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EDITORIAL.

Since the last number of the magazine was put together there has been a marked development in the scope of School activities ; games and athletics have made good progress ; the Model Club and Twentieth Century Opinion Society have been revived and music comes before the public in the form of comic opera for the first time. School work, too, shows a welcome improvement as measured both by the results of public examinations and by the size of the Sixth Form which contained 120 boys at the beginning of the Autumn Term.

One of the most important changes in the life of the School took place in the transfer of authority for boarding to the Buckinghamshire Education Committee whose interest has been underlined by the work in progress to adapt "Uplyme" on Amersham Hill and "Tyler's Wood" in Hazlemere for the reception of boarders. It is hoped that we shall soon be able to report the official opening of these two houses. It should also be recorded that, at the beginning of the Autumn Term, the School broke with an old custom by starting to work a five day week with eight periods on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and seven on Mondays and Fridays.

Only the magazine has failed to date to achieve its immediate ambition which is to catch up with events and appear on time. In this number we cover School news since last Winter, with the exception of rugby which will appear at the end of the season. We hope that the next number will come out at the end of the Winter and be followed in due succession by at least two, Summer and Winter, each year not too long after the events reported have taken place. Original contributions this time have been restricted by heavy increases in the cost of printing which has also compelled us to retain the increased price. There will, however, be room in the Spring for verses and expressions of opinion from all parts of the School.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Staff.

The following have joined the Staff since Christmas, 1946 :—

W. Cartwright, Esq., M.A. (Cantab.) from Shrewsbury School to teach Modern Languages.

R. C. Hirst, Esq., B.Sc. (Manchester) from the Friends' Relief Service to teach Biology.

G. G. Browning, Esq., M.A. (Oxon) from the Staff of 29 British Brigade Group in India, to teach Divinity and History.

E. Owen, Esq., from the Town Clerk's Office at High Wycombe to take up an appointment as Bursar.

J. H. Kemp, Esq., B.A. (Cantab.) from an industrial post to teach Chemistry.

E. Jones, Esq., B.A. (Cardiff) from Cowley Grammar School, St. Helens, to teach Modern Languages.

J. P. Cowan, Esq., M.A. (Cantab.) from Bradford Grammar School to be head of the Modern Languages Department.

L. J. Ashford, Esq., M.A. (Cantab.) from Keighley School to be head of the History Department.

A. A. W. Coventry Esq., B.A. (Reading) to teach Modern Languages.

L. W. Piner, Esq., F.R.C.O., organist of Holy Trinity, Windsor to teach music.

The following left the Staff at the end of the Easter Term, 1947 :

M. Gilbert, Esq., M.A., B.Sc., to take up an appointment as Lecturer in Education in Durham University at King's College, Newcastle on Tyne.

The following left during or at the end of the Summer Term, 1947 :—

A. C. Cave, Esq., B.A., who was seconded from Buckinghamshire as Senior Lecturer in History at the Harrogate Emergency Training College.

J. A. McQueen, Esq., who retired.

E. Fowlds, Esq., M.A., to take up an administrative appointment at Chesterfield in the office of the North-East Derbyshire Divisional Executive.

A. S. Hett, Esq., M.A., has gone to Canada for one year to teach at Trinity College School, Port Hope, Ontario.

Respectful congratulations to Mr. T. S. Eliot who was awarded the Order of Merit in the New Year Honours List. The School is honoured to be able to record that Mr. Eliot was on the Staff here in 1915. We are delighted to see official recognition accorded to some of the finest poetry and criticism of our age.

General.

Head Prefect : D. W. Lamb.

Deputy „ A. A. Clarke.

Senior „ D. P. Byrne, D. A. Collins, P. S. Collins, P. D. Fry,
J. M. King.

School Prefects : Ashford, Belsham, Bird, Fletcher, Griffiths, Gardner, Hawkins, Hill, D., Hill, M., Hodson, Jenkins, Lewis, Mansfield, Pawley, Peatey, Putnam, Rose, Syrett, Woodward, Worrell, Veale.

The following boys entered the School in the First Term of 1947 :—

Fane, J. B., placed IVc.	Walker, B. G., placed Vc.
Ford, K., placed IIB.	Wilkes, A. J., placed IIC.
Green, P. A. D. placed IVA.	Wilmot, D. P., placed IVc.
Halliday, D. C. placed IVc.	Woodbridge, D. J., placed Vc.
Silver, J. A. R. placed IIIx.	

The following boys entered the School in the Second Term of 1947 :

Baldwin, E. A., placed IVA.	Jones, G. D. B. placed IIA.
Elburn, A. J., placed IVs.	Mansfield, M. A., placed VI.

The following boys entered the School in the Third Term of 1947 :

Anthony, B. J., placed Shell.	Lee, R. N., placed Shell.
Baker, A. W., placed IIA.	Lines, M. H., placed IIA.
Baker, T. G., placed IIB.	Loades, M. E. A., placed IIC.
Barr, A., placed VI.	Lomas, R. E., placed IIC.
Bates, D., placed IVx.	Lugton, R. D., placed IIIs.
Bignell, B. G., placed IIB.	Mayo, B. W., placed IIA.
Boreham, B. A., placed IIC.	Mayo, G. E., placed IIA.
Brooks, J. E. placed IIC.	McIntosh, A. R., placed VA.
Burrows, B. C. placed IIB.	Messenger, J. K., placed Shell.
Burrows, D., placed IIA.	Morbey, R. D., placed IIC.
Caudery, D. J., placed Shell.	O'Sullivan, T. P., placed IIB.
Church, B. L. placed IIC.	Pagram, N., placed IIC.
Cornish, B. H., placed IIB.	Payne, L. C., placed IIA.
Cowley, R. M., placed IIA.	Pearce, R. J. E., placed IIC.
Crook, B. E. placed IIB.	Peett, E. J., placed IIB.
Cross, R. E. J. placed IIB.	Pigden, R. G., placed Shell.
Crowther, M. A., placed IVx.	Plumridge, G. J., Shell.
Crowther, P. P., placed IIA.	Pole, S. G., placed IIC.
Currell, D., placed IIB.	Pope, D. C. R., placed IIC.
Dale, A. R., placed IIA.	Randall, A. J., placed IIB.
Drummond, A. G., placed IIB.	Ransley, B. J., placed IIA.
Dunn, J. L., placed IIA.	Reader, P. S., placed Shell.
Easton, D. A., placed IIA.	Rear, D., placed IIA.
Edwards, J. P. J. placed IIC.	Regan, G. F., placed IIB.
Elliott, P. W., placed IIIx.	Reynolds, P. L., placed IIA.
Elton, C. J., placed IIC.	Roberts, R. E. W., placed VI.
Ford, C., placed IIC.	Rushby, A. G., placed IIA.
Garratt, M. J., placed IIB.	Saddler, A. J., placed IIC.
Giles, F. I., placed IIC.	Salter, P. B., placed Shell.
Gittins, R. H. B., placed IIA.	Sears, T., placed IIA.
Grant, J. W., placed Shell.	Sherlock, G., placed IIB.
Griffiths, D. J., placed IIC.	Simmons, J. A., placed IIC.
Guttridge, J. A., placed IIA.	Small, R. A. J., placed IIB.
Hanna, J. M., placed Shell.	Smith, D., placed IIB.
Harvey, J. G., placed IIB.	Smith, K. J., placed IIA.
Hatfield, B. R. B., placed IIB.	Smith, N. E., placed IIC.

Hawes, T. E., placed IIA.	Latham, J. W., placed IIB.
Hearn, D. S., placed IIA.	Snow, R. W., placed Shell.
Hearn, P. G., placed IIA.	Sperl, D. F., placed IIB.
Hearne, K. C., placed Shell.	Stevens, B. C., placed Shell.
Heather, B. A., placed IIB.	Stevens, M. J. P., placed IIC.
Hester, D. A., placed IIIx.	Stevenson, R. A., placed IIC.
Hill, D. F. E., placed Shell.	Strathdee, J. C., placed IIC.
Hobson, F. J. R., placed IIB.	Thompson, D., placed IIC.
Isaac, R. J. R., placed Shell.	Tuckett, M. J. C., placed Vu(c)
Jeans, P. W. E., placed IIA.	Varley, P. G., placed IVs.
Jeffries, A. F., placed IIB.	Vickers, R. G., placed IIC.
Juster, R. A., placed IIC.	Walker, P. E. A., placed IIB.
Keen, C. G., placed IIA.	Warner, J., placed IIA.
Keen, C. W. G., placed IIA.	Webb, A. L., placed IIB.
Keen, L. R., placed IIA.	Webb, P. J., placed IIB.
Keen, T., placed IIA.	Williams, T. C., placed Shell.
Kibbels, D. E. J., placed IIB.	Wing, R. C., placed IVA.
Kimber, C. H., placed IIA.	Woods, K. C., placed VM.
King, J. H., placed IIC.	Wooster, G., placed IIC.
Lacey, M., placed IIB.	Wright, D. H., placed IIC.

The following boys left during or at the end of the First Term, 1947 :

Ashford, R. G.,	VI.
Bloxside, J. A.	VI. School Certificate.
Cooper, D. J.	Vu(c)
Forder, D. F.	Shell
Gardner, D. C.	IIIs. (Died).
Glynn, F. L.	VI. School Certificate.
Harris, M. J.	VI. School Certificate.
Hewitt, P. S.	IVc.
Hullcoop, R. S.	VI. School Certificate.
Lupine, S.	Vu(m)
Norwood, K. L.	VI. School Certificate.
Pawley, A. W.	VM.
Philpot, G. B.	Vu(m)
Sherriff, M. J.	Vu(m) School Certificate.
Stephenson, W. R.	VI. School Certificate.
Wells, W. J.	VI. School Certificate.

The following boys left during or at the end of the Second Term, 1947 :

Abbott, I. D.	VM.
Alderman, B. S.	VA.
Aldridge, A. J.	VI. School Certificate and Higher Certificate.
Bartholomew, K. R.	Vu(c).
Boyles, R. G.	VI. School Certificate.
Bradford, D. T.	Vu(m) School Certificate.
Bristow, M. E.	IIIx.
Brown, J. E.	Vu(c) School Certificate.
Brudney, N.	VI. Prefect, School Certificate and Higher Certificate.

Bunce, F. L.	Vu(m) School Certificate.
Burgess, J. B.	IIIa.
Burr, D. R.	VA School Certificate.
Cairns, D. S.	VI. Prefect, School Certificate and Higher Certificate, County Major Scholarship.
Chalk, M. G.	Vu(m)
Chapple, J. E.	IVs.
Chinn, W.	VI. Prefect, School Certificate. 1st XI. Rugger.
Clark, R. W.	Vu(c)
Cook, A. G.	VI. School Certificate.
Cooper, R. E.	Vu(m)
Cox, D. J.	VI. Prefect, School Certificate and Higher Certificate.
Cuthbertson, J.	VI. School Certificate. 1st XV. Rugger.
Dormer, E. F.	Vs. School Certificate.
Duckering, A. G.	VI. Head Prefect, School Certificate and Higher Certificate, County Major Scholarship. Captain of Rugger.
Fleming, T.	III.s.
Fuller, J.	Vu(m) School Certificate.
Gardner, P. J.	Vu(c) School Certificate.
Gay, R. E.	Vu(m) School Certificate.
Ginger, G. N.	VI. Prefect, School Certificate and Higher Certificate.
Goozee, D. E.	Vm.
Griffin, J. W.	VA. School Certificate.
Groom, J. H.	VI. School Certificate. Captain of 2nd XV Rugger.
Haddon, G. D.	Vc.
Haddon, J. S.	Vs.
Harris, R. G.	VI. Prefect. School Certificate and Higher Certificate.
Heffer, J. R.	Vu(m) School Certificate.
Housden, A. C. B.	VI. School Certificate and Higher Certificate.
Jarman, B.	Vs. School Certificate.
Jeans, W. P.	Vu(m) School Certificate.
Jones, D. H.	Vu(m) School Certificate.
Joy, E. M.	Vu(c) School Certificate.
Larwood, R. H.	Vu(c) 1st XI. Cricket.
Leary, P. M.	Shell. School Certificate.
Leeser, A. M. E.	VI. School Certificate and Higher Certificate.
Leffelaar, H. L.	VI.
Lincoln, R. G.	Vs. School Certificate.
Lomas, J. W.	Shell. School Certificate.
Longman, E. G.	IVc.
Lovegrove, B. W.	VA. School Certificate.
Lowe, P. C.	VI. School Certificate.
Macnab, B.	VI. School Certificate.
Matthews, J. J.	Vu(c) School Certificate.
Mears, B. J.	Vu(c) School Certificate.
Mercy, E. F.	VI. School Certificate.
Miller, H. E.	VI. Prefect, School Certificate and Higher Certificate
Moss, D. W.	Vs. School Certificate.
Moss, J. H.	IVc.
Muir, J. N.	VI. School Certificate and Higher Certificate, Prefect.
Negus, R. D.	Vs. School Certificate.
Newton, R. P.	Vs.
Nutter, A. L.	Vc.

Page, D. C.	VI. Prefect, School Certificate and Higher Certificate. 1st XI. Cricket.
Patey, K. G.	VU(M)
Pearson, R. W.	VU(c) School Certificate.
Podeshva, M. A.	VI. Deputy Head Prefect, School Certificate and Higher Certificate.
Rance, P. J.	VI. School Certificate and Higher Certificate, Prefect.
Ransley, L. A.	VI. Prefect, School Certificate and Higher Certificate.
Reeves, A. C.	VU(c) School Certificate.
Ross, P. B.	IIb.
Schaverien, C.	VI. School Certificate.
Sharpe, C. H. E.	Shell. 1st XI. Cricket.
Shaw, D. R.	IVc.
Simmons, T. H. I.	VU(c)
Simpson, A. C. F.	VA. School Certificate.
Skingley, N. K.	VM.
Smith, A. E.	VU(c) School Certificate.
Smith, A. H.	VI. School Certificate.
Smith, B. P.	VI. Prefect, School Certificate and Higher Certificate.
Smith, J. B.	VU(c) School Certificate.
Smyth, B. C. A.	VM.
Snapes, D. J.	Shell. School Certificate.
Springett, J. W.	IIIc.
Standage, R. W. J.	Vs. School Certificate.
Stuart, M. C.	Vs. School Certificate.
Stubbs, P. G.	IIc.
Suessman, F.	VI. Prefect, School Certificate and Higher Certificate, County Major Scholarship.
Taylor, G. H.	VU(c)
Thompsett, D. J.	Shell School Certificate.
Tunmer, R. H.	VU(M) Prefect, School Certificate, Captain of Cricket.
Tyler, H. E.	VU(c) School Certificate.
Tyrrill, J. M.	IIIx.
Westney, M. E. W.	VI. Prefect, School Certificate and Higher Certificate.
Williams, C. R. D.	IIc.
Wilson, B.	VU(M) School Certificate.
Woollett, N. R.	VU(M) School Certificate.
Wrapson, J. T.	IVM.
Youens, B. R.	VA.
Young, J. S.	VU(M)

EXAMINATION RESULTS, JULY 1947 :—

State Scholarships : D. P. Byrne, B. C. Peatey, S. J. Langston.

County Major Scholarships : P. S. Collins (Essex), A. G. Duckering and F. F. Suessman (Middx), D. S. Cairns (London), B. J. Fletcher (Bucks).

Oxford Higher Certificate Examination : A. J. Aldridge, R. W. Bird, N. Brudney, D. A. Collins, D. J. Cox, G. N. Ginger, R. G. Harris, A. C. B. Housden, D. W. Lamb (Distinction in Applied Mathematics), A. M. E. Leeser, H. E. Miller,

J. N. Muir, P. Nicolson, D. C. Page, P. J. Rance, F. F. Suessman, P. J. Worrell, A. A. Clarke, P. S. Collins (Distinctions in History and English), A. G. Duckering, B. J. Fletcher (Distinctions in History and English), P. D. Fry, D. J. Griffiths, D. B. Hawkins, J. M. King, S. J. Langston (Distinctions in French and German), M. A. Polden, L. A. Ransley, (Distinctions in History and Geography), R. F. Ray (Distinction in French), B. P. Smith (Distinction in English), G. R. Smith, D. G. Veale, M. E. W. Westney, D. P. Byrne (Distinctions in Latin and Greek), D. S. Cairns, D. C. Church, A. Maunder, B. C. Peatey, (Distinction in Latin), W. G. Putnam, P. A. Smith (Distinction in Latin).

Oxford School Certificate Examination, July 1947 :

A. S. Baker, D. R. Burr, J. C. Carrick, J. D. Collins, T. A. Cowlett, D. M. Dixon, N. E. Filby, M. J. D. Francis, J. W. Griffin, G. Harris, G. T. Harris, J. C. Harris, M. Keen, P. A. Langston, L. Leder, A. P. Litchfield, B. W. G. Lovegrove, A. J. F. Miller, N. J. Payne, J. R. Saunders, A. C. F. Simpson, R. C. Terry, D. S. Timms, H. J. Warrington, M. Zander, M. T. Allen, E. M. Benjamin, W. E. Binder, D. R. Boreham, N. L. Bunce, L. S. Cohen, M. P. Conrad, D. M. Copp, E. F. Dormer, L. H. G. Everitt, A. S. Harris, H. D. Howard, B. Jarman, M. M. Jones, C. R. Kennedy, R. G. Lincoln, D. W. Moss, R. D. Negus, D. P. Owen, D. F. Pennell, E. J. Pettet, A. J. Rackstraw, R. J. Rear, E. J. Reeves, R. W. J. Standage, M. C. Stuart, J. J. B. Ware, F. J. Wingrove, D. F. T. Winter, P. Blackmore, J. L. Brown, R. Buzzard, W. E. Carden, P. J. Gardner, E. J. Goodwin, P. S. Groom, G. S. Hearne, E. M. Joy, J. J. Matthews, B. J. Mears, R. A. J. Norman, R. W. Pearson, M. Piratin, A. C. Reeves, D. G. Sainsbury, A. D. J. Slight, A. E. Smith, J. B. Smith, D. R. Stansbury, H. E. T. Tyler, C. J. Why, D. T. Bradford, F. J. Bunce, M. J. E. Crisp, J. Fuller, R. E. Gay, J. R. Heffer, W. P. Jeans, D. Jones, D. J. Loughran, E. J. Macfarlane, J. R. Mellor, D. G. G. Parker, J. Read, B. Reading, R. H. Tunmer, D. J. Wilks, B. Wilson, N. R. Woollett, A. E. Cox, J. W. Lomas, D. Oxlade, C. T. Robinson, B. P. Carter, H. A. Cartwright, D. A. Hodson, R. Hood, P. M. Leary, P. J. Pawley, M. G. Rees, D. J. Snapes, D. J. Thomsett, J. E. Woodward.

RETIREMENT OF MR. J. A. McQUEEN.

Yet another of the outstanding personalities on the staff was removed from our midst at the end of the Summer Term, 1947, by the retirement of Mr. J. A. McQueen after 29 years of continuous service as a teacher of French and German.

Mr. McQueen was appointed to the staff by Mr. Arnison immediately after his demobilisation following the First World War. He had lived abroad for some considerable period and had had much experience of teaching English and German in French Schools so that he was able to bring to the School a conversational and practical knowledge of French life and language which has benefited many generations of boys. Apart from his classroom work, Mr. McQueen always took the closest personal interest in the development of individual boys. As a family man whose five boys had all taken a very good part in the life of the School, he always contributed the greatest wisdom and common sense to any staff deliberations and could be relied upon to see through any sham or pretence.

He was always a most active cricketer and right up to his last year in School spent a great amount of time out on the field. During the last war he undertook the charge of the Junior Building and made a great contribution to the games activities of the younger end of the School as well as keeping a very fatherly eye on their general development and progress.

The School has never had a more loyal friend and staunch supporter than Mr. McQueen and he will take with him into retirement the affectionate goodwill of very many colleagues and of countless Old Boys.

E.R.T.

SPEECH DAY Friday, July 18th, 1947.

The proceedings opened with an inspection of the Guard of Honour by the principal speaker of the day, Major-General Sir Cyriac Skinner, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., after which everyone assembled in the School Hall. The number of visitors was so great that all boys, except those to receive prizes, had to be content to hear the speeches through loud-speakers on the School Field. From the chair the Chairman of the Governors, W. H. Healey, Esq., J.P., C.A., welcomed Sir Cyriac Skinner and spoke of his family's long connection with the County. He referred to the new conditions created by the Education Act 1944, especially the matter of providing public money for boarding places. He hoped that the

next public function would be the official opening of the new Boarding Houses and looked forward to a great future for a big day school with a boarding side. He announced the establishment of a Memorial Fund which it was hoped would provide some such amenity as a Swimming Bath or Library as a memorial to the Old Boys who died in the war.

In his Report, the first on such an occasion since the visit of General Eaker in 1942, the Headmaster referred to the growth of the School in both numbers and academic successes. Between 1932 and 1947 the number in the School had grown from 350 to 700, of Higher School Certificate candidates from 3 to 42, of boys in the Sixth Form doing advanced work from 10 to 102 and of boarders from 13 to 79. As a result of the award of an Open Classical Scholarship at Balliol College to D. W. H. Crutchfield in 1942 he was able to report his election to the Headmasters' Conference. Since then there had been a consistent flow of Classical Scholars: H. A. B. Leeser to Jesus College, Oxford in 1943, P. J. Scally who became the Senior Classical Scholar at Balliol and R. J. Fredericks an Exhibitioner to Jesus College, Cambridge in 1944, C. J. Fletcher an Exhibitioner to Christ Church in 1946. Meanwhile O. Roith and D. H. Wintsch, both mathematicians, went up to Cambridge and became open scholars of their colleges. Subsequent results showed continuing success: First Classes were obtained at Oxford by Leeser and Scally, at Cambridge in the Mechanical Sciences Tripos by Roith and Wintsch, in the Anthropology Tripos by E. J. Miller and at London in Engineering by Goodearl. Roith in his second year became Captain of Cricket at Caius and Heather rowed for Jesus, Cambridge at Henley. Of others who had since entered public service, four had attained posts in the Civil Service of Principal at least and one, Keith Oakeshott, was amongst the first of the new entrants to the Foreign Service.

In spite of these successes it had to be said that the war years had not been easy. The School had suffered many changes in Staff. Twenty-four temporary Assistant Mistresses and thirty-four temporary Assistant Masters had at various times taught during that period. In this connection the Headmaster paid a special tribute to the work of Mrs. Allan Janes, to Mrs. Redington who had taught in the School in both 1908 and 1945, to Mrs. Kernick's splendid work with the Preparatory Form and to the work done with the Sixth by Miss Pollard, Miss Baker, and Miss Ross. Among the men he wished to record his personal debt to his old Tutor, Mr. P. A. Seymour, to Rev. W. Richardson and Mr. E. J. Somerset all of whom helped to create the present reputation of the Classical Sixth during the absence of the Classical Staff. Finally he offered thanks

to Mr. Claude Elliott, the Headmaster of Eton, without whose help in providing instruction in Verse Composition our Classical Scholars of 1943 and 1944 would hardly have succeeded.

The Headmaster expressed his gratitude to those few masters who so nobly held the fort while the rest were away ; to Mr. Brand who retired in 1946 after long service as Second Master and effective head of the O.T.C., to Mr. Morgan who had taken his place as Second Master, to Mr. Jones and Mr. Grant who had both fortunately now recovered from periods of illness, to Mr. Johnson who served the Boarding House so well for more than six years and to Mr. McQueen for whom he wished a long and happy retirement at the end of the term.

The great service of the Old Boys of the School to the nation was clear from the very long list of those who had served, especially in the R.A.F. It was a source of pride that these efforts had been crowned, in the closing months of the war, by the award of the Victoria Cross to Lt. Fraser. The memory of those 77 who gave their lives would be revived at the Commemoration Service to be held in the Parish Church on the evening of Speech Day.

To the parents of boys about to take up advanced work the Headmaster said that the School was now stabilized at 700 and the Local Education Authority committed to the eventual provision of adequate accommodation. The Ministry of Education hoped to see every boy in the Grammar Schools staying on to the age of 18 and these schools the feeding ground for considerably increased Universities. He hoped that those who had been encouraged by the increase in the number and value of scholarships would not be put off by difficulties arising from compulsory military service and the temporary shortage of places in the Universities. It was important to take full advantage of the very considerable opportunities now available.

Referring to the other activities of the School the Headmaster called attention to the outstanding contribution made by the O.T.C. and the A.T.C. to the country. He commended the attention given to rugby and cricket and the successes achieved by teams in the athletic field. He was pleased to record the return of the School to a Shakespearean tradition in play production and the great impetus given to the musical life of the School by the appointment of a full-time music master.

He was glad to be able to say that the Governors and the Education Authority, in taking over from him responsibility for the boarding side, had decided to enlarge and extend it until it would be a very significant and important part not merely of the School but of the educational provision of the County as a whole. Though he

and Mrs. Tucker were sad to see one of their responsibilities passing to some extent from them, they were happy to know that, in the changing functions imposed upon the School by the new Education Act, the new function might very well be even more important than the old. If the School were to continue to be treated as an individual entity as of old, the new Education Act might be not merely the end of one epoch by the beginning of a greater.

After the Headmaster's Report the certificates, prizes and cups were very kindly presented by Mrs. W. H. Healey whom everyone was very glad to see on this school occasion. The following boys were rewarded.— **GOVERNORS' CERTIFICATES.**

A G. Duckering, M. Podeshva, L. A. Ransley, B. P. Smith, F. Suessman, R. H. Tunner, M. E. W. Westney.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

Headmaster's Prize : A G. Duckering.

Governor's Reading Prize (presented by Mrs. A. J. Clarke) : B. P. Smith, M. E. W. Westney.

Governor's Classics Prize (presented by R. P. Clarke, Esq., M.A., B.C.L.) : B. C. Peatey.

Molloy Cup (presented by Colonel H. T. Molloy) : A. G. Duckering.

Thorne Prize for English (presented by Mrs. A. Thorne) : P. S. Collins.

Art Shield (presented by A. Hastings, Esq.) : D. A. Hodson.

Hope Cup (presented by Mr. and Mrs. W. Hope) : E. A. Jackson.

FORM PRIZES.

IIA.	1st, J. R. Hawkins	2nd, A. J. Redrup.	
IIB.	1st, N. T. Brion	2nd, R. S. Putman.	
IIC.	1st, D. F. Simons	2nd, R. D. Barwell	
IIIX.	1st, C. J. Goodchild	2nd, M. G. Walker	3rd, D. J. White
IIIA.	1st, G. R. Smyth,	2nd, K. A. Lord.	
IIIs.	1st, P. A. S. Langston	2nd, M. Bridges	
IIIG.	1st, P. G. Badcock	2nd, B. J. Lacey	
IVA.	1st, K. J. P. Westney	2nd, F. R. J. Cook	3rd, R. D. Harman
IVS.	1st, J. E. Chapple	2nd, T. C. Norcott	3rd, M. E. Wise
IVM.	1st, D. W. C. Long	2nd, F. S. Dronfield	
IVC.	1st, D. E. Gray	2nd, N. W. Cutler	
VA.	1st, G. T. Harris	2nd, J. W. Griffin	3rd, L. Leder
Vs.	1st, J. J. B. Ware	2nd, E. M. Benjamin	3rd, N. L. Bunce
VM.	1st G. Keep	2nd, M. Hastings.	
Vc.	1st, D. J. Wiltshire	2nd, B. Walker	
Shell	1st, D. Oxlade	2nd, D. A. Hodson	3rd, R. Hood
Vu(c)	1st, E. M. Joy	2nd, W. E. Carden	3rd, D. G. Sainsbury
Vu(m)	1st, F. J. Bunce	2nd, J. Fuller	3rd, R. E. Gay

Handicraft Prize : G. R. Gearing.

Form VI—1st Year :

Classics, M. D. Butler.

German, K. Kenyon.

History, E. G. Rose, J. Gardner.

Music, J. Standing.

Economics, C. J. Lewis.

Physics, R. Lang.

Botany and Zoology : J. T. Hobbs, D. R. Hill.

French, P. J. Carter.

English, J. Gardner, E. G. Rose.

Spanish, P. J. Carter.

Geography, J. Gardner.

Chemistry, E. E. Eatwell.

Mathematics, J. Standing.

Form VI—2nd Year :

Greek,	B. C. Peatey.	Latin,	W. G. Putnam.
Ancient History,	D. P. Byrne.	French,	S. J. Langston.
German,	G. R. Smith.	English,	B. J. Fletcher, P. S. Collins.
Spanish,	R. F. Ray.	History,	P. S. Collins, B. J. Fletcher.
Music,	D. Collins.	Geography,	L. A. Ransley.
Economics	L. A. Ransley.	Chemistry,	M. Leeder, G. P. J. Worrell.
Physics,	D. W. Lamb.	Botany and Zoology,	F. F. Suesman.
Mathematics,	D. W. Lamb, R. G. Harris, H. E. Miller.		

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music : Harmony Certificates—Grade II,
M. Leeder ; Grade I, M. Leeder, M. Clifford, R. Potts.

Sir Cyriac Skinner then delivered a most inspiring discourse on the theme of England, the book that everyone can read. He drew, with a great wealth of illustration, a portrait of our unusually rich national heritage of which records can be interpreted in every part of the countryside, no less in the landscape than in the architecture to be seen on every hand. We had the most beautiful scenery and the finest climate in the world. It was an inexhaustible source of pleasure to those who were prepared to give time to its study and he commended to the boys the advantages that were freely at their disposal in the land in which they were born.

Votes of thanks were proposed by His Worship the Mayor, Councillor C. W. Lance, J.P. and seconded by Councillor R. P. Clarke, M.A., B.C.L., the Chairman of the Boarding Committee.

After the proceedings visitors were entertained by a Physical Training Display on the School Field. Tea was served in the School Hall and Junior Building.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE
in
HIGH WYCOMBE PARISH CHURCH

In the evening of Speech Day parents and friends joined the School in the Parish Church for a Service of Commemoration for those Old Boys of the School who died in the war. The Vicar conducted the service at which the Mayor read the Lesson and P. C. Raffety, Esq., J.P. read the Roll of Honour. The address was given by the Headmaster who spoke of the great debt we owe to those who died no less than to those who returned. The School which had had some share in their growth could claim some part in the grief felt at their loss. Those men had died because they loved their country and hated evil. The ceremony of commemoration would be empty if it did not include dedication to the perpetual struggle against cruelty and intolerance and selfishness and greed in

which they had died. He prayed that the bereaved would be sustained by thoughts of the devotion of those whom they had lost and that all would preserve a lively recollection of the sacrifices made on their behalf.

School Dirary.

Lectures to the Sixth Form were given on Monday, May 5th by Mr. Peter Goffin on "How to Understand Painting," and on Thursday, May 15th by Mr. M. D. Perrins on Archeology.

Form IIIx. were taken to Hampton Court by Mr. Cave on Monday, 23rd June and enjoyed an extensive tour under the expert guidance of Mr. Rainbow.

At the Governors' tea, to which the Staff were invited on Wednesday, 9th July, a presentation was made to Mr. McQueen to mark his retirement after 29 years of service to the School.

The Headmaster and the Governors invited friends of the School to a concert in the Hall on Saturday, 12th July. The High Wycombe String Orchestra, conducted by Mr. Rainbow, played a Serenade by Mozart, Handel's Overture to "Acis and Galatea" and Elgar's Serenade for Strings. Mr. Clifford sang, with the orchestra, "O ruddier than the cherry" from the same opera and "So, sir page," from "The Marriage of Figaro." Denis Stevens played a violin concerto in A minor by J. S. Bach and Bessie Tucker gave us another opportunity to hear the first movement of Mr. Rainbow's piano concerto in C. minor. It was a delightful concert consistently interesting in its blend of earlier and more recent works for strings and voice.

The new school year was marked on September 19th by a service of dedication at the High Wycombe Parish Church at which the Vicar gave the address. He reminded the School of their historic heritage and of their obligation to sustain and improve upon the achievements of their predecessors.

The Amersham Repertory Company gave a performance of "As You Like It" on Monday, 20th October in the School Hall, to an audience of girls from Wycombe High School and boys of the School. It was an experiment involving much manual labour and considerable adjustment to the peculiar acoustics of our hall. Our thanks are due to them for struggling so valiantly against adverse material conditions.

Three members of the Oxford Music Club, Leigh Gardine, piano, Denis Stevens, violin, and Franz Mandl, violoncello, gave a concert with Amabel Brocklehurst, soprano in the School Hall on 22nd November to guests of the Headmaster and the Governors. We are not competent to judge the violin sonata by Debussy on a

first hearing ; it must be enough to report that it required great technical skill which it received. We were on more familiar ground with the songs by Purcell, Boyce and Arne. These were sung in a fine, full voice capable of delicate phrasing and fine contrast. Miss Brocklehurst also sang two arias by Mozart which pleased everyone. The piano trio began the concert with a trio in D major by Haydn, and concluded with Brahms' Piano Trio in C minor. It was a great pleasure, after so much chamber music on radio and gramophone to have an opportunity of hearing the authentic tones of the real thing in our school hall.

On Monday, 8th December, Miss Dorothy Churton (violin), Miss Edith Churton ('cello), Miss Florence Wolfe (Oboe and Cor Anglais), and the County Music Adviser visited the School and gave a Demonstration Concert to the senior boys and those taking School Certificate Music. The audience were obviously interested to see the instruments demonstrated separately and to hear them playing in conjunction. The hour's Concert which included the Haydn Trio in G major was most instructive and enjoyable.

The Carol Service was held in the School Hall on the afternoon of the last day of term.

THE ANCIENT RESIDENCE OF WISDOM.

Any visitor to the school will be well-advised to find his way to a certain wing, somewhat remote from the main building, which should be found without great difficulty, after some small pupil has directed the way, with quavering voice and trembling hand. Any bewilderment, created by the evident awe of the young scholar will be removed when the explorer reaches his destination, for he will find himself entering into a new world ; a world where the very atmosphere is one of silence and awful gravity.

As he gazes into the dim interior of the place which he has successfully sought, the visitor will feel compelled to tread with greater care, and remove his head covering with reverence and dignity. He will see before him a scene of flickering shadows ; a scene which gives an impression of sanctity and antiquity ; a room whose walls hold countless secrets, and have gazed upon many episodes of mystery and drama.

Outside, the tall, dark pines, bend in the wind which wails sorrowfully as it rushes through the creaking branches. Dark shadows fall across the room, adding to the pervading atmosphere of solemnity. The visitor is gazing into the ancient sanctuary of the Sixth ; the sanctuary of wisdom and philosophy where immortality reigns in silence and perfect peace.

After a prolonged pause upon the threshold of this holy place, the visitor will find himself compelled to take a careful steps into the shadowy interior. Upon halting he may gaze round the room, and fully appreciate the effect which is produced upon his mind ; a mind by this time completely composed.

He bends to examine the great tables and his enquiring eyes come to rest upon the marks which have been left behind by various ancients, as everlasting legacies to succeeding generations. He bends in reverential fear as he is borne away into the distant past, and a multitude of questions arise Who was S.P. ? What mark has he left upon the years ? Where is he now ? Is he remembered, or is he lost in the mists of oblivion ? If only the table could recount the epic tales which would aid in the description of his character !

However, our visitor cannot remain in the past for an indefinite period of time, and eventually he will find himself approaching the most sacred spot of all. In the far right corner of the room where the shadows are deepest, where the stillness is almost overwhelming, he will halt and pause, hardly daring to raise his head, to cast his ever-roving eyes upon the walls which are stained with age and the gnarled shelves, which are laden with countless volumes of learning, upon which rests the dust of ages ; whether allowed to remain as a result of dutiful reverence, or whether an accumulation resulting from disuse, the visitor will be unable to tell ; but fresh thoughts will quickly drive any such problems from his mind. For a few moments his eyes come to rest upon what is apparently the ancient standard of the Sixth ; a stained relic, which dangles from the topmost shelf. Upon close inspection it will be found to be a tattered and somewhat blood-stained rugby shirt, which undoubtedly is a symbol of courage strength and determination, qualities which are bred in what is reverently termed, a loose maul.

Our honoured visitor is now in the retreat of the 3rd year ; the place where the most venerable and most learned members of the school are pleased to reside. Historians, philosophers, mathematicians, scientists ; all have spent many never-to-be-forgotten hours in the majestic tranquility of the 3rd year corner. They too have left their mark. Their names will live for ever ; A. G. D., L. A. R., J. L. D., H. L. L. L. ; all have served humanity in the past, and will continue to serve loyally in the years to come. These shelves will never be able to forget them ; the memories possessed by these walls and this window sill, will always remain.

Often the present occupants can be seen, as they bend in concentration over some great volume, stroking their silvery beards with thoughtful dignity, or perhaps engaged in some weighty discussion upon the city state and its relationship to modern political theory.

With great difficulty the visitor must turn and retrace his steps towards the oaken door, before he is overcome by the solemn atmosphere. He leaves ; and once again the room is left in silence while ghostly figures of past ages return to flit to and fro between the shelves and join in silent discussion regarding the faults and failures of present residents in this sanctuary of wisdom.

E. G. R. VI.

MY HOMELAND.

O gentle land of hills and valleys fair,
Where each fresh season brings a new-born joy,
With peace and gladness, which can never cloy,
I greet thee, as my Homeland ; I would dare
To call thee " Liberty." Who can compare
This land to any other ; who destroy
This everlasting symbol, or employ
Her greatness, but for everlasting share
In the things of truth, and chivalry ? All hopes
Of peace eternal, rest upon these shores,
And as this island gazes at the slopes
Of years to come, does it hold thought for wars
Or plan goodwill ? As this dark world needs hopes
For future peace, look back into the past,
Its stand for truth, and judge if it will last !

E. G. R. VI.

MODERN POETRY.

A modern poem is somewhat like a surrealist painting ; it takes a warped mentality to create it. I am talking of course, of the really up-to-date stuff—the sort of thing that would turn the butter rancid if we had any butter—and I shall, with due apologies to Patience Strong, ignore the sentimental slush that sidles past the censor into the Sunday papers. If you can understand a modern poem there must be something wrong with it. The reader may go into raptures over the texture of the verse, or admire the exquisite paradoxical cadence of the thought. but he must never presume to understand it ; that is the sole prerogative of the poet.

Now, about the sort of chap who writes modern poetry ; he may be quite a tolerable type to begin with, but by the time he has written a poem or two in the accepted style and idiom he will inevitably be a cynic, an atheist, a misogynist and a confirmed drunkard.

He will look on the world with a jaundiced eye, a disbelieving soul—if he still has a soul—a disappointed spirit and a besotted intelligence. Having reached this stage he will notice a marked improvement in his work. A modern poet looks at civilization and finds it rotten and futile ; he regards the future of mankind, and after a moment's contemplation he bursts into a ghastly sardonic laugh—achieved from the left side of the mouth in conjunction with a sophisticated sneer—reaches a gawky arm for his pen, wipes it on his vermilion handkerchief and prepares to write at obtuse angles all over the page the horrible fate he has in view for the universe of life.

The great advantage of this kind of poem is that it can be republished at a later date as " Reflections on the coming of Spring " or something of a like nature. However, nothing can convey the true power and beauty of this popular art better than an example, so I will conclude with one of my own most recent works :—

" Nostalgia " or " Beat me Daddy, 8 to the bar. "
(From the Suite, ' The night life of a gremlin ')

Cemetries and sewage farms
Arise in bright array,
Linking dislocated arms
To greet the dawning day.
Life is like a bowl of cherries,
Intermixed with Woolwich ferries ;
Dustmen's feet and drunkard's noses
Take the place of blooming roses.
Spring is coming ! Spring is coming !
Everyone is Dad and Mumming.
All the earth with enterprise is humming,
Spring is coming ! Spring is here !
For once no water's in the beer !!
But I look on with dissipated leer.
Gentlemen, trying a prefab for size,
Carry their shopping bags under their eyes ;
Horrible chaos with spidery crawl
On civilization is spreading its pall :
Crooked and warped is the shallow veneer.
Decrepitly ending its hollow career,
Sunlight is failing ; corruption is near !
But I look on with dissipated leer.
But I look on with dissipated leer

*Any rational suggestions as to the meaning of the above will
be consistently rejected by the author.* P.S.C. VI.

THE TENDER-HEARTED MASTER.

I've a most insistent conscience which I try hard to placate,
But a lot of inconsistencies there are,
For it tries to make me punitive, stern harshness incarnate,
When I'd rather tender-hearted be by far.
O that this too, too solid flesh (my heart) would melt away !
O thought that's three parts coward do the same !
(If Shakespeare could read those lines I wonder what he'd say?
However, Plagiariſt's my second name).
I've tried to overcome it, but when e'er I lift the cane
To catch some bending pupil from behind,
The tugging at my heart-strings gives excruciating pain,
And duty's sternness yields to being kind.

To my unhistoric spirit it seems useless to acquire
The dates of Hannibal and Ptolemy ;
And the works of long-dead poets whom I'm told I should
Seem concentrated gibberish to me. [admire ;
So how can I, with honesty, compel the boys to write
Of the graceful art of Spenser's " Faerie Queene,"
Or set them to the mournful task of learning overnight
The dates of all the battles there have been ?
My hyper-sensitivity in matters of this kind
Is causing me to wilt before my time ;
My hair is greying rapidly, my brow is getting lined—
I'm a tender-hearted master—that's my crime !

P.S.C. VI.

TO CANADA WITH THE A.T.C.

At approximately six o'clock on the morning of July 27th, we entered Heathrow airport and boarded the two York aircraft ; in a short time we were airborne.

Soon the shores of this small island slipped from beneath us, then for eight long hours we sat peering out of our windows at the glittering sea or at the extreme blinding whiteness of the clouds that looked like great fields of snow stretching ahead till they merged into the misty beyond.

Appearing like a small mound on the horizon, were the Azores, our first stop ; soon we were flying over the craggy shore with the breakers creaming on the rocks, over tiny fields divided by stone walls and little cottages white in the sun, then we were down on the aerodrome. We stayed there for three hours, had dinner, looked round and then back in the aircraft, where nine hours passed before

we arrived at Gander airport in Newfoundland. Here we were given rooms, two boys to each, then taken to the hotel where we ordered everything we wanted.

The following morning we flew to Montreal where we started the tour proper. We were greeted by a brass band, a battery of microphones and a cine-camera. The Canadian cadets, who were to visit the United Kingdom, formed a guard of honour. From the airport we went to a luncheon, with the Canadian boys, at Lachine Camp, and in the evening we went to a grand dinner with them, and were welcomed to the city of Montreal.

Next day we went by motor coach, with a police escort of cars and motor cycles, up into the Laurentian mountains and were entertained by the Grey Rocks Inn. There was boating on the lake, swimming in the pool, or just sun bathing. In the evening we went to a marvellous barbecue, an open air banquet, with juicy steaks grilled on an open fire with a griddle cakes (pan-cakes) and maple syrup to follow.

The following morning we went to Montreal airport and proceeded by Dakotas, to Rockliffe where we had lunch, going straight on to Trenton camp where we stayed for a couple of days. It was here that we were shown how they preserve planes and engines in perfect working order for years, by spraying them with a plastic covering; here also we were able to have a close look at helicopters.

From Trenton we went, by motor-coach, to Niagara Falls and had a trip on the famous boat the "Maid of the Mist" which sails within a few feet of the actual falls. We also went under the falls in subterranean passages which open out under the falls, where one can look through a solid wall of water. These falls present a marvellous and spectacular sight which I shall never forget.

We flew on to Toronto staying there for a few hours only. This city is the most modern-looking city we visited, for there are more "skyscrapers" than in Montreal or the other big cities.

Leaving Toronto we went to Camp Borden where we stayed for two days sleeping in tents at night as the weather was so hot. On Sunday, 3rd August, we just went swimming or sun bathing all day. On the Monday we left for Kapuskasing, which is a model town in the middle of the bush country. We were shown over the paper mill there, where nearly all the people of the town work; this paper mill is almost unique, it has a river flowing past it, down which the logs float. These logs are drawn up into the mill, cut up and reduced to pulp which is taken to the other part of the mill and is made into high quality paper.

Gimli was the next place we visited. We went to a dance in the Icelandic community here and staggered into bed at about four o'clock in the morning after hitch-hiking back to camp.

Next day we flew to Winnipeg where we were greeted by the Mayor and enjoyed a five course dinner held in our honour. When we left we were each presented with a sterling silver badge of Winnipeg.

Flying to Regina on the next morning, we were taken in jeeps to a luncheon, followed by entertainment given by some of the local radio personalities. Then out along dirt roads, across great expanses of land, to a model farm, where we saw some really modern farm vehicles. Lethbridge was the next stop. We stayed there for a few hours before flying over the Rockies; however one does not get very much impression of their height when flying at about fourteen thousand feet.

While on the West Coast we visited Patricia Bay and Victoria on Vancouver Island, and Vancouver City on the mainland. This part of Canada is very reminiscent of England and is the spot where Englishmen like to settle down. From Vancouver we travelled by the Canadian Pacific Railway to Banff. There we visited the great Banff Springs Hotel which is almost the most luxurious hotel in Canada and is certainly the most expensive; even the cheapest room costs about fifteen pounds a week not including food or extras.

We passed through Calgary and Winnipeg again on the way back and then on to Ottawa, where we were shown over the great Parliamentary Buildings, which were specially illuminated at night for us. We spent our last days in Montreal and used most of the time shopping and window-gazing until the final day when we met the Canadian lads who had just arrived back from their tour of the United Kingdom. We had a dinner with them on Mount Royal outside Montreal.

Thus ended our tour in this beautiful land of Canada, this land of plenty. Just to show what a land of plenty it is, we had chicken or turkey for most of our meals and ice cream and fruit salads to follow. Some of the most attractive institutions in Canada are the drug stores and milk bars, where one can buy milk shakes, banana splits, ice cream sodas, and so forth.

I would like to end by thanking all the people who made this most entertaining, enjoyable and informative tour possible.

UNIVERSITY LETTERS.

Jesus College,
Cambridge.

30/11/47.

Dear Sir,

This term is for most Old Wycombiensians in residence, the beginning of their last year at Cambridge. Familiar faces, unseen for some years, are amongst us however, to revive many strong memories of school. The names included in this letter are, indeed, likely to be of most interest to Old Boys, for demobilisation is filling the gap between the earliest class-B releases and those of us fortunate enough to come up straight from school two years ago—the last to do so. We have consequently become a colony whose members have, in the main, thin and distant acquaintance one with the other. The tie is still there however.

Amongst those renewing a link with the past is D. J. Wickens, reading History with a vigour unabated by Army service, like D. R. Witney, he awaits the summer when the close will again be a cricket pitch, and maybe two somewhat faded Wycombe first colour caps will appear together to raise the Jesus score. Witney is meanwhile largely occupied as Secretary to the college Amalgamated Clubs.

G. Cox is following up his Naval career with experiments in the zoology and other labs., returned to King's where he spent six wartime months on a short course ; he is a vigorous member of the Hare and Hounds. Returned similarly to Jesus, geography, the Boat Club and its parties is G. Thirtle. One name omitted from my last letter was Pinto, now in his third year and prominent in the University Boxing Club ; his period at school was apparently brief but memorable and consequently his name may be familiar to some.

The circus contingent—O. Roith, playing rugger this term, and D. A. Ginger—are as active as when I last wrote. One sometimes catches sight too, of R. M. Belbin, when he is not advancing heterodoxy amongst the Heretics, engaged on the rugger field, or elsewhere. M. Yeomans still pursues his theological course and Collins, the Natural Sciences Tripos ; these two came up last year and are both at Jesus. Hoping to leave us at the end of this term is M. Gibbs, who anticipates a move to a London hospital and awaits the necessary qualifying exam. That, with your correspondent, completes the catalogue. We meet infrequently and would do so less often were it not that so many of us are members of the same college. Next term however, we hope to strengthen the links inevitably diluted by time and distance, with an Old Wycombiensian's dinner.

We have this term seen O.W.'s resident at the other place, for Timpson and Leeser were over with the Jesus, Oxford, party to play soccer. Also A. Lang, here on a similar mission, found time to take refreshment with old acquaintances before returning to Cranwell, his temporary but appreciated abode.

So many names leave little room to discuss the general atmosphere—still crowded and relatively austere. Numbers increase every term; the weather becomes more intensely cold. But amidst all the flux of strife in debate or sport, the landmarks of the Michaelmas term are the same. Guy Fawkes' Day provided the usual shouting undetermined crowds, screening the successful extinguishers of street lights from a harassed police force. One policewoman was able to save one light with a firm feminine command, while her male colleagues were proved helpless to prevent such light-hearted law-breaking. A few days later more stunts and crowds were afoot, collecting money for the Earl Haig fund; pipe bands, processions, miles of pennies, as well as routine collecting, cluttered the pavements, a barrel of beer awaiting the most successful college. Dusk falls early, fires burn in college rooms—most days—and in another week we shall desert Cambridge for a little while, with yet another term ended.

F.J.H.

Balliol College,
Oxford

December 1947.

Dear Sir,

Victorian foot-the-ball, explosions in the rag of Guy Fawkes night, queues for food, uproar to celebrate the Royal Wedding; yes, there has been plenty to do, plenty to talk about, plenty to think about this term at Oxford. Discomfort there has been, it is true, but the Oxford organism has functioned with its usual healthy vigour even down to the lowest cells whether red or corporate. Of course, as always during the Michaelmas term, the greatest brains in the University turned from usual orbits to concentrate on the vital question of the season, the 'Varisty XV. The bitterest of arguments raged about it but no one doubted its strength. For, after all, we had seen it come close to beating the Australians. No wonder, therefore, that we journeyed down to Twickenham with hopes higher than the outcome merited or that we agreed so completely with the dazed astonishment of the Light Blue thousands. Just wait till next year

Meanwhile the R.G.S. contingent grows steadily. Jesus is a willing foster-mother, with Stevens, the newly-returned Ensor,

Hugh Martin wrestling manfully with Mods, and Leeser who is bringing his wealth of practical experience to the perils of refereeing college rugby. Richard Whiting is back again in B.N.C., a college which preponderates so much in University sport that the Brazen Nose is almost blue. Down in Christ Church Fletcher is already counting the weeks before Mods begin, while in Balliol itself David Crutchfield strides firmly along the paths of Logic to repel the encroachments of over-eager tutors.

It's a fair-sized crowd but there's still room for growth and all the others join me in hoping that a lot more of you will come up to swell the number.

P. J. S.

University College,
Nottingham.

9th Nov., 1947

Dear Sir,

I find myself a freshman in a college which is feverishly in the early stages of becoming a university in its own right, a process which I look upon with favour but which I hope will not be completed until I have had time to take my London degree. Coming up late I find myself, not in a hostel, but lodging in a suburb rather awkwardly placed for travelling. This state of affairs is due largely to the great increase in numbers. However, there is a society called "University Hall" which is supposed to provide for all students living at home or in lodgings some of the amenities they would otherwise miss. Unfortunately there is so far no suitable building in the city to accommodate its members. The college buildings are remarkably modern and beautifully situated on a hill overlooking a lake in well-wooded country.

Though I do not find so much difference from school life as I expected, it is noticeable that we are thrown much more upon our own resources and expected to make our own arrangements about the work we intend to do. The social side of life is managed by a democratically organised Union Society, membership of which entitles us to take part in all the available sporting and other activities; amongst other things I have joined the fencing club. At the first General Meeting of the Union Society the Principal of the College takes the chair as Honorary President and is then escorted out of the hall by the student President, after which we get down to business.

I feel confident that I have chosen well in coming here and hope that I shall be able to welcome other Wycombiensians to the new Nottingham University before I go down.

S.J.L.

“THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE.”

The scenes this year were almost entirely new and extremely well designed and painted ; Act I. especially was as good as one could hope to see on a professional stage. The School instrumentalists, augmented by friends and by members of the High Wycombe String Orchestra, gave the singers support of a quality rarely to be found in amateur performances. With these advantages of sight and sound, and the clear, bright colours of the costumes, the curtain went up on a show that prejudiced the audience in its favour from the first moment. During the performances the work on lights, scene-shifting and stage-managing was commendably evident only in the smooth progress of the action.

The blend of melodrama, sentimentality and polite mockery in this opera suited the cast. The principals seized their opportunity gaily and infected the audience with their own enthusiasm. Collins sang strongly and spoke up well ; at appropriate moments he produced the undertone of “Ruddigore” horror that briefly haunts “The Pirates of Penzance.” Veale warmed to his work in successive performances and ably seconded Collins’ creation of melodrama. With his pirate band in Act II. he invariably persuaded the audience into demanding an encore. Hall also played a good part, particularly in singing with Collins and Peatey ; for so young a boy he made a very good shot at the portrait of a domineering battleship of a woman. After some years Clarke was at last given a part to suit him. He controlled his talent for clowning with an improved sense of timing, which made the police episodes amongst the most popular in the show. In this he was nicely supported by his eight men, at least three of whom were worth watching for their own subordinate antics. Hawkins supported the burden of his large family of daughters with appropriate difficulty ; he dwindled from the hectoring character of the “orphan” dialogue in Act I to the harassed papa of Act II and caught the interest of every audience with his songs. Peatey sprang to prominence this year with a very promising tenor voice and a talent for assiduous attention to the details of acting, both of which served to make his work the foundation on which the success of the production rested. He is to be congratulated on having inspired the whole company by his example. Of B. A. Veale it might be enough to say that audiences were delighted to hear so clear and precise a voice from such a diminutive and dainty creature. His performance was a considerable feat of endurance and courage and was a great success. The girls’ chorus, led by Wallington, B. V. Smith and Fellows, went through their gyrations with varying degrees of skill and sang for the most part adequately, sometimes very well indeed.

Many looked delightful, as little boys in girls' clothes often do ; the less pleasing sights were largely swallowed up in the crowd. The men, not needing to look so handsome, had less difficulty in performing their tasks in which they clearly got as much pleasure as they gave.

" The Pirates of Penzance " is so popular that it could hardly fail to attract, but we are glad to be able to say that the School did not let Gilbert and Sullivan down. The company gave four enjoyable performances. We look forward to other productions of the kind with none of the doubts that preceded this one.

CRICKET SEASON, 1947.

The 1947 Season will be remembered by all members of the School teams first of all for the glorious weather so unusual in England and secondly for the number of matches arranged for the four School XI's. It is the first time that the School has fielded three regular school sides with occasional games for the Under 14 XI. The standard of play of individual boys and of teams as a whole is not yet as high as it should be for a School of this size ; however the general improvement throughout the School is very heartening for the members of the Staff and Mr. Beeson who are only too willing to spend their spare time coaching the teams.

The 1st XI. enjoyed a good season winning ten of the twenty matches and losing eight. Only three inter-school games were lost, two of these on a very sporting declaration by the School Captain. For the first time for many years the 1st XI. was not dependent on one or two " star " players ; the whole side was capable of doing its share.

R. H. Tunmer captained the side in an extremely efficient manner, at the same time not forgetting the individual characteristics of the members of the side. He had obviously studied the game and was not afraid to put his ideas to the test.

Although no one scored a century this season the number of good individual scores must be a School record. The following made scores of over 30 :—

Timms 3, Woodward 5, Syrett 5, Clarke 4.

The bowling was steady and the attack varied, more than one member of the team claiming to turn the ball, much to the sorrow of the opposing side. The following took over 30 wickets in the season :—

Page 35, Sharpe 35, and Larwood 34.

Before passing on to the official records a word of praise must be given to the School wicket keeper—I. S. Lochhead. "Lucky is the side that can call upon a good wicket keeper," so said a well known England player in one of his many books on Cricket. This was the fortunate position of the 1st XI. in 1947.

Lochhead's record speaks for itself : Caught 10, Stumped 12.

One must not forget, however, that his small stature and so very innocent face must have lured many of his victims to their doom. The team always felt that he was so sorry to stump an opponent but that was the call of duty he had to obey.

A word of thanks must be given to Mr. Beeson for the fine match and net wickets that he again prepared for the sides.

Old Colours—R. H. Tunmer (Capt.), J. E. Woodward (Vice-Capt).

First XI. Colours were awarded to the following :—

D. S. Timms, R. E. Syrett, R. H. Larwood, I. S. Lochhead, A. A. Clarke, C. H. E. Sharpe, D. C. Page.

Second XI. Colours were awarded to the following :—

Binder, Brown, Hill, Howard, Duckering, Ransley, Weale, Woodbridge, Cupper, Hill (D. R.).

The following had trials for Buckinghamshire Colts :—

R. H. Tunmer, J. E. Woodward, C. H. E. Sharpe, D. S. Timms, R. E. Syrett.

C. H. E. Sharpe, D. S. Timms and R. E. Syrett were selected to play for the Bucks Colts in games v. Sussex, Oxfordshire and Hornsey Public Schools

1st XI. Results.

- Sat., 3rd May v. Borlase School, Marlow. (Home).
School won by 4 wickets, 32—41 for six. Sharpe 4 wickets for 5 runs.
- Wed., 7th May v. R.A.F., Booker. (Home).
School won by 64 runs. 121—57. Woodward 31.
- Sat., May 10th v. Thame School. (Home).
School won by 5 wickets. 23—52 for five. Woodward 30, Larwood 3 for 3.
- Wed., May 14th v. Amersham School. (Away).
Lost by 4 wickets. 90—92 for six.
Timms 23, Page 22, Larwood 3 for 16.
- Sat. May 17th v. Knotty Green C.C. (Away).
Lost by 10 runs. 98—108. Sharpe 3 for 22, Syrett 3 for 1, Woodward 26.
- Wed. May 21st v. Slough School. (Home).
Won by 82 runs. 134 (4) dec.—52. Clarke 42, Syrett 52; Larwood 3 for 7, Page 3 for 3.
- Wed. May 28th v. Wycombe Wednesday C.C. (Away).
Lost by 2 wickets. 116—120 (8). Timms 31, Syrett 58.

- Sat. May 31st v. Watford School. (Home).
Draw, 135 (5) dec.—110 (9). Page 25, Woodward 45, Tunmer 22 not out. Sharpe 3 for 11.
- Wed. June 4th v. Windsor School. (Home).
Lost. 101 (6) dec.—102 (4). Clarke 34, Tunmer 22.
- Sat. June 7th v. Reading School. (Home).
Lost. 73 (9) dec.—76 (6). Larwood 3 for 31.
- Wed. June 11th v. Culham College. (Home).
Lost by 3 wickets. 130 (3) dec.—134 (7). Timms 54 not out, Woodward 52 not out, Page 4 for 18.
Record 4th wicket partnership (unbroken) 120 between Timms and Woodward.
- Wed. June 24th v. R.A.F., Naphill. (Away).
Lost by 93 runs. 80—173 (9). Page 3 for 13.
- Sat. June 28th v. Beaconsfield C.C. A team. (Home).
Won by inns. and 38 runs. 100—21 and 41.
Syrett 21, Hill 8 for 12, Clarke 4 for 9.
- Wed. July 2nd v. Southfield School, Oxford. (Away).
Lost by 5 wickets. 42—46 (5). Syrett 21, Page 3 for 10.
- Sat. July 5th v. Royal Commercial Travellers School. (Home).
Won by 16 runs. 124 (4) dec.—112. Clarke 43, Woodward 66 not out. Page 3 for 7, Woodward 3 for 14.
- Sat. July 12th v. Amersham School. (Home).
Won by 5 runs. 79—75. Syrett 20, Hill 4 for 22, Sharpe 3 for 19.
- Wed., July 16th v. Staff XI. (Home).
Lost by 18 runs. 105—123. Syrett 63, Page 5 for 36.
- Sat. July 19th v. Newlands Training College. (Home).
Won by 20 runs. 106—86. Syrett 22, Page 4 for 16, Sharpe 4 for 20.
- Thur. July 24th Final House Match.
Fraser House v. Disraeli House.
Fraser House won by an inns. and 20 runs. Fraser House—178. Syrett 83, Larwood 5 for 47.
Disraeli House—75 and 83, Cupper 42 not out. Woodhams 4 for 22.

Leading 1st XI. Averages.

BATTING :	Inns	Not Out	Highest Score	Total	Average
J. E. Woodward...	18	3	66 not	329	21.9
R. E. Syrett ...	21	0	83	430	20.5
D. S. Timms ...	18	1	54 not	273	16.1
A. A. Clarke ...	15	0	43	218	14.5
BOWLING :	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
D. C. Page ...	95	21	282	35	8.00
J. E. Woodward ...	22	7	81	9	9.00
C. E. Sharpe ...	134	34	345	35	9.9
R. E. Syrett ...	28	10	114	10	11.4
R. H. Larwood ...	145	38	391	34	11.5
D. R. Hill ...	60	8	212	18	11.7

CATCHES :

I. S. Lochhead 10 ; R. H. Tunmer 9 ; R. E. Syrett 7 ; A. A. Clarke 6.

SECOND ELEVEN.

Although the constitution of the team fluctuated with the demands of the First Eleven, the results of matches show a marked improvement upon last year's performances. One of the most promising signs of budding cricket sense was a refusal to be discouraged after a very moderate batting display against Watford who laid on one of those stupidly slow bowlers who sometimes demoralise a whole side. The result was a very satisfactory win. In general the batting during the season looked quite pretty but lacked the force to drive home a really convincing victory. This timidity showed most clearly in a frequent failure to take all possible runs between the wickets. There is nothing more likely to dash the spirits of opponents than an all-round display of vigour and coherence in a team. More matches are won at cricket by team co-operation than by the occasional flashes of individuals. Bowling was promising, especially in the matter of putting length and accuracy before speed. It is still necessary to repeat, however, that a bowler can practise anywhere and should make good use of all his spare time.

2nd XI. Results.

Sat. May 3rd	v. Borlase School, Marlow. (Away) Lost by 15 runs. 71—86. Howard 21. Hill 7 for 13.
Sat. May 10th	v. Slough School. (Away). Won by 4 runs. 54—50. Cupper 28 not. Hill 4 for 8.
Sat. May 17th	v. Amersham School. (Home) Won by 8 runs. 98—90. Weale 22, Woodbridge 40, Brown 4 for 41.
Sat. May 31st	v. Watford School. (Away). Won by 10 runs. 65—55. Hill 5 for 16, Binder 4 for 15.
Wed. June 4th	v. Windsor School. (Home). Won by 25 runs. 102 (7) dec.—77. Lansley 33 not, Duckering 22 not. Binder 3 for 25.
Sat. June 7th	v. Reading School. (Away). Lost by 34 runs. 49—83. Woodbridge 3 for 43. Brown 4 for 13.
Sat. June 21st	v. Borlase School, Marlow. (Home). Won 142 runs. 162 (3) dec.—27. Weale 62 not, Woodbridge 55, Lamb 21 not. Hill 9 for 4.
Sat. July 5th	v. Culham College 2nd XI. (Away). Won by 10 wickets. 47 (0)—27. Howard 23 not, Woodbridge 21 not. Brown 3 for 15, Woodbridge 3 for 1.
Sat. July 12th	v. Amersham School. (Away). Won by 72 runs. 129 (6) dec.—57. Howard 64 not, Woodbridge 20. Brown 6 for 12, Woodbridge 3 for 13.
Sat. July 19th	v. Windsor County School. (Away). Won by 36 runs. 76—40. Duckering 23, Woodhams 5 for 12
Played 10.	Won 8. Lost 2.

Leading 2nd XI. Averages.

BATTING :			<i>Inns.</i>	<i>Not Out</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Averages</i>
Howard ...	...	...	9	1	64 not	152	19.0
Weale ...	...	...	8	1	62 not	126	18.0
Woodbridge ...	...	...	9	—	40	157	17.83
Lansley ...	...	...	7	2	33 not	79	15.8
BOWLING :			<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Averages</i>
Woodbridge ...	...	...	32	6	80	14	5.71
Brown ...	...	...	58	19	128	21	6.09
Binder ...	...	...	22	2	68	8	8.5
CATCHES :			Lamb 7.	Weale 4.			

COLTS.

The Colts team, like most junior sides, was occasionally rattled out for a very low score, but they only failed to get their opponents out on one occasion. In fact the bowling was far better than the batting ; several boys were able to put the ball well up to the batsman and keep it on the wickets. The Captain managed his attack with good judgment and showed plenty of common sense.

The fielding with one or two exceptions was keen, if not accurate. The batting was less satisfactory ; apart from Sharpe, who batted extremely well and made a lot of runs, and three good innings by the Captain who hit the ball very hard, the side was not yet able to profit by the lessons learned in the nets from Mr. Beeson and the masters who coached them. Boys who want to get runs in matches must be prepared to practise the shots they have learned at the nets until they come automatically. That is the best way to stop being " a promising youngster " and become a batsman who can be relied on to make runs.

Played 8. Won 4. Lost 4.

The following played for the Colts XI. : Zander (Capt.) Carrick, Wilmot, Sharpe (P.), Robey, Crump, Cooper, Barrell (Wkt. Keeper), Clarke (M), Richards, Harman, Wiltshire, Dean, Russell, Smith, Wise (M), Norman, Baker, Chater, Pilgrim.

Leading Colts' XI. Averages.

BATTING :			<i>Inns.</i>	<i>Not Out</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Averages</i>
Sharpe, P.	8	1	84 not	193	27.4
Zander	9	0	43	105	11.67
BOWLING :			<i>Overs</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Averages</i>	
Robey ...	...	...	19	42	11	3.8
Sharpe ...	...	...	72	133	34	3.8
Carrick ...	...	...	69	139	19	7.4

The following 1st XI. Colours will be returning for the 1948 Season :—
 J. E. Woodward, D. S. Timms, R. E. Syrett, A. A. Clarke.

The following 2nd XI. Colours will be returning for the 1948 Season :—
 Cupper, Hill, Weale, Lamb, Woodhams, Engeham, Howard, Woodbridge,
 Binder.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Wednesday, July 23rd, 1947.

The meeting included several new field events, javelin and discus as well as throwing the cricket ball and putting the shot, and produced some lively sport. The day opened with the Houses, as the result of senior, colts and junior cross-country races previously run, in the following order : Arnison, 18 points ; Disraeli and Fraser, 15 points ; Youens 9 points. The final positions were made certain only in the final race, the open relay in which Disraeli narrowly defeated Fraser and won the House Championship. New school records were set up by Buzzard in the mile and 880 yards, and by Woodward in the long jump, high jump and 100 yards. After the meeting the Cups were presented by Mrs. E. Vaughan.

Results :

Junior C.C. ...	1. Disraeli	2, Youens	3, Arnison	4, Fraser.
Colts C.C. ...	1, Youens	2, Fraser	3, Disraeli	4, Arnison.
Senior C.C. ...	1, Arnison	2, Fraser	3, Disraeli	4, Youens.
MILE (OPEN)				<i>New School Record.</i>
	1, Buzzard (A), 2, Kipping (F), 3, Rose (F).			5 min. 0.7 secs.
THROWING THE CRICKET BALL :				
	1, Duckering (D), 2, Gardner (F), 3, Leffelaar (Y).			
LONG JUMP (OPEN).				
	1, Woodward (D) 2, Tunmer (F), Gardner 3, (F)			20 ft. 8½ ins.
LONG JUMP (COLTS).				
	1, Woodbridge (A), 2, Hill R. J. (Y), 3, Read (A).			
LONG JUMP (Under 14).				
	1, Hersey (A), 2, Priest (D), 3, Haines (D).			
TUG-OF-WAR.				
	1, Fraser ; 2, Arnison ; 3, Disraeli.			
880 YARDS (COLTS).				
	1, Honour, (F), 2, Bird (Y), 3, Woodbridge (A).			
440 YARDS (OPEN).				
	1, Woodward (D), 2, Kipping (F), 3, Rose (F).			54 secs.
440 YARDS (UNDER 14).				
	1, Wood (D), 2, Smith (A), 3, Paul (D).			
HIGH JUMP (OPEN).				
	1, Woodward (D), 2, Ashford (F) 3, Tunmer (F), Whittaker (F), Hill (Y)			
THROWING THE DISCUS (COLTS)				
	1, Phillips (F), 2, Stuart (D), 3, Waters (F).			
100 YARDS (OPEN).				
	1, Woodward (D), 2 Buzzard (A), 3, Harris (A).			10.2 secs,

- 100 YARDS (COLTS)
1, Phillips (F), 2, Bird (Y), 3 Woodbridge (A).
- 100 YARDS (UNDER 14).
1, Chater (D), 2, Bradley (F), 3, Myers (F).
- 100 YARDS (UNDER 13).
1, Bridges (D), 2, Evans (A) 3, Dawe (D).
- 100 YARDS (UNDER 12).
1, Hooper (Y), 2, Synatt (F), 3, Burgess (F).
- JAVELIN (OPEN).
1, Belsham, (A), 2, Clarke (F), 3, Hill (Y).
- HURDLES (OPEN).
1, Woodward (D), 2, Ing (D), 3, Carter (F).
- HURDLES (COLTS).
1, Bird (Y), 2, Phillips (F), 3, Engeham (F).
- HURDLES (UNDER 14).
1, Tyler, (F), 2, Paul (D), 3, Bishop (D).
- HIGH JUMP (UNDER 14).
1, Chipp (A), 2, Witton (Y), 3, Silver (Y).
- 440 YARDS (COLTS).
1, Phillips (F), 2, Cook (D), 3, Bird (Y).
- 440 YARDS (UNDER 13).
1, Hall (A), 2, Thorpe (D), 3, Dyer (F).
- 880 YARDS (OPEN).
1, Buzzard (A), 2, Kipping (F), 3, Rose (F). 2 min. 11.5 secs.
- THROWING THE DISCUS (OPEN).
1, Woodward (D), 2, Duckering (D), Ashford (F).
- PUTTING THE SHOT (OPEN).
1, Woodward (D), 2, Podeshva (Y), 3, Duckering (D).
- 220 YARDS (UNDER 13).
1, Evans (A), 2, Dawe (D), 3, Hall (A).
- 220 YARDS (UNDER 14).
1, Bradley (F), 2, Smith B. V. (A), 3 Chater (D).
- 220 YARDS (COLTS).
1, Phillips (F), 2, Cook (D), 3, Woodbridge (A).
- 220 YARDS (OPEN).
1, Woodward (D), 2, Buzzard (A), 3 Pettit (A).
- HIGH JUMP (COLTS).
1, Neal (Y), 2, Harding (A), 3, Cussell (Y).
- 880 YARDS (UNDER 14).
1, Wood (D), 2, Potts (D), 3, Smith B. V. (A).
- PUTTING THE SHOT (COLTS).
1, Honour (F), 2, Bird (Y), 3, Stuart (D).
- RELAY (UNDER 13)
1, Frazer, 2, Disraeli , 3, Arnison.
- RELAY (UNDER 14).
1, Frazer, 2, Disraeli, 3, Arnison.
- RELAY (COLTS)
1, Arnison, 2, Fraser, 3, Disraeli.
- RELAY (OPEN).
1, Disraeli, 2, Fraser, 3, Arnison.

House Championship.

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| 1. Disraeli 174 points | 2. Fraser 172 $\frac{3}{4}$ points. |
| 3. Arnison 147 points. | 4. Youens 73 $\frac{1}{2}$ points. |

Individual Championships.

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| Under 13—Evans. | Colts—Phillips. |
| Under 14—Wood. | Open—Woodward. |

ATHLETICS.

This year the school has very much improved its cross-country running. With practically all of last year's runners still available and many new people who have made the high grade, the school has built up a powerful team that has gained many victories. Although the school has won a large number of two-team matches, the real test will come in January and February when it is hoped that we shall compete in the big open championships.

Results :

						<i>Points.</i>
Oct.	11	Maidenhead Athletic Club ...	...Home	... Won	...	62—74
"	15	Wycombe Technical Institute	...Home	... Won	...	36—122
"	18	Vale of Aylesbury Athletic Club	...Home	... Won	...	42—125
"	22	Slough Grammar School ...	...Away	... Won	...	36—116
"	25	Wycombe Phoenix Harriers	...Home	... Won	...	70—73
"	29	Wycombe Technical Institute	...Away	... Won	...	40—101
Nov.	1	Maidenhead Athletic Club	...Away	... Won	...	19—47
"	6	Newlands Training College	...Away	... Won	...	21—68
"	8	Stoke Poges P.R.Y.C. ...	...Home	... Won	...	10—32
"	12	Slough Grammar School ...	...Home	... Won	...	10—39
"	17	Newlands Training College	...Home	... Won	...	21—64
Dec.	3	Culham College ...	...Away	... Won	...	29—65
"	6	R.A.F. Halton ...	...Home	... Won	...	46—90

SWIMMING.

The first full-scale Annual Swimming Sports since 1940 were held in glorious sunshine, a welcome contrast to the chilly winds experienced in the unofficial 1946 sports. The standard of swimming and diving was considerably higher than in 1946, though the number of entries for Colts and Junior events was disappointingly low.

There was a keen tussle for the House Championship, the issue being in doubt up to the last event, the Open Medley Relay, which was won by Youens, to give them a narrow lead of three points over Fraser.

The struggle for the Open Individual Championship between Wrapson, Carter and Leffelaer was even closer. Wrapson and Carter tied with 8 points each, with Leffelaer close behind with 7 points.

The Colts Individual Championship was won with ease by Barrell, who obtained maximum points with four first places. The Junior Individual Championship was won by Langston.

An innovation in the sports, which it is hoped will become a regular feature, was the pair of relay races between the Staff and the Old Boys. This year honours were even, the Old Boys winning the free style relay, and the Staff retaliating by winning the Medley Relay.

Results :

<i>Event.</i>	<i>First.</i>	<i>Second.</i>	<i>Third.</i>	<i>Time.</i>
100 Yards Free Style, Open ...	... Wrapson	... Carter	... Hill, D.	... 1 m. 28 sec.
100 Yards Free Style, Under 15 ...	... Barrell	... Mason	... Rutson	... 1 m. 45.9 sec.
50 Yards Free Style, Under 13 ...	... Silver	... Langston	... Moore	... 57.9 sec.
100 Yards Breast Stroke Open ...	... Leffelaer	... Wrapson	... Brudney	... 1 m. 41 sec.
50 Yards Breast Stroke, Under 15 ...	... Barrell	... Green	... Coates	... 49.5 secs.
50 Yards Breast Stroke, Under 13 ...	... Langston	... Moore	... Kipping	... 58.5 sec.
50 Yards Back Stroke, Open ...	... Carter	... Francis	... Chapman	... 42.4 sec.
50 Yards Back Stroke, Under 15 ...	... Barrell	... Zander	—	1 m. 3.5 sec.
Diving, Open ...	... Schaverien	Chapman and Leffelaer tied.		
Diving, Under 15 ...	... Barrell	... Dean	... Kipping	
Free Style Relay, Open (4 x 50 yards) ...	... Fraser	... Youens	... Disraeli	... 2m. 50 sec.
Free Style Relay, Under 15 (4 x 50 yards) ...	... Disraeli	... Youens	... Fraser	... 3 m. 49.6 sec.
Free Style Relay, Under 13 (4 x 50 yards) ...	... Youens—walk-over.			
Medley Relay, Open (3 x 50 yards) ...	... Youens	... Disraeli	... Arnison	... 2 m. 10 sec.
Old Boys v. Staff, Medley Relay ...	... Staff...	... Old Boys	...	1 m. 52.5 sec.
Old Boys v. Staff, Free Style Relay ...	... Old Boys	... Staff	...	1 m. 44.5 sec.

House Championship Points :

1. Youens.	63 points.
2. Fraser	60 points.
3. Disraeli	16 points.
4. Arnison	13 points.

MUSIC SOCIETY.

The gramophone recitals presented during the Thursday lunch hour have been a little more ambitious than previously ; on several occasions the whole time has been taken up with the performance of a single work such as Rimsky Korsakov's "Scheherazade" and the Schumann piano concerto. The audiences for these programmes have been composed of a faithful nucleus of Sixth-formers which has been growing steadily throughout the term. A larger crowd came for the only quiz of the session when Roberts and Fletcher beat Collins and Standing by one point. In the early part of the term the society had to put up with hearing works transposed a minor third down owing to a defect in the gramophone. Now that this has been put right we can once again hear Beethoven's First Symphony in C instead of A.

The final concert of the term was a triumph for the performing members. Carter (flute), D. Collins (violin), Cowlett (piano), Roberts (cello), Standing (piano and clarinet), and F. C. Tucker (violin), contributed to an interesting programme of good music which comprised works by Handel, Schubert, Defesch, Beethoven, Mozart and Brahms.

D.C. VI.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY OPINION SOCIETY.

After two years of inactivity, the School discussion group, the Twentieth Century Opinion Society, began a new series of meetings this term. At a committee meeting held on September 23rd, B. J. Fletcher, D. J. Griffiths and B. C. Peatey were appointed as chairman, treasurer and secretary.

The first talk of the session was given by Fletcher on October 3rd, with the Secretary in the chair. His subject was "The Detective Novel," and he traced the development of this type of fiction from its nineteenth century beginnings to the modern sensational thriller, describing the change brought about by the introduction of science, and the contrast between British and American novels. Especially noteworthy was the loss of moral standards in the latter, and its tendency to glorify the criminal. The talk was followed by a general discussion.

On October 24th the Society turned its attention to politics. A motion was proposed by P. S. Collins that "In the opinion of this assembly, the Socialist Government has, by its conduct and achievements in two years of office, shown itself worthy of censure." He supported this motion by an oration condemning the conduct of

the Government in carrying out their promises of 1945, regardless of the changed circumstances caused by the economic crisis, against which they had made no move except to pass the Bill for the direction of labour, which was a questionably effective measure. He ended by quoting contradictory statements by various ministers, and figures to show the Government's failure to carry out its housing programme.

Gardner then rose to defend the Government. After correcting some misconceptions on Collins' part, he demonstrated the logic of the Government's insistence on nationalisation of industry, explaining that it was the will of the people that this experiment should be carried out. He went on to show how the Government had guarded against post-war chaos by not relaxing controls, and contrasted our position with that of France, where, since controls were removed, Black Market trading has been a recognised feature of life. His speech was followed by a general debate, at the end of which the motion was put to the vote, and passed by thirteen votes to eight.

At the last meeting of the term D. Collins gave a lecture with gramophone records on some developments in modern music. He first illustrated the classical style and then indicated some of the changes brought about by the work of Stravinsky, Debussy and Schonberg. It was an interesting talk but the subject covers so wide a field that we should like to hear about the other aspects of it on some future occasion. B.C.P.

J.T.C. NOTES.

Last Term was a very busy one for the J.T.C. The first few weeks were spent in preparation for the Annual Inspection and the last few weeks were spent in preparation for the Summer Camp—the first since before the war. Other activities during the term included a very impressive demonstration on the School field by a Troop of four 25 pounders and a Guard of Honour on Speech Day for General Sir Cyriac Skinner.

The Annual Inspection was carried out by Brigadier P. G. C. Preston, D.S.O. who expressed himself satisfied with the efficiency of the Corps and at the conclusion of the Inspection addressed the contingent stressing the value of the training to cadets during their call up period.

An article on the Summer Camp appears elsewhere in these pages. but I should like to emphasise the value of the week at camp to those who anticipate a period of military training. This year

sixty-six boys attended the camp, they travelled from the school to within a few hundred yards of their tents, by motor coach and from the moment of their arrival were extremely well catered for in every possible way. At the same time it provided an insight to army life without all the unpleasant and arduous duties a soldier has to face. The week was made as much as possible an enjoyable holiday whilst a good deal of useful work was done.

This term marks a change in the training periods of the J.T.C. The closing of the school on Saturday mornings has made a demand on the Tuesday afternoon period so that parades are on Thursdays only. Possibly before the end of the School year we may see further changes in the unification of the J.T.C. and A.T.C.

Finally may I make an appeal to old boys and parents of present present cadets. The contingent is greatly hampered by boys leaving the school and not returning their uniforms. Over one hundred boys in the last few years have been guilty of this offence. The cost of this to the Corps will be some quite unthinkable figure. I should be very grateful if parents and old boys would respond to this appeal by sending in battledress however disreputable. Please address it to the Officer Commanding the J.T.C. and enclose a note of the sender's name and address. R.P.

J.T.C. CAMP, 1947.

The J.T.C. Summer Camp at Colchester was the first for several years and taking this into consideration was a great success.

The cadets were under canvas and were fortunate enough to have a week of glorious weather. The food was extremely good in spite of the size of the camp and very few complaints were heard.

There was a full programme, perhaps a little too full at times. Several demonstrations by regulars, were included, some of which were followed by practical work by the cadets themselves. Probably the best display of the week was that of the Royal Engineers who provided extremely good entertainment with their demonstration of the use of explosives. Another was that of the Paratroops whose display also impressed the cadets greatly.

A highlight of the week was a guard mounting competition in which guards from all contingents took part. It was preceded by a demonstration guard mounting by the Irish Guards. The competition was won by St. Albans School who also turned out an excellent guard. Our own contingent performed very creditably.

The most important practical work consisted of the platoon in defence and the platoon in the attack. These exercises were carried out against Stowe and St. Albans School J.T.C. respectively acting

as "enemy." These manoeuvres were greatly enjoyed and a great deal was learned through the mistakes made.

Shooting parties were arranged and cadets practised with .22 and .303 ammunition, both rifle and Bren. They also had the Vickers Machine Gun explained, watched it in action and were allowed to fire it themselves.

The contingent took part in a Drumhead Service on the Sunday and a section of the flute band played hymns for the open air service.

Cadets were allowed to visit Colchester frequently and were able to use the Garrison Swimming-bath. One of the most enjoyable afternoons was a trip to the sea at Jaywick when everyone thoroughly enjoyed himself.

I am sure all those who attended the 1947 camp will look forward to that of 1948 when they will be able to enjoy a weeks good comradeship and obtain a glimpse of cadet life, outside weekly parades and "square bashing." S.J.L.

A.T.C. NOTES. APRIL-DECEMBER 1947.

At the end of the Summer term no fewer than 43 Cadets left the school causing a serious fall in the Squadron total, which, at Easter, stood at 65. During September and October 20 recruits have transferred from the J.T.C. Our present total of 42 Cadets is the lowest in the history of the Squadron, but it is anticipated that more recruits will join after Christmas.

Those who left the Squadron in July included F/Sgt. Cox and F/Sgt. Chinn, both of whom had given such loyal service for four years; Sgt. Suessman who had been such an enthusiastic member of the 126 Gliding School at Booker, and other Senior N.C.O.'s who had given the Squadron most valuable support.

The Squadron paraded at White Waltham on July 19th, 1947, for the Inspection and March Past of A.T.C. Cadets in No. 6 Area. The parade was inspected by Air Vice-Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst, K.B.E., Air Officer Commanding, No. 61 (Reserve) Group, and the Squadron was complimented on its record and efficiency. After the inspection all Cadets were given flights in Ansons and Oxfords.

Flying during the summer months continued at Booker, but, in September, the R.A.F. relinquished the airfield to a civilian concern. In consequence, the only flying facilities now available for the Squadron are provided by Group Headquarters at R.A.F. White Waltham. It is hoped that Cadets will support these flying rallies, as they will not be held at frequent intervals. The first rally

was held on October 18th when eight of our cadets were given flights of about an hour's duration.

During the Summer our drill candidates for the Advanced Training Examination, F/Sgt. Bird, Sgt. Peatey and Sgt. Rockell were successful. In the Proficiency Examination, Cadets Westney, Mansbridge, Conrad, Vincent, Mercy, Easton and Harris, M. J. were awarded certificates. The new syllabus offers an interesting field of study and the Proficiency Examination now consists of only a General Paper, set by the R.A.F. Examination Board. We are deeply indebted to Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Mewse for their valuable instruction in engines and radio respectively.

At the end of July Sgt. Rockell paid a visit to Canada as a member of a party of 46 British Cadets invited to tour the Dominion by the Air Cadet League of Canada. The itinerary of the tour included visits to all the Provinces, receptions at the chief cities and extensive travelling from coast to coast by rail, road and air. Sgt. Rockell speaks very highly of the efficient organisation of the tour and the extreme cordiality of the reception accorded to the party wherever they went. Needless to say, Sgt. Rockell thoroughly enjoyed the tour, and has written an account of his experiences for this issue of the *Wycombiensian*. We are justly proud of having one of our Cadets selected for this tour out of the 47,000 Cadets in Great Britain.

YOUENS MEMORIAL.

The Old Boys and the School met at the High Wycombe Parish Church on the morning of Saturday, 13th December to honour the memory of Lieutenant Frederick Youens, V.C. in the dedication of a tablet in the north aisle of the church. The Bishop of Buckingham performed the ceremony and delivered an address in which he spoke of three characteristics that earned for Youens his fame and award. When he joined the School at the age of fourteen Youens had appeared to have physically no outstanding characteristics, yet he showed himself to be a natural leader in all circumstances. During the war that followed he persisted in asking for a transfer from the R.A.M.C. to the East Surreys where his initiative cost him his first wound and gained him a commission as a second lieutenant. In all this he showed how smallness of stature need be no handicap to a determined spirit. Again, while still at school, his lively sense of humour appeared in his fondness for acting and particularly in his last and best part, Mrs. Malaprop. This quality stood him in good stead at school, during his all too short teaching career and in the Army. Finally, his quiet devotion

to Christianity encouraged in him the self-sacrifice with which he twice saved the lives of several of his men by handling live bombs, the second of which mortally wounded him. The official citation also records that the enemy's raid was completely repulsed. From these three facts in the life of Frederick Youens could be drawn inspiration and example for others, in all of whom were latent qualities of courage and humour. Here and there in a generation some stood out as he had done in school, as a teacher and in the Army.

OLD BOYS' NOTES AND NEWS.

Births.

L. G. BAKER (1914-18). On August 9th, 1947, at High Wycombe to Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Baker, a son.

L. S. BAKER, (1918-23). On February 18th, 1947, at Beaconsfield, to Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Baker, a daughter.

K. D. J. BONNETT (1922-27). On July 21st, 1947, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. K. D. J. Bonnett, a son.

E. A. BRION (1928-33). On January 22nd, 1947, at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Brion, a daughter.

W. E. BEECHEY (1931-35). On March 29th, 1947, at Princes Risborough, to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Beechey, a daughter.

K. F. BURROWS, (1925-30). On March 13th, 1947, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Burrows, a son.

G. L. E. EYLES (1915-22). On March 30th, 1947, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. E. Eyles, a son.

J. FREEMAN (1915-22). On February 14th, 1947, at High Wycombe to Mr. and Mrs. J. Freeman, a daughter.

G. H. HUNT, (1923-30). On May 13th, 1947, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hunt, a son.

T. C. T. KNOWLES (1920-26). On June 7th, 1947 at Amersham, to Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Knowles, a daughter.

H. C. MALLOT (1927-32). On January 18th, 1947, at Hayle, Cornwall, to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mallott, a son.

F. REYNOLDS (1928-33). On January 22nd, 1947, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. F. Reynolds, a son.

R. C. MORRIS, (1917-22). On April 24th, 1947, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Morris, a son.

K. T. FOX (1919-26). On August 21st, 1947, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. K. T. Fox, a daughter.

J. A. C. KING (1925-31). On September 1st, 1947, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. C. King, a son.

G. V. SEYMOUR (1924-30). On November 1st, 1947, at Gerrards Cross, to Lt.-Col. and Mrs. G. V. Seymour, a daughter.

H. C. WINTER-TAYLOR (1930-37). On October 17th, 1947, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Winter-Taylor, a son.

F. J. RICH (1919-24). On October 24th, 1947, at Chesham Bois, to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Rich, a daughter.

N. W. LUNNON (1925-30). On October 29th, 1947, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Lunnon, a son.

A. W. TILLING, (1925-30). On March 22nd, 1947, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tilling, a son.

D. VINE, (1917-18). On February 14th, 1947, at Thorpeness, Suffolk, to Major and Mrs. D. Vine, a daughter.

D. F. WILLIAMS (1927-33). On December 16th, 1946, at Chorley, Lancashire to Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Williams, a son.

S. A. GOULBORN (1928-36). On November 27th, 1946, at Beaconsfield, to Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Goulborn, a son.

G. F. PENVER (1929-34). On November 16th, 1946, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Penver, a son.

K. R. OAKESHOTT (1930-38). On January 10th, 1947, at Guildford, to Mr. and Mrs. K. R. Oakeshott, a son.

Marriages.

HARDING-RICK. On July 26th, 1947, at Enfield, R. W. Harding (1929-36) to Mrs. S. Rick.

LANCE-DORNHOFFER. On July 18th, 1947, at Hartberg, Austria, B. F. Lance (1939-42) to Miss H. Dornhofer.

SLATTER—CAREY. On October 4th, 1947, at Oxford, P. E. M. Slatter (1919-26) to Mrs. M. J. Carey.

STEPHENS—BEATTY. On February 21st, 1947, at Kensington J. S. Stephens (1925-30) to Miss E. C. Beatty.

STEVENS—ELLIS. On April 26th, 1947, at Prestwich, Manchester, J. G. Stevens (1932-37) to Miss E. M. Ellis.

CUTLER—CHILDS. On March 29th, 1947, at High Wycombe, R. L. Cutler (1932-37) to Miss E. R. Childs.

PEACE—SKULL. On September 15th, 1947, at High Wycombe, J. G. Peace (1917-20) to Miss R. N. Skull.

BADDELEY—JUNGLING. On December 6th, 1947 at Celle, Germany, A. J. Baddeley (1936-41) to Miss I. E. Jungling.

NORMAN—HODGSON. On December 20th, 1947, at Westminster, N. Norman (1930-36) to Miss G. M. Hodgson.

CRAVEN—SABATELLA. On December 21st, 1946 at Ruislip. A. J. Craven (1923-36) to Miss N. Sabatella.

Deaths.

P. W. BARTLETT (1912-15). On July 4th at Johannesburg, Philip Willoughby Bartlett, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bartlett of High Wycombe and Reading, aged 43 years.

Killed in Action.

It is with deep regret that we report the death of S. W. GODDEN (1922-28). Godden was killed on July 1st, 1942, when the Wellington, in which he was navigator, collided with another plane on the return from a raid on Milan. He is buried at Pizzighettone.

Godden's name is not in the Roll of Service and we are afraid that there are many more whose names have, owing to lack of information, been omitted. His name will be included in the Roll of Honour.

There was a record attendance at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at the School on Saturday, March 1st, 1947.

The financial statement revealed a substantial balance, of which £250 was set aside to be invested. A proposal to form a School Lodge of Masons was discussed, and it was decided to issue an appeal to O.B.'s through the School Magazine. It was agreed that there should be an occasional London function for Old Boys.

Officials for the year 1947-48 were elected as follows :

President : Mr. G. W. Arnison.

Vice-Presidents : Messrs. W. J. Bartle, H. G. Brand, W. H. Healey, P. C. Raffety, Col. L. L. C. Reynolds, Mr. E. R. Tucker,

Committee : Messrs. L. B. Barnes, N. G. Dean, S. E. Hands, A. E. Franklin Hole, H. W. Johnson, H. H. Lee, J. P. Lord, G. Parrott, R. Rich, S. T. Theed.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer : Mr. P. L. Jones.

Assistant Hon. Secretary and Treasurer : Mr. R. F. Emery.

Hon. Auditor : A. E. F. Hole.

The ANNUAL DINNER was held in the School Hall immediately after the Annual General Meeting. The Hall was full to welcome Mr. Brand as the Guest of Honour. To shew their appreciation of Mr. Brand's services to the School both the Old Boys' Club and the Old Wycombiensians' Rugby Club presented him with cheques. There was no entertainment and speeches were cut to a minimum so that those present could mingle and discuss old (?) facts and faces.

When he wrote from the R.A.C. School at Bovington, S. BAILEY (1937-42) hoped to be a civilian sometime in November. He could not visit the School in the summer because he went to his *financées'* (*sic*) home in Scotland.

Writing from Cranwell, W. GODFREY (1941-45) says he met several O.B.'s he knew by sight only while he was at Shaftesbury. He witnessed at Calshot the running around of the Queen Elizabeth and was a spectator from start to finish. He finds life in the R.A.F. not too hard and often sees B. E. H. BUCKINGHAM who hopes to become a Wireless Teleprinter Operator.

T. C. T. KNOWLES (1920-26) hoped to finish his course at Newland Park Training College in July, 1947, when he hopes O.B.'s ties and blazers will be more plentiful. He has made French his 'swot' subject and thinks teaching methods have changed considerably since his school days. R. J. ANNING (1931-36) is a fellow student.

M. I. OGDEN (1937-42) was successful in his examinations and after being Third Officer on the "El Aleto" in many voyages to the West Indies and South America in perpetual Summer weather he is now Second Officer and Navigator. When he wrote he was on his way to Peru. He has more examinations to take, but after his experiences he has much more confidence than when he was at the R.G.S.

D. T. PARKER (1935-40) obtained such a good working knowledge of accountancy as an Equipment Officer in the R.A.F. that he has become attitled to a Chartered Accountant.

I. M. PEDDER (1936-42) went from the Oxford University Air Squadron to Cranwell where he obtained his commission in 1945. In 1946 he was out in Malaya and his father sent an account of "Operation Baptism" in which Pedder took part under S/Leader M. Constable-Maxwell, D.S.O., D.F.C. a Battle of Britain hero. As Flying Officer in a Spitfire he helped to defend Singapore against an attack by Fireflies from the carrier H.M.S. Glory. The verdict at the end of the operation was that the Singapore Air Arm was strong and ready to meet any surprise attack. Victors and vanquished were entertained after the battle in H.M.S. Glory.

J. N. ROBINSON (1928-31) a most faithful member of the Old Wycombiensian Club is now back in England for 18 months Home Service with visions of bedside lamps and other barrack reforms. He spent the last few months in the Canal Zone of Egypt where there was far less life than can be seen on the main road through Stokenchurch.

LIEUT. J. P. MARTIN (1938-43) and 2ND LIEUT. W. A. GRAINGER (1941-46) are both in the Royal Artillery and turned up together at the School to join the O.B.'s Club. Martin was on leave from Germany and was able to give good advice to Grainger who was going there in a few days for the first time. Martin hopes to settle in South Africa after leaving the Services some time next year, while he was at the School Martin met CAPT. J. B. WARREN (1933-41) on leave from India. The last time they met was at some Christmas festivities in Central India in 1946.

In a letter to Mr. Arnison, B. O. WELLER (1906-09) writes that on retiring from the Bank he was fortunate in securing a house at Uxbridge Common. He has rejoined the Choir at St. Margaret's and finds the Church "more alive than a great many in this extraordinary era."

W. F. WHITTALL (1929-31) is a junior partner in a firm of Shipping Agents in Izmir, Turkey. The ideal life he thinks would be nine months in Turkey and the three summer months in England. He finds little to do after work, no culture, no music, no shows, only perpetual Bridge over the week ends, plus shooting, but as a compensation there are beautiful houses and gardens, lovely countryside, plenty of servants, food ad lib. and perfect climate.

F. H. ROBINSON "Robbo" a member of the Staff and O.C. of the O.T.C. from 1919-29, writes from Crawley, near Winchester, that he has been roped in as a lecturer by the Conservative Association and had already lectured to twenty-five Branches. He is also Rector's warden in the village church which has a history of more than a thousand years.

C. A. GRIFFITHS (1919-25) and A. H. WARE (1921-25) were ordained Deacons at Oxford on December 21st, 1947, by the Lord Bishop of Oxford. Griffiths is to serve in the parish of St. Mary the Virgin at Banbury, and Ware in Oxford in the parish of St. Mary and St. John. Until recently Griffiths was Headmaster of the Church of England School at Burnham, while Ware has for a considerable time been an Honorary Diocesan Lay Reader helping at St. John's Church, High Wycombe.



