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## SCHOOL NOTES

### VALETE

RATCLIFFE, R. W., 1941-48.—Evans', Lower Vb.  
APPLETON, A., 1942-48.—Edward's, Lower Vb.  
SHIELDS, D. N., 1942-48.—Mason's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1948.  
WRIGHT, J. B., 1942-48.—Woodham's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1948.  
CAPLAN, R. M., 1943-48.—Rogers', Lower VI Sc.B., School Certificate 1948.  
LEES, D. W., 1943-48.—Mason's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1948.  
RATCLIFFE, F., 1943-48.—Evans', Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1948.  
ROBINSON, W. A., 1943-48.—Woodham's, Upper Va.  
STUTTARD, W., 1943-48.—Mason's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1948.  
WRIGHT, K. H., 1943-48.—Spencer's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1948.  
ALLEN, A. R., 1944-48.—Evans', Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1948.  
BUCK, G., 1944-48.—Evans, Lower VI Sc.B, School Certificate 1948.  
HALLS, A. J., 1944-48.—Woodham's, Upper VI Sc.B, School Certificate 1947.  
HUDSON, W., 1944-48.—Gear's, Lower VI Sc.B, School Certificate 1948.  
BADDELEY, W. J., 1945-48.—Rogers', Upper Vb.  
DUCKETT, B., 1945-48.—Spencer's, Lower Vb.  
ENGLISH, M., 1945-48.—Evans', Upper VI Modern, School Certificate 1947, Prefect, School Play 1946, 47, Games Secretary 1948.  
LONSDALE, J. B., 1945-48.—Gear's, Lower Vb.  
MACMICHAEL, J. L., 1945-48.—Edwards', Lower Vb.  
WELLS, J. M., 1945-48.—Woodham's, IIIa.  
BROOKS, N., 1946-48.—Woodham's, Lower Vc.  
FERGUSON, I. D., 1947-48.—Rogers', Upper VI Sc.B, School Certificate 1947.  
HASLETON, H. S., 1947-48.—Gear's, IIIb.  
LODMORE, D. G., 1947-48.—Rogers', IIIb.  
WEINBERG, M. D., 1947-48.—Spencer's, IIIa.  
GOODMAN, B. M., 1948.—Woodham's, Trans X.  
NICHOL, R. S., 1948.—Spencer's, Lower VI Sc.A.  
PHILLIPS, M. G., 1948.—Leech's, Lower VI Sc.B.  
WARD, M. T., 1948.—Mason's, Lower V Trans.  
WILKINSON, G. J., 1948.—Gear's, IIb.

### SALVETE

K. D. Andrews, C. Dyer, B. K. Rimmer.

We congratulate Mr. Buckley on his appointment as Assistant Manager (Health, Physics, Safety) under the Ministry of Supply, and wish him every success in his new post. Many boys no doubt were surprised to find the new term begin with Mr. Pearson deputising for

Mr. Buckley, but the Ministry of Supply evidently considered that the immediate safeguarding of the health of workers at Atomic Energy Stations was of more importance than the training of our future scientists. Apparently Mr. Buckley is to work on electronic devices which are being developed to detect the presence of harmful radiations, and we shall long remember how he stimulated our interest in radio and built up a first-class miniature radio station for us.

Mr. A. R. Pearson, M.Sc., is taking temporary duty in school until the end of the Summer term. He has wide experience of scientific work in industry, and we welcome him to the staff.

Last term on December 16th, 17th and 18th, the School Debating Society presented "The Comedy of Errors." This Shakespearian comedy was set to music, and the Hall was filled to capacity each evening.

This term the charity collections were taken on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. and the amount subscribed was £10/10/-.

#### SCHOOL WAR MEMORIAL FUND

The Trustees are now prepared to use part of the Trust Fund in accordance with the Trust Deed to enable Old Boys of not more than five years standing and Senior Boys to visit foreign countries in furtherance of their education.

Preference will be given to those who propose to stay in hostels or halls of residence attached to educational establishments or to live with families in foreign countries.

Old Boys and Senior Boys of the school who wish to take advantage of this Clause in the Trust Deed are asked to write to the Trustees at the school.



## HOUSE NOTES

### EDWARDS'

The term has on the whole been fairly successful. The Junior House Rugby XV, captained by A. P. Rimmer, won their first match against Leech's in convincing manner. The team is very keen, and we are hopeful of retaining the Junior Rugby shield. The Senior Rugby XV has not been so successful, but we hope there will be an improvement when it has gained more experience. Under the captaincy of Bather, the School Rugby captain, the team won their last game against Spencer's.

The Chess team finished third in the table, after losing their captain with only one match played. The Badminton team, too, has been more successful than usual, and, having played all the more difficult games, seems likely to take us into a higher position in the Tournament than we have held for some years.

In the Gymnastic competition it is pleasing to note that in both the Senior and Junior table we occupy second place. If all members of the House pull their weight, we have a good chance of finishing top in both.

At the end of last term, all members of the life-saving class under J. A. Hoyles were successful in the examination. We congratulate the latter on winning the Award of Merit, the Bronze Cross, and the First Class Instructor's Certificate. We would impress upon all members of the House the necessity of learning to swim, and so helping to retain the Ingham Qualification Cup.

Last term we finished second in the Honours List. Only if all members of the House do their best in the Easter and Summer examinations, can we hope to repeat last year's success. The best wishes of the House are extended to those candidates taking the S.C. and H.S.C. examinations in June.

The appeal for Dr. Barnardo's Homes last term met with only a moderate reception, and we hope that the House will contribute more generously to this, and next, term's charity collection.

Finally, we wish to remind all boys that the School Sports will be held shortly after the beginning of next term. All members of the House are, therefore urged to practise both swimming and athletics during the Easter holidays.

J.R.W.

### EVANS'

A lack of general enthusiasm among the Seniors produced its inevitable result in three heavy defeats in the Senior House Rugby competition. The Juniors have shown more enthusiasm, but it has been expressed in demands for practices rather than in attendance at those practices which were held. Their defeat by Gear's in the first match of the Junior Competition showed the superiority of the opposition, but it also showed that ours was very much the lighter and smaller side. We congratulate those who have gained places in school teams. I. R. J. Williams continues in his captaincy of the 2nd XV, and G. B. Colledge, P. Eddlestone, D. A. D. Rimmer, and H. D. Silvertown have played for the Colts.

The Badminton team is doing well and is still third in the House League table.

J. A. Pinnell and G. F. Tomany are continuing their Life-saving classes, and some half-dozen members of the House are training for the Bronze Medallion. We congratulate Tomany and Pinnell on being awarded the Bronze Medallion, the Bronze Cross and the Award of Merit.

We should like to remind boys that now is the time to start training for athletics, and we are sure that, if the House will show sufficient keenness, we can do well in the School Sports.

I.R.J.W.

### GREAR'S

It is with regret that we heard of the death of a former House Secretary, W. Johnson (1931-37).

The scheme for swimming tuition is progressing well so far as the few boys who are taking interest are concerned. The general lack of response is very disappointing and we urge all boys who cannot yet swim to take advantage of the opportunity to learn. Congratulations are offered to J. D. Bonney, G. T. Bateman, K. V. Bladen and D. Macleod, who have been awarded medals for life-saving proficiency.

This term we have again had strong representation in the School Rugby teams: H. Foster, H. Morgan and N. Slack having played for the 1st XV, D. Preston, Bonney and D. I. Vernon for the 2nd XV, and Macleod and J. O. Clark for the Colts. In the Bantam XV are D. A. Robinson (capt.), D. D. Steele and M. A. Miles. In last term's Senior House Competition we finished with a convincing win over Mason's after going down to Woodham's in the previous match. The Juniors have shown up well at their practices.

Last term the Chess team gained second place for the second year in succession, being only a fraction of a point behind the winners, Leech's.

Early next term we hope to get down to training for Sports Day, under the guidance of A. Chazen, the Athletics captain, and hope to improve on our last year's encouraging performance.

We would like to congratulate W. Fuge and T. R. Edmondson, who were placed first in the Senior and Junior Elocution contest respectively, and also A. Chazen, Fuge and Preston, who performed in the School play. I.C.

#### LEECH'S

Although we were unsuccessful in the Senior Rugby final, we congratulate the redoubtable Nuttall and his team on their gallant performance. The Junior Rugby team, under the captaincy of G. R. Stelfox, have played one match to date, in which they were severely defeated by Edwards'. They are, however, inexperienced, and we look for better success in future matches. In the School teams we are represented by N. Nuttall and F. W. Collins in the 1st XV, M. A. Bason in the 2nd XV, B. Andrews in the Colts, and G. R. Stelfox in the Bantams.

In both the Chess and Badminton competitions we have been once more successful. We congratulate N. Nuttall, E. S. Usher and W. L. Monks on winning the Chess Cup; while, through the efforts of N. Nuttall and E. S. Usher, we now seem to have an excellent chance of winning the Badminton Cup, since our team still remains unbeaten. At the time of writing Life-saving Classes are just beginning under E. S. Usher, and we feel sure that the House will support him in this important branch of swimming.

It is pleasing to note in passing that D. E. Langlois entered for the Elocution Contest, and that W. G. S. Henderson plays the double-bass in the School Orchestra.

We would remind the House that many will be required to enter for the School Athletics next term, and hope that practice will begin in the Easter Holidays. Let us hope also that with the coming of Spring the genius of the House, dormant for so long, will reawaken with renewed vigour to restore our fallen fortunes in the academic sphere. G.F.

#### MASON'S

The Junior Rugby XV, captained by Burgess, has won the first of the three matches to be played by beating Woodham's. We wish them luck for their next two matches.

The Badminton team is not doing too well, being fourth in the table. We hope that they will do better in their future matches.

The Swimming Sports take place next term and we urge all boys to start practicing for them now.

During the Easter Holidays there will be opportunities to practice at School for the Athletic sports, which take place early next term. We hope the efforts of those in charge will be well repaid by the keenness of the whole House.

Stephens, the House Almoner, did excellent work in the last charity collection: we are proud to see Mason's making such good efforts to support the worthy causes chosen. G.N.E.A.

#### ROGERS'

The senior Rugby team last term was unfortunate not to reach the final, being narrowly beaten by Leech's after a hard struggle. The junior team have had several practices and have won the one match so far played, although they were without their captain, J. F. Ball. We hope they will do even better in subsequent games.

We congratulate T. M. Buckels, M. E. Jones and J. K. Ross, who have been awarded 1st XV colours.

Forming the nucleus of the swimming activities are M. P. Mig-hall, F. Baddeley, R. A. Norman and M. R. Hyde, who are engaged in life-saving practice. Since last year we have lost many of our outstanding performers in both swimming and athletics, and it is essential that members of the house should make a determined effort to attain a good standard in these activities.

D. A. Howgate is to be commended on winning second place in the Junior Elocution contest. The attendance of junior members of the House at School societies has been very disappointing. This section of the House is strongly urged to choose at least one of these activities and give it full and permanent support. G.B.

#### SPENCER'S

We are glad to see, this term, the revival of the life-saving classes, held under the supervision of J. C. Higgins, the Swimming Captain. Although these classes have been but recently formed, steady progress has already been made.

Last term, the House came fourth in the Gymnastics Competition.

Shortly after Half-Term the Junior Rugby Team, captained by G. J. Wright played its first match against Rogers'. Although we were unsuccessful, our team played a very good game.

Despite the rather heavy defeat which we suffered in the Inter-House Chess Competition held last term, our team played gallantly and enthusiastically. The fundamental weakness of the Chess Team was, perhaps, its lack of experience.

Last term J. A. Cheetham the House Almoner, reported an excellent collection for the School Charity, Dr. Barnardo's Homes. It was very pleasing to see every member of the House contribute to such a worthy cause.

While many of our members regularly attend meetings of the various School Societies, we would urge still more to join.

Early next term, the Annual Athletic Sports will be held. We, urge all our members to practice during the coming holidays so that we may have a strong team of athletes to take part in the various events. A.C.W.

#### WOODHAM'S

The outstanding event of last term was the achievement of the House XV in winning the Senior Rugby competition. Under Houldsworth's captaincy, they won all their matches by handsome margins and defeated Leech's in the Final by 75 points to nil. Their success was due in large measure to the tremendous enthusiasm and sustained effort displayed throughout by every member of the team. Unfortunately the Junior XV were defeated in the only match which they have played so far, but we hope that they will redeem themselves in the remaining two. Whilst on the subject of Rugby, we should like to

congratulate G. O. Jones and J. D. Houldsworth on the re-awarding of their 1st XV colours, R. N. Davidson on his 1st XV colours and J. A. Andrews and J. M. C. Davidson on their 2nd XV colours.

Our Badminton team continues its successful progress in the inter-House Competition and we have high hopes of regaining the trophy.

In the School Play at the end of last term we were represented by J. K. Williams, G. T. Seed, N. Meredith, R. N. Davidson, and R. H. Lawrence, whilst members of the House, as usual, gave up their time unselfishly to perform more menial tasks as stage hands, prompters and call boys.

The House is well represented on the committees of the School Societies, but we should like to see more interest in these Societies shown by Junior members of the House.

A Life-Saving class is being held this term by J. B. Cardwell and good progress is reported. It is pleasing to note the number of Life-Saving awards gained by members of the House and we hope that this will lead to a greater degree of success in next term's Swimming Sports than has been attained in recent years.

We should like to remind both Seniors and Juniors that Sports Day is not far distant and urge them to start training for this event now.  
J.K.W.



## OLD BOYS' NEWS

J. K. Hulm (1933-41) has been appointed to a Research Fellowship at the Institute for the Study of Metals in the Department of Physics of the University of Chicago.

R. T. Ackroyd (1932-40) has been appointed a senior scientific officer of the Mathematical Division of the Directorate of Atomic Energy at Risley.

J. R. Lloyd (1932-38) has passed the final examination of the Law Society.

D. F. Renouf (1940-45) has passed the examination for the Fellowship of the Trinity College of Music, London. He has also been admitted as an Associate of the Royal College of Music.

G. Rimmer (1935-42), who has played at scrum half in all the Lancashire County matches this season, gained his International Cap, and has played against Wales and Ireland.

R. L. Hepworth (1934-41) has been appointed Research and Analytical Chemist at the Marley Tile Co., Riverhead, Sevenoaks.

## MARRIAGES

E. J. Birchall to Doris B. Marshall, at All Souls' on December 4th.

G. W. Taylor to Patricia L. Rowland, at St. Philip's on February 7th.

G. Parker to Joyce L. M. Janes, at Vestry Hall, London, on February 8th.

K. C. Blanthorne to Sheila J. S. Middle, at St. James' on February 24th.

## OLD BOYS' LETTERS

Caius College, Cambridge.

February 28th, 1949.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—The number of Old Georgians at Caius this year has been increased by the return of two of our former members, R.H. and R.H.G. from National Service. We have, however, lost F.R.M., whose absence from the Common Room has been noticed by many members of the College. Amid his other activities, I.M.R. is commencing a course of research.

Recently two distinctions, which we wish to mention, have been gained by Old Caians. These are the election of S. K. Runcorn to a fellowship of the College, and the election of J. K. Hulm to a research fellowship at Chicago, the latter to commence in the coming academic year. We wish to congratulate these Old Georgians on their successes.

We remain, Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

C.U.O.G.S.

The University,

Brownlow Hill,

Liverpool, 7.

February 28th, 1949.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—The news of Mr. Millward's impending retirement has awakened our mellow memories of School, and, as we observe from a distance the closing of a great eventful chapter in its story, we would offer our Headmaster the same good wishes for happiness as he has offered to us whenever one of us left for a broader world.

We are glad to have another opportunity of keeping you informed of our news, though two of our most spectacular items are not of academic import. Glass has had his appendix removed; Crowther has broken his leg.

Anderson is now the Secretary of the Church of England Society; Bather has rejoined the University, this time as a member of the lecturing staff.

Panto Day again brought out all our most aggressive instincts, and numbers of Old Georgians were to be seen but not recognised as they made sally after sally against Liverpool's complaisant populace, who turned out their pockets in a new cause to the tune of £5,000.

Now as the terminal storm-clouds gather gloomily above our heads we leave you to your sunny life and return to the refuge of our books.

We are, Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

L.U.O.G.S.

London School of Economics,

March 1st, 1949.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—If our memories serve us better than our secretary, we began our last letter by warning you of the imperfections of London University. This was ungracious of us. We retract. In an imperfect world such criticisms were quibbles. Do not misunderstand us. We have not lost faith in our abilities as mentors. We preface our remarks with the above humble confession so that you will be filled with confidence in our present dishortation.



This is a warning to beware of social scientists. We are all members of the species, so our observations have some authority. Looking towards the rear of the School you have doubtless noticed the inhumanity of physical scientists. How much worse are the social variety! Their subject is mankind, and so they tend to regard men and women as their colleagues survey litmus paper.

It was not our malignity which first provoked us to admonish you, however. It was our incapacity. Social scientists suffer acutely from a common disease—they learn everything from books. Hence when the time came round for us to address you once more, and we found we did not know how to begin, our thoughts at once turned to a book on "How to Write Letters." Our weakness then became apparent even to ourselves. Here was instruction on "how to refuse a proposal from a boy you don't like," and "how to acknowledge an invitation to a vicarage tea-party"; but nothing on how to write to your alma mater. The speechlessness of three social scientists at this impasse was pathetic. We felt it should be a warning to others who might choose to follow such arid paths. Alternatively you may note that it has taken us three paragraphs to reach the purpose of our letter—to give you news of ourselves.

This term we have been blessed with unbelievably good weather. As a result we are all a bit secretive about our activities. Individually we are convinced we haven't been seeing each other at lectures; but such convictions are not capable of summation to a conclusion. Somehow we appear to have acquired knowledge of the environs of London which our tutors did not teach us. Some activities have been more defensible. E.B. has been observed sallying forth with a hockey stick; doubtless intending to use it appropriately. D.B.R. has been taking keen interest in by-elections. H.T. has been consuming vast quantities of coffee. Apparently he is thirsty now, so we must close.

We remain, Sirs,

Yours faithfully,  
L.U.O.G.S.

The Men's Union,  
Manchester.

February 28th, 1949.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—At last the M.U.O.G.S. is emerging from partial desuetude, and promises to put itself on a sound footing. S. K. Runcorn, lecturer in the Physics department, and associate of Professor Blackett in his enquiry into the magnetic field of the earth, has set the wheels in motion.

M. Morgan, the secretary, has announced after much careful research, that there are now 19 O.G.s at Owen's and Tech.

Some of these are seldom seen, and of them we can report but little. Others, however, have truly made their mark. R. S. Stokes has contributed an article on the social implications of work on Liverpool dockland, to the "Manchester School." This is the official organ of the department of Economic and Social Studies, and is largely written by lecturers, being sold to the public for a princely sum.

D. Wilkinson continues to uphold the badminton team, and rumour has it that he is in the running for his seconds colours.

Morgan still sports clothes of many colours, and sings in the University choir, where he receives the not inconsiderable support of J. K. Aldred and D. N. W. Matten.

C. Moss has followed in his brother's footsteps, and is firmly entrenched in Hulme Hall. He must not be confused with Cecil Moss, whom many will remember from the early days of the School A.T.C. squadron. The latter is now a fully fledged ship's surgeon, and spends much of his leave in the Men's Union, talking over old times.

R. Lloyd divides his time between his medical studies and the Guardian crossword, while H. P. Preece labours at his architectural studies. D. Burton has now reached a state of ecstasy, for by means of curves and angles, assumptions and presumptions, he can ascertain at what price clothing coupons will sell in the Black Market, an achievement which should be of great help to him, in choosing his career.

Last, but not least, we must mention D. Buck, who conducts a lone recruiting campaign for the R.A.F., painting in glowing colours the "bigger and better opportunities" which await the as yet uninitiated.

Loth to close our epistle, we must put aside our pen, for 'tis rag day to-morrow, and duty calls.

We remain, Sirs,

Yours faithfully,  
M.U.O.G.S.

St. Peter's Hall, Oxford.

March 1st, 1949.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—This term is said to be the dull one of the year, when nobody can find anything to write about. The Old Georgians, however, have found it scintillating, half of us having been titillating and the other half sinning.

Lymath, finding rowing a case of all or nothing at all, has regretfully been compelled to adopt the second alternative in order to get some work done for Schools. Little has been seen of Lawrenson or Pendlebury, who are living out and spent most of their time queueing for meals at the B.R. The former occasionally kicks a ball about, while the latter plays squash, a slimming, rejuvenating game in which other ageing athletes have found solace, among them Sainsbury. He, when not wielding a racket, throws some gay little bottle-parties for his long-haired friends of the Arts Society.

Reuben has distinguished himself by obtaining one of the coveted parts in the O.U.D.S. production of "Richard II," and is rehearsing frantically. This is a fine achievement for a person only in his second term. Our other actor, Solomon, has transferred his support from the Experimental Theatre Club to the Poetry Society. He has also recorded a song in Hebrew, and mystifies visitors by asking them to guess the vocalist. The majority answer Danny Kaye.

Horrocks, who is the proud possessor of a moustache, resents assertions that it can only be seen in a strong light. He is a member of the Heretics Club, and feels most unorthodox and rather wicked when he attends their meetings.

So far this season Oxford has been fortunate enough to win the day against "the other place" in every sport. So with high hopes of a similar victory in the Boat Race,

We remain, Sirs,

Yours faithfully,  
O.U.O.G.S.

Department of Architecture,  
University of Sheffield.  
February 28th, 1949.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—This must perforce be a short and hurried note as owing to some breakdown in the University postal service I received your card only to-day.

Briefly then, we have one new member transferred from Liverpool, Cyril Nelson (Mason's 1936-42) doing his final year in Medicine. Gardner we seldom see, so we expect he is as inundated with work as are McBride and myself.

J.A.McB. is at present spending much of his time coping with the mysteries of reinforced concrete design, and M.A.S.W. with both a bakery design and twins on his hands, has little time to do other than subscribe himself.

Yours faithfully,  
M. A. S. WILLIAMS.

Union Society,  
College of S. Mark and S. John,  
Chelsea, S.W.10.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

February 28th, 1949.

SIRS,—Since our last letter, this college has sustained a great loss in the untimely death, at the age of 46, of our principal, Michael Roberts. It was unusual to find at the head of a Church of England training college a man who had already distinguished himself as a poet, critic and writer of philosophical works. Mr. T. S. Eliot has paid tribute to the prophetic service Michael Roberts performed in bringing to the notice of the public, as editor of "New Signatures," in 1932, the work of young poets like Spender, Auden and McNiece, who have since achieved the highest recognition. "The Faber Book of Modern Verse," which he edited in 1936, is now a standard work. His most recent book, which first appeared in 1941, was "The Recovery of the West," an answer to Spengler's "Downfall of the West." Though capable of the loftiest and most astute reasoning, he had the equally admirable quality of approachability. Some of us who enjoyed mountaineering holidays with him in the Alps, a regular feature of college activity here, knew him as a personal friend.

It was one of our late principal's expressed wishes that students should take advantage of the unique position of St. Mark's, in being the teacher-training college situated nearest to the centre of London; and that during their two years in college they should soak themselves in the exhibitions, concerts and other cultural interests which the metropolis offers. This year the College finds itself brought closer to the cultural centre of London, in another sense, through the formation of the new Institute of Education of London University, which now includes the London Training Colleges, and thus brings them into the orbit of the University, with enhanced status to teachers who come into the profession through the training colleges, a point which may interest your readers. The next step recommended in the McNair Report is to increase the duration of the course to three years for certificated teachers and four years for degree students.

Yours faithfully,  
A. G. RIGDEN.  
REX. HEPBURN.

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

Twelve sixth form boys attended the Annual Conference of the Council for Education in World Citizenship at the Central Hall, Westminster, during the Christmas holidays. Many well-known public figures, representing all sides of political and cultural life, addressed the 2,500 delegates from British schools. Amongst the speakers were the Rt. Hon. Sir Stafford Cripps, Dr. Gilbert Murray, Sir John Cockcroft, Señor Salvador de Madariaga, Professor Toynbee, Lord Layton and Lord Woolton.

In the mornings talks were given on such subjects as "Britain's Economic Recovery" or "The Constructive Uses of Atomic Energy." In the afternoons there were discussion groups, or a brains trust. In the evenings delegates held private conferences in the galleries of the London theatres.

An instructive and enjoyable week was passed, though it should be noted that the future world citizens from K.G.V.S. sat in two groups; on one side the Sixth Modern, on the other the Sixth Science. P.S.

## THE FARADAY LECTURE

Those members of the Science Sixth form who went to the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool, on 2nd February to hear the Faraday lecture were well rewarded for their trouble. This year it was given by Mr. H. Bishop, C.B.E., B.Sc., M.I.E.E.; the subject was "Television." Dealing with methods of communication he traced the development from the simple electric bell and morse through wireless telegraphy and sound broadcasting to modern television transmission.

The lecture was illustrated by an excellent mechanical model of a cathode ray tube, and television cameras on the stage transmitted pictures to several television sets distributed throughout the audience.

The only unfortunate feature was the small number of tickets available, and this prevented many boys from going to hear a really worth-while lecture. For this reason it is hoped that the lecture will be repeated.

K.F.H.

## THE TEDDY-BEAR

He heard with joy the sound of the bell. School was over for yet another day. He snatched up his school-bag and ran out of the front gate, ignoring the shouts of his friends who wanted him to go and play with them. He ran on down the High Street past the confectioner's, with its lovely smells, and the church, where he went with his parents every Sunday morning, until he reached the large toy-shop with its colourful, exciting toys. But he had no eyes for the sleek trolley car or the resplendent building set; he saw only, tucked away in the far corner of the window and partly hidden by a large dolls' house, a very small and rather sad-looking Teddy-bear.

He knew all about the Teddy-bear. Its name was Pongo and it had come from somewhere far away in Africa. He knew that Pongo hated the other toys in the shop and longed to come out of the window and go home with him. Once he had actually opened the door of the shop so that Pongo might run out, but the jangle of the bell over the door had frightened him and he had run away when he heard footsteps in the inner shop. Since then he had been content to pause at the window and press his nose against the glass so that Pongo would know he was still there and that he would come to take him away soon.

Then, when he had stayed at the window as long as he dared, he would run off home to dream of the days when he could go for walks with Pongo. At night he would go to bed to dream of his friend in the toy-shop, and when he was alone in his room he would say to himself what he would say to Pongo. When he went out with his mother at week-ends he would stop at the toy-shop to make sure Pongo was all right.

When the last day of the Autumn term was over he ran joyfully out of school along to the toy-shop, and he was happy because he would be able to see Pongo far oftener during the holidays.

But when he got to the window he stared in and there was no Pongo to be seen. He searched the window until he was sure that Pongo could not possibly be anywhere there. Bursting into tears and hardly knowing what he was doing, he pushed open the door and stumbled in. The lady who looked after the shop came out of the back room and was most surprised to see a very tearful small boy on the threshold. "Dear, dear," she said, "what is the matter?"

"It's Pongo! he's gone! he was down here," he said, between the sobs which shook his body.

"If you mean the Teddy-bear which was down there, a lady came in and bought him this morning," she said unsympathetically, and added, "Is there anything else you would like to look at?"

His only reply was to turn out of the door and run down the street to his home. When he got there he ran up to his room without seeing anyone and flung himself, sobbing, upon his bed. After tea he went along the street to the toy-shop again just to make sure that Pongo had really gone. The corner of the window was empty. That night, when his mother had put him to bed, he could not sleep, and he lay thinking of the times he had planned to have with Pongo.

Even the approach of Christmas Day did little to console him. He tried not to show his sorrow to his father and mother because Pongo had always been his own secret. On Christmas Eve he was always allowed to stay up late, but he did not enjoy himself much and it made him very tired.

When he woke in the morning his room was very dark and, as he got out of bed, he remembered that Father Christmas should have been during the night. Instead of going to the door of his parent's room he groped his way down to the foot of his bed. On the bed-post was a large Christmas stocking, and sitting right on top was Pongo.

When his mother came in and switched the light on she saw him lying face downwards on the bed and the Teddy-bear on the floor.

"Why, what's the matter?" she asked. "Don't you like your new teddy?"

A tearful face looked up at her, and the reply was, "O, mummy! Pongo won't talk to me."

I.R.J.W.

## THE SCHOOL PLAY

Whether or not Shakespeare would have been happy at the treatment given to his farce, "The Comedy of Errors," in the production at School last term, may be a matter for some debate. But if the addition of mime and music, and the centralisation of the action in "the civic centre of Ephesus" destroyed the play as a Shakespearean

farce, they certainly did not destroy its value as entertainment. When Aegeon's long speeches and Adriana's naggings became wearisome, either through a lapse in Shakespeare's artistry as a playwright or through the inability of the actors to support their roles, along came a gay, catchy tune to refresh the audience.

This is the second time music has been used in a play at this school. On both occasions its use has been popular and successful. Moreover, the singers and musicians in the school have been given the chance to show their capabilities and the scope of the production has been widened. Nevertheless it would be a mistake for the producer to think that henceforward his plays must always be musical. We hope that the type of play produced will continue to vary, and although singing may be appropriate in religious plays like "The Zeal of Thy House" and farces like "The Comedy of Errors," it is not always appropriate.

The inclusion of music may be defensible, but we cannot forgive the introduction of the "woody woodpecker" call. Had it been used only once, one might be able to justify it; but its repetition three times was deplorable. It seemed a pity, too, that in the trio, "Here lies the door," the two Dromios should have been brought on so close together so long before the end of the play.

It was unfortunate that some of the audience continued to talk during the playing of the overture and the prelude to Act II. Not only did they miss hearing some excellent playing themselves, but they also spoiled it for other people. The arrangement for two pianos of Barrie Grayson's music was entirely praiseworthy. Of the songs, perhaps the most enjoyable were "In the Merry Spring," sung by Girvin and Noar, and "We shall have law in Ephesus," sung by Fuge, Davidson, Aughton and Chazen. The two ensembles, "This jest" and "All ye that are assembled," were also very popular. Chazen somewhat marred his love-song by serenading the audience instead of the lady at the window.

It was inevitable, from the way the play was interpreted, that the two Dromios should assume a greater importance than they had originally. This does not, however, completely explain the eclipse of Hulme and Williams, the two Antipholuses, by Seed and Dowling. There was a lack of grace, of assurance, of authority in their portrayals, especially in that of Williams, though this might be due to a lack of experience. Even making an allowance for such a lack, Williams' love scene with Brown was singularly ineffective. We recommend a little private practice. Hulme's performance, tepid at the beginning, warmed up later on. Possibly he enjoyed beating people with a rope. Alike as Seed and Dowling were in appearance and voice, they would have been even less distinguishable if they had studied and copied each other's mannerisms. Nevertheless their clowning was always delightful to watch. Their experience should prove valuable in later productions.

For the rest of the cast, the people who stood out were, surprisingly enough, people who had little or nothing to say. Fuge, as the goldsmith Angelo, was the only one of the whole cast who always looked at ease on the stage. His movements and gestures were refreshingly natural. Meredith, as Dr. Pinch, stole in his few appearances some of



the thunder of Seed and Dowling, and Lawrence, who had not a word to say, gave a charming cameo of the old tailor. Griffiths tended to strut in order to cover his lack of ducal dignity. Kay, as Aegeon, was convincing as an old man, but failed to excite sympathy.

Of the women in the play, Brown was the best as Luciana. Although he was not very comfortable in the part, his experience prevented any serious lapse from character. Burstall had a thankless task in playing Adriana, the nagging wife. He should, however, avoid contorting his face so much. Noar's movements were often most unladylike, even for Susan, and his soliloquy was too weak for a "forward baggage." Girvin's Nell looked far too clean to merit Dromio of Syracuse's description of her. Booth looked too young to be the wife of Aegeon and the mother of the two Antipholuses. He should seek to vary his tone: his heavy voice becomes monotonous.

We must congratulate all concerned with the making and painting of the brightest set since the war, and the stage staff for their general efficiency, especially with regard to the clock. Our compliments must also go to J. P. Griffiths for his design for the programme, an innovation which must not be allowed to drop.

Whatever our criticisms, we cannot deny that we were given a very pleasant evening's entertainment.  
J.H. and I.W.

## RUGBY RESULTS

### First XV.

Nov. 10—v. Wirral G.S. (home)	won	53-6
„ 13—v. Upholland G.S. (away)	won	6-3
„ 20—v. Kirby Training College (home)	won	27-3
„ 24—v. Birkenhead School (home)	won	12-8
Dec. 4—v. Hutton G.S. (away)	lost	11-9
Jan. 19—v. Wigan G.S. (away)	lost	14-6
„ 22—v. Upholland G.S. (home)	won	37-8
„ 26—v. Wallasey G.S. (away)	won	21-3
„ 29—v. Blackpool G.S. (home)	won	15-3
Feb. 16—v. Lancaster Royal G.S. (away)	won	14-9
„ 26—v. Cowley G.S. (home)	won	6-5

### Second XV.

Nov. 10—v. Wirral G.S. (away)	won	6-3
„ 24—v. Birkenhead School (away)	drawn	11-11
Jan. 19—v. Wigan G.S. (home)	won	9-3
„ 26—v. Wallasey G.S. (home)	won	64-0
„ 29—v. Blackpool G.S. (away)	won	37-0
Feb. 26—v. Cowley G.S. (away)	won	20-11

### Colts XV.

Nov. 24—v. Birkenhead S. (home)	won	14-8
Jan. 26—v. Wallasey G.S. (away)	won	5-0
„ 29—v. Blackpool G.S. (home)	won	36-0
Feb. 16—v. Lancaster Royal G.S. (away)	lost	19-9
„ 26—v. Cowley G.S. (home)	lost	25-8

### Bantam XV.

Nov. 10—v. Wirral G.S. (home)	lost	9-3
„ 13—v. Upholland G.S. (away)	lost	9-3
„ 17—v. Merchant Taylors S. (away)	lost	29-3
„ 20—v. Birkenhead Inst. (home)	lost	9-6
„ 24—v. Birkenhead S. (away)	lost	27-0
Dec. 4—v. Hutton G.S. (away)	lost	8-5
Jan. 19—v. Wigan G.S. (away)	lost	50-0
„ 22—v. Upholland G.S. (home)	won	9-3
„ 26—v. Wallasey G.S. (home)	won	17-0
„ 29—v. Blackpool G.S. (away)	lost	8-6
Feb. 2—v. Liverpool Inst. (away)	won	34-0
„ 16—v. Merchant Taylors (home)	lost	9-3
„ 26—v. Cowley G.S. (away)	lost	68-3

### 1st XV CRITICISMS, 1948-49

K. F. BATHER (Captain). 1st XV colours 1946-47-48-49. Centre threequarter.

G. O. JONES (Vice-captain). 1st XV colours 1947-48-49. Centre threequarter.

H. J. FOSTER. 1st XV colours 1947-48-49. Second row forward. Physical advantages of height and weight allied to natural ability in handling a ball have made him an outstanding forward in all school games. His leadership of the pack has been most effective because of the excellent example he has set in keenness, determination and physical fitness.

J. D. HOULDSWORTH. 1st XV colours 1947-48-49. Fly half. A very fast player with a natural ball control. He makes good openings, but when he is half through them is often guilty of hesitation. Has developed a very good, accurate kick, but tackling is his weak point.

K. A. YOUNG. 1st XV colours 1947-48-49. Fly half or full back. A versatile player who can adapt himself to both positions with excellent results. Shows determination in attack, but lacks the acceleration to complete openings. In defence he has a very good kick which is combined with good fielding and falling on the ball. Shows great positional sense and has a good tackle.

N. SLACK. 1st XV colours 1947-48-49. Hooker. An enthusiastic and strong player, whose good hooking has been of great value to the team. Often makes progress in the loose, but fails to part with the ball at the right time. Tends to tackle too high and often through this misses his man.

T. M. BUCKELS. 1st XV colours 1947-48-49. Loose forward. Probably the fastest player on the side. The main feature of his game is the way he picks up the ball, on the run, and starts a threequarter movement. In this, however, he must pass the ball quicker to his supporting colleagues. Has a good kick, but uses it too often. Tackling has deteriorated.

N. NUTTALL. 1st XV colours 1948-49. Lock forward. Takes full advantage of his height and weight. A fast and energetic player in the loose, but in the set scrums must get down lower and push with his shoulders, not his chest. He has a good smother tackle and a long but rather erratic kick. Handles the ball intelligently.

## DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman : P. Stephens.

Vice-Chairman : J. Haslam.

Secretary : W. G. Fuge.

Committee: K. F. Bather, G. O. Jones, I. R. J. Williams, J. W. Wood.

The Society has this term completed a very successful session.

The Junior Debate was held on November 19th, the motion being "That Dick Barton is corrupting the youth of the country." This was proposed by B. Oldfield and D. Makepeace and opposed by P. Bailey and P. Robinson. As usual with this annual event there was a record attendance of about 200 boys. The only regrettable feature of the debate was that time would not allow all enthusiastic members to make their speeches. The motion was eventually defeated by a substantial majority.

At the following meeting on November 26th, W. G. Fuge, ably seconded by J. D. Bonney, proposed "That the American influence is sapping the moral fibre of the nation." The opposition, led by J. Levin, with J. Haslam as seconder, produced a number of speakers, notably from the Science forms, in favour of American culture and gadgets. Despite this, however, the motion was carried by 62 votes to 48.

The next debate, "That human progress is an illusion," took place in the confined quarters of the Lecture Theatre on December 10th. This disadvantage did not, however, dampen members' spirits, and on the part of the principal speakers, at any rate, there was a great deal of argument. The proposers were A. C. Wynne and K. V. Bladon, and the opposers R. Kennedy and C. White. The chairman at the meeting was I. R. J. Williams.

This term opened with a debate on January 14th on the motion "That this House approves of capital punishment." This was proposed by J. K. Williams and opposed by J. Wignall. The meeting was remarkable if only for the acrobatic antics of the Vice-Chairman, J. Haslam, during his speech as seconder for the opposition. His absence at the end of last term had nothing to do with the circus which visited Wigan. The seconder of the motion was A. C. Wynne.

One of last year's innovations, the Extempore Speeches, was repeated on January 21st. Twelve members spoke on humorous subjects such as "Ten things to do with a piece of string," "Ancient Church Porches," "Pubs I have played in," "The Immorality of Pluralities," etc. Since this meeting H. B. Winter has been constantly fingering a piece of string, J. Haslam has expressed the intention of taking up architecture, J. W. Wood has had chicken-pox, and P. Stephens has been transferring his responsibilities.

Four scenes from the musical comedy, "1066 and All That," were chosen for the Senior Play Reading. Some of the costume effects and quick changes were remarkable, for there were so many characters that several parts were doubled.

The last debate took place on February 4th with the motion "That the Continental Sunday be adopted in England." Proposed by A. C. Wynne, seconded by R. R. Watson, and opposed by P. Radcliffe and J. W. Wood, the motion was carried by a large majority.

M. E. JONES. 1st XV colours 1948-49. Prop forward. Probably the line-out specialist of the team. His leaping is high and very well timed and he has a good pass back to the scrum-half. Fast in the loose and backing up well, he often breaks away and scores. Has a good smother tackle, but must not hesitate to use it.

F. COLLINS. 1st XV colours 1948-49. Second row forward. A newcomer to the team who has developed an excellent understanding with his fellow second-row forward. He is always up with the play but holds on to the ball too long when in possession. Must develop a kick and use his shoulder, not his arm, when tackling.

R. N. DAVIDSON. 1st XV colours 1948-49. Loose forward. A good loose forward who excels in opening out the play in the loose. His lack of weight makes him lose his determination when running with the ball. His dribbling is another good feature of his play. Falls on the ball well and is a good tackler.

J. K. ROSS. 1st XV colours 1948-49. Prop forward. A good forward who is always prominent in the loose. He is slightly at a loss when in possession of the ball on his own and must develop more "go." A weak kicker but tackles well.

J. A. ANDREWS. 2nd XV colours 1948-49. Wing threequarter. A young player of great promise who uses his speed to full advantage, but must be quicker off the mark. Has developed an excellent combination with his centre. Cuts in and passes inside at full speed very well. He often opens gaps in his opponents' defence by a cross-kick into the open spaces. A very strong tackler.

K. F. HULME. 2nd XV colours 1948-49. Wing threequarter. He has made a good come-back into the team in an unaccustomed position. Very fast off the mark but not a very fast runner. When going at full speed, however, he is very hard to stop. He has a good inside pass but must put more vigour into his tackling.

J. M. C. DAVIDSON. 2nd XV colours 1948-49. Scrum-half. A good but inexperienced scrum-half. Must practice passing off the ground. Tends to run with the ball too long before passing. Exploits the "blind" side to full advantage. His short kick-through lacks judgment, but defensive kicking is safe. Has a strong tackle for his size.

H. M. MORGAN. 2nd XV colours 1948-49. Full back. A hard-working full back whose tackling and kicking are good. His main fault is waiting for the ball to come to him instead of catching it whilst it is still in the air. Must also improve his fielding when on the run.

A. ECCLES, I. R. J. WILLIAMS, L. BARTON, M. A. BASON, G. N. E. AUGHTON, B. HALSALL, J. B. CARDWELL, P. ROSS have also played.

K.F.B.

## RUGBY COLOURS

1st XV colours have been re-awarded to:—H. J. Foster, J. D. Houldsworth, K. A. Youds, N. Slack, T. M. Buckels.

1st XV colours have been awarded to:—N. Nuttall, M. E. Jones, F. Collins, R. N. Davidson, J. K. Ross.

2nd XV colours have been awarded to:—J. A. Andrews, K. F. Hulme, J. M. C. Davidson, H. M. Morgan, A. Eccles, I. R. J. Williams.

K.F.B.

There have been two Elocution Contests this session; in the Junior contest prizes were awarded to Edmondson, Holgate and Isenberg, and in the Senior to Fuge and Dyer.

Last, but not least, there is to be a School Concert on April 7th. It has been suggested in previous years that a concert should be held, but nothing ever came of the suggestion. This session, however, is to be rounded off with a novelty which we hope will become a permanent item on the programme.

W.G.F.

### SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

**Chairman :** K. F. Hulme.      **Hon. Secretary :** R. R. Watson.  
**Projectionist :** J. B. Cardwell.  
**Committee :** R. N. Davidson, J. C. Higgins, R. Kennedy, J. K. Williams.

The lecture on Forensic Science, at the end of last term, was of an unusual form. It consisted of the showing of a set of lantern slides, each one being a photograph of the clues left after a crime. The speaker, Mr. A. Thompson, gave the corresponding case history and explained how the clues were obtained and used. This was a very popular lecture.

The lecture on "Oxygen" was even more popular and over one hundred boys were refused admission owing to lack of accommodation. The lecturer, Mr. Maddick, from the British Oxygen Company Ltd., Birkenhead, first gave a brief survey of the production and uses of oxygen in commerce to-day. He then showed a newly released technicolour film entitled "Oxygen in Industry." This proved a really first rate film, being both interesting and instructive. After several questions had been answered, Mr. Maddick performed one or two novel experiments with liquid oxygen, including the freezing of an uncooked sausage to a brittle mass. The lecture ended with a demonstration of oxy-acetylene welding and cutting by two technical demonstrators and later by some boys themselves. At six o'clock the last few members left reluctantly.

The second lecture this term was by a worker from Metropolitan Vickers' High Voltage Laboratory. Mr. Page, the lecturer, dealt with the subject, the electron microscope, very thoroughly, and as a consequence of this some of his words were received with awe by the more junior members. But to the sixth-formers it was a most interesting lecture which impressed one by the large number of applications of phenomena with apparently no practical value at all.

The next lecture, "Science in Aviation," was of a more popular and elementary nature. The speaker, Mr. Page, from the English Electric Co., Preston, was an expert in his subject. He gave a comprehensive view of the main sciences applied to aviation.

The applications of science to commerce were also illustrated in the two lectures on wool by Mr. Cundall, from the International Wool Secretariat. It is to be hoped that, at the end of the current session, the Scientific Society will have achieved its main object: to show boys that what they learn in class is not a subject confined to text-books and examinations, but that science is a living subject, full of applications in normal life, the study of which can become a fascinating hobby.

The best thanks of the School are extended to Mr. R. T. Ackroyd, M.Eng., and to Mr. K. Eglin, B.Sc., for kindly presenting the Physics Library with a number of standard works on radio. These will prove of considerable value to the science side and to the Radio Club.

R.R.W.

### MUSIC SOCIETY

**Committee :** P. Stephens (Chairman-Secretary), J. Wood, W. Fuge, C. Davies, J. Davidson, C. Higgins, R. Davidson.

As we approach the end of the first year of the Society's revival it is pleasing to note that the large membership of 1948 has been increased.

Our activities this term began on January 31st with a lecture on "Mozart's Operas" by J. W. Wood. This was well illustrated with records on the radiogram. The following week Mr. J. W. Lord and Mr. G. Ratcliffe, the well-known flautist of Liverpool, gave a piano and flute recital. They included in their programme sonatas by Bach, Handel and Gaubert, and one of Mozart's violin sonatas arranged for the flute. The extract from the "Carnival des Animaux" was extremely popular.

On February 7th records chosen by various members of the Society were played in the Hall. Each record was briefly prefaced by the reasons for its having been selected.

Mr. A. W. Payne gave a Pianoforte Recital on February 21st. He played two very exacting sonatas (the A major by Mozart and the D minor by Beethoven), and the sonatine of the modern French composer Ravel. Mr. Payne illustrated the endless variety of the sonata form, on which most symphonies are based, by a short talk in addition to his recital.

A large number of boys attended the Baptist Tabernacle on February 28th, where, by kind permission of the Deacons, an Organ Recital was given by C. A. Davies. His programme consisted mainly of works by Bach and Handel. This was the first outside venture of the Society, and it is hoped to repeat it in the future.

The Choir has this term been rehearsing Stanford's "Revenge." It is hoped that, now this has been revealed, all suspicion of abnormality will be removed from boys who have been heard humming to themselves that Sir Richard Grenville lay "at Flores, in the Azores."

The Orchestra, which numbers about 16, is always ready to accept new instrumentalists or gifts of old instruments. Both will receive the same, and necessary, delicate handling. We express our sincere thanks to Mrs. N. Henderson for the gift of a 'cello.

P.S.

## ART SOCIETY

**Committee :** J. P. Griffiths (Chairman), C. R. A. Davies (Vice-Chairman), G. F. Tomany (Hon. Secretary), D. E. Langlois (Treasurer), R. W. McIntyre (Librarian), J. A. Girvin, J. A. Jarvis, A. D. Ellis.

Script lettering, Posters, and Charcoal and Chalk Drawings have been among the subjects for work and discussion this term, and the library continues to be well used by the members. We hope to see the results of these activities in next term's exhibition.

C. R. A. Davies, the Society's authority on Durham Cathedral, exhibited a water colour of this majestic pile in the Royal Institute of British Architect's January exhibition in London. He is to give a lecture on Old Lancashire Churches to the Society in the near future, and J. P. Griffiths is preparing a film strip lecture on Architecture.

Earlier this term the Committee agreed to a proposal from the Old Boys' Association that the Society should produce posters advertising their activities. It is hoped that members will welcome this opportunity of putting their work to a useful purpose. G.F.T.

## CHESS CLUB

This term the Chess Club has moved to new surroundings and now meets in the Geography Room. We are grateful to Mr. Edwards for providing us with what have proved to be very much more comfortable quarters and hope that boys in detention will pardon the intrusion.

Attendance has been very regular and we have a list of members so long that it has been necessary once more to have two meetings weekly, boys in Form II and Trans. X having a special session on Wednesdays.

Last term we made some mention of a competition to be arranged by the Southport Chess Club to determine a Southport schoolboys' chess champion. It was a considerable disappointment to us to be informed, just before the closing date for entries, that there was to be an age-limit of 16 years. This arbitrary figure of course excludes some dozen or so of the best players in the school. We are hoping that perhaps in future years the rule will be amended so as to allow us to take part.

Our attention has been drawn more than once to a recent article in the "Southport Visiter" which describes a newly-formed chess club in another local school as Pioneers. Looking in back numbers of the "Red Rose" we find that our jubilee passed off quietly last year. We appear, however, to have so far been overlooked by the local press.

Finally we have great pleasure in acknowledging the gift of a copy of "Memorable Chess Games," by W. Moffat, which has been presented to the Club by Mr. G. M. Hodgson. It is a very rare book and is much appreciated. A.G.L.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

**Committee :** J. P. Griffiths (Chairman), J. B. Cardwell (Vice-Chairman), R. Kennedy and H. Crystal (Secretaries), R. R. Watson, G. N. E. Aughton, N. S. A. Shaw, A. W. Williamson.

The School Play at the end of last term provided a colourful subject for some members of the Society. Record photographs were taken, and also some colour transparencies, the showing of which attracted an enthusiastic audience at the first meeting of the Society. After the photographs had been shown several pieces of unusual photographic equipment were demonstrated. J. P. Griffiths showed, among other things, a spotlight made from a signalling lamp, a home-made cooling fan for a projector, and an ingenious lampholder for copying work. R. Kennedy explained the uses of an automatic enlarger timer made from an ex-R.A.F. camera control, and showed how a gas-mask case could be converted to hold photographic accessories. R. R. Watson produced a long piece of string and showed how to keep the camera steady with it, and also demonstrated a clockwork device for lighting flash-powder.

As a result of gifts of books the Committee has decided to open a library, and members of the Society may borrow books on application to H. Crystal on Friday afternoons.

Members are reminded that an exhibition will be held towards the end of next term, and it is hoped that several entries will be received from each member. Though some months off, the School Christmas card must not be forgotten, and any suitable prints will be welcomed in the exhibition.

Most members will be doing more photography as the days get lighter, and they are reminded that films and paper are obtainable through the Society.

The Committee would like to remind all boys who may be thinking of joining the Society that the darkroom is open every night, and that all necessary chemicals are provided.

The Committee thanks Mr. J. B. Holden for a gift of booklets to the Society. R.K., H.C.

## FRENCH CIRCLE

**President :** The Headmaster.

**Committee :** A. C. Wynne (Chairman-Secretary), K. F. Bather, G. Findley, P. Stephens.

Last term it was decided to revive the School French Circle. At a business meeting held towards the end of the term, a committee was duly elected.

The first meeting of this term was held on Tuesday, January 18th. We were very fortunate to have as our first speaker Monsieur Pierre Simon, of Versailles. Monsier Simon, who is teaching at Southport for a short time, gave a most vivid and interesting description of life in post-war France. It was very pleasing to see such a large attendance at this meeting.



On Tuesday, February 1st, J. A. Cheetham, H. J. Foster and W. E. Marsden gave short talks on France. The speakers illustrated their lectures with interesting film-strips giving excellent views of Paris and other well-known French cities.

Shortly before half-term, G. Findley gave a short lecture upon the French Revolution. Although this subject is extremely large, the speaker ably presented to us the causes and much of the course of the the Revolution.

Although all our meetings, this term, have been conducted in English, we hope to hold some of our future activities in French.

A.C.W.

#### SCHOOL CHARITIES

When the House Almoners met to decide which charity should be supported this term, no less than nine suggestions were examined. After due consideration two of these were culled out and Almoners were deputed to find out more about them. At a second meeting it was decided to contribute to the funds of the Y.M.C.A., which is making an urgent appeal at the present time. Collections were held on March 15th and 17th, and the amount raised was £10/10/-. J.H.

#### LIBRARIANS

**Senior Librarians :** W. G. Fuge, J. Haslam, I. R. J. Williams.

**Junior Librarians :** A. Chazen, J. G. Clarke, J. M. C. Davidson, J. Fairhurst, G. Findley, E. J. Gilbert, G. O. Jones, W. E. Marsden, H. J. M. Royden, P. Stephens, J. R. Wignall, J. W. Wood, A. C. Wynne.

We thank C. Cohen, D. M. Holmes and J. A. Weller for gifts of books, and also Mr. J. P. Owens for a set of volumes on carpentry and joinery, which will be very valuable to the workshop.

The Library Committee.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

Term begins .....	April 25th.
Athletic Sports (Finals) .....	May 10th.
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