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## SCHOOL NOTES

### VALETE

- WOODHAM, C. M., 1938-48.—Leech's, Upper VI Science A, Higher School Certificate 1947, Prefect, State Scholarship 1947, Borough Scholarship 1947, Savings Secretary, Chairman Photographic Society.
- ROBERTSON, F. I., 1940-47.—Edwards', Upper VI Modern, Higher School Certificate 1947, Prefect, Styling Exhibition for History Queen's College, Oxford, Senior Librarian.
- REUBEN, A., 1941-47.—Rogers', Upper VI Modern, Higher School Certificate 1947, Vice-Chairman Debating Society, School Play 1947.
- WRIGHT, W. N., 1941-48.—Gear's, Upper VI Science A, Higher School Certificate 1947.
- BILLINGTON, A., 1942-47.—Leech's, Lower VI Science B, School Certificate 1947, 2nd XV Colours 1946-7.
- DAVIES, F. A., 1942-47.—Evans', Lower VI Science B, School Certificate 1947.
- DORMAN, P., 1942-7.—Evans', Lower VI Science B, School Certificate 1947.
- FRANKAL, I. L., 1942-47.—Mason's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1947, R.L.S.S. Bronze Medallion.
- MERCER, W., 1942-47.—Evans', Lower VI Science B, School Certificate 1947.
- MORETON, D. V., 1943-47.—Spencer's, Upper Vb.
- HABBERLEY, M. G., 1944-47.—Evans', IVa.
- HOWARD, J. H., 1944-47.—Edwards', Lower Vc, Bantam Colours 1946-7.
- HALPERN, B. S., 1945-48.—Evans', IIIB.
- KIRKBRIDE, B. J., 1945-47.—Leech's, Lower Vc.
- MORETON, B. V., 1945-47.—Spencer's, IV Remove.
- WAREING, J. R., 1946-48.—Evans', IIIa.
- SHERROCKS, M. B., 1947.—Gear's, IVb.

### SALVETE

F. W. Knox, M. T. Ward, G. Woodfine, I. Woodfine, K. J. W. Woolley, D. Grange.

Mr. B. M. Tyack left last term to take up a post as Senior French master at the Caistor Grammar School, Lincolnshire. As a teacher of French, and as an extremely able Officer of the Air Training Corps, Mr. Tyack has done most valuable work since his appointment in September, 1940. He also organised the exchange of letters between boys here and boys at the Geelong School, Australia. A master of very strong personality, he was highly respected by everybody in the school.

We were sorry to learn on resumption this term that Mr. F. Rollinson would be unable to be in school. The latest news of him is that he is making good progress, but he has been confined to his house the whole term. We sincerely hope that he will be fit to resume school in a short time.

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We were glad to welcome Mr. Booth back after his spell in a London Hospital, and hope that the treatment he received will prove of lasting value.

Mr. B. B. Brown, B.A., and Mr. J. G. MacDonald have been taking temporary duty here this term.

Last term, on December 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th, the School Debating Society presented "The Zeal of Thy House," by Dorothy L. Sayers. There were excellent audiences, and the performances reached a very high standard.

This term the Charity collections were taken on behalf of St. Dunstan's, the amount subscribed was £13 9s. 2d.

At the Open Scholarship examination, held at Cambridge at the end of last term, successes were gained as follows:—

- M. Seal—Major Scholarship of £100 per annum for Natural Sciences at Corpus Christi College.
- K. F. Hulme—Major Scholarship of £100 per annum for Natural Sciences at Gonville and Caius College.
- T. K. Stratford—Exhibition for English of £40 per annum at Queens' College.



## HOUSE NOTES

### EDWARDS'

To date no Junior House matches have been played, although several very successful practices have been held. Great promise is shown and we wish the team luck in the forthcoming competitions. Bather and Crompton have been re-awarded their 1st XV colours, and Prescott has been awarded his; Pendlebury-Green and Warburton have played in the 2nd XV.

The Badminton team has been disappointing, losing every match so far. The team is very young, however, and the experience gained should prove invaluable in the future.

Members of the House are urged to practice both swimming and athletics during the Easter holidays, in order to be prepared for the Sports next term. We are represented in the School Swimming Team by Pendlebury-Green and Hoyles. Crompton has been elected School Athletics captain.

The School Societies are well patronised by members of the House and we urge still more, especially new boys, to take part in this very important side of School life.

Kay and Tibbs are to be congratulated on their success in the Junior elocution contest; they were 1st and 2nd equal respectively. Brown played an important part in last term's Play, "The Zeal of Thy House."

In conclusion it is pleasing to see the generous contribution the House gave to this term's charity collection. G.C.

### EVANS'

The term has not been very eventful, but we are looking forward to the House Junior Rugby Competition. The Juniors have shown commendable keenness and several practices have been held, which were well attended. This enthusiasm promises well for future matches. We must congratulate D. B. Clement on obtaining his 1st XV colours,

also I. R. J. Williams on his successful captaincy of the 2nd XV. J. Clark has played consistently well for the Bantams, and D. Sutton, W. Makepeace and K. Williams have played in the Chicks XV.

The position held by the House in the Honours List last term was far from satisfactory; every effort should be made to regain our former position.

The Badminton Team is upholding its high standard of play, and we now stand second in the competition, with excellent prospects for the future. We congratulate J. P. Griffiths on his being made a School Prefect. He has taken a very active part in many School activities. Mention should also be made of those boys who, on the stage and behind the scenes, helped to make the School Play such a success.

The School Charity has been well supported, but we feel a still larger sum could be subscribed. The Athletic Sports and the Higher School Certificate and School Certificate examinations lie before us; we wish success to competitors and candidates in these sporting and academic events.

### GREAR'S

The outstanding event of last term was the achievement of the House XV in winning the Senior Rugby Competition. We should like to extend our congratulations to all members of the team on their fine play.

Congratulations are also due to H. J. Foster, B. H. Richardson and N. Slack who have been awarded 1st XV colours. D. I. Vernon has played for the 2nd XV. Junior practices have been regularly held.

Swimming activities have been progressing steadily throughout the term under the guidance of M. Seal, and there is a noticeable improvement. J. D. Bonney and E. H. Macleod have gained the Award of Merit. Various other Life Saving awards have also been obtained. Let us hope that these assiduous efforts may result in success at the end of next term.

We have not distinguished ourselves in Badminton, yet it must be remarked that the team put up a creditable performance and has improved considerably.

In the first Chess Competition (which was very keenly contested) the House has started well by gaining second place. One member of the team, D. Macleod, did not lose a single game.

M. Seal, who has been awarded an open Major Scholarship to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, is worthy of our congratulations.

We must conclude this termly record on a melancholy note. Efforts on the serious side of School life seem to have languished. Let members of the House, therefore, constantly keep in view its motto, "Labori atque ludo."

### LEECH'S

It was with much regret that this term we bade adieu to our House Captain, C. M. Woodham, who has left us to serve in the G.S.C. We wish him all success. Just before leaving he distinguished himself in the Public Speaking Contest.

W. E. Minoprio, who has very ably served both the House and Scientific Society as secretary, has been appointed School Prefect, and M. J. F. Flint has been awarded 1st XV Colours. We extend our hearty congratulations to both of them. The vacant Captaincy has been filled by appointing E. P. Dewhurst and M. J. F. Flint as joint House Captains.

After anxiously watching the progress of Franks, Nuttall and Usher in the recently inaugurated Chess Competition, we were glad to see them win the Cup, which now stands proudly in the House-room.

We will refrain from describing our fate in the Senior Rugger Competition; in the Badminton Competition we are, to quote Dewhurst, "in a very favourable position." According to persistent rumours Franks, the Swimming Captain, regularly plunges the length of the bath. It looks as though he may set up an unbeatable record if he repeats these performances at the School Swimming Sports. It is interesting to note in passing that the School Swimming Team appears to be well represented by members of the House, Franks, Turner, Smith and Hodge all being in it.

Spring is in the air and very shortly now sundry unfortunate juniors and seniors will have to be kicked into practising for the Sports, which will be held soon after the beginning of next term. If everybody pulls his weight, particularly in the Tugs, we have a good chance of winning some trophies for the House.

Last but not least, there is another matter which we ought to mention discreetly—the Easter and Summer Examinations. These examinations are a trial to many in more senses than one. We wish all victims as pleasant an ordeal as possible.

M.J.F.F.

#### MASON'S

Life-saving classes are once again under way, and this term number three, Aughton's class, has attended the baths on several occasions, and is expected to take the examination after the Easter trials. Both Greenhalgh and C. B. Holmes report good progress with their classes.

This term the charity contributions of the School go to St. Dunstan's, and the House has generously subscribed to this worthy cause.

The House is regularly represented in the 1st XV by Youds, and in the 2nd XV by Aughton.

Our Badminton team is not doing too well, but we wish it better luck with its remaining fixtures. In the sphere of gymnastics, too, we are dangerously near the bottom of the table.

The best wishes of the House are extended to those candidates taking the S.C. and H.S.C. examinations in June.

D.N.W.M.

#### ROGERS'

In the Senior Rugby competition last term, we were unfortunate in losing our first match with Spencer's by 11 points to 6; our other two matches were won and credit must go to our team, which was captained by Cooke, for their high standard of Rugby throughout.

The junior team, captained by Howard, has had several successful practices. We wish them luck in the forthcoming competition. Under the guidance of R. D. Vernon and D. Baddeley, swimming activities have recently begun, but they will, of course, become more frequent during the next term.

Several members of the House were prominent in last term's School Play. We must mention especially Reuben and Haslam, whose performances are no doubt duly praised in another part of this issue. Reuben has now left us and we wish him every success at Oxford, and good luck in whatever future career he may undertake.

We congratulate P. W. Davies on his appointment as a School Prefect, and T. M. Buckles on gaining his 1st XV Colours.

Finally, may we remind you that Sports Day follows hard on the beginning of the Summer Term, and that the Easter holidays are the time to prepare for it?

H.M.S.

#### SPENCER'S

Last term we concluded a series of Senior House matches, which were terminated by our defeat in the finals by Grear's, nevertheless, the team is to be congratulated on its play. The House has been well represented in the School teams, Rowell and Stratford playing for the 1st XV, and Hulme and Sheard for the 2nd XV. We are pleased to record that the House is top of the league in Badminton.

We were glad to see that a number of boys from Spencer's took part in the School Play. P. H. Griffiths, A. C. Wynne and L. Barton were in the cast. Stratford and Hulme were not able to join them owing to the Cambridge Examinations, on the results of which we congratulate them. We now have an Exhibitioner of Queens' College and a Scholar of Caius College in the House. Stratford and Griffiths took part in the Senior Play-Reading which was held this term.

It is pleasing to see that many boys are supporting School activities and we hope that the lighter nights and pressure of examinations will not cause too great a falling off in this respect.

We congratulate Hulme on being made a School Prefect.

We would remind all boys that the time for the Athletic and Swimming Sports is near at hand. Boys are urged to do their best in these competitions and remedy the bare state of the House walls. Finally, we would remind all members that the Summer Examinations will also soon be here and that a little extra effort will be well repaid.

P.H.G.

#### WOODHAM'S

This term sees the reappearance of the Junior House Rugby matches. Unfortunately, many members of last year's victorious team are now outside the Junior limits, and the present team will have to overcome some stiff opposition in order to retain the Junior Rugby Shield in the keeping of the House. P. Glendenning has been appointed Captain of our Junior House XV. The weather has been somewhat kinder than last year's Arctic conditions, and several practices have been held in preparation for the approaching matches. Whilst on the subject of Rugby, we should like to congratulate J. D. Houldsworth, G. O. Jones, and P. T. Gore, on being awarded their 1st XV Colours.

We are very pleased to announce that the House maintained its high reputation in the School's charity scheme, by once again giving a generous contribution to this term's very worthy cause, the St. Dunstan's Home for the Blind.

In the sphere of Badminton the House team is faring quite well, having won three out of the five matches played up to the time of writing.

Life-saving classes are being held regularly, under the supervision of our Swimming Captain, J. B. Cardwell.

We take this opportunity of reminding the House that the Athletic Sports take place early next term and hope that all boys will take advantage of all facilities for training in this sphere.

D.M.C.

## OLD BOYS' NEWS

### ROLL OF HONOUR

It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of the following Old Boys :—

K. POTTS (Edwards', 1932-1936).	R.A.F.	5th January, 1945
H. L. ASHTON (Gear's, 1928-1931).	Army	1943
N. C. BANISTER (Edwards', 1925-1930).	Navy	10th December, 1941

Early this term an appeal was issued to Old Boys and Parents for donations to the War Memorial Fund. Up to the present, donations totalling over £620 have been received. We would point out that sums can be given either as single donations or by Deed of Covenant. It is hoped at an early date to provide, in the first place, a Tablet to be erected in the school on which will be inscribed the names of those who fell in the war.

J. Russell (1938-43) was awarded the medal for Dental Mechanics at Liverpool University in December last.

C. Moss (1936-42) graduated M.B., Ch.B., at Manchester University, and has been appointed House Surgeon at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester.

S. V. Perry (1929-36) was chosen to play for England in the Rugby Union International Matches against Australia, Wales and Ireland.

G. Rimmer (1935-42) has played at scrum-half in all the County matches this season, and was also selected to play for the Probables in the Rugby Union International Trial.

In the Old Georgians' match against Southport R.U.F.C. on New Year's Day, a strong XV was chosen, and the game ended in a victory of 24-5.

### MARRIAGE

H. S. BUCKLEY and ZOE M. PEEBLES at St. John Baptist Church, Dronfield, on January 10th.

### OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

During its first six months the reformed Old Boys' Association has had many difficulties to overcome and it is gratifying to see that the membership is continually increasing and that enthusiasm is developing in the various activities which are being organised.

Undoubtedly the outstanding event over the past few months was the dance held in School in December. This function was acknowledged as one of the most successful and enjoyable in the Association's history. Many old boys put hours of work into the preparations for the dance and it must have been ample reward to them when they stepped back and viewed the transformation which they had brought about in the School Hall. With careful use of coloured lighting effects and many decorations, a warm, comfortable atmosphere was created, and the idea

of the Hall being used either for examinations or school assemblies seemed fantastic. Everyone who attended the dance had a really enjoyable time and so popular did it prove that another one is to be held on March 20th.

A flourishing badminton club has just been started which meets every Tuesday evening in the School, and as the evenings lengthen it will be possible to hold training periods for members interested in athletic pursuits.

B.H.

## OLD BOYS' LETTERS

Liverpool University,  
Brownlow Hill,

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

Liverpool, 7.

SIRS,—The chief event this term has been Panto Day, held on February 14th, and far from half-heartedly supported by Old Georgians. A tramp picked up en route by the procession, wearing a tattered suit and five days' growth of beard, turned out on closer inspection to be none other than Scott; whilst Crowther lent the thronging crowd an air of distinction by a magnificent moustache, broad hat and flowing black cloak. Glass, on the other hand, seen to totter in from Everton football ground, where he had been (not unreasonably) refused admission, yet managed to act the clown in a ruff, skull cap and a dead-white face which caused little children to have nightmares for a week; but Perry maintained a most laudable immobility as a Roman soldier, resplendent in sparkling breast-plate and helmet, on the Classical Society's "horse drawn vehicle." The horse was helped out by two long ropes terminating in two most pathetic-looking slaves. Panto Week this year was a much greater success than last year's, bringing in over £8,000 compared with £6,000 in 1947.

For the rest, our activities continue much the same as last term. Carr still chases queens over the chess-board and studies hard in the Solo school. Haddock remains a never-tiring advocate of the rights of the common man in a Socialist Society, and Crowther, at the top of the table-tennis ladder in the Engineering Faculty, retains the position he has held now for two terms. But Bracewell deserves congratulations on his appointment to the Vice-Captaincy of the Swimming Club. Hayden, after an interview with an Army major and an R.A.F. squadron-leader, is so severely shaken by the Army martinet's grim picture of the modern army that he is moving heaven and earth to manoeuvre himself into the R.A.F. when he leaves after his finals this year. Bather, too, will be taking his final exams. next June, but in addition to his constant wielding of the rifle and the rapier, he has lately joined the newly-formed Flying Club, so that he leaves himself the opportunity of flitting off into the blue before examinitis darkens his whole horizon. Finally, Kirkham has to announce that he has played for the 2nd Rugger Team against the R.A.F., and Glass tells us that in response to public demand he has once more taken the boards, this time in the Dramatic Society's production of "Androcles and the Lion."

We remain, Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

L.U.O.G.S.



The Union,  
Manchester University.  
Feb. 6th, 1948.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—It seems but yesterday that we were called upon to furnish our last epistle to the "Red Rose," and yet now the request comes again, and once more we must search our minds for items of interest.

All of the sixteen Old Georgians (with the possible exception of D. F. Sutton, who, struck by Cupid's dart, lives in a world of his own) have settled down to the daily uninspiring round of university life. Eight o'clock every morning, sees a group of baggy-eyed, baggy-kneed students boarding the train after a succession of sleepless nights caused by overwork—or was it the informal dance they went to the night before last?

The highlight of the term—the Rag—has passed, and in its place the terminals loom in the not-too-distant future, speculation on their results forming one of our chief topics for discussion. The only O.G. who can afford to face them with confidence is B. Miles, who gained a first in all his subjects at the end of last term. In the Rag this year the ex-servicemen were the prime movers, and O.G.'s were conspicuous by their absence, although one Manchester paper did publish a photograph of "pistol packing" Dame Morgan supervising a poker school in the middle of Albert Square.

On the more serious side there have been several good debates, varying from a comedy turn by Jean Mann, M.P. and Dorothy Crisp on the value and integrity of the Housewives' League, and the veritable riot when the Sassenachs were well and truly routed on the motion of censure passed on Hadrian for making such a poor job of his wall, to proposals for parliamentary reform, the establishment of World Government, and a boosting of the Liberal party by Clement Davies, M.P. Unfortunately, in this sphere also, we show no great prominence, for those who have any inclination to speak are engaged with lectures at the time of the Friday noon debate.

We remain, Sirs,  
Yours faithfully, M.U.O.G.S.

University of Oxford.  
Feb. 27th, 1948.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—We thank you for your card, requesting once again that we waste half a page of your excellent magazine. We were flattered, and our modesty, sinking or extinct in our refulgent prime, flickered back to life with all the beauty of a neon sign. We were charmed, Sirs, and, apprehensively braving the fresh air, all ventured on the social round of Old Georgians, succeeding only, however, in missing each other. Each "found his life too true a pilgrimage," and, disappointed, returned wearily to "Forever Amber," "The Child's History of Europe," and the laws of vertical combinations, known in some circles, we understand, as the New Look.

Knowing, however, how little news is contained—or even expected—in Old Boys' Letters, and realising how few of the present generation of your readers remember us, who are now, alas, in our dotage, we do not hesitate to continue writing. But we must admit that life this term has so far been remarkably barren of Varsity Rags and other forms of fun, and we have little to report save that the Apollo, sitting on the

Ashmolean, has been painted red, white and blue, and that the taxi-stand in the Broad narrowly missed annihilation by gunpowder on the last night of "Torpidus."

Meanwhile, Lymath, Pendlebury and Sainsbury have spent a shattering term between shrieking encouragement at their respective first boats on—and in—the Isis, and streaking about with tennis and squash racquets, trying vigorously to combat the increasing waistline.

We will not, however, close the letter on this dismal note. May we, rather, congratulate our friends at Liverpool on the eminent success of their "Panto Day," and send our sincerest wishes for success to those who are coming up to Oxford to sit for scholarships this term? We look forward to seeing some of you up here, eagerly intent—like us—on becoming the Bodleian soul of every party.

Meanwhile, we remain, Sirs,  
Yours sincerely, O.U.O.G.S.

College of S. Mark and S. John,  
To the Editors of "The Red Rose." Chelsea, S.W.10. Feb. 20th, 1948.

SIRS,—How many generations of Old Georgians have been warned by their pedagogues against following them in the profession, we do not know. We seem to remember in our second Form days some reference to a dog's life. Fortunately, however, example survives precept in those one grows to admire and respect, and the teaching profession does not therefore lack those who would qualify for admission.

To join G. K. Berwick and B. Seed (both 1940-1946), now in their second year at S. Mark's, came A. G. Rigden (1928-1933), one of a hundred and twenty ex-service "freshers" to come up last September. Reminiscences of K.G.V.S. were exchanged with eagerness and interest, especially when it was realised that both G. K. Berwick and A. G. Rigden had been members of Evans' House.

Both college "years" get on well together, and, whilst those who have yet to do their military service do not believe all the ex-servicemen's stories of what is coming to them, a number are encouraged to look forward to overseas service when they see the original water-colours of Italy which adorn the walls of A. G. Rigden's study.

G. K. Berwick and B. Seed continue to employ their sporting interest in the college first fifteen. From time to time G. K. Berwick is seen throwing a 16-lb. weight about in the college ground, whilst B. Seed takes all the hurdles in his stride. In their quieter moments they are to be found playing chess, apparently for the college. They are enthusiastic table tennis players, and, under the captaincy of G. K. Berwick, the college team has gained overwhelming victories over all the women's colleges it has encountered. As social representative, G. K. Berwick finds plenty of scope for his natural good humour and suave diplomacy.

In the recent college production of restoration drama by Beaumont and Fletcher, A. G. Rigden and G. K. Berwick were both busy, A. G. Rigden looking even older than usual in a beard and full-bottomed wig. It was felt, however, that even these adornments might have passed unnoticed in the Bohemian atmosphere of Chelsea streets.

Things have changed at S. Mark's since the students answered roll-call at 6 a.m., and the punishment for wasting time was solitary

confinement to one's study on a diet of bread and water. That was in 1840. In 1947 rumour has it that a certain boisterous celebration which took place around the Eros statue in Piccadilly Circus last December, was a Marjon end-of-term Rag. But with the beginning of the Lent term an atmosphere of peaceful study has once more descended upon the college, and persists as we write.

We are, Sirs,  
Yours faithfully,  
Chelsea O.G.S.

The "Union" Society,  
Durham Castle.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

Feb. 29th, 1948.

SIRS,—As the Epiphany term draws to a close we once again put pen to paper and join the School again for a short while. At it is Leap Year Day, all male undergraduates have gone to ground for a short hibernation but no doubt all will be as usual tomorrow.

Christmas and its attendant celebrations are past, and now the shadow of Finals is looming large on the horizon.

We are endeavouring to keep the K.G.V.S. flag flying aloft in the extra-College activities. R. E. Shaw has been playing rugger for Colleges and has been seen haring along the river towpath in preparation for the athletics to come: a knowledge of the finer points of swimming has been useful to him as the path has been alternately six inches deep in mud and six feet deep in water. A proposed scheme for the University to buy a landing craft to ply between Palace Green and the labs. has been quashed, as it is felt that the vapours which are seen pouring from the labs. might corrode the hull, besides which no non-chemist will go near the place.

From Hatfield comes news that J. W. Moss's son (8 months old) is developing a jaw just like his father's. J. W. M. now has a pot to put on the mantelpiece, having managed to win the Challenge Pair rowing trophy at the end of last term. He is also to be seen on the hockey field making threatening movements with a stick.

We are, Sirs,  
Yours faithfully,  
D.U.O.G.S.

## RETRIBUTION

It was a cold winter's night. The icy wind whipped stinging flurries of snow into the air. Down-town a bell faintly chimed twice; two o'clock in the morning, an ideal time for violent death.

Nestling on the outskirts of the dormant city, like a chick to its mother for warmth, was a single-storey building, with a flashing neon sign announcing "Sam's 24-hour Beanery." Sam in twenty-five years had built his business into a flourishing concern with branches on all the main highways entering the city. Inside, a figure was hustling round tidying up. Although he worked the night-shift by choice, Sam was edgy to-night. His nerves were taut from expectation of something undefinable.

His night customers were inter-city truck drivers, whose entrance was preceded by the roar of a motor, the hiss of air-brakes and the slam

of a cab-door. Sam was therefore startled when a figure silently slipped in from the storm. The stranger slouched over to the counter and took a stool. There was nothing outstanding about him. Nevertheless, his appearance struck an unreasonable pang of terror into Sam's heart.

Trying to cover his unaccountable fear he growled in an unusually surly voice, "What'll it be?"

The stranger looked up. "You, Sam!"

Astonishment partially replaced the proprietor's fright. On his face fear and surprise fought for expression.

"Don't remember your pals long, do you, Sam?"

"Johnny!" With this word fear was triumphant, rooting the white-faced man to the spot.

"Yeah, Johnny," mimicking the tones of fear. "Come on out, Sam."

The customer pulled out his gun. Seeing this, Sam quickly hid an evil-looking knife under his apron. Then he sidled round the counter to face Johnny.

"Stand there," Johnny sneered, in tones that invited no fooling. "Near enough for me to plug you; too far for you to jump me."

The moment the words started, Sam tensed. His hands quivered. Slowly they inched their way upwards towards the ledge of the counter.

The stranger paused. Producing cigarettes and matches, he casually lit one. He replaced these articles with the deliberate slowness characteristic of his movements. He seemed to be half-asleep; except for his eyes, which were continually moving. The hand that hoped to be faster than those eyes would need to pack plenty of speed. He exhaled and the smoke lay dense in front of him. Without warning, words penetrated this cloud. Sam's hands continued their slow progress upwards.

"Times weren't so hot twenty-five years back, Sam. Even though you and I were on our toes we barely managed to get by. We figured we were pretty smart when we robbed that messenger. Just before we left him we had a drink. When I came round I was alone with the fellow. He was as dead as they come. The cops got me as an accessory after the fact—that meant life—twenty years in the pen is one mighty long time, brother. Five years ago my time was up. Ever since I've been looking for you."

As he reached for a packet of cigarettes from the counter, a distant, down-town clock could be heard. It was three o'clock. The sweat on Sam's forehead glistened. His mouth hung open. Above it, two motionless eyes stared solid fear at Johnny's face. His hands reached the edge of the counter. They clutched it with desperate strength. As abruptly as before, Johnny continued:

"You drugged me that day, Sam. You put the cops wise. It cost me a heap; it's going to cost you more. So long, Sam."

In a flash, Sam flung himself at Johnny. In this last moment he forgot the knife. Too late. A small crack interrupted his effort. With a dull thud he fell to the floor. His face contorted with agony.

The silence that reigned again was suddenly broken by a hiss as the percolator on the hot-plate boiled over. The wind whistled through the door as the stranger opened it and went out into the night. The whirling snow quickly obliterated his footprints, removing all trace of his visit, but one. In the café Sam lay still. He had paid his last debt.

D.A.F.

## HOT NEWS

I had engaged Dick a year before. I can still remember my office boy telling me of a certain Dick French, who wished to become a correspondent on my staff. As I had done many times before, I took a chance. He received his particulars, and his orders, after which he went out to find a story.

"Right, sir," he said as he went out; "if I am unsuccessful, I have no need to return?"

"That's right," I answered; "good luck, Mr. French!"

"Call me Dick," he smiled, and went out.

Frankly, I did not expect him to return, for only one in a hundred would-be correspondents is successful. Within an hour, however, he was back to tell me of a sensational business merger in our town. I was astounded!

From that moment onwards, things seemed to happen only when Dick was there. Murders, fires, weddings, suicides, accidents, he saw them all, and reported them all faithfully.

Then, one day, there came bad news for Dick. A telegram informed him of a family bereavement. He asked my permission to go home, and I gave it him. About three hours after he had left the office to catch the train, the telephone rang. I was very surprised to find that the other end of the line was held by Dick.

"I have just 'phoned, sir," he began, "to let you know that there has been a murder here. A fellow named Stanley Allen is believed to have done it, and he has been remanded in custody."

I was jotting down the facts, and I answered, "Thanks, Dick. Do you know the name of the victim?"

"Yes, sir," came the prompt reply. "A young man, called Mr. J. R. French, of Liverpool."

Knowing that Liverpool was Dick's home town, I asked, in rather a hesitant manner:

"I hope that it is no relation of yours, Dick?"

"No, sir," he replied, "no relation of mine, but—"

He paused.

"But what?" I demanded, with queer anxiety.

"But it's me." And he hung up the receiver.

D.N.W.M.

## THE PRICE

The warm southern sun shone down upon the neat, low, white buildings of the City. The citizens were quiet within their homes, and the only living things stirring were the guards patrolling the dark grey walls and the slinking dogs prowling in the black shadows of the narrow alleyways. The embattled aspect of the City revealed a town accustomed to almost perpetual warfare, while the strict watch and numerous garrison showed that it was at present engaged in a struggle which might at any moment entail a desperate defence of wall, street and alleyway.

The Officer of the Guard, who had charge of the Western Gate, was standing morosely in the shade of a watch-tower, gazing out over the brown, well-cultivated fields and pondering over the wretched

lunch he had eaten, the length of his term of duty and the chances of the war being successful. As his gaze wandered out to the neat, mathematically exact line separating the golden fields and the azure sky, he discerned a disturbance on the horizon. The disturbance grew into a cloud of dust, in the midst of which a man riding furiously was visible.

As the Messenger drew nearer, excitement grew. It could only be news of the army, of which nothing had been heard for some days. Was it victory or defeat? A little group collected over the gate. Citizens wandered out of their houses, drawn by the strange influence which creates a crowd out of nothing. By now the Messenger was before the gate. "Victory!" he cried, and the citizens grew wild with joy.

While the Messenger careered through the streets on his wild-eyed, spur-torn horse, the City awoke. The people poured forth into the streets and occupied the market-place and the adjoining avenues, cheering, clamouring, shouting, calling forth officials and acclaiming for once even the tax-collectors. All the fear which had been repressed for so many months broke out as pure joy, and the explosion of relief was akin to the shattering eruption with which a long-quiescent volcano blows off its age-old crust.

In the centre of this crowd in the market-place was an elderly woman, whose appearance showed that hers had been a life of hard work with little pleasure. The lines on her careworn visage showed that she had had a hard struggle to make ends meet, and any person conversing with her would not have taken long to guess that she was a widow. A little further acquaintance, and he would discover that her chief pre-occupation in life was her son, who had served at the front in the late war. The shock of her husband's death had been so great that, were it not for the fact that she had to keep a home for her son, then a child, she would not have continued to live in a world which had suddenly become so barren to her.

The widow had been buying her weekly rations, when she was caught up in a cheering, shouting mob and swept back into the square she had just left. The Messenger had delivered his report, and also the latest casualty list, which a clerk was pinning up on a notice-board outside the Council House. The crowd pressed forward, the widow among them, borne on by curiosity and apprehension. As she looked at the notice-board, her relief at the news of victory was suddenly killed by the realisation that the second name down the list was that of her only child.

She struggled out of the crowd and wended her way disconsolately home. Her utter, overwhelming loss slowly flooded in on her mind as she wearily entered the house she had maintained for her son, to cast herself brokenly down on a couch.

Outside the crowds hurried by, chattering excitedly, and praising their army and its general. Was not their City brave and glorious? Had not their enemies been overcome? Was not their general a great commander? Of course. The little fat merchant with his plump wife and two plump children ran past, out of breath and perspiring, but eager to join in the festivity. The City rejoiced in its power, wealth and might. But no one came to comfort the widow in her sorrow.

M.E.



## THE SCHOOL PLAY

Whatever faults may be found with last term's school play no one could deny that the enterprise had spirit or that the result was an artistic and popular success. The play, "The Zeal of Thy House" by Dorothy L. Sayers, is concerned with the rebuilding of the choir of Canterbury Cathedral after the fire of 1174. The old and reverend Father Prior was admirably portrayed by P. Stephens. In his speech and movement he betrayed no sign of youth, but showed rather, a calm, well-seasoned mind and placid demeanour. His admonishment to hasten the building, "for the night cometh wherein no man can work," brought an impressive end to the introductory scene in the chapter house. Only in his long speeches was he disappointing. Perhaps it was Miss Sayers' fault rather than the actors' but if there was one place in which interest flagged it was in the wordy scene between the Prior and Father Theodatus. Theodatus himself was partly to blame, because of all the cast he seemed least assured. M. English brought a biting acidity to the rôle, however, which suited the character admirably. He stood alone among the monks for his fanatic sanctity, a point well made by the producer by placing him slightly apart from the chattering monks while watching William ascend to the top of the great arch. English was also careful to avoid over-playing the part. There was no theatrical reformation from fiery ardour to humble repentance, but rather a devout fervour throughout, only in the first scenes relentless, while at the end, relenting. But would the Sacristan, of all people, enter the church for Nones with the sleeves of his gown rolled up?

The other monks sadly lacked distinction of character, except Emulphus and Paul. W. G. Fuge gave a lesson to the whole cast in the drawing of a round character, the friendly, fond little monk who could be easily imagined presiding over kitchen and distillery. As his companion Paul, the gardener, R. D. Vernon was successful, especially with his voice, but was not quite so thorough as Fuge. In moments when he was not speaking he occasionally lapsed from character. Some of the other monks seemed to be unconsciously attempting an imitation of Vernon's method of speech. At any rate none of them could do much with their thankless parts and their names on the programme have already ceased to evoke memories. Gervase, the young and simple monk, was little more than a foil to other characters, but D. H. Hobley played the part ably and with undoubted sincerity.

The parts of the angels were played with competence and, in one case, with distinction. Quietness was the mark of J. P. Griffiths and J. E. Pearson as Gabriel and Cassiel. But R. R. Bagshaw seemed to adopt a threatening attitude as Raphael. Balancing this strange and rather disappointing performance by an actor whom we know to have a fine voice and presence, there was the strong, finely conceived and beautifully delivered performance of J. Haslam as the Archangel Michael. Of all the cast he was best able to sustain long speeches and his speech about the death of Christ was even good enough to revive a tiring audience.

Interest was flagging for two reasons. The producers failed in the last scene to build up a climax. The scene was static, with the angels grouped around William's couch and the only physical movement, William's writhing in physical and mental anguish. Consequently, the

actors should have started speedily and calmly and built up tension. On the contrary, however, they started at high pressure. At first William showed himself tortured with bodily pain, but later, since he had to rely entirely on his body to represent all feelings, he could not represent his growing mental anguish. The other reason was the failure of the actors themselves to make enough of the growth of tension. A. Reuben, who played William of Sens, has a rich voice and could have afforded to use it in quiet, full tones. On the contrary he showed a tendency, particularly noticeable in the last scene, to strain his voice. Nevertheless, despite these faults in technique, the scene was successful, partly because of the fiery sincerity of the actors in general and the imperturbable majesty of the Archangel Michael in particular.

But Haslam's part gave him little scope for human emotion, whereas the part of William of Sens offered the widest scope to Reuben, who succeeded in most directions. He exhibited a fine sense of humour and a warm heart, tactfulness and indiscretion, pride and finally humility. All these varying emotions Reuben compassed easily. He could do everything except perhaps portray William's poetic imagination. There was much poetic language and imaginative thought in the play but, although the actors were sincere and extremely able, the performance on the whole was prosaic rather than poetic.

Among the laymen, besides William of Sens, Hubert deserves special mention. I. G. Hepburn endowed this character with energy and rough humour. It was a performance of which the chief quality was its humanity, a very good performance indeed. G. T. Seed and K. Dowling enlivened the play considerably in the rôles of Simon and Raphael's Thurifer respectively. As the two architects, John of Kent and Henry of York, I. R. Williams and H. M. Solomon displayed a pleasing difference in character. Solomon in particular gave a good character study of a mean, aggressive, self-proud Yorkshireman. The Pilgrim Scene was excellently directed and played because, unlike the monks, each of the pilgrims impressed one as an individual character, though admittedly their task had been made much easier, both by producers and author. Lastly, there was the one important woman's part in the play. The Lady Ursula de Warbois is a mature woman, a widow, and in every way a match for the manliness and imagination of William of Sens. Consequently one might think the part beyond the capabilities of a boy. B. R. Brown, however, tackled the part not only bravely but successfully. His interpretation of the speeches was good and the warmth and sincerity of his acting quite exceptional.

The producers had a difficult task in having to create artificially an atmosphere which Miss Sayers had originally found naturally created. For the play was written for performance in Canterbury Cathedral. The inability of the actors to capture fully the poetical spirit of the play was a handicap, but by using the full height of the stage, by the simplicity of the setting and the towering extensions on which the angels stood, almost among the audience, the stage was heightened, widened and opened to produce the effect of spacious grandeur.

Finally, in this respect, we must not underestimate the effect of the choral singing. In choosing the choir, quantity had happily been sacrificed to quality, so that although the audience could not quite visualise a Cathedral choir, they were nevertheless spared jarred ears. Owing largely to the leadership of the cantor, J. K. Aldred, the choir

made Miss Sayers' argument easily intelligible to the audience. Only one chorus seemed really to be beyond their powers and that was at the end of the second part, "Shall we that are but worms." Later, however, the pure treble singing of "Faithful Cross, above all others," when the conflict between William and the angels was over, emphasised the power of the acting and was the most affecting moment of the play, the height of the performers' achievement. T.K.S.

#### THE C.E.W.C. CONFERENCE

Thanks to assistance from the Education authorities several of us were enabled to attend the New Year Conference of the Council for Education in World Citizenship, at the Central Hall, Westminster. Being all enthusiastic Economics students we journeyed down to London fully equipped with notebooks and pencils and a grim determination to become the most knowledgeable experts on the present economic crisis.

Among the speakers were Lord Lindsay, Viscount Bruce, Gilbert Murray, Sir Hartley Shawcross, the Rt. Hon. Emmanuel Shinwell and Geoffrey Crowther. In addition to the many informative talks we were entertained by discussions and a "Brains Trust."

Apart from the merits of the conference itself we welcomed the opportunity to mix with so many students of our own age, and to discuss the problems of to-day with so many of those whose opinions will be so important in deciding the future of our country. I.W.

## RUGBY

### First XV.

Nov.	12—v. Birkenhead School (H)	won	15-0
"	19—v. Birkenhead Institute (H)	won	29-13
Dec.	10—v. Hutton Grammar School (A)	won	9-6
"	13—v. Upholland Grammar School (H)	won	44-3
Jan.	17—v. Liverpool Collegiate (A)	won	45-4
"	21—v. Kirkby T.C. (H)	won	18-6
"	28—v. Birkenhead Institute (A)	won	19-9
"	31—v. Cowley (A)	lost	14-8
Feb.	4—v. Wallasey Grammar School (H)	won	16-7
"	11—v. Wigan Grammar School (A)	won	43-0
"	14—v. Upholland Grammar School (A)	won	16-3
"	25—v. Blackpool Grammar School (H)	won	37-0

### Second XV.

Nov.	12—v. Birkenhead School (A)	lost	9-0
"	19—v. Birkenhead Institute (A)	won	20-0
Jan.	17—v. Liverpool Collegiate (H)	won	35-0
"	28—v. Birkenhead Institute (H)	won	42-0
"	31—v. Cowley (H)	won	14-0
Feb.	4—v. Wallasey Grammar School (A)	won	19-0
"	11—v. Wigan Grammar School (H)	won	12-5
"	25—v. Blackpool Grammar School (A)	won	8-0

### Colts XV.

Nov.	12—v. Birkenhead School (H)	drawn	23-23
"	19—v. Birkenhead Institute (H)	won	40-0
Jan.	17—v. Liverpool Collegiate (A)	won	9-0
"	28—v. Birkenhead Institute (A)	won	32-8
"	31—v. Cowley (A)	lost	20-3
Feb.	4—v. Wallasey Grammar School (H)	won	9-8
"	25—v. Blackpool Grammar School (H)	won	16-3

### Bantams XV.

Nov.	12—v. Birkenhead School (A)	lost	20-3
"	29—v. Stonyhurst (A)	lost	20-3
Dec.	10—v. Hutton Grammar School (A)	lost	9-0
"	13—v. Upholland Grammar School (A)	lost	21-0
Jan.	17—v. Liverpool Collegiate (H)	lost	11-0
"	21—v. Merchant Taylors' School (A)	won	6-0
"	24—v. Birkenhead Institute (H)	won	9-8
"	28—v. Stonyhurst (H)	won	5-0
"	31—v. Cowley (H)	lost	42-0
Feb.	4—v. Wallasey Grammar School (A)	lost	8-5
"	25—v. Blackpool Grammar School (A)	drawn	3-3

P.W.D.

### 1st XV CRITICISMS

Captain: D. L. ROWELL, 1st XV colours, 1945-6-7-8.

Vice-Captain: K. F. BATHER, 1st XV colours 1946-7-8.

G. CROMPTON. Wing threequarter. 1st XV colours 1946-7-8. A strong player whose speed has made him a very valuable asset to the team. Has developed a good swerve and with his strong running makes tries from any part of the field. Shows good rugby sense and control over the ball. Has improved his tackling.

T. K. STRATFORD. Loose forward. 1st XV colours 1947-8. An excellent defensive player who is remarkable for his tackling and falling on the ball. Shows good anticipation in opening out play and is not afraid of taking and giving vigorous tackles.

D. B. CLEMENT. Wing threequarter. 1st XV colours 1947-8. A sound player who always runs strongly for the line when in possession. Has a good tackle combined with anticipation, and uses his speed to good advantage.

G. O. JONES. Centre threequarter. 1st XV colours 1947-8. A speedy player who has developed an excellent combination with his wing. Passes well and has developed a useful tackle.

J. D. HOULDSWORTH. Fly-half. 1st XV colours 1947-8. A player with good rugby ability and a very useful kick. Has a tendency to spoil good approach work by hesitancy. His tackling is much improved, but should develop more "speed off the mark."

B. H. RICHARDSON. Scrum-half. 1st XV colours 1947-8. A very nippy player who throws the ball out well. Has a good eye for an opening and uses his kicking with good judgment. His intelligent backing up is an outstanding feature of his play.

K. A. YOUNDS. Full-back. 1st XV colours 1947-8. His handling and kicking are usually good. Shows great pluck and determination in his tackling and falling on the ball. Has good positional sense which compensates for a lack of speed.

N. SLACK. Hooker. 1st XV colours 1947-8. A good hooker who shows great energy in all his play. Is always well up with play but sometimes allows his enthusiasm to cause him to commit indiscretions.

T. M. BUCKELS. Prop forward. 1st XV colours 1947-8. An outstanding forward who is always prominent in line-outs and loose-scrams. Backs up very well and is always ready to open up play. His tackling, handling, and falling on the ball have been of a very high standard.

P. T. GORE. Prop forward. 1st XV colours 1947-8. A good forward who follows play keenly. Has a good turn of speed and tackles well.

M. J. F. FLINT. Lock forward. 1st XV colours 1947-8. A much-improved player who shows great keenness. Breaks well to tackle the fly-half, but is too often guilty of tackling high. Opens out play very well and is prominent in loose play, where he uses his speed to good advantage.

J. A. PRESCOTT. Second row forward. 1st XV colours 1947-48. Is prominent in line-outs and loose play. Should dispose of the ball quicker to faster moving colleagues on the run. Has a good tackle.

H. J. FOSTER. Second row forward. 1st XV colours 1947-8. Uses his height and weight well in line-outs. Very prominent in loose rushes but is guilty of tackling too high.

E. WARBURTON. Lock forward. 2nd XV colours 1947-8. An enthusiastic forward who is well to the fore in loose play. Always pushes his weight but tends to fly-kick through over eagerness.

Also played : J. M. EVANS, I. D. FERGUSON, K. F. HULME, R. ISHERWOOD, M. E. JONES, H. M. MORGAN, A. PENDLEBURY-GREEN, P. D. SHEARD.  
D.L.R.

## —X— SWIMMING

Swimming activities have been limited this term to one match against Bolton School on February 28th. The School won eight out of the eleven events, thus gaining a decisive victory of 44 points to Bolton's 22. Franks distinguished himself by plunging 66-ft. 1-in., and Hoyles set up a record, swimming the Junior Breast Stroke event in 34 secs. We are hoping next term to maintain this high standard in competition against other schools.  
W.G.F.

## —X— THE DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman : T. K. Stratford. Vice-Chairman : W. R. Aspin.

Secretary : J. Haslam.

Committee : J. K. Aldred, A. Pendlebury-Green, H. M. Solomon,  
I. R. J. Williams.

It was with regret that we said good-bye to our Vice-Chairman, A. Reuben, at the end of last term. The resulting vacancy has been filled by W. R. Aspin, whose place on the Committee has been taken by J. K. Aldred.

On November 28th was the Mock Trial, in which a Ruritanian anarchist (R. Bagshaw) was tried for attempting to blow up the school on the night of November 5th. Mr. Justice Cocklecarrot (P. Stephens)

was his usual witty self, and the two counsels (J. Haslam and H. M. Solomon) acquitted themselves well. It was, however, unfortunate that the amusing evidence of the Rev. Canon Fodder (J. K. Aldred) was scarcely audible at the back of the hall.

The first meeting of the Easter term was held on January 9th, when J. K. Aldred proposed "That the present Government is ruining the Country." He and his seconder, W. R. Aspin, brought out to the full the dismal failures and lavish expenditure of the Government. The opposing speakers, C. M. Woodham and P. Stephens, presented a far more favourable view of the situation. Wit and invective were brought into play on both sides, and excitement rose to a very high pitch. The proceedings were, however, successfully wound up before there was any bloodshed, the motion being carried by a substantial majority.

On January 23rd our second innovation for the session, the Masters' Debate, took place. The venture was not a great success, for the masters could not even find sufficient speakers to open the debate. Consequently H. M. Solomon had to seconder Mr. G. P. Wakefield in opposing the motion "That the world to-day is in greater need of the poet than of the man of science." Needless to say, as a result, the motion was defeated. The proposers were Mr. W. B. Sneade and Mr. R. N. Kirkby.

The Senior Play Reading, Shaw's "The Admirable Bashville," was given on January 30th. It was perhaps as well that the dulcet tones of our heroine, Lydia, played by P. Stephens, compensated for her decidedly hefty and frowzy appearance. T. K. Stratford read Cashel Byron with his customary vigour, but it was rather disappointing when he appeared in the final scene without a bruised, battered and bloody face.

On February 6th the motion debated was "That Modern Man spends his leisure time wisely." It was proposed by J. D. Bonney and A. Pendlebury-Green, and opposed by J. Haslam and M. English. The attendance was small, but it can at least be claimed that an extremely high proportion of those present spoke from the floor. The motion was carried by only one vote.

The meeting held on February 20th took the form of extempore speeches. Although the majority of speakers had almost to be pressed into speaking, they showed no lack of wit or ingenuity. P. Stephens had visions of a beautiful Egyptian princess cavorting over the mountain-tops to the Mediterranean. He will, no doubt, be suitably admonished in the publication, "The Red Nose," of his cult, the Seventh Day Intemperate Anabaptists. H. M. Solomon gave us a fine outline history of the progress of sanitation in Istanbul, and after his discourse on the ways of women, it was suggested that J. Haslam should set up an Advice Bureau. Other speeches were on such subjects as "The Influence of Greek Culture on the Boy Scout Movement," "Shakespeare as a Communist," "The Disadvantages of Co-education," "The Art of Embroidery," etc.

There have been three contests this session, the two Elocution Contests and the Public Speaking Contest—the first of its kind. Three prizes were awarded in each, to Kay, Edmondson and Tibbs in the Junior Elocution; Stratford, Williams and Woodham in the Public Speaking; and Stratford, Fuge and Haslam in the Senior Elocution. Stratford seems to be deriving a steady income from such competitions.

J.H.



## ART SOCIETY

**Committee :** G. Crompton (Chairman), J. P. Griffiths (Vice-Chairman), R. Isherwood (Secretary), P. H. Griffiths (Treasurer and Librarian), R. I. Rimmer, C. R. A. Davies, C. L. Perry.

During this term we have been encouraged by a good attendance from all parts of the school. We would, however, impress upon the younger members the necessity for economy in the use of art paper. The general work has been earnestly pursued, and results have been very gratifying.

Modelling has been a predominant feature of the society, and some fine modern buildings have been constructed for use as demonstration models in Architecture classes. Early next term we hope to have completed a section of a modern town.

To all boys interested in architecture we would recommend regular visits to the notice board which is in charge of the Photographic Society and History Room Curator, as it deals with local buildings of historic interest. Pictures and brief notes are exhibited and changed frequently.

Some excellent poster-work has been done by J. P. Griffiths, G. Crompton and P. H. Griffiths, and several illustrations have been supplied by the society for the Junior Play Reading and the Mock Trial.

Although the Junior Section of the school shows its appreciation of the Society, senior support is lacking, and we extend a cordial welcome to all seniors who feel they can teach juniors or do individual work.

R.I.

## SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

M. J. F. Flint (Chairman), M. Seal (Vice-Chairman), W. E. Minoprio (Hon. Secretary), W. R. Aspin, K. F. Hulme, C. M. Woodham, C. V. Hines (Projectionist).

This term we have again had a most successful series of meetings and we are glad to see the ever-increasing interest that is being shown in the Society. We wish to thank all the lecturers who so kindly spared the time to come and talk to us.

The first meeting, on January 13th, took the form of a film show which dealt with a variety of scientific subjects. The following week Mr. S. T. Burfield, lecturer in Zoology at Liverpool, gave a most interesting talk on "Camouflage in Nature," which he illustrated with many fine slides. On January 27th, Mr. N. Ward, of British Enka Ltd., explained the processes of rayon manufacture and showed several pieces of apparatus, one of which actually spun rayon. Among the many samples, a pair of stockings seemed to attract the most interest. There was a record attendance at the next meeting, when we were fortunate enough to have shown to us three films, "Pluto," "Decca," and "The Nation's Wealth." These were exceptionally fine films; "Pluto" has been shown in all parts of the world. At the next meeting Mr. Buckley discussed some of the theory of Radio and later, using the School transmitter, contacted Mr. Nuttall (Hon. Vice-President of the Radio Society), who addressed the meeting "over the air."

The first lecture after half-term was given by Mr. Sumner (the Deputy Gas Engineer) who lectured on "Gas and its By-Products" and showed films to illustrate his points. The final lecture of the session was given by a representative of Pilkington Brothers, who gave a most instructive talk on the manufacture and uses of glass.

W.E.M.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

**Committee :** Chairman, W. R. Aspin; Vice-Chairman, D. A. French; Hon. Secretary, J. P. Griffiths; M. J. F. Flint, E. H. MacLeod, M. Seal, N. S. A. Shaw, A. W. Williamson.

It is the wish of the Society to pay a warm tribute to C. M. Woodham for the valuable services rendered by him to the Society as Hon. Secretary and later as Society Chairman. He leaves the School to join the Army and takes with him our very best wishes.

W. R. Aspin and D. A. French have been appointed Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

The first lecture of this term, held on January 19th, was by J. P. Griffiths and entitled, "From Box Cameras." The talk was intended as a deterrent to those who consider that good photographs can only be taken with expensive cameras.

A meeting held on February 9th took the form of a Brains Trust, which consisted of Mr. C. Flemming, D. A. French, J. P. Griffiths and M. Seal, with W. R. Aspin as question master. Many interesting questions were sent in and much helpful advice given.

On February 23rd a small but appreciative audience heard M. Seal give an excellent lecture on "Enlarging." He went rather deeper into the subject than the title would suggest, and made his lecture interesting by means of lantern slides and experiments.

Support is being given to a scheme by which the Society, in collaboration with the Art Society and History Room Curators, is producing a series of reviews of local buildings of historical interest.

All members are reminded that the Society's Annual Exhibition will be held towards the end of the Summer term.

J.P.G.

## CHESS CLUB

The centre of interest this term has been the Handicap Tournament, which is an entirely new idea in this School. This has aroused considerable enthusiasm, and a large number of seniors have entered. Certain entrants are doing very well, but it is too early yet to forecast the winner.

The Inter-House Competition resulted in a win for Leech's, Mason's and Gear's tying for second place. This close result exemplifies the spirit of keen competition aroused. The Rimmer Cup was awarded to the winning House and will remain with them for one year.

It is hoped to arrange matches with various neighbouring schools during the term. Our School team under their captain, T. Watts, is now much stronger than it was when we last engaged in inter-school competition.

The attendance this term has been generally good, though the institution of the Boxing Club on Monday evenings has slightly reduced the number of our members.

M.E.

## HISTORY ROOM

We thank Sinclair, Walmsley and Whalley for gifts of newspapers of historical interest; Monks for three complete collections of cigarette cards; and Holmes for an Indian half-rupee piece (1835) and an English penny (1826).

With the assistance of the Art and Photographic Societies, a series of photographs and drawings, with appropriate notes, is being prepared, of places of noteworthy architectural and historical interest within fairly easy reach of Southport.

Several boys have already given support and anyone with any knowledge, drawings, photographs, guide-books, etc., of any such places is invited to communicate with J. P. Griffiths.

J.P.G. and J.K.A.



## SCHOOL CHARITIES

Although the collection has not yet been closed it is already higher than those of previous terms. The contribution is to be sent to St. Dunstan's. I.W.

## LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

Senior Librarians: D. A. French, T. K. Stratford, I. R. J. Williams.

Junior Librarians: J. K. Aldred, J. G. Clarke, J. M. C. Davidson, J. M. R. Evans, G. Findley, W. G. Fuge, P. H. Griffiths, J. Haslam, G. O. Jones, D. N. W. Matten, H. J. M. Royden, P. Stephens, J. W. Wood.

A good demand for books, especially from juniors, has continued throughout the term. We shall not be happy, however, until there is at least an equal demand from the seniors. We know that the upper forms are kept very busy, but suggest it is a short-sighted policy for them to concentrate on text-books to the exclusion of general reading.

We thank the Art Society for a few more magazine covers, and hope shortly to have a full complement. The effect of their shining beauty on the way the magazines are handled has been markedly beneficial. The Library Committee.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Term begins .....	April 28th.
Athletic Sports (Finals) .....	May 11th.
Half-Term .....	May 17th, 18th.
H.S.C. Examinations start .....	June 22nd.
S.C. Examinations start .....	June 23rd.
Term ends .....	July 27th.

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