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SCHOOL NOTES.

Staff.

R. W. Thompson, Esq., B.A., who joined the Staff in April, 1946, to teach Spanish, left at the end of the Summer term in order to join the Staff of a school in Madrid.

W. Cartwright, Esq., M.A., who joined the Modern Languages Department in January, 1947, left at the end of the Summer Term to take up an appointment as a Modern Languages master at Oundle School.

A. S. Hett, Esq., M.A., returned in September after a year's leave of absence during which he taught at Trinity College School, Port Hope, Ontario, Canada.

The following joined the Staff in September, 1948 :—

N. H. White, Esq., B.A. (Cantab), who served as a Flight Lieutenant in the R.A.F. during the war, to teach Modern Languages ;
G. Young, Esq., M.C., B.A. (Bristol), from the Royal Corps of Signals in which he served in Wingate's Special Force and in 19th Indian Division, to teach Modern Languages.

R. F. Emery, Esq., an old boy of the School, who has been in charge of P.T. since October, 1945, left at the end of the Autumn Term to join his father in business.

A. G. Standing, Esq., M.A., who joined the Staff as head of the English Department in September, 1944, left at the end of the Autumn Term to take up an appointment as headmaster of Ashton-in-Makerfield Grammar School in Lancashire.

General.

The School was visited on 15th April by a party of Germans from Wilton Park, Beaconsfield.

Four students from Newland Park joined us for teaching practice at the end of April.

A National Gas Council Education Film was shown to members of the School on May 27th.

The J.T.C. Annual Inspection was held on 3rd June by Brigadier J. N. Slater, C.B.E., M.C., Deputy Commander of the East Anglian District.

On 17th June, the Sixth and those taking School Certificate Music, heard a lecture on the harp.

The boys of Shell visited the House of Commons on 8th July.

On 9th July, the Sixth were addressed by Professor Janelle.

The Summer Term ended on 16th July, a week earlier than the time previously fixed, owing to the preparations necessary for the reception of foreign oarsmen who intended to compete in the Olympic Games at Henley. The School Bursar, who was in charge of the arrangements, enjoyed a busy summer.

The new boarding house at Tylers Wood was officially opened on 6th September, the day before the Autumn Term began.

On 15th October, a party from the Modern Sixth went to see a play given by the Comedie Francaise at the Cambridge Theatre.

John Haire, Esq., M.A., the Member of Parliament for High Wycombe, spoke to the Sixth Form on 8th October.

On 26th October, a party from the Modern Sixth went to the exhibition of Pre-Raphaelite paintings at the Tate Gallery.

The Autumn Term concluded with a Service of Lessons and Carols in the School Hall on the afternoon of Monday, 20th December.

PREFECTS

Head Prefect :	P. D. Fry.
Deputy Head Prefect :	J. Gardner.
Senior Prefects :	P. D. Belsham, B. J. Fletcher, D. J. Griffiths, D. R. Hill, C. J. Lewis, M. A. Mansfield, B. C. Peatey, D. G. Veale, J. E. Woodward.
Prefects :	M. D. Butler, P. J. Carter, H. A. Cartwright, M. J. Easton, P. S. Groom, N. W. Harris, R. V. P. Hudson, J. T. Hobbs, K. Kenyon, G. J. B. Landers, R. Lang, R. E. W. Roberts, K. E. Rockell, D. G. Sainsbury, G. R. Smith, P. A. Smith, J. Standing.

EXAMINATION RESULTS, JULY, 1948.

State Scholarships :

M. D. Butler, P. J. Carter, W. G. Putnam, P. A. Smith.

County Major Scholarships :

D. S. Collins (Essex), P. A. Collins (Essex), J. Gardner (Mddx.-deferred), D. J. Griffiths (Deferred), J. M. King, G. R. Smith (Deferred).

County Major Grants :

D. C. Church, P. D. Fry (Deferred), D. W. Lamb (Deferred), P. Worrell.

Oxford Higher School Certificate Examination :

P. D. Belsham, R. W. Bird, D. A. Collins (Distinction in Chemistry), M. J. Easton, N. W. Harris, D. R. Hill, J. T. Hobbs, D. W. Lamb, R. Lang, J. Standing,

P. J. Worrell, P. J. Carter (Distinctions in French and German), A. A. Clarke P. D. Fry (Distinction in History), J. Gardner (Distinctions in History and English), D. J. Griffiths (Distinction in History), D. B. Hawkins, R. V. P. Hudson, T. B. Jenkins, K. Kenyon, J. M. King (Distinction in History), C. J. Lewis, D. S. Miller, G. R. Smith (Distinction in French), M. D. Butler (Distinction in Classics), D. C. Church, W. G. Putnam (Distinction in Classics), P. A. Smith (Distinction in Classics).

Oxford School Certificate Examination :

T. Ball, B. J. Bennell, M. A. Bird, B. W. Bowler, W. E. Binder, F. V. Claxton, H. D. Collard, A. J. Elburn, C. R. Kennedy, T. C. Norcott, E. V. Peddle, D. M. Phillips, R. J. Rear, R. R. Tapping, J. C. Tarrant, B. G. Walker, R. H. Wheelband, D. A. Wheeler, M. E. Wise, E. A. Baldwin, F. R. J. Cook, K. J. Crook, B. K. Debenham, K. J. Fleet, B. A. Green, D. L. Harding, R. D. Harman, C. L. Hortin, K. James, D. D. Kirby, A. Linsell, G. E. Martin, A. R. McIntosh, F. R. Neal, R. T. New, J. R. Peters, A. Reynolds, B. C. Summerfield, A. M. Taylor, K. J. P. Westney, P. D. Bristow, P. W. Campbell, B. R. Dean, R. Dickinson, P. Lomas, W. A. Mallaburn, A. L. Mole, D. Smith, I. H. C. Waters, C. J. Watkins, D. J. Wiltshire, D. J. Woodbridge, I. A. Neish, C. J. Bell, J. A. Bowman, R. M. Dakin, A. B. Downs, J. V. Drury, G. R. Gearing, A. M. Harcourt, M. W. Hastings, G. A. Hersey, G. Keep, J. S. Miles, M. J. Baud, M. A. Billsborough, R. R. Cotton, A. J. Goodwin, E. J. Macfarlane, D. A. Thompson, M. C. J. Tuckett, B. F. Ware.

The following boys left during or at the end of the Second Term, 1948 :—

Bell, C. J.	Vu(M)	S.C.	Ford, K.	II B	
Bennell, B. J.	Vs	S.C.	Fowler, E. P.	Vs	
Billsborough, M. A.	Vu(x)	S.C.	Goodwin, A. J.	Vu(x)	S.C.
Binder, W. E.	Vs	S.C.	Gray, M. J. A.	Vu(M)	
Bird, R. W.	VI	Prefect,	Green, B. A.	VA	S.C.
		S.C., H.C.	Hamlett, T. H. S.	Vu(c)	
Bowler, A. F. D.	Vu(M)		Harding, D. L.	VA	S.C.
Bowman, J. A.	Vu(M)	S.C.	Hawkins, D. B.	VI	Prefect,
Brydges, H. G.	Vu(x)				S.C., H.C.
Buzzard, R.	VI	S.C.	Hill, D. R.	VI	Prefect,
Byrne, D. P.	VI	Prefect,			S.C., H.C.
		S.C., H.C.	Hill, R. J.	Vu(M)	
Carter, B. P.	VI	S.C.	Howard, P. G.	Vu(c)	
Church, D. C.	VI	S.C., H.C.	Juster, R. A.	IIc	
Clarke, A. A.	VI Deputy Head		Kennedy, C. R.	Vs	S.C.
	Prefect, S.C., H.C.		Key, C. J.	Vm	
Collier, I. L.	Vu(M)		King, J. M.	VI	Prefect,
Collins, D. A.	VI	Prefect,			S.C., H.C.
		S.C., H.C.	Lamb, D. W.	VI	Senr. Prefect,
Collins, P. S.	VI	Prefect,			S.C., H.C.
		S.C., H.C.	Large, G. W.	VI	S.C.
Cupper, M. R.	Vu(c)		Leder, L.	VI	S.C.
Cussell, A. G.	Vs		Leeder, M.	VI	S.C.
Dean, B. R.	Vu(c)	S.C.	Linfield, G. B.	Vu(c)	
Dean, T. W.	Vu(M)		Litchfield, A. P.	VI	S.C.
Drury, J. V.	Vu(M)	S.C.	Locke, R.	VI	S.C.
Fatwell, E. E.	VI	S.C.	Loughran, D.	VI	S.C.

Maguire, G. W.	IIIx		Ray, J. A.	Vs	
Martin, G. E.	VA	S.C.	Ray, R. F.	VI	S.C., H.C.
Martin, J. H.	Vc		Rose, E. G.	VI	Prefect, S.C.
Mellor, J. R.	Vs	S.C.	Russell, A. D.	Vu(M)	
Miles, J. S.	Vu(M)	S.C.	Sawyer, R. T.	Vu(c)	
Miller, A. J. F.	VI	S.C.	Smith, D.	Vu(x)	S.C.
Milward, B. R.	Vu(c)		Squires, P. G.	Vu(x)	
Neish, I. A.	VI	S.C.	Sydney, J. E.	Vc	
Norcott, T. C.	Vs	S.C.	Syrett, R. E.	Vu(x)	
Norman, R. A. J.	VI	S.C.	Thompson, D. A.	Vu(x)	S.C.
Page, M.	Vu(M)		Thornton, D.	Vu(x)	
Parker, D. G. G.	VI	S.C.	Vincent, C. H.	VI	S.C.
Pawley, P. J.	VI	Prefect, S.C.	Ware, B. F.	Vu(x)	S.C.
Pennell, D. F.	VI	S.C.	Ward, A. B.	Vu(x)	
Perkins, G. B.	Vu(x)		Weale, P. E.	VI	S.C.
Pettet, E. J.	VI	S.C.	Woodbridge, D. J.	Vu(c)	S.C.
Putnam, W. G.	VI	Prefect, S.C., H.C.	Worrell, P. J.	VI	Prefect, S.C., H.C.
			Wright, F. C.	Vc	

The following boys entered the School in the Second Term of 1948 :—

Barron, A. R.	placed IIIA
Keeling, C. P.	placed IIA
Knight, M. J.	placed IIIA

The following boys entered the School in the Third Term of 1948 :—

Abercrombie, A. F., placed IIA	Butcher, B. C., placed IIc
Agar, P. J., placed IIA	Chinery, J. M., placed IIc
Baker, K. C., placed IIA	Clapton, R. G., placed IV Shell
Bates, G. E., placed IIc	Cattermole, K. J., placed IIb
Beale, D., placed IIA	Carter, T. J., placed IIc
Bennet, R. J., placed IIA	Clifton, D. H., placed IIc
Bennett, D. S., placed IIb	Collar, J. A., placed IIA
Bowell, K. C., placed IIb	Collett, P. M., placed IIA
Bridges, A. H., placed IIc	Collier, A. J., placed IIA
Bristow, J. A., placed IIc	Cooper, R. W., placed IIb
Bristow, R. C., placed IIc	Crowther, D. N., placed IIb
Bristow, R. F., placed IIc	Curtis, I., placed IIb
Britnell, D. A., placed IIb	Cutler, M. C., placed IIb
Bunce, H. G., placed IIb	Davies, R. B., placed IIb
Bunting, R., placed IIb	Davis, G. R., placed IIA
Burrell, C. G., placed IIb	Dean, T. W. R., placed IIb
Burrows, R., placed IIb	Decker, O., placed VI

Dixon, J. D., placed IIIA
 Dodgson, P., placed IIb
 Doig, C. R. F., placed IV Shell
 Doulin, P. B. H., placed IIA
 Draffan, D., placed Vs
 Draper, P., placed IIA
 Dunn, L. E., placed IIc
 Dunnington, J. S., placed IIA
 Easden, D. G., placed IIA
 Fish, A. G., placed IIb
 Ford, E. C., placed IIb
 Foxhall, W. B., placed IIA
 Furzer, G. C., placed IIc
 Ginsberg, L., placed IV Shell
 Gittens, D. J., placed IIb
 Green, M. J., placed IIA
 Hames, P. J. B., placed IIA
 Hart, R. J. M., placed IIc
 Hawkins, F. E. J., placed IIc
 Hazlewood, A. S., placed IIc
 Hepburn, S., placed IIc
 Hitchman, A. F. G., placed IIb
 Hodgdon, R. M., placed IIb
 Howes, B. E., placed IV Shell
 Humphries, R. B., placed IIc
 Hurford, D. V., placed IV Shell
 Hyde, D. G., placed IVs
 Inglis, K., placed IIb
 Jago, D. M., placed IIc
 Jones, D. B., placed Vc
 Jones, R. C., placed IIb
 Jones, R. F., placed IIb
 Kay, D. G. F., placed IIA
 Ketchell, M. G., placed IIb
 King, P. J., placed IV Shell
 Legge, R. A., placed IIIA
 Lennard, G. A., placed IIA
 Leslie, P. H., placed IIA
 Mactavish, A. J., placed IIc
 Malein, T. R., placed IIc
 Malin, S. R. C., placed IIA
 Malone, M. W. L., placed IVs
 Mann, J. E., placed IIA
 Mann, R. A., placed IIIx
 Martin, R. P., placed IIA
 Maun, E. R., placed IIA
 Maunder, C. R. F., placed IIc
 Miles, S. P., placed Vs
 Miller, K. R., placed IIA
 Mitchell, R. D., placed IIc
 Morgans, J. R., placed IIA
 Moxham, T. R., placed IIA
 Norrish, J. A., placed IIA
 Norwood, C. R., placed IV Shell
 Oliver, E. G. J., placed IIA
 Olsen, T. C., placed IIb
 Orchard, G. R., placed IIA
 Owen, R. D., placed IIb
 Oxley, D. C., placed IIc
 Palmer, R. W., placed IIb
 Payton, J. W., placed IIc
 Pickard, J., placed IIA
 Price, D. A., placed IIc
 Pulley, N. S., placed VI
 Pusey, B. M., placed IVs
 Putnam, R. T., placed IIb
 Ray, C. G., placed IIA
 Reavey, M. J., placed IIc
 Rogers, P. N., placed IIc
 Rutland, D. M., placed IV Shell
 Sainsbury, R. F., placed IIA
 Sales, S. J., placed IIc
 Sears, L. F., placed IIc
 Simmonds, R. P., placed IV Shell
 Simpson, B., placed VI
 Snapes, G. W., placed IIb
 Snapes, M. J., placed IIb
 Stacey, K., placed IIc
 Stevens, M. J., placed IIA
 Stewart, C. A., placed IV Shell
 Stocker, W. J., placed IV Shell
 Stubbs, M. T., placed IIb
 Swain, P. J., placed IIb
 Taylor, G. N., placed IIc
 Thatcher, P. A., placed IIA
 Thompsett, C., placed IIc
 Todd, R. C., placed IIc
 Uphill, T. E., placed IIA
 Verhoeft, P. A., placed IV Shell
 Warner, G., placed IIb
 White, C. J., placed IIA
 White, J. E., placed IIb
 Wilson, R. V., placed IV Shell
 Wingrove, J. L., placed IIb
 Worley, R. A., placed IV Shell
 Wright, A. J. C., placed IIc



SPEECH DAY, 1948

The Right Honourable Viscount Addison, K.G., P.C., M.D., Leader of the House of Lords, was received by a J.T.C. guard of honour on the parade ground at 2.45 p.m., on Friday, 18th June. The School Hall was full of parents and friends when the Chairman of the Governors, P. C. Raffety, Esq., J.P., opened the prize-giving ceremony with references to Lord Addison's distinguished career and acknowledgment of the honour done to the School by his lordship's presence.

At the beginning of his report, the Headmaster was glad to welcome Lord Addison as an inhabitant of a parish served by the School. He spoke of a record number of school certificates, 119, and particularly commended the successes in work, games and other activities of the form of boys who had joined the School at thirteen years of age. The Higher School Certificate Examination had also produced the record number of 40 successes out of 42 candidates with 3 State Scholarships, 1 reserve State Scholarship and several County awards. He was, however, not quite satisfied with the new method of awarding vague grants instead of full County Major Scholarships. The difficulties of parents and senior boys had also been increased by the incidence of Military service, the large numbers now at universities, and the greater age of boys competing for open awards. Parents should exercise patience and remember the claims of those who had already served in the Forces.

Referring to other activities than work, the Headmaster commended the good progress made in Rugby, the outstanding achievements in athletics, especially cross-country running, the greatly increased amount of music done in the School, the production of "The Pirates of Penzance," and the excellent support given by boys and Masters to Boxing and Cricket. The J.T.C. and A.T.C. had continued to give practically every boy an excellent training which would considerably accelerate his preliminary training in the Forces and very much increase his chance of a commission during one year's service. The new Combined Cadet Force would make little difference to the boys but would allow for a considerably increased establishment of officers. The Headmaster felt confident that he could report a healthy state of affairs in every department of School life.

Of the boarding side he was proud to be able to announce that the Royal Grammar School was the first state-provided School in England to develop the suggestions of the 1944 Education Act by acquiring two new Boarding Houses to be opened in September. It was particularly gratifying that the Local Education Authority

should have given the Governors such excellent support in extending the work of the largest Grammar School with a boarding side in the country. He welcomed the continuance of external public examinations as an encouragement to Public Schools to continue and extend their valuable work and looked forward to the time when the County Development Plan would be fulfilled by the building of a separate Junior Building and the main School could be used by the 500 boys for which it was intended. It was expected that this should occur by 1962 which happened also to be the School's 400th birthday. Before then it was likely that the School would be stabilised at about 700, with a boarding side approaching 200, and the bulk of the boys would stay until 18 instead of two-thirds of them disappearing at 16. Meanwhile claims must be pressed for a new dining hall and kitchen, a swimming-bath and a School Chapel. It was of the utmost importance that the State should not shirk its responsibility for the provision of a Chapel round which the great Public Schools build their lives. Though the claims he had made were extensive and costly, he felt that they were justified by the good work being done. In conclusion he thanked the Staff, the Governors and the parents and the friends of the School for the support which gave the School confidence in its future.

After presenting the prizes and cups, Lord Addison spoke of the magnificent way in which ancient instalations survived the privileges granted by their founders and adapted themselves to new conditions. He congratulated the School upon its success under the new education act. Of his own school days he had a very clear memory and particularly of having been ploughed once in anatomy. He rejoiced in the memory that in his turn he had ploughed two distinguished members of the Medical Council, one himself later a university examiner. It seemed to him that the value of work was usually realised after the examination ; which was, after all, but a gateway not an end in itself. The value of knowledge lay in the use made of it and in the training acquired in mastering things. Speaking from long experience, he declared it extraordinary how little other people's opinions mattered ; it was not opinions but reasons for opinions and events that were important. The value of education lay in discovering reasons. He considered that great opportunities were ahead for spiritual leadership of the world commonwealth of nations by the English-speaking peoples.

In proposing a vote of thanks to Lord Addison, His Worship the Mayor, Councillor G. H. Baker, J.P., mentioned his own persona]

School record in that he believed he stayed longer than any other boy before or since in Form I. He spoke of Lord Addison's distinguished record and extended the congratulations of the whole assembly to his lordship who would be 79 on the following day. The vote of thanks was seconded by the Vice-Chairman of Governors, Alderman A. J. Gibbs, J.P.

GOVERNORS' CERTIFICATES

D. W. Lamb, A. A. Clarke, R. Buzzard, D. P. Byrne, P. S. Collins, B. J. Fletcher, B. C. Peatey, R. E. Syrett, J. E. Woodward.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Headmaster's Prize : D. W. Lamb.

Governor's Reading Prize (presented by Mrs. A. J. Clarke) : E. G. Rose, D. J. Griffiths.

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

Molloy Cup (presented by Colonel H. T. Molloy) : D. W. Lamb.

Thorne Prize for English (in memory of P. Thorne) : P. D. Fry.

Harte Cup for A.T.C. (presented by Wing Commander C. S. W. Harte) : M. A. Mansfield.

Art Shield (presented by A. Hastings, Esq.) : W. E. Binder.

Hope Cup (presented by Mr. and Mrs. W. Hope) : R. J. Handscombe.

FORM PRIZES

IA	1st, G. D. B. Jones.	2nd, A. G. Rushby.	
IIB	1st, M. Lacey.	2nd, B. R. B. Hatfield.	
IIC	1st, J. A. Simmons.	2nd, D. J. Griffiths.	
IIIX	1st, J. R. Hawkins.	2nd, D. A. Hester.	3rd, D. F. Simmons.
IIIA	1st, M. O. Simmons.	2nd, R. T. Coleman.	
IIIS	1st, A. J. Brown.	2nd, A. G. Binder.	
IVX	1st, C. J. Goodchild.	2nd, M. G. Walker.	3rd, D. J. White.
IVA	1st, R. C. Wing.	2nd, G. R. Smyth.	
IVS	1st, M. Bridges.	2nd, P. A. S. Langston.	
IVG	1st, P. G. Badcock.	2nd, B. J. Lacey.	
SHELL	1st, G. J. Plumridge.	2nd, T. C. Williams.	
VA	1st, E. A. Baldwin.	2nd, K. J. P. Westney.	3rd, A. Reynolds.
VS	1st, R. J. Rear.	2nd, M. E. Wise.	3rd, T. C. Norcott.
VM	1st, J. W. Josling.	2nd, D. W. C. Long.	
VC	1st, D. E. Gray.	2nd, B. Woodbridge.	
VUM	1st, M. W. Hastings.	2nd, G. Keep.	3rd, G. R. Gearing.
VUC	1st, A. L. Mole.	2nd, D. J. Wiltshire.	3rd, I. H. C. Waters.

Handicraft Prize : G. R. Gearing.

Music Prize : G. Keep.

VI—1st Year :

Classics,	M. Leder, G. T. Harris
French,	N. Filby.
German,	R. C. Terry.
English,	R. E. W. Roberts, M. Zander.
Spanish,	F. J. Wingrove.

History and Economics,	D. R. Stansbury.
Music,	R. E. W. Roberts.
Geography,	P. S. Groom.
Chemistry,	E. M. Benjamin.
Physics,	J. J. B. Ware.
Mathematics,	J. J. B. Ware.
Botany and Zoology,	M. Hill.

VI—2nd Year :

Greek,	P. A. Smith, W. G. Putnam.
Latin,	B. C. Peatey.
Ancient History,	D. P. Byrne.
French,	P. J. Carter.
German,	G. R. Smith.
English,	D. B. Hawkins.
Spanish,	R. F. Ray.

Music,	J. Standing.
History,	B. J. Fletcher, P. D. Fry.
Geography,	A. A. Clarke.
Economics,	J. M. King, P. S. Collins.
Chemistry,	D. A. Collins.
Physics,	P. J. Worrell.
Botany,	J. T. Hobbs.
Zoology,	D. R. Hill.
Mathematics,	D. W. Lamb.

COMMEMORATION SERVICE

On the evening of Speech Day the School assembled with parents and friends at the Parish Church for a service of commemoration. Alderman R. P. Clarke, M.A., B.C.L., read the lesson. The sermon was preached by the Right Reverend the Bishop of Buckingham from the text, "All of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility : for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble" I. Peter v. 5. He spoke of the corporate pride a School might have in showing off on Speech Day. Proper pride and proper humility were aspects of the same thing ; pride in descent, valuable only if the inheritors are worthy of their ancestors, as the School should be ; pride in possessions, valuable only when we have learnt to use them well ; pride in learning, nothing in the having but only in the use of it. It was commendable beyond all else to magnify God in praise of the School, an instrument of God. The singing during the service was led by the School Choir who also sang an anthem, "Come let us all this day," by J. S. Bach.

'THE MIND IS ITS OWN PLACE....'

When he awoke he felt nothing but the slight throbbing of a pulse in his head. Opening his eyes and looking around him, he saw clearly, and for the first time, the neatly-dressed nurses and white-coated doctors passing to and fro. He could see the opposite end of the room quite distinctly, with the cream-coloured wall and open window and the elm-tree outside. He noted with a vague sort of surprise that his was the only bed in the room and slowly his thoughts turned to consider what had happened to him. Gradually everything came back—the cheery voices of the men on the night shift, the rapid descent of the cage into the pit, the long tramp through the tunnels, and then, the terrible explosion and the noise of the tunnel collapsing. He vaguely recalled the men dragging him from beneath the wreckage, the voice of the doctor as he said :

'He'll be all right ; get him to the hospital, and we'll soon patch him up,' and the strange, suffocating feeling as he inhaled the chloroform. And then, no more. He felt better now, and he just lay there, content, with his dropping eyelids closed, and he was asleep once more.

When he awoke the second time, the throbbing in his head was worse. He opened his eyes and saw that it was night. Outside the wind moaned through the trees and the tall old elm swayed to and fro before the window. Strangely, it seemed to move back and forth in time with the throbbing in his head ; just like the pendulum of an old grandfather clock, his pulsing temples sounding the steady 'tick-tock.' As he lay in his little, blue-counterpaned bed, he forgot everything except the continual throbbing in his head and the old tree outside, magically keeping time. Perfectly timed, perfectly synchronised. He was fascinated, and then, gradually but surely, his fascination turned to horror ; just as a man is bewitched and then horrified when he sees a snake. The drumming against his temples grew louder and more insistent ; the old elm swung wider in sympathy. The drumming became faster and the swaying more wild.

O God ! he thought. Where is this to end ? He felt like crying out, the pain of the throbbing was so intense. Would he go mad ? he cried in his soul. Oh no, not that ! And then in his agony, an idea flashed across his mind : if you wanted to stop a grandfather clock, you halted the pendulum. Yes ! That was it ! That he must do !

And so, with a violent leap, the throbbing in his head more intense, he rushed across the room and flung his whole fevered body toward the elm. There was a crash of breaking panes, a shower of splintered glass, and then, a soul-destroying scream.

In a moment the whole place was awake. Nurses, sisters, doctors, rushed to the room. At the sight of the empty bed they flew to the shattered window and there, on the concrete, fifty feet below, they saw the horrible sight—the mangled remains of what a few minutes before had been a man.

B.J.F., VI.

THE RT. HONOURABLE HERBERT JINKS

The Rt. Honourable Herbert Jinks,
Was fond of fizzy mineral drinks ;
His favourite though was Ginger Beer,
Bottles of which lay there and here.
Into a chair Herbert would flop,
And order another glass of pop,
He would gulp it down, and think how dear
His friend the foaming Ginger Beer.

Alas, poor Herbert had to fall,
It was on the day of his brother's call ;
They were seated at a table with friends from
far and near,

When Herbert felt like Ginger Beer.
He shouted for his butler, Lang,
Next moment there was a terrific bang.
Nothing was seen of Herbert Jinks,
Nor of his fizzy mineral drinks,
The moral is so plain and clear,
Don't drink too much Ginger Beer.

G.W., II.

MEDITATIONS

The time has come round to write for "The Wycombiensian," and I settle down to receive my Muse ; I have paper before me, and ample writing instruments to hand, but my inspiration fails me, baffled by the ancient question, "Prose or Verse?" I find it easy enough to write a passable piece of verse—like Pope,

" I lisped in numbers, for the numbers came "—because most people, if the stresses and rhymes are right, will ignore any oddity of diction ; but prose demands some attention to style. " I proceeded hastily from the scene " is as barbarous as " I buzzed off quick," and the poor writer must find a happy medium (avoiding clichés as he does it) and also find the correct cadences to express his meaning.

I know very well that I am weak at these little subtleties of prose—as my English masters have been telling me for a very long time. But possibly I ought to show them, by composing a sparkling *belle lettre*, what good their attentions have done me ; although nowadays too many people come out of this turmoil of education with the feeling that they can write, and produce some of the dullest and worst imitations of writing that you wouldn't wish to see. Every century has its literary curse ; the nineteenth suffered from a spate of mediocre versifiers and poetasters, and we must thank them, and their steam-engine, sausage-machine verses for the reaction to *vers libre* that typifies this age of tribulation.

Of course, that would be a good idea, and save quite a bit of worry ; I could write something in the manner of that thing in the last magazine—" Nox Nefasta " (only mine would be in English)—and make sure of getting it published if only because no-one understood it well enough to criticize it. The only danger is that the printers might forget to separate the lines, and then it would read like a bad piece of prose ; which, although very nice for that woman Charity Weake or whatever her name is, would never do for the school magazine.

After all, I think a piece of straightforward, scanning rhymed verse will be best ; now, what on earth can I write about . . . ?

B.C.P., Vic.

THE NEW BOY

The shades of night were falling fast
When through the college gateway passed
A new boy ('twas the Alpine fool),
Who murmured as he saw the school,
" Excelsior !"

The other fellows crowded round
And shouted, "Look what we have found!
What zoo did you escape from eh!"
And proudly did the new boy say,
"Excelsior!"

They asked him where he got that hat,
And other weighty things like that,
And who his father was, and why—
To all of which he made reply,
"Excelsior!"

"His mother doesn't know he's out,
Or else his keeper's not about,"
They said, and asked him, "What's your name?"
Right willingly the answer came,
"Excelsior!"

He tottered in to see the Head,
Who looked at him and kindly said:
"I'm glad to see you here, my boy."
The youth replied in tones of joy,
"Excelsior!"

"Now tell me," said the honoured Beak,
"What Latin have you learnt, and Greek?"
A tear stood in the new boy's eye
As straight he answered, with a sigh,
"Excelsior!"

"Yes," said the Head, "Excelsior!
I think you mentioned that before
I hope it's not a stupid joke?"
The boy looked straight at him and spoke,
"Excelsior!"

Now when he heard that word again
The Head picked up a supple cane,
And sounds of woe rang far and wide
As bitterly the new boy cried,
"Excelsior!"

J.A.G., Vx.



THE BOARDING HOUSES

School House.

The School House is rapidly becoming a sort of "mother of Parliaments"—new colonies open and our members emigrate; yet they still seem to retain some affection for the old country, since they are constant visitors. We now have an overwhelming majority of juniors, the seniors being distributed among the three houses. Nevertheless, there is an excellent spirit prevailing in the house which justifies its frequent title of "top" house.

The house shows keen interest in school activities—Tuckett has played several games for the First XV, McCulloch has captained the Third very successfully, and Miller, R. Sainsbury and Owen have played for the junior building XV. Six seniors and three juniors are in the Gondoliers' chorus, and Cowlett and Mann are principals. Birch is in the chorus! Many members of the house are in the History Society, three being committee members.

Other activities flourish. The Scouts have now five patrols with six members in each. Many new boys joined and of the others five now have their Second Class Badge. The Junior Gym. Club has found fresh enthusiasm with the new boys and, judging by the noise they make, they certainly enjoy it. The billiards table has at last been re-covered, and since the junior table is also in good condition, we are all, from Hepburn to Sainsbury, becoming experts.

The pantomime was the climax of the Christmas term, with Angela Tucker as Aladdin, Brian Baker as the Princess, Michael Tuckett as the Sultan, Donald Sainsbury as Widow Twankey, and Birch as the Slave of the Lamp. There were six other principals and sixteen in the chorus. With such a cast it could hardly fail. Even if it had, we got enough fun out of rehearsals to make it all worth while. The high-light of the performance was the Juniors' Oriental Ballet, which brought the house down.

So, despite the constant changes and attractions of other houses, the School House is wearing well and is playing an important part in the boarding life of the school.

Uplyme House.

Although "Uplyme" is at present not as sumptuous an abode as some boarding houses we know, all refinements and luxuries being "just a matter of time," to use our Housemaster's words, still it is an enjoyable society and our atmosphere is our greatest asset.

We are a comparatively small band of boarders, but have managed to hold our own in most of the Inter-House games so far, and we also played our full part in the ambitious but very successful pantomime "Aladdin," which formed the grande finale of last term's Christmas party.

We are pleased to welcome our new Matron, Miss Rapp, into our midst and hope she will be happy with us. Led by our prefects, Waters and Harcourt, we hope to take an ever-increasing part in the boarding life of the school.

Tylers Wood.

The new Boarding House which has created interest amongst the boarders for the last two years has at last been opened. The House can be truthfully said to be comfortable. The boarders are surrounded with a newness, which is pleasant, and which supplies a homely atmosphere. The boys are keen on all sorts of games and when the inter-house competitions take place, I am sure, they will do surprisingly well.

On the whole, this is the most senior house, and accordingly thus supplies a sense of distinctiveness which is to be expected, when the house is situated in the sanctuary of such beautiful grounds. The House also promises of becoming, if not an intellectual, a spirited one.

The New Boarding House.

The new boarding house at Tylers Wood was opened on Monday, September 6th, 1948, by Alderman J. R. T. Tarver, Chairman of the Bucks County Education Committee. Parents of boarders and many representatives of the Governing body, Boarding Committee and County Education Authority were present at a short opening ceremony.

The chair was taken by the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. P. C. Raffety, J.P., who in his opening remarks said that this was the first extension of boarding facilities in the county and probably in the whole country under the new Education Act of 1944. He stressed the fact that the idea came from the Headmaster who had been given enthusiastic co-operation by the Governors of the School and the Education Authorities.

The chairman then introduced Alderman R. P. Clarke, M.A., B.C.L., Chairman of the Boarding Committee who briefly outlined the history of boarding at the Grammar School. He dealt in some detail with the facilities for boarders in Tylers Wood, complimenting the architect and builders on transforming a rather ugly old building into a boarding house which would stand comparison with any other in the country. He introduced Mr. Pattinson, the new housemaster and Mrs. Pattinson who possesses the very valuable qualification of being a State Registered Nurse. The resident Housetutor is Mr. H. W. Johnson and the Matron, Miss Blythe.

Alderman J. R. T. Tarver was then called upon to perform the opening ceremony. In some delightful introductory remarks, he amused everyone by describing boarding house life at Eton in the time of his father nearly 100 years ago and pointed out how lucky the boarders at Tylers Wood were to live in this admirable house in such a charming setting. He then declared the new house open. After this the Headmaster proposed a vote of thanks to Alderman Tarver who accompanied by the housemaster and his wife, led the way into Tylers Wood Boarding House. Parents and friends then made a tour of the house and were most impressed by all they saw.

FORMER RESIDENTS OF "TYLERS WOOD."

Previous to 1939, the property which has recently been acquired by the County Education Authority for use as an additional boarding house, was known as "Beechcroft."

Its builder and first occupant was a Mr. Williams, from whom it passed to Mr. Fergusson-Davies.

The next owner and resident proved to be the world famous scientist, Sir William Ramsay, K.C.B., F.R.S., Ph.D., D.Sc., etc., 25 years Emeritus Professor of Chemistry at University College, London. He made various alterations to the house and added rooms, on two floors, on the east side. A large conservatory, now demolished entirely, was moved from the south to the west side of the house.

Sir William's fame rests principally upon his discovery in 1894, while working in association with Lord Raleigh, of argon—an inert and colourless gas, 19.9 times heavier than hydrogen. To this achievement he added the discovery of three other gases which occur in minute quantities in the air, namely, krypton, neon and xenon.

Later, in conjunction with Professor Soddy, he proved the transmutation of radium into helium, one of the most important discoveries of the 20th century.

Sir William was distinguished for his exceptional skill as a manipulator, a fact which contributed largely to his success in the collection and measurement of the microscopic quantities of emanation from radium.

He was also a born linguist, and lectured with ease to French, German and Italian audiences. Besides being President of the British Association of the Chemical Society and of the Society of Chemical Industry, he was awarded in 1904 the Nobel Prize for Chemistry, and elected honorary member of nearly every scientific academy in the world.

His death occurred at "Beechcroft" on July 23rd, 1916, and he was laid to rest in Hazlemere Churchyard, where a granite cross now stands to his memory.

It may be of interest to recall that, on leaving the house and district in 1927, Lady Ramsay presented the School with some of her husband's instruments and apparatus, including his Direct Vision Spectroscope, Induction Coil, Discharge Tubes, etc., and these are now treasured and kept in the Physics Laboratory.

It is hoped that a portrait of Sir William will hang in one of the rooms in his former home.

Another link between "Beechcroft" and the School lies in the fact that the next resident was Dr. L. W. Reynolds, for many years Vice Chairman of the Governors. He lived there until his death in 1935.

Sir Humphrey and Lady Rose then took up residence. In 1939, however, they sold the property to Canada Life Assurance Company, who not only set up their Head Offices for the British Isles for the duration of the war, but bestowed upon it the present name—"Tylers Wood."



LETTERS

M.V. "Cheshire,"

At Sea.

9th August, 1948.

This is an interim period. Here we are cruising along the North African coast off Tunis, reclining on the officers' deck of this troopship enjoying the sun. What lies ahead for us in the Middle East we don't know; all we can do is to look back upon a year as conscripts in "Monty's Army"—with mixed feelings.

I feel rather guilty writing this for the *Wycombiensian*, for there have been so many servicemen from school since 1939, nearly all of whom have more legitimate rights to describe their army careers than I have; for whereas they saw years of service, I am but one of the post-war soldiers. Nevertheless, my army career must be typical of many such soldiers, and maybe this narrative will help either to allay or increase the fears of those about to exchange their liberty for a "demob. group."

The first impression which ought to be corrected is that just because "Monty's Army" is to have bedside lights and sheets (although these articles have shown no inclination to appear) that the life is soft. One week's training will probably see more physical exercise than the trainee has ever done in his life before: and if one has any ambition towards gaining a commission, or being able to put up some stripes, then this hard work will last all through training for anything up to a year. Of course, if one slacks, and wishes to have an easy time, it's usually possible to get a relatively easy job, but there is no satisfaction in deliberately wasting one or two years of your life. From personal experience, I know that.

Before entering the army, most boys have an unnecessary fear of the sergeants and sergeant-majors. This is not entirely groundless for they can indeed be fierce, but for the most part they are experienced men who are only occasionally unreasonable, and their faults are usually compensated for by the entertainment that is caused by their flow of language. (I think even the "Prefects' Corner" in the Library would be shocked). It is also difficult for a conscript who has been "top-dog" at school to go straight into the army and be told by a very ignorant corporal to shovel coal: but it's all experience, and through this system of fatigues I could be a creditable help to Mr. Jennings with the School boilers.

All this manual work is very trying, but it is the mental aspect of the conscript's life that is the worst. When one wants to go to college or to start a career, it is very galling to have to mark time in the army, more so, I think, for a person with some education who can find no outlet for his learning or subjects for his appreciation, but is constantly rebuffed by the heartlessness and ignorance which is all too prevalent in the army. Furthermore, there is no incentive such as there was during the war to be a soldier.

Against this rather miserable picture I have portrayed, there is the companionship one can gain—there are numbers of boys being called up who are straight from school like yourself; the experience gained, and the amusement and laughs which come by the dozen, if you don't take it all too seriously. In any case, it's no use taking the army seriously, because if you did you would become a fossilised fighting machine—a dreadful thing.

I have now ground my axe, and so to future and present conscripts from School I wish the best of luck (with which commodity I have noticed, Old Wycombiensians seem to be well-supplied); to any Old Boys who are regular soldiers, I offer my apologies; to R.S.M. Britten of the Coldstream Guards—an epitome of the British Army—I beseech he handle any Wycombiensian Officer cadets with tenderness; and to the School as a whole I wish I was back with them; although the blue Mediterranean, the mountainous North African coast and deck chairs, iced drinks do have their attractions, give me High Wycombe and Joe Lyons any day.

A. G. DUCKERING, 2/Lt. R.A.S.C.

University of Nottingham.

Dear Sir,

The Easter term has been the most important in the history of my College: H.M. the King approved our petition for the grant of university status, an event to which we have been looking forward for some time. The transition will, of course, cause a great deal of trouble at first, as many of the students will be continuing with University of London degrees. However, everyone is determined to take his share in giving the University a good start.

For me, this term has been particularly interesting, as I was fortunate enough to be admitted to the University of Graz for the

Summer Semester. It was indeed an experience for me to come into contact with the people of this country, which, although 'liberated,' is still 'protected' by the four Powers—well-meaning in their actions, I am sure—but more of an encumbrance to the government, who would prefer a completely free hand in everything. It is true that Austria does partly share the guilt of Germany, but since the country went steadily down-hill after 1938, it can hardly be assumed that the people joined wholeheartedly in the Nazi regime. I was pleased to find that hardly any ill-feeling remains towards England and America, but as Graz has to suffer a temporary Russian occupation, there was a hearty dislike of these 'liberating' forces and of the democracy they represented. As I was treated more or less as an Austrian citizen (which included living on Austrian rations), I had the advantage of observing the state of affairs in Austria from the inside.

During my stay I was able to visit Vienna, and really enjoyed my stay there, despite the feeling of tension around me. I did not find the damage there as great as I had expected, although I was shocked at finding the State Opera House and the famous Stefansdom so badly shattered. I was also fortunate enough to visit the Salzkammergut, one of the most beautiful districts in Austria, and, on my journey home, Salzburg and Lake Constance.

My stay in Austria was not uneventful, but I was not sorry to return to England, which still seems the best place to me, even when compared with Switzerland, a glimpse of which I was able to fit into my journey. After recuperating from the effects of Austrian food, I am looking forward to work again. As I said in my previous letter, I sincerely hope, I am to be the founder of a Wycombiensian colony in my University and I am looking forward to seeing it grow in the near future.

I am, Sir,

Yours sincerely,

S. J. LANGSTON.

"Canvey,"

Totteridge.

June 16th, 1948.

Dear Sir,

**A New Boy's Impression of a Saturday Morning
(An Answer).**

A copy of your paper Vol. XI, No. 2, has found itself into my home and I was pleased to read the article under the above title on page 638.

Such an article should certainly be given publicity for the good of such "New Boys" and for their future reference when they become "Old Boys." They will then notice the error of their judgement and how the association with the R.G.S. older boys has benefited them.

As a parent, I should expose the gross exaggeration of the "new boys" in question.

I wander around the town on many Saturday mornings with my own boy (a R.G.S. scholar) and we are greeted with many welcome smiles and remarks from the other R.G.S. fellow students, and I feel that I belong to them and once again live my own school days over again.

I have not been jostled, not have I observed any jostling by R.G.S. boys, and the school colours around the town, here and there, gives one a similar feeling to strolls around Windsor and Eton with the Top Hats.

Whoever wants boys to be angels. There is plenty of time for this later on and in the next world.

I feel certain, that I am not the only person who strolls around the town shopping and partaking of morning coffee on Saturdays who looks forward to the happy faces of the R.G.S. boys.

I very frequently pass a joke with a R.G.S. boy here and there and have never yet been disappointed with a rude remark or gesture in return.

I hope that "D.M.P." and "J.B." will soon find themselves in the fold with the other older "R.G.S." boys and that they will cultivate a sense of humour.

Signed "A mere parent of an ordinary grammar school boy."

Very Sincerely yours,

E.A.M.

*Rugger, C. Country
Golf Bowling
Summering*

CRICKET, 1948.

The 1948 season saw a return of the usual English cricket weather. Rain ruined ten games, four of these were 1st XI games including the Watford fixture. The slow outfielders did not favour quick scoring and the wickets helped the bowlers.

R. E. Syrett, the School Captain, handled the side well and did not worry his team although it was obvious that he felt the lack of all-round bowling strength and was often puzzled when a stand developed for the opposing side.

The attack was below standard this season. The opening bowlers, R. J. Hill and D. G. Woodhams bowled steadily but lacked that extra bit of life that would have made them really hostile. All would-be bowlers must remember that good length bowling is the only type that gets wickets regularly.

Most of the side obtained trials for the County Colts side and Syrett captained the Colts side in all of the five games and was awarded his County Colts Cap after the first match *v.* Hornsey Public Schools when he scored 61 not out. He finished with the splendid average of 89.5. Syrett also captained the Bucks Youth Clubs Side against Oxfordshire and Berkshire. In these games Timms, Woodhams and Cupper helped the side to victory.

Congratulations to the Second XI on their unbeaten record and to Sharpe for his century in the final Colts House match and for his 75 *v.* Slough Schools.

Next season new net wickets will be ready beyond the trees at the far side of the field for the House and Senior sides.

COLTS UNDER 15 XI

Summary of Results.

<i>v.</i> Windsor City Boys' School	...	Won	...	(92-6 dec. : 61)
<i>v.</i> Hatters Lane School	...	Won	...	(60 : 35)
<i>v.</i> Mill End School	...	Lost	...	(27 : 65)
<i>v.</i> Reading School	...	Draw	...	(66-8 : 142-7)
<i>v.</i> Slough and District Schools	...	Won	...	(67 : 61)
<i>v.</i> Slough and District Schools	...	Lost	...	111-5 : 116-7)

The team settled down very well although illness and other factors prevented the same eleven from being played in every match. As a batting side we had a very long tail which did not wag once. Fortunately, this was not often necessary. In six innings each,

Sharpe (123), Robey (71) and Tyler (51) provided most of the runs. In addition to this and his able handling of the side as Captain, Sharpe led the bowling with 21 wickets for 98 runs. Figg (7 for 54) and Tyler (6 for 39) were also consistently useful.

Fielding was reasonably keen and catches were usually held, but there were occasional lapses in ground fielding and only the ability of Elliot at the wickets prevented the throwing from appearing wilder than what it was.

R.G.S. 2nd XI. 1947-48 Season.

Played 9, Won 9, Lost 0, Drawn 0, Runs for 856, Runs against 611.

BATTING

Qualification 7 innings.

	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Not out</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>Av.</i>
Wiltshire, D. ...	8	1	121	58	17.28
Lamb, D. W. ...	10	1	148	51	16.44
Linfield, G. B. ...	10	4	88	24*	14.66
Cupper, M. R. ...	7	—	85	41	12.14

BOWLING

Qualification 10 wickets.

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wkts.</i>	<i>Av.</i>
Cupper, M. R. ...	36.4	17	47	16	2.94
Carrick, J. C. ...	90	25	220	41	5.36
Gray, D. ...	35.2	1	107	12	8.91

† Linfield caught 4, stumped 3.

2nd XI Colours awarded to :—Carrick, J. C., Belsham, P. D., Wiltshire, D. J., Gray, D. E., Linfield, G. B., Eaton, M. J.

† Wicket Keeper.

* Not out.

R.G.S. 1st XI. Season 1948.

Captain : R. E. SYRETT.

Vice-Captain : J. E. WOODWARD.

School Games

P.	W.	L.	D.	P.	W.	L.	D.
19	8	7	4	9	5	3	1

Returning Colours :—D. S. TIMMS, A. A. CLARKE.

1st XI Colours awarded to :—R. J. HILL (27.5.48), D. G. WOODHAMS (29.6.48), A. B. WARD (2.7.48), B. WOODBRIDGE (8.7.48), F. E. WEALE (8.7.48), C. R. ENGEHAM (8.7.48).

2nd XI Colours awarded to :—A. B. WARD, D. E. GRAY, D. J. WILTSHIRE, J. G. GARRICK, P. D. BELSHAM (27.5.48), B. B. LINFIELD, M. J. EATON (2.7.48).

Matches, 1948.

- April 24th R.G.S. 1st XI v. Mr. H. W. Johnson's XI.
Mr. H. W. Johnson's XI, 114. R.G.S. 1st XI. 130 (Timms, 37,
Engeham 28). Won by 16 runs.
- April 28th R.G.S. 1st XI v. A.A.S. School, Arborfield.
R.G.S. 1st XI. 32. A.A.S. Arborfield 46 for 2. Lost by 8
wickets.
- May 1st R.G.S. 1st XI v. Borlase 1st XI.
Borlase 1st XI. 40. R.G.S. 1st XI 55 for 2 (in 24 minutes).
(Syrett 20, Woodward 30*)
- May 8th R.G.S. 1st XI v. Reading Grammar School
R.G.S. 1st XI 115 (Syrett 20, Ward 33). Reading 181 for 5
Lost by 5 wickets.
- May 12th R.G.S. 1st XI v. Amersham Grammar School.
R.G.S. 1st XI 89 (Timms 21, Syrett 32, Woodbridge 22)
Amersham Grammar School 94 for 4. Lost by 6 wickets.
- May 15th R.G.S. 1st XI v. Chiswick.
R.G.S. 1st XI 154 for 9 declared (Clark 37, Ward 22). Chiswick
21 (Clarke 5 for 9). Won by 133 runs.
- May 18th R.G.S. 1st XI v. Newlands Park (Away).
R.G.S. 1st XI 80 (Timms 20, Clark 21). Newlands Park 90
for 3. Lost by 7 wickets.
- May 19th R.G.S. 1st XI v. Slough Grammar School 1st XI.
R.G.S. 1st XI 107 for 6 (Woodward 63*). Slough Grammar
School 1st XI 129 for 4. Draw. Slough G.S. batted first.
- May 22nd R.G.S. 1st XI v. Windsor C.B.S. 1st XI.
R.G.S. 1st XI 147 (Syrett 35, Hill 28). Windsor C.B.S. 1st XI
103. Won by 44 runs.
- May 26th R.G.S. 1st XI v. R.A.F. Booker (Home).
R.A.F. Booker 100 for 9 declared (Woodhams 5 for 41). R.G.S.
1st XI 65 for 7 (Beeson, Esq., not out 38). Draw.
- June 9th R.G.S. 1st XI v. Wycombe Wednesday C.C. (Home).
Wycombe Wednesday C.C. 149. R.G.S. 1st XI 81 (Clark 33)
Lost by 68 runs.
- June 12th R.G.S. 1st XI v. Aylesbury G.S. (Home).
R.G.S. 1st XI 144 for 9 declared. Aylesbury G.S. 23 (Hill
5 for 8). Won by 121 runs.
- June 16th R.G.S. 1st XI v. Culham College 1st XI (Away).
Culham College 1st XI 161 for 4 declared. R.G.S. 1st XI 101
for 6 (Woodward 41). Draw.

- June 19th R.G.S. 1st XI *v.* Staff XI.
R.G.S. 1st XI 154 for 9 declared (Weale 39, Hill 21, Ward 30*).
Staff 127 for 4 (A. Coventry, Esq., not out 76).
- June 23rd R.G.S. 1st XI *v.* R.A.F. Booker.
R.G.S. 1st XI 143 for 6 declared (Syrett 36, Beeson, Esq., 50*). R.A.F. Booker 83. Won by 60 runs.
- June 26th R.G.S. 1st XI *v.* R.C.T. 1st XI (Away).
R.G.S. 1st XI 71 (Woodbridge 28). R.C.T. 1st XI 36 (Woodhams 5 for 11) 36. Won by 35 runs.
- June 30th R.G.S. 1st XI *v.* Wycombe Wednesday C.C. (Away).
R.G.S. 1st XI 156 for 8 declared (Syrett 56, Woodward 38, R. F. Emery 24). Wycombe Wednesday 158 for 9 (M. M. Davies, Esq., 8 for 62). Lost by 1 wicket.
- July 3rd R.G.S. 1st XI *v.* Old Boys and Parents XI. (Home).
R.G.S. 1st XI 141 (Woodward 27, Engeham 32*). Old Boys and Parents XI 97 (Hill 7 for 24). Won by 44.
- July 10th R.G.S. 1st XI *v.* Amersham Grammar School 1st XI.
R.G.S. 1st XI 96 (Clark 36). Amersham Grammar School 1st XI 98 for 4. Lost by 6 wickets.

1st XI Averages.

BATTING

	<i>Inns</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Highest</i>	<i>Not out</i>	<i>Av.</i>
J. E. Woodward	18	308	63*	2	18.9
A. B. Ward	13	155	33	4	16.11
R. E. Syrett	20	322	56	—	16.10
C. R. Engeham	13	139	32*	3	12.64
Cupper	5	62	43	—	12.4
A. A. Clarke	20	234	37	—	11.7
D. S. Timms	18	191	37	—	10.6
B. Woodbridge	4	131	28	1	10.0

BOWLING

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wks.</i>	<i>Av.</i>
R. J. Hill	169.1	43	453	43	10.5
D. G. Woodhams	151.4	46	374	33	11.0
R. E. Syrett	60.4	6	232	14	16.5

CATCHES

R. E. Syrett, 10 ; H. D. Howard, A. A. Clark, J. E. Woodward, A. B. Ward and R. J. Hill, 4



SCHOOL SPORTS, 1948

Event	First	Hse	Second	Hse	Third	Hse	Time		
Senior C.C. Ind. ..	Kipping	F	Syrett	F	Rose	F	26' 49.5"	Record	
Team ..	Arnison		Fraser		Disraeli				
Colts C.C. Ind. ..	Wood	D	Harman	Y	Perfect	A	20' 1.8"	Record	
Team ..	Disraeli		Arnison		Fraser				
Junior C.C. Ind. ..	Long	Y	Hooper	Y	Knock	D	15' 26.5"	Record	
Team ..	Yeuens		Disraeli		Arnison				
Junior Bldg. C.C. Ind. ..	Small	A	Cornish	D	Morbey	D	12' 35.5"		
Team ..	Disraeli		Yeuens		Fraser				
1. Mile (Open) ..	Buzzard	A	Kipping	F	Syrett	F	4m. 59s.	Record	
2. T.C.P. (Open) ..	Hill, D.	Y	Syrett	F	Richards	A	78y. 27"		
3. Long Jump (Open)	Woodward	D	Harris	A	Woodbridge	A	20' 6"		
4. Long Jump (Colts)	Guttridge	F	Hersey	A	Paul	D	16' 3 1/4"		
5. Long Jump (- 14)	Rider	A	Dawe	D	Evans	A	15' 0 1/2"		
					Hernon	F			
6. Shot (Open) ..	Disraeli		Fraser		Arnison				
7. Tug-of-War ..	Woodward	D	Hill, D.	Y	Syrett	F	31' 11"		
8. 880 (Colts) ..	Wood	D	Harman	Y	Elburn	D	2m. 28s.		
9. 440 (Open) ..	Buzzard	A	Woodward	D	Pettit	A	54.3		
10. 440 (- 14) ..	Thorpe	D	Hortin	D	Evans	A	64.3		
11. High Jump (Colts)	Tillion	A	Isaac	D	Witton	Y	4' 10"		
					Chipp	A			
Sports Day :									
12. High Jump (Open)	Woodward	D	Woodhams	F					
			Keen	Y			4' 11"		
13. Hurdles (- 14)	Silver	Y	Dawe	D	Evans	A	12.8		
14. Discus (Colts) ..	Platt	F	Guttridge	F	Baker	F	77' 5"		
15. 100 yds. (Open)	Woodward	D	Buzzard	A	Pettit	A	10.1	Record	
16. Javelin (Open) ..	Cartwright	A	Belsham	A	Parker	A	132' 10"	Record	
17. 100 yds. (Colts)	Isaac	D	Wood	D	Chater	D	12.0		
18. 100 yds. (- 14) ..	Wise	Y	Evans	A	Long	Y	12.1		
19. 100 yds. (- 13) ..	Bunce	F	Small	A	Burgess	F	12.7		
20. 100 yds. (- 12) ..	Pursey	A	Edwards	A	Lomas	D	13.2		
21. Hurdles (Open)	Carter	F	Woodward	D			15.3		
22. High Jump (- 14)	Silver	Y	Reader	F	Dawe	D	4' 6"		
23. 440 (Colts)	Wood	D	Smith	A	Bradley	F	61 s.		
24. 440 (- 13) ..	Bunce	F	Hooper	Y	Small	A	66.5 s.		
					Sinatt	F			
25. 880 (Open) ..	Buzzard	A	Kipping	F	Syrett	F	2m. 9.3s.	Record	
26. Hurdles (Colts)	Paul	D	Orchard	D	Bishop	D	12.6		
27. Discus (Open) ..	Woodward	D	Belsham	A	Hill	Y	103' 5"		
28. 220 (- 13) ..	Bunce	F	Small	A	Edwards	F	29.5s.		
29. 220 (- 14) ..	Wise	Y	Long	A	Evans	A	28.8s.		
30. 220 (Colts) ..	Isaac	D	Wood	D	Chater	D	27.6s.		
31. 220 (Open) ..	Woodward	D	Buzzard	A	Pettit	A	24s.	Record	
32. 880 (- 14) ..	Garratt	F	Horton	D	Dimmock	F	2m. 31.4s.		
33. Relay (- 13) ..	Fraser		Yeuens		Arnison		58s.		
34. Relay (- 14) ..	Yeuens		Arnison		Fraser		57.4s.		
35. Relay (Colts) ..	Disraeli		Fraser		Arnison		53.7s.		
36. Relay (Open) ..	Arnison		Disraeli		Fraser				

House Championship : Disraeli 160, Arnison 156 1/2, Fraser 128, Yeuens 85 1/2.

Open Championship : Woodward ; Colts : Wood ; Under 14 : Long, Silver, Wise ; Under 13 : Bunce.



HISTORY SOCIETY.

The summer term hailed the advent of a much needed History Society. In spite of the examinations and various summer activities, the Society managed to make a good start. With a strong nucleus of Third Year VIth Form History students, a committee was soon set up, consisting of a Chairman (Mr. Ashford), Secretary (J. M. King), Clerk of the Records (B. J. Fletcher), Treasurer (D. J. Griffiths), and representatives of the 1st Year VIth, the 5's and 5 Uppers (R. E. W. Roberts and M. D. Clarke respectively).

A written Constitution was drawn up, and, with little amendment, was finally consented to on April 27th. Besides setting down the rules, it also defined the object of the Society ; " To interest itself in those activities that did not find their way on to the school syllabus." As the whole Society agreed that the deplorable lack of data in the past made the task of historical research extremely difficult, it was decided that the Society should keep an exhaustive record of its work.

The first activity, a Desert Island Choice, was held in the History Room on May 3rd. The Society was treated to a visit from Henry VIIIth (B. J. Fletcher), Abraham Lincoln (P. D. Fry), Winston Churchill (J. M. King) and King Richard the Third's Horse (T. B. Jenkins), who returned to justify their existence in History in an all too brief five minutes. The odds were heavily on the horse who cantered home to a very easy win, so answering that famous Shakespearean character's prayer, " A horse, a horse, my Kingdom for a horse !"

Near the end of term a visit to the Parish Church to unearth the secrets of the Parish Chest proved of little use, as the " keeper of the keys " was found to be absent. But this will not damp the ardour, for even the tomb of Tut-An-Khamen was stripped of all its mystery by the inquiring mind of Man. A far more feasible object for this new Society would be the making of a detailed historical record of the School, a task for which all those people connected with the R.G.S. would be everlastingly grateful.

J. M. KING, Secretary, 1948.

A.T.C. NOTES—SEPTEMBER, 1948

Once again we have to record the serious drop in numbers which occurs at the end of every School Year. This time, however, the losses will not be made good quite as easily as in the past. Now that the A.T.C. Squadron has amalgamated with the J.T.C. to form a C.C.F. Contingent, recruits into the A.T.C. must in future pass Certificate A, Part I, before transferring.

Training has gone on steadily and 10 Proficiency Certificates were gained in the last six months. At the same time a group of Senior Cadets passed most of the subjects in the Advanced Training Examination. N.C.O. courses at R.A.F., Halton have again been popular, and our Cadets continue to distinguish themselves in this important aspect of training.

Flying was rather severely curtailed by the summer's indifferent weather. Overseas flights were cancelled owing to the Berlin situation. We hope that they will soon be restored as Sgt. Mansfield and Cpl. Easton had been standing by for their flights for several weeks before the cancellation.

This year, for our Summer Camp, we broke new ground by visiting R.A.F., Tangmere, where a total of 28 cadets spent a most valuable and instructive week. R.A.F. Stations do everything they possibly can to make annual camp an enjoyable experience in an A.T.C. Cadet's life, and at the same time they make available to cadets all the facilities which they have to offer for training. In spite of this, the numbers who attend camp are very disappointing, even though camp arrangements are made well in advance to avoid a clash with other commitments which a cadet may have to meet. Provided there is sufficient support, we intend going to camp to an East Anglian Bomber Station next Easter, and following that up with a Summer Camp.

On July 6th, 1948, a party of five N.C.O.'s flew to Cranwell to the Presentation of the King's Colour to the R.A.F. College by His Majesty the King. We were all very much impressed by the Presentation ceremony and the smartness and efficiency of the Parade.

At the beginning of the September Term, eight cadets visited R.A.F., Farnborough. The exhibition organised by the Society of British Aircraft Constructors covered every aspect of the manufacture of British aircraft and the flying display of our latest and fastest planes was worth while going a very long way to see.

And to close this session of A.T.C. activities, the Squadron took part in R.A.F. Bomber Command's "Battle of Britain" Church Parade and an impressive Commemoration Service in the Parish Church, on Sunday, 19th September, 1948.

SUMMER TRAINING

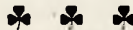
This year the annual camp was held at Tangmere aerodrome, Sussex, in the weeks of July 17th—24th and 24th—31st, the latter week for cadets who had been busy with examinations. The first party, of seventeen cadets, accompanied by F./Lt. Roberts and F./O. Tucker, noticed with some trepidation upon their arrival that, although all facilities for training and entertainment lay on the aerodrome, the A.T.C. quarters were almost a mile away. Added

to this, the weather that evening came up to true summer form, confining most of us to quarters.

A very good programme had been arranged for the week, but we were not too busy to find our way to Bognor or Chichester once or twice for swimming and sight seeing. We also found a short cut to the aerodrome during the week. On Tuesday the squadron were introduced to the "King C" exercise; we were left in the country some miles from Tangmere and had to find our way back by maps and the good offices of friendly drivers. Other high-lights were the visit to Chichester cathedral, an afternoon's flying in Ansons, and seeing the surroundings from a new angle, and a tour of a submarine in Portsmouth harbour.

Saturday came, and we handed over to the second party of eight, who were to share the camp with the Epsom squadron, under the (later) notorious Ft./Sgt. Freeman. They were duly introduced to the short cut and the unique humour of Fl./Lt. Burke, who had taken care of us the week before. The second week saw better weather, and a period of shooting. But the inevitable "King C" came along, with the added difficulty of a waterworks to be visited. "First catch your waterworks... and make sure it's the right one." Bognor lost none of its charms, and a good time was had by all. Still, we are hoping for a united camp next year.

B.C.P.



J.T.C. CAMP

The camp this year soon proved itself the most significant of the post-war activities. It was held at East Harling, Norfolk, in a week of glorious weather; all the 46 cadets thoroughly enjoyed themselves as well as proving by their efficiency that discipline and fun can run arm in arm together, even in holiday time!

Two accomplishments were worthy of special note, one in drill, the other in sport. Both of them was handicapped, like all our activities, by insufficient numbers.

First, in the inter-schools Guard Mounting Competition we found that we had too few 'A' Company Cadets to represent us; as N.C.O.'s were not eligible, smaller boys with little or no arms drill experience had to be trained. The result was magnificent; in the 48 hours directly preceding the Competition, by a judicious 'swopping' of uniforms, rifles, boots and equipment, one rehearsal with the regular R.S.M., an orgy of pressing with the newly acquired J.T.C. iron (by our "kind-hearted Sergeant")

the guard were able to obtain 80%, coming third only to St. Albans (84%) and Magdalen College (83%) with all the other schools placed well behind. With better preparation next year, there is no reason why the R.G.S. should not beat all the competing schools, who often rehearse regularly during the preceding term.

In the second event, we must admit that we had advantage as well as handicap. As the Wycombe Contingent arrived three days before the main body of schools, they were able to make friends with the P.T. Instructor, who promptly taught them the rules of basket-ball, the complete antithesis of Rugby football, which is the main game of the competing schools. As a result, our 'A' team, of four which represented us, was able to win all the preliminary rounds comfortably; however, it had the misfortune to meet a team of giants—Stowe. A most entertaining game followed in which the Goliaths were able, on one occasion, to drop the ball through the hoop to score the one and only goal, which try as our Davids did, they were unable to avenge.

These achievements were not alone: a successful night patrol by compass over an open heath, a platoon manoeuvre, a weapon training course taken by four of our cadets and in turn imparted to us, a good afternoon shoot at the .303 rifle range (showing the need for a revival of the R.G.S. shooting eight which did so well before the war) and a demonstration by O.C.T.U. cadets, all added to the success of this camp. There were, of course, other incidents; a night raid on opposing huts, bedtime stories about the elusive Pollock (now famous for his excuse from parade) told by a Company Sergeant-major of unusual calibre, and the successful launching of H.M. P.T. Instructor 'Muscles' into the static water tank!

In conclusion may I add to all cadets that this is J.T.C. with a difference. All the boys this year enjoyed it; the food was very good, far better than the present civilian rations, the activities interesting and varied, with fun and new friendships abundant. Next year we want 80 or even 90 cadets, then the R.G.S. can come first in the events and then, and only then, will the standard of efficiency and the spirit of the J.T.C. rise.

J.M.K., R.S.M., 1948.



SCHOOL CONCERT

Friday, December 17th, at 7.30 p.m.

This corporate event was, for the first time in our memory, rewarded by a completely filled hall. All branches of the School's musical life was represented. After the fine display of varied

musical activity at the previous concert, we had not expected any great change in the composition of the programme ; but we did find a marked improvement in many departments. The school orchestra this year challenged comparison with the High Wycombe String Orchestra ; it was at last possible to listen without an uneasy feeling that something might go wrong. In particular, a trumpet tune and air by Purcell was excellently played. Two small groups of singers gave us a foretaste of next term's opera, *The Gondoliers*. It was obvious that the seniors had developed in assurance and the leading trebles promised to be clear and full of dramatic life. The Madrigal Club sang works by Dowland, Ford and Farmer, if not with quite the same precision as last year, at least well enough to demonstrate once more what a pleasure English singing is. The boys of the Chamber Music Group, though good before, had considerably improved in tone and blend ; both the movement from a Brahms clarinet sonata and the movement from a Beethoven piano trio were evidence of sound scholarship and whole-hearted devotion.

Towards the end of the concert it appeared that we were to be treated to an unusual event : the curtains opened upon the timpanist alone on the stage. He did, in fact, demonstrate how much close listening, screw-turning and patient arm-folding is needed in playing the drums. But we were mistaken ; the work was a Handel concerto for organ and string orchestra concealed on the floor of the hall. The electronic organ sounded most impressive. It would undoubtedly be a valuable addition to the daily school service. Earlier in the programme it had been used to accompany the School choirs when they sang ' Jesu, joy of man's desiring ' by Bach and a setting by Percy Fletcher of ' Ring out, wild bells.' This choir of 120 trebles and some 24 seniors, though not specially selected but including all who were willing and able to sing, was a worthy representative of the skill and enthusiasm created by the study of music in the School. The seniors also contributed their student song and comic number which were nicely done and well received. The climax of the concert, Handel's Coronation Anthems, sung by both choirs with the orchestra and organ, sent everyone home exhilarated.

We are glad to be able to record that the musical success of the previous concert was repeated and became also a popular success. Long may it continue to be so.



O.B. Dinner
A.G.M.
Suggest Club.

OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' CLUB

Births.

L. G. BAKER (1914-17). On January 1st, 1949, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Baker, a son.

L. W. CAPELL (1926-31). On May 30th, 1948, at High Wycombe to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Capell, a daughter.

J. H. F. CAREY (1931-35). On December 25th, 1948, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. F. Carey, a son.

L. B. COLES (1923-30). On September 15th, 1948, at Clevedon, to Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Coles, a son.

L. A. CUBBAGE (1927-33). On October 15th, 1948, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cubbage, a son.

R. R. DICKETY (1926-31). On December 22nd, 1948, at Aylesbury, to Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Dickey, a daughter.

C. W. FOUNTAIN (1926-33). On July 3rd, 1948, at 8th R.A.F. General Hospital, B.A.O.R., to Major and Mrs. C. W. Fountain, a daughter.

J. W. FRANCIS (1923-28). On July 27th, 1948, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Francis, a daughter.

S. E. HANDS (1915-20). On June 16th, 1948, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hands, a daughter.

R. W. HARDING (1929-36). On May 6th, 1948, in London, to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Harding, a son.

R. H. J. JENNINGS (1931-37). On January 14th, 1949, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. J. Jennings, a son.

R. F. LUTTMAN (1915-19). On October 17th, 1948, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Luttmann, a son.

T. R. MOLLOY (1935). On December 8th, 1948, at Surbiton, to Capt. and Mrs. T. R. Molloy, a son.

A. R. ROSE (1931-36). On December 27th, 1948, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Rose, a daughter.

N. SEARS (1924-29). On June 26th, 1948, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sears, a son.

R. L. SEARS (1929-33). On May 4th, 1948, at Stokenchurch, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Sears, a son.

B. A. SHERRIFF (1926-33). On September 17th, 1948, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Sherriff, twin daughters.

A. STROUD (1923-28). On August 11th, 1948, at Beaconsfield, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Stroud, a daughter.

A. SWAYNEY (1925-30). On June 11th, 1948, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Swayney, a son.

D. R. SYRED (1925-29). On August 31st, 1948, at Northampton, to Dr. and Mrs. D. R. Syred, a son.

W. A. Toms (1924-28). On September 29th, 1948, at Oxford, to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Toms, a son.

S. E. WAPSHOTT (1925-29). On Monday, January 18th, 1949, at Beaconsfield, to Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Wapshott, a son.

R. WOOSTER (1924-29). On June 10th, 1948, at High Wycombe, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wooster, a son.

Marriages.

ABERCROMBIE—RACKSTRAW. On July 17th, 1948, at Terriers, D. Abercrombie (1938-43), to Miss M. Rackstraw.

RYLAND—NEILSON. On October 2nd, 1948, at C. W. Ryland (1929-34) to Miss Y. E. Neilson.

TUBBS—PEEL. On July 31st, 1948, at Wigton, I. H. Tubbs (1936-43), to Miss H. Peel.

VICCARS—DODWELL. On January 3rd, 1949, at High Wycombe, P. G. Viccars (1933-39), to Miss E. M. Dodwell.

WHITE—MARTIN. On May 28th, at P. B. White (1929-33), to Miss Audrey Martin.

WILLIAMS—BARNES. On Saturday, May 8th, 1948, at Newenden, P. F. Williams (1925-30), to Miss Freda Barnes.

Death.

M. V. CHILD (1925-30). On April 28th, 1948, Maurice V. Child, aged 33 years.

OLD BOYS' NOTES AND NEWS.

E. N. (NAT) ALLEN (1918-23) is taking his well-known band to the Club de Champs Elysees in Paris for twelve weeks. For the last four seasons Allen and his band have been playing at Ciro's in London and his will be the first British band to play in Paris for fourteen years.

D. C. ANDREWS (1938-46) spent a pleasant time in the Army as a 2/Lt. in the Royal Engineers training National Service men into efficient soldiers. He was released in August, 1948, and since then has been too busy to play Rugby. He hopes, however, to become an active member of the Blackheath Club next season. Andrews played regularly when in the Army.

C. A. F. BERRY (1918-22) has recently been appointed Classics Master at Chaddiston Grammar School. He has lately taken his M.A. London in Classics and has been elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. He has for some time been an Assistant Examiner in Latin of the University of London and of the Central Welsh Board.

F. E. J. BLOMFIELD (1929-33) spent his fourteen days' leave at Dargeeling. He will be very pleased to see any O.B. who happens to be in India at his home, 1, Taratella Road, Carden Reach, Calcutta, 24. He went to India in 1942 and is due in England on leave about the middle of March, 1949. India is such a huge country, he says, that in spite of news of riots he is not troubled unless the disturbances happen to be in his own province.

The Ceylon Fortnightly Review has lately been running a series of articles on Sporting Celebrities and a whole page is given to the activities of W. T. BRINDLEY (1910-15) who "has loomed large in our sporting world during the last three decades. Apart from his fine record as an all-round cricketer, who could be described as one of the best the Europeans have had, his interest in all branches of sport in this Island, since he arrived in January, 1920, to join the Ceylon Police, has been an inspiration and encouragement to a great many of the younger generation of Ceylonese." Brindley in 1948 was deservedly honoured by the Ceylon Amateur Athletic Association by being elected President in the Olympic Year.

L. B. BURROW (1938-44) when he left school went to a London School of Printing. In 1946 he was commissioned in the R.A.S.C. and was Liaison Officer in the Belgium Corps Area. On his release in September, 1948, he became Sales Representative to a London printing firm.

W. GODFREY (1941-45) is now in Colombo, Ceylon, for the last few months of his service. While in Singapore he met Pedder, Acting C.O. of 840 Squadron; Sturgess, a Pay Accounts Clerk; Putnam, a General Duties Clerk. He also met there Fred Kirby who is now back in England. Godfrey finds Ceylon far easier to live in and much more interesting than Singapore. Godfrey has been advised to call on W. T. Brindley (1910-15) who is still in Ceylon and who sends his best wishes to the O.B.'s Annual Reunion.

L. B. GRIFFIN (1908-12) director of religious education and rector of St. Lawrence, St. Martin, St. Paul and St. Stephen, Exeter, has been appointed Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral.

D. L. HARDING (1942-47) has been articled to a firm of Incorporated Accountants at Beaconsfield. Bunce and Gross are in the same office and Harding as a junior found them most helpful. He likes the work.

J. T. JONES (1936-41) is stationed on H.M.S. Montclare, Rothesay, which he thinks rather out of the way as far as the O.B.'s Dinner is concerned.

H. A. B. LEESER (1939-43) is taking "Mods" in March. He is at Jesus College, Oxford, with Scally and other O.B.'s. His College has made a 16 m.m. documentary film of Life in an Oxford College, the first ever made and Leeser has kindly offered to show it to the school. He, Crutchfield and Fletcher hope to attend the Annual Dinner.

D. M. McDOWELL (1934-42) since he was released from the Fleet Air Arm in 1946 has had a busy time. He was lucky enough to return to St. Andrews University to complete his Civil Engineering Course. He obtained his B.Sc. with Honours in June, 1948. Whilst he was at The Royal Grammar School, McDowell used to travel to and from Beaconsfield in the same train as a girl from Ealing County School evacuated to Beaconsfield. They were married in July, 1947, and spent his final year at College together in Dundee and now they have a daughter. McDowell is at present employed by a London firm of Consultant Civil Engineers.

E. J. MILLER (1938-41) cannot attend the Dinner because he is in India. He is engaged on Anthropological Research.

C. A. OSLER (1922-27), who has been a member of the O.B.'s Club for twenty years suspects that his brother in Wycombe has been getting his Magazines. To remedy this he gives his present address as 103, Haynes Road, Romford, Essex and he also hopes that will attract any O.B. who happens to be in the vicinity—he has yet to meet one in Romford.

R. A. PALMER (1940-43), wishing the Dinner every success, regrets that he cannot be present because he will be on his honeymoon at the time. He is getting married on January 22nd, 1949.

J. N. ROBINSON (1928-33) after a short stay in England, applied for Overseas Service and travelling overland from the Hook of Holland through Germany arrived in Austria and is now at Trieste,

a pleasant town, brilliantly lighted in spite of or because of the tense political background. He has lately taken to cricket and rifle shooting but says he is far short of the standard of Lords and Bisley.

In a long letter A. C. THEWENETI (1923-28) at last gives some account of his actions since he left school. After a spell in Canada and on sea he did some scenic designing in London. Long working hours and theatrical types gave him headaches and so in 1937 he joined the Palestine Police and remained with them until released in 1945. While out there he met J. S. Stephens a short time before he was shot by terrorists. Stephens was extremely popular and his death was a great shock to all who knew him. Theweneti found life in Palestine very interesting and for the last five years was with the C.I.D. which included the doubtful privilege of being an Aunt Sally for the Stern Group and of being blown up when large cannisters of explosives were placed under the C.I.D. Headquarters. He got married soon after returning to England and now together with his wife and young daughter he is with the Control Commission at Dusseldorf. Theweneti has persevered with Art and thinks that when he settles down finally in England he has good prospects of making a profession of illustrating magazines and books.

R. H. WHITING (1936-43) now studying Philosophy, Politics and Economics in Oxford writes that McAvan is very happy in Mauritius where he is Warden of a new Secondary School with no colour bar.

J. S. YOUNG (1941-47) after being placed on the Permanent Staff of his Bank joined the Forces on July 8th, 1948. The first four weeks training he found quite hard and after eleven weeks in a Training Regiment is now a clerk in School of Signals at Catterick. When he last saw Tunmer he was awaiting posting to Anglesey and Woollett was expecting to be called up. He said Canty was on a scientific course and progressing exceedingly well.