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SCHOOL NOTES

We are sorry to have to announce that Mr. Charnley is retiring at the end of this term. He has been with the school as Senior French master since its foundation in 1920 and his scholarship has contributed greatly to our success. An appreciation appears elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. Payne retired at the end of April after having been Senior English master since 1921. His organisation of the English work of the school and his scholarly teaching of the Sixth Form have won great praise. We are also greatly indebted to him for his building up of the organisation of the School Library and editorship of the Red Rose for every issue until this. An appreciation of Mr. Payne also appears in this issue.

Mr. B. Hughes left us at the end of last term to take up a post in Industry. An old boy of Evans' House he has been with us since 1946 teaching Mathematics and Biology, and has given invaluable help with the Athletics. Our best wishes go with him in his new career.

We were very glad to welcome back Mr. Higham early in June after his illness.

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We welcome to the staff this term Mr. D. W. Shaw, B.Sc., of Liverpool University, who will be teaching Biology, also Mr. C. J. Woodcock, B.A., of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, who joins the English staff. Mr. Woodcock is an expert Rugby footballer and was President of his College Athletics Club.

On March 29th a film show was given to the school organised by Mr. Caff. This included the "Discovery of Oxygen" and "Architecture of England."

On March 30th the Music Society gave a Choral and Orchestral Concert; a full report is given elsewhere in this issue. This ambitious concert was a new venture which was highly successful and much enjoyed by the audience. It is hoped that such concerts will become a regular feature in future.

The annual Old Boys' Dinner was held on March 31st, and was a most successful gathering of some 80 old boys who represented nearly all generations of boys who had passed through the school.

Mr. J. H. Jamieson, Regional Careers Advisory Officer, gave a talk to the Sixth Forms on "Careers," on April 24th. The boys were able to consult him afterwards about individual difficulties.

On the evening of May 3rd a meeting was held of the parents of boys in the Lower Fifth Forms, at which the General Certificate of Education and the consequent changes in the organisation of the school were explained. After the meeting the parents had an opportunity of talking to members of the staff.

Founders' Day was celebrated on Friday, June 2nd, as June 3rd fell on a Saturday this year. The annual commemoration service was held in the School Hall, the Scriptural passage and the Roll of Honour

were read by the School Captain, J. C. Higgins, and the Headmaster addressed the school. A lunch party for staff and wives and old boys in the team was held in the Library. The weather was excellent and the cricket match against a strong combined team of old boys and staff was keenly contested. The Old Boys and Staff team won by 2 wickets.

Mr. A. K. Norriss, an old boy of Spencer's House (1920-23), who is on the staff of De Havilland Propeller Works at Lostock, gave a talk on "Careers in the Aircraft Industry" on June 27th. This was followed by a visit to the Lostock Works on Monday, 15th July.

The Charity Collection this term was made in aid of the Lord Mayor of London's Thanksgiving Fund, and realised £8/15/-.

- W. E. Marsden has been awarded an Edgar Allen Open Scholarship in Geography, History and Economics at Sheffield University.
- J. C. Higgins, the Captain of the School, who was awarded an Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, last December, has been chosen to be a member of the National Youth Orchestra as a viola player, and will probably be taking part in the Edinburgh Festival in August.

VALETE

Houghton, P. S., 1944-50.—Grear's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate

MILEY, A., 1944-50.—Edwards', Lower VI Science B, School Certificate 1949.

TETLOW, M. J., 1944-50.—Woodham's, Upper VI Science B, School Certificate 1948, Bronze Medallion R.L.S.S.

COBBAN, B. W., 1945-50.—Edwards', Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1949.

HELM, R. N., 1945-50.—Woodham's, Lower Vc.

PARKINSON, J., 1945-50.—Woodham's, Lower VI Science B, School Certificate 1949, School Swimming Team 1949, Bronze Medallion R.L.S.S.

ROBINSON, D. A., 1945-50.—Grear's, Lower VI Modern, School Certificate 1949, Bantam Colours 1946, Colts Colours 1947.

ROBOTHAM, F. R. J., 1946-50.—Grear's, Upper Va.

Greenhalgh, A. L., 1947-50.—Rogers', IVa.

ANDERTON, D., 1948-50.—Evans', IIIa.

BLACKLEDGE, R., 1948-50.—Evans, Trans Y.

LANGTREE, P., 1949-50.—Edwards', Trans X.

RAE, J. D., 1949-50.—Rogers', IIb.

COLEMAN, P., 1950.—Woodham's, Lower Vb.

SALVETE

Fairhurst, D.

MR. J. CHARNLEY

One by one the band of stalwarts who launched and manned the good ship "Woodlands" over a quarter of a century ago bid us farewell and take their departure; reminding us all of the inexorableness of Time, which robs us ruthlessly of friend and colleague.

Mr. Charnley was one of those intrepid spirits who embarked upon that memorable venture in 1920, and, as Head of the Modern Languages Department, has contributed his full quota to its success.

His learning and scholarship, his discernment, his infallible flair for "le mot juste" have provided a constant source of satisfaction. erudition and delight to all-pupil and colleague alike-who sought his aid. The apt anecdote, the pertinent parable with which he expounded a subtlety of syntax or the evolution of a vocable are but a few of the many delectable memories he leaves with us.

Thoroughness and meticulous attention to detail have been his lodestars and the touchstones of his method. Those who sat at his feet in the days when a solid grounding in phonetics was the "sine qua non" of language tuition will not easily forget the unflagging, painstaking process by which they were enabled to acquire a good pronunciation.

Mr. Charnley has been with the school since its inception, and now that the moment has come to say farewell, we who have known and worked with him since those early days, feel a deep sense of loss at his going.

His unobtrusive but ready help and guidance will be singularly missed by members of the Modern Languages staff.

We shall remember him!

Can any of us forget—or cease to marvel at—the airy elegance with which he can still leap on to the Common-room table from a standing position? This prodigious feat has always caused considerable dismay and discomforture to the younger and supposedly more athletic members of the staff unable to emulate his élan.

A person possessing such virile powers of mind and body has all the requisites for the enjoyment of life and leisure to the full, and we are confident that Mr. Charnley's well earned retirement will be fully occupied in the pursuit of his many interests and activities.

We offer to Mr. and Mrs. Charnley our best and sincerest wishes for the future. May it bring them very many happy and sunny hours! R.J.T.

MR. A. W. PAYNE

It was inevitable that he who has for so long been Editor of these pages should one day be the subject of a farewell appreciation, but the occasion is upon us some years before we have begun to prepare for it.

Nearly twenty-nine years have gone by since the School first welcomed its Senior English Master and in that time a great many minds have started to mature under the stimulus of his wide scholarship and catholic interest. These qualities are unhappily becoming rare and the Sixth Form particularly will suffer from the loss of the lively personality in whom they were naturally combined.

His work for the School was not limited to the classroom. Under his guidance a library such as any school might be proud of has grown from modest beginnings and he was always concerned that it should be used to the utmost. The Debating Society looked to him each year for advice and encouragement; for some time he was producer to the Old Georgians' Dramatic Society; and over eighty numbers of *The Red Rose* are a monument to a deal of tedious clerical work executed with meticulous care, as well as to his unfailing inspiration. No doubt even Mr. Payne himself has forgotten how much divine fire the initials of the last quarter-century owe to A. W. P.

As a young man Mr. Payne contemplated a musical career and, although he decided instead to devote himself to the teaching of English, music has claimed much of his leisure. The small group of boys who have taken interest in the School Music Society know that he is a sensitive pianist of considerable technical accomplishment, and many Old Georgians of the war years will remember his classes in musical appreciation as a most welcome feature of the makeshift programme we endured for a space.

He will be missed in the Staff Room, where the opposite point of view was his favourite intellectual pursuit. As his cigarette smoked itself away at the corner of his mouth, its ash spilling over the latest lucubrations of the Sixth Modern on The Character Of Hamlet, he would take mischievous delight in turning a debate on the sporting achievements of Glamorgan into quite surprising channels. And he was equally adept at sudden descents from the sublime to the invigoratingly ridiculous.

He has been able to retire while he is still young and active enough to do justice to his leisure, which we hope contentment and good health will attend. We are glad that he remains so near to the School, for he will always be welcome here.

G.P.W.

HOUSE NOTES

EDWARDS'

Our sporting record during the past few months has been by no means undistinguished. The Junior Rugby team, under their captain, A. P. Rimmer, reached the final and were only defeated in a hard-fought replay. In cricket, the Senior XI, led by P. J. Turton, won two of their three matches, and the fortunes of the Junior XI, captained by M. S. Poole, were similar.

We hope that the high standard of keenness and ability displayed in gymnastics will be extended to the spheres of athletics and swimming, especially in the qualifications and the life-saving.

EVANS'

To all those boys who are faced with the ordeal of Certificate examinations, we wish every success.

It is pleasing to see that the junior members of the house are very interested in life-saving, for the importance of this activity cannot be stressed too much. The following boys:—C. F. Wilson, D. Fish, T. G. Ellis and R. A. S. Kay, have won the Intermediate Certificate and R. A. S. Kay has also won the Bronze Medallion. We hope that these boys will continue their enthusiasm.

F. Fillingham and M. A. Haigh have swum for the school on numerous occasions, and G. F. Tomany has been coaching the juniors.

In the inter-house cricket competition our senior team, under the captaincy of B. Newton, were unsuccessful in their first two matches but crowned their efforts by winning the last against Mason's. This result was mainly due to the outstanding performance of P. T. Eddleston who scored 25 and took 6 wickets for 8 runs, and of N. Baker who also scored 25.

The junior team, under the captaincy of D. Dandy, lost their first two matches by very narrow margins. Our young team has gained much experience, especially F. H. Colledge who has played for the Colts. The practices were very keenly attended, a fact which augurs well for the future.

H.D.S.

GREAR'S

Last term the Junior Rugby XV again won the Junior Shield. Credit is due to D. D. Steele, the captain, for the excellent way in which he led the team.

J. O. Clark and K. V. Bladon have been prominent in both House and School Swimming activities. House life-saving practices have been held weekly and have attracted a good deal of interest.

We are, however, especially well represented in the School Cricket teams and naturally, the House teams are enjoying considerable success.

Finally, we wish our Senior members a happy issue to their examinations, and to all those who are leaving we offer our best wishes.

LEECH'S

The Senior Cricket Team has been unsuccessful in all three matches, but it is to be congratulated on its enthusiasm, much of which was due to Hughes, the captain. The Junior Cricket Team has met with more success, and we hope that it will do credit to itself. Swimming and life-saving have made great progress under Davidson, and his repeated exhortations have caused many more boys to qualify than in previous years.

The amount collected for the School Charity this term was rather disappointing, after the excellent collections made during the last few terms.

We wish success to all those taking Higher and School Certificate Examinations, and hope that these will not deter members from practising for Sports' Day.

G.F.

MASON'S

The senior cricket XI, captained by D. J. Williams, although potentially a good team, has had a poor season. Our juniors, however, are showing great promise and should, under the captaincy of P. H. Rimmer, form a strong team for this and coming seasons.

Swimming and life-saving activities are being ably managed by D. M. Holmes, assisted by D. J. Williams, and several awards have been gained by members of their classes. We congratulate these boys and hope that others will follow their good example.

We welcome McIntyre, Pearson, Weller, Kaitiff, Marsden, and Schofield—who is also athletics captain—as house prefects, and we wish all boys taking H.S.C. and S.C. examinations every success.

R.A.E.

ROGERS'

In the sphere of cricket the House has this term been unfortunate in losing the first two matches against Grear's and Woodham's. The team has, however, been handicapped by the absence of Hyde, due to injury. The third match against Leech's we won, with the team at full strength.

The Junior team, captained by Webster, lost the first match against Leech's, but it is to be hoped that this defeat will not make them lose confidence.

Life-saving classes have continued steadily throughout the year, with success. The House needs more swimming qualification points, and all boys who have not yet qualified are urged to do so without delay.

R.A.N.

SPENCER'S

This term the House may feel justly proud of its Senior Cricket team. It was successful in all its three House matches, so that, for the second year in succession, we are in the Senior Cricket Final. Our congratulations must go to M. L. Price for his outstanding performance at the wicket, and to C. P. Mansbridge and W. J. Williams for some fine bowling. Although we lost our first Junior House match of the season, P. Sumner, our Junior Cricket captain, played a very good game. This term we have eleven representatives in School Cricket teams.

At present, the House stands third in the list of Swimming Qualifications. M. J. Harris has swum for the School. Last term our Juniors came first and our Seniors third in the Gymnastics Competition.

For the past two terms the House has held first place in the School Honours' List.

This term the House Almoner reports a good contribution of £1/0/6d. to the School Charity. It is most pleasing to see the support given by Spencerians to such a worthy cause.

A.C.W.

WOODHAM'S

Mr. Booth has been compelled by illness to stay away from School throughout this term. The House wishes him a speedy recovery and is confident that his illness has not been due to the difficulties facing a newly appointed House Master. Mr. H. Evans has acted as House Master this term, and has shown great interest in all the activities of the House.

Hopes of sporting success were centred mainly in the senior cricket team, which easily won its first two matches, only to be beaten in the third. The bowling of the senior team was inadequate, but the junior team should be relatively stronger in this sphere. Much encouraging enthusiasm has been shown by juniors, especially by those who entered the School this year.

It is hoped that D. Wareing will be able to recruit a swimming team sufficiently strong to maintain the high standard of swimming which the House has displayed in recent years.

J.M.C.D.

OLD BOYS' NEWS

- R. H. Garstang (1936-43) has been awarded the Isaac Newton Studentship at Cambridge University. The studentship, which is for research in astronomy and physical optics, is awarded each year for a period of 3 years.
- R. T. Ackroyd (1932-40) has been appointed lecturer in Electrical Engineering at Sheffield University.
- D. H. Carr (1939-45) has been appointed House Surgeon at Walton Hospital.
- J. A. McBride (1930-37) has been appointed Architectural Assistant to Surrey County Council.
- E. W. Marsden (1936-40) has obtained 1st Class Honours in the Classical Tripos Part II. He has also been elected to the Denney Studentship at St. John's College, Cambridge, and has been given a University Craven Award.
- K. Rostron (1926-33) has passed the final examination for the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons (Edin.). He is at present the Surgical Registrar at Southport Infirmary.
- D. L. Wigley (1943-47) has been awarded an Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at New College, Oxford.
- W. H. Brade (1928-33) has passed the final examination of the Institute of Municipal Treasurers' Association.
- R. T. Wright (1925-33) has passed the final examination of the Law Society.
- B. H. Richardson was chosen for the Derbyshire County Cricket team to play against Glamorgan and Lancashire.

OLD BOYS' SUCCESSES

At DURHAM-A. Pennington, M.Ed.

At EDINBURGH-A. R. Lucas, M.A., 1st Class Hons. Maths.

At SHEFFIELD-J. A. McBride, Diploma in Architecture.

At LIVERPOOL-

G. P. Wakefield, M.A. (English).

R. S. Scott, Diploma in Education.

I. W. Thornley, Diploma in Education.

I. B. Perry, B.A., 2nd Class Hons. Latin.

G. P. Roberts, B.A. (General Studies).

E. P. Dewhurst, Hons. Latin Part I.

P. A. L. Anderson, Hons. Economics Part I.

J. G. Allen, B.Sc. Part II.

P. J. Keeley, B.Sc. Part II.

J. P. Flitcroft, B.Sc. Part I.

E. S. Usher, B.Sc. Part I.

D. H. Carr, M.B., Ch.B.

D. R. W. Haddock, M.B., Ch.B.

J. B. Newton, M.B., Ch.B. Part III.

L. Tragen, M.B., Ch.B. Part III.

R. Duckworth, B.D.S. Part II with distinction.

G. E. Flenley, L.D.S. Part I.

A. C. Crowther, B.Eng. final Part II, 2nd Class.

W. R. Aspin, B.Eng. final Part I.

R. K. McLeod, B.Eng. final Part I. D. L. Rowell, B.Eng. inter.

N. A. Gordon, B.A., 1st Class Hons. Geog.

At MANCHESTER—I. M. Morgan, B.Sc. final (Physics). R. S. Stokes, B.A.

MARRIAGES

- L. G. Barrington to Barbara Baldwin, at St. Cuthbert's Church on March 18th.
- M. Cunningham to Wilfreyda Marshall, at the Town Hall on March 21st.
- K. G. Buck to Jenny Calvert, at St. Andrew's Church on March 25th.
- E. Townson to Joan Helm, at Christ Church on March 25th.
- C. Ditchfield to Marjorie Mallinger, at Duke Street Methodist Church on April 1st.
- D. F. Sutton to Jean Bushell, at Churchtown Congregational Church on April 5th.
- K. E. Edwards to Margaret Dickinson, at St. Cuthbert's Church on April 15th.
- M. H. Coulson to Alice Pullen, at St. Agnes' Church, Hoylake, on April 22nd.

- J. A. Mayor to Pamela Lidbetter, at the Baptist Tabernacle, Watford, on April 22nd.
- L. Duckworth to Betty Taylor, at Banks Methodist Church on May 6th.
- G. A. Matthewman to Jean Warburton, at Emmanuel Church on May 29th.
- A. R. G. S. Westwell to Joan MacArthur, in Kent on June 14th.
- J. Rimmer to Florence Howarth, at St. Cuthbert's Church on June 17th.

OLD BOYS' LETTERS

London School of Economics, (University of London).

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

June 2nd, 1950.

SIRS,—The end of the summer term again finds the undergraduate body divided: the one part engaged feverishly in cramming two years' work into a few weeks' revision, and the other taking its ease, combining a moderate amount of study with a less moderate amount of tennis, swimming, cricket, rowing and other diversions. Central London has its tennis courts, open-air pools, cricket grounds, parks and leafy squares, which do much to compensate for the heat and bustle of its five working days. It is true that these places attract crowds, but the supply is rarely inadequate to meet the demand (economics pervades even our literary endeavours) and the heart of London lies very still at week-ends.

The finalists this year are N. Blair and G. Bantock, whilst C. Kissen and D. B. Read feel momentary qualms. H. Townsend still frequents the buildings, but our expectations of his sudden translation to the world of business remain unfulfilled.

We hope that our ranks will be augmented next October by new-comers from the School; the question rests, we suppose, metaphorically in the lap of the gods and actually in the hands of the Education Committee.

At the end of last term the University suffered a great loss in the death of Professor Harold Laski. To many outsiders he was but a name, and a vaguely unpleasant one at that. But to those who came into touch with him, even accidentally by attending an odd lecture out of curiosity, the popular view was wholly and tragically mistaken. His sincerity, honesty and complete lack of affectation or pedantry, his willingness to help all students in problems both academic and personal, the tolerance which he displayed in discussion, his passion for social justice, and above all the wealth of anecdotes and genuine humour which enlivened his discourses; all these qualities made him the most beloved teacher the London School of Economics has known. It will be long before we look upon his like again.

We are, Sirs.

Yours faithfully.

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS OLD GEORGIANS.

The University, Western Bank, Sheffield, 10.

June 5th, 1950.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—This is the time of the year which no student looks forward to with relish, when the one talk is of examinations. Many are to be seen arriving at the University with baggy eyes after having burnt the midnight oil in a frantic effort to make up for all the time that they have wasted throughout the year.

The Old Georgians here were disgusted to find Southport mentioned as a "minor municipality" in the University's weekly newspaper, and threatened to sue the editors for libel.

- B. Newton is one of those unfortunates who has an appointment for the next eighteen months with His Majesty's Forces. J. McBride is another who is shortly to leave us. He is going to take up a post as an architect.
- J. A. Cheetham and H. J. Foster were to be seen at the "Roses" cricket match. The latter was awarded his half-Blue for Rugby at the end of last term.

We can promise a warm welcome to all Old Georgians who favour us with their presence here next session.

We are, Sirs,

Yours faithfully, SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY O.G.s.

The Union,
Manchester.

June 6th, 1950.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

SIRS,—Once more the university year has taken on a more serious aspect, and as our day of judgment approaches everyone becomes imbued with a false hilarity. The less serious activities have been curtailed. Familiar faces are seen no more.

The only worries of C. Moss, however, are connected with his secretaryship of the Badminton Club, and with his proposed walking tour through Europe.

D. G. Wilkinson, who takes his finals this year, has been awarded his club colours by the Badminton Committee and has gained his first cup.

Like him R. S. Stokes, H. P. Preece, I. Morgan and D. Burton all face finals, with mixed feelings. Preece, it is rumoured, has been selected for training as an officer, but Burton and Wilkinson have both been rejected on medical grounds. D. Buck, who has gloatingly painted such realistic pictures of the "bigger and better opportunities" which awaited them, seems very sad that they should escape them.

Down at Tech. the O.G.s are ably represented by J. G. Cardwell and F. Rees. The former, a keen gardener, continually bemoans the weather, whilst the latter's main concern seems to be the reception he received when he graced the tennis court in shorts.

This summer the ranks of the 20-odd Old Georgians here will be sadly depleted. So, although we have no "dreaming spires" and have only the Irwell and the Irk where others have the Cam, nevertheless we would ask those entering universities this year not to spurn our seat of learning.

We are, Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

M.U.O.G.S.

Exeter College, Oxford.

June 10th, 1950.

To the Editors of "The Red Rose."

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SIRS,—The number of Old Georgians who are at present members of the University is small, and after the end of this term will be reduced to two, unless more men arrive next year.

The two of us who are feeling the approaching end of term most severely are Eric Sainsbury and Geoffrey Horrocks, who are involved in finals. Yet the only activity common to both is that each has fallen in love.

Ivor Robertson's has been a term free of exams. He has spent his time in rowing, cultivating the geraniums in his window-boxes, and entertaining visitors to the city.

Arnold Reuben has made two public appearances: one in a dated play by Aldous Huxley, in which his resemblance to Aubrey Beardsley was noted with disapproval; the other as a comic librarian in a thinly-attended comic opera. Apart from study he has been concerned with preparations for a forthcoming production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in Hesketh Park, a production in which many Old Georgians will take part.

We are, Sirs,

Yours faithfully.

O.U.O.G.S.

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DINNER—31st MARCH, 1950

The above function was attended by about 80 old boys and held at the Palace Hotel, Birkdale. The Chairman of the Association, Mr. Philip Slater, presided.

The guests included His Worship the Mayor of Southport (Councillor Capt. R. Johnson, J.P.), who responded to the toast "Our Guests," proposed by Mr. B. J. Hartwell, Clerk to the Magistrates, and an old boy of the School; Mr. H. S. Magnay, M.A., Director of Education of the City of Liverpool, who proposed the toast of "The School," and Mr. T. P. Spencer, M.A., one of the original House Masters at "Woodlands" and now Headmaster of Burnage High School, who proposed the toast of "The Old Boys' Association."

It was also a pleasure to welcome Mr. G. C. D. Mason, M.Sc., and the Rev. Eric Evans, the Mayor's Chaplain.

The Headmaster suitably replied to the toast of "The School," proposed by Mr. Magnay in most humorous vein, while at the same time the latter included in his speech many pertinent remarks on education.

The Chairman of the Association responded to the toast by Mr. Spencer whose remarks brought to mind many pleasant memories associated with the early days of the School, then known as Southport Secondary School.

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The second half of last term saw many frantic rehearsals of both choir and orchestra, all of which culminated in the Concert on March 30th. The ambitious programme attracted a large audience; and the parents and friends who attended appeared to be greatly impressed by the efficiency and vitality of the performance.

CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

The orchestra first displayed its powers in the varying moods of Hubert Clifford's "Kentish Suite" and followed this with one or two trifles by Schubert and Boyce. Since the wind section is so prominent in full orchestral works, it is pleasing to note that the strings' performance of Barbirolli's Suite, arranged from airs by Purcell, was considered by many to be the best item of the whole programme. There can, however, be no doubt that both audience and performers greatly enjoyed the lively playing of two movements from Haydn's "London" Symphony.

The choir were perhaps less successful than the orchestra, but nevertheless their efforts, carefully interspersed with orchestral items, were much appreciated. The Junior Choir sang a group of four songs in the first part of the programme, and the second part included two unison songs, rendered with vigour by the Seniors, and two part-songs for the whole choir.

The most ambitious items on the programme were those for choir and orchestra, in particular Vaughan Williams' setting of the Hundredth Psalm. Although certain errors were noticeable, this difficult work was given a satisfactory, if somewhat lifeless, performance. On the other hand, there was almost too much life in "Zion's Children," the exhilarating noise which ended the concert.

The concert was generally agreed to be most successful and particularly creditable to the orchestra, which has now left the orchestra pit far behind it—we hope, for ever—and has assumed its rightful place in the centre of the stage. A very high standard has been set for future concerts, but we have no doubt that it will be maintained under the enthusiastic leadership of Mr. Eglin. J.W.W.

At the end of the Easter term, a party of sixth formers was taken by the Headmaster for a few days' walking and climbing in the Lake District. We made our headquarters at the "Robertson Lamb Hut" in the Langdale valley. It was a small two-storied building made from the normal grey Lake District stone, and consisted of living-room and kitchen, bedroom and drying-room. We slept in three-tiered bunks in a low-ceilinged room connected to the living-room by a spiral stone staircase. In the living-room we had our meals, which were made for the day by a party of three, the same three washing up the next day. From here we went out every day either walking or climbing as the weather dictated.

Starting at about noon on the first day, we set out up Mill Gill to Stickle Tarn where we had our lunch on an island in the middle. We then continued up to Pavey Ark, where owing to an extremely strong wind we found great difficulty in trying to make headway and keep our balance at the same time. At last we left the summit, made our way down to Harrison Stickle and then followed Dungeon Ghyll home.

The following day we followed the bed of Crinkle Gill up to Crinkle Crags. The way grew harder and harder and the banks of the stream steeper and steeper, until in traversing a difficult section, one member slipped and split his knee. He had to be taken down and unfortunately he took no further part in the trip. On continuing our journey we reached the snow-line and climbed for some time in thickening snow; indeed, before we reached the bottom of Bow Fell snow again began to fall and was driven about in whirling gusts by a rising wind. As a result we decided to head for home past Hell Gill Falls, a magnificent sight from the bottom where we could see the surging water plunging over each fall in turn, until after the fourth drop it went on its rushing, gurgling way down the valley.

Monday was the only day on which we were able to do any climbing. Our first objective was Scout Crag. After roping up, five of us began the ascent. This was a most exhilarating experience for those of us who were novices, and left us with a considerable feeling of achievement. Afterwards we followed the base of the cliffs across piles of loose scree to our next climb, Middlefell Buttress. This is peculiar in that the climb consists of a series of escarpments, each a pitch long, terminating in a spacious ledge. Afterwards some of us returned home to prepare the evening meal while the remainder did Little Gulley on Pavey Ark. True to its kind it was fairly wet, water pouring over parts of the climb. But we felt that what wetting we received had been worth while when we came out on an upper ledge and could see right down the climb.

Since Tuesday was extremely wet with a gusty wind blowing, we decided to walk again. We set off in the rain along the base of the Langdales, but before we reached the snow-line the party split into two: one section going to Stonethwaite via Stake Pass, the other the long walk over Esk Hause, through Seathwaite and Borrowdale. We

moved, a long line of dim, wraith-like figures, through the mist and snow past Angle Tarn, its still, placid waters giving us an eerie feeling as its shores broke through the mist. On we went over Esk Hause with the watery sun trying to break through the scurrying clouds, and then came our first view of Borrowdale. We followed the River Derwent down the valley to the road, where we found the simple, mechanical walking in time a welcome change after our previous exertions. At last we reached Stonethwaite and stopped to have our lunch and to meet the rest of the party. We at first thought this a great relief but some of us regretted it when we started moving again, being extremely stiff and cold. It soon began to rain again and going to Grasmere we were completely soaked, especially as we often sank ankle deep in the numerous bogs and marshes. At last, having reached Grasmere and made our purchases, we returned via Hunting Stile and reached home and a blazing fire.

After the exertions of the previous day only four went on the round trip to Sca Fell, Scafell Pike and Great End. Originally it was intended to climb, but on arrival it was found that there was a great deal of melting snow on the heights, and therefore climbing was abandoned. Other members of the party went into Keswick and Ambleside, while one went up to Blea Tarn. The remainder stayed at home and thanks to the considerable cooking ability of one member of the party the evening meal was the most enjoyable we had while we were there.

On Thursday we collected our kit, packed our rucksacs, cleared the hut and caught the bus home. As we neared Southport, we were most vividly struck by the flatness of the South-west Lancashire plain, so great a contrast to the mountains among which we had spent five most enjoyable days.

C.G.B.

MELANCHOLIA

What hope does life afford for me, With all its suff'rings, sorrows, pains, With all its thoughtless, hurting deeds And all its narrow, tortuous lanes? For those whom fortune smiles upon And who no sorrow have endured— They may enjoy this twisting path. For them fair outcome seems assured. But those as I, who look ahead And see the hardships looming near. The bloody toil and aching hearts-Our minds become perplexed with fear. Have I some purpose to fulfil? Or am I a mere passing phase Between our barbarous ancestors And those to live in future days?

CRICKET

1st XI MATCHES

v. Upholland Grammar School.	At home, May 6th. Match drawn.					
SCHOOL Andrews, c and b Peet	UPHOLLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL Peet, b Woodfine 13 Adamson, run out 0 Ion, c Dennett b Andrews 5 Staines, b Woodfine 4 Young, b Woodfine 4 Gordon, b Andrews 1 Barrass, c D. Williams b 2 Andrews 2 Higgins, b Woodfine 1 Whitehead, not out 1					
Did not bat: M. Davidson, G. Woodfine, W. Williams.	Howard, not out					
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.) 72	Total (for 8 wkts.) 36					
Fall of wickets: 1—7, 2—17, 3—52, 4—63, 5—70, 6—70, 7—72.	Fall of wickets: 1—0, 2—20, 3—20, 4—27, 5—30, 6—30, 7—32, 8—34.					
— BOW	LING —					
Young 0. M. R. W. Peet 14.2 1 27 5 Howard 7 1 13 2	Woodfine					
v. Ormskirk Grammar School. At by 6 wickets.	t Ormskirk, May 13th. School won					
ORMSKIRK GRAMMAR SCHOOL Harrison, c M. Davidson, b W. Williams 3 Ingham, c R. Davidson b W. Williams 2 Robinson, c Barton b Woodfine 21 Chantrell, c M. Davidson b Roberts 0	SCHOOL Andrews, b Robinson 20 Barton, b Gaskell 2 D. Williams, b Ingham 5 J. Davidson, b Gaskell 29 R. Davidson, not out 6 Dennett, not out 0					
Frost, c M. Davidson b Roberts 3 Wright, lbw b Roberts 1 Taylor, b Roberts 1 Cole, run out 0 McClintock, b Woodfine 15 Corpingley, b Woodfine 0 Gaskell, not out 1	Did not bat: Macleod, Roberts, M. Davidson, Woodfine, W. Williams.					
Extras 15	Extras 1					
Total	Total (for 4 wkts.) 63 Fall of wickets: 1—4, 2—17, 3—56, 4—56.					
	LING —					
Macleod O. M. R. W. Woodfine 9.2 3 13 3 W. Williams 6 2 12 2 Roberts 9 4 20 4	Robinson 0. M. R. W. Gaskell 14 7 10 1 Frost 5 1 9 0 Ingham 3 0 8 1 Cole 3 0 25 0					

v. Blackpool Grammar School. At by 4 runs.	Blackpool, May 24th. School won
SCHOOL Andrews, lbw b Whitehead 0 Barton, lbw b Whitehead 5 D. Williams, b Fletcher 11 J. Davidson, c Pilkington b Fletcher 32 Hyde, c Quarmby b Pinder 40 Dennett, b Pinder 14 Macleod, not out 9 Woodfine, b Pinder 0 M. Davidson, not out 1 Did not bat: Roberts, W. Williams. Extras 9	BLACKPOOL GRAMMAR SCHOOL Pilkington, b Woodfine
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)121	Total117
Fall of wickets: 1—0, 2—9, 3—39, 4—54, 5—102, 6—107, 7—107.	Fall of wickets: 1—1, 2—19, 3—34, 4—37, 5—46, 6—69, 7—75, 8—90, 9—106, 10—117.
— BOWI	LING —
Whitehead 0. M. R. W. Whitehead 11 1 35 2 Fletcher 12 3 31 2 Pinder 9 1 27 3 Eastwood 5 1 19 0	Macleod 0. M. R. W. Modfine 8 1 35 1 Woodfine 10 2 22 3 Roberts 15 3 44 3 Hyde 3 1 10 0 W. Williams 3.3 0 4 2
v. King George V Old Boys' XI, by 2 wickets.	At home, June 2nd. School lost
SCHOOL 2 Andrews, b Barnes 20 R. Davidson, lbw b Saint 2 J. Davidson, b Abram 16 Hyde, lbw b Barnes 62 Denniett, lbw b Barnes 12 Macleod, b Barnes 0 Woodfine, c Abram b Saint 4 M. Davidson, not out 15 Roberts, lbw b Barnes 10 W. Williams, c sub b Saint 1	OLD BOYS Barnes, c Dennett b Andrews 55 Haslam, b Woodfine
Extras 17	Extras 1
Total	Total (for 8 wkts.)164 Fall of wickets: 1—21, 2—69, 3—124, 4—133, 5—138, 6—138, 7—144, 8—157.
	LING —
Saint 16.3 5 27 4 T. Dutton 21 7 44 0 Barnes 19 3 43 5 Abram 10 1 28 1	Woodfine 0. M. R. W. Wacleod 5 2 18 0 Hyde 9 0 43 1 Roberts 6 0 25 0 W. Williams 8 1 28 2 Andrews 7 2 19 3

v. Blackpool Grammar School. At home, June 3rd. Match drawn.

SCHOOL D. Williams, b Whitehead	BLACKPOOL GRAMMAR SCHOOL Pilkington, c Hyde b Woodfine 22 Teague, lbw b Woodfine 1 Taylor, b Macleod						
Extras 5	Extras 2						
Total (for 5 wkts. dec.) 78	Total (for 6 wkts.) 53						
Fall of wickets: 1—8, 2—16, 3—36, 4—37, 5—66.	Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-7, 3-29, 4-42, 5-42, 6-42.						
— воw	LING —						
O. M. R. W. Whitehead 15 8 22 3 Fletcher 7 1 19 0 Hodgson 7 1 19 1 Hughes 5 2 9 1 Eastwood 1 0 4 0	Macleod O. M. R. W. Moodfine 6 1 10 1 Woodfine 6 1 18 2 Roberts 5 1 14 3 Andrews 4 0 19 0						
v. Cowley Grammar School. At wickets. COWLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL Little c M. Davidson b Macleod 13 Cunliffe, b Woodfine 6 Rimmer, b Woodfine 5 Goodwin, run out 0 Travers, c Roberts b Macleod 6 Hughes, c Macleod b Woodfine 53 Bolton, b Roberts 0 Foxley, b Roberts 0 Bates, b Woodfine 0 Morris, not out 0 Extras 2 Total 91 Fall of wickets: 1—11, 2—15, 3—15, 4—29, 5—35, 6—42, 7—42, 8—83, 9—83, 10—91.	SCHOOL D. Williams, c Hughes b Travers 0 Andrews, c Hughes, b Travers 17 R. Davidson, lbw b Horton 6 Hyde, lbw b Cunliffe 13 Dennett, not out 8 Macleod, b Travers 0 Woodfine, not out 2 Did not bat: M. Davidson, Roberts, W. Williams. Extras 2 Total (for 6 wkts.) 95 Fall of wickets: 1—0, 2—26, 3—38, 4—84, 5—84, 6—84.						
— вол	WLING —						
O. M. R. W Woodfine 13.4 3 25 5 Roberts 12 2 28 2 Macleod 6 2 24 2 Hyde 3 0 9 0	Travers						

v.	Upholland Grammar School.	At Upholland, J	une 10th.	School
	won by 7 runs.			

UPHOLLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Adamson, run out 29 Peet, c Andrews b W. Williams 21 Ion, b Macleod 1 Robinson, b Andrews 12 Young, b Andrews 1 Pickles, b W. Williams 13 Staines, b Woodfine 17 Higgins, lbw b W. Williams 0 Gordon, lbw b Woodfine 1 Whitehead, b Woodfine 1 Howard, not out 2
Extras 26
Total124
Fall of wickets: 1—27, 2—37, 3—63, 4—78, 5—119, 6—120, 7—120, 8—121, 9—121, 10—124.

— BOWLING -

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Young 18	5 3	45	3	Woodfine	15.2	6	15	3
Peet 8	3 2	24	3	Macleod		Ō	16	ī
Howard	1 0	22	Ō	Andrews		4	37	Ž.
Robinson 10) 4	14	3	W. Williams		ż	30	3
Whitehead	3 0	11	ĭ	The state of the s		_	-50	٠

v. Hutton Grammar School. At home, June 17th. Match drawn.

SCHOOL Macleod, c Kotch b Hull	HUTTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL Kotch, b Roberts 18 Wiggans, Ibw b Woodfine 5 Entwistle, c M. Davidson b 7 Macleod 7 Rigby, c and b Roberts 3 Hull, b Andrews 5 Lucas, b Macleod 9 Parr, b Macleod 4 Whithan, not out 12 Ryding, b Macleod 0 Rawson, not out 1
Ti. /	Did not bat: Illsley.
Extras 10	Extras 5
Total (for 7 wkts. dec.)121	Total (for 8 wkts.) 69
Fall of wickets: 1—44, 2—55, 3—84, 4—99, 5—99, 6—120, 7—121.	Fall of wickets: 1—1, 2—14, 3—31, 4—36, 5—40, 6—50, 7—53, 8—59.

BOWLING —

Lucas Illsley Hull Ryding	3 9	0	R. 40 6 43 22	W. 0 0 3 0	Woodfine Macleod Roberts Andrews	12 5 6	4	R. 10 15 10 22	W. 1 4 2 1
					W. Williams	5	1	7	0

2nd XI RESULTS

- May 6-v. Upholland Grammar School (At Upholland). Match abandoned.
- May 13—v. Ormskirk Grammar School (At Ormskirk). School won by 4 wickets. Turton, 33 runs; Price took 3 wickets for 4 runs, and Robinson took 3 wickets for 12 runs.
- May 24—v. Blackpool Grammar School (At home). Match drawn. Eccles, 45 runs, Batty, 27 runs; Mansbridge took 2 wickets for 5 runs, and Robinson took 6 wickets for 30 runs.
- June 3—v. Blackpool Grammar School (At Blackpool). School won by 8 wickets. Batty 22 runs; Mansbridge took 4 wickets for 10 runs, and Price took 5 wickets for 22 runs.
- June 7—v. Cowley Grammar School (At St. Helens). School won by 3 runs. Hughes, 24 runs; Hughes took 3 wickets for 2 runs, and Price took 5 wickets for 22 runs.
- June 10—v. Upholland Grammar School (At home). School won by 104 runs. Turton, 30 runs, Price, 27 not out, Eccles, 26, D. Williams, 20; Turton took 1 wicket for 2 runs, Mansbridge took 4 wickets for 11 runs, Price took 2 wickets for 6 runs, Hughes took 1 wicket for 3 runs.

COLTS XI RESULTS

- v. Ormskirk Grammar School. At home, May 13th. School lost by 5 wickets. Rimmer made 45 runs.
- v. Blackpool Grammar School. At home May 24th. Match drawn. Rimmer made 31 runs; Andrews took 6 wickets for 10 runs.
- v. Blackpool Grammar School. At Blackpool, June 3rd. School lost by 6 wickets.
- v. Cowley Grammar School. At home, June 7th. School lost by 75 runs.
- v. Merchant Taylors' School. At Crosby, June 14th. School lost by 3 wickets. Sharp made 38 not out.
- v. Hutton Grammar School. At Hutton, June 17th. School won by 2 runs.

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SWIMMING

Captain: J. A. Hoyles. Vice-Captain: J. O. Clark. Secretary: K. V. Bladon.

At the time of writing only two matches have been completed so far this term.

On May 6th an unsuccessful journey to Manchester was made, when the School was defeated by Manchester Grammar School by 34½ points to 31½. The School won seven of the ten events but obtained lamentably few second and third places. J. A. Hoyles set up a bath record of 32.0 secs. for 50 yards Breast Stroke and M. Haigh won the 50 yards Free Style (Junior) event in record time of 31.6 secs. The School won, by 5 goals to 1, the Water Polo game which followed the match.

At the Victoria Baths on June 3rd, the School defeated Merchant Taylors' School by 63 points to 15. The School won all but one of the events, and F. Baddeley set up a School Record of 33.0 secs. for 50 yards Back Stroke (Senior).

By half-term nearly 200 boys had qualified in the competition for the Ingham Cup. Grear's were then leading, followed closely by Edwards.' All boys who have not yet qualified should do so as soon as possible. K.V.B.



BOXING CLUB

At the beginning of the Autumn Term we started with an enthusiastic and representative group. Enthusiasm has been maintained throughout all the meetings. We were sorry to lose Youds at Christmas, and we wish him every success in the future. We also wish to thank Mr. Smith for giving us his time and his able guidance.

The most important event of the year was the Championships. The standard of boxing this year had improved. A grasp of the basic principles was shown by all contestants, and particularly by the members of the club. Good clean straight punching, good defence and ringcraft were marked features in most of the contests. There were 72 entries and 52 contests.

Individual and House Championships, 1950-Finals

- 5 stones—Juniors.
 Ball, M. R. (G) beat Adler, M. (R) on points. This was a good clean contest.
- 11 stones—Seniors.
 Leadbetter, A. (Ed.) beat Harris, M. J. (S) in first round. Leadbetter's experience and strength were too great for his opponent.
- 5½ stones—Juniors.
 Johnson, P. (M) beat Wilson, C. F. (Ev.) in the third round.
 Wilson who was doing well had to retire with an injury to his back.

- 4. Lightweight—Seniors.
 Davies, J. H. (W) beat Moore, F. T. (R) on points. There was good punching and boxing by both contestants.
- 5. 6 stones—Juniors. Marsh, P. E. W. (R) beat Rimmer, B. (Ev.) on points. Rimmer put up a good show against an older boy.
- 6. Featherweight—Seniors.

 Davies, E. R. (W) beat Kerr, H. (L) on points. This was the best contest of the championship. Davies survived Kerr's early onslaught, and boxed well to win by a narrow margin.
- 7. $6\frac{1}{2}$ stones—Juniors. Ormesher, B. (M) beat Valins, C. (S) on points. A close contest.
- 8. Bantamweight—Seniors.

 Jarvis, J. A. (Ev.) beat Platt, R. (R) on points. A close contest.
- 9. 7 stones—Juniors.
 Marshall, L. (G) beat Whittaker, J. B. (G) on points. Whittaker boxed well but found Marshall too elusive for him.
- 7 stones—Seniors.
 Rimmer, A. (Ed.) beat McBride, N. (Ed.) on points. A close contest.
- 11. 7½ stones—Juniors. Sharp, G. (G) beat Bevan, P. (R) on points. Sharp used straight punching and clean hitting to win comfortably.
- 8 stones—Juniors.
 Knowles, B. J. (L) beat Sumner, G. (R) on points. A good contest.

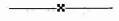
FINAL HOUSE POSITIONS

	1.	Rogers'		3		29	points.
	2.	Grear's		•••		27	points.
	3.	Edwards'	ų. ų	HIM -	6, 1)	21	points.
	4.	Mason's		•••		21	points.
	5.	Woodham's	•••			19	points.
	6.	Evans'		***		16	points.
,	7.	Leech's				15	points.
	8.	Spencer's			•••	15	points.

ART SOCIETY

This term the Society's meetings have been greatly impeded by examinations. In spite of this, preparations for the Annual Exhibition, to be held in July in conjunction with Handicraft and Photographic Exhibitions, are progressing steadily.

During the last few weeks the Society has ventured into new fields of activity. Some of the members have been producing lino-cuts, and scraperboard has become a favourite medium with many members. There has been a great variety of work accomplished during the past School year, mainly due to the enthusiasm of Mr. Waddington who has always been present to offer his criticism and guidance. G.F.T.



MUSIC SOCIETY

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

The main musical event of last term was the Choral and Orchestral Concert on March 30th, an account of which appears elsewhere in this issue.

The state of exhaustion resulting from the concert has combined with examinations to prevent the choir meeting so far this term and to limit the orchestral rehearsals. We trust that all concerned will be refreshed by their rest.

Society meetings have also been limited: there was a visit to the Liverpool Philharmonic at the end of last term and a members' recital at the beginning of this term. The latter was very poorly attended, and this is especially disappointing in view of the large number of people in the School who are, or who profess to be, music-lovers. We would therefore make a strong appeal to the School to devote a little time—and it is indeed, a very little time—to this most pleasing and valuable pursuit.

J.W.W.



PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

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

The lecture by Mr. Wormell during the latter part of the previous term was enjoyed and appreciated by a representative gathering of the Society. Many interesting and picturesque slides were shown and the conducted photographic tour through Switzerland in the hands of such an expert guide was enjoyed by all.

The "How to do it" series concluded with a demonstration lecture on "Enlarging" by R. Kennedy. This series has proved extremely popular and it is felt that the good work put in by the various lecturers has been worthwhile.

On April 28th, Mr. G. E. Christopher gave a lecture on "Exhibition Prints," This lecture was meant as a guide for those intending to enter for the annual exhibition at the end of term. It included suggestions for composition, contrast and mounting. He showed many slides and prize-winning prints to illustrate his lecture, and it is hoped that this will help to maintain the standard of exhibition work at the level of previous years.

During this term a quantity of bromide paper has been purchased for sale to members.

The society still has a stock of ex-Government orthopaper. This is being sold at a penny a yard.

Ventilation in the darkroom has been much improved by the installation of an extractor fan.

Members now have the use of a new enlarger frame and two new film tanks.

H.C., P.M.P.G.



BEE CLUB

Chairman: J. H. Fairhurst. Vice-Chairman: M. H. Irving.

Treasurer: Mr. G. F. Drake. Secretary: M. H. Irving.

Committee: K. H. Elliott, J. B. Knowles, J. Kay.

Many boys in the School seem to have lost their fear of bee-stings, and membership of the Club has increased.

Early this term we received with regret the resignation of our chairman, J. Kay. But he is remaining with us on the Committee and we shall still have his wise guidance.

The Hive has been examined weekly this term. The bees now occupy all 11 brood-combs and have drawn out 10 super combs. We are pleased to see the Hive becoming stronger every day.

We have attached an 11-frame honey-super, and when we send the Hive to the heather we hope, if it is a good year, to have a surplus of honey.

M.H.I.

SCOUT TROOP

The Troop has now been registered under its old number, 31st Southport. Since our last article eight new members have swelled our ranks, and several scouts have passed the Tenderfoot test. The troop

has been split up into three patrols: Lions, Curlews and Otters. Each patrol has its P.L. and Second, and there is already evidence of keen competition.

A week-end camp was held May 20th—21st, and again at Whitsun, May 27th—29th. We experienced conditions both wet and windy, but nothing daunted we are looking forward to the Summer camp in Delamere Forest.

Before the end of term we hope to hold an enrolment ceremony for which we should, if our clothing problem is then solved, parade for the first time in uniform.

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

Senior Librarians: J. W. Wood, W. G. Fuge; Junior Librarians: J. M. C. Davidson, J. H. Fairhurst, D. E. Langlois, W. E. Marsden, R. A. Norman, B. Peet, R. Schofield, J. R. Wignall, A. C. Wynne, C. G. Booth, D. Roberts.

It is difficult to believe that Mr. Payne is no longer with us, for every feature of the Library so clearly shows traces of his skill that we shall not forget him easily, and those who use it in the years to come will pay tribute to his work. In his stead we welcome Mr. Wakefield, under whose able guidance we feel confident the Library will continue to flourish.

This term examinations have prevented an extensive use of the Library. Nevertheless more new books have been put on the shelves and a selected list of these will appear from time to time on the library notice-board.

We are grateful to J. G. Clarke and I. A. Young for gifts of books.

The Library Committee.

IMPORTANT DATES

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Term begins September 6th.

Half Term October 30th, 31st, November 1st.

Term ends December 21st.

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