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EDITORIAL

December, 1921. At the *Woodlands*, that dilapidated structure of happy memory, long since replaced by the stately edifice of the Law, there was feverish activity in the Office, a small narrow room with a wooden counter which had to serve the clerical requirements of both the Technical School and our own institution in their primitive stages.

A magazine was in process of production, and publishing day was at hand. The School was only in its fourth term, but the need was already apparent for a periodical to record our quickly growing activities and provide an outlet for literary talent.

But there was no money. It would have been possible, of course, to apply hopefully for a grant, but we had a sturdy independence in those far-off days, and preferred to build up a fund by home industry before we ventured into the dazzling realms of real print. So stencils were being prepared and checked, and copies rolled off on the duplicating machine with no less enthusiasm than muscular energy. But the furious thinking there had to be to get the right pages opposite to and on the back of each other! Success followed, with only one double blank, as the curious enquirer into our archives may see, and in a chaste thin white paper cover, bearing a conventionalised flower and the proud title *The Red Rose*, our first number, price fourpence, was delivered into the eager hands of the expectant multitudes. Three times the miracle happened, and then, our puny resources augmented by advertisement revenue from three far-seeing and public-spirited firms of whom, it is pleasing to note, two still maintain their unbroken connection with us, we felt in a position to approach our present printers, though not without fear and trembling.

It is fitting that we should here express our deep gratitude to Miss Craig for her strenuous exertions during that first year and her unswerving devotion ever since. But for her tireless efforts we should never have been able to keep our records so complete and accurate: only those, perhaps, who have experience of the patient vigilance required by such unexciting and so often unrecognised work can fully appreciate our debt to her.

Of the later fortunes of our magazine we have little space to tell. It was our policy to encourage, within reasonable limits, freedom and frankness of expression, and on occasion that brought us a gush of hot water, or hot air, from susceptibilities too "tickle o' the sere." Such incidents are amusing in retrospect, but can be discouraging at the time to young writers who, after all, are not purveyors of absolute truth but beginners in the difficult arts of criticism and putting pen to paper. Providing nought is set down in malice, let frankness and freedom continue to flourish.

The strict rationing of paper made it necessary for us to modify our type and format, but it is our boast that publication has never been interrupted. We hope that very shortly it will be possible to return to the fair print of pre-war days and the distinctive white cover with the design in red and green, a happy reminder of Mr. Merchant's contribution to our life and art. Not without effort did we achieve that cover:

are there those who can yet remember the pale yellow dress of our first printed number and the imperceptible changes it underwent till at last it was so violently bilious that we abandoned it in horror?

December, 1921. And now it is April, 1950. A long time, in which eighty-six issues have appeared to inform, and we hope delight, our readers. In the early days there were giants in our land, and with increased space, now that restrictions are lifted, we trust that the School will prove that the race is not extinct. But it is for the new Editor to discover the new talent, since it is time for your old Editor to vacate his chair, and, with every good wish to his successor and the confident belief that you will accord him the same loyal co-operation that has been from of old, he here lays down his pen.

SCHOOL NOTES

Last term we said goodbye to Mr. T. Crossley, B.Sc., who had been on the staff since December, 1945. Mr. Crossley left to become Second master at the Bolton Municipal Grammar School. Mr. Crossley will be greatly missed for his scholarly teaching of the Sixth Form mathematics and for his activities in connection with the Junior Cricket Coaching Competition and the School Plays.

We welcome Mr. T. McHugh, M.A., to the staff this term; he joins us in a temporary capacity until the end of the Summer. Mr. McHugh's wide experience as a teacher and excellent mathematical qualifications make him a very welcome addition to the staff.

On December 9th Mr. D. C. V. Watts, Amateur Athletic Association Coach, gave a lecture to senior boys on various aspects of Athletics.

On December 15th, 16th, and 17th, the School Debating Society presented "The School for Scandal." An innovation at this Play was the participation of the School Orchestra, and the Hall was filled to capacity each evening.

Fifteen senior boys attended a four-day conference in London on January 3rd—6th, arranged by the Council for Education in World Citizenship.

On February 16th, the Prefects held a Party to which Senior girls of the High School were invited. This was in return for a Party held at the High School at the end of the Autumn Term. The occasion was very successful, and much care and energy were devoted to decorating the Hall.

We were glad to welcome the three Parliamentary candidates for Southport to speak to boys in the School in connection with the Mock Election which was held on February 23rd. This is referred to elsewhere in this issue.

On February 24th, the Orchestra and Junior Choir gave a short concert to the St. Philip's Guild in the St. Philip's School Hall. In their first public appearance the Orchestra and Choir acquitted themselves well, and the concert was much appreciated.

On February 24th, R. R. Watson (1944-49), gave a talk to the Science Sixth Forms on careers in the Scientific Civil Service.

Mr. J. P. Bonney, who has been Parents' representative on the Governors for the last three years, has resigned from this position as his son has left the School. Mr. Bonney has shown himself to be a very good friend of the School, and we are very grateful to him for all the trouble he has taken on our behalf. A Parents' Meeting on March 15th elected the Rev. F. J. Alsop to be Parents' representative on the Governors from next May.

This term's collection was taken for the Mayor of Chatham's Truculent Disaster Fund, and realised £12/12/-.

J. C. Higgins has been awarded an Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

VALETE

BONNEY, J. D., 1941-49.—Gear's, Upper VI Modern, Higher School Certificate 1949, Prefect, Borough Scholarship, Games Committee, House Almoner, Bar to Award of Merit R.L.S.S.

ANDREWS, J. A., 1943-49.—Woodham's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1949, 2nd XV Colours 1948-9.

DUFFY, J. F. Y., 1943-49.—Rogers', Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1949.

LAYCOCK, J. H., 1943-49.—Leech's, Upper Vc.

PHILPOTT, J. N., 1943-49.—Evans', Upper Vc.

STANTON, A. G., 1943-49.—Gear's, Upper VI Science B, School Certificate 1948.

WRIGHT, D., 1943-49.—Woodham's, Lower VI Science B, School Certificate 1949.

YODS, K. A., 1943-49.—Mason's, Upper VI Science B, School Certificate 1947, School Prefect, 1st XI Colours 1948, Captain 1949, 1st XV Colours 1947-48, Captain 1949.

HOUGHTON, E., 1944-49.—Spencer's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1949.

HOWARTH, R., 1944-49.—Leech's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1949.

JONES, G., 1944-49.—Spencer's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1949.

JONES, W. W. B., 1944-49.—Edwards', Lower VI Science B, School Certificate 1949.

MALLINSON, A., 1944-49.—Edwards', Upper Vb.
 MOORE, M. H., 1944-49.—Rogers', Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1949.
 RIMMER, D. A. D., 1944-49.—Evans', Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1949.
 SMITH, A., 1944-49.—Leech's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1949, Swimming Colours Junior 1946-47.
 STYCHE, A. E., 1944-49.—Woodham's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1949.
 VENABLES, A., 1944-49.—Leech's, Upper VI Modern, School Certificate 1948.
 WATSON, R. R., 1944-49.—Woodham's, Upper VI Science A, Higher School Certificate 1949, Hon. Secretary Scientific Society 1948-49.
 WATT, J. A., 1944-49.—Mason's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1949.
 WINSTON, S. S., 1944-49.—Leech's, Upper VI Science A, School Certificate 1948.
 CHAZEN, M., 1945-49.—Evans', Upper Vc.
 GAUNT, J., 1945-49.—Gear's, Lower Va.
 GODFREY, J. H., 1945-49.—Rogers', Upper Va, Colts Colours 1948.
 MEAKIN, B. J., 1945-49.—Gear's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1949.
 WRIGHT, G. J., 1945-49.—Spencer's, Upper Va.
 CLARKE, J. G., 1946-49.—Rogers', Upper VI Modern, Higher School Certificate 1949.
 MARVELL, T. R., 1946-49.—Leech's, Upper Vc.
 OSTICK, M.D., 1948-49.—Rogers', IIIa.
 MARSDEN, C. T., 1946-50.—Leech's, Upper V Trans. Died January 23rd, 1950.

SALVETE

P. Coleman, F. Fiddler, T. B. Procter, C. J. Taylor, E. W. Tennant.

HOUSE NOTES

EDWARDS'

Last term we gained second place in both the Chess and the Badminton inter-house competitions. This term our representatives in the individual Chess championship are J. R. Wignall and M. S. Poole.

As usual, we were well represented in the School Play, both on and off stage. We were also glad to see many of our senior members participating vigorously, and sometimes violently, in the recent Mock Election.

The enthusiasm shown in the Junior Rugby practices augurs well for the coming House matches, and we hope that the Juniors will be successful. We also hope that the keenness so far displayed in gymnastics and boxing will be maintained.

Finally, we wish every success to those boys who will be taking the H.S.C. and S.C. examinations next term. J.W.W.

EVANS'

At the beginning of last term we felt that our Senior Rugby XV would be very strong as we had three members of the 1st XV—D. A. D. Rimmer, P. T. Eddleston and H. D. Silvertown, and two of the 2nd XV—G. B. Colledge and G. F. Tomany, but we were doomed to disappointment. We have since lost the services of Rimmer, who has entered the Civil Service; our best wishes go with him. Although we were unsuccessful in all our Senior Rugby matches, we feel from the keenness shown by our Junior XV, that we are on the road to success.

The House Life-Saving has been re-started under the sponsorship of R. A. S. Kay and M. A. Haigh, and the meetings have been well supported.

In the boxing competition we were represented by three plucky contestants—M. S. Cohen, D. G. Mann and B. Rimmer; the last has reached the finals.

At the end of last term the House was amused by the witticisms of R. Kennedy and J. A. Pinnell in the School Play, and the sweet strains coming from G. F. Tomany and K. Williams in the orchestra.

In the middle of the term the House was divided between the Right and the Left in the Mock Election. R. Kennedy, as the Conservative agent, supported the Right, and G. F. Tomany, as the Communist agent for H. D. Silvertown, supported the Left. H.D.S.

GREAR'S

Labori atque ludo

House Captain : W. G. Fuge.

House Secretary : I. Chazen.

Though our House Captain has descended to the management of political affairs, the rest of our prefects and seniors have behaved with considerable merit. N. Slack has been appointed captain of the School Rugby XV, and D. H. Macleod captain of the School Chess team. The already strong representation of prefects from this House has now additional strength from A. W. Sharp, who deserves our warmest congratulations.

Swimming activities under the guidance of J. O. Clarke go from strength to strength, and a class has been formed to prepare for Life-Saving examinations.

It was with great sorrow that we witnessed the defeat of the Senior Rugby team in the third round of the competition. The Juniors have put in a great deal of practice, but the team is handicapped in general by lack of experience, and, in the forwards, by lack of height and weight. I.C.

LEECH'S

The House wishes to record its deep regret at the death of C. T. Marsden, and to offer its heartfelt sympathy to his parents.

The Senior Rugby team was unsuccessful in its matches last term, but we look forward to a better performance from the Junior team. The House is fairly well represented in School teams, and is taking a very active interest in boxing. All members who can are urged to begin training as soon as possible for next term's Swimming and Athletic activities.

We note that there has been a much more generous response to the School Charity this term. This is very encouraging. G.F.

MASON'S

House Prefects : R. A. Eccles, D. J. Williams, D. M. Holmes.

Almoner : D. J. Williams.

We extend best wishes for future success to K. A. Youds, who left School last term with a fine sporting record.

The House support towards the charity collection last term was creditable, but not so good as the previous contribution.

Junior Rugby shows great promise. R. A. Eccles is doing good work coaching the younger boys.

D. M. Holmes, captain of Swimming, ably assisted by D. J. Williams, has done good work in the general Swimming and Life-Saving classes. It is regretted, however, that certain boys show some lack of enthusiasm. All boys desiring advice or tuition are cordially invited to approach D. M. Holmes, who is always at their disposal.

Rally round, Mason's, and let us make 1949-50 a record in all spheres. D.M.H., D.J.W.

ROGERS'

In the School Play at the end of last term, three members of the House took part, while three others were in the orchestra. Booth's performance as Sir Peter Teazle was especially noteworthy.

Life-Saving classes have again commenced this term under the supervision of F. Baddeley, who hopes to get a fresh class started as soon after half-term as possible. The Boxing competition has now begun, and several Juniors have been successful in fighting their way into the following rounds.

In the individual Chess competition members of the House have been slowly eliminated. We are now represented by M. J. Solomon and M. R. E. Hyde, who have managed to reach the last eight.

Few Rugby practices could be held on account of the bad weather. The Junior team is captained this season by N. R. Crompton.

We regret that Mr. Higham has found it impossible to be with us again this term. The House wishes him a speedy recovery.

R.A.N.

SPENCER'S

Our Senior Rugby team must be congratulated on its valiant, though unsuccessful, performance against Woodham's in the House finals last term. We wish the Junior Rugby team every success in their coming matches.

This term the Life-Saving classes are progressing rapidly under the supervision of J. C. Higgins.

We were pleased to see so many of our members taking part in the School Play at the end of last term. R. Burstall, J. C. Meunier and D. J. Lever were in the cast, while J. C. Higgins and C. Wynne were our representatives in the orchestra.

Last term we were rather unsuccessful in Chess and Badminton. M. W. E. Glautier, however, must be commended on his good performance in the Chess team.

A keen interest was shown by the House in the School's Mock Election. It is pleasing to note that almost every member used his vote, and that a Spencerian was elected to represent the Borough of Kew.

It is hoped that the House will make its usual good contribution to this term's School Charity. A.C.W.

WOODHAM'S

It was with regret both on his own part and that of the House that Mr. Woodham retired from the post of House Master at the end of last term. Characteristically he placed the call of the School before that of the House, so that he might devote more time to his work as Careers Master. Mr. Woodham himself will never admit that it is due to him that the House has reached the high position it now holds. Past and present members of his House know that success has been due to his care in fostering the talent placed in his charge; in giving it freedom to develop and yet keeping a watchful eye on it; in advising and criticising, yet never discouraging. It was fitting that during his last term the House gained the Senior Rugby Shield and the Badminton Cup.

In Mr. Woodham's place we welcome Mr. Booth. We are confident that the loyalty given to Mr. Woodham will be transferred to him, and that his unflagging enthusiasm will be of great service to the House.

Since the number of House prefects has been cut down to four by the departure of M. J. Tetlow, the following boys have been appointed to help in the administration of the House : J. H. Fairhurst, M. N. F. Heaton, R. H. Lawrence, J. H. Levin, R. Rimmer. J.M.C.D.

OLD BOYS' LETTERS

Cambridge.

12th March, 1950.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—We wipe the dust from our calendar to find that term is coming to an end. Our meeting this term brought to light the fact that there are thirteen Old Georgians in residence. S. K. Runcorn has taken up his post at Caius this term where, besides two undergraduates, we have a huddle or nucleus of distinguished research students. Our meeting opened fittingly with a discussion on the Theory of Relativity. Thereafter the field was narrowed down to a solemn disputation concerning the Velocity of Gravitational Waves. The Classics and English Faculties were not represented, T. K. Stratford being the only member absent without apparent excuse. We have discovered another Old Georgian, A. J. Hoyle, who, since his school days, has inspected coal mines and taken a degree at London University. He is now at Trinity reading Geography. K. F. Hulme has given up competing with C. Woodham as an oarsman and has gained a place in Caius' golf team. M. Seal has been rowing and working with equal concentration. A fit of lethargy or something less understandable seems to have laid Stratford low and we see little of him. Our politically-minded member, Clements, influenced the course of the election from his post at the Labour Club bar. It is unfortunate that we can hardly claim E. Marsden as an Old Georgian, for he has distinguished himself on the Rugby field, helping St. John's to win the Cuppers. Finally, before our energies are completely expended, we must congratulate J. C. Higgins on securing his place among us. We hope that more of you will follow his example.

We remain, Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

C.U.O.G.S.

The University of Liverpool.

Liverpool, 7.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—After the rigours and excitements of Panto Week and the General Election, letter-writing is at once a relief and a disillusionment—a relief for its restfulness, and a disillusionment because incidents of Panto Week which at the time seemed amusing are merely gross and absurd when set down in cold black and white. We will not, therefore, describe the events of last week in too great detail.

The highlight of the pre-Panto activities was the kidnapping of Wee Georgie Wood from the stage of the Shakespeare Theatre. His subsequent sale by auction brought in the magnificent sum of £7/10/-. This year's Panto Week was also distinguished by a colourful, tuneful and amusing Pantopera, for which incidentally the Lord Chamberlain provided one of the best jokes by censoring a line of the original script.

In the Panto Day procession the *pièce de résistance* was the mock fire-engine, which carried its own tank of a special Panto preparation HO₂, with which less fortunate bystanders were generously sprinkled. Panto Day even proved that "old-world" courtesy is not yet a thing of the past. One of the more successful street-collectors was a very self-possessed and unsmiling gentleman in a bowler hat which he raised politely whenever he received a contribution. Of the week's efforts as a whole suffice it to say that our target of five thousand pounds was well passed.

The question of gowns, which we mentioned last term, has now been settled. A majority of several hundreds showed the strength of the feeling against them. How much of this feeling arose from pecuniary considerations, or how much from a wholesome fear of the resulting activities of the urchins inhabiting, or more accurately infesting, Brownlow Hill and its vicinity, if gowns had to be worn, cannot be assessed.

Another mass meeting decided that our representatives to the N.U.S. Congress should vote in favour of disaffiliation from the Communist-run International Union of Students.

There, we feel, ends such news as would interest your readers, and, therefore, we close, subscribing ourselves,

Yours faithfully,

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY OLD GEORGIANS.

University of Oxford.

27th February, 1950.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—Hilary Term in Oxford seldom provides more than a rest between Christmas and the punting season; there is little excitement to break the monotonous murmurs of self-pity from third-year men in the first throes of Schools panic. The Oxford Old Georgians have been as quiet as the rest, and although our socialite members have been seen in the columns of the "Isis" and the Oxford Magazine, and have dragged themselves from party to party, there is comparatively little to report to you. We have been well-behaved and are working fairly hard.

Eric Sainsbury, in a mad frail enthusiasm before his disappearance in the summer, endangered his reputation as President of his College Dramatic Society by putting on a play—"This Way to the Tomb," by Ronald Duncan and Benjamin Britten—in the middle of term. The Oxford Magazine liked it very much, the "Isis" disliked it; and he has now retired to think it all out.

Meanwhile, Arnold Reuben has climbed to yet dizzier heights, and will be appearing in an Oxford revue called "Spring Fever," at the Torch Theatre in London during next vacation. We wish him every success there.

Too much exposure in too little spring sun has brought some of us to our sick-beds, but we are cheerful enough, and send our best wishes to all of you at School, remaining

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

The University,
Western Bank,
Sheffield, 10.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—This city of steel has made a deep impression on the Old Georgians here, and as your scribe trudges up the mile-long hill to the University he thinks of Southport. Indeed, Sheffield is entirely surrounded by hills, which present a panorama of beauty at this time of year with their snow-covered peaks.

B. Newton will soon become a fully-qualified teacher and make his way into the realms of the classroom to teach the children the wonders and mysteries of science. H. J. Foster has been playing regularly for the 1st XV and is looking forward to a five-day Rugby tour with the University in Devon during the Easter vacation. J. A. Cheetham is also eagerly awaiting Easter, when he is going on a week's field research work in the North Downs. Both of these students are reported to be saying French words in their sleep. J. McBride has been heard condemning the style of architecture of the new Chemistry block and is to be seen with drawing-board and paper, appearing as if he is working hard.

We are, Sirs,
Yours faithfully,
SHEFFIELD O.G.'s.

London School of Economics and Political Science
(London University).

March 2nd, 1950.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—We at L.S.E. have just realised that there are only three more weeks until the end of term. Soon most of us will be returning to Southport for the vacation. Unfortunately for the University student with exams. in June, work does not end with the conclusion of the Session. He has to continue to study during the vacation so that he can consolidate the work done during the past few months. So those of you at K.G.V.S. who imagine that University life is one great happy holiday, are, we can assure you, mistaken.

This term, the main topic in the University has been the General Election, and many of the students have been seen wearing red ties, blue ties, purple ties, scarlet ties, and other garments, to show others what party they support. There have been frequent arguments in the Common-Rooms between supporters of different parties but fortunately there has been no damage or casualties, although temperatures have

risen almost to boiling-point. Two of our Old Georgians have been playing their part in the Election. Economics student Brian Read has been helping the Labour candidate in Holborn, whilst Law student Cyril B. Kissen has been spending all his spare time canvassing for Mr. Attlee in West Walthamstow.

Little has been seen this session of G. Bantock and N. Blair but one would be quite safe in guessing they have been swotting hard for the exams. this year. H. Townend has not been seen at all this term, but it is known that he is engaged on Economics production.

We are, Sirs,
Yours faithfully,
London School of Economics Old Georgians.

Royal Manchester College of Music,
Manchester.

3rd March, 1950.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—Another Old Georgian has joined Appleton and myself—Barry Morris, who was at School from 1935 to 1942. He is a bassoon player performing regularly with the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, and has come to the College to perfect himself in the art of this very difficult instrument.

Towards the end of the autumnal session we had a students' orchestral concert in the Whitworth Hall, Manchester, in which the College orchestra with student soloists took part. A.A. and B.M. were both in the orchestra. The programme included Vaughan Williams' "London Symphony," one of Handel's organ concertos, and the first movement of Tchaikowsky's violin concerto.

I am, sir,
Yours faithfully,
W.G.S.H.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

- J. K. Hulm (1933-41) has been awarded the degree of Ph.D. (Cambridge) for work on low temperature Physics.
- S. K. Runcorn (1933-41) has been awarded the degree of Ph.D. by Manchester University.
- A. C. Clark (1937-43) has gained the Oliver Lodge Fellowship at Liverpool University for work in Atomic research.
- J. Russell (1938-43) has been appointed to the staff of Liverpool University Dental School as demonstrator.
- W. H. Scott (1933-40), University Fellow in the Department of Social Science, Liverpool University, has just published the result of a "pilot" inquiry into relations between management and operatives in industry under the title of "Joint Consultation in a Liverpool Manufacturing Firm."

- J. W. Thornley (1934-41) has been elected a member of the Alpine Club.
- D. B. Moss (1933-38) has passed the final examination of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries.
- Gordon Rimmer (1935-42) played in the International Rugby match England v. Wales on January 21st, and sails at the end of the month for New Zealand and Australia with the British Rugby team. He expects to be back in England again in October.
- G. B. D. Dodd (1930-35) has gained an Associateship of the Royal Institute of British Architects.
- J. T. Birchall (1933-37) and J. Peet (1933-40) have passed the final examination of the Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors.

MARRIAGES

- L. E. Ayris to Dorothy Byles, at Cape Town on January 3rd.
- S. Hill to Margaret Cottrill, at St. Cuthberts' Church on January 21st.
- C. Holland to Elsie Rattray, at St. Luke's Church on January 28th.
- W. J. Walsh to Irene Halsall, at the Town Hall on February 4th.
- K. Hepburn to Margaret Leivesley, at St. Philips' Church on February 18th.

GENERAL ELECTION, 1950

CONSTITUENCY OF KEW

The Parliamentary seat of Kew was contested by four candidates: Mr. J. Levin (Liberal), Mr. H. D. Silverton (Communist), Mr. J. R. Wignall (Socialist), and Mr. A. C. Wynne (Conservative). During the fortnight before polling day meetings were held in the quadrangles at the break and dinner intervals. Rowdy at first, these meetings became almost orderly with the exception of the Communist meetings, where community singing of a curious nature preceded speeches.

The posters obscured the walls of certain corridors. The Labour authorities produced some huge affairs asking us if we remembered 1926, and though none of us did, at least the depressing picture made us anxious to get into form rooms and continue studies as quickly as possible. It was droll to see a happy Conservative family on one side of the corridor smiling gleefully at the startling red and yellow of a Socialist message on the other.

The three candidates from the neighbouring constituency of Southport came to help their fellow candidates at Kew, who were very grateful to them for their assistance. At the short meetings in the Hall, they held the attention of their educated audiences, and had the pleasure of answering many interesting questions. Their visits were very much enjoyed.

The dreaded polling day arrived at last and passed off very quietly. At four o'clock the Returning Officer announced the result from the balcony to the crowd in the centre drive, and the successful candidate shouted a speech of thanks to the electorate. At this, even the heavens wept, and before the other candidates could add a word the crowd dispersed.

RESULT OF ELECTION

A. C. Wynne (Conservative)	256
J. R. Wignall (Labour)	205
J. Levin (Liberal)	106
H. D. Silverton (Communist)	23
Conservative majority	51

98% of the School voted.

W. G. FUGE, Returning Officer.

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WHY I WON

By the Conservative Candidate

Many harsh words are directed at our younger generation nowadays, but in my opinion the result of our mock election suffices to prove the singular common-sense of this important section of the community. Indeed, from the result of the National General Election, it would appear that only too true is the saying, "The child is father of the man."

As Polling Day approached, it became evident that audiences at election meetings were mainly composed of one's opponents. From this I gather that many who voted for me must have been converts to Conservatism, and that not all the seeds of wisdom fell on stony ground.

A fundamental cause of my victory was the work of my agent and committee, who could be seen doling out Tory pamphlets at Labour meetings with pitiless regularity.

I suspect that the few, but tastefully displayed, Conservative posters won the hearts of the electors in spite of the profusion of Socialist propaganda, which, but for the vigilant eye of the Returning Officer, would have been even greater. Our gallant opponents, however, must be commended on their zeal and enthusiasm in conducting their campaign.

It is pleasing to note that the electorate, captivated by the silvery tones and sound arguments of the Conservative candidate, ensconced him firmly in what was once a Socialist seat.

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WHY I LOST

By the Labour Candidate

Someone pointed out that Conservative policy was the most closely guarded secret of the Election, and indeed no one now knows what the Tory M.P. will do at Westminster.

In spite of the dazzling display of posters, and in spite of my eloquent orations, the majority of the junior electors seem to have followed the misleading example of the backward sister constituency of Southport, by voting for the oracular wisdom and speeches of our Tory candidate, whose meetings bore a strange resemblance to Antony addressing the Romans over Caesar's dead body. The thinking part of the electorate, however, mostly the Seniors, showed more common-sense by voting for the only party which had a policy.

It may be said that I was far too conscientious in striving to present this policy, for Mr. Wynne set out to gain cheap votes by lashing out, in the words of the almighty Winston himself, "sentiment by the bucketful, patriotism and imperialism by the imperial pint."

I prefer to think, however, that the chief reason for my defeat was the abysmal ignorance of those 256 poor misguided individuals, mostly juniors, who voted for the "terminological inexactitudes" (W. Churchill) of the Conservative Party. To them I offer my deepest sympathies and sincerest condolences.

It is not altogether their fault, however, for anyone, however broadminded at first, who reads for long enough the daily flounderings of the capitalistic press, will himself be corrupted also.

I will not bring forward the old cry of "the Liberals split the vote," for it is my firm belief that anyone who voted Liberal is worthy of every castigation the Tories could inflict upon him.

I should now like to express my gratitude to the Returning Officer, and will end by thanking all who laboured to stave off the catastrophe, and all those 205 sensible Socialist spirits who voted for me. Especially I thank G. Woodfine, who took over the position of my agent when D. E. Langlois was unavoidably absent.

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WHY I LOST

By the Undaunted Liberal Candidate

In this election I had the misfortune to lose because my vote had been split by the subtle insinuations of the other three candidates. Furthermore, Mr. Wynne was apparently the only one who represented this Land of Hope and Glory, for by the time he had finished his final speech there was no Union Jack left for anyone else to wave. May I suggest that, in addition to his temporary duties at Westminster, he should take over the role of flag-bearer for the School scout troop. We Liberals, unfortunately, lacked the immense resources of both Communist lung power and Labour literature. Our thanks are most certainly due to Mr. Wignall for obscuring both our corridors and the main issue in such a big way, and for supplying us with all that reading matter which whiled away many periods.

The Liberal campaign was unique because of the reasoned way in which the candidate conducted his meetings. He did not stoop to the cheap and vulgar vote-catching stunts employed by the other candidates. In connection with the organisation of these highly successful meetings, I would like to thank my agent Mr. Bladon for a grand job

of work, and also my committee for their untiring support. Mr. Fuge deserves everybody's gratitude for his efficient handling of the whole affair; even though Comrade Silverton wanted a re-count. Finally, may I congratulate those in the constituency who supported me; seeing that the Liberal vote was double the national average, it follows that there are twice as many intelligent people here in this otherwise politically retrograde borough.

Remember that by your support you have kept the cause of Liberalism alive. I am confident that the future will bring a revival in the fortunes of the Liberal Party. May that day be soon.

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WHY I LOST

By the Communist Candidate

I am not the one to vilipend the ill-gotten gains of the Conservative candidate, but I must state in all sincerity that he obtained his seat by sheer chicanery. He hoodwinked the whole School, much to my amazement, with a startling harangue about the British flag, and some bulldog of his, forgetting, by accident of course, to mention anything of his inhuman policy, of his plans to oppress the working class, the bread-winners of Britain.

In theory I won the election, for I had the best agent, Comrade G. F. Tomany; I had the most to offer—the means of establishing world peace, and of putting this country in a state of economic security. In practice, however, I lost, because I chose Honesty as the best policy, but, as the Conservative candidate has shown me, Honesty is not the best policy if you want to become a Member of Parliament.

I lost the election because all but those who voted for me acted like sheep. They followed the leaders of their Forms. They did not consider which party was the best for this country. I was astonished that the standard of intelligence and discrimination was so low, but I fully realise that it was not their fault. They were forced by their parents and friends, to condemn the working-class, to abolish the social services, and to put Britain back into her pre-war state of degradation.

I must congratulate all those who voted Communist, not only because I was their candidate, but also because they are educated, because they have acquired the art of reasoning and cogitation, and this is what is lacking in this country at the present time.

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THE SCHOOL PLAY

It would be difficult for the most discerning critic to find any great faults in the Christmas production of Sheridan's "The School for Scandal." The performances were most successful and everyone who was concerned deserves praise.

The play has a first-rate plot carried out with great skill, and the actors made the most of it. C. G. Booth, playing Sir Peter Teazle, brought out, by his voice and demeanour, all the irascibility necessary for dealing with a Lady Teazle. It was annoying, therefore, when he occasionally contorted himself and misinterpreted short lines for the sake of heightening the impression of old age. Booth's banter with Lady Teazle was excellent, but it was a pity that his tenderness allowed him to hold her at arm's length while she was on his knee. As his wife, Lady Teazle, D. R. Isenberg possessed all the sophistication of a woman of the age. Frivolity, tenderness and repentance, indeed, all moods were drawn by him with equal sureness and overcame his surprising lack of grace.

The scandalmongers had each certain distinctions of character. R. Kennedy and E. T. Royds obviously enjoyed themselves as much as the audience enjoyed seeing them in the respective parts of Crabtree and his nephew, Sir Benjamin Backbite. Kennedy's portrayal was so good that it was hard to believe that he was not originally cast for the part. Royds has a good stage sense and his use of hand and body gestures and his excellent acting generally made up for any rare inaudibilities. Seed was mis-cast, for he lacked the femininity which even Mrs. Candour would possess. His actions and expressions were very apt and we were rather sorry to see his talent wasted on such an unsuitable part. Lady Sneerwell might have sneered a little more, though Dyer's walk and mannerisms were good. As the sinister seducer, Joseph Surface, Burstall showed himself to be a very capable actor, though he suffers from the fault of clipping off his words. His attempts to cover up his hypocrisy at the end of the play were especially impressive.

His brother, Charles Surface, was played by B. R. Brown, who gave a rather disappointing performance, for we imagined Charles to be a little more roguish and impulsive. Nevertheless, Brown has a natural charm suitable to the eighteenth century manners. The scene in which this actor first appeared, the drinking scene, was flat and interest flagged. The actors scarcely troubled to live their parts; we felt that they had learned their lines and were reciting them with a few bold gestures here and there. Only at this part of the play did we notice how hard the seats were.

The next scene was enlivened by the presence of Sir Oliver, or rather by the presence of K. Dowling. We need not linger in praising Dowling's excellent portrayal of the florid little bachelor. With just the right touch of cynicism and good spirits his performance was most refreshing. J. Kay as his companion, Rowley, was honest, forthright and undistinguished, which is all that Rowley should be.

The lesser characters had unenviable parts. Lawrence seemed to be subdued as Moses: he could have been a little more fawning. Meunier was a colourless Maria, though this was probably as Sheridan intended. The humour of Trip (M. Hyde) was lost on the audience, for he spoke too quickly and to himself rather than to Moses.

What made the production especially delightful was the scenery and music. The Art Society surpassed itself this year in painting bright, colourful and pleasing sets. The small stage never looked overcrowded and the eight changes of scenery were all very interesting. A. T. Boyle's programme design looked most distinctive.

What more need we say of the orchestra than that it clearly enjoyed itself, and from the first roll of the timpani to the last blare of the horns it held the attention and admiration of the audience.

Finally we would emphasise that the opening expression of our enjoyment of "The School for Scandal" is quite heartfelt. We hope that our minor criticisms may prove useful for future years. W.G.F.

C.E.W.C. CONFERENCE

During the first week of January, a party of Sixth Formers went down to London to attend the lectures arranged by the Council for Education in World Citizenship at the Central Hall, Westminster. The series began with Lord Beveridge's lecture on the rather general subject "What is Democracy." This was followed the same morning with a talk of a more definite nature, "Democracy in Britain," by Mr. Christopher Mayhew, taking the place of the Prime Minister, whose birthday, falling on that day, prevented him from attending but brought him the most sincere good wishes of Miss Maxse, Vice-Chairman of the Conservative Party, who was chairman for that session.

The personalities and speeches of Lord Boyd Orr, speaking on "Food and People," and Sir Hartley Shawcross, whose subject was "United Nations and Human Rights," made them the most popular speakers at the Conference. Not the least interesting speakers were some of the chairmen. It was a pity room could not have been found for lectures by Mr. Robert Birley and Dr. Bronowski. All our party came away wiser both in the affairs of the world in general and of London in particular.

J.C.H.

SCIENCE LECTURE

On Thursday, January 16th, a small party of Sixth Formers attended a lecture given by Dr. J. N. Aldington at the Philharmonic Hall, Liverpool. The title of the lecture was "Darkness into Daylight" and, in the two hours at his disposal, Dr. Aldington attempted to trace the development of artificial illumination from man's crudest attempts at lighting, the rush candles of the Egyptians, to the present-day mercury vapour and phosphorescent lamps. The lecturer dealt particularly with progress in the field of illumination in the last fifty years and discussed the various forms of discharge tube lamps. Unfortunately the lecture seemed mainly to be directed to the level of the layman's knowledge of physics, but interest was maintained by means of several experiments, which included a demonstration of the power of the modern lighthouse lamp.

J.C.H.

REFLECTIONS ON THE ELECTION

A mighty murmur fills the sounding halls,
And, vary'ng as the number swells, and falls :
Like small sea-buoys which angry billows toss
In haste each person strives to make his cross ;
And many folk whirl in this merry game
That one may add two letters to his name.

The tumult dies, no longer do we hear
The sound of catcall swift opposed by cheer ;
No longer can we tread the path of fame,
Or call our favourite foe an ugly name.
Now peace descends, no longer shouts arise,
And grotesque posters vanish from our eyes.
And when we come to tell what's been achieved,
We find some few are maimed, and some bereaved.

J.W.W.

THE ATOM BOMB VICTIM

Sheet-swathed, immovable, unmoved,
Tortured by every pain he lies,
This pallid child whose vacant eyes
Will never light on those he loved.

Your blind ideals and lust for power
Destroyed the body, snapped the soul
Of one whose frame was scarcely whole,
The victim of your triumph hour.

And though he dies, you live awhile
To make atonement if you will.
Or are you mad with power still
To blast another infant smile?

W.G.F.

MIDNIGHT TERROR

Smith awoke with a convulsive start from an uneasy doze. He clutched the bedclothes which enfolded him in a hot, constricting grasp and lay there, with his ears and eyes striving to penetrate the oppressive darkness. He was afraid! Something was amiss in that quiet house. There was no sound apart from his own laboured breathing. Slowly he released his hold, reached cautiously for the light-switch, and then remembered the broken fuse which he had omitted to replace.

His heart pounding like a steam engine, he swung his legs from their safe resting-place and groped his way across the cold floor to the door. All was silent on the landing. The sickly light of the waning moon shone faintly through the leaded windows, endowing the once familiar objects which surrounded him with an aspect that was

menacing and breath-taking. He turned sharply, and a bolt of fear shot through him as the bedroom door swung to with a long-drawn-out creaking sound. He was alone, shut from the comforting refuge of his bed.

Through the gaps between the banisters, he could see the front door, which was illuminated by a stray moonbeam. That was his goal; if he could gain that door, he would be assuredly safe. Slowly, with a hesitant step, he descended the first few stairs. A cloud obscured the moon and the clinging darkness closed around him as he cringed against the unfriendly wall. Blessed light came once more, and he recommenced his dangerous journey.

At the foot of the stairs, his right foot froze in mid-air. What was that? Someone was stirring above. If he were discovered now, all his care and intrepidity would be in vain. Peace descended, and he gulped in great breaths of the sweet air which he had denied himself during that moment of suspense. At last his outstretched hand touched the cold door-knob. He turned it gently, and finally opened the door wide with a courageous gesture. If only he. . . . Yes, he was safe; he had not forgotten to put the milk-bottles out!

B.P.

A FORETASTE OF SUMMER

Yesterday was one of those days when August presents itself in February; from sunrise till sunset there is not a cloud in the sky, and it is not until dusk that the frosty nip of Winter re-appears. There is an irresistible urge to escape from the town, although it must be admitted that it looks much more pleasant than usual, and to walk, cycle, or even just to lie down in the open country. Thoughts flood back to past holidays; to a rocky sea coast; to a river stirred only by the faint breeze which is barely sufficient to carry your dinghy between the bright golden reeds; to the heights of a mountain which casts an almost black shadow on the vivid blue surface of the tarn at its foot.

But such places cannot usually be reached in one day, and, for the townsman, a substitute must be found in the garden. Those crocuses which have been almost dormant for the past two weeks suddenly seem to have been charmed into bloom, and their bright yellow cups offer hope of a good season. But the rest of the garden is suffering from neglect : dead leaves hide the struggling rock plants and the old stalks of delphinium seem to prevent the growth of the tiny dark-green leaves at their feet.

Surprisingly enough the work of tidying does not prove irksome. By the time you have removed the unaccustomed earth from your hands, and sat down as far as possible from the winter fire which you wish had not been lit, you can listen to the blackbird singing its final song and, with a benevolent smile, refer to it as a nightingale.

J.M.C.D.

HELL

(After reading *Paradise Lost*)

The leaping flames dance high and bright,
Casting a ghastly, yellow light
On cliffs of ebon hue.
The stinking darkness all around
Echoes with the hideous sound
Of tortured souls.
In the sea of liquid fire,
Wallow wretches in the mire
Of deepest sin.

Through the hot and reeking air
Flit damned souls in lost despair,
Ever seeking rest.
Whilst deeper down, in Stygian caves,
Many a cursed sinner slaves
In pain and misery.

On his throne of crimson fire,
Satan welcomes thief and liar
To endless agony.
At his feet crowd barbarous devils,
Shrieking in their evil revels
Of blackest sin.

At the gates of this foul pit,
With leaping flames so ghastly lit,
Stands Cerberus fell,
Past whose ferocious six-eyed glare
No damned soul to venture dare,
To 'scape from Hell.

K.D.

HEAVEN

Down on the golf links
By tee number seven,
There is a stream which
Is just like heaven.

Among the cool grasses
Softly I lie,
Hearing the brook
Go bubbling by.

Quiet descends now,
The golfers have gone.
Shyly the stars peep
Out one by one.

B.G.

" VENGEANCE IS MINE "

It was raining and it was bitterly cold. Winter had come to Paris, and with it something more searching than the cold, more terrifying than the storms, more relentless than the rain. The people of France, in their desire for liberty, equality and fraternity, had swept away the barriers of rank and position and were ruthlessly destroying the last vestiges of their aristocracy.

To-night, as on every night, Madame La Guillotine was claiming her toll of the blue blood of the French people. Beneath the grim, black walls of the Bastille a restive crowd had gathered to watch the wretches dragged from their cells and hustled to the waiting tumbrils. The great French Revolution had turned these honest, hard-working citizens into an insane mob, maddened by the cheap but potent wine which flowed in every tavern in Paris, and howling for the blood of the nobility they had been taught to hate.

In one of the ugly carts in which France sent her victims to their deaths, stood a miserable, dejected group of people, their finery now torn and dirty with the treatment they had received during their internment. Condemned, with only a farce of a trial, to be executed, they went without showing any fear or distress, restrained by what pride still remained to them from making any display of the emotion they must have felt.

A young Revolutionary, clothed in the red and white which showed his beliefs, leapt into the cart and, to make the crowd laugh, started ill-treating one of the victims. The noise rose to a tumult as the tumbrils moved off into the driving rain, followed by a jeering crowd elated in the belief that with every aristocrat who perished on the scaffold, a new stone was laid to the foundations of a greater France.

In the swaying cart the tormentor faced his victim, who wore the soutane of priest.

" Well, my fine friend, do you expect your God to save you now from the vengeance of the People? "

" No," replied the priest. " He will no more save me from the vengeance of the People, than eventually the People will be able to save such as you from the vengeance of God." J.S.

THE HORSE

One day I walked upon a hill
Among the grass and gorse,
And in the sun, alone, and still,
There stood a little horse.

His coat was very long and rough,
And full of mud and dirt ;
Often he had not food enough ;
Often he had been hurt.

But he stood dreaming in the sun,
 Green grass beneath his feet ;
 He knew the hard day's work was done ;
 Now he could rest and sleep.

Oh! if for every little horse
 There was a little hill,
 And shelter in the grass and gorse,
 'Twould surely be God's will.

D.D.

SILAS MARNER

Click-clack, click-clack, the weaver's shuttle flies,
 With busy haste in ceaseless motion plying.
 His weary eyelids droop o'er heavy eyes,
 That through the years have watched the shuttle flying.

The weaving shuttle flies more slowly now.
 The weaver's work-soiled, torn and calloused hands
 Have cupped themselves to rest his weary brow.
 His eyes are dazzled by the flashing strands.

In posture of despair he sadly slept,
 Till early morning sun upon him shone.
 Then to his hiding place he slowly crept
 And, startled, found his hidden treasure gone.

S.N.B.

RUGBY

RESULTS

1st XV

Nov. 23—v. Blackpool G.S.	(H)	Won	19—6
„ 26—v. Birkenhead S.	(A)	Won	9—3
„ 30—v. Cowley G.S.	(H)	Won	16—8
Dec. 3—v. Waterloo R.U.F.C.	(H)	Won	11—6
„ 10—v. Calday Grange G.S.	(A)	Lost	3—8
Feb. 4—v. Hutton G.S.	(H)	Won	19—11
„ 8—v. Wallasey G.S.	(A)	Lost	3—12
„ 15—v. Lancaster G.S.	(H)	Lost	3—8
„ 22—v. Blackpool G.S.	(A)	Lost	0—3

2nd XV

Nov. 23—v. Blackpool G.S.	(A)	Won	8—6
„ 26—v. Birkenhead S.	(H)	Won	14—6
„ 30—v. Cowley G.S.	(A)	Lost	6—39
Feb. 8—v. Wallasey G.S.	(H)	Won	6—3
„ 22—v. Blackpool G.S.	(H)	Lost	12—13

Colts XV

Nov. 23—v. Blackpool G.S.	(H)	Won	9—6
„ 26—v. Birkenhead S.	(A)	Lost	0—16
„ 30—v. Cowley G.S.	(H)	Won	6—3
Feb. 4—v. Hutton G.S.	(A)	Lost	0—30
„ 8—v. Wallasey G.S.	(A)	Lost	6—17
„ 22—v. Blackpool G.S.	(A)	Lost	3—14

Bantam XV

Nov. 23—v. Blackpool G.S.	(A)	Won	11—3
„ 26—v. Birkenhead S.	(H)	Won	6—5
„ 30—v. Cowley G.S.	(A)	Lost	5—70
Dec. 10—v. Calday Grange	(A)	Won	25—6
Feb. 4—v. Hutton G.S.	(H)	Won	16—0
„ 8—v. Wallasey G.S.	(H)	Won	22—0
„ 15—v. Lancaster G.S.	(H)	Won	15—0
„ 22—v. Blackpool G.S.	(H)	Draw	9—9

1st XV CRITICISMS

Captain Christmas Term, 1949—K. A. Youds, 1st XV Colours 1947-48-49

Captain Spring Term, 1950—N. Slack, 1st XV Colours 1947-48-49.

L. Barton, 2nd XV Colours 1948-49—Prop forward. A good all-round player who backs up well and is prominent in forward rushes. His jumping in the line-outs is good and he does exceptionally well near the opponents' line. Has a tendency to run offside from scrums and line-outs.

F. W. Collins, 1st XV Colours 1948-49—2nd row forward. A strong and energetic player who uses his height and weight to good advantage in scrums and line-outs. Has a well-timed kick from the line-outs, which always finds touch.

J. C. Higgins—Prop forward. A sound prop and a reliable player who pulls his weight in all sections of the forwards' play. Jumps well in the line-outs, but is guilty of tackling high.

D. S. Preston—2nd row forward. He runs well when in possession and uses his height to good advantage in line-outs. His tackling, although unorthodox, is quite sound. Should take more care over passing, which is both ill-timed and ill-directed.

R. N. Davidson, 1st XV Colours 1948-49—Loose forward. A strong runner who is quick to break from the set scrums in order to check an opposing move. Does very well in short passing movements and in forward rushes. Tackles well and is quick to fall on the loose ball.

P. T. Eddleston—Lock forward. Packs tight in all scrums, and although not very heavy he puts in some good work in the line-outs, where he often gains possession. Has a good tackle and keeps well up with the play.

A. E. Styche—Loose forward. A capable forward who jumps high in the line-outs and is quick to start a move from a kick-off. He controls the ball well with his feet and has a good tackle.

J. M. C. Davidson, 2nd XV Colours 1948-49—Scrum-half. He gives the threequarters a good service from both scrums and line-outs and makes good use of the blind side of the field. Has a good kick with which he always finds touch.

P. J. Turton—Fly half. A strong runner with a good side-step, who is quick to utilise a gap in the opponents' defence. Although he has a good tackle he is guilty of hanging back in defence, and he will not fall on the loose ball.

H. Morgan, 2nd XV Colours 1948-49—Wing threequarter. A fast runner who takes passes at speed and runs straight for the line. His place kicking is both strong and well directed. Has a good tackle.

R. A. Eccles, 2nd XV Colours 1948-49—Wing threequarter. An energetic player who always runs hard. He is a good defensive player whose tackling and falling on the ball are of a high standard.

D. H. Macleod—Centre threequarter. A thrustful player with a useful turn of speed. Tackles well, but should try to obtain a better understanding with his wing.

J. Andrews, 2nd XV Colours 1948-49—A player whose speed and rugby sense would have been a great help to the side if he had not received a shoulder injury early in the season. Uses his kicking intelligently and tackles well.

H. D. Silvertown—Full back. A strong player whose tackling, falling on the ball, and positional play are very good. Often starts a three-quarter movement by running up with the ball, but should try to curb a tendency to delay his passes.

D. A. D. Rimmer—Full back. His handling and kicking are good and he shows determination in tackling and falling on the ball. Should try to catch the ball on the run instead of waiting for the bounce.

Also played—B. Peet, G. F. Tomany, L. M. Harris, B. Andrews, C. G. Booth, W. P. Cowley.

SWIMMING

Captain : J. A. Hoyles. **Vice-Captain :** J. O. Clark.

Secretary : K. V. Bladon.

Since the last notes went to press we have had only one match. This was against Manchester University, at the University Baths, on November 26th, when the School sustained its first defeat in 18 months. The University fielded a strong team, but nevertheless Hoyles won the 100 yards and 50 yards Breast Stroke, Clark won the 100 yards Free Style and Parkinson the Long Plunge. The result was very undecided until the last two events, when the School lost both Squadron races, and the score of 32 points to 22 does not truly show the closeness of the contests. The School also lost the Water Polo match by 5 goals to 3.

It has been decided to limit further matches to the summer term, when we hope to have a full programme.

We would like to remind boys that the Life-Saving Competition is already open, and that swimming qualifications for the Ingham Cup will begin early next term.
K.V.B.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman : W. G. Fuge. **Vice-Chairman :** J. W. Wood. **Secretary :** J. R. Wignall. **Committee :** J. M. C. Davidson, J. C. Higgins, R. Kennedy, A. C. Wynne.

The first meeting of this session was held on November 11th, when J. D. Bonney and J. H. Levin proposed that "The interests of the State should take precedence over those of the individual." A. C. Wynne and R. Kennedy supported the freedom of the individual, but were defeated by 32 votes to 31. The following week a form of meeting popular in the past, extempore speeches, was adopted. Fifteen speakers were allowed three minutes each to prepare a speech on a chosen subject. A large audience greatly enjoyed the sometimes successful attempts at humour. On November 25th the motion "That this House condemns all forms of gambling" was rejected after a lively debate. A. C. Wynne, seconded by C. Dyer, proposed the motion, which was opposed by J. R. Wignall and K. V. Bladon. The most successful meeting of the first half of the session was the Junior Play Reading, produced by W. G. Fuge on December 2nd. A large audience enjoyed hearing the thrilling tale of "Captain Scuttleboom's Treasure." On December 9th there was a large entry for the Junior Elocution Contest. The standard was so high that it was only after very careful consideration that the judges decided to award first prize to G. H. Marshall and second prize to C. R. Cheffins, both of IIa. On the nights of December 15th, 16th and 17th, the Society presented the School play, "The School for Scandal" by R. B. Sheridan. A criticism of the play appears elsewhere in this issue.

On Friday, 13th January, J. C. Higgins, seconded by R. N. Davidson, proposed that "A belief in the supernatural is incompatible with modern civilization." W. G. Fuge and J. M. C. Davidson opposed the motion, which was defeated by 45 votes to 28. The following week the annual Junior Debate was held. The motion "That modern youth devotes too much time to sport" was proposed by Hardisty and Lloyd, and opposed by Farrant and Elliott. The meeting was not as successful as usual, and the motion was rejected. The Senior Play Reading was presented by members of the Society on January 27th. The play chosen was "The Tragical History of Dr. Faustus"; the audience did not seem greatly awed by the thought of the terrible end awaiting all such malefactors. The play was produced by J. W. Wood. A very successful Master's Debate was held on February 3rd. Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Liptrot, proposed that "Education to-day

is not a preparation for life." Mr. Booth and J. W. Wood opposed the motion, which was carried by 62 votes to 54. The Society wishes to thank all those masters who spoke in the debate. The last debate of the session was held on February 10th on the motion "That Commercial Broadcasting should be introduced into England." J. H. Levin, seconded by M. Solomon, proposed the motion, and K. V. Bladon, seconded by C. G. Booth, successfully opposed.

The Senior Elocution Contest will be held after the School Certificate Trials, on March 17th. It seems as though the entry will be large and that the contest will be as successful as usual.

In addition, the Society has been sponsoring the Mock Election which has of late invaded the School, an account of which appears elsewhere in this issue.

In all, the Session has been fairly successful, and attendances at meetings have been good. It is discouraging to find, however, that it was the same members who spoke at practically every debate. The Society hopes that next session more members will speak from the floor, and that the principals will introduce more humour into their speeches.

J.R.W.

ART SOCIETY

Chairman-Secretary : G. F. Tomany. **Librarian :** R. W. McIntyre.

Committee : J. A. Jarvis, D. Anderton, J. A. Girvin.

This term the Society has maintained an average attendance of about thirty boys.

Some of the junior boys have started work on a decorative frieze for the Art Room based on "Hunting," and this offers great possibilities. Many boys have been working in scraperboard and they are finding this new field of work very interesting. Successful attempts have been made to manufacture this new material.

Some time was spent in making posters for the School Election, although the candidates relied more upon their agents obtaining printed matter from the local party offices. The Society also helped with the decorations for the Prefects' party, which included some unusual masks.

One of the architectural models which were started last term is now almost finished, and we hope to complete the others before the end of term.

G.F.T.

MUSIC SOCIETY

Chairman : J. C. Higgins. **Secretary :** J. W. Wood. **Committee :** J. M. Davidson, R. N. Davidson, W. G. Fuge, J. A. Weller.

The last meeting of the Winter Term was held on November 21st, when a piano recital was given by Mr. F. E. Bailey : his fine playing of a very varied programme and his interesting comments were greatly

appreciated. On January 30th, Mr. J. Walter Lord gave a recital of some rarely-heard music : his programme included a group of Elizabethan virginal pieces, a group of French harpsichord pieces, a little-known Scherzo by Chopin, and works by Brahms and Granados. Mrs. M. Schofield (contralto), Mrs. A. Stirk (piano) and Mr. M. Marshall ('cello) gave a recital of chamber music on February 27th : the variety of the programme and the excellence of the performance made this a truly memorable meeting.

This term, in addition to the usual meetings on Monday evenings, we have started a series of gramophone record recitals in Room 21 during Friday dinner-hours. These have been well supported, and it is hoped that they will become a regular feature in the Society's activities.

On February 23rd, the Orchestra and Junior Choir gave a public concert for the St. Philip's Men's Guild. This appeared to be a great success, and from the Society's point of view it was useful as a preliminary trial for the Choral and Orchestral Concert which is to be given at the end of this term.

J.W.W.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Committee : R. Kennedy (Chairman), J. C. Higgins (Vice-Chairman), R. G. Pearson (Secretary), L. Barton, R. N. Davidson, D. H. Macleod, E. T. Royds.

Between the writing of last term's and this term's notes there have been six meetings. At the end of last term there were three meetings, two film shows and a lecture by Mr. J. W. Armstrong from Shell Chemicals on "Detergents." Activities started late this term owing to the postponement of the Chairman's lecture. There has been one film show, for which three films, of a rather general nature, were kindly lent by the British Gas Council. This was followed by two outside lecturers. On February 7th Mr. W. Holden from Bowaters Mersey Paper Mills gave a very interesting and knowledgeable talk on "Science in Paper Manufacture"; and a week later, Mr. E. Birchall, Deputy Chief Fire Officer of Southport, lectured on "Science in Fire Fighting." Mr. Birchall demonstrated a lot of apparatus with the able help of a fireman assistant, who endured much on our behalf.

It is intended to end the session with two lectures by boys, G. Woodfine and R. Kennedy (the Chairman), thus fulfilling a hope expressed last term. We hope attendances, which have been good despite other activities, will justify the work put into these lectures.

R.G.P.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Committee : Chairman, R. Kennedy; Secretaries, H. Crystal and P. Griffiths; R. Barton, K. V. Bladon, R. A. Eccles, D. Holden, A. Murgatroyd.

Towards the end of last term, members of the Society spent much of their time preparing calendars. Over a hundred of these were sold and, although the profits were down on previous years, members acquired a new technique in colouring photographs and felt that the time they gave to this venture was time well spent.

No "How to do it" lectures were possible during the first half of the term, but it is hoped to continue this popular series shortly.

The darkroom is still the centre of the Society's main activities and members may be seen, or at any rate heard, each evening developing their films and producing future masterpieces. It should be mentioned that members have kept the darkroom particularly tidy this term and the Committee wishes to express its appreciation.

With the arrival of summer weather, most photographers' thoughts turn to outdoor subjects, and we would remind members of the forthcoming Annual Exhibition held at the end of the Summer Term. Details of this will be issued early next term, but in the meantime, we advise members to begin their quests for suitable subjects as early as possible.

We wish all our members a very happy Easter.

H.C., P.G.

CHESS CLUB

At the end of last term Gear's won the inter-house Chess Competition with Edwards' runners-up.

This term the senior and junior individual championships attracted large entries. As there was such a large entry for the senior championship it was reluctantly decided to make it a knock-out competition. The junior championship is being run on a league basis and to date Poole heads the table with Lyons second.

It is unfortunate that after the good initial attendances at the senior section, they should have fallen off so badly. One redeeming feature, however, is the enthusiasm of junior members.

D.H.M.

BEE CLUB

Committee : J. Kay (Chairman), T. Moorcroft (Secretary), Mr. G. F. Drake (Treasurer), K. Dowling, B. Shorrocks, K. F. Elliot.

Up to the time of writing these notes there have been no meetings this term, although two have been arranged to take place sometime in March. One will be a lecture by Mr. Brooks, a speaker on bees fairly well known in Southport as well as elsewhere. He has a good collection of very interesting lantern slides.

The second meeting, which it is hoped will be fairly well attended, will take the form of a Brains Trust, composed of Mrs. K. Horsfall, Mr. G. F. Dixon, Mr. G. F. Drake and J. Kay. Mrs. Horsfall is a very active member of the Southport branch of the Lancashire Beekeepers' Association, of which the School is a member. A fair number of written questions are wanted before the Trust begins, but all oral questions will also be answered as well as the B.T. can answer them.

A quantity of frames, foundation and other equipment has been ordered, and a meeting for the whole club will be called when this arrives. The colony in the Junior Quadrangle appears to be in good condition, having plenty of stores, and breeding appears to have begun. This is shown by placing the hand on top of the canvas quilt, where a certain degree of heat can be felt. The activity of the bees also shows that they are coming out of their "winter sleep." It is hoped that a good season is in front of us, and it has already been suggested by members of the committee that the club should take advantage of the Southport Association's annual visit to the moors at Scorton. When the weather is good the heather provides a very substantial nectar flow. However, this will be decided by the committee later on in the year.

New members, especially from the junior end of the School, are invited to come along to our meetings, as well as anybody else interested in the works of the honey bee.

J.K. and T.M

SCHOOL SCOUT TROOP

This term the School Scout Troop, which flourished for twenty-two years under the guidance of Mr. W. L. Mayne, but fell into abeyance during the war, has been revived.

We began by asking for volunteers from 4a, 4b and Transitus Y, and started the Troop with about a dozen boys as a nucleus. We have been meeting on Friday nights, and have been fully occupied in training for the Tenderfoot badge and playing team games in the Gymnasium. Mr. A. Fairclough, an Old Boy and a former School Scout, has given valuable help.

We hope soon to extend the troop and, when finer weather arrives, to extend our activities by holding Saturday outdoor meetings and week-end camps. A summer camp is also being arranged.

H.H.L., H.L.

AERO-MODELLING CLUB

Committee : J. Garlick (Chairman), J. Graham (Vice-Chairman),
J. R. Barton (Secretary), G. A. Higgs (Asst. Secretary), B. Ramm
(Treasurer).

On February 1st the above committee was elected and met to discuss the year's programme. It is hoped that all boys who are interested in aero-modelling will join the club. Arrangements are being made for demonstrations on the School field, and a series of films will be shown.

J.R.B.

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

Senior Librarians : W. G. Fuge, J. W. Wood.

Junior Librarians : J. M. C. Davidson, J. H. Fairhurst, G. Findley,
D. E. Langlois, W. E. Marsden, R. A. Norman, B. Peet, R.
Schofield, J. R. Wignall, A. C. Wynne.

This term, as a result of the new dining arrangements, the Library has been open to all boys throughout the dinner hour. This experiment has obviously been greatly appreciated, but if it is to be continued we must insist on some improvement in the general standard of behaviour in the Library.

There are still far too many boys who never make use of the Library. We hope that this state of affairs will soon be remedied, especially as there are now a large number of new books on the shelves.

Upper V Transitus have presented two books on stamp-collecting in memory of their form-mate, C. T. Marsden, who was a keen philatelist.

We wish to thank C. B. Kissenisky, H. J. M. Royden and J. S. Nottingham for gifts of books.

The Library Committee.

IMPORTANT DATES

Term begins April 19th.
H.S.C. Examinations start May 11th.
Half-Term May 29th, 30th, 31st.
S.C. Examinations start June 21st.
Summer Examinations start June 22nd.
Term ends July 25th.

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