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SCHOOL NOTES

VALETE

HARRISON, G. K., 1937-43.—Spencer's, Upper Vb Modern.
IRVING, N.G., 1937-43.—Evans', Upper VI Science, School Certificate 1941, Prefect, 2nd XV Colours 1941-42, Flight-Sergeant A.T.C.
ROBINSON, K.C., 1937-43.—Spencer's, Upper Vb Modern.
SHARROCK, R. D., 1937-43.—Rogers', Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1942, A.T.C.
WOOD, J.P., 1937-43.—Spencer's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1942, A.T.C.
HENRY, T., 1938-43.—Woodham's, Upper VI Modern, School Certificate 1941, Librarian, School Prefect, Secretary House Savings Group.
MCARTHUR, E.K., 1938-43.—Mason's, Upper Vc.
MCARTHUR, H.D., 1938-43.—Mason's, Upper Vc.
McCABE, P. J., 1938-43.—Rogers', IVb Modern.
RIMMER, J., 1938-43.—Evans', Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1941, A.T.C.
ROBSON, G. R., 1938-43.—Leech's, Lower VI Science, School Certificate 1942, A.T.C.
WATKINSON, J., 1938-43.—Edwards', Upper Va Modern, School Certificate 1942.
BRAY, K. N., 1939-43.—Evans', IVa Modern.
EDWARDS, J. S., 1939-43.—Rogers', Upper Vc, A.T.C.
BELL, T. C., 1940-43.—Rogers', IVb Modern.
BRAY, R. C., 1940-43.—Evans', Lower V Transitus.
LEONARD, L. T., 1940-43.—Rogers', IVb Modern.
BANTOCK, J., 1941-43.—Woodham's, Upper V Transitus, 2nd XI Colours 1942.
GRIFFITHS, R. B., 1941-43.—Leech's, Upper VI Science, School Certificate 1941. R.L.S.S. Award of Merit.
LEWIS, J. A., 1941-43.—Mason's IV Remove.
SNEESBY, P. J., 1941-43.—Leech's IIIB.

SALVETE

L. J. Greenlees, P. J. Lucas, B. Mayor.

On May 12th a lecture was given by Wing-Commander J. Fletcher, of the R.A.F., to senior boys on openings available in the R.A.F. He stressed the importance of continuing higher education as long as possible, and pointed out that there was a great demand for well-educated boys in each of the Services.

On May 20th Mr. Butler lectured to the senior boys of the school on a world language. His lecture was very closely followed and booklets he left behind for sale were eagerly bought. A report of the lecture appears elsewhere.

A party of 120 middle schoolboys attended a very interesting lecture organised by the British and Foreign Bible Society in the Cambridge Hall, on June 21st. The lecturer was Miss Cable, who described her journey through the Gobi Desert.

A feature of the Savings campaign has been the special effort made in the "Wings for Victory" Week. The target of £1,500 was reached on the second day and a total of £5,649 7s. 10d. was collected during the week. This meant a great deal of hard work on the part of House collectors.

It is pleasing to note that the Chairman of the Governors, Councillor F. W. Reddaway, made a special visit to school to meet and congratulate the collectors. The following boys are the ones who did the main part of the work:—Flenley, Smith, S.C. (Ed.); Blundell, Priestley, Smith, A. L. (Ev.); Ross, White (G.); Heisler, Nuttall (L.); Harrop, Hyam (M.); Hoyle, Jennett, Moncrieff (R.); Holden, Swift (S.); Cardwell, Edmunds, McManus (W.)

In addition there has been a steady effort week by week throughout the term and in consequence the total saved since the start of the movement has now reached £14,696 12s. 3d.

This term each Form has been collecting Ships' Halfpennies on behalf of the Merchant Navy Comforts Fund. Mr. W. H. Watts and Mrs. E. H. Taylor have kindly undertaken to act as trustees, and it is pleasing to record that the total collected up to date this term is £30 18s. 3d.

We tender congratulations to Townsend, of Upper VI Modern, who is the first boy to gain a valuable Open Scholarship at London University. He was awarded the Leverhulme Scholarship for Economics and History. This scholarship has a nominal value of £180 per annum and is tenable at the London School of Economics.

The following boys have been accepted for University Short Courses and are to train as Naval Officers:—Blair, E. M.; Churn, C. A.; Sutton, D.F.; Townsend, H.

F. W. B. Shepherd has been accepted for a University Short Course as a potential officer in the R.A.F.

HOUSE NOTES

EDWARDS'

In the Athletic Sports Final, the House was very successful, winning the Mawdsley Shield and Rimmer Cup, and retaining the Pariser Cup.

Unfortunately bad weather has postponed House matches this term, but we expect that our teams, the Seniors lead by L. G. Jaeger, and the Juniors by C. W. Knowles, will give a good account of themselves.

Congratulations are due to members of the House who have represented us in School teams, they are: L. G. Jaeger, J. A. Mayor and P. Oakes in the 1st XI, A. N. Crowther and J. R. Hargreaves in the 2nd XI, N. F. Fox in the Colts XI, and E. M. Blair, A. N. Crowther, L. G. Jaeger and G. A. Matthewman in the School Athletics team.

Our position in the House Honours List last term was lower than usual and an improvement is looked for. To those who have entered for the H.S.C. and S.C. Examinations we wish every success.

In the "Wings for Victory" Week the House total was over £750, a very good effort. We thank the House Savings secretaries for all their work during the week.

We hope that this year our swimming team, under the captaincy of R. E. Bracewell, will have more success than in the past.

G.J.M.

EVANS'

The beginning of this term saw the Athletic Sports. In these we were not so successful as last year. The Taylor Cup, however, was gained, mainly owing to the efforts of Hepburn, who won all six events for which he entered. In addition, Hepburn broke three records and Shepherd one. The House relay team also broke the Group I relay record.

Apart from the Athletics there have been few other activities this term so far. The Senior and Junior cricket matches have not yet started, and the Swimming Sports will be held next month. In these we hope to be more successful than in past years.

In the school teams we have been represented by: Hepburn and Trimble in the 1st XI, by Shepherd in the 2nd XI, by Hogg and Sanders in the Swimming Team, and by Hepburn, Shepherd, Sanders and Slater in the Athletic Team. The first XI is captained by Hepburn, and Trimble is vice-captain. Shepherd is captain of Athletics, and Hepburn vice-captain.

In the "Wings for Victory" Week, the House savings amounted to over four times the original target. Nevertheless, the savings are still spasmodic, and a greater effort is urged next term.

F.W.B.S.

GREAR'S

This term we have no outstanding successes to report, although it is worthy of recording that we were third in the Athletic Sports this year, and thus a little nearer to the usual pre-ordained position of first.

We must emphasise once more that if the House is to retain that position, especially in the forthcoming Swimming Sports, a much greater spirit of keenness needs to be shown by the whole House, and also training for future years should start NOW.

We are pleased to record the following successes by individual members of the House. In the School cricket teams, Sutton and Dawson have obtained 1st XI colours, and Lymath is captain of the seconds, for which Francis has also played. Athletic colours have been won by Sutton and Dawson, and swimming colours by R. E. Holmes and Ross. Holmes is vice-captain of the team. In the Life-Saving, Sutton has won the Silver Medallion.

We add our best wishes for those taking examinations at the end of the term.

L.S.

LEECH'S

At the end of last term, R. B. Griffiths left us, to enter Oxford on an R.A.F. short course. We wish him a successful career, and we congratulate him on his recent winning of the R.L.S.S. Award of Merit. Entwistle has been appointed House Prefect to replace him.

The congratulations of the House are offered to all those boys who have gained Life-Saving awards during the term, and its thanks are offered to their instructors, Kenyon and Garstang, for their untiring efforts.

We extend our best wishes to all members of the House who have taken the H.S.C. and S.C. Examinations this term, and also our hopes for successful results.
J.B.P.

MASON'S

The inclement weather has interfered with the Inter-House cricket matches, but the House is well represented in the School teams by W. Scarisbrick (1st XI), Dowland, Townsend and Sephton (2nd XI), and Watson, Shaw and Newcombe (Colts XI). May is to be congratulated on his successes in the Sports; otherwise the House did not secure prominence.

The consistent and prodigious efforts of the Savings Secretaries were rewarded by the splendid total of £505 during "Wings for Victory" Week. On the completion of the Rugby Season last term, 2nd and 1st XV colours were awarded to W. Scarisbrick and Churm respectively.

The Life-Saving classes, which Glass is conducting, are not well attended and we would urge boys to take advantage of the facilities offered. We are very pleased to record that many new boys are learning to swim and hope that they will serve as an example to others in years to come.

We offer the best of luck to all H.S.C. and S.C. candidates.

C.A.C.

ROGERS'

We congratulate the Junior House Rugby Team on winning the Shield at the end of last term. Their success was well deserved.

In the Athletic Competition, although we were unable to retain the Challenge Shield, some excellent efforts were made by our representatives. M. Moncrieff and F. Horsley have been chosen to represent the School in athletics.

Although cricket has been hampered by bad weather so far this term some practices have been held, and both the Senior and Junior elevens look forward to their coming matches. R. Duckworth and A. R. Butler have represented the School in the Colts XI.

The Life-Saving classes have made great progress this term and already most of the members have gained an award. We hope that the present enthusiasm in this direction will continue.

During "Wings for Victory" Week the House beat its target many times over and we should like to thank all concerned, in this splendid effort.
A.J.H.

SPENCER'S

Despite the unfortunate absence of D. M. Hartley, the House acquitted itself honourably in the School Sports. We should like to congratulate the House Senior tug team on a magnificent performance, and Hearn, Barton and Ball on their individual efforts. No House cricket matches have been played so far owing to adverse weather conditions, but Horton and Belton play regularly for the 1st XI.

During the Town Warships Week, the House Savings Group collected £494 3s. 4d. The most encouraging sign is the increasing number of regular contributors, who are the real backbone of the group.

Life-saving classes are held regularly each week in the House room. This is an opportunity that should not be missed by any boy who can swim.
J.G.S.

WOODHAM'S

We should like, first of all, to congratulate the House on its fine contribution to the "Wings for Victory" Week totals. Our thanks are due to Edmunds and Cardwell, our savings secretaries, who so willingly gave up their time to assist in the collections. They were ably assisted by McManus, who, together with Moss, has been appointed assistant savings secretary.

We should like to congratulate King, Cardwell and Wells, who have been successful in obtaining the Silver Medallion for life-saving. It is hoped that a number of boys will succeed in taking the Bronze before the end of the term. Again we would remind boys of the weekly swimming practices at the baths.

Our badminton team, Newton and Moss, are practising hard at the moment. We wish them all success in the coming tournament.

Williams has been appointed captain of the House Senior cricket team and Houldsworth of the Junior. Cricket practices have been held this term, although no matches have been played so far.

Finally, we extend our best wishes to all boys taking the H.S.C. and S.C. Examinations this term.
E.E.S.



OLD BOYS' NEWS

ROLL OF HONOUR

It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of the following Old Boys in the Forces.

L. JENKINSON (Edwards' 1925-1931)	R.A.F.	30th January	1943
J. J. WRIGHT (Leech's 1934-1940)	R.N.	April	1943
K. R. MASON (Rogers' 1925-1934)	R.A.F.	18th May	1943

Second Officer J. Rigby has been awarded the M.B.E. for gallant services in a motor vessel when attacked by the enemy. He behaved with great gallantry throughout. When the ship was hit he immediately went forward and searched the debris for survivors. The work had to be carried out with the ship going at full speed and plunging into the water.

A. G. Livesley has passed the final examination for B.A. (Theology) with Honours, being placed in the first division of the 2nd Class at Durham University.

J. L. Edmondson and P. R. B. Jones have passed Part 1 of the final examination for M.B., Ch.B. at Liverpool University.

N. Coulshed has passed the second examination for M.B. at Liverpool University. He was placed 1st in Histology, obtained distinction in Anatomy, and was awarded the Lyon Jones Senior Scholarship tenable for two years.

J. K. Hulm was placed in the 1st Class Hons. Division at the preliminary examination for the Natural Sciences Tripos Part II at Cambridge.

S. K. Runcorn has passed the Mechanical Sciences Tripos Examination with 2nd Class Honours at Cambridge.

G. B. Hart has passed the Mechanical Sciences Tripos examination with 3rd Class Honours at Cambridge. He has been appointed Experimental Assistant Officer in the Admiralty Signals Establishment.

R. Abram has passed Part 1 of the final examinations for B.Sc. at Manchester University, with Honours in Mathematics.

J. R. Edwards has passed Part 1 of the final examination for B.Sc. at Manchester University in the Hons. School of Geography and Anthropology.

J. E. Loy has passed the final examination for the degree of LL.B. with 2nd class Hons. at Liverpool University.

B. Hughes has passed the final examination for the degree of B.Sc. in Physics, Pure and Applied Mathematics and Radio at Liverpool University.

J. Hartley has passed Part II of the examination for B.Sc. at Liverpool University.

H. Lomas has passed the intermediate B.A. examination at Liverpool University, and has been accepted for special studies in the School of English Literature and Language.

G. Whelan has passed the intermediate B.A. examination at Liverpool University in Economics and French.

J. Goldberg, R. B. Grosvenor, E. B. Taylor and H. H. Watson have passed Part 1 of the B.Sc. examination in Physics, Pure and Applied Maths. and Radio at Liverpool University.

MARRIAGES

J. E. SEDDON to MAVIS BATH, at SS. Simon's and Jude's, Southport, on May 4th, 1943.

J. BOLTON to GRETA ROBINSON, at St. Philip's, Southport, on May 15th, 1943.

P. SLATER to IRENE M. HEALEY, at St. Philip's, Southport, on June 1st, 1943.

H. UTTLEY to PHYLLIS JACKSON, at St. Luke's, Southport, on June 5th, 1943.

OLD BOYS' LETTERS

Gonville and Caius College,
Cambridge.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS.—This term our Society has welcomed a new member, J.G.S. He is at Trinity Hall and is reading law. It is quite stimulating to have someone in our midst who can sport a scarf which is not light-blue and black, and who is rumoured not to know anything of the differential calculus.

Since last October, a naval division has been attached to the University and this term has seen the addition of a naval short course alongside the R.E. and R.A.F. courses to train officers for the Forces. So it is now a common sight to see blue uniforms and bell-bottomed trousers at lectures.

Some of you may ask what differences the war has made to life here. The colleges are all filled very favourably compared to the corresponding year of the last war, when they were almost deserted. But the undergraduate population is only one third of that of peacetime, and conversation at dinner is rather more medical and technical than it would be in peacetime. Conversation also often turns upon food (here as elsewhere rather off the Beeton track) a topic which one imagines would be forbidden in days before Lord Woolton. Again one gathers that our lives consist of more work and less of what Mr. Priestley would call high jinks than those of our predecessors. The arts courses close altogether this summer (except for the physically unfit) and next year's students will miss this humanising leaven.

This term has been marked by two outstanding events; one due to the present hostilities and one we might almost say in spite of them. They were the "Wings for Victory" Week, and the May boat races or bumps as they are called. The "Wings for Victory" Week was held in May and we are glad to report that the target aimed at was reached during the first three days and by the end of the week almost twice as much had been collected. On the last day of this week a parade was held in which the S.T.C., C.V.A.S. joined forces with the Home Guard. The route was through the main streets of the town and an Air-Marshal took the salute at the saluting base outside Emmanuel College. It was a spectacular sight and was greeted with much enthusiasm by the people of the town, who turned out in full force to watch. J.K.H. and J.G.S. took part in the procession while S.K.R. sat on a window-sill above the procession and wished the R.E. unit of the S.T.C. had been parading; he assured us it would have shown the others up. G.B.H. was very much in evidence by his absence, rumoured to be due to the fact that now he is in the headquarters company, his days of active campaigning (vide former letters) are over.

The May boat races were held in the first week of June, Clare, Trinity Hall and Pembroke Colleges retaining their places on the river as 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. We are pleased to report that the Society was represented in this event by G.B.H. who was the cox in the Caius' 2nd boat.

We hear that two members of the school are coming up to sit for the August Scholarship Examinations; we wish them success.

We are, Sirs, yours faithfully,

C.U.O.G.S.

St. Chad's College,
Durham.

June 16th, 1943.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS.—You will notice that the D.O.G.S. has found its way back to its old abode, St. Chad's. The reason for this is the failure of any further Old Georgians to turn up and take the place of J.W.H. so that A.G.L. is again the solitary Old Georgian in Durham.

What has A.G.L. been doing in this position of "splendid isolation?" The answer is, he has been "taking Schools," or, in everyday parlance, he has been taking his Finals. This consists in setting forth at the beginning of one week to Palace Green, where the examiners set about finding how much (or little) the candidates know.

The exam. lasts a week, and during that week ten papers are taken; after that one has nothing to do but sit and wait for results.

During the course of this term, it has been decided to appoint a second Divinity Professor to the stall vacated by Canon Mayne, the Professor of Greek who retired last term on his appointment as Dean of Carlisle. For well over a hundred years now two Chairs in the University have been attached to stalls in the Cathedral, and it has been the custom for a long time to appoint a Professor of Divinity to one, and a Professor of Greek to the other. Under this new system there will be two Professors of Divinity who are also Canons of Durham. Canon Ramsey, who has been Professor of Divinity for three years, has assumed the title of Van Mildert Professor of Divinity. The new Professor, when he is appointed, will be called the Lightfoot Professor.

Durham is at its most beautiful now. The trees which line both banks of the river are in leaf, and over all towers the Cathedral, with the Castle and the University Library—some of which dates from 1445—standing under its shadow.

I think I could not do better than commend to all Georgians who are going to Universities next October, some sentiments expressed by "Artifex" in the Manchester Guardian some six months or so ago. Speaking of University life he said that no man who did not reside in a University could reap the fruits of University life to the full, and he said that for atmosphere and surroundings a man could do no better than go to one of four Universities—Oxford, Cambridge, Durham or St. Andrew's. Oxford and Cambridge are well enough known to the general public to need no apology. Let me, in my "Swan Song," commend Durham to the consideration of those men who have not yet decided where to go next October. Here they will be in an atmosphere of "religious and useful learning" dating back to the days of the Venerable Bede, and connected with such eminent scholars as Bishop Butler, Joseph Barber Lightfoot, Brooke Foss Westcott, Alfred Plummer, and many more.

A.G.L.'s days at Durham draw to a close, and unless some Georgian arrive next term, the D.O.G.S. will fall into abeyance for a time at least. It is his sincere hope that such will not be the case; but that next term some other Old Georgian will arrive at the University set upon a hill; but whose true foundation is elsewhere, as her motto testifies, *Fundamenta ejus super montibus sanctis*.

I remain, Sirs, yours faithfully,

D.O.G.S.

University College,
University of London,
at Swansea.

June 20th, 1943.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS.—Everyone arrived back in Swansea for the start of term with a troubled look upon his face and a grim determination to look into this business work from the very first moment.

Lectures continued as usual almost right up to the examination day. As a matter of fact, our exams. were pushed forward a few days this year, much to everyone's surprise and alarm. The whole term had been rather outstanding owing to the marked drop in social

events; indeed it is true to say that social life came to a relative standstill. Suddenly the library became more popular than the Refectory or the Common Rooms, and the pleasant afternoon walks over the Gowerland Cliffs into Langland were a thing of the past. Many unfortunates had to take a few extra lectures in order to finish their syllabus.

In spite of these feverish activities of an academic nature, we have found time for a few odd social events, and to us London Engineers I suppose the most important of these was the "Ensoc" supper. It is customary to hold a Staff Tea a week or so before the examinations. All members of the Staff are invited, and students turn up in their own interests; for it is at this annual function that we indulge in the traditional "fishing" for exam. questions. Anyway the tea was done away with this year, and in its stead we held a supper which, very happily, our Provost was able to attend. The function was a great success and although, as usual, not one solitary clue came of our "fishing," I think that both the Staff and students left feeling that they had got to know one another a little better than they did before.

When the actual examinations were over the new "Ensoc" committee arranged a visit to the Swansea docks. We spent a very interesting morning during which we had the choice of examining carefully one of the new "Liberty" ships, and a very old British motor vessel.

I am, Sirs, yours faithfully,

JOHN E. GRIFFITHS.

Students' Union,
2 Bedford Street North,
Liverpool.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS.—It is an all too common tendency among students to regard schoolboys as the young barbarians they were themselves, whereas schoolboys are nowadays, as all should know, very earnest and serious-minded young citizens. It was well, therefore, that we got a firm but gentlemanly rap on the knuckles for not paying enough attention to facts in our last two letters. We must endeavour to make good the deficiency.

Brian Hughes has broken the High Jump record with a 5ft. 6½ins. effort, and he leaves the University this term for the Forces, along with G. Pritchard, D. Lee, J. G. Thomason, H. Lomas, G. Whelan, probably J. Hartley, J. E. Craston and perhaps others. Watson, Goldberg and Grosvenor will probably stay another year, and Grosvenor has been elected Entertainments Secretary for Guild Council next year.

The interests of the University can easily be seen by the reception of visitors. Last term John Gielgud came to the University to lecture on "The Producer's Viewpoint," and the dining room walls bent with the crowds that sat, stood, leaned and hung in the fetid atmosphere. Later a Labour M.P., Mr. Silverman, came to give a talk on "Socialism after the War," to an enthusiastic audience of half-a-dozen or so (mostly communists) amongst whose serried ranks Old Georgians were not conspicuous.

This does not of course give quite a true picture of the students' attitude. Presumably if Stalin had come to lecture, the crowds would have been bigger.

It is a pity that Universities are so hard-worked in war-time, for the current demand for efficiency sweeps all away. Only the students who have left or want to leave have time for a broad education. It is, therefore, mainly (not exclusively) amongst Art Students that interest in modern literature and politics exists. (Aldous Huxley and T. S. Eliot are fairly popular here, I think).

Communists are fairly frequent. One meets neurotic or exotic-looking females who talk with great erudition on dialectical materialism, in the congenial atmosphere of clattering pots and breaking dishes, yet who walk through the slums without an emotion. And one meets young men who admit the faults of communism but think it approaches the nearest to improvement. There is a general feeling, I think, that the Labour party is corrupt.

Christianity has a powerful following here (mostly the Roman Catholic religion). Iconoclasts in matters religious, artistic and political are few, but apathy is very common.

This has been a very short term with very little of interest happening and the examinations are bearing down on us, and the sentiments of a very examination-weary letter writer are admirably expressed—in a different context, I'm afraid—by a disillusioned T. S. Eliot:—

I think we are in rats' alley
Where the dead men lost their bones.

We remain, Sirs, yours faithfully,
L.U.O.G.S.

The University Union,
Manchester, 13.
22nd June, 1943.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS.—Summer time is usually the time for varied outdoor activities, but here the Summer term puts an effective damper on these, and it is only at the end of the term that the engineers amongst us can relax, having undergone the stress of sessionals. The medical has yet his exams. to come, and is smarting at having to watch the engineers on holiday while he has to work. Still, as adequate compensation, he alone amongst us has no Vacation term.

The S.T. Corps, of course, has its quota of labours to add in the form of Cert. "A" examination, which, this year for the first time has taken on a new and terrible form; the War Office has decided that even University students must be fit. Hence we see G. J. White hotly pursuing the rest of the candidates round five miles of wandering Cheshire, E. Rose expending many foot-pounds of energy in heaving 180 pounds up eight feet of groaning beam, and C. Moss in his native element, swinging on ropes.

As if this was not enough, we find C. Moss, E. Rose and P. F. Wilks actually volunteering for an Army Physical Training Course at that Forces "rest camp," Aldershot. We hope we shall see them re-registering for the next session.

There have been few social events at the Union recently for which we have had time. But for the main event of the year, the Rag Ball, O.G.'s, needless to say, turned up in great strength. We shrink from

giving a detailed account of their activities; it seems that the kitchen staff were not so depleted as to appreciate the assistance of R. Abram and G. L. Ingham in the guise of cooks; and that, although E. Rose and G. J. White turned up disguised as Gentlemen, they did not behave as such. C. Moss gave a surprisingly realistic portrayal of a "Dead-End Kid."

The only other diversion which we have allowed ourselves is swimming, for which we are lucky in having magnificent facilities. In this sphere, as is to be expected, G. L. Ingham has shone by representing the University.

We hope to see our small, but select band, augmented next session by the arrival of more O.G.'s. We assure them of a hearty welcome.

We remain, yours faithfully,
MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY OLD GEORGIANS.

Magdalen College
Oxford.

17th June, 1943.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS.—The spell, mentioned by the writer in the last O.U.O.G.'s letter, which has hitherto prevented more than one Old Georgian being up at Oxford at any one time, has been broken sooner than he expected. This term, our ranks have been trebled by the welcome addition to two more Old Georgians. The two new arrivals, R.B.G. and E.L. have become members of Christ Church and Oriel Colleges respectively.

All three O.U.O.G.'s are on Short Courses at the University. The Navy, in addition to its claim to priority as the Senior Service, also claims priority by virtue of numerical preponderance, for the Naval Old Georgians at Oxford, outweigh the solitary R.A.F. candidate by two to one. E.P. and E.L. are training as Naval Executive Officers, while R.B.G. is training to be a pilot in the R.A.F. Naturally, arguments become heated when the respective merits of the two Services are being discussed, the supporters of each being equally certain that their's is the only one worth entering.

Owing to the pressure of outside circumstances, and the business of life in war-time Oxford, meetings between Old Georgians have been less frequent than one could have wished. E.P. and R.B.G. have met twice for dinner, but on both these auspicious occasions E.L. was unfortunately unable to attend. But it is hoped that some soft of reunion can be arranged before the end of term, at which all three members will be present.

The activities of the University Old Georgians have been extremely varied. E.P. rowed as No. 5 in his college rowing team in Eight's Week, and has even been seen tearing round a running track situated in the suburbs of Oxford. R.B.G. has become one of the leading lights in a University swimming club which goes by the romantic name of "The Dolphins," and he is often to be seen with a tennis racquet under his arm, bound for a strenuous bout at the tennis courts. E.L., besides being a prospective member of the Oriel rowing Eight, has had the honour of being made the Athletics representative for the Naval Short Course candidates.

In a different field from that of sport, E.P. has been following up the start he made in dramatics last term, and he is appearing at the moment in a production of "Romeo and Juliet," at the Oxford Playhouse.

Work of an academic nature occupies a good deal of time, for all three of us are faced with examinations in the near future. While E.P. endeavours to help the flag of the humanities flying by wrestling with philosophical abstractions, R.B.G. and E.L. are concerned with more precise subjects such as astronomy and mathematics.

E.L. and R.B.G. are fortunate enough to be able to look forward to another term at Oxford. E.P., however, goes down at the end of this term, to return to Oxford only when the turmoil of war has vanished from the face of Europe. His one hope is that during his absence his place will be more than filled by the arrival of an ever-increasing number of Old Georgians at the University.

We are, Sirs, yours faithfully,

OXFORD UNIVERSITY OLD GEORGIANS.

LIBYA DESERTA

Those who know Mr. Kirkby will be very glad to read this article he has sent us from Africa.—Ed.]

Dust, heat, flies, bully, these are but some of the drawbacks of desert life; luckily, however, these things are not always with us; in winter it can be quite cold with plenty of rain to allay the dust and it is possible to eat bully without at the same time absorbing a mouthful of flies; while even bully is sometimes replaced by fresh meat. In speaking of the desert, however, there is a distinction to be drawn; there is the Western Desert, which properly speaking, means the country between Alexandria and the Libyan frontier, but is often applied to everything west of Alexandria; here the desert is almost absolute, and only at a few points along the coast are there any inhabited places. Beyond the Libyan frontier the amount of vegetation gradually increases until you come to the Derna-Barce-Cyrene area, where the soil is fertile and well watered and cultivation abundant; from there westwards the nature of the country varies from desert to green cultivated land with a number of fair-sized towns. From Misurata to Tripoli the coastal strip lends itself to agriculture fairly well; there are extensive palm and olive groves and in addition to the Arab areas of cultivation there are many Italian farms founded by the Libyan colonising company, not in a very flourishing state now, as presumably they have been somewhat neglected in the last year or so. There is grass of a kind, corn is grown, and though the growth is not thick enough to prevent dust storms, it does at least prevent them from being of the really blinding variety. The supply of water varies from place to place, but usually adequate supplies can be found, the difficulty being not so much in finding water as in transporting it; it is rarely fit to drink as water but is alright in tea or other drinks.

Native life carries on for the most part quite unaffected by the war; the Arabs cultivate very small plots of corn and vegetables by the most primitive means; a wooden plough drawn by ox or donkey or camel, or just pushed along by hand, is the only agricultural implement used; near the coast, wells are dug for watering but otherwise the crops

are dependent on the winter rainfall and are harvested in May, all being gathered by hand; there is grazing for camels, sheep and goats, but cattle are rare. The Arabs (known to the troops as Wogs) all wear long voluminous clothes at all times of the year, and in spite of this encumbrance some of them manage to ride bicycles, probably stolen from the Italians. Of one commodity they never seem to be short, eggs, and the cry of "eggies" is perhaps even more familiar than "baksheesh"; even in the midst of what seems to be entirely uninhabited desert a Senussi will appear as if out of the ground holding an egg between his fingers, a friendly grin on his face, shouting "eggies"; for them he will take cigarettes, biscuits or best of all, sugar and tea, but money is no use to him. Sometimes their houses are substantially made of stone and mud, but you will find others made only of palm leaves.

Camp life is not the acme of comfort, but those at any rate who are not in the forward areas manage to make themselves as comfortable as possible; it is the lack of hot baths we feel more than anything. Food is generally adequate but never plentiful; for breakfast egg and bacon with bread and marmalade; porridge used to be served regularly but this has not appeared for some time now; if there is no bacon we get soya bean sausage; for lunch, or tiffin, as it called, you may get just plain bully or bully rissoles or bully pie, or any other means the cook can devise for serving it up differently; fresh vegetables are rare but you may get onions and there are nearly always pickles and chutney; for sweet, jam tart or half a peach is the usual fare. Dinner consists of soup, fresh meat and vegetables, if available, otherwise bully and dehydrated potatoes, with some local product referred to as carrots but bearing no resemblance to that vegetable, except in shape; this will be followed by date tart or a pancake. Bar supplies depend on the efforts of the individual mess; beer used to be plentiful but is rarely seen now; most other drinks can be obtained from Egypt. We have a radio and a certain number of books, magazines and newspapers, mostly months or even years old, but so great is the shortage of reading matter, that even these are read several times over after dinner. Some play cards or read, but the majority prefer to smoke, drink and talk. Among organised amusements we have cricket, football, whist drives, and occasional concerts and lectures.

Taking it all round it is a healthy, carefree existence, no coupons, no rationing, no queues, no crowded buses and trains, but for all that there is one thing that is never far from our thoughts and conversation, the boat home. Roll on that happy day!

R.N.K.

Tripolitania, April, 1943.

THE RUTHERSTON LOAN COLLECTION

I am frequently called upon to explain works, not so much, I believe, in the genuine pursuit of knowledge, as encouragement to expose the depth of my affectations, and the extent of my ingenuity to conceal them.

There are two classes of enquirer; the first dispels my caution by abasing himself with the full consciousness of his ignorance, abandoning the device as soon as I have become nicely involved, and the second bullies me into accepting complete personal responsibility for all the exhibits with which he disagrees. He is more honest than

the first, and plainly considers me a fool from the outset. Argument could only confirm him in this belief, and a quiet idiot being not only tolerable, but serving as a useful and satisfactory basis for comparison, it would ill become me to jeopardise my own comfort. However, I have one small grievance which I trust will not too greatly offend him. I hope that he will keep, too, a credit side of the account, so that if there be works which please him I may hear of those, too, and have them written off against "my" sins, for I have a deep regard not only for the works contained in this collection, which is of the highest order, but also for the founders of such a fine scheme. We have not yet held an exhibition of these pictures in which examples which recommend themselves for craftsmanship alone, have not hung side by side with the more unorthodox work, yet I rarely receive comment on these. Two outstanding examples of this type exhibited this term are the drawings "Study of a Bird's Wing," and "Study for Drapery," both by Burne-Jones, the pre-Raphaelite artist of the last century; superb drawings whose qualities I should have thought self-evident. One, the Bird's Wing, was mentioned, but in such a way as to indicate that its purpose was completely misunderstood, it being referred to as an uninteresting picture. The interest in both of these works lies solely in their merits as drawings, both being studies of details required for a picture, and pretending to no pictorial value in themselves. I was asked, following this explanation, to define what constituted a good drawing, but there was no time for further discussion, and within the limits of which I am capable I propose to do it here. I say within the limits of which I am capable, because the question presupposes that there is a final definition, but the qualities which constitute good drawing, like those which make good poetry, good music and genius must always defy the final analysis. These elusive and intangible qualities can never be taught, and teaching should be confined to purely structural and objective things.

Primarily, drawing is an explanation of form. It is the statement of a conclusion arrived at through a process of pure reasoning. Clear thinking is essential to drawing, clear thinking and the ability to co-ordinate brain and hand. These two qualities, combined with clear vision, will alone produce clear expression. Intelligence must animate both eye and hand, and the ability to draw can not be attributed to some obscure gift lodged in one's finger tips. The translation of an object of three dimensional form into one of two dimensional form takes place in the brain; the hand is merely the instrument which conveys the image to the paper. If there are degrees of ability, there must also be degrees of reasoning; the elusive qualities, such as poetry in drawing do not concern us at this point.

In drawing a solid body appears as something which has substance in itself, independent of colour, and is usually rendered with the point. Let us look, then, for an intelligent use of the point, free flowing lines expressing contours, not the laboured shading or laying on of tones over large areas, for which the use of the point is wholly inappropriate and artificial. It is not always practicable to dispense entirely with tone, but its use should be consistent with the medium employed and the contours themselves should do as much of the work as possible. To make a contour do this there must be a really sensitive and intelligent perception of the form and structure which it bounds. Proportion, too, is essential, but proportion is the servant, not the

master, of a good draughtsman; it must be consistent with the design rather than the reality. It is commonly supposed that drawing is a matter of line only, defining literal contour and making a sharp edge between two adjacent objects. Drawing is a fusion of many elements. When the linear motive dominates, line not only defines contour, but functions as enrichment, both by its individual expressiveness and by its relation to other lines or shapes. Expressiveness of line is, however, one of the most subtle of refinements and can be detected and judged only after close observation and long experience. Drawing by line consists not in the literal reproduction of contours or shapes. It is a mark of the artist's ability to resolve the lines of demarcation into separate parts, select certain parts for emphasis and re-combine them into a new ensemble that is a form in itself, not merely a duplication of the shape of an object. Line gets power by what it does to what is contained between the lines. Its essential characteristic resides in the relations it assumes and creates.

It must be understood that these standards could not be applied to students' drawing, for the definition is meant as a guide to the appreciation of work of advanced character which cannot be reduced to the simpler terms of "perspective, proportion, angles" and so on, so familiar in the art room. Drawing is a science, finite or infinite according to the perception of its exponent; artistry is the capacity to see the falls of Niagara in a woman's hair, and the breadth of a Rubens landscape in a still life group—"to see," wrote Galsworthy "God in a dewdrop."

LORELEI

From the German of Heinrich Heine

I know not what it should portend,
That I am so oppressed :
A legend from the olden days
Comes to destroy my rest.

The air is cool, and it grows dark;
Peaceful the Rhine doth flow;
The mountain peak is all ashine
In the evening sunlight's glow.

Upon the crag in beauty sits
A maiden passing fair :
Her golden jewels flash with fire;
She combs her golden hair.

She combs it with a golden comb,
Singing the while her song,
Strange in its wondrous melody,
In mighty passion strong.

The sailor in his little boat
It stirs with savage woe :
His only gaze is fixed on high,
Nor sees the reef below.

Both by the waters swallowed up,
Boatman and ship are gone,
And all this with her singing
The Lorelei hath done.

L.S.

INSPIRATION

"Write for the mag., the red Red Rose,
A poem or a piece of prose."
I've tried my best, but, holy Mose!
There's not a thing to write!

"The inkpot stands on the library table:
Write about that, if you are able,"
Says he.—Diable, what a fable!
There's not a thing to write!

"Look in your heart—'twas Sidney's plan—
And pen a poem if you can."
Lord, what a tale to tell a man!
There's not a thing to write!

"There, by the table, stands a chair:
Write about that." This isn't fair.
Well, he's a master. C'est la guerre!
But still no urge to write!

"Here in this chair there sits a bloke:
Write about me!" Gosh, what a joke!
A carrot for a hungry moke!
And *hour* on *hour* I write.

K.A.S.

NIGHT

The night is cold and clear. The air is calm,
The birds sleep in their nests, and all is quiet,
Save where a cat slips gently through a hedge
And o'er a wall. The moon has not yet risen,
But in the skies myriads of twinkling orbs
Move slowly in their courses, showering light
On fields and streets and factories and streams.
Low in the southern heavens Venus shines,
More brilliant than the fairest of the stars.
Soon, in the east, a brighter ray appears,
And toward the zenith with a queenly tread
The moon climbs slowly.

F.M.

DAYBREAK

The creatures of the night are going home
Although 'tis dark as yet, when suddenly
A ray of light comes o'er the hills, and shines
Upon the quiet surface of the lake.
Ere long the sun gleams bright upon the moor,
And drives the shades of darkness far away;
Now all the birds and beasts which sleep by night,
And work and hunt by day, are soon about.
Upon the highest rocky mountain crags
A stately herd of deer salutes the morn,
And birds rise overhead and sing their thanks
For yet another day of warmth and light.

C.M.W.

TO POLITICIANS WHO REFUSE TO MAKE PLANS FOR AFTER THE WAR

In speeches, politicians make it clear,
In articles in journals, critics write,
That Youth must build the world for which we fight,
A world quite free from hunger, want and fear.
They tell us that in Youth the future rests;
That Youth must make the earth fit for mankind;
Yet do not seem to be at all inclined
To act themselves. O duty-shirking pests,
Who little effort, two decades ago,
Consumed in your attempts to make a peace
Which would remove the causes of all war,
You have the power to plan, and that you know.
Sans careful planning, wars will never cease.
O act! Waste time on idle talk no more!

F.M.

PER ARDUA

"Wisdom is oftimes nearer when we stoop than when we soar."
This thought of Wordsworth should be carefully considered by all
would-be flyers. It acquired a new significance for at least one Cadet
who experienced his first flight, through the benevolence of the A.T.C.

A new flyer endures nothing alarming when taking off; it is
about as exciting as a lift without a lift-girl. He undergoes nothing
noteworthy while landing; it is gradual and satisfying. Between
these two events, however, there is plenty of room for pleasure or pain.

The only painful incident likely to be suffered by a "green"
airman occurs when the plane banks or dives. Scientists will explain
that this causes an increase in pressure which is felt particularly on
the ear-drums, and that this pressure may be counteracted by
swallowing or holding the nose and thereby increasing the pressure
inside the head. But the novice will probably have never heard of this
explanation. He feels that his stomach and head have been separated
(incidentally, this feeling may be quite gratifying if one realises the
possibilities of the conjunction of these organs), and that his head is
packed so full that his ears will fly off.

This modicum of unpleasantness is worth enduring, however, for
the views to be obtained during the rest of the trip. To see the
coastline stretching out below, gives one a new conception of size.
Towns squat neatly below. Streets, which are an irritating hotch-
potch of idiosyncracies at ground level, acquire a unity and
picturesqueness from the air. One begins to wonder if all town-
planners are airmen and not mere earth-bound creatures.

If Kenneth Grahame's Toad had been created twenty years later,
it may be imagined that his enthusiasm would have been as great for
aeroplanes as it was for what is now a staid form of transport.
"Glorious, stirring sight! The poetry of motion! The real way
to travel! The only way to travel! Here to-day—in next week
to-morrow! Villages skipped, towns and cities jumped—always
somebody else's horizon! O bliss! O poop-poop! O my! O my!"

H.T.

ESPERANTO

The international situation being as it is, and post-war prospects of relations with foreign countries being of the most serious character, Esperanto, an international auxiliary language, is beginning to find far greater numbers of earnest votaries in all parts of the world.

It was to clarify and extend our ideas of Esperanto that Mr. M. Butler addressed the upper forms of the school on Thursday, May 20th.

The grammar of Esperanto is eminently simple. The language is agglutinative, root-words being mainly derived from the European tongues; the syntax is of the most straightforward kind.

The lecture itself was delivered with engaging intimacy, sparkling wit and forceful arguments, and the close of that eventful day found many of the members of the School earnestly studying booklets on the subject, and some intending to follow up their introduction to the young language by the purchase of text books.

A new idea has entered our consciousness, and promises not only interest but definite value and advantage for the enthusiastic pioneer who will dare to support it. J.B.P.



ATHLETIC SPORTS

The Athletic Sports took place on Tuesday, May 18th, a record day in many ways. The weather was exceptionally good, the attendance of parents and friends was the largest since the out-break of war, and the events were very strongly contested; seven school records being broken.

RESULTS

- 100 Yards, Group I.—1, Slater (Ev.); 2, Blair (Ed.); 3, Hearn (S.). Time, 11 3-5ths. secs.
- 100 Yards, Group II.—1, White (G.); 2, Ball (S.); 3, Mercer (R.); Time, 12 secs.
- 100 Yards, Group III.—1, Watts (R.); 2, May (M.); 3, Rosenberg (Ed.). Time, 13 2-5ths secs.
- Putting the Shot.—1, Hepburn (Ev.); 2, Dawson (G.); 3, Griffiths (R.). Distance, 33ft. 4ins.
- 220 Yards, Group II.—1, Ball (S.); 2, Sanderson (Ed.); 3, J. B. Newton (Ev.). Time, 26 2-5ths secs.
- 220 Yards, Group I.—1, Hepburn (Ev.); 2, Slater (Ev.); 3, Blair (Ed.). Time, 25 secs.
- 220 Yards, Group III.—1, Rosenberg (Ed.); 2, Darwin (G.); 3, Buckles (R.). Time, 30 2-5ths secs.
- High Jump, Group I.—1, Moncrieff (R.); 2, Crowther (Ed.); 3, Jaeger (Ed.). Height, 4ft. 9½ins.
- 120 Yards Hurdles, Group II.—1, Sanderson (Ed.); 2, White (G.); 3, Read (R.). Time, 18 4-5ths secs. (School record).
- 440 Yards, Group I.—1, Hepburn (Ev.); 2, Sutton (G.); 3, Brown (W.). Time, 56 4-5ths secs. (School record).
- Throwing the Javelin.—1, Hepburn (Ev.); 2, Barton (S.); 3, R. E. Holmes (G.). Distance, 145 ft. 1in. (School record).
- High Jump, Group III.—1, May (M.); 2, Smith (Ev.); 3, Sohm (Ed.). Height, 4ft. 2in.
- 440 Yards, Group II.—1, Knowles (Ed.); 2, Mercer (R.); 3, Bason (L.). Time, 64 4-5ths secs.

- 120 Yards Hurdles, Group I.—1, Jaeger (Ed.); 2, Sutton (G.); 3, Mossdrop (L.). Time, 18 4-5ths secs. (School record).
- 440 Yards, Group III.—1, Warburton (Ed.); 2, Russel (G.); 3, Watts (R.). Time, 68 1-5th secs.
- Throwing the Discus.—1, Hepburn (Ev.); 2, Rosen (L.); 3, Lymath (G.). Distance, 101ft. 8ins.
- High Jump, Group II.—1, Sanderson (Ed.); 2, Weber (W.), and Slater (Ev.). Height, 4ft. 9ins. (School record)
- Relay, Group I.—1, Evans'; 2, Edwards'; 3, Grear's. Time, 2 mins. 48 3-5ths secs.
- Relay, Group II.—1, Edwards'; 2, Evans'; 3, Rogers'. Time, 1 min. 57 secs.
- Relay, Group III.—1, Edwards'; 2, Grear's and Rogers'. Time, 2 mins. 6 secs.
- 1 Mile, Group I.—1, Shepherd (Ev.); 2, Sanders (Ev.); 3, Horsley (R.). Time, 5 mins. 14 secs. (School record).
- 880 Yards, Group II.—1, Buxton (Ed.); 2, Diggle (R.); 3, B. R. Newton and J. B. Newton (Ev.). Time, 2 mins. 29 1-5th secs. (School record).
- Senior Tug.—Spencer's.
- Junior Tug.—Edwards'.

EVENTS PREVIOUSLY DECIDED

- Long Jump, Group I.—1, Hepburn (Ev.); 2, Blair (Ed.); 3, Matthewman (Ed.). Distance, 17ft. 11ins.
- Long Jump, Group II.—1, Sanderson (Ed.); 2, Slater (Ev.); 3, Knowles (Ed.). Distance, 16ft. 3½ ins.
- Long Jump, Group III.—1, Watts (R.); 2, Darwin (G.); 3, May (M.). Distance, 13ft. 11¼ ins.

TOTAL POINTS

Edwards'	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89
Evans'	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	72
Grear's	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Leech's	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Mason's	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Rogers'	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Spencers'	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Woodham's	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

Mawdsley Shield	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Edwards'
Pariser Cup (for Track events)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Edwards'
Rimmer Cup (for Field events)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Edwards'
Taylor Cup (for Relay races)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Evans'

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS

v. Liverpool University. At home. Friday, 28th May, 1943

100 Yards.—1, O'Donnell (Liv.); 2, Mitchell (L.); 3, Slater. 10.8 secs.

Discus.—1, Hepburn; 2, Rosen; 3, Lowry (L.). 95ft. 1in.

220 Yards.—1, O'Donnell (L.); 2, Blair; 3, Slater. 23.6 secs.

880 Yards.—1, equal, Craddock (L.), Bottomley (L.); 3, Sanders. 2 mins. 12 secs.

Long Jump.—1, Kitchen (L.); 2, Hepburn; 3, Hughes (L.). 21ft. 4½ins.

440 Yards.—1, Hepburn; 2, Spittle (L.); 3, Sutton. 55.8 secs. (School record).

High Jump.—1, Crowther; 2, Kitchen (L.); 3, Hughes. 5ft. 1 in. (Won on handicap).

1 Mile.—1, Shepherd; 2, Craddock (L.); 3, Horsley. 5 mins. 4 secs. (School record).

Javelin.—1, Hepburn; 2, Barton; 3, O'Donnell (L.). 124ft. 3ins.

120 Yards Hurdles.—1, Kitchen (L.); 2, Hughes (L.); 3, Jaeger. 17.5 secs.

Shot.—1, Hepburn; 2, Lowry (L.); 3, Griffiths. 34ft. 1in. (School record).

Relay.—1, Liverpool; 2, School. 1 min. 44 secs.

POINTS.—Liverpool University 60. School 55.



CRICKET

1st XI RESULTS

v. Cowley School. Played at home., May 8th, 1943. Drawn. School 62, Cowley 36 for 9. Sutton 26 and 5 wickets for 16.

v. Cowley School. At home, May 15th. Won. School 73, Cowley 6. Hepburn 6 wickets for 1, Sutton 4 wickets for 5, Hepburn 21.

v. Hutton Grammar School. At home, May 19th. Won. School 79 for 5, Hutton 36. Hepburn 5 wickets for 22, Sutton 5 wickets for 13, Hepburn 21.

v. Wigan Grammar School. At home, May 22nd. Drawn. School 88, Wigan 11 for 0. Sanderson 21, Sutton 20.

v. Ormskirk Grammar School. Away, May 29th. Drawn. School 39 for 3, Ormskirk 82. Horton 6 wickets for 22.

v. Ainsdale C.C. At home, June 5th. Won. School 48, Ainsdale 47. Hepburn 7 wickets for 22.

v. Upholland Grammar School. Away, June 9th. Won. School 84, Upholland 79. Bolton 24.

2nd XI

v. Wigan Grammar School. Away, May 22nd. Lost. School 47, Wigan 79. Cornick 5 wickets for 25.

v. Ormskirk Grammar School. Home, May 29th. Lost. School 32, Ormskirk 49. Mayor 6 wickets for 19.

COLTS XI

v. Ormskirk Grammar School. Home, May 29th. Won. School 61, Ormskirk 55. Grub 31.

v. Wigan Grammar School. Home, June 2nd. Won. School 44, Wigan 26. Shaw 6 wickets for 12.

v. Wigan Grammar School. Home, June 9th. Won. School 49, Wigan 17. Shaw 4 wickets for 6.

1st XI CRITICISMS

K. HEPBURN (capt.) 1st XI Colours 1941-42-43.

D. C. TRIMBLE (vice-capt.) 1st XI Colours 1941-42-43

D. F. SUTTON. Medium to fast opening bowler. Although at times his bowling is erratic he has met with considerable success. A forceful bat on the off, but except for a hook is devoid of "on" shots, which he should try to develop. A good fielder close in.

M. ENRIGHT. Opening batsman, with a variety of strokes all round the wicket, but he must try to keep the ball on the ground when playing leg-shots. His ground fielding and throwing-in are very good.

M. G. SANDERSON. A promising young batsman who has made full use of a strong off-drive but does not use his footwork to the best advantage for balls pitched on his leg-stick. As a wicket-keeper has shown remarkable anticipation.

F. HORTON has been very useful as a change bowler when required. Bowls a good accurate length with a ball that swings in. His batting has greatly improved since the season started. Fielding sound.

P. OAKES. A batsman who uses his footwork to attack the bowling from the start, but must not try to hit a good length ball out of the ground. One of the smartest fielders in the team.

L. BOLTON. Although handicapped by an awkward style, he has a sound defence combined with some powerful, if unorthodox, strokes, and has the makings of a first-class opening batsman. Good fielder.

R. D. DAWSON. A batsman who can be relied upon to obtain runs at a critical moment, but he must show more initiative in going for the bowling. His fielding is good, but he must improve his throwing-in, which is wild and inaccurate.

W. SCARISBRICK. His batting this season has not been up to expectation, mainly owing to his trying to make every ball pitch on his off, where he has some good shots. A keen fielder close-in.

L. G. JAEGER. Although possessed of some good off shots, he lifts his head whilst playing them, and consequently mistimes. Does not concentrate sufficiently in the field.

J. A. MAYOR. A forceful left-handed batsman who tends to use a cross-bat too much. A good fielder.

J. RUSSEL, S. MILLER, A. GRUB and F. MARROW have also played.

K.H.

BADMINTON COMPETITION

1ST ROUND

Woodham's beat Evans' 21-12, 18-21, 21-3.
Spencer's beat Grear's 21-17, 21-17.
Leech's beat Edwards' 23-20, 21-11.
Rogers' beat Mason's 21-17, 15-21, 21-5.

SEMI-FINALS

Woodham's beat Spencer's 21-1, 21-3.
Leech's beat Rogers' 21-9, 21-2.

FINAL

Woodham's beat Leech's 21-14, 21-19.

K.H.

SWIMMING

The Swimming qualifications started earlier this year than in previous years. We are pleased to note that many boys qualified during the first few weeks of the term. This year the Surface Dive has been introduced as an alternative to the Long Plunge. This alternative has stimulated interest in this most useful branch of swimming, and it has also raised the standard of Surface Diving in the Life-Saving examinations.

The year which has just passed has seen a most remarkable increase in the interest taken in Life Saving. Up to the time of writing, and since last year's Swimming Sports, no less than 91 awards have been gained. This is a splendid effort and on behalf of the whole school we should like to thank all the Senior boys in the various Houses who have so generously given up their time and energy to make this effort possible.

Up to the time of writing, the School Swimming Team, captained by T. H. Griffiths, has had two most enjoyable matches. The first was against Bolton School at Bolton, and the School lost by 20 points to 22 points. The second match was against Lancaster Royal Grammar School, at Southport, and the School won by 29 points to 26 points. We wish the team the best of success in the remainder of their matches.

T.H.G. R.H.G.

ART SOCIETY

As is usual during the Summer Term, the attendance at the Art Society Meetings has been small owing to the outdoor activities connected with the School Sports. Hence the various sections have been postponed until next term.

Those boys who have regularly attended the meetings have done extremely valuable work in most branches of Art. Many posters have been executed by the older boys in connection with the "Wings for Victory" Savings Week and the Ships' Halfpennies Fund. Junior members have been making careful studies of the trees seen from the balcony. Good work has been done in this direction.

Towards the latter half of the term, a complete course of Anatomy has been arranged for all boys with the help of J. B. Newton and B. Kay. It is hoped that most of the older boys will attain a general knowledge of Anatomy in order to be able to pass on the information to younger boys in later years. Extremely important and valuable work is being done, and to those responsible, we give our best thanks.

Outdoor Sketching is being carried on by some boys, but this branch of Art needs much more attention and, it is hoped, will be improved and encouraged before the summer ends.

The Mural Decoration is now proceeding rapidly, the drawing being almost complete; the primary coat of oil-paint is being applied in some parts.

Altogether, the term has been a successful one. Next term, however, we hope to see a great increase in the membership, all boys, Senior and Junior, being cordially invited. B.K.

MUSIC SOCIETY

Several people have asked me what takes place at the meetings of this society. When I reply that we listen to records, they seem astonished and say, "Is that all you do?" This, I fear, reveals their ignorance of music, for a thoughtful person, providing he is not deaf, would realise how much is to be gained by the enjoyment of just listening. After some performances we have a lively discussion.

Owing to examinations, bringing about the need for hasty revision, and various other events and activities, our numbers have dwindled this term, but we hope that there will be a notable increase at the beginning of next year.

We thank again all who have contributed to the enjoyment of our members by lending records. S.G.S.

VIOLIN CLASS

A few more members have joined the Violin Class this term. The older players are gradually attaining higher standards each week, and at the end of the term we hope to give a recital, composed of a few melodies, in front of the School. We welcome all newcomers, and one violin is available for loaning to a willing member who cannot obtain one. The class is taught by H. Whitfield Esq. P.B.

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At the end of last term, Ft./Sergt. Irving and L/C R. B. Griffiths left the Flight, the former to take up an Engineering Cadetship, and the latter to attend a R.A.F. University Short Course. In consequence, Sergt. Jaeger has been promoted to Flight Sergeant, Cpl. Hyam to Sergeant and L/C Sinclair to Corporal. The total strength of the Flight is now 84.

This term, Sergt. Shepherd has been accepted for a R.A.F. University Short Course, and Cadets Blair, Churm, Sutton and Townsend for R.N. University Short Courses. In addition, Cadets Anderson, Anstey, Buck, Dawson, E. P. Edwards, Garstang, Hayden, Iddon, King, Lymath, Marshall, Maxfield, Nuttall, Rosen, Sephton, Stuart, Swift, Tragen and Turner have become "Cadets, 1st Class." Many of the Cadets are now taking the Examination for the Proficiency Certificate, and we wish them every success.

We have recently been visited by a number of ex-cadets:—Sergt. J. W. Moss and Cpl. Lucas, who have successfully completed their

R.A.F. University Course; Cadets Watchorn and Ruscoe, who are in the R.A.F., and Ft./Sergt. Cox and Cadet Abram, who are in the Royal Navy. Two other ex-cadets, Sergt. Enright and Cpl. Dickinson, are now completing their flying training abroad. To all these and to others we have not seen recently we send our best wishes—"happy landings" to all of them.

In the inter-crew contest, "D" crew gained first place last term, and are leading again this term.

The Flight held an exhibition of models and equipment on Sports Day and we thank all those Cadets who helped.

In the "Wings for Victory" parade, the Flight, along with the Town Squadrons, was congratulated on its smartness by Air Vice-Marshall Whitworth Jones and by the D.I.O.

On 28th May, a party of 60 Cadets visited an aerodrome in the North West and every Cadet enjoyed a flight. We are looking forward to more of these visits.

The Flight goes into camp on 24th July, and, given reasonable weather, we should have an instructive and enjoyable week.

Sergt. Hyam and Cadets Bather, B. W. Edwards and Matthewman took part, with members of the Town Squadrons, in a P.T. Demonstration at an A.T.C. Course, and were thanked for their help.

In conclusion, we should like to thank Ft./Lieut. Radcliffe for the loan of a rifle for the use on the miniature range, and for other services rendered, P/O Hodson for the help he so willingly gave in Arms Drill, and Mrs. N. S. Taylor for a gift of books to the Flight Library.

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We are pleased to report that behaviour in the Library has been much better this term, and we hope to see this continued.

The Library furniture we have, it seems, cherished "not wisely, but too well," so that some of our neighbours have grown envious of its shining cleanliness, and carried a part of it off. We seek comfort in the words of the poet:—

'Tis better to have loved and lost,
Than never to have loved at all.

Our best thanks are extended to those who have helped in the preparation of the new magazine covers, which we hope will be treated with the greatest care, especially in these days of shortage.

Thanks are also extended to the following, who have presented books to the Library:—H. Briscoe, M. Craingold, J. Foster, W. G. Fuge, G. Hart, P. J. Lucas, K. Smedley.

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Half Term November 1st and 2nd

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