS, J., 1935-40.—Mason's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1940.

SCARLAND, D. R., 1935-40.—Rogers', Upper Vc, School Certificate 1940.

SHERWOOD, D., 1935-40.—Woodham's, Upper Vb Modern, School Certificate 1940, Patrol Leader, School Scouts.

SMITH, R., 1935-40.—Edwards', Upper Vb Modern, School Certificate 1940.

STEWART, D., 1935-40.—Gear's, Lower VI Science, School Certificate 1939, Bantam Colours 1938, Bronze Medallion Royal Life Saving Society.

SUMMERFIELD, A. P., 1935-40.—Woodham's, Upper Va Modern, School Certificate 1940.

THOMPSON, R. G., 1935-40.—Evans', Upper Vc, School Certificate 1940.

VAUGHAN, G. A., 1935-40.—Rogers', Lower VI Science, School Certificate 1939, Secretary War Savings Group.

Walker, D., 1935-40.—Leech's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1939, Junior Librarian 1940.

WATKINSON, R. L., 1935-40.—Spencer's, Upper Va modern, School Certificate 1940.

WILKINSON, F. D., 1935-40.—Spencer's, Upper Va Modern, School Certificate 1940; 2nd XI Colours 1940.

ATHERTON, J. S., 1936-40.—Spencer's, Upper Va Modern, School Certificate 1940.

BURGESS, K. F., 1936-40.—Leech's, Lower Va Modern.

CHAMBERLAIN, E. B., 1936-40.—Mason's, Upper Vb Modern, School Certificate 1940, Bantam Colours 1938, Inter-School Athletics 1940.

CULSHAW, J. R., 1936-40.—Rogers', Upper Vb Modern, School Certificate 1940.

HOULDSWORTH, W. E., 1937-40.—Woodham's, Lower Va Modern, Bantam Colours 1938-39, Colts' XI Colours 1939-40.

HUGHES, B., 1936-40.—Woodham's, Upper V Transitus, School Certificate 1940.

KAY, E. R., 1936-40.—Edwards', IVb Modern, Bantam Colours 1940.

MARSDEN, E. W., 1936-40.—Leech's, Upper V Transitus, School Certificate 1940.

McKENNA, N. J., 1936-40.—Leech's, Lower VI Science, School Certificate 1940.

TROW, L., 1936-40.—Woodham's, Lower Va Modern.

WILLIAMS, H. D., 1936-40.—Rogers', Transitus Y.

COXON, W. R., 1937-40.—Edwards' IIIb, Bantam Colours 1940.

TATTERSALL, C. P., 1937-40.—Woodham's, IVb Modern, Bantam Colours 1939.

BEVAN, D. B., 1938-40.—Spencer's, Upper V Transitus, School Certificate 1940.

KEARNS, L. J., 1938-40.—Edwards', Upper Va Modern, School Certificate 1940.

MCCARTHY, C. F., 1938-40.—Leech's, Lower Va Modern, Bantam Colours 1939.

SAGE, G. W., 1938-40.—Rogers', Upper Va Modern, School Certificate 1940.

BEAVER, W. M., 1939-40.—Edwards', Lower VI Science, Higher School Certificate Subsidiary 1940.

FRENCH, D. A., 1939-40.—Evans', Ia.

HENDERSON, G. N., 1939-40.—Woodham's, Lower V Transitus.

HENDERSON, R. M., 1939-40.—Woodham's, Upper V Transitus, School Certificate 1940.

JOHNSTON, W. D., 1939-40.—Mason's, Ia.

KILBURN, R. H., 1939-40.—Grear's, Upper Vc.

MELLING, R. J., 1939-40.—Spencer's, Upper Vb Modern, School Certificate 1940.

PEARSON, D. R., 1939-40.—Evans', Ia.

TAYLOR, R., 1939-40.—Mason's, Upper Va Modern.

WILLIAMS, J. K. B., 1939-40.—Rogers', Lower VI Science, Higher School Certificate Subsidiary 1940, Secretary War Savings Group.

ZUCKER, R. A., 1939-40.—Rogers', Upper Va Modern, School Certificate 1940.

MORLEY, R. A., 1940.—Rogers', Lower Vb Modern.

THOMAS, C. R., 1940.—Spencer's, Lower Va Modern.

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#### SALVETE

W. Adams, J. K. Aldred, J. G. Allen, M. D. Almond, P. B. Ambrose, A. M. Anderson, D. Anderson, G. Anderson, P. Anderson, G. S. Ball, K. B. Bennett, H. Beaver, T. C. Bell, G. K. Berwick, N. Billington, E. P. Blore, T. Blundell, R. Bond, J. M. Bower, T. Broadhurst, D. A. Brown, G. Buckley, D. Bunting, B. G. Burgess, D. C. Burton, A. R. Butler, A. R. Button, F. W. Buxton, A. Cohen, B. D. Crusham, R. N. Cumbley, I. N. Cumpsty, G. Danter, J. L. Davis, P. Desborough, A. Dickman, R. Duckworth,



J. Elias, S. D. Ellis, M. Farber, M. G. Farrar, J. Finlow, J. Foden, J. Foster, N. F. Fox, E. L. Franklin, M. W. Gibbs, S. Ginsberg, J. F. Glass, D. P. Godfrey, P. H. Griffiths, R. Guest, J. L. Halsall, J. R. Hargreaves, A. Harris, D. Heenan, A. W. Hobbs, W. D. Hudson, P. H. Irwin, P. James, J. F. Jarvis, W. Jennett, D. W. Jones, G. F. Kay, A. Kersey, M. King, C. W. Knowles, J. Knowles, D. R. Lawler, J. B. Leal, G. W. Lee, K. F. Lee, L. T. Leonard, W. Livingstone, D. M. Lloyd, N. W. Lomas, F. Lund, D. McEvoy, D. McLelland, G. Meeson, S. Miller, P. Mills, I. M. Morgan, M. Morris, T. Nelson, D. Newcomb, B. Newton, J. Newton, E. Norris, J. Norman, M. North, F. O'Brien, C. Ormerod, D. G. Owen, J. Phillips, J. R. Pilling, A. Pinch, G. Proudlove, J. Pulleng, E. Radam, D. Read, G. Rennie, D. F. Renouf, G. W. Richards, G. J. Ritchie, F. Robertson, D. Robinson, T. Roper, E. Royds, E. Sainbury, M. Sanderson, A. Scott, B. Seed, N. Shaw, J. Shaw, E. Simkin, C. R. Sinclair, R. Spalton, O. Stacey, J. P. Stallard, D. Stannard, B. Steele, K. Stewart, T. K. Stratford, S. Stratford, K. Trow, J. B. Veale, W. Waddington, E. Waldman, R. Walker, J. Watson, D. H. Webster, R. Webster, C. Wells, G. W. Wheatley, R. Whittle, D. Wilkinson, P. Wilks, D. Wolman, R. Youds.

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Mr. E. P. Lancaster, an old boy of the school, has been taking temporarily the Art work in the school since the death of Mr. H. Merchant.

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Mr. R. Jones joined the R.A.F. for special duties with the rank of Pilot Officer early in October.

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The number of boys on the school roll is now 613, and to meet the increase in numbers an extra Form has been created.

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We welcome to the staff this term Mr. B. M. Tyack, B.A., London, who has been appointed to teach French.

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Mr. A. Garvin, B.A., London, has also joined the staff as a temporary master, and has been in charge of the new Form this term.

We are pleased to be able to record a further growth in the Savings Movement in the school. When we started it was our ambition to collect £1,000 before the end of 1940, and it is particularly gratifying to find that this milestone was passed before the end of October. We have now reached the total of £1,213 1s. 4d., and the total number of subscribers enrolled has now reached the figure of 233.

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This year the sale of Poppies in aid of the funds of the British Legion realised £10.

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The Summer holidays this year were curtailed by three weeks: during this time a good deal of useful work was done in the form of Lectures on First Aid and Fire Fighting.

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Over 150 boys volunteered for farm work, and parties were working for the whole holiday. Other boys continued to collect waste paper and other materials, and the sorting was organised by the Scouts.

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On October 1st a visit was made to the school by Flight-Lieutenant R. de K. Winlaw. He spoke to the boys about Air Crew work and answered technical questions put to him by many of the boys. A fuller report appears elsewhere.

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On November 18th a party of Sixth Form boys visited the Ince Moss Colliery, Wigan, and spent several hours underground.

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On November 20th members of the Sixth Form attended a matinee performance of *The Devil's Disciple* at the Garrick Theatre.

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We have once more to express our gratitude to the Rutherford Trust Fund for another selection of pictures. These have been hanging in the corridors, and have provided pleasure and profit to art students and others.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS

### HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

- ACKROYD, R. T. ....Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics  
Scholarship paper Pure Maths.,  
very good
- CARDY, I. F. ....Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics
- COULSHED, N. ....Pure Maths., Physics, Chemistry, with  
Geography Subsidiary
- CURZON, L. B. ....English Literature with Distinction,  
Economics, French; Scholarship  
papers English Literature excellent;  
Economics excellent
- GORDON, N. A. ....Pure Maths., Physics, Chemistry with  
French-with-German Subsidiary
- HART, G. B. ....Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics  
with Geography Subsidiary; Scholar-  
ship paper Applied Maths. very  
good.
- HARTLEY, J. ....Pure Maths., Physics, Chemistry
- HEPWORTH, R. L. P..Geography, Pure Maths., Physics,  
Chemistry
- HOWARTH, P. H. W..Physics, Chemistry, with Pure Maths.  
Subsidiary
- HUGHES, B. ....Physics with Pure Maths., and  
Chemistry Subsidiary
- HULM, J. K. ....Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics  
Chemistry Scholarship paper Pure  
Maths., very good
- JONES, D. S. B. ....English Literature, History, with  
Latin and French Subsidiary
- KRUSHEVSKI, J. ....French with English Literature and  
German Subsidiary

- LEE, D. ....Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics
- MARKHAM, H. ....Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics  
with French-with-German  
Subsidiary
- MUNDAY, R. G. T. ...Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics  
with French-with-German  
Subsidiary
- PAYNE, A. R. ....English Literature, Art, with French  
Subsidiary
- PAYNE, D. M. ....Subsidiary Latin, French
- RUNCORN, S. K. ....Pure Maths., Applied Maths., Physics  
Chemistry; Scholarship paper Pure  
Maths. very good
- SCOTT, W. H. ....Distinctions in History, Geography,  
and Economics.
- SHARROCKS, W. D. ...English Literature, History,  
Economics; Scholarship papers  
History and Economics very good
- SMITH, D. W. ....Pure Maths., Applied Maths. with  
Distinction, Physics with Distinc-  
tion, with French-with-German Sub-  
sidiary; Scholarship paper Applied  
Maths. very good
- WALBANK, D. M. ....English, History, Economics, with  
Latin Subsidiary; Scholarship paper  
History very good
- DODD, J. T. ....Subsidiary History, Geography
- BEAVER, W. M. ....Subsidiary French, Pure Maths.
- BRITLAND, C. M. ....Subsidiary French-with-German, Pure  
Maths., Applied Maths., Physics
- SHANKS, W. R. ....Subsidiary Pure Maths., Physics,  
Chemistry
- WILLIAMS, J. K. B. ...Subsidiary Pure Maths., Applied  
Maths., Physics, Chemistry

## SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

J. S. Atherton, A. D. Baldwin, K. Bailey, J. B. Bardsley, C. A. Barton, G. E. Barton, D. B. Bevan, E. J. Birchall, W. E. Blackmore, W. D. Bold, B. E. Chamberlain, G. H. Charlick, J. R. Culshaw, C. Ditchfield, S. H. Ellis, M. Evans, W. Evans, O. A. Fiteni, J. W. Frobisher, R. H. Garstang, J. L. Goldberg, C. M. Graham, R. H. Greenal, K. Greenwood, J. H. Harvey, R. M. Henderson, L. Horwich, J. Howarth, B. Hughes, G. L. Ingham, L. G. Jaeger, L. J. Kearns, P. Kefford, J. Lancashire, P. J. Lisle, J. E. Loy, A. R. Lucas, P. C. Major, J. D. Lund, R. Marshall, A. Marsden, D. C. Marsden, E. W. Marsden, N. J. McKenna, R. J. Melling, C. E. Nelson, S. Newton, W. Nolan, N. A. Norris, J. Ormrod, A. C. Pearson, G. Rimmer, A. W. Roberts, J. Roberts, I. H. Roe, G. W. Sage, D. R. Scarland, F. W. Shepherd, L. Shilling, D. D. Sherwood, H. E. Skaife, R. Smith, W. H. Smith, E. Speight, A. P. Summerfield, D. Taylor, E. B. Taylor, R. G. Thompson, W. Thompson, H. Townsend, C. E. Trott, R. L. Watkinson, J. N. Weatherby, G. K. Westerman, G. J. White, D. C. Whitfield, F. D. Wilkinson, J. Wilkinson, R. A. Zucker.

The following boys have gone on to Universities:—

Ackroyd, R. T.	...	...	...	Liverpool
Cardy, I. F.	...	...	...	"
Coulshed, N.	...	...	...	"
Curzon, L. B.	...	...	...	"
Hughes, B.	...	...	...	"
Jones, D. S. B.	...	...	...	"
Loy, J. E.	...	...	...	"
Scott, W. H.	...	...	...	"
Shanks, W. R.	...	...	...	"
Sharrocks, W. D.	...	...	...	"
Smith, D. W.	...	...	...	"
Williams, J. K. B.	...	...	...	"
Howarth, P. H. W.	...	...	...	Manchester

Southport Major Scholarships have been awarded to:—

Ackroyd, R. T.	Scott, W. H.
Curzon, L. B.	Sharrocks, W. D.
Hulm, J. K.	Smith, D. W.
Runcorn, S. K.	Walbank, D. M.

The following boys gained Entrance Scholarships at Liverpool University:—

R. T. Ackroyd, the Bartlett Scholarship of £100 per annum.  
 L. B. Curzon, the Agnes Sinclair Scholarship of £57 per annum.  
 S. K. Runcorn, the Tate Science Scholarship of £35 per annum.  
 W. H. Scott, the W. P. Sinclair Scholarship of £53 per annum.  
 W. D. Sharrocks, the Elizabeth James Scholarship of £40 per annum.  
 D. W. Smith, the Derby Scholarship of £35 per annum.

## SCHOOL PREFECTS

S. K. Runcorn (School Captain)	J. Hartley (Vice-Captain)
H. Markham	J. K. Hulm
D. M. Payne	G. B. Hart
R. G. T. Munday	J. W. Thornley
R. Abram	H. Lomas
D. M. Walbank	D. A. Cox
	B. Collinge
	D. Lee
	G. P. Roberts
	R. L. P. R. Hepworth
	J. E. Riding

## HOUSE NOTES

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### EDWARDS'

This term we welcomed more than the usual number of new boys, and already it is noticed with pleasure that several are engaged in school activities. Many of our staunch supporters left us at the end of last term: we wish them every success in their future career.

In the H.S.C. and S.C. examinations the House gained its usual long list of successes, and in games we were again successful in retaining for the third time that valued House room ornament, the Badminton Cup. We express the wish that our scholastic and games successes may often be repeated.

Markham has been appointed Captain of the Senior XV, and Oakes, Captain of the Junior XV. The Seniors triumphed by a comfortable margin in their first game, and we look forward to seeing one at least of the rugby shields back in its appropriate place on the House room wall. In the school teams Markham, Barton and Walker have represented us in the 1st XV; Thornley, Goode and Roberts in the 2nd XV; Abram and Allen, T. in the 3rd XV; and Oakes and Allen, N. in the Bantams.

Goode and Bailey are to be congratulated on being appointed House Prefects, and Thornley on being made a School Prefect.

Last term we made an appeal for more contributors to the savings movement. The response was magnificent, but of late the enthusiasm has tended to slacken off. We again appeal to the House: we know our appeal will not be in vain.

The work of the House has been very satisfactory this term, and a good deal of enthusiasm has been shown. With a wide range of talent we can look forward with confidence to the future.

During these days of strife there are many late members of the House serving in the National cause. To all these we should like to express our confidence in their ability to bring us ultimate victory.

J. W. T.

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### EVANS'

We are pleased to say that in spite of the war the various activities of the school have been carried on.

In rugby this term we have so far played once only, in a Senior match which resulted after a very hard game in a win against Spencer's. We hope to play a few more House matches before the end of the term.

We have been well represented in the school teams, in the 1st XV by H. Lomas, P. Kefford, and K. Hepburn, in the 2nd XV by G. Whelan and N. Irving, in the 3rd XV by H. Buck, and in the Colts by W. Taylor and by D. Trimble, who is Captain. We are also well represented in the societies.

Hughes, Pearson, Frobisher and Rostron are missed, but we are hoping to fill their places. Here's wishing them the best of luck in their new spheres.

Our congratulations go to H. Lomas on being made a School Prefect and House Captain, and also to G. Whelan, A. R. Payne, and H. Lawrence, on being appointed House Prefects.

Many boys in the House have joined the War Savings Movement and a big effort has been made.

Our best wishes go to all old boys who are serving with the Forces. We should like to hear from them from time to time.

D. M. P.

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### GREAR'S

At the end of last term we lost the services of several of our Seniors. Especially do we miss W. H. Scott, who is to be congratulated on gaining a University Scholarship. To all who have departed we tender our thanks for the services they have rendered to the House, and extend our best wishes for success in their future careers.

This term we welcome a considerable number of new boys who should, by now, have settled down in the school. We hope they will soon begin to join with interest in the various activities of the House and school.

Last term we rounded off quite a successful year by retaining the swimming trophies for the fifth year in succession. The team, which was captained by S. K. Runcorn, the House captain, is to be commended for its success. At the end of last term also we gained the Junior Gym Shield after a very creditable performance by the team under the captaincy of C. McMillan.

Although the school matches have been very restricted this term owing to the difficulty of war-time travel, we again have a good number of representatives in the teams:— D. A. Cox and C. McMillan in the 1st XV, R. W. Denton and J. N. Weatherby in the 2nd XV, R. E. Holmes, J. Jarvis, E. Lawrenson, K. Parsons and D. F. Sutton in the 3rd XV, and P. Hilton, R. E. Moore and I. M. Ross in the Bantam XV. The Senior rugby team, captained by D. A. Cox, has made a good start, the only match played up to the time of going to press resulting in a comfortable victory.

Our congratulations are due to D. A. Cox who has been appointed a School Prefect, and to all members of the House who were successful in S.C. and H.S.C. examinations last July.

In conclusion we would remind all members of the House that an all-round effort is required in work as well as in games if the Jubilee Cup is to find its way back to the House Room, and that it is up to those boys who are below average in games to make good their deficiency in the classroom.

H. L.

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#### LEECH'S

This being the first term of a new school year we find ourselves without the services of several of our senior boys. The best wishes of the House go with them in their chosen careers. Particularly do we miss L. B. Curzon and D. S. B. Jones. The House officials are now R. Abram, House captain, B. Collinge and J. T. Dodd. We congratulate B. Collinge on being appointed School Prefect.

We welcome all the newcomers to the House and trust that they will soon become acquainted with our game of rugby, a sport which will be new to the majority of them, so that we may expect success from our junior team in the future.

The senior rugby team has played one match this season which, although the support from the touch-line was poor, was won comfortably. We hope that this victory is a promise of further achievements.

There are several members of the House playing in the school teams. R. Abram and K. Smethurst play for the 1st XV, Abram being captain; J. Williamson and J. Howarth play for the second and third teams respectively, and in the Bantams we are represented by P. Bonney and McCarthy.

Several Leech's members attend the Art Society and Chess Club meetings. Two of our seniors occupy the positions of Secretary and Vice-Chairman on the Committee of the former Society. The Secretary, G. White, is also doing valuable work in the Geography Room.

It is pleasing to note that we won the Junior Cricket Shield last term. This trophy, which is steadily becoming a Leech's monopoly, having been won four times in the last six years, is, however, the only one in our possession. A combined effort by all members of the House both on the sports field and in the form room should bring us greater triumphs for another scribe to record this time next year.

J. T. D.

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#### MASON'S

Once again we have the pleasant task of writing a report which can show not only that the position reached in previous terms has been maintained, but also that additional progress has been made. For the second time in succession the House held the second place in the Honours List at the end of the term. If this position could be held for a third term a very creditable record would be established: but it would be a much greater achievement



if the first place could be gained. We hope that all members of the House will make every effort to secure this desirable end.

In the swimming qualifications second place was secured by the House. In the competitive events, however, a much lower place was all that could be obtained. Nevertheless it is preferable that there should be a large number of boys who can swim a little, rather than a smaller number whose ability is great. Much of the success that was obtained in the qualifications was due to the hard work of I. Cardy, whom we would like to thank for his keenness and organisation.

But our greatest triumph came at the end of the term when the Cup for the Senior Gym competition took its place in the House Room for the first time. With pride the House congratulated the captain, R. Marshall, and his successful team.

Yet we must not regard these successes with complacency, forgetting where further improvements can be made. The record of last term's cricket is rather dismal. The Juniors won but a single match, while the Seniors had only a draw as a consolation for two defeats. Nor has the Senior Rugby XV been more successful in the first match it has played this term. We trust that this team, which includes H. G. Sumner and D. M. Walbank, who have played for the 1st XV, and R. G. T. Munday, who has captained the 2nd XV, for which E. J. Birchall and C. Moss also have played, will have better fortune in its remaining matches, but hopes must rest mainly on the Junior XV, of which H. Dowland, the captain, J. Critchley, S. H. Barnes and A. Fyles have played for the Bantams. W. Scarisbrick also has played for the Bantams and an under 15 XV.

At the end of the Summer term many of our stalwart members left. We would like to thank them for the services they have rendered to the House in many varied activities, and to wish them every success in the future. At the same time we offer our heartiest congratulations to a former House captain, Flight Lieutenant A. F. Riddlesworth, who has been awarded the D.F.C. for "gallantry in flying operations against the enemy." D. M. W.

## ROGERS'

We begin the Autumn term, as always, by regretting the loss of many Senior members of the House, including J. S. Deane, last year's House captain. These boys are unfortunate in having to begin their careers during such troubled times, but we wish them all possible success, and are grateful for their services to the House in the past. To the new boys, whose number has been larger than usual, we extend a hearty welcome.

At the commencement of the term J. K. Hulm was appointed House Captain and G. P. Roberts a House Prefect. D. Lee and G. P. Roberts are both to be congratulated on attaining the responsible position of School Prefect.

The activities of most school societies having ceased we have nothing to report in this sphere. On the rugby field the only House match played up to the time of writing, a Senior game against Edwards', resulted in our defeat. The team, however, put up a much better show than in most of last season's matches. We are represented in school teams by G. P. Roberts, who is vice-captain of the 1st XV, D. Lee (2nd XV), B. S. Crowther and M. F. Drury (3rd XV), while G. Rimmer is captain of the Bantams; R. N. R. Greenall also playing for the last team.

It is with pleasure that we note that the House gained third place in the swimming sports at the end of last term, mainly owing to the efforts of the following boys, who also swam for the school during the Summer term: L. Monahan, G. Rimmer, and T. H. Griffiths.

The fact that the House has been generally much nearer the bottom than the top of the Honours list in recent terms seems to indicate that much more effort is required in this direction. Here lies an opportunity for new boys to show their ability. We also appeal to the many members of the House who do not at present contribute at all to the Savings Movement to make some attempt to pull their weight in this essential part of the nation's war effort.

J. K. H.

#### SPENCER'S

We extend a hearty welcome to the large number of new boys who have arrived this term and hope for their success in school life.

Last term many of the House stalwarts left, including N. Coulshed, the House captain, whose place will be hard to fill.

This term J. Hartley has been appointed House captain, J. E. Riding vice-captain, and J. G. Thomason and P. F. Wilks House Prefects. R. L. P. R. Hepworth and J. E. Riding have been appointed School Prefects. This is the first time that we have had three School Prefects in the House at any one time, but we hope it will not be the last. We offer our congratulations to those securing these appointments.

Last term went out in a scintillating triumph for the House in the winning of the Jubilee Cup. True to form, we obtained it by being runners-up in nearly everything. We hope the herculean efforts made to get it will be repeated this year and that a few more trophies will find their way into the House Room.

The societies have been so drastically pruned that there is "nothing to report on all fronts" here.

In games, Hartley and Ruscoe have played for the 1st XV, Foster and Wilks for the 2nd XV, and Wood, McMurray and Barton for the Bantam XV. In House matches only moderate success has attended our efforts.

We are glad to report better results from the House Savings campaign.

Finally we would like to ask all members of the House not to let diversions (such as warbling notes) interfere unduly with their work, and to bring even more honour to the House than the giants of the past have ever done.

R. L. P. R. H.

#### WOODHAM'S

At the end of last term the House lost the valuable services of Sharrocks and Ackroyd; but we are pleased to record their scholarship awards and wish them every success in their University career. The House extends a welcome to seventeen new boys, and hopes they will take their full part in the House activities. Congratulations are due to the following boys on their appointments this term: G. Hart, House captain; A. C. Barton, J. Lancashire and J. Wilkinson, House Prefects. In school teams A. C. Barton, C. Britland and J. Wilkinson have played for the 2nd XV; J. Lancashire, E. W. Perrott and R. Smith for the 3rd XV; and F. Marrow for the Bantams.

In House matches we have been unsuccessful against Leech's in the one match so far played. We hope to see the remaining two Senior matches won and a complete victory from the Juniors, who have not yet played.

Swimming and Life-Saving Classes have been held by G. Hart, but the attendance has not been all that could be desired. The percentage of those in the House who cannot swim is greater than we should wish, and we would remind boys that there are opportunities for learning to swim every Saturday morning at the Victoria Baths.

J. L.

#### OLD BOYS' NEWS

Flight-Lieutenant A. F. Riddlesworth was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross in July for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty.

A. Goulder, Sergeant Pilot in the R.A.F., was awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal in July for gallantry and devotion to duty.

It has now been learned that M. H. Smalley, Lancashire Fusiliers, who was posted as killed in action, is a prisoner of war.

News has also been received that G. Parker, Pilot Officer, R.A.F., is a prisoner of war.

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A. M. Abrahams has been appointed resident Surgical Officer at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool.

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M. H. Coulson has been awarded the first year scholarship in Law at Liverpool University, and has also gained the Alsop prize for work in Roman Law and Jurisprudence.

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A. A. Wilson, who is taking a course of Veterinary Surgery at Liverpool University, has been awarded the medal for Veterinary Pathology and Bacteriology.

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J. H. Marshall has been awarded the David Rew Research Memorial Scholarship at Liverpool University.

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J. W. Lord has been elected an Associate of the Institute of Chemistry.

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#### ROLL OF HONOUR

R. E. ROLISON, Sergeant Observer, R.A.F., missing, believed killed.

E. K. MELLODY, R.A.F., missing.

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#### MARRIAGES

PERCY LAURENCE to MURIEL PONITON, at Great Wilby Parish Church, on July 8th.

WALTER BENNETT to MARGARET JOHNSON, at Emmanuel Church, on September 7th.

MAURICE GILLOTT to JOYCE TIDSWELL, at All Saints' Church, on September 14th.

JACK HOLBEM to BETTY BLUNDELL, at St. Cuthbert's Church, on October 12th.

ALLAN COTTERILL to EDNA OAKES, at St. Paul's Church, Withington, on October 14th.

JACK RIGBY to ANNE LUMSDEN, at St. Philip's Church, on October 19th.

GEOFFREY STOCKS to DOROTHY ELLIOTT, at Birkdale Congregational Church, on October 26th.

GEORGE SALISBURY to EILEEN BLAKE, at St. John's Church, on November 9th.

DOUGLAS REED to MARJORIE HOLLAND, at Southbank Road Methodist Church, on November 16th.

HEATON MILLS to DIANA GRIMSHAW, at St. Joseph's Church, Birkdale, on November 7th.

JAMES N. THRELFALL to PATRICIA KNOWLES, at St. John's Church, on November 21st.

JOHN N. KNOWLES to MARJORIE LINDSAY-LAWRIE, at Stranraer, on August 30th.

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#### OLD BOYS' LETTERS

Saltley College,  
Birmingham 8,  
November 11th, 1940.

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

SIRS,—In accordance with modern convention I must humbly apologise for not having completed this article sooner, knowing that out of the goodness of your hearts you are bound to forgive me! Truth to tell, I have precious little time for levity such as this. Being a Lance-Corporal entails such a deuced amount of responsibility, don't you know? (or do you know?). Anyway, having read about Harry Nicholls, it occurred to me that the ribbon of a Victoria Cross would just match my college tie. As encouragement, I suppose, I was raised to the rank of Lance-Corporal in the O.T.C.

Despite the awful strain of having to bark orders at my gloomy section I still retain my musical ability (perhaps "interest" is more apt). No doubt you will be amazed when I tell you that my violin squeals enthusiastically in the orchestra, and my voice groans abysmally in the choir. Yes, they're very tolerant here!! But wait!—There's still more! I even managed to organise and lead a vocal quartet which entertained the students at one of our weekly sing-songs. Some wag promptly dubbed us the "Four in Agony," but we treated such disparagement with the contempt it merited.

After exercising my voice to such extent I deemed it a good plan to exercise my body, and to this end I joined the Harriers' Club. Woe is me! The captain swears vehemently that it is a six-mile course, but I swear vulgarly that it must be blue-pencil 60, at least! However, I have the satisfaction of knowing that I can always improve.

Oh! I almost forgot to mention that when we are free from important gatherings such as those already discussed, we occasionally continue to do a little work. The college authorities have even gone so far as selfishly suggesting a month's Teaching Practice (quote!) "as from Monday, 18th." Such presumption!

After the 'orrible ordeal of S.P., combined with the enormous loss of sleep due to anything you like, you can well imagine how much I am looking forward to the Christmas vacation. I hardly dare venture to describe air activity over Birmingham. After all, a bloke doesn't want to spend the next umpteen years of his life in prison. So I suppose I had better do as Dad does—keep mum!

I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,

H. COUNSELL.

St. Catharine's College,  
Cambridge,  
9/11/40.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of Mr. Merchant. Few of us were fortunate enough to work under him right through school, but though we

parted from him in the lower Forms we found that, even after we had left, he remembered us, and whenever we met him he stopped and talked. It gave us pleasure then to find that we had not been forgotten, and by these conversations he will be remembered.

The usual College and University activities are carrying on this year but in a considerably more modified form. The number of undergraduates has naturally fallen, and many have found that their former tutors and supervisors have disappeared into mysterious positions of national importance.

Owing to war-time restrictions it was thought better to omit the annual dinner, and a tea was held instead. As a result the election of officers took place with an unusual degree of propriety. It is rumoured that the chairman of this erstwhile respectable society is to appear in "pantomime" at the end of term. Should this fact be confirmed the matter will have to be brought before the Disciplinary Committee of the Society.

We regret the disappearance of R. S. H. from amongst us, but have no doubt that he is being found as useful to the Navy as he is being missed by his college boat club, though we hope for different reasons. As the majority of us will be following him next June we were pleased to learn that there will be two candidates from school sitting for the December scholarship examinations. We wish them every success and hope that they will be up here next year to carry on the society.

We remain, Sirs, yours faithfully,

C. O. G. S.

The College,  
Chester,  
11th November, 1940.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—There have been violent arguments in terms past as to which of our number was to put pen to paper and thus help to fill the covers of your magazine. I was always

outvoted two to one and was forced, midst gross flatteries, to write on behalf of my lazier brethren. This time, however, has been different. The dreaded post-card arrived at an early date demanding the usual epistle to the "heathen." I could not glibly say "It is your turn," for Pryce and Woodall, having responded to "the call," are here no more. You are thus forced, poor fellows, to hear from me again.

Not only in this direction has the term been different, for strangely enough I have been extraordinarily busy. Two weeks' teaching practice awaited me on first returning to college, and since then I have been showered with all manner of work. To crown all it fell to my lot to give a criticism lesson before the whole first year—an honour indeed, but a doubtful one. These facts alone are sufficient to cause many sleepless nights. The sirens, however, must needs cause more discomfort.

On hearing these doleful wailings we are forced to change billets from more or less comfortable beds to the less inviting floors of the library, lounge, or chapel on the ground floor. There we must remain 'mid groans and snores until the "all clear" sounds, when we return, with relief, to the dormitories. Many of us did not appreciate the night of blessed memory when we mounted and descended five times in all. We might have been consoled if a bomb or two had fallen to remind us that we suffered for a purpose.

There have been consolations, however. Football has not been disturbed, and Saturday and Wednesday afternoons find me showing off my skill, in the centre forward position for the 1st XI. Our efforts have met with some success, for to date our record stands: Won 4, drawn 1, lost 2.

Nor have I been idle in the society world. As Chairman of the Literary Society and Producer of the Dramatic Society my time has been fully occupied. In the latter sphere particularly I am busy, for a three act play, "Busman's Honeymoon," is to be presented before Christmas. In this I am also taking a part—that of Lady Peter Winsey.

I was most distressed to hear a short while ago of death of Mr. Merchant. He was always a great favour and will, I am sure, be greatly missed.

I am, yours faithfully,

R. HASLAM,

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S. Chad's College,

Durham,

November 9th, 19

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

SIRS,—Another academic year has begun, and your correspondent is still in solitary state as the only Georgian in this University—a very sad state of affairs, one which he had hoped to see remedied this term.

Contrary to expectations at the end of last term, war has made very little difference to the smooth running of the University, although some colleges have very few men in residence. Chad's, however, is at full strength, and the usual quota of freshmen have made their appearance. It is the custom in the College to hold a "Freshers' Concert" and a "Freshers' Debate": the first of these passed quite peaceably, the second, as is always the case, was a riot. The debate is always begun with due solemnity; when it has nicely begun a "heckling party" of freshmen makes its appearance. This year the hecklers were "German parachutists," and your correspondent, attired as a parson with a parachute (made of a sheet and strung trailing behind him, and accompanied by two other parsons in crime, marched into the debating hall and began to liven up the proceedings. Eventually the "Quisling" were declared contumacious by the President and were bidden to vote; so they showed their independence by voting for both sides!

But let no one imagine that life at Durham is a continuous round of concerts and debates. At the present time your correspondent is struggling with the elements of Hebrew and dividing the synoptic Gospels into their sources for his tutor; not to speak of researches into "the Mixed Origin of the Hebrews" and "The Political relations of Egypt and Israel to the Exodus."



As I write the rain continues in a steady downpour: I sometimes wonder whether there is ever anything else but rain in Durham: if anyone thinks that it is always raining at Southport let him come to Durham!

I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,  
D. O. G. S.

Chemistry Department,  
The University,  
Manchester,  
8th November, 1940.

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

SIRS,—It is indeed a most surprising and inexplicable fact that our number during the session has dwindled so much, especially considering the unquestionable advantages which Manchester offers, in spite of its characteristic sooty atmosphere. We have had, comparatively, very little interruption from enemy air activity, much less than Liverpool.

J. M. Lambert is continuing his studies here, though he is rarely seen on the threshold, and is very difficult to get hold of. P. H. W. H. has commenced on an Honours Chemistry course, which will take four years instead of the customary three.

Society activities have been resumed on a large scale, especially in the chemistry department, where we have had very interesting lectures given by eminent scientists, including Sir John Russell, on "Food in War-time." The black-out will not be such a hindrance this year we are thankful to say.

This letter may be lacking in interest, but the scribe has been unable to find much to write of during his first month of the course.

We are, Sirs, yours faithfully,  
M. U. S. O. G.

Guild of Undergraduates,  
University of Liverpool,  
2 Bedford Street,  
Liverpool 7,  
10/11/40.

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

SIRS,—Much interest has been aroused among your correspondents this term concerning the important question of hats. In consequence, the rear part of the first coach of the 8-25 express has become a veritable hatter's show-room, nay, indeed almost a milliner's salon. R. T. Christy opened the display with an exclusive model in Donegal tweed, which he alternated with a clever design reminiscent of the Austrian Tyrol. A. D. Charnley looked very attractive in an egg-blue creation emblazoned with the motto: "Lambeth Walk—Oi!", while L. B. Curzon favoured a very natty check cap of the latest pattern (1/6 pre purchase tax). G. P. Wakefield, having asked his outfitter for a soft hat, appeared resplendent in a specimen à la Minister for Foreign Affairs; A. A. Wilson's model in autumnal brown bore evident traces of frequent remodelling, but P. R. B. Jones, wearing one of last year's models, successfully re-styled, looked very chic and à la mode.

We send these brief descriptions in the hope that others may take thought and profit by our example. While we would not wish to improve upon the ever popular school cap, might we not persuade the staff to attach a little more importance to the choice of suitable and distinctive head-gear? Can we not urge Mr. So-and-so (as an example) to forsake his sombre grey for a nice green pork-pie trimmed with an orange feather? Is it too much to hope that one day we may see Mr. Such-and-such in a "ten gallon" sombrero? If further expert suggestions are required we should be glad to furnish them by return of post.

Newcomers this term are R. T. Ackroyd, J. F. Cardy, N. Coulshed, L. B. Curzon, B. Hughes, D. S. B. Jones, J. E. Loy, W. H. Scott, W. Shanks, W. D. Sharrocks, and C. Warwick. They were fortunate enough to have a sort of rag-day early in their first term during the City's War Weapons week. There were no collections to be made—only pamphlets to distribute and a stirring war-cry to shout.

Many of us have joined the University Training Corps, considering one pip and a shirt less irksome than battle dress. And now the most inveterate shirkers of P.T. are to be seen drilling, or, more accurately, being drilled, with great vigour and hardly a complaint. It has been truly remarked that time marches on. The University has not yet quite converted itself into another Sandhurst, however. There is still some work of more than national importance to be done, and several people occupy their spare time in trying to do it.

May we say finally how very sorry we were to hear of the death of Mr. Merchant? Many of us at Liverpool were closely associated with him in his work at school, and we appreciate very sincerely how much so stalwart a pillar of the school will be missed.

We are, Sirs, yours faithfully,

THE LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY OLD GEORGIANS.



## MINING AS A CAREER

BY J. ANDERTON,

Manager of Moss Colliery, Lower Ince.

The possession of a University degree or its equivalent is rapidly becoming essential for those who aspire to the better posts in the professions, and in industry and commerce. A University degree is a pass-port to many valuable appointments, and often without it the boy who would rise in his chosen vocation is severely handicapped. Matriculation is essential as a first step in the direction of a degree, and when in due course graduation has been reached, opportunities to practice will be found in great variety. Capable boys should therefore realise the wisdom of obtaining a University degree, or the diploma of a College, in the subjects specially related to their life's work.

Mining is a career which offers to young men of ability and good physique a life full of interest, adventure and opportunities of advancement, both in the coalfields of this

country and in coal and metalliferous mining abroad; this is especially true of those who have obtained a degree or a diploma. A mining life is full of interest and opportunity for those who would become leaders of men, and it can be said with truth that the duties of a Mining Engineer embrace many of the important duties of mechanical, electrical and civil engineers. Now, more than ever, coal and ores are mined with the assistance of machines of one kind or another; hence young men of mechanical ability are most likely to succeed in mining practice.

Those boys who have had an opportunity of visiting coal mines or metalliferous mines will have seen the wonders of underground mining and come to realise the important character of the position of a colliery manager. He is the man who must be the holder of a First-class Certificate of Competency as a colliery manager. The great majority of the colliery managers in Great Britain have been constantly employed in mines, and have attended part-time classes during the day or in the evenings to prepare themselves for the Colliery Managers' Examination, but the number of young men who go forward to that examination after having obtained a degree or diploma is steadily increasing. To those who pursue a full-time course of study covering three years at a University or Mining College the colliery manager's examination presents no difficulty. Having the degree or diploma and the qualifying certificate, a keen young man may find employment as a mining engineer, colliery manager, geologist, fuel technologist, oil technologist, or prospector, and he has open to him in addition posts in the teaching of mining subjects, or as H.M. Inspector of Mines. In such positions men of ability may rise to salaries of £1000 per year or more.

Matriculated students may enter on a degree course with the advantage of a scholarship. Local Education Authorities usually provide technological scholarships covering the cost of fees, books and travelling expenses, and some scholarships are available at certain colleges. At Wigan and District Mining and Technical College, several scholarships are available for mining students, and these, in some cases, may be held simultaneously with other scholarships. At Wigan Mining College students are

prepared for the B.Sc. degree of London University; therefore students desirous of taking the London University degree should matriculate in the University or have an exempting certificate. The course extends over three full University years, and during the course every facility is given by coal-mining companies in the district, and in other fields, for students to obtain the necessary practical experience to enable them to graduate and to go forward to the Colliery Managers' Examination.

A career in mining can be recommended with confidence to all boys having engineering ability, good health and physique, and the requisite entrance qualifications.



### A TRIP TO A WIGAN COAL MINE

A comic collection the thirty members of the Sixth forms looked as they stood at the pithead of Ince Moss Colliery, on November 18th, ready to take the drop. It would have seemed that they had ransacked all the pawnshops and robbed all the tramps in the district, had it not been for the hall-mark of respectability, the papier-mâché helmet, light but hard, perched airily on each curly head.

In parties of four we mounted the steps and crept into the breast-high cages which were to take us to Tartarus. The bars clanged across. We were suspended over three thousand feet of nothing: our lives hung by a thin steel cable. As we flashed past, the walls of the shaft were a black blur in the glimmer of our electric safety lamps, and in less than a minute we had reached the working, nine hundred feet down, which we were to explore.

The main haulage way, illuminated by electric lamps hanging from the centre of the low roof, faded into the distance like a tube. Here and there twisted steel girders and split props, with the coal jutting through, showed the pressure of the rock above. We stumbled along between two sets of rails into the kingdom of the gnomes.

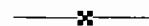
A dreary trek through another dark tunnel, along which a conveyor belt carried the coal, led to the coal face. All around lay the powdered white stone — spread to keep down the explosive coal dust.

We had come to the Pemberton two-foot seam; miners were crawling out at the end of a shift, eyes pink-rimmed against the black of their faces, pushing their picks and shovels before them. We crawled like caterpillars into the low seam, which was but scantily supported by props. It was hot and tiring dragging along the rough floor. The coal glistened all around, and we imagined the mass of hanging rock above, waiting to fall on us and form fossils which would be discovered in the distant future. What must it be like to be a miner who works all his life down here, lying prostrate as he monotonously cuts and shovels the coal, with the ever-present threat above?

At last, reaching the end of the seemingly endless hundred yards of the seam, we came to a return air way which led us back to the shaft.

Above the coal is sorted into various sizes by shaking trays full of holes of different gauges, and the rubbish is picked out by girls working with rapid fingers.

D. M. P.



### THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE

On Wednesday, November 20th, a party from the Sixth forms went to the Garrick Theatre to see a production of *The Devil's Disciple*, a play by George Bernard Shaw, in which the main role was taken by that celebrated actor Robert Donat. The names of Shaw and Donat led us to believe we were in for a magnificent afternoon's entertainment, but many of us were disappointed. The play contained only flashes of the great Shaw and had none of the skilful delineation of character seen in the dramatist's *St. Joan*, and none of the vigorous intellectual conflict of *The Apple Cart*.

It deals with the hackneyed theme of the prodigal son making good, and uses as its medium an incident in the American War of Independence. The ending is artificial and unconvincing, with the last moment reprieve from death so often seen in our modern films. The role of the hero is stereotyped—that of a man with a heart of gold, sailing under the colours of a villain. The heroine is some-

what of a nonentity, while none of the other characters is particularly interesting.

As usual, Shaw uses the play as a weapon of offence. The Church, the War Office, red tape generally, and mistaken ideas of honour and chivalry, all come in for their share of the attack. But only a little of *The Devil's Disciple* is devoted to these ends, and most of it shows no sign of intellectual qualities.

Yet though the play was not of a very high standard it provided a kind of entertainment; and we must bear in mind that it was one of Shaw's early efforts. The play as a whole was not lacking in humorous situations and remarks, while forceful acting made up for some of its deficiencies. The scene where the whole family assembled for the reading of the will, or where Richard was tried for his life, could not but provoke us to laughter. And the happy ending, even if it were unreal, appealed to that side of us which dislikes having our heroes killed.

E. W.

#### AIR CREW WORK

On Tuesday, October 1st, the school was visited by Flight-Lieutenant R. de W. K. Winlaw, who gave a talk on the prospects for educated boys in the Royal Air Force as members of air crews. Having pointed out the high physical and mental qualifications which were required, and the limited field from which volunteers could be obtained, he described the manner in which application for entry should be made and that in which candidates are selected. He then gave an outline of the training and the courses which successful applicants would undergo. Finally it was pointed out that the training might be valuable in years to come when there would be a great increase in the use of aeroplanes for the legitimate purpose of aiding the development of human welfare.

In conclusion Flight-Lieutenant Winlaw offered to answer any questions that boys cared to ask, and for half-an-hour he was bombarded by queries from those who wished to obtain the opinion of an expert on matters

aeronautical. The answers that were given satisfied their curiosity and probably settled many arguments.

D. M. W.

#### THE PEA-PICKERS

Last year a party from the school visited Hartley's works at Aintree, where they were shown, among other things, the canning of peas. This summer some of that party and many other boys had the experience of picking some of the peas.

Late in July those who had offered to do farm work set out early and cycled to Birches Brow Farm at Aughton. Having arrived at the pea-field we obtained a large wicker hamper and took it to a row of peas which was still without a picker. Far away the row stretched over a rise and up to a distant hedge. The time that would be needed to reach the hedge seemed almost too great to be contemplated.

Then we started to pick, pulling up the trailing plants from the raised drills, stripping off the peas and throwing them into the hamper. It seemed to be easy money. We calculated not how many shillings we should earn in a day, but, at the rate of 1/2 for every sack filled (a rate, incidentally, that appears to be greater than that paid in most pea-fields) how many pounds we should earn in a week. We were soon disillusioned. The bottom of the hamper might be covered easily, but as the sides widened it filled less rapidly. As the top became imperceptibly nearer it seemed that the hamper would never be filled. Slowly the green piles of stalks and leaves accumulated behind us as we moved up the drill. Yet even when one hamper had been filled the hedge still seemed as far away.

We went on picking automatically and the monotony of the work became apparent. Dulled minds wandered. Peas thrown carelessly for the basket fell on the ground. Then we were recalled to the task by the sudden realisation that we had thrown the peas on to the ground behind and the waste into the hamper. At length, a second hamper

was filled and dragged up to the shute by which the peas were tipped into a sack. The sack was hooked on to the scales and weighed, and, with two brass tallies jingling merrily in our pocket, we took a long desired rest for an equally desired late lunch.

The first few days were spent in gaining experience, and at the end of that time we considered ourselves to be fairly skilled pickers, though naturally we were always surpassed by the regular workers, especially the women. One was a constant source of amazement, for she was able to fill sacks at the rate of one an hour. Among the schoolboys the speed of picking varied. Some claimed to fill a sack in an hour and a quarter. Most took longer, needing an hour and a half to two hours. The number of tallies earned in a day also differed. Some would arrive at Aughton before eight and pick six or seven hampers. Others were content to arrive later and fill three or four.

Throughout, the friendliness of the farm people made the work pleasant, and our relations with the regular pickers were good. We met a refugee from the Channel Isles who told us of the tax-free paradise the islands were before the invasion. With regard to air raids another woman remarked that there may be a million people on the ground, with five above in an aeroplane, and most of the million are terrified by the five. On the last day we saw one of these fear-inspiring bombers, and though our self-styled experts welcomed this chance of expounding their knowledge, we agreed that in the case of Heinkels "distance lends enchantment to the view."

Many of us had never done a full day's manual labour before. For the first time, possibly, we had brought to our notice the monotony which forms much of the everyday life of workers in all industries. Nevertheless we enjoyed the novelty of working with our hands (and of receiving the wages) and some of us hope to have the chance of spending our holidays in an equally profitable manner next summer.

D. M. W.

## AN AUTUMN JOURNEY

Within the lonely silence of my room  
Let me recall, like phantoms from the tomb  
Flitting before my face in dim array,  
Elusive memories of a happy day.

The station and the smoke—the flight  
And speeding fields—an hour's delight  
In Cathurst forest's weeping shade  
Or where the fern fronds deck the glade.  
Out of the brown earth's stony heart  
From which the splashing streamlets start,  
And tumble, laughing, o'er the fall,  
The noble forest trees stretch tall  
Their waving arms to hug the sky,  
And fleecy white clouds on them lie.  
Above my head, the sloping sun  
Crowns with pure gold the foliage dun  
Already breathed on from the west  
By Autumn's breath; and here is rest  
In Nature's bosom. Then the joy  
Of friendly talk comes to employ  
Our tired sense, but souls aspire,  
And long to leap up like the fire.  
Our drowsy bodies nod below,  
While our winged fancies freely go,  
Till, when we rouse ourselves once more  
We chain those lightning thoughts that soar,  
And sing in Beauty's praise so clear  
That everyone on earth may hear.  
Away again! Towards home at night  
The train flies, like an arrow bright  
Amid the darkness, and it shrieks,  
Once, like a serpent, twisting creeps,  
Then slows and stops.

Thus the short visit ends.

To common life the mind again descends  
And as the mourning trees their garments shed,  
This is another leaf from my life fled;  
A step towards Autumn. Ah! But since remain  
Even these few poor words, 'twas not in vain.

L. S.



## ATHLETICS

Towards the end of last term an athletics match took place with Blackpool Grammar School at Blackpool. Although the weather was not all that could be desired a keen competition was witnessed, resulting in a narrow victory for the School by 71 points to 65. The outstanding performers of the school team were: W. H. Scott, the captain, who won the 100 yds., 220 yds., and the long jump; H. Markham, who won the javelin event; J. Hartley, who won the high jump; and G. P. Roberts, who won the discus.

H. L.

## SWIMMING SPORTS

On Friday, July 12th, the eleventh Annual Swimming Sports were held in the Victoria Baths. The events were keenly appreciated and much interest was aroused by an innovation, the Style Competition. The Bradburne Cup for the highest aggregate of points was again won by Gear's.

### RESULTS

- 1—100 Yards Free Style (Senior):  
1, L. Monahan (R); 2, S. K. Runcorn (G); 3, G. L. Ingham (M). Time:  $78\frac{2}{5}$  secs.
- 2—50 Yards Free Style (Junior):  
1, N. G. Blore (G); 2, R. E. Bracewell (Ed.); 3, J. Critchley (M). Time: 36 secs.
- 3—50 Yards Breast Stroke (Senior):  
1, B. Collinge (L); 2, J. G. Cardwell (G); 3, G. H. Charlick (R). Time  $36\frac{1}{5}$  secs.
- 4—50 Yards Breast Stroke (Junior):  
1, R. N. Pulman (S); 2, N. G. Blore (G); 3, G. R. Robson (L). Time:  $44\frac{3}{5}$  secs.
- 5—Neat Dive (Senior):  
1, A. D. Baldwin (G) and G. Rimmer (R); 2, P. Kefford (Ev.).

### 6—25 Yards Free Style (Junior):

1, R. E. Bracewell (Ed.); 2, N. D. Blore (G); 3, J. Critchley (M). Time:  $16\frac{2}{5}$  secs.

### 7—50 Yards Free Style (Senior):

1, S. K. Runcorn (G); 2, G. L. Ingham (M); 3, W. F. Hunt (L). Time: 33 secs.

### 8—Long Plunge:

1, B. Collinge (L); 2, E. Bennett (W); 3, G. L. Ingham (M). Distance: 57ft. 1in.

### 9—25 Yards Free Style (under 13):

1, A. E. Eagar (G); 2, G. E. Cox (G); 3, N. G. Francis (G). Time: 21 secs.

### 10—50 Yards Back Stroke (Junior):

1, N. D. Blore (G); 2, R. N. Pulman (S); 3, R. W. Hayden (R). Time: 41 secs.

### 11—50 Yards Back Stroke (Senior):

1, G. E. Barton (Ev.); 2, S. K. Runcorn (G); 3, L. Monahan (R)

### 12—Neat Dive (Junior):

1, R. N. Pulman (S); 2, P. Oakes (Ed.); 3, J. Critchley (M).

### 13—Style Competition:

1, S. K. Runcorn (G); 2, B. Collinge (L); 3, J. H. Buckley (Ed.).

### 14—House Squadron (Junior):

1, Spencer's; 2, Gear's; 3, Edwards'. Time:  $75\frac{1}{5}$  secs.

### 15—House Squadron (Senior):

1, Gear's; 2, Roger's; 3, Mason's.  
Time: 2 mins. 26 secs.

### 16—Life Saving:

1, Gear's; 2, Woodham's; 3, Leech's.

### 17—Bradburn Cup—Highest Aggregate:

1, Gear's, 69 points; 2, Spencer's, 21 points;  
3, Roger's and Leech's, 17 points each.

## RUGBY

### 1st XV.

- v. Blackpool Grammar School, at home, October 2nd.  
School won 43—0.
- v. Lancaster Royal Grammar School, away. October 12th.  
School lost 0—6.
- v. Wigan Grammar School, at home, October 16th.  
School won 21—8.
- v. Cowley School, away, October 30th.  
School lost 6—14.
- v. Wallasey Grammar School, at home, November 9th.  
Match drawn 3—3.
- v. Army XV., at home, November 13th.  
School Lost 0—27.

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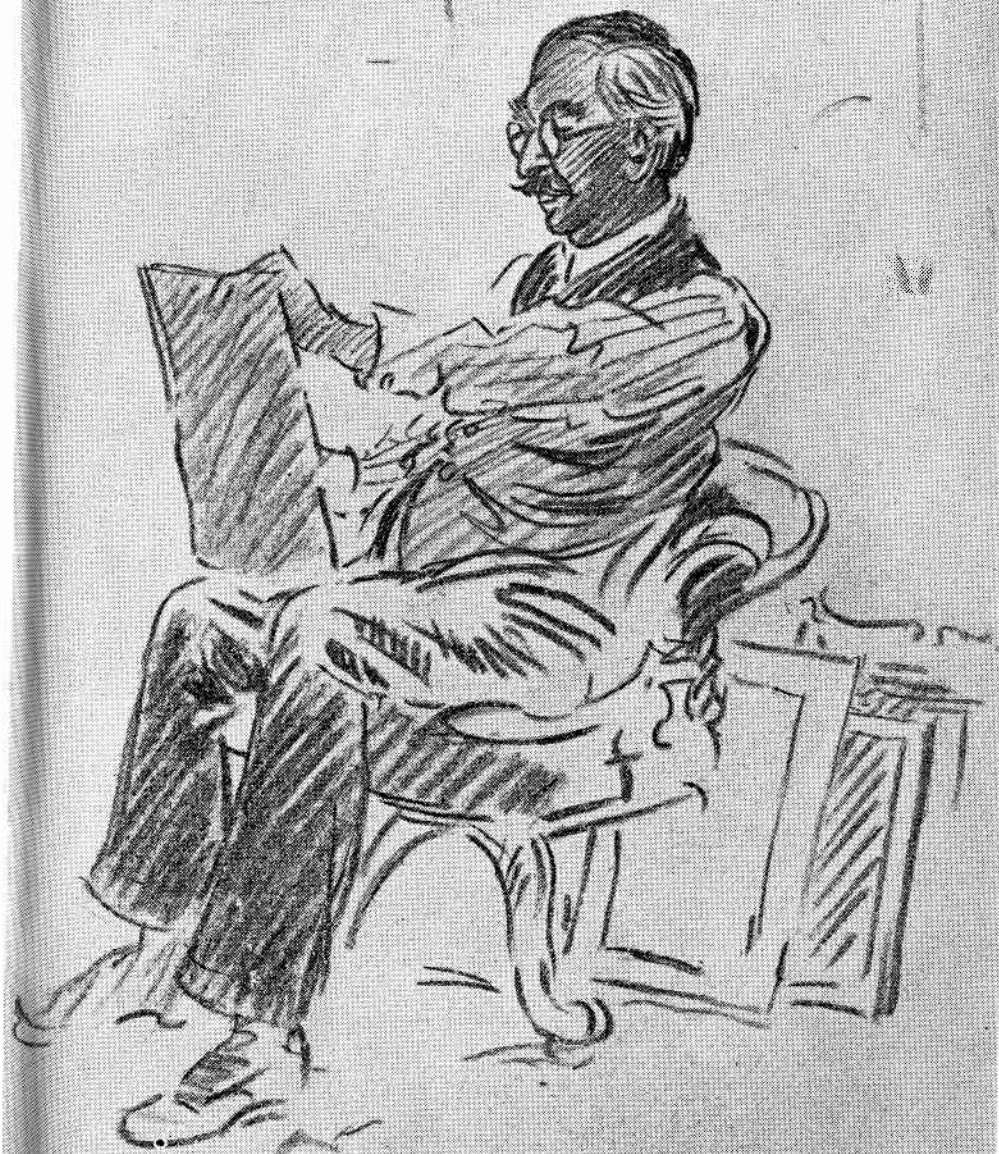
- v. Ormskirk Grammar School, away, October 5th.  
School won 34—13.
- v. Upholland Grammar School, away, November 2nd.  
School won 9—3.

### 2nd XV.

- v. Blackpool Grammar School, away, October 2nd.  
School won 21—0.
- v. Ormskirk Grammar School, at home, October 5th.  
School won 50—3.
- v. Cowley School, at home, October 30th.  
School won 27—3.

### 3rd XV.

- v. Blackpool Grammar School, away, October 2nd.  
School won 15—7.
- v. Cowley School, at home, October 30th.  
School lost 0—27.



*Gray Lancaster*

#### Colts' XV.

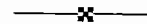
- v. Merchant Taylor's School, at home, November 20th.  
School won 42—3.

#### Under 15 XV.

- v. Lancaster Grammar School, at home, October 12th.  
School lost 0—15.

#### Bantam XV.

- v. Blackpool Grammar School, at home, October 2nd.  
School won 6—3.
- v. Cowley School, away, October 30th.  
School lost 8—13.
- v. Upholland Grammar School, away, November 2nd.  
School won 6—3.
- v. Wallasey Grammar School, at home, November 9th.  
School won 27—3.
- v. Merchant Taylor's School, at home, November 16th.  
School won 50—0.



#### SCOUTS

The writing of these notes coincides with the cessation of formal Troop meetings owing to black-out restrictions. It is hoped that Patrols will be able to keep together during the winter months and prepare for 1941 to be a year even more successful than 1940. In many ways the Scout year which ended last September was the most successful experienced. The Troop was represented in the many branches of Civil Defence work, and no call for assistance has been refused, although constant vigilance has been, and still is necessary, to see that too great a strain is not placed on the willing Scout. One could wish that the local services were better co-ordinated: there would then be no competition for a boy's services, but he would be placed where best suited.

For the first time over 100 badges have been obtained in a year, but the desire for badges has to a large extent interfered with second and first class work. During the year J. E. Birchall has reached King's Scout rank, and has also obtained second class All-round Cords. Whilst congratulating Birchall on his distinction we must express disappointment that there were not at least three other first-class badges gained during the year. Most of the difficulty is due to lack of forceful leadership in the Patrols. There is plenty of keenness to obtain rank but not the same keenness to study the duties attached to leadership. Partly to the lack of good leaders must be attributed the fact that discipline within the Troop is nothing like as good as it should be. A certain amount of dead wood needs cutting out before the Spring session starts.

The flood of money which at one time poured in to the charity fund as a result of salvage work has dwindled to a mere trickle, and would dry up altogether but for the sustained efforts of Blundell of the Beavers. One or two boys outside the Troop still do a little work, but on the whole the school's effort has not been kept up.

At the beginning of the term the Troop was successful in the Senior Swimming competition and also in the Life-Saving test.

The news of the death in the R.A.F. of R. E. Rolison has been received with deep regret. Rolison was in the Lion Patrol, 1934-5.  
R. G. T. M.

#### MUSIC SOCIETY

Until the black-out came on very early our meetings were held as usual. Unfortunately some of our senior boys left last term and we are now short of violinists as a result of this. We welcome into our midst five new members, including three pianists, a cornet player, and a boy who plays very well on a home-made bamboo pipe..

We are pleased to see that one of the school violins has now been borrowed and that there are several new boys who have joined the School Violin Class. Much to our disappointment some of the boys who would soon have been ready for the orchestra have, through their lack of interest and determination, stopped taking lessons.

Taking all facts into consideration the orchestra is adapting itself extremely well to the present circumstances. We hope that when the war is over the orchestra will return to its normal strength.  
K. B.

#### THE ART SOCIETY

The Society has suffered a very great loss this term by the death of Mr. Merchant, whom many will remember as a personal friend. We are glad to say that at the request of Mrs. Merchant, a contribution has been sent from a school collection to the Artists' Benevolent Society, in whose work Mr. Merchant always took a great interest; and we feel sure that this will in some measure express the appreciation which the school feels for Mr. Merchant's work of twenty years as Art Master.

We welcome Mr. Lancaster as Art Master, and we shall do our utmost to profit by his help during his stay with us.

Some good work has been executed by members this term. Several commendable drawings have been done, and preparations are being made for an exhibition which may take place in the Summer term.

G. J. W.

#### CHESS CLUB

The Club is meeting again this term in spite of the black-out. A Senior and a Junior Section have been formed, each meeting on a separate day. At the time of writing a Senior Tournament is in progress, the result of which may be announced before the end of term.

G. J. W.

#### LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

The attention of the school is drawn to the fact that books, newspapers and periodicals must not be mutilated. They should be treated with care.

We have been pleased to be able to send another parcel of books to the Forces.

We are grateful to the following for gifts of books:—  
G. L. Cooper, Esq., R. G. Newton, Esq., K. Bailey, F. R.  
Heath, H. J. G. Todd, F. W. B. Shepherd, N. A. Norris,  
J. B. Hartley, G. Hart, G. E. Barton, D. H. Carr.

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