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## EDITORIAL.

The Spring Term is one of those in-between affairs which breaks in upon us somewhere between the Christmas and Easter holidays. It is always delightfully refreshing to those who have finished sweating in the toils of School Certificate, or grovelling in the mud of rugger-fields, or shivering in the disconcerting but well-intentioned draughts caused by enthusiastic advocates of fresh air and cold breezes. The energy of all and sundry, and the genius of a few, are being expended in preparation for the athletic season by way of cross-country running, for the July Examinations by dint of hard work, and also for the School Play by the practice of grandiose speechification. With regard to athletic activities, we have experienced a very interesting set of House Matches, both players and results being influenced considerably by the prevailing misty, wet, and muddy conditions. Cross-country runners, under the eagle eye of Wraith, had on the whole, although the weather was often against them, some good runs, news of which will be found elsewhere.

If, however, the L.A.C. Schools Challenge Cup has whipped our athletes into a frenzied quest for fitness, the Oxford Examiners have wrought no lesser wonders than this with the Fifth and Sixth. Faces previously so delightfully vacant may be seen any afternoon now frowning furiously over Cæsar's *Correspondence* or Cicero's *Galic Wars*. In less electrified atmospheres, indeed, we find the manifold activities of the School Society blossoming into life. Chess-players were given little chance to recover from last term's House Matches and lightning contests, for apart from open tournaments, simultaneous games, and by no means a few matches, veteran players were, perforce, allotted subjects on which to give lectures to second formers.

The School Society with its happy band of earnest workers organised a Hobbies Exhibition exceptional in its scope (and in the amount of food consumed both at tea and afterwards at clandestine feasting on the part of a greedy few). The Debating Society has held a somewhat tumultuous mock election, while the Musical Society made a bid to improve our culture with the Roeber Orchestra.

Among scholastic successes, our congratulations go heartily to K. B. Wedmore, who, by winning an Open Exhibition in Modern History at Jesus College, Cambridge, is maintaining the academic standard set by some former editors of the *Elizabethan*. Mention must, however, be made of that ever recurrent editorial grouse concerning contributions to the magazine. The intellectual power of the School must be at a low ebb, for, if it is reflected by the "quality and quantity" of articles submitted, our Sixth and Seventh Forms are in a semi-illiterate and wholly dormant state. Silence is golden, but it tends to be rather unproductive. The wit and style in writing which last term was so promising is lacking in many of the items extorted from our literary genii by a mixture of piteous appeals, comminatory intimidations, and rash promises.

The name of Mr. G. W. N. HARRISON will perhaps be vaguely known to just a few boys, for when he retired in 1929, at the age of 75, he had been a master at the School for over 40 years. Those present Elizabethans who know of him will probably do so from having heard him mentioned by senior old boys—usually as "Hog," a nickname he acquired from describing a boy's work, and sometimes the boy himself, as "hogwash." He had always a great affection for the school in which he had spent so much of his life, and when he died, shortly after retirement, his will showed that while he had left his estate in trust for his wife during her lifetime, a sum of £1,500 was to come to the School on her death, "to be used by the Governors as they think fit for the benefit of the School, but not for the foundation or creation of any scholarships." As his widow died recently, the terms of that bequest to the School are now operative.

Thus, the term has been very interesting in all sorts of ways, varying from the stench, almost *in statu quo*, of burnt cordite in the Hall after the Hobbies Exhibition, to the glorious smell of new paint issuing out of the Manual Room; from the rare visits of Old Elizabethans to an invasion by hordes of candidates seeking entrance by scholarship; from curious excavations which the editorial eye has observed in progress from the prefectorial sanctuary to a substantial erection at Galley Lane which, we understand, is to act as a pavilion.

It is hoped that these remarks will form the background to a picture which the reader must form for himself from the literary, sporting, and informative articles which fill up further pages of this our magazine.



## MR. E. W. HARRISON.

The death of Mr. E. W. Harrison after a short illness, on March 11th, just after his forty-fifth birthday, gave great grief to all who knew him. Educated at Brockley School, where he was in the fifteen, and at Bristol University, where he took honours in Sciences and for which he played lacrosse, he was for a short while a master at Christ College, Brecon, and then came to Queen Elizabeth's, in the old buildings, in 1931. From the very start his devotion to the School, and the standards which he set, both in his way of life and in his work, were remarkable.

As president of a professional association he concluded his first address by quoting Kingsley: "Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that day which must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, and forced to do your best, will breed in you temperance and self-control, diligence and strength of will, cheerfulness and content, and a hundred virtues which the idle will never know." That was not only part of his personal beliefs, but in some measure an evaluation of his own discerning and sensitive personality. In the classroom he set a magnificent example of clarity in exposition, infinity of patience and a meticulous craftsmanship in presentation which made a lasting impression on the least endowed pupil. Generations of Elizabethans, in the security of their established careers, have reason to think gratefully of his tireless guidance which first placed their feet aright on the ladders they are now climbing; to him, too, they owe, not only by precept, but also by example, much of what is best in their characters. Sensitive, considerate, and patient almost to a fault, he could yet be angered deeply by meanness, ill-manners and slackness; for these meant selfishness and a failure in that sense of teamwork which was life itself to him.

His versatility and his power of work were alike amazing. Though his honours degree was in Chemistry, and though he never lost touch with that study, he moved gradually, through Physics, to Higher Mathematics, and for some years had been doing all the Sixth Form work in that subject. He left some fifty volumes and collections of solutions, meticulously worked and indexed, of every kind of mathematical problem his pupils might have to face. Not from him did they have to wait for an explanation or an example. In his early years at the School he had been an active coach both of cricket and of football, and, when an illness in the thirties stopped him from playing, he still lectured on games to the Colts, qualified as a County Athletic Judge, and retained the treasurership of the Games Club, for, said he, "If you lose your contact with the games, you lose your contact with the

School." For some years, too, he had been Chairman, as well as Treasurer, of the Games Club, and had the charge of our fields added to his many other tasks. No detail was too petty for him to see to: travelling, supplies of kit, the minutiae of match arrangements, received the same care as important matters such as turfing, draining, and making of wickets. He was always one of the keenest and most valuable members of the Musical Society, and until the war, was stage manager for our plays—and stage managing to him meant being also "noises off," assistant make-up man, and attender to every little matter too small for others to heed. When the war brought plays to an end he became the smart (and eagerly efficient) second-in-command of the Corps, and showed us yet another side of himself at their light-hearted entertainments, in which he was a first-class compère and raconteur. For some time he was Housemaster of Underne, and, throughout, was Treasurer of the Library. Always, too, he found time to be, in some indefinable way, the School host, more than anyone else. In the words of one parent: "The School is always pleasant to visit, but it was Mr. Harrison who made one feel specially welcome."

One would think that, loyally encouraged though he was in his service to others by the lady whom he married, he would have found no time for anything outside the School which was so much of his life; but he was an ardent Freemason, an active member of the Mathematical Association, Auditor for the Herts. A.A.A., and one of the Council of the Assistant Masters' Association. Never, surely, has any one man more "filled the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds worth of distance run."

Throughout both his tireless scholarship and his endless versatility ran the strong threads of Christian service and personal loyalty. Humorous, thorough, tolerant, and modest, he leaves a great gap, both in School affairs and in our deepest affections. The size and widely representative nature of the congregation at his funeral service, for which the School provided the choir, showed the width of the respect in which he was held. His body was cremated, and his ashes scattered on Stapytton, the field which he had loved and tended so well. We understand that Mathematical prizes are to be endowed, and perhaps some other form of memorial created, that will perpetuate to future Elizabethans the name of one who did so much to broaden out the pathway where their fathers trod. Of the many who, in its nearly four hundred years of existence, have served the School with devotion, none more deserves commemoration.

## LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

### PARADISE LOST

#### or, Observations on a General Election.

*Gabriel*—What causes the disturbance on that speck of dust set in a murky sea?

*Uriel*—A Parliamentary Election, my lord.

*Gabriel*—Is that another movement to reform mankind?

*Uriel*—Oh no, my lord; Man is as near damnation as he ever was.

*Gabriel*—Then what are they doing?

*Uriel*—They are choosing a government; that is to

say, they are choosing a set of men who will give them ten cigarettes a day, a regular feast on Sundays, and orange juice for their babies.

*Gabriel*—Then there is little occasion for such division and strife.

*Uriel*—But that is their way, my lord. They are ready to sacrifice the highest principles for the sake of a strong government, and to get that, they think they must divide into factions, the Silk Hats and the

Cloth Caps, those who are obsessed with the idea of freedom from civil servants, and those who are obsessed with the idea of freedom from stock-brokers. They choose a few of the most highly infatuated among themselves to represent their views at that spiky little mudhut in the place they call London but we know as Pandemonium.

*Gabriel*—Surely, they are neglecting the real issue, of materialism against idealism?

*Uriel*—Oh yes, my lord, but these people are illogical and proud of it. The greatest pity is that in their "Christian" country, the will of the majority rules, and the majority is non-Christian.

*Gabriel*—What crass stupidity! How long will this go on?

*Uriel*—Until Russia has as big a hydrogen bomb as America.

*Gabriel*—And then?

*Uriel*—And then the animals in this little Zoo at least will be all destroyed.

W. G. ROBERTS, VII.

### POEM.

[*"Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth."*]

Look away, look away, from this world here below,  
From the hurry and bustle of life;  
Look away to the slow-rolling æons of time,  
Look away from the grief and the strife.

Tell me, what do you see in those cold, careless stars,  
But the stare of indifferent fate;  
In the motionless rush of inanimate gas,  
But impersonal being—or hate?

O look up! O look up! with the vision of faith,  
Look again with your eyes closed in prayer;  
Can you doubt that the Lord of the universe cares  
With the Cross raised on Calvary there?

Is it nothing to you, anxious hearts that pass by,  
That to save lost mankind, the Creator should die?

C. N. MOSS, VII.

### LINES.

[*In time of "The Weathers" by Thos. Hardy.*]

Mine are the hills and grassy slopes lone

Where peace lies;

The steep crag, grey rock and summit stone

Where the hawk flies;

The valley where the cropp'd grass and fresh flowers

Edge the beck gay with songs of Spring showers;

The sky and mirror'd forms in the tarn still,

The veil'd and phantom shape of a far hill,

Where peace lies.

W. G. ROBERTS, VII.

### ALL GRUMBLES.

We grumble if the weather's hot,  
Or if the weather's cold;  
We grumble that we are too young,  
And that we're getting old.

We grumble that the country's slow,  
And that the town is fast;  
We grumble time so slowly goes,  
And that so quick, it's past!

We grumble at Republicans,  
We grumble at a King;  
We grumble at another's fault,  
Yet do the self-same thing.

We grumble at all foreign ways,  
Yet imitate them here;  
We grumble that the beef is tough,  
And grumble at our beer!

We grumble that one speaks too plain,  
Another that he mumbles;  
And I am grumbling now that life  
Is so made up of grumbles.

P. J. ALLEN, L.V.

### A SAILOR'S YARN.

The tide ran high—a stormy night,  
And wind lashed wave to foam,  
The ghostly "Darling of the Downs"  
Came tossing wildly home.

She shook in every timber stout  
Her bows the breakers spurned.  
Her forefoot left the boiling sea  
And with a crash returned.

Wan was her skipper's anxious face  
—He strove to hold the helm.  
In vain he fought to save his craft  
From Fates, who would o'erwhelm.

She struck, and hung still o'er the deep.  
—A roar of rending pine.  
She vanished; nothing more was left  
'Midst surge of seething brine.

Others besides have seen her there,  
'Tis e'er the same weird tales  
—A phantom driving onward in  
The teeth of raging gales.

T. E. SMITH, U.IV.

### SPRING.

At signs of the day's early dawning,  
And sounds of the bird's gladdening song,  
We know in the early Spring morning,  
Bright days are a-coming along.

The wintry days now are fast fleeing,  
The trees now are turning to green;  
The farmer his corn-crop is sowing,  
And new life on all sides is seen.

'Tis Spring! and the world all rejoices;  
Join with us in happy refrain,  
Let Joy then give power to your voices,  
—The sun always follows the rain.

D. FULCHER, 3B.

## A COUNTRY WALK.

It was late afternoon on Christmas Day. The air was cold and invigorating, and the frost was beginning to settle on the grass. My father and I were walking along a high ridge. Suddenly a partridge squawked in the distance: once, twice; and then all was silent, except for the sound of our feet crunching over the crisp grass and bracken. A robin piped his brave song, the only bird who had the heart to sing on this bleak, cold day. Below us, a young rabbit darted out of his burrow, hunting for a piece of unfrozen grass. We stood and watched until a twig snapped under my foot and the rabbit was gone, with a drumming of its hind legs and a flash of brown and white fur.

Straight in front of us was the river; it was frozen, and the ice was littered with twigs and the stones thrown by boys to see if it would bear them. We turned for home. It was getting darker and growing colder. I stumbled and kicked a stone. A snail, woken from its winter sleep, crawled slowly and sleepily away. We walked on. Overhead, the rooks were flying to the sleeping haunts, cawing incessantly. As we walked on, we were watching them, until we arrived at our own front door.

M. R. LACEY, U.IV.

## RUMINATIONS IN A GEOGRAPHY PERIOD.

It was just a little pencil-mark on an ordinary piece of paper, a little way up from Cape Town, on the Western side of the Union. I had been playing with my pencil while the usual matters of Geography—anything from settlers in Kenya to sheep in Rhodesia—had been going on in a seemingly endless drone. In the course of tapping it on the desk I had made a little pencil-mark on the map.

Just a little dot, but what area did that little pencil-mark cover in real life? Perhaps that bit of earth had known the tramp of soldiers and the roar of guns in the days of the Boer War, when General Smuts marched his small, determined band into the heart of the Union. Perhaps it was a small portion of a vast arid desert, with nothing to break the monotony

of yellow sand-hills except the occasional grey-green of a cactus plant. Or perhaps it was a small portion of forest, with a South African farmstead showing through the leaves—a portion of forest which had never known anything more exciting than the fury of a thunderstorm or the patter of little feet across its leafy shades.

What was happening there now? Was the sun just setting, blood-red on the horizon? Or was the cheery promise of another morning in the air, with the farmer's boy whistling about his chores? With a sudden jerk I realised that the period had ended; I gave my Atlas in, the Atlas with the little dot on one of its pages, the dot whose mystery no-one can solve.

P. F. H. JUDGE, 3A.

## SCHOOL NEWS.

### SCHOOL OFFICE BEARERS.

*Prefects*: K. R. Cooper (*Captain*), A. F. Mann (*Lieutenant*), W. G. Roberts, W. N. Bolt,\* J. R. Salter,\* R. D. Middleton.\*

*Sub-Prefects*: M. W. Barker, M. G. Slough, R. M. H. Wraith, B. S. P. Gent, D. B. Palombo, L. G. Payne, M. J. Fairey, P. G. Brealey, E. C. Davies, R. C. Giles,\* J. A'Brook,\* E. F. Hooper,\* A. O. Gauld.\*

*Captain of Athletics*: W. N. Bolt. *Vice-Captain*: J. A. Hobson.

*Captain of Cross-Country Running*: R. M. H. Wraith.

*Elizabethan Committee*: J. R. Salter (*Editor*), Mr. Cocks, L. Fielding, K. Jackson, P. J. Roethenbaugh.\*

*Library Committee*: W. G. Roberts (*Asst. Librarian*), P. G. Brealey (*Asst. Treasurer*), M. W. Barker, E. C. Davies, J. R. Salter, L. Fielding, R. C. Giles, M. W. B. MacEacharn, L. G. Payne, R. D. Middleton, K. Jackson,\* D. N. Waters.\*

*Games Club*: The Headmaster (*President*), Mr. Woodland, Mr. Winter, Mr. Covington, Mr. Timson, K. R. Cooper, R. M. H. Wraith (*Secretary*), W. N. Bolt, D. B. Palombo,\* J. R. Salter.\*

\*Appointed since last issue.

### VALETE.

*VIIIth*: K. R. Cooper (1942. *Captain of School, of Rugby Football, 1st XV Colours 1947-8-9-50, of 2nd XI, Colours 1948-9, Athletic Colours 1949, Secretary*

*of Christian Union 1947-9*); B. S. P. Gent (1942. *Sub-Prefect, 1st XV Colours 1949-50, Secretary of Chess*); K. B. Wedmore (1947. *Editor of the Elizabethan 1949, Open Exhibition in Modern History at Jesus College, Cambridge*).

*Upper Language VIIIth*: B. T. G. Walters (1943. *1st XI Colours 1949*).

*Lower Science VIIIth*: A. G. Salisbury (1941. *2nd XI Colours 1949*).

*Upper V S.*: R. T. Seaton (1943).

3A: J. R. Hanson (1948).

3B: P. J. Crosbie (1947); D. K. Nelson (1948).

### POWELL-DAVIS PRIZE.

The prize for last term was awarded to W. G. Roberts.

### SCHOOL CHARITIES FUND.

The following Charities have benefited so far this term:

The British Sailors' Society.

The Royal Sailors' Rest.

Sunshine Homes for Blind Babies.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Summer Term begins: Thursday, April 27th.

Half Term: Monday, May 29th, and Tuesday, May 30th.

Founder's Day: Saturday, June 17th.

Term ends: Saturday, July 29th.

## CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

Dear Sir,

Like Cleopatra, Cambridge is a mistress of infinite variety: on the first acquaintance one is completely overawed. The station, the taxi queue and the whole town is thick with the seven thousand undergraduates up here, and each of them, to the dazed freshman at least, appears to own the place. One feels like an explorer about to enter a land as yet unknown, for it is a sad fact that there is no Elizabethan tradition to help one over initial difficulties, to point the way and to provide an island of familiarity amid the diverse activities of a strange society. In other men's rooms one finds membership cards of Cambridge Old Boys' Societies with long lists of school fellows in residence. Apart from the very welcome haven of Dr. Brittain's rooms in Jesus, there is nothing like that for us—a situation to be remedied in the future.

Cambridge is a town of a thousand impressions, and how can this letter bring a whiff of Cambridge life into the *Elizabethan*? An aunt of mine, as opposed to those of R. C. Hayes, has the idea that Cambridge is a miraculous never-never land of punts and parties, where the regular exercise is rowing and roof-climbing, where witty conversation on cosmic problems proceeds throughout the night, and where one attends dull lectures given by professors surviving from a leisurely and near-prehistoric age. Indeed, despite Government grants and Trinity sports cars, the past is reluctant to be ushered out. But today, alas, when we bolt our superior British Restaurant food in hall, we think of men who once dined on succulent beef steak washed down by pints of audit ale—a potent brew peculiar to collegiate institutions—and we notice the silver pepper pots, large enough to hold half a pound of pepper, true relics of more spacious days.

One soon becomes accustomed to Cambridge life. It is only when the mind is fresh from the dulling influence of the ordinary world that one is receptive enough fully to enjoy experiences that in later life so many slightly frustrated people like Rupert Brooke look back upon as forming the happiest years of their lives.

I had only been up for three days when all the freshmen were invited to meet the Master, President and Dean in the Senior Combination Room. The St. John's Combination Room is a college showpiece for it stretches the entire length of a court, has oak panelled walls, a beautifully figured Jacobean ceiling, and silver candlesticks on the walls, which are backed by silver shields bearing the college arms. The room is long, low, and narrow

Being one of the last 250 freshers to arrive, the atmosphere was already heavy with the aroma of tobacco and good coffee. After shaking hands with the Master, I went into the room, which was so long and dim that the far end seemed lost to sight, the candlelight giving a gentle, mellow illumination. Conversation was decorously subdued and the individuality of modern dress was blurred by our gowns. There was no visible evidence that this Cambridge island belonged to the Century of the Common Man. The black gowns and the candlelight seemed unassociated with time, and the sight of doublet and hose or an elegant brocade waistcoat would not have been out of place. The Master, himself a historian, delighted in the timelessness of the occasion, and when in relating history of the College he mentioned that the marriage treaty of Katherine of Braganza had been signed by King Charles II in that Combination Room, one almost expected to turn round and see the King there.

Perhaps I should have written a letter of sparkling wit, concocting bright stories out of the misdoings of other O.E.s, of J. A. Woods researching in the U.S.A., of his brother, R.G., whom I sometimes see emerging from lectures sporting a Jesus scarf, or of Michael Lannon who came up with me to read Modern Languages. Perhaps I should have observed him closely and written a pseudo-clever paragraph entitled, "The Dear Fellow in the Cam." Our two old-stagers, if they will forgive the title, are Dr. Brittain who serves excellent sherry and who presides over the Jesus "Roosters"—a society dedicated to wasting time well—and Mr. Creswick, who is responsible for the many miles of books inside our magnificent University library.

The only amusing story I can recollect concerns Oxford—"naturally enough," the Dark Blues would say. J. R. Darling came over to play Pembroke at rugby, called on me and ended the evening in Cambridge's most disreputable tavern playing pin-table football with the President of the Cambridge Union.

On that suitable note of indecorum, may I conclude and congratulate K. B. Wedmore on his Exhibition at Jesus—Elizabethans had no part in the recent fire there—and hope that both he and I. E. M. Hughes will be merely the forerunners of many more Elizabethans at this pleasant University.

Yours faithfully,

YOUR CAMBRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

### "THE RIVALS" By RICHARD BRINSLEY SHERIDAN.

On March 10th and 11th, the Dramatic Society presented two performances of "The Rivals." The general result was very pleasing, and any criticism of detail must be read in the light of this. The production was very sound. The pace was well varied and the grouping was good (except in the last scene), while the whole spirit of the play was admirably rendered. The technicians (not forgetting the front-of-the-house staff) performed their many duties with distinguished efficiency and skill. Indeed, the electricians are now so proficient that Mr. Covington might well consider

a play in which the lighting is more than a mere process of illumination.

The acting was less uniformly excellent. R. C. Giles was very good indeed as *Sir Anthony Absolute*. This is a rewarding part for an intelligent actor, and Giles was a pleasure to watch. K. R. Cooper was thoroughly in character as *Captain Absolute*, and the keenest ear could not have detected any sound made by the swish of last year's toga. The tiresome part of *Faulkland* was well handled by L. Fielding, who gave full expression to that silly man's histrionics

and self-pity. D. B. Fry made *Sir Lucius O'Trigger* less of a swashbuckler than usual, but his reading of the character as a fastidious aristocrat was perfectly legitimate and consistently maintained. T. E. Smith enjoyed being *Mrs. Malaprop*. He pointed his lines well and was not afraid to wait for laughs. His voice, however, was not very resonant. It is always difficult for a boy to play a ravishing young maiden, but D. G. Ingham made a very fair attempt at *Lydia Languish*. When action was necessary, he was good enough; but he was less happy when static speeches and soliloquys were required. Much the same applies to R. T. Newman in the rather colourless rôle of *Julia*. M. G. Slough grossly over-acted the part of *Acres*. This

character is clearly ashamed of being a bumpkin: Slough should have realised this, and he must learn to distinguish between comedy and farce. D. D. Roberts-Morgan was faultless as *David*, stealing every scene in which he appeared, but W. G. Roberts as *Thomas* was (if the verbal play be allowed) only half as good. D. F. Gwinnett was appropriately sly as *Lucy*, but J. R. Salter (*Fag*) was too pompous. A word of praise is due to P. E. Adams for his tiny part as the *Boy*.

By and large, indeed, there was little amiss; and Mr. Covington is to be thanked as well as congratulated.

## GAMES.

### FOOTBALL SEASON—1949-50.

At one time this seemed likely to be a record season indeed; for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd XVs were all unbeaten until the end of November. Though they all had then to lower their colours, the results for the season as a whole were fully as good as those of any previous big year, such as 1941-2. They were:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts. For	Pts. Ag'st.
1st XV .....	10	8	1	1	153	67
2nd XV .....	8	6	0	2	100	49
3rd XV .....	6	4	0	2	128	36
Colts XV .....	6	1	1	4	57	42

Never before has a School first XV gone through the season losing only one match, but, the City of London and O.E. club games having been scratched owing to ground conditions, this side had a slightly shorter fixture list than a previous fifteen that was beaten but twice. One or two earlier, the pre-war fifteen with Lockwood and Parsons in its three-quarter line, the teams of the early forties that could call on N. T. Hughes, Tarbox, and Pankhurst for their wings, were perhaps stronger *on their day*; for they had a scoring power of which this year's side was a little short. But the School has never had a fifteen that was so sound. Soundness was the keynote of its play: a defence very firm against all but a really surprise move and an attack where the scrum concentrated on getting the ball to a dependable mid-field "triangle" that almost invariably made ground. Bedford Modern alone had the brilliance to overcome it, against Watford alone did the side have an off-day. Well-led, happily together, fit, and anxious to represent the School worthily, they are most heartily to be congratulated.

The second XV had days when its scrum was slow and clumsy, its outsides were individuals rather than a back division, and when the tackling of some players was bad. Nevertheless, it could also be very effective, and, but for a defeat by one point in the last second of the Rutlish match, its record would have rivalled that of the first. Its players will need practice to polish their technique before coming into the first next year, but are certainly to be congratulated on this year's results as a whole.

So are the third XV. Competent footballers, their play lacked something of "punch," and they were beaten when they met two sides that had this quality; but under the captaincy of Fairey, they won all their other matches convincingly, as their points total shows.

The Colts deserve a word of commiseration for, though their record seems poor till one looks at their points total, a mere goal kick would have altered the result in no less than four matches! An earnest side, they were yet slow starters, and sometimes allowed the opposition to get a score in the first few minutes that, lacking scoring power themselves, they were not able to overtake though having the better of the rest of the game.

School football as a whole is in a healthy state. For some form matches at the end of the Christmas term showed everybody trying to play good football even in muddy conditions, and not without success. A heartening sight.

### THE HOUSE MATCHES.

A very good match season was appropriately followed by a good series of Senior House Matches. Broughton were palpably weak—despite Palombo and two or three useful forwards—but no one cared to prophesy the fortunes of the other three houses. On semi-finals day, at Galley Lane, a strong wind blew straight down the pitches. Backed by this, Stapylton built up a winning lead against Broughton by half-time, though the losers scored try for try with their stronger opponents in the second half. Meanwhile, Leicester v. Underne was proving a real blood-for-supper House Match: which is by interpretation, that everybody forgot all he knew of skilful football, but grabbing the ball, fought his way on till he was overwhelmed. One noticed some very even duels among the big noises, some firm tackling by Deller, which showed that a lesser player, given guts, can *debellare superbos*, and one noticed an unusual number of cases of players held up on the line. There was no score; and players deserve high marks for heartiness and few for brains.

The replay was on a day of driving rain and proved a tense struggle in appalling conditions. Once again everyone played hard and there was little to choose between the sides, the game being level, without a score, until well on in the second half. Underne were well served by Barker's experience at scrum-half on so bad a day, and this made them just about value for their win by two tries—one from a forward scramble in the corner, and the other from a good interception by Wraith. The final was played on a heavy ground in perfect weather. It was marked by excellent work in the line out and by play so keen and good generally that it would be invidious to mention names. Just on half-time Winchester kicked a penalty goal and put Stapylton only three points behind. In that they were



lucky, for they had barely visited the Underne half, and Underne, who had scored through Wraith and Jack, perhaps deserved to have scored more. Early in the second half Stapylton, whose forwards had by now got together, drew level when Winchester made an opening for a good scoring run by Hobson. Underne replied with a try by Welch, and Elderfield converted this, and kicked a penalty goal. But Stapylton kept the game alive when Walker sent Cuss away on the blind side with a fine scoring run, and it was only in the closing minutes that Underne made sure with a try by Wraith. Their victory by 17 points to 9 was deserved, for, of two sides otherwise equal, their forwards were quicker on the loose, and their backs slightly better together. Stapylton were unlucky to lose Hobson for the last few minutes, but had otherwise what luck was going.

This good set of House Matches confirmed an impression left by the match season: that the School is short of players who, by their quickness to seize an opportunity or by their speed, off the mark, or over a distance, or by the skill and determination of their running, are likely scorers; though in other respects our play is both determined and good.

With regard to the Junior House Matches, Underne beat Stapylton 12-3 and Broughton beat Leicester 6-3 in the semi-finals. A sunny day brought pleasant conditions for the tussle between Underne and Broughton in the final, when the former, somewhat disconcerted by the steadfast opposition met in the first half, eventually triumphed 21-0.

#### FIRST XV CHARACTERS.

K. R. COOPER (*Captain. Colours 1947-8-9-50*). The School has been lucky very nearly always to have a good captain of football, and this was one of its best. A back-row forward, he always shoved his weight, yet he used his pace and experience to cover a lot of ground both in defence and attack.

I. E. M. HUGHES (*Vice-Captain. Colours 1948-9-50*). Centre three-quarter who "generalised" the backs as a vice-captain should. Splendid tackle and kick; slow off the mark, otherwise dangerous in attack, being a strong runner with a good swerve.

J. R. BRADBEER (*Colours 1948-9-50*). Centre with strong defence and really good constructive judgement in attack, though liable to an off-day with his handling.

D. B. PALOMBO (*Colours 1948-9-50*). Powerful second-row forward, and second only to his captain in the loose. Even though he had some bad luck, his good place-kicking contributed a lot to our success.

R. M. H. WRAITH (*Colours 1948-9-50*). He found the man turning inside him a difficulty, and did not use his left-foot kick enough. Otherwise, with fine sense of position, and beautiful handling and kicking, he was a class School full-back.

M. W. BARKER (*Colours 1948-9-50*). Much improved scrum-half. His pass out was variable; but he was tireless, with a stout defence, and a good slip-away on the blind side.

M. G. SLOUGH (*Colours 1948-9-50*). Forward, at his best in the tight and in loose scrums; loved a battle.

R. D. MIDDLETON (*Colours 1949-50*). Never played a poor game; good in the tight and line-out, and in rushes and defence; he promises to be a first-class forward.

J. E. WINCHESTER (*Colours 1949-50*). Fly-half whose judgement improved greatly during the season. Splendid right-foot kick, but must strengthen his left foot. Had beautiful hands and got his line going well, but was apt to lose touch when going through on his own.

L. G. PAYNE (*Colours 1949-50*). Light forward, who hooked consistently well; good tackle.

A. F. MANN (*Colours 1949-50*). Earnest forward, who knew the game; strenuous worker and good at covering in defence.

B. S. P. GENT (*Colours 1949-50*). Forward; used his height in line-out, and handled well, and with dash, in the loose.

F. I. WELCH (*Colours 1949-50*). Promising left wing three-quarter. Young for the fifteen, but has dash and improved steadily. Unlucky to be crocked near the end of the season.

J. P. GRUMMITT (*Colours 1949-50*). Right wing three-quarter, handicapped by lack of pace, but made up for this by playing hard with intelligence and soundness, and thoroughly deserved his colours.

W. G. ROBERTS. Keen forward and clever dribbler. Rather unlucky in having to pack on the outside of the back row when really suited to the front, and in having to struggle against an injury that kept him out of several matches.

#### SECOND XV CHARACTERS.

M. W. B. MACEACHARN (*Captain. Colours 1948-9-50*). Led side and pack with vigour. Promising back-row forward who should really be counted as in the First XV, for which, as spare man, he played often and well.

G. L. WALKER (*Vice-Captain. Colours 1948-9-50*). Led the side several times in MacEacharn's absence. Keen little player and determined runner, but has suffered from changes of position. Started at fly, but had to come to scrum-half when Clark was crocked, and never really settled down in either place.

K. JACKSON (*Colours 1948-9-50*). Centre three-quarter. Strong runner with good defence, but a little bit clumsy with handling and kicking.

J. A. HOBSON (*Colours 1949-50*). Scoring centre, apt to starve his wing, but otherwise very promising in attack. Needs to improve handling; kicking and tackling.

S. B. GORDON (*Colours 1949-50*). Fast back-row forward, who must beware of over much winging, and improve his tackling.

K. W. CLARK (*Colours 1949-50*). Scrum-half who needs to learn the finer points of the game, but promises very well. Unlucky to be crocked for the last three matches.

L. FIELDING (*Colours 1949-50*). Sound and hard-working scrummager of good style.

N. J. MELHUISE (*Colours 1949-50*). Promising young forward; should study the finer points of the game and improve his handling.

C. J. W. CHAPPLE (*Colours 1949-50*). Wing three-quarter. He did not have enough of the ball, but he was improving rapidly and with promise when he had unluckily to leave half-way through the season.

J. A'BROOK (*Colours 1949-50*). Vigorous if rather clumsy forward. Hooked fairly well, but apt to paw for the ball instead of swinging.

E. F. HOOPER (*Colours 1949-50*). Young heavy-weight forward; a bit slow and clumsy, but, with added strength, and use of his height in the line-out, may be really good next year.

E. C. DAVIES (*Colours 1949-50*). Earnest and hard-working, but rather awkward forward. Should tackle lower.

C. J. STURGEON (*Colours 1949-50*). Full back with quite a lot of dash, and fairly good handling and kicking, but has not yet got the finer positional points of the game.

W. N. BOLT (*Colours 1949-50*). Wing three-quarter with pace and swerve, who ended the season well, but

lacked determination in the earlier matches. Place kicking could be really good with practice.

M. W. BACK (*Colours* 1949-50). Forward who got into the side half-way through the season by real hard work, and deservedly kept his place by the same means.

P. G. CUSS, three-quarter, B. C. FULLER, fly-half with rather weak defence, and G. R. FOX and J. H. GREGORY, forwards, were spare men who might well have gained a regular place in weaker seasons.

#### FIRST XV MATCHES.

v. RUTLISH SCHOOL. On Stapylton. Dec. 10th. Won 11—3.

A bitterly cold day, and we were without Middleton and Roberts forward. Perhaps this accounts for slow heeling, though the forwards were good otherwise; and the slow heeling, plus cold hands, plus a tendency to kick too much, perhaps explains why we did not score more in a game where we were much more in our opponent's half than our own. Some likely looking attacks went wrong before Winchester went right through on his own. The visiting fly-half immediately put his side level with a similar try; but before half-time Barker, who played his best game so far, made a very good opening on the blind side for Welch to score. We pressed nearly all the second half, but were often stopped just short of a try, and our only score was by Welch, from a scramble on the line, Palombo converting. Wraith showed good form in trying conditions but most others played hard and soundly rather than skilfully.

*School*: R. M. H. Wraith; J. P. Grummitt, J. R. Bradbeer, I. E. M. Hughes, F. I. Welch; J. E. Winchester, M. W. Barker; K. R. Cooper, B. S. P. Gent, M. W. B. MacEacharn, D. B. Palombo, N. J. Melhuish, M. G. Slough, L. G. Payne, A. F. Mann.

v. ST. ALBANS SCHOOL. Away. Dec. 14th. Won 8—6.

Though we have beaten St. Albans reasonably often on Stapylton, this is the first time (as far as we can tell from records which prior to 1930 are somewhat incomplete) that we have done so on their ground. So this win was pleasant: it was also meritorious, as we were one short (Welch) for about three-quarters of the game in very heavy and greasy conditions when a man could ill be spared from the pack. Both sides brought off some good movements in the difficult conditions. We opened the scoring with a fine individual run by Hughes, Winchester converting. St. Albans then got a good try in the corner, and were still attacking when Bradbeer made an excellent interception, sending Hughes away on a long run, for a try fairly wide out. We then lost Welch, and only a great tackle by Wraith saved a try just on half time. In the second half, St. Albans for a while seemed to overwhelm our forwards, and only first-class tackling by the backs and by Cooper, and fine clearing of our lines by Wraith, kept them to one try. Our forwards recovered splendidly, outlasted their opponents, and we were attacking at the end, both Hughes and Grummitt coming near to scoring. Everybody played in real good form and it was an excellent match.

*School*: R. M. H. Wraith; J. P. Grummitt, J. R. Bradbeer, I. E. M. Hughes, F. I. Welch; J. E. Winchester, M. W. Barker; K. R. Cooper, B. S. P. Gent, M. W. B. MacEacharn, D. B. Palombo, R. D. Middleton, M. G. Slough, L. G. Payne, A. F. Mann.

v. OLD ELIZABETHANS (PAST v. PRESENT). On Stapylton. Dec. 17th. Won 9—8.

In the words of the referee, neither side could feel satisfied with the result. The game was as pleasant as such a game should be; but over-keenness led to

a number of kicks for offside around the scrum and for foot-up. Palombo had his place-kicking boots on, and the O.E. kickers did not. So the School won by three penalty goals to a goal and a try, and the O.E.s had the further hard luck to be without their captain, Slough, for the last ten minutes. Frankly, the School did not show their true form of the season, except for the last quarter of an hour, though the backs deserve credit for an unflagging defence, and the forwards for outlasting their heavier opponents.

Half a gale was blowing straight down the pitch and the School had the advantage of it in the first half, but they were so beaten in the tight as to get little chance to use the wind, though they were naturally helped by it to attacking positions, and from these Palombo landed three goals from free-kicks, two of them at long-range. The O.E. backs looked the more dangerous, but met a good defence. The first twenty minutes of the second half were all O.E., but they ran into really good tackling. Walpole countered this with kicks ahead, and from two of these came scores, by McCormack and McGreal—the latter a beautiful try, converted by Cooper. Now that all seemed lost the School made a big effort. The scrum at last got the better of its opponents, Winchester was nearly in with two good individual runs, a number of good attacks tested the O.E. defence, and only lack of pace on the wings prevented a score. Helped by the injury that caused the retirement of Slough, the School maintained this rally to the end.

*Present*: R. M. H. Wraith; K. Jackson, I. E. M. Hughes, J. R. Bradbeer, J. P. Grummitt; J. E. Winchester, M. W. Barker; K. R. Cooper, D. B. Palombo, M. G. Slough, R. D. Middleton, L. G. Payne, A. F. Mann, B. S. P. Gent, M. W. B. MacEacharn.

*Past*: H. G. Holmes; N. H. T. Bennett, R. W. Slough (Captain), P. S. McGreal, R. H. Winchester; P. F. Walpole, A. E. McCormack; R. J. Cooper, C. G. King, L. G. Evans, R. E. Stanley, A. M. Robertson, J. R. Darling, R. Opperman, B. L. Faulkner.

#### SECOND XV MATCHES.

v. RUTLISH SCHOOL. Away. Dec. 10th. Lost 16—17.

A firm, dry pitch gave every opportunity for clever three-quarter play. The School backs used their openings well and Jackson generally succeeded in getting his line moving successfully. In the first half the School forwards pressed hard. Heeling in the loose—always a weak spot—was good, while the line-out and set-scrum work was excellent. As a result the backs were well served and by half-time the School led by 13 points. In the second half, however, the forwards lost all their dash and Rutlish succeeded in catching up. Nevertheless, the School played better than the score suggests, being very near to scoring on a number of occasions. The backs were reliable and the match might well have been saved had the pack been led with more spirit in the last ten minutes. For the School Back, Gregory, and Hobson scored one try each, and Bolt kicked a penalty and converted two tries.

*School*: C. J. Sturgeon; P. G. Cuss, J. A. Hobson, K. Jackson, W. N. Bolt; B. C. Fuller, G. L. Walker; J. H. Gregory, M. W. Back, J. R. Salter, E. F. Hooper, D. S. Fairhurst, L. Fielding, J. A'Brook, E. C. Davies.

v. ST. ALBANS SCHOOL. On Stapylton. Dec. 14th. Won 8—0.

The match was poor in that neither side seemed to rise above the mediocre. An occasional forward rush livened the proceedings, but there was throughout the game little combination in tactics and movement. The St. Albans backs initiated one or two movements that could have been dangerous but which tended to pass

out too often and too hurriedly to achieve much—indeed, they generally lost ground. Hard and vigorous forward play led to one good movement in which a bout of clever passing among the three-quarters sent Gregory over the line. The School's second score came when Walker seized upon the ball on the blind side and touched down near the corner—a try which Bolt converted.

*School*: C. J. Sturgeon; J. H. Gregory, J. A. Hobson, K. Jackson, W. N. Bolt; B. C. Fuller, G. L. Walker; W. G. Roberts, M. W. Back, J. R. Salter, N. J. Melhuish, L. Fielding, E. F. Hooper, J. A'Brook, E. C. Davies.

### THIRD XV MATCH.

v. RUTLISH SCHOOL. On Stapylton. Dec. 10th. Lost 9—18.

### COLTS XV MATCH.

v. RUTLISH SCHOOL. Away. Dec. 10th. Lost 6—17.

### UNDER 13½ MATCH.

v. ASHMOLIE SCHOOL XII. At Galley Lane. Feb. 10th. Won 18—0.

In shocking conditions of wind and rain the School played well. The muddy ball was handled with surprising skill by the outsides, and the forwards used their feet to advantage. Tries were scored by Palmer, Dyson, Tomalin, Pratt, Melhuish, and Boddington.

*School*: M. J. Dyson, W. Boddington, P. J. Melhuish, R. Tomalin; D. J. Hannant (*Captain*), M. A. Woolf; M. J. Pratt, G. M. Garland, J. R. Palmer, A. J. Lambell, G. Chambers, P. F. H. Judge.

## CROSS-COUNTRY.

Despite the energetic attempts on the part of Mr. Woodland and Mr. Shearly, interest in cross-country running this year has remained high and constant in only a small but very keen group. Thus, although any success in this direction was merely mediocre, success in solving the great difficulty of escaping from the School confines has been partly achieved, for the School Race started and finished this season at the top of what is commonly called the Green Belt.

For some weeks three packs have been taken out at various times (certainly not less than twice a week), and very poor conditions often tended to make hard work of what was, in essence, light training in preparation for the athletic season. The School race, held on February 15th, was run through mud and mire, up hill and down dale, and showed some unexpected talent and some well-developed, stylish running. The first six home were: 1, R. J. D. Westcott, 22 mins., 53 secs.; 2, R. M. H. Wraith, 23.8; 3, K. W. Clark, 23.34; 4, P. G. Cuss, 24.5; 5, C. R. J. Winchester, 25.3; 6, A. L. Perry, 25.36.

In the Herts. Youths' Cross-Country Championships at St. Albans on January 14th we did moderately well for our first race, when J. A. Hobson (8th), R. M. H. Wraith (15th), and K. W. Clark (20th) came in the

first 20, and, being well backed up, the team came fourth. P. G. Cuss was 9th in the corresponding Herts. Junior C.C.C. A weak team was sent over to Richmond Park on February 18th for the Raneleagh Harriers' Inter-Schools Race, where P. G. Cuss (63rd) and C. R. J. Winchester (88th) alone came in the first hundred. At Welwyn Garden City our team did very well in the Herts. Schools C.C.C. on February 22nd, when R. J. D. Westcott (5th), K. W. Clark (11th), P. G. Cuss (14th), and R. M. H. Wraith (16th), supported by M. W. B. MacEacharn and J. A. Hobson, put us second behind St. Albans County School.

In the huge fields for the Southern Counties C.C.C. we put up a better performance than last year with R. J. D. Westcott (35th), R. M. H. Wraith (47th), and K. W. Clark (59th) in the first 60, and with a final position of 13th out of 37. But our best performance was at Clay Hill on March 4th, when the School team succeeded in winning the challenge trophy presented by the Southgate Harriers. In the first 50 were R. J. D. Westcott (2nd), 20 mins., 56 secs.; K. W. Clark (3rd), 21.08; P. G. Cuss (9th), 21.42; C. R. J. Winchester (10th), 21.43; J. A. Hobson (31st), 22.20; M. W. B. MacEacharn (40th), 22.45; A. L. Hawton (45th), 22.50.

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

### SCHOOL SOCIETY.

*President*: MR. PEARCE.

*Secretary*: M. G. Slough.

*Assistant Secretary*: D. G. Squire.

The School Society's annual Hobbies Exhibition, which was held this term, on the eve of the General Election, although, perhaps for this reason, it was poorly supported by both parents and boys—there being present less than half the total number of last year's visitors—never before has presented such a variety of exhibits. For two and a half hours, from 6.30 p.m. until 9 p.m., visitors could view items ranging from the Wireless Club's television display to the Photographic Society's exhibition of sepia toning; from the models of the Railway Club to the Nautical Society's canvas canoes; from the Philatelic Society's bright collections of stamps to the contrivances of the

Modellers' Club; from the gleaming coins of the Numismatics Society to the Natural Science Section's microscopic monstrosities.

Apart from an interesting exhibition of books in the library, a very active jet car in the hall, and a truly mysterious display of conjuring by J. Gugenheim and P. J. Fydelor, there were on show the many entries for the competitions. Prizes were awarded as follows:—

*Oates Prize*—Model of Locomotive—J. M. Griffiths.

*Vincent Prize*—Set of six Birthday Cards—R. A. Brealey.

*Watts Prize*—Diagrammatic Cross-section of Liner—M. J. Thomas.

*President's Prize*—Water-colour Painting—K. Jackson.

*President's Prize*—Pencil or Charcoal Drawing—L. G. Payne.

M.G.S.

## CHESS CLUB.

President : MR. WOODLAND.

COMMITTEE : MR. TIMSON, E. C. DAVIES (Captain),  
B. S. P. GENT (Secretary), M. W. BARKER, J. R.  
SALTER, R. HOLLINGHURST, M. J. ZISSELL.

We have been very pleased to receive an attractive chess clock which was presented by two former captains, J. R. Darling and J. V. Lake.

Last term senior and junior lightning tournaments were held, and were won by E. C. Davies and P. J. King, respectively. We were sorry to say goodbye to K. M. Clifford, who had carried out the numerous duties of secretary very efficiently.

This term the club has been very active. Four separate knock-out tournaments have been held for various sections of the School which were won by B. S. P. Gent, L. J. White, M. J. Pratt, and P. B. Sanders. Our fixture list has been extended to include an enjoyable visit to Oxford where we played Wadham College, the captain of whose team is J. R. Darling, and where we were pleased to meet many Old Elizabethans and to go on a conducted tour.

The president, moreover, has kindly given a series of lectures to chess enthusiasts in the Middle School, while senior members of the club have given up valuable time to lecture on different aspects of the game to promising young players. The club is at present second in the Finchley League and the record of matches for the term is as follows :—

v. Old Elizabethans	... ..	Lost 4½—17½
v. Finchley Grammar School	... ..	Won 6 — 0
v. Mill Hill School	... ..	Won 4½— 1½
v. Barnet Chess Club	... ..	Won 5½— 2½
v. Wadham College, Oxford	... ..	Won 4½— 2½
		E.C.D.

## MUSICAL SOCIETY.

Chairman and Conductor : THE HEADMASTER.

Secretary : MR. NORMANTON.

At the Annual Christmas Concert on 16th December, the inclusion of some pieces of chamber music in the first part of the programme was a promising innovation and gave variety to a neatly balanced bill of fare.

The choir opened with part songs : "Oh, Hush Thee, My Babe," by Sullivan and Elgar's "As Torrents in Summer." These were followed by the Vaughan Williams' "Fantasia on Christmas Carols," in which the baritone solo was sung by Mr. R. G. Zissell and the 'cello part was played by Mr. Christopher Lebon. Both soloists outlined the main themes with discretion. The clearly defined rhythms of the Sullivan gave the choir the opportunity of a confident start which they maintained through the more subtle movements of the Elgar and the Vaughan Williams.

The singers then left the platform clear for the instrumentalists, whose arrival was heralded by K. M. Clifford and D. A. Barker in piano duets. The pair tackled a Dvorak "Slavonic Dance" with spirit and gusto; and, to the enjoyment of the audience as well as of themselves, they added a lively keyboard extravaganza—"In Foreign Parts : Italy,"—by Moszkowski. Mr. Shewell and C. F. Kolbert with D. B. Fry as the pianist next advanced to undertake the ambitious objective of Bach's Concerto in D Minor for Two Violins. The players wisely chose a moderate tempo for the third movement, where the technical demands are considerable. A little more fullness of tone in the lower strings would have assisted in the slow movement, but such observations are recorded in no spirit of criticism for a performance that had distinction of taste and style. Kolbert is clearly a

promising player and was fortunate to have the chance of playing with Mr. Shewell, whose refined and sensitive tone (in addition to his very considerable command of technique) emphasized his sympathetic musicianship. After the Bach, Mr. R. G. Zissell sang a number of songs, including Quilter's "Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind"; and Mr. Lebon concluded his 'cello solos with Faure's "Élégie," which gave an opportunity for evidence of his rich tone.

A Handel trio for violin, flute, and piano (Mr. Shewell, K. G. Beechey, and R. C. Giles) was the prelude for a performance by J. P. F. Franck (O.E.) of Beethoven's Sonata in C Minor (the Pathétique). Here tempo is not only a matter of taste but also of technique. Franck's deliberate pace, especially in the slower passages, demanded a display of élan in the last movement which was not forthcoming. The player, who is a gifted and thoughtful musician, may wish to revise his present exact and scholarly reading of the Sonata when he has achieved a greater degree of emotional maturity.

After the Interval the Choir returned to take up the challenge set by "The Highwayman," a Cantata by Armstrong Gibbs. This setting of a poem by Alfred Noyes is a test for any body of singers. To say that the choir survived the major obstacles and, with the help of some firm singing by the basses, finished the course in good form is to give deserved praise to a virile performance.

The concert revealed that the School music can gain in variety through the presence of its string players and retain its established vitality in choral work. To the Headmaster, who conducted the Choir, to Mr. Whittington, who accompanied, and to Mr. Normanton, Mr. Pearce, and K. M. Clifford for planning and organization, our grateful thanks are due.

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On February 13th the whole School attended a concert given in the Hall by the Roebur Orchestra. This consisted of thirteen players, and the instruments comprised a piano, woodwind, and four strings. The programme might be described as one of popular minor classics, and it was preceded by an introductory talk about the various members of the orchestra. The items with the piano suffered from some difficulty in tuning down to the School instrument, and the small number of strings presented to the conductor insuperable difficulties of balance. The *pièce de résistance* was Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf," which was performed with a good deal of musicianship and skill; but the purest pleasure of the afternoon came from Miss Alison Purves, who sang Mozart's "Exsultate" and "Hallelujah." She has a genuine soprano voice which is well produced, and the technical difficulties of her songs were overcome with such artistry and skill as to make her hearers realize once again that Mozart's work is one of the finest flowers of European civilization.

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Under the Presidency of Mr. G. L. Smith, and with R. C. Giles as secretary, the arrangement of gramophone recitals this term has been comparatively well supported. We were pleased to note amongst those present some members of the Junior and Middle School. The programmes have taken the form of orchestral concerts, where any noises, which normally come from the audiences, were admirably compensated by the behaviour of the gramophone, which unfortunately continues to be a hindrance to any enjoyable rendering of the music. Amongst the works of interest performed was Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2 in F Minor, a work nowadays not often heard.

Later in the year there will be some recitals given by members of the School. In these, not only works of the established "Old Masters," but also as many modern works as can be obtained will be performed.

Finally, a word of thanks must go to the Assistant Librarian for allowing the Society to meet in the Library, which affords a better atmosphere than the Committee Room.

## DEBATING SOCIETY.

*President* : MR. COVINGTON.

*Chairman* : MR. G. L. SMITH.

COMMITTEE : MR. BAILEY, K. R. Cooper, L. Fielding, L. G. Payne, J. A'Brook, A. F. Mann (*Secretary*).

As the result of an amendment carried by a large majority at the General Meeting in December the name of the Society has been changed from the Baconian Society to the Queen Elizabeth's Debating Society.

To date, the Society has held only one meeting this term, a mock General Election on February 16th, to which all persons over the age of sixteen in the School were invited. The candidates were K. R. Cooper (Communist), M. J. Fairey (Conservative), L. D. Isaacs (Labour), and I. N. Wells (Liberal). Each candidate was allowed twenty minutes in which to make an address and to answer questions.

The meeting proved to be a success despite colourful interruptions from one political body, and the chairman rose to quell the flood of heckling but twice. The ballot resulted in the election of M. J. Fairey with 37 votes, having a majority of 25 over I. N. Wells; K. R. Cooper polled 11 votes, L. D. Isaacs 10 votes. Mr. J. Covington kindly acted as chairman of the meeting with Mr. G. L. Smith as returning officer.

A.F.M.

## LIBRARY NOTES.

We regret to say that, far from maintaining the vigorous activity of the previous term, the library has conformed to its tradition of Spring Term slackness. Better weather, play rehearsals, and elections have robbed us of many devotees of *Punch* and also of a number of genuine readers.

Moreover, there have been very few additions in stock since the last issue of the *Elizabethan*, and most of these have been presentations. For these books we are none the less grateful to Miss J. R. Strongman, Mr. J. Pearce, the late Mr. E. W. Harrison, Mr. K. L. Woodland, G. Birchall (O.E.), B. Marks (O.E.), J. G. Woolf, and A. F. Richards. We should also like to thank I. A. Sewell, K. M. Clifford, and I. E. M. Hughes for generous leaving gifts.

The term has not, however, been one of unmitigated idleness. Due largely to the efforts of a number of enthusiastic sheivers the library has reached a state of exceptional tidiness, as those who visited the Hobbies Exhibition display (despite the greater attractions in the Hall) will probably testify.

W.G.R.

## BROUGHTON.

*Housemaster* : MR. P. TIMSON. *Sub-Prefects* : D. B. Palombo, R. C. Giles, A. O. Gauld.

Our congratulations go to R. C. Giles and A. O. Gauld on their appointment as sub-prefects, also to

## CHRISTIAN UNION.

*President* : MR. PEARCE.

COMMITTEE : C. N. Moss (*Secretary*), K. R. Cooper, W. G. Roberts, K. Jackson, L. G. Payne, R. P. Claridge, K. G. Beechey, J. N. W. Preston, J. L. Stibbs.

The weekly prayer meetings have been continued this term, and although attendances are not large, there is a spirit of close fellowship which is amply rewarding.

We are glad to report a considerable increase in attendance at meetings of the Society this term. On the 24th January, the Rev. A. L. MacArthur, M.A., gave an informative and thought-provoking talk on the subject of "Christianity and Communism." "The Other Kind of Knowledge" was the subject of an interesting address by Mr. Metcalfe Collier, the editor of "Team Witness," on the 7th February. A discussion has been arranged for the 21st March; it will be led by a member of the C.U. Committee.

Finally, thanks are due to K. Jackson and L. Payne for the beautifully painted posters which they have produced to announce C.U. Meetings this term.

C.N.M.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

*President* : MR. RAINES.

COMMITTEE : J. R. Salter (*Secretary*), B. O. W. Spence (*Assistant Secretary*), A. F. Mann, D. N. Waters, C. N. Moss.

Last term, a fifth meeting heard B. O. W. Spence talk on *Composition*, while to a sixth the Secretary showed slides about *The Way to Switzerland*, a subject of considerable importance in photography. So far this term three meetings have been held, which have varied in scope from preparing developers and practising toning to lectures on the reduction of negatives (D. N. Waters) and indoor photography (D. B. Bigley).

The Society was energetic in organising displays for the Hobbies Exhibition both of photographs and of apparatus in action. We tender thanks to G. F. Capsey (O.E.) and R. D. Middleton for presentations in the latter respect.

With the approach of the Hockett Cup Competition, it is hoped that more boys will attend our friendly Friday evening to learn something about this annual event and an interesting science.

J.R.S.

## PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

*President* : MR. WINTER.

*Secretary* : S. B. Gordon.

This term the Society has progressed reasonably well and now has quite a large membership. The Society again exhibited a large and varied collection of stamps in the Hobbies Exhibition, including a number of specialised collections of the British Empire. It is interesting to note that the junior members of the Society are now beginning to specialise in particular countries, which fact shows the great interest being aroused in Philately in the Lower School at the present moment.

We would like to thank yet again the Chairman of the Governors and others for their gifts of stamps.

S.B.G.

## HOUSE NOTES.

N. G. Melhuish, M. W. Back, and C. J. W. Chapple on being awarded 2nd XV colours at the end of last term, and to all those who passed School Certificate at Christmas.

Our showing in the Senior House Matches was



again disappointing, and we were well beaten by Stapylton. However, our Juniors won their House Match Semi-Final against Leicester, and with Jones, Price, and especially Gibson, the captain, to lead our weak team, it did very well.

From the beginning of this term we have regularly supplied half of the School Cross Country team with A. L. Perry, J. H. Gregory, and A. O. Gauld.

D.B.P.

### LEICESTER.

*Housemaster*: MR. WINTER. *Prefects*: K. R. Cooper, W. N. Bolt, J. R. Salter, R. D. Middleton. *Sub-Prefects*: L. G. Payne, E. C. Davies, J. A'Brook.

So far this term the only inter-House events decided have been the Senior and Junior House matches. The Seniors lost a close replay against Underne in the worst of conditions after a pointless draw in the semi-final. In the Junior match against Broughton, the team put up quite a good show, but were well beaten by a better team.

J. R. Salter and R. D. Middleton are to be congratulated on being appointed School Prefects, J. A'Brook a Sub-Prefect, and R. J. D. Westcott on his victory in the individual cross-country race. At the end of last term J. P. Grammitt was awarded 1st XV Colours, and a number of others gained Colours in the lesser teams. Congratulations are extended to all those who passed School Certificate.

Finally, the House is unlucky in losing K. R. Cooper, who has been most successful in captaining both the School and the House XV. He has taken a prominent part in many School activities ranging from the Play to the Debating Society. We wish him the best of luck for the future, both in the Army and at New College, Oxford.

W.N.B.

The House congratulates W. N. Bolt on his appointment as full School Prefect.

J.R.S.

### STAPYLTON.

*Housemaster*: MR. J. COVINGTON. *Prefect*: W. G. Roberts. *Sub-Prefects*: B. S. P. Gent, E. F. Hooper.

As for the Senior and Junior House Matches, we may be well satisfied with the endeavours of our teams,

for though they brought us no more cups, they at least put up very creditable performances, and, lacking the star-players who have carried us through the former years, showed a very welcome team spirit.

The other activities of the term, the Play, the Hobbies Exhibition, the academic endeavour on the part of some, are not House affairs, but inasmuch as the efforts of our fellows in these respects increase the reputation of the House as an active one, we may claim a share in their successes. Already we have to congratulate K. B. Wedmore for the one University success so far this year, and we hope that by next issue there will be more good news of this nature to report.

Finally, it is with considerable regret that we say goodbye to B. S. P. Gent. As Sub-Prefect and a man skilled both at chess and at rugby, he has served the House well. We wish him the best of luck for the future.

W.G.R.

### UNDERNE.

*Housemaster*: MR. J. PEARCE. *Prefect*: A. F. Mann. *Sub-Prefects*: M. W. Barker, M. G. Slough, R. M. H. Wraith, M. J. Pairey, P. G. Brealey.

The House has this year maintained its supremacy on the football field, both Senior and Junior teams deservedly retaining their cups, the former XV winning after three hard-fought matches. All those who passed School Certificate at Christmas are to be congratulated, as also is R. M. H. Wraith on his appointment as Captain of Cross-Country Running, and F. I. Welch on being awarded 1st XV Colours at the end of the season.

In the individual cross-country race several members performed creditably, with Wraith finishing a close second and K. W. Clark third.

We have been pleased to welcome back to the dinner-table this term P. Belton, S. S. Leveroni, and J. R. Brown.

It is hoped that in view of the coming activities of Cricket, Athletics and Swimming all will endeavour to better the standard set by the House in previous years.

A.F.M.

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following contemporaries, and apologise for any omissions: The *Aldenhambian*, the *Bromleian*, the *Finchleian*,

the *Georgian*, the *Reading School Magazine*, and the *Wellington Technical College Review* (which comes to us from New Zealand).

# The Old Elizabethans (Barnet)

*Honorary Secretary.*

C. E. SMITH, 23, Bedford Avenue, Barnet, Herts.

*Honorary Editorial Secretary:*

R. W. SLOUGH, 24, Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet.

## DEATH.

It is with very real regret that we announce the death of E. W. HARRISON, B.Sc. (A.M. from 1931), on Saturday, 11th March, 1950, after a short illness. We, old pupils and friends, extend our sympathies to Mrs. Harrison and her daughters in their bereavement, and mourn the loss of a great champion of the School, whose devotion and affection will be sadly missed by all who were associated with him. His obituary notice appears in the School news.

## BIRTHS.

- Jan. 15th—To Barbara, wife of G. H. PENFOLD (1930-38), a brother for John—Richard.  
Jan. 31st—To Kathleen, wife of H. G. WITHEY (1925-32), a daughter—Michèle.  
Feb. 23rd—T. Doris, wife of P. TIMSON, B.A. (A.M. from 1936), twins—a son and a daughter.  
March 1st—To Mary, wife of K. H. P. BAILEY, B.A. (A.M. from 1948), a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

- In Jan. —At Withycombe, F. A. COOK (1932-38), to Rosemary Thomas.  
In Feb. —At Durban, P. W. MILES (1941-46), to Alice Myles.  
In March—At Barnet, G. T. PARKYN (1931-40), to Phyllis White.  
In March—At Totteridge, R. H. VINCENT (1933-41), to Dawne Marjorie Hopkins.

## FOUNDER'S DAY.

Founder's Day celebrations will take place on Saturday, 17th June. Members who desire to partake in the cricket match will please contact W. T. Smith, 41, Fitzjohn Avenue, Barnet, preferably in writing, by Sunday, 4th June.

Tickets for the Founder's Day Supper will be available from F. J. Parsley, Hon. Treasurer.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Association Subscriptions became due on 1st January, 1950, and all members still unpaid are requested to send their annual remittance to F. J. Parsley as early as possible.

## YEAR BOOK.

Any alterations in names, addresses, etc., for the forthcoming Year Book, should be forwarded to the Secretary at once.

## NEW MEMBERS.

Elected to ordinary membership since December, 1949: G. H. Hollis, J. C. Clarke, G. E. Lindsay.

Elected to ordinary membership ex provisional: D. J. McNair, J. A. Widdicks, D. B. Brooks, J. Gough, S. S. Leveroni, J. V. Lake, E. A. Benabo, J. B. England, P. Belton, A. H. Bradford, R. F. Griffiths, I. A. Sewell, R. E. H. Challis, A. L. Lane, J. H. Boorne, J. R. Darling, J. P. F. Franck, D. R. Williams.

Provisional (Xmas, 1949, leavers): G. R. Birchall, J. R. Bradbeer, K. M. Clifford, I. E. M. Hughes, C. G. Sturgeon, W. H. Thompson, D. S. Willcock, D. G. Smith.

## PLAYING FIELD APPEAL.

Following the circular letter which was despatched recently to all members, in which we were requested to assist in raising money for the proposed playing field in Barnet, you are further reminded of the need for contributions in gift or loan form. Such contributions may be directed to the Hon. Treasurer, F. J. Parsley, who is ever ready to swell this fund with the smallest donation.

Offers of technical assistance and/or advice in regard to the levelling of the site, the erection of the pavilion and equipment for the maintenance of the field will be very welcomed by the Association Committee, which can be approached through any of its members whose names appear in the Year Book (*pps.* 3, 4).

## THE ANNUAL DANCE.

One hundred and fifty Old Boys and guests were united for a very happy evening at the Hendon Hall Hotel on Friday, 17th March. Although previous dances have been highly successful, I think that none has proved as enjoyable as this.

St. Patrick's night, it was, and with such a theme to guide them, R. E. ORTON and his committee of organisers, artists and other useful dilettantes, dwelt upon the production of table decorations in the form of leprechauns, the Irish harp, shamrock, and photographs of the emerald isle. The rapid disappearance of these items, as souvenirs, at the conclusion of the dance, left no doubt that they were popular incidentals to a hearty evening.

Shamrock from Ireland, flown in that very day, was provided for personal adornment, and many silken lapels were muddily defaced by its application to the button-hole.

The Hotel lived up to its previous reputation of providing an excellent buffet, invariably the highlight of the evening, and the resident orchestra kept the company hilariously active from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m.

## APPOINTMENT.

I have been requested to notify all who were concerned with war-time harvest camps, or took VIth Form Biology, that the "Padre," the Rev. A. S. Taylor, visiting Biology master from 1942-46, leaves England in July to become Rector of a parish at Port Elizabeth in South Africa. I feel sure that you will endorse my good wishes to him for the future.

## CAMBRIDGE DINNER.

Cambridge O.E.s are reminded that a dinner will be held at Jesus College on Saturday, 22nd April. Non-residents who wish to attend should send a postcard to Dr. F. Brittain, Jesus College, as soon as possible.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR 1949/50.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 29th April, 1949, and the Committee there elected submits the following report covering the period ended 24th February, 1950, together with a financial statement for the year ended 31st December, 1949.

### ADMINISTRATION.

At the first meeting of the Committee on 5th May, 1949, J. A. Strugnell (Vice-President) was elected to serve as Chairman of the Committee under Rule 23.

There have been seven meetings of the Committee at which the attendance of elected members is shown hereunder :—

W. D. Hart, (2); T. E. Knibb, (4); R. E. Orton, (6); G. M. Parmiter, (7); D. E. Pratt, (5); H. G. Rogers, (6); N. G. Scriven, (7); J. A. Strugnell, (7).

### MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of the Association continues to maintain its high level, and the total figure now stands at 706. This figure includes 60 members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1949.

We regret to report the death of D. S. Sturmyer (1940-42). Older members will learn with regret the death of Mrs. Lillian Harrison, widow of the late Mr. G. W. N. Harrison, who was a much respected master at the School from 1888 to 1929.

### SOCIAL EVENTS.

The celebration of **FOUNDER'S DAY** took place on 18th June, 1949. In the morning a large number of O.E.s attended the Thanksgiving Service in Barnet Parish Church, and in the afternoon the Past v. Present cricket match resulted in a win for the Old Boys by an innings and two runs. In the evening over 50 members attended a supper in the School Hall.

The **ANNUAL DINNER** was held on 3rd November, 1949, at the Hendon Hall Hotel with Cllr. H. E. E. Hewes (1916-20) in the Chair.

The **PAST v. PRESENT RUGBY MATCH** took place on 17th December, 1949, and resulted in a win for the School by 9 pts. to 8 pts.

### SUBSIDIARY SECTIONS.

The **CRICKET CLUB** fielded two elevens during the season on Saturdays and one, sometimes two, on Sundays. 1st XI match results were : Won 12, Drawn 7, and Lost 19, with 1 game abandoned.

The **ATHLETIC CLUB** had a successful season, winning eight of its ten matches. Once again, we heartily congratulate Peter Wells on establishing a new English Native High Jump record which he made at Bristol last summer with a jump of 6 ft. 6¼ ins. Recently he represented England in the Empire Games in New Zealand and secured fifth place with a jump of 6 ft. 4 ins. Our congratulations also go to Mr. K. L. Woodland to whose brilliant coaching is largely due not only the success of Wells but all the other Elizabethan athletes of the last decade.

The **RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB** acknowledged last season as the most successful in its history; of the 26 games played, the 1st XV won 18, drew 4, and lost 4. At the Bournemouth Rugger Festival last Easter, the Club won all its matches for the second year in succession. The 1949-50 season has been very satisfactory so far, and we congratulate six of the Club's members who have been selected to play for Hertfordshire.

The **CHESS CLUB** finished last season with a fairly satisfactory return of match results winning six of its fourteen games. This season the Club is playing 15 matches against local teams including two with the School.

The **GYMNASTIC SECTION** continues to function once a week at the School with benefit to those participating.

### PLAYING FIELD.

Continual attention has been given to the problem of fulfilling the second aim of the War Memorial Fund, i.e., the provision of a playing field. Meetings of your Committee have been held with members of the Rugby Football Club and O.E. members of the War Memorial Committee to consider the possibility of renting a field from the Barnet U.D.C. A scheme was submitted to the War Memorial Committee with a request that it should donate its balance of £1,215 towards the expenses involved as a result of which the latter resolved "that this Committee approves in principle the scheme submitted and is willing to donate the War Memorial monies now in its possession provided the Old Elizabethans' Association is completely satisfied with its practicability; is willing to donate its reserve of £600; is able to implement the other financial estimates of gifts or loans adequately to finance the scheme, and finally is able to provide suitable accommodation for a resident groundsman."

Members were circulated asking for further gifts to the same end and donations of £1,163 have already been promised.

The Association at its 1950 A.G.M. was asked to give approval to the scheme and to take the necessary steps to implement the financial requirements.

### OLD ELIZABETHAN COAT OF ARMS.

The War Memorial Committee, through the generosity of Mr. D. F. Abbott, has offered a Coat of Arms to the Association which, as well as signifying the origin of the School, commemorates the services of its members in the two World Wars.

### FINANCE.

Accounts for the financial year ending 31st December, 1949, are subjoined and show an excess of income over expenditure of £33 12s. 7d.

By order of the Committee,

J. A. STRUGNELL, *Chairman.*

C. E. SMITH, *Hon. Secretary.*

24th February, 1950.

## THE OLD ELIZABETHANS (BARNET).

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1949.

1948	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	1948	INCOME.	£ s. d.
23 15 6	Postage and Poundage ...	24 1 10		Subscriptions, 1948	£4 5 0
43 2 5	Printing and Stationery ...	46 12 9		"          1949	137 2 6
54 5 4	" Elizabethan " for 1949 ...	54 3 8	151 14 6		141 7 6
2 2 0	Wreaths ...	3 2 0		Transfer from " Life Mem-	
2 2 6	Notice Board 1948/9 ...	—		bership Fund " : 157	
101 15 0	Annual Dance ...	95 4 2	30 16 0	Members @ 4/- each ...	31 8 0
56 10 8	Founder's Day Supper ...	40 6 6	107 2 1	Annual Dance ...	102 6 0
30 18 4	Annual Dinner ...	23 2 6	56 19 8	Founder's Day Supper ...	40 9 6
—	Donation to " School Club " ...	5 0 0	34 19 0	Annual Dinner ...	23 0 6
—	Addressograph ...	13 5 6			
5 5 0	Donation to Barnet Society... Excess of Income over	—			
63 14 6	Expenditure ...	33 12 7			
<u>£381 11 3</u>		<u>£338 11 6</u>	<u>£381 11 3</u>		<u>£338 11 6</u>

### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1949.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<i>Creditors—</i>			<i>Subscriptions Outstanding—</i>		
December, 1949, " Elizabethan "	16 9 10		Valued at ...		2 0 0
Printing, Hanbury ...	6 14 11		<i>Investments at Cost—</i>		
Subscriptions in advance ...	8 2 6	31 7 3	£250 3½% War Loan ...	257 5 7	
			£50 3% War Loan 1955/59 ...	50 0 0	
<i>Life Membership Fund—</i>			£250 2½% Defence Bonds ...	250 0 0	
Balance at 31st Dec., 1948 ...	660 13 0		£100 3% Defence Bonds ...	100 0 0	
Add Payments, 1949 ...	20 9 0				657 5 7
Add Interest on Investments, less Tax ...	11 19 6		Cash at Bank and in Hand ...		128 8 0
	693 1 6				
Less Transfer to Income and Expenditure Account—					
157 members @ 4/- each ...	31 8 0	661 13 6			
<i>Balance of Funds—</i>					
Dramatic Section ...	3 0 0				
Tennis Section ...	2 15 0	5 15 0			
<i>Income &amp; Expenditure Accounts—</i>					
Surplus as at 31st Dec., 1948	55 5 3				
Surplus for 1949 ...	33 12 7				
Surplus as at 31st Dec., 1949	88 17 10				
	<u>£787 13 7</u>				<u>£787 13 7</u>

(Signed) F. J. PARSLEY, *Honorary Treasurer.*  
24th February, 1950.

(Signed) J. A. STRUGNELL, *Chairman of Committee.*  
24th February, 1950.

I have audited the Balance Sheet of the Association, dated 31st December, 1949, above set forth. In my opinion such Balance Sheet correctly shows the state of affairs of the Association as at that date.

(Signed) J. S. PAINE, A.C.A., *Honorary Auditor.*  
24th February, 1950.

### SECTIONS ACCOUNTS AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1949.

These have been audited and copies lodged with the Association, and can be seen on the table at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. Brief details are given below.

			INCOME	EXPENDITURE	ACCUMULATED FUNDS
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Athletic Section	1948/9	...	11 13 0	13 3 0	11 10 2
Cricket	"	1949	99 16 8	103 13 7	54 0 9
Rugby Club	1948/9	...	229 17 2	120 4 10	371 15 3

## RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Of all its activities, the Association can boast that its Rugger has proved the most outstandingly successful since the war. The season 1949-50 has shown a maintenance of consistent form with a further run of successes. Since the December *Elizabethan*, the 1st XV has played 12 games, all without defeat, while the aggressive football of the "A" and "Extra A" XV's yield excellent results also.

The playing record to 11th March is as follows:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Ag't.
					Pts.	
1st XV	24	20	2	2	280	93
"A" XV	21	15	0	6	218	104
"Ex. A" XV	23	19	2	2	293	105
"B" XV	2	0	0	2	8	25

The skippers of the teams, T. W. F. PAY (1st XV), A. L. STARBUCK ("A" XV) and R. E. STANLEY ("Ex. A") are to be congratulated on their hard work and leadership, and vice-presidents and members are thanked for the fine support which has made the club's increased success possible.

When the magazine reaches the reader, the club will have made another visit to Bournemouth for the Annual Rugger Festival there, and it is to be hoped that it will be as triumphant as have been those of the last two seasons.

The House Seven-a-side Tournament took place at Oakhill Park on March 18th, when Stapylton secured the Stephens Trophy. Results of games are:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Ag't.	Match Pts.
Stapylton	3	3	0	0	59	13	6
Leicester	3	2	0	1	20	18	4
Broughton	3	0	1	2	23	47	1
Underne	3	0	1	2	11	35	1

The club has entered for the Herts. Sevens on April 1st and for the Middlesex Sevens, in which it did so well last season, on April 22nd.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on Wednesday, 8th March, when, in the unavoidable absence of the Headmaster, through illness, J. W. STEPHENS took the Chair. D. F. ABBOTT was Vice-Chairman. More than 60 persons attended includ-

## ATHLETICS.

Organised cross-country running has been impossible again this year, and it seems that to turn out a regular team at all will depend upon the growth of the number of full-time athletes in the club.

Meanwhile, we have to be content to sit back and await the coming track season, preparations for which, as far as the club is concerned, revolve around the commencement of training in mid-April, and the section's A.G.M. at the end of that month.

All who can give time and interest to our activities this year are asked to contact T. E. KNIBB, who will be pleased to give all details of matches, training, etc., for 1950.

## CHESS AND SQUASH RACKETS.

Playing in the Barnet Chess Association, the Chess Club, though still wanting in membership, have been showing moderate form so far this season. The follow-

ing a number of vice-presidents, and visitors from the following clubs: Barnet, Finchley, Saracens, O. Fulmerians, O. Hertfordians, Mill Hill and the Herts. R.U. Speakers on this occasion were:—

	TOAST.	SPEAKER.
<i>The Association</i>	...	N. G. SCRIVEN. Reply by: R. E. ORTON.
<i>The Guests</i>	...	J. C. TUTTE. Reply by: J. M. SILLAR (Mill Hill R.F.C.).
<i>The Club</i>	...	I. MacMILLAN (Herts. R.F.U.). Reply by: T. W. F. PAY (Capt.).
<i>The Chairman</i>	...	D. F. ABBOTT.

Some interesting points raised by these gentlemen revealed that there was criticism that the Association was not a live social entity in Barnet, which N. G. SCRIVEN rebutted with comment to the effect that we should essentially remain a nebulous body, without aspiring to become the social hub of the district by cheapening ourselves with the provision of regular entertainments. He asserted that our present four functions a year were adequate to allow most of us to set aside those dates to meet others who cannot attend an unlimited amount of trivial occasions.

R. E. ORTON dwelt upon the possibility of acquiring our own sports field in the near future, but emphasised the great need for financial aid and enthusiasm on the part of all members.

Mr. Ian MacMillan mentioned the club's steady progress from strength to strength, and stated that its spectacular advancement has done an enormous amount of good for Hertfordshire rugger.

D. F. ABBOTT announced the School's record for the 1949 season, of which we are justly proud. He voiced the hope that those who had helped to achieve such excellent results would serve the Old Boys to good purpose. "The School XV's of today are the O.E. XV's of tomorrow," he declared.

At the conclusion of the speeches, Honours Caps for the 1949-50 Season were awarded to R. J. COOPER and P. F. WALPOLLE.

ing table is reproduced for your guidance in progress to 11th March:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Ag't.	Games Pts.
Enfield	9	7	1	1	52	32	15
Southgate	10	7	2	1	57	31	14
Oakwood	11	4	3	4	37½	44½	11
O.E.s	11	4	3	3	31	35	11
Barnet	9	5	0	4	33½	28½	10
Totteridge	10	1	3	6	27	39	7
S.T.C.	10	2	3	5	26½	44½	7
Potters Bar	10	2	1	7	30½	40½	5

A number of fellows continue to make use of the squash courts at Bramley Road, but no knock-out competition has yet been arranged. Our Squash Correspondent is in Switzerland at the time of writing, but I gather that the Ladder is still in operation, and that the knock-out tournament will take place after Easter.



## CRICKET.

At the club's A.G.M. on Friday, 24th March, the officers for the 1950 season were elected as follows :—

Capt. 1st XI (Sats.) ... ..	J. OLNEY.
Capt. 1st XI (Sundays) ... ..	E. SHEARLY.
Vice-Capt. 1st XI ... ..	D. SMITH.
Capt. 2nd XI ... ..	F. PARSLEY.
Hon. Secretary ... ..	B. McKEAN.
Hon. Treasurer ... ..	W. SMITH.
Hon. Match Secretary ... ..	A. McCORMACK.
Hon. Team Secretary ... ..	G. FIRTH.

News to hand so far is that a full fixture list has been arranged for the forthcoming season, and that two Saturday elevens, and one Sunday side, will be formed to uphold our past records.

The season commences with a Sunday fixture on April 30th against North Enfield, and the first Saturday games

will take place on May 6th when the 1st XI will meet the O. Albanians (Home) and the 2nd XI will meet Hale End (Away).

Home grounds for the 1st and 2nd XIs respectively are the Tudor Sports Ground and the O. Stationers Sports Ground, and it is hastily added here that the club will anticipate settling on a home ground which belongs to the Association before very long.

New members are asked to contact the Hon. Secretary, B. L. McKEAN, Salisbury Road, Barnet, who will be pleased to hear also from anybody who will be able to umpire or score either regularly or occasionally.

I understand that subscriptions will continue for 1950 as in 1949—1½ guineas for full playing member; 1 guinea per College or Forces member, members under 21 and men-playing members, plus, in all cases, 1/- for all Sunday and Home matches.

### O.E.C.C. 1st XI FIXTURES, 1950.

#### SATURDAYS.

May	6—v. Old Albanians (H.).
	„ 13—v. Finchley (A.).
	„ 20—v. Cockfosters (H.).
	„ 27—v. Old Minchendenians (H.).
	„ 29—(W.M.) Old Woodhouseians (A.).
June	3—v. Stevenage (H.).
	„ 10—v. Old Owens (A.).
	„ 17—FOUNDER'S DAY.
	„ 24—v. Bowes Park Methodist (A.).
July	1—v. Old Owens (H.).
	„ 8—v. Totteridge (A.).
	„ 15—v. School (H.).
	„ 22—v. Mill Hill Village (A.).
	„ 29—v. Old Brockleians (H.).
Aug.	5—v. Mayfield (A.).
	„ 7—(B.H.) Rosslyn (11.30) (H.).
	„ 12—v. Bowes Park Methodist (H.).
	„ 19—v. Cockfosters (A.).
	„ 26—v. Finchley (H.).
Sept.	2—v. U.C.S. Old Boys (A.).
	„ 9—v. Ministry of Supply (H.).
	„ 16—v. Old Albanians (A.).

#### SUNDAYS (All Away).

April	30—v. North Enfield.
May	7—v. North Mymms.
	„ 14—v. North London.
	„ 21—v. Barnet.
	„ 28—v. Old Merchant Taylors (11.30).
June	4—v. Elstree.
	„ 11—v. Southgate.
	„ 18—v. Maurice.
	„ 25—v. De Havilland (Hatfield).
July	2—v. Ballito.
	„ 9—v. Elstree.
	„ 16—To be arranged.
	„ 23—v. De Havilland (Hatfield).
	„ 30—v. Cockfosters.
Aug.	6—v. Old Minchendenians.
	„ 13—v. Gravesend (12.0).
	„ 20—v. S.T.C., Southgate.
	„ 27—v. Northmet House.
Sept.	3—v. Hitchin (11.30).
	„ 10—v. Stevenage.
	„ 17—v. Ministry of Supply (11.30).
	„ 24—v. Hornsey.

