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EDITORIAL.

The Michaelmas Term is an important season, when the old offenders start off once again with a clean slate, and the newly enrolled juniors come, for the first time "creeping like snail unwillingly to school." As Autumn comes upon us, those that walk to this establishment begin to trail yards of muffler; those that cycle billow outwards with rotund masses of yellow sou'wester; whereas the faces of those who have the patience to bus may usually be seen, on a clear day, with the naked eye. People have changed their engine oil to thinner, and their underwear to thicker, and those at School have replaced their cricket whites with rugger shorts. At home, the tardy parent hastens to lag the pipes; our morning milk grows icy; and everywhere a vague smell of cough lozenge embalms the air as hundreds of nervous souls seek to ward off the coming common cold. In America they take down their fly-screens; and in France they change their government.

Once again bitter controversies start between those who believe in letting the radiators function unmolested, and those who, regardless of the chill, persist in having all the windows open. When representatives of both camps are in one room, lengthy altercations and several pronounced draughts ensue. But even if we take sides over ventilation, all at least unite in approval of the new illumination; for this term has seen the appearance of luxuriant fluorescent lighting in the more important rooms. Most of the other old lights were replaced last term by more potent globes, and only in the Hall do they retain their pristine state. The first instalment of the coming two-year re-decoration is now also complete, and all the way along the lower corridor arresting blues, greens, and creams have appeared.

Among the scholastic attainments of last term, we must mention a State Scholarship awarded to J. P. F. FRANCK. Among masters this term, we welcome Mr. CROFTS, Mr. SHEWELL, Mr. WINGFIELD, and particularly Mr. SHEARLY: often during the past autumnal weeks, while enjoying a quiet period in the art room, the editorial ear has caught the heavy thud-patter-patter of the Middle School doing its exercises under his enthusiastic direction, along with the usual sonorous chants and ethereal murmurs of the School choir, practising for the recent Concert, one of the most delightful events of the School year.

This term, potential contributions to the ELIZABETHAN have been drily amusing. The "chestnut" of a visit somewhere has had a smaller sale, but boys have rung the changes very thoroughly on the brief and dreary history of some institution—Guy Fawkes' Day, postage stamps, or the local gas-works. Let our lazier brethren beware lest we publish what they send in! Those who are interested in what can be done by way of contributions to magazines are referred to some of our contemporaries, now in the Library. Some of the articles might well set a standard to our own budding authors. These last, upon cross-examination of the editorial memory or of themselves, prove to have gleaned their stories with but little alteration from recent newspapers, wireless programmes, or television "turns." It is, indeed, doubtful whether one really original idea, fresh thought, or new phrase has been produced by any one of the 360 boys in the School. This fact has set us wondering whether the modern mass entertainment, that one either switches on or walks into, is not destroying individual ability for self-entertainment. Presumably he who has at his disposal more short stories than he can possibly read will never bother to write one. Is there in reality one superman, all-fertile, all-productive, and all-imaginative, who, under the veil of a thousand diverse names, fills all the national daily and weekly journals? Our readers must decide on this: we cannot.

This time we have dropped the former practice on this page of either saying nothing or else declaring—at some length—that we have nothing to say; and we hope to have served an *apéritif* for what follows. Those of a literary, a scholastic, or an athletic turn of mind must now see, in the Contributions, News, and Games sections respectively, how they and others like them have done in this the first term of the new School year.

SPEECH DAY.

Though it is the most important function of the year, Speech Day and its prizewinners are so recent in our minds that we need report it only briefly.

We are grateful indeed to Dr. Jackson, Master of Birkbeck College, who "gave" the prizes, for an address that had much of the elder-brotherly atmosphere of a fireside chat. Drawing on many instances, historical and otherwise, he told us to learn all the subjects that we could at School, and not merely those that we thought were going to be "useful," because we would often find that in later life the subjects which we had thought less essential would give us the greater interests. He was thanked by the Vice-Chairman of Governors, who gave the Chairman's apology that he

could not be present for the first time in twenty years; and by Mrs. Redding, Governor since 1928.

The Headmaster recalled the successes of the past year, and described thoroughly the new system of examinations which is to come into force next year, by which, it would appear, we shall no longer take School Certificate save in an odd paper or so, but shall go straight for the equivalent of the present Higher Certificate, and for Scholarships.

As it was the Goethe Centenary year, the Dedication to his "Faust" was declaimed by I. E. M. Hughes, who did well; as did L. Fielding and D. B. Fry with the English and French declamations.

O.E. SPORTS FIELD.

On page 18 will be found details of a Scheme which, it is hoped, will provide the Old Elizabethans with a much-needed Sports Field and Club-House. We are

glad to give publicity to this, and we urge subscriptions not only from O.E.s but also from present boys and their parents.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—An hour or so ago, I suddenly realized that I had not produced a contribution for your august publication. Conscience-stricken, I sat down at once with the resolute intention of putting pen to paper and Muse to work.

But what could I write about? I let my mind wander through the realms of School Magazines, and recalled that there were a number of conventional forms that contributions always took. Which of these best suited my own literary faculties?

Rather fancying myself as a poet, I considered the possibilities of verse composition. The easiest line to take here was to produce what is sometimes known as "Modern Poetry," but which has been referred to in rather more colourful descriptive phrases by the Sixth Form. For this it would be necessary to reel off some incomprehensible conglomeration of verbiage, arbitrarily divided into lines, something like this:—

*Pantheistic convolutions
navigating insinuations
of
ethereal spandrels
spandrels of ether deluge
me
the child of Consequence.*

Alternatively, I could write a simple Nature poem:—

*I love the birds, I love the trees;
The farmer, he can see all these;
I love to watch the flowers wave,
And I for country life do crave.*

If my Muse should choose to be humorous, there were only two conventional forms from which to draw: the Clerihew, and the Parody. The former would have to be topical and must contain a peculiar rhyme:—

*The strips of fluorescent lighting
Are exciting.
But, unfortunately, some
Hum.*

If I attempted a parody, it would inevitably have to be an imitation of *Hiawatha*. I tried my hand at this and found it childishly easy:—

*In the Library it happened,
Happened while the crowd was thronging
Round the desk to bring their books in,
Pushing, shoving, surging forward,
Rushing headlong in the "OUT" door,
Dashing headlong out the "IN," etc.*

The trouble with this was that once I was in the swing of the thing, so to speak, it was almost impossible to stop. So I decided that for the sake of paper economy, I would not contribute a parody of *Hiawatha*.

Having by now examined all the conventional types of poetry to be found in School Magazines, without lighting on anything that suited my own genius, I turned my attention to Prose compositions. I could, of course, follow the example of a noble few who actually compose *original* articles, but as this calls for a certain amount of hard work, like most of your contributors I rejected the possibility. I then found that, apart from writing a chatty account of a fortnight at Southend, or a visit to some obscure exhibition, I had no alternative but to produce a purple passage of poetic prose thus:—

*As I entered the glade over a spongy carpet
of moss, a tomb-like stillness fell about me. The
sun's golden rays, piercing the tracery of branches,
laid bare by Autumn's denuding hand, radiated to
the ground like the spokes of a giant bicycle-wheel,
and imparted to everything in that natural cathedral
a peculiar orange hue, etc.*

I had now examined all the set forms that articles take in school magazines, but had not discovered one really *à propos*. One last course was left. I could produce a lengthy monograph on the various conventional types of contribution, but that would not be of any interest to your readers, and in any case would be unworthy of my own literary talent.

I therefore regret, Sir, my inability to find anything suitable to write about, and remain, Sir,

Yours apologetically,

K. M. CLIFFORD, Seventh.

CINDERELLA AND THE CAPITALIST SISTERS.

[*The TIMES* recently quoted a Prague newspaper as saying that fairy tales were to be re-written in the revolutionary style to educate the coming generation in the "Communist spirit and sentiments."]

Once upon a time, Comrades, there lived in a small cottage a beautiful proletarian girl named Cinderella who had lost her mother, and lived with her old father and her two cruel, ugly, capitalist sisters. Her father had—in his bourgeois way—married again, but her stepmother was as cruel as her sisters, and Cinderella (who had to bear all the burdens) was very unhappy. At her household drudgery and toil she would dream of socialist principles and State control, whilst her wicked sisters would go off into the City to suppress the downtrodden workers. Her imperialist American stepmother was no better, and was clearly a ruthless expansionist.

One day the three sisters were invited to a ball given by People's Commissar Popsky, a good party member who had for years organised the workers into a better way of (controlled co-operative) life. But since Cinderella had no clothes (as how many workers in a world of bloated capitalism have not?) and could not go, her ugly sisters went without her, gloating over her misfortune. In her misery, Cinderella wisely invoked the Spirit of the People's Revolution; and to her (suitably restrained) amazement, the Fairy Department-of-Public-Relations combined with the Equalisator-of-Wealth-Bureau to offer her clothes and transport to the ball, provided she observed Free Democratic Trade Union regulations and returned by midnight, prompt. Cinderella agreed, and accordingly was able to go and dance with Popsky. She had a delirious planned even-

ing of true Marxist happiness, and spent most of her time in the arms of the ideologically orthodox People's Commissar: although she did not dance only with him, of course, as one must always beware of monopolies. Cinderella was really happy; but—alas, she forgot the time! As the great Hammer was striking twelve times on the Sickle, she had to flee, in her haste leaving one of her tiny, red slippers on the stairs behind her. The People's Commissar, agonized by the disappearance of the beautiful and socialist young lady, sought high and, naturally, low, for her, offering to marry the red-head whom the shoe fitted. The feet of the capitalist sisters had swollen with indulgence, and with lack of exercise through invariably travelling in cars bought with cash squeezed from the working classes; whereas Cinderella's small, active, little Communist feet fitted perfectly.

The delighted People's Commissar Popsky entered into a Treaty of Friendship of semi-permanent nature with her: and Cinderella, having shown the courage of her co-operative convictions, was able to enter into the condition of Highest Bliss, absorption by the State. Never more did she have any relations with Imperialism; and we will only detain our worker readers further by adding that her wedding took place with the approval of the Department-of-Public-Relations, and amidst the deepest, and indeed unanimous, rejoicings of the masses. She lived happily ever after.

K. B. WEDMORE, Seventh.

SONNET.

What if in Nature's beauteous world is strife,
As in Man's term, the evil with the good;
If ivy from the oak-tree's bole saps life,
And clutching brambles choke the growing wood;
If thorn and poppy thin the ripening wheat,
And on Earth's fruits the fawn and leveret prey;
If on the victim thrush the falcon fleet
Must drop and for its pleasure slay;
If e'en the elements, the scorching heat,
The ice cold killing 'neath its glistening shows,
The rain corrupting, and the wind's wild beat,
If these in war perpetual oppose?
Yet this is Truth where bad and lovely meet
And beauty such as no thought can depose.

W. G. ROBERTS, Seventh.

MON DEVOIR.

"Je suis, tu es, il est,
A quarter to, you say?
Je fais, tu fais, il fait,"
Quick Snowey, out this way!
"Nous sommes, vous êtes, ils sont,"
Run, Burke, the dam has burst!
"Va, allons, allez, vont,"
Shoot Monsieur Barton first!
Bang! Bang! quick, hold him Jock!
"Un canard et une poule"
Keep down, it's me you fool!
"Des lapins et un coq."

C. HEWLETT, 2A.

EXIT ONE MESSENGER.

The manor-house stood dark and dim
Against the yellow gorse;
A man rode down the gravelled drive
Upon a tired horse.
He had been riding very far,
His note to give Lord Nong.
And thought, "At last a meal and rest,"
—This thought did not last long.
A knife shot out across the drive
And hit him near the heart.
He toppled sideways off his mount,

For he had played his part.
A thief came out from 'neath the hedge
Rocking himself with mirth;
But hardly took a dozen steps
When he, too, hit the earth.
Lord Nong with smoking gun in hand,
(He shot the thief, in fact)
With eager hands then searched the man
And found the note intact.

R. V. S. WRIGHT, U.IV.

BATHROOM RENDEZVOUS.

During my last holiday I found to my dismay that, though there is always plenty of sea at the sea-side, there is rarely plenty of bathroom at the hotel. So I decided to leave nothing to chance.

I was in one of those enormous, stately buildings which would have made the Old Maze at Hampton Court seem child's play, and it was only after quite a lot of difficulty that I found a notice which pointed to the bathroom. At seven o'clock I slipped quietly through two passages, turned noiselessly to the left, mounted three low steps without a sound, and laid my hand softly on its door.

To my disgust, there appeared to be an earlier bird. I turned to stalk away, but the sight of a fair-haired youth in a light-blue dressing gown hovering suspiciously near, banished all this from my mind. I decided to stay. After fifteen minutes I tried the door

again, confident of course that I would not be able to enter, but wanting it clearly understood that I wished to get in. I heard an indefinable sound and felt better. Another glimpse of my competitor in his extravagant attire upset my contentment. There seemed to be an unspoken invisible enmity between us. I gave the door handle another rattle—defiant silence from the room.

At half-past seven he came out, and I greeted him with a "dirty look." "What are you up to?" he snapped, as I laid my hand on the door-knob.

"I suppose I can go into the bathroom?"

"I suppose you can," he replied, "but that happens to be my bedroom: this is the bathroom," and turning into the next room, he locked the door.

P. J. FYDELOR, L.IV.A.

AN EVENING AT THE OPERA.

Several sixth formers and masters went on Tuesday, 25th October, to Sadler's Wells to see the new production of Mozart's "Don Giovanni." It was the aim of the producer of the present version to catch the atmosphere of the first performance at Prague (1787), but, on the whole, the opera suffered from too much stage technique and not enough music, and was over-acted. The concentration was more on the movements, facial contortions, and "asides" of *Leporello* than on the music of Mozart.

In contrast to Puccini's "La Bohème," this opera has a coherent plot centred on the many stories of the ill-fated *Don Giovanni* (Don Juan). Act I and the first three scenes of Act II portray the character of the hero. His many difficult and sometimes embarrassing adventures resulting from his amorous pursuits set the scene for the latter half of the second act. Up to then Mozart, despite *Donna Anna's* angry invocations, had created a light-hearted atmosphere; but when the statue

of the Commendatore is invited to *Don Giovanni's* supper, and actually arrives there, the feeling of fear is enhanced by the latter's flippancy and the former's demand for repentance. The climax of the opera was startlingly real—the libertine was punished by his removal to Hell by several fiery devils. The other characters then flocked back to the stage to stress the moral of the story.

The music is often lively; the licentious mood of *Don Giovanni* was captured very well in the little aria he sings in the garden of his palace, and Miss Victoria Sladen's *Donna Anna* and Mr. Frederick Sharp's *Don Giovanni* were especially delightful. *Leporello*, servant to the hero and played by Mr. Edmund Donlevy, was very much alive. The tragedy, however, was not as moving as it might have been, possibly due to the lack of true balance between music and acting, and to the fact that the opera was sung in English.

J. R. SALTER, Upper VI.

SCHOOL NEWS.

SCHOOL OFFICE BEARERS.

Prefects: K. R. Cooper (*Captain*), I. E. M. Hughes (*Lieutenant*), A. F. Mann, J. R. Bradbeer, K. M. Clifford,* W. G. Roberts.*

Sub-Prefects: W. N. Bolt, M. W. Barker, M. G. Slough, R. M. H. Wraith, B. S. P. Gent, J. R. Salter, D. B. Palombo,* L. G. Payne,* M. J. Fairey,* P. G. Brealey,* R. D. Middleton,* E. C. Davies.*

Captain of Football: K. R. Cooper. *Vice-Captain*: I. E. M. Hughes.

Elizabethan Committee: K. B. Wedmore (*Editor*), Mr. Cocks, J. R. Salter, L. Fielding, K. Jackson.*

Assistant Librarian: W. G. Roberts. *Library Committee*: I. E. M. Hughes, M. W. Barker, E. C. Davies, J. R. Salter, L. Fielding, P. G. Brealey, R. C. Giles,* M. W. B. MacEacharn,* L. G. Payne,* R. D. Middleton,* K. M. Clifford.*

GAMES CLUB: The Headmaster (*President*), Mr. Harrison (*Chairman*), Mr. Woodland, Mr. Winter, Mr. Covington, Mr. Timson, K. R. Cooper, J. R. Bradbeer, I. E. M. Hughes (*Secretary*), R. M. H. Wraith,* W. N. Bolt.*

*Appointed since last issue.

VALETE.

VIIth: K. M. Clifford (1941). *School Prefect, Secretary of the Musical Society, Secretary of Chess*; I. E. M.

Hughes (1942). *Lieutenant of Prefects, Vice-Captain of Football, 1st XV Colours 1948-9-50, Athletics Colours 1949, Secretary of the Games Club*; F. Moody (1940). *Editor of the Elizabethan 1948-9*.

Upper Language VIth: J. R. Bradbeer (1941). *School Prefect, Captain of Cricket, 1st XI Colours 1946-7-8-9, 1st XV Colours 1948-9-50*.

Lower Science VIth: C. J. W. Chapple (1941). *2nd XV Colours 1949-50, Athletic Badge 1949*; D. S. Willcock (1944).

Upper V X: D. G. Smith (1944).

Upper IVth: W. H. Thompson (1945).

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES. 1948-9.

University Scholarships: J. Gough (*Open Scholarship in Sciences at Wadham College, Oxford*), J. V. Lake (*Wantage Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Reading University*), J. P. F. Franck (*State Scholarship in Arts Subjects at London University*).

Oxford Higher School Certificate: T. P. Ball, K. G. Beechey,* P. G. Brealey,* R. E. H. Challis, R. P. Claridge, K. M. Clifford* (*distinction in French*), D. S. Fairhurst, J. P. F. Franck* (*distinction in German and Music*), A. O. Gauld,* B. S. P. Gent, R. C. Giles* (*distinction in French*), R. F. Griffiths, I. E. M. Hughes,* F. Moody* (*distinction in History*),

C. N. Moss, W. G. Roberts* (*distinction in English*),
K. B. Wedmore.*

*At London Inter. B.A. Exemption Standard.
London Higher School Certificate: P. Belton, M.
Charles,* D. J. F. England, E. F. Hooper,* A. F.
Mann,* R. D. Middleton,* I. A. Sewell, W. Simpson,
D. N. Waters* (*distinction in Physics*), D. R.
Williams.*†

*At Inter. B.Sc. Exemption Standard.

†At 1st M.B. Exemption Standard.

All who took School Certificate passed.

POWELL-DAVIS PRIZE.

The prize for last term was awarded to I. E. M. Hughes.

O.E. WAR MEMORIAL PRIZE.

The prize was awarded to D. B. Brooks.

SCHOOL CHARITIES FUND.

The following Charities have benefited so far this term: Dr. Barnardo's Homes, The International Help for Children Fund, The King George's Fund for Sailors, The National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, The General Welfare of the Blind Fund, The Central Council for the Care of Cripples, The National Institute for the Blind, Barnet Children's Homes, To Save the Children Fund.

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Spring Term begins: Thursday, January 12th.

Half Term: February 27th.

The School Play: *The Rivals* (Sheridan), March 10th and 11th.

Term ends: Wednesday, April 5th.

OXFORD LETTER.

Sir,

There are now fifteen O.E.s at Oxford, of whom five are in their second year, four still further advanced, and the remainder freshmen.

At half term three Masters paid us a welcome visit, and a reunion and dinner were held. On this occasion it could be observed that those present were preparing for such a diversity of influential posts and learned professions that one might suppose that it would ultimately be in their power to corrupt every branch of public life.

At Worcester we have A. H. Blewett and D. E. A. Powell, to whom we wish all success in their approaching Schools. The former is reading History and the latter Physics. At Jesus are J. A. Rolfe, reading Chemistry, and J. D. L. H. Wood, reading Physics, while the aged A. R. Downie totters round the laboratories in search of a D.Phil. It will be noticed that the English School at Jesus is not popular with O.E.s, owing, no doubt, to the experience of a past dignitary at Queen Elizabeth's, once the cox of Jesus (as opposed to the Cocks of Magdalen). At Lincoln is A. G. Thomson, reading English. Daily he may be found, under the very eyes of the Revd. John Wesley, poring over the chaste muse of Rochester and the pious tales of Guy de Maupassant. An ardent second in these interests is R. C. Hayes, of St. Edmund Hall. He alone of our number is engaged in pursuit of Law. The Law itself is in pursuit of most of the others, and

the manly figure of Your Correspondent might recently have been seen returning from the Magistrates' Court, where he was fined for what he alleges to have been an offence against the regulations concerning the lighting of bicycles. At Wadham may be found R. C. G. Mildren, reading P.P.E., and J. Gough and J. R. Darling, reading Natural Science. The last-named, we are told, was surprised that the position of School Captain did not qualify him automatically as President of the Junior Common Room. He has been heard lamenting his lost dignity in the words of Milton:

"Better to reign in Hell than serve in Heaven."

Other O.E.s are solitary at their respective Colleges. At Magdalen P. D. Partner has baffled the Tutorial Board by repeated changes of School; but he has now been pinned down to History, and the examiners are already sharpening their ploughshares. A. Freedman studies Medicine through the agency of St. Catherine's; while R. J. Beale (New College) has transformed himself into a Grasping Oxford Landlord.

All who are taking scholarship examinations at Oxford will, we hope, search out some of us while here or send a note to inform us of their impending visits. Future manifestations of members of the Common Room will also be very welcome.

Now, Sir, having written a Letter containing a regrettably low percentage of scandal,

I have the honour to remain,

YOUR OXFORD CORRESPONDENT.

GAMES.

CRICKET RETROSPECT—1949.

For most of the season there was glorious cricket weather; so that we must not grumble if the accompanying drought gave us some problems in grounds and wickets or if the very few rainy days happened to upset a match or two. Judged as a whole, results were quite good, although they did contain some disappointments. Once again batting weakness was the trouble in all teams; but in most elevens players did at least put the bat against the ball instead of poking. Granted more judgment and better technique on their part, this policy will pay dividends; and, in any case, it is better to end with a bang than a whimper. In all sides the bowling was at least adequate, and in most teams (and how pleasant it is to write this!) the fielding was keen and often good.

The First XI won six matches, drew three, and lost five. It had been realized that the weakness of last

year's Second XI would throw a big batting responsibility on to the four old Colours, but their form was neither so conquering nor so consistent as had been hoped. Most of the XI showed that they could produce both a strong defence and good scoring strokes. Unfortunately, they showed them only on occasion and, as a rule, for no more than a few overs; so that the side was chronically liable to collapses. The attack was varied and quite good, and it was usually well supported in the field. Had the batting equalled the out-cricket, the season would have been triumphant.

The Second XI was a disappointment, for it won only one match, drawing one and losing six. The bowling was positively good and dismissed all opponents cheaply enough, but much of the fielding was poor and the batting bad and spineless.

The Third XI was a much more gutsy side. Although

two or three of them are promising, its players would not call themselves great performers. However, they tackled their matches with cheerful determination, winning two, drawing one, and losing two.

The Colts XI provided the big success of the season, as they won five matches outright. Their sixth match was drawn, rain limiting play to a few overs. They owe much to their mentor, Mr. Winter, and, in matches, to the all-round play of their captain, Elderfield. Apart from him there was no player of particular note; but the whole side gave the impression of being confidently well together, was splendidly keen in the field, and is heartily to be congratuated.

The Senior House matches were once again disappointing because of the low scores, but the semi-finals were otherwise interesting enough. Palombo made such a big effort for Broughton that the much stronger Stapylton team was hard put to it to win by four wickets. In the other match the well-fancied Underne XI was completely routed by Leicester. This exploit could not be repeated in the final, however, and Stapylton won the cup comfortably with an innings to spare.

In the Junior House matches one semi-final was very exciting, Broughton beating Leicester by a single run. This was hard lines on Currell, whose sensible batting was taking his side to certain victory when he was run out at the critical moment. Meanwhile Underne, with much the strongest Junior side, won the other semi-final comfortably and went on to deal with the final without difficulty.

The season had only one really unsatisfactory feature. While boys were keen enough on the team or group in which they were playing, they had little interest in School cricket as a whole. The attendances at matches were deplorably small, and this was no great encouragement to sides representing the School, which, on the whole, played better in away matches than on our own ground.

The batting averages are not this year presented in full, as they make not only doleful but also dull reading. Bradbeer and Palombo each scored over 200 with averages of nearly 15; Wraith made the highest individual score (45) and had an average of 11; and Lane averaged nearly 10 per innings. The bowling figures make brighter reading. The weight of attack in overs bowled was almost equally shared between Palombo, Walters, and Lane, with Wraith and one or two change bowlers filling in the gaps. Walters (43 wickets), Palombo (38 wickets), and Wraith (13 wickets) all had the excellent average of between 7 and 8, while Lane's 21 victims cost him only 12.4 runs apiece.

FIRST XI CHARACTERS.

J. R. BRADBEER (*Captain. Colours 1946-7-8-9*). A fine wicket-keeper, he captained the side well; but he did not make the runs we expected. Several times he was out to a careless shot when he seemed set for a big score.

R. M. H. WRAITH (*Vice-Captain. Colours 1948-9*). An attractive stroke-player, he seldom made big scores because of over-anxiety and a tendency to pull too early in his innings. His fielding in slips and deep was outstanding, and he was a steady change bowler.

D. B. PALOMBO (*Colours 1948-9*). A powerful bat with a good off-drive, he had a bad tendency to hit across straight balls. His concentration and judicious back-play in the Masters' Match, however, showed what a good batsman he can be. He bowled steadily and fielded well, although his throwing-in was rather wild.

A. L. LANE (*Colours 1948-9*). He disappointed as a bowler after last year's promise, but his batting improved considerably. Some of his off shots were excellent, but he was somewhat weak against good-length bowling on the leg.

B. T. G. WALTERS (*Colours 1949*). One of the real successes of the side, he bowled steadily and intelligently without much help from the pitch, and was very keen.

A. F. MANN (*Colours 1949*). He had little previous experience, but played several courageous innings when we were in difficulties. His strokes were limited, but he watched the ball carefully, ran well between wickets, and was a safe field in the gully.

J. E. WINCHESTER. A good fielder and spare wicket-keeper. As a batsman, he tried hard, but he could seldom resist the temptation to try to hit every ball for six.

R. A. GARDAM. As an opening left-hander, he did not make many runs, but he stayed in and watched the ball carefully. His off-side play improved, but he missed too many loose balls on the leg. His fielding was not alert enough, and he ran badly between wickets.

G. L. WALKER. His stroke play on the off improved considerably; but his arms were rather stiff, and he must move more quickly to the pitch of the ball. A safe field.

F. I. WELCH. A young player who should do well next year; he had some attractive shots but also a bad tendency to walk out to the ball and to pull.

A. G. SALISBURY. Coming into the side halfway through the season, he did not make many runs but batted carefully and courageously. He had a good bowling action and was a neat and reliable fielder.

SECOND XI CHARACTERS.

K. R. COOPER (*Captain. Colours 1948-9*). He led his weak side well on the field but was unfortunately right out of form with the bat.

M. W. BARKER (*Colours 1947-8-9*). Keen, he had a long trial for the First XI but he was out of luck with his batting, which, indeed, needs a complete overhaul.

P. S. GRIMWOOD (*Colours 1948-9*). A distinctly good slow bowler to find in a second XI. Batting and fielding rather lifeless.

A. P. THOMSON (*Colours 1949*). A young fastish bowler, he is at present apt to bowl short; but he is promising, and on occasion he filled a gap in the First XI with credit.

S. S. LEVERONI (*Colours 1949*). He hit hard and cleanly, but he had little judgement or defence.

A. O. PITTER (*Colours 1949*). A left-handed bat, he had no great success; but he is improving steadily along the right lines, and he may do well next year.

J. P. GRUMMITT (*Colours 1949*). He had an off day or so, but he usually kept wicket well. He could be a bat, if he took batting seriously.

P. G. CUSS (*Colours 1949*). A reliable, straightforward fast-medium bowler.

A. J. PERROTON (*Colours 1949*). A medium-paced bowler, who can make the ball "do quite a bit." He should try to improve his batting and fielding.

P. V. DAVIS. A young batsman of a steady type, he has a promising style, but his fielding and running between wickets are poor.

The eleventh place was never regularly filled.

FIRST XI MATCHES.

v. ST. ALBANS SCHOOL. On Stapylton. July 9th.
Lost by 1 wicket.

In spite of the mediocre batting on both sides, this was a very exciting game which St. Albans just managed to win. Once again lack of concentration or over-anxiety cost us several wickets. Bradbeer looked set for a good score before stopping a straight ball with his legs and Mann tried hard, but the rest gave only a fair display. It is to the team's credit, however, that they fought back hard and nearly won the game

by keen bowling and alert fielding. Both Walters and Palombo bowled well.

SCHOOL.

D. B. Palombo, b. Malden	...	...	...	...	7
R. A. Gardam, b. Malden	...	...	...	...	0
G. L. Walker, c. Thrale, b. George	...	...	...	...	5
R. M. H. Wraith, c. Malden, b. Shutt	...	...	...	...	14
J. R. Bradbeer, l.b.w., b. George	...	...	...	...	12
A. F. Mann, b. George	...	...	...	...	11
F. I. Welch, l.b.w., b. Shutt	...	...	...	...	2
A. G. Salisbury, not out	...	...	...	...	3
J. E. Winchester, b. George	...	...	...	...	0
A. P. Thomson, c. Griffen, b. Knight	...	...	...	...	1
B. T. G. Walters, b. George	...	...	...	...	3
Extras	...	...	...	...	6
Total	...	...	...	...	64

ST. ALBANS SCHOOL : 65.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. P. Thomson	...	3	0	6
B. T. G. Walters	...	14	2	27
D. B. Palombo	...	11.5	1	25

v. O.E.C.C. On Stapylton. July 16th. Drawn (rain).

Even allowing that Firth and C. A. Winchester are very good bowlers, and that some fine catches were held, the School innings was rather a sorry affair—except for good batting by Gardam, who did his best to hold the side together till he was seventh out. Wooller ran through the tail, and the innings was over in an hour. A heavy thunderstorm then deprived the O.E.s of their innings and a probable win.

SCHOOL.

D. B. Palombo, b. Firth	...	...	...	...	5
R. A. Gardam, b. Wooller	...	...	...	...	23
G. L. Walker, st. Slough, b. Winchester	...	...	...	...	0
R. M. H. Wraith, c. Cooper, b. Winchester	...	...	...	...	7
J. R. Bradbeer, c. Winchester, b. Firth	...	...	...	...	6
A. L. Lane, c. Winchester, b. Wooller	...	...	...	...	5
A. F. Mann, c. Winchester, b. Firth	...	...	...	...	1
A. G. Salisbury, run out	...	...	...	...	4
A. P. Thomson, b. Wooller	...	...	...	...	1
J. E. Winchester, b. Wooller	...	...	...	...	0
B. T. G. Walters, not out	...	...	...	...	0
Total	...	...	...	...	52

O.E.C.C. DID NOT BAT.

v. CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL. Away. July 20th.
Lost by 17 runs.

City of London batted first and quickly lost three wickets, but as a result of some free batting and loose fielding finally realised 95. Palombo bowled well despite an occasional short ball. Although the School lost a wicket in the second over, Palombo and Wraith batted steadily until the latter was bowled. Bradbeer also seemed to be settling down, but on his departure a collapse set in, and a late stand by Salisbury and Winchester could only delay the issue. Unsteady batting once again let us down, although some really keen fielding might have saved the few runs by which we lost the match.

SCHOOL.

D. B. Palombo, b. Ashton	...	...	...	...	21
G. L. Walker, b. Fletcher	...	...	...	...	1
R. M. H. Wraith, b. Ashton	...	...	...	...	10
J. R. Bradbeer, b. Fletcher	...	...	...	...	15

A. L. Lane, b. Spruzen	...	...	...	...	0
A. F. Mann, c. Cridlard, b. Spruzen	...	...	...	...	0
F. I. Welch, l.b.w., b. Fletcher	...	...	...	...	0
A. G. Salisbury, run out	...	...	...	...	6
A. P. Thomson, b. Schofield	...	...	...	...	8
J. E. Winchester, c. Ashton, b. Schofield	...	...	...	...	9
B. T. G. Walters, not out	...	...	...	...	2
Extras	...	...	...	...	6
Total	...	...	...	...	78

CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL : 95.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. P. Thomson	...	10	6	10
D. B. Palombo	...	7	0	24
A. L. Lane	...	7	0	22
B. T. G. Walters	...	8	1	26

v. THE MASTERS. On Stapylton. July 25th. Won by 96 runs.

Bradbeer did us a good service by winning the toss, and he and Palombo then gave us our best opening partnership of the season. Both batted well; but once they were separated nobody made much of a show against the slow left hand spin-bowling of Mr. Whybrow, who took 7 for 47. Walker played some good shots but had a large share of luck. When the masters went in, good bowling and some really excellent fielding brought about the almost instantaneous fall of four wickets, and the masters were never able to arrest the collapse thus started. They followed on, but soon made it clear that there would be no second collapse.

SCHOOL.

D. B. Palombo, c. Dr. Nunn, b. Mr. Whybrow	...	...	...	...	38
J. R. Bradbeer, st. Mr. Bradbeer, b. Mr. Whybrow	...	...	...	...	20
R. M. H. Wraith, st. Mr. Bradbeer, b. Mr. Whybrow	...	...	...	...	8
A. L. Lane, c. and b. Dr. Nunn	...	...	...	...	4
G. L. Walker, b. Mr. Whybrow	...	...	...	...	21
R. A. Gardam, b. Mr. Whybrow	...	...	...	...	4
A. F. Mann, l.b.w., b. Mr. Whybrow	...	...	...	...	0
A. G. Salisbury, b. Mr. Whybrow	...	...	...	...	6
J. E. Winchester, b. Mr. Parks	...	...	...	...	7
A. P. Thomson, not out	...	...	...	...	3
B. T. G. Walters, c. Mr. Bradbeer, b. Mr. Parks	...	...	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	...	...	8
Total	...	...	...	...	123

THE MASTERS : 27.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
A. P. Thomson	...	4	1	8
B. T. G. Walters	...	8.2	4	13
A. L. Lane	...	4	1	5
D. B. Palombo	...	1	1	0

SECOND XI MATCHES.

v. ST. ALBANS SCHOOL. Away. July 9th. Lost by 4 wickets. School : 72 (Grummitt 22). St. Albans : 79 for 7 wickets (Perrotton 3 for 17).

v. O.E.C.C. Away. July 16th. Rain stopped play. O.E.C.C. : 60 for 4 wickets (Grimwood 4 for 17).

v. CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL. Away. July 20th. Lost by 37 runs. City of London : 90 (Perrotton 4 for 30). School : 53.

THIRD XI MATCH.

v. TOWNSEND SCHOOL. On Stapylton. July 13th. Lost by 3 wickets. School : 78 (Fuller 22). Townsend School : 84 (Struthers 3 for 21).

FOOTBALL.

FIRST XV MATCHES.

v. HABERDASHERS' SCHOOL. On Stapylton. Oct. 15th. Won 16—14.

A pleasant game on a broiling day, with a high wind. Though the score was close the School well deserved to win, for they had the better of the game, and two at least of the Haberdashers' tries were due to the luck of the bounce with a light ball. We had the wind and sun at the kick-off, but let the visitors score first through not playing to the whistle. For the rest of the half, wise kicking with the wind kept us on the attack, but some lack of clever running, and some weak handling, limited us to two tries (Welch and Winchester), both converted by Palombo. The Haberdashers also scored again, when a ball bounced wrong for us, to make it 10—6 at half-time. Early in the second half the visitors got into an attacking position with a freakishly bouncing kick, and scored a good try on the blind side. Then our pack got on top and two lots of decent passing were ended with good scoring runs by Hughes. The game appeared safe, and perhaps we eased up, but just near time our defence was very slow and Haberdashers scored and converted. Hughes was the best outside on the field and Cooper, who made some strong runs, Payne, who hooked very well, and Middleton, were good forwards.

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

v. BANCROFT'S SCHOOL. Away. Oct. 22nd. Won 30—8.

We started badly, but deserved our big win, for our lighter pack was the better in all ways and the backs, especially Winchester, did the right thing at the right time. Bancroft's started with a very good try, but by half-time we had four scores, Winchester twice, Bradbeer, and Barker on the blind side. Two were converted. Bancroft's got another five points at the start of the second half, but Winchester dropped a good goal, Palombo achieved a major ambition by doing likewise, and Barker and Grummitt scored, the last try starting with good passing and running by Gent and Cooper, who had both been prominent all the match.

School : K. Jackson for I. E. M. Hughes; otherwise as previous match.

v. ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL. On Stapylton. Nov. 2nd. Won 39—0.

The conditions were perfect, and the score was six goals, two tries and a penalty goal. Payne out-hooked his opposite number throughout, and in the first half our backs, handling and running well on the whole, scored twenty-six points. One try, when Winchester and Bradbeer made an opening to send Grummitt clean away, was a model. In the second half our opponents played very hard and seemed to be the fitter. Hughes went out on the wing, crooked, and our passing got a bit faulty. Still, we scored three times, Cooper and Middleton diving over together, Barker getting a try with one of several good slips-away from the base of the scrum, and a passing movement sending Hughes in. Some of Palombo's conversions were very good. All the backs had their good points, while the pack, with Middleton and Roberts prominent, were good in tight and line out, but kicked too far ahead when dribbling.

School : I. E. M. Hughes for K. Jackson; otherwise as previous match.

v. WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL. On Stapylton. Nov. 9th. Drawn 11—11.

Conditions were greasy. The result was a fair one, because, while Watford would have been unlucky to lose, being a man short for three quarters of the game, we nevertheless had all the play, Watford scoring on almost all the few occasions they reached our twenty-five. Our defence faltered badly each of these times, and, even allowing for the greasy ball, our outsiders were poor in their running and passing. (Hughes' generalship was badly missed, though Hobson was a good substitute otherwise). On the other hand their kicking was excellent and almost pinned our opponents to their line.

We started slackly, and bad defence allowed the visiting fly-half to get a try which was converted. Then we attacked for a long time but could do no more than draw level, Bradbeer scoring and Palombo converting. Just before half-time we went "all silly" and Watford scored twice. The second half was spent on their line, but after Palombo had kicked a penalty goal it was only just on time that Mann and Palombo forced the equalising score. Forward, Cooper, Mann and Middleton were in form. Behind the scrum, Wraith was pretty good, but the halves, though playing stoutly, made errors of judgement.

School : J. A. Hobson for I. E. M. Hughes; otherwise as previous match.

v. ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL (HARPENDEN). Away. Nov. 16th. Won 21—0.

Starting with the wind, but against the slope, we got the ball from nearly every scrum, kept play well in the St. George's half, and yet scored only twice by half-time. This was due not so much to errors by our backs, with their virtual monopoly of the ball, as to the fine tackling of our opponents. Good passing did manage to send in Bradbeer, and Palombo fought his way over after good runs by Hughes and Grummitt had been stopped just in time.

Early in the second half, Winchester scored the perfect fly-half's individualist try. We then lost Slough, and play continued much as in the first half till the closing minutes, when fine runs by Bradbeer and Hughes brought two really good tries by the latter. Winchester converted all three second half tries. Circumstances made our midfield "triangle," especially Bradbeer, the most prominent players, but in fact all played well, and the features of this hard and pleasant game were our opponents' tackling and our own scrummaging.

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

v. ELTHAM COLLEGE. On Stapylton. Nov. 19th. Won 5—3.

The most rousing game so far seen on the ground this year and the right result. For the battle forward (and it was a battle) was even, and except at scrum-half (where Barker was against a very good man and had a bit of an off-day) we were the better outside. Eltham only once looked like scoring, while we did so several times, but were kept out by very good tackling, save when our outsiders, playing well otherwise, finished badly. The first half was pointless, though we ought to have scored at least once. At the start of the second half the opposing scrum-half dodged over through a screen of players from a scrum near our line. Then

we increasingly had the better of things. A gorgeous bit of passing between Bradbeer and Grummitt sent the former over, Winchester converting, and, with the scrum finishing strongly, we were kept out with difficulty in the closing minutes. Cooper played a great game forward, with good support from Middleton and Mann, and Bradbeer and Winchester did some good things behind the scrum.

School : W. G. Roberts for M. G. Slough; otherwise as previous match.

v. BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL. Away. Nov. 20th.
Lost 3—14.

Really fine School football—a single score would fairly have represented the difference between the two sides; for what little bad luck there was in the matter of scoring came our way. But Bedford well deserved their win for, in two packs otherwise equal, their forwards were the more lively, and the outstanding constructive play of their fly-half gave their attack a little more precision than ours. Early in the game our defence faltered and let the enemy in twice: it made no further mistake, and the rest of the match was fast, hard football with play ranging from one end to the other. Each side scored once, similar tries, a good passing movement rounded off by a strong run on the left wing; and Bedford also kicked a penalty goal. Wraith was in great form, Welch played his best game so far, Winchester and Barker put up a good show against a stronger pair, and Gent was perhaps the best of the forwards.

School : M. G. Slough for M. W. B. MacEacharn, otherwise as previous match.

SECOND XV MATCHES.

v. HABERDASHERS SCHOOL. Away. Oct. 15th.
Won 11—0.

Haberdashers kicked off against the wind and sun. After being pinned in our own half for a few minutes we settled down and cleared the pressure. Walker forced his way through in a solo effort and touched down under the posts—Bolt converted. The set scrums were to Haberdashers, but we offset that by excellent work in the loose and by inter-forward support. The "dribble till stopped then heel" movements worked with machine-like precision. The next try came from a slip in the centre by Haberdashers, and Hobson kicked ahead and beat the opposition to the touch down. Walker was moved to the left wing and Cuss to stand-off half at half-time. Then both sides were very tired but the School with a good passing movement scored a try through Walker. We missed two tries by over-excitement and the game ended with the School still pressing hard.

School : C. J. Sturgeon; W. N. Bolt, K. Jackson, J. A. Hobson, P. G. Cuss; G. L. Walker, K. W. Clark; M. W. B. MacEacharn, G. R. Fox, S. B. Gordon, E. C. Davis, J. A'Brook, E. F. Hooper, N. J. Melhuish, L. Fielding.

v. BANCROFT'S SCHOOL. At Galley Lane. Oct. 22nd. Won 11—0.

Conditions were pretty good, but the game was terribly scrappy. Full of free-kicks (and most referees would have given more), hangings round the scrum, maulings (our fault, for we tackled too high), fumbings, and misdirected kicking. We deserved to win, for our forwards, well led by MacEacharn, were better together, and our backs carried out a number of parts of good passing movements—only someone always knocked on or made some silly error of judgment, before a movement was completed. Hobson, the best back on the field, scored with a good run, and our other tries were obtained by Gordon and Fox during scrambling play on the line.

School : C. J. W. Chapple for K. Jackson; otherwise as in previous match.

v. ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL. Away. Nov. 2nd.
Won 8—3.

For the first few minutes of the game it appeared that the School would have a fairly easy victory. A quick heel from a line out gave Hobson, at out-centre, the chance to run strongly and touch down between the posts for Bolt to convert; a few moments later Hobson picked up a loose ball and ran through half the opposing side to score again. Royal Masonic now seemed to wake up and the remainder of the game was mainly spent in our half and it was only good defence work by Jackson and Hobson that prevented our line being crossed, Masonic score coming from a drop kick; forward MacEacharn and Melhuish worked hard, but the School team as a whole lacked fire and fight.

School : C. J. Sturgeon; C. J. W. Chapple, J. A. Hobson, K. Jackson, W. N. Bolt; G. L. Walker, K. W. Clark; E. C. Davies, J. A'Brook, M. W. Back, N. J. Melhuish, E. F. Hooper, G. R. Fox, S. B. Gordon, M. W. B. MacEacharn.

v. WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Nov. 9th. Won 21—0.

A fairly good game played under poor conditions amid considerable mud. We had some good movements resulting from good work in the scrums, and Jackson, Chapple, and Cuss each got one try. Walker played quite well and grabbed a try, while Melhuish touched down after an opening had been made by Gordon. Bolt converted three of these tries, making our score 21, a score which, perhaps did not do justice to the amount of work put in by the outsides.

School : P. G. Cuss for J. A. Hobson; otherwise as in previous match.

v. ELTHAM COLLEGE. On Stapylton. Nov. 19th.
Won 19—0.

A fairly easy victory; Eltham were not a very strong side and had our three-quarters really taken advantage of some weak marking and tackling they must have doubled our score. Hobson, who scored three of our tries, ran strongly, but he must learn to bring his wing into the game; Gregory, who played a robust game forward, scored our other try whilst Bolt converted two tries and kicked a good penalty goal. The forwards played hard and Fox put in some good work in the line-out but heeling from the loose was very haphazard and slow; Clark at scrum-half had a good game but the three-quarter line as a whole was poor, and the ball rarely reached the wings.

School : C. J. Sturgeon; C. J. W. Chapple, J. A. Hobson, K. Jackson, W. N. Bolt, G. L. Walker, K. W. Clark; S. B. Gordon, L. Fielding, E. C. Davies, N. J. Melhuish, E. F. Hooper, J. H. Gregory, M. W. Back, G. R. Fox.

v. BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL. Away. Nov. 30th.
Lost 6—29.

We came up against a strong side, and our run of victories was broken with a vengeance. The sick list had caused some changes, but they should not have affected us materially. Our pack was sluggish, and, above all, tackling was non-existent in the whole side apart from a few honourable exceptions. With just ordinarily decent defence we might well have saved the match. Bolt, from a run and punt ahead, and A'Brook away from a line out, scored our tries.

School : C. J. Sturgeon; B. F. C. Walters, J. A. Hobson, K. Jackson, W. N. Bolt; B. C. Fuller, G. L. Walker; S. B. Gordon, J. A'Brook, L. Fielding, N. J.

Melhuish E. F. Hooper, E. C. Davies, M. W. Back, J. H. Gregory.

THIRD XV MATCHES.

- v. HABERDASHERS SCHOOL. Away. Oct. 15th. Won 40—3.
v. BANCROFT'S SCHOOL. Away. Oct. 22nd. Won 16—3.
v. ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL. Away. Nov. 2nd. Won 25—3.
v. WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL. On Stapylton. Nov. 9th. Won 39—0.

v. ST. ALBANS SCHOOL. On Stapylton. Nov. 23rd. Lost 0—9.

COLTS XV MATCHES.

- v. BANCROFT'S SCHOOL. Away. Oct. 22nd. Won 34—5.
v. ROYAL MASONIC SCHOOL. On Stapylton. Nov. 2nd. Lost 9—10.
v. WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Nov. 9th. Lost 5—6.
v. ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL. Away. Nov. 16th. Drawn 3—3.
v. ST. ALBANS SCHOOL. Away. Nov. 23rd. Lost 3—5.

ATHLETICS.

Crowded into the last three weeks of July were three School matches, all the heats, trials, and finals of the Junior Athletics Cup competition, and the Under-16 matches with Latymer Upper and Aldenham. It was clear that we had made much progress during the season, and in the last match the School team went very near defeating the Herts. County A.A.A. Juniors, losing by only two points. There were unusual gaps in our battle array, noticeably in the throwing events, and always a great deal of the burden rested on the shoulders of D. B. Brooks. As well as carrying the cares of the captaincy he was usually expected to attempt (and win) three events for us, and three events which fitted ill together and proved most strenuous. The revival of the School fortunes, of which the advancing season brought ample evidence, must be attributed largely to his unflagging energy and zeal.

A former captain of the team, whose achievements have brought him fame in the international sphere, P. Wells, distinguished himself still further and delighted us by establishing a new English native high jump record at the very end of the season. His record of 6 ft. 6¼ ins. is not expected to stand long, for he himself is only at the beginning of his career, but it is a performance of which Elizabethans everywhere are proud, and we shall follow with confidence and tremendous excitement his attempt to win the Empire title in New Zealand in February.

Before Wells came on the scene, the School high jump record stood for many years at 5 ft. 6 ins. During this season there have been two boys who have cleared this height, and this advance in high jumping is further emphasised by the new junior record of 5 ft. by a boy of 14: Even Wells did not achieve this. In the other sort of jumping, until after the war only the legendary (or very nearly so) J. F. Lockwood had ever exceeded 20 ft. at School. In the last two seasons three boys have done it, again two of them during the season just past. This journal lamented for many years the poor quality of our long-jumping, and we are glad to record such a satisfactory change.

MATCH v. ALDENHAM SCHOOL.

The fine form of D. B. Brooks and J. A. Hobson gave the School a comfortable victory at Aldenham on July 18th. Hobson won three events, and Brooks only narrowly failed to do likewise, his final spurt in the half-mile just failing to catch the Aldenham Captain. An interesting innovation (at our opponents' suggestion) was the inclusion of a low hurdle race, which proved the only event in which the School had to be content with the last two places.

- 100 Yards: 1, J. A. Hobson (Q.E.); 2, C. W. Miller (A.); 3, T. J. Law (A.). 10.7 secs.
220 Yards: 1, W. N. Bolt (Q.E.); 2, I. E. M. Hughes (Q.E.); 3, D. Kerr (A.). 24.5 secs.

- 440 Yards: 1, J. A. Hobson (Q.E.); 2, C. W. Miller (A.); 3, C. J. W. Chapple (Q.E.). 54.7 secs.
880 Yards: 1, F. B. Gibberd (A.); 2, D. B. Brooks (Q.E.); 3, R. Bristow (A.). 2 mins. 11.8 secs.
1 Mile: 1, F. B. Gibberd (A.); 2, equal, T. P. Ball (Q.E.) and P. G. Cuss (Q.E.). 4 mins. 53.4 secs.
120 Yards Hurdles: 1, D. B. Brooks (Q.E.); 2, T. J. Law (A.); 3, D. Kerr (A.). 16.8 secs.
220 Yards Hurdles: 1, T. J. Law (A.); 2, J. Arkell (A.); 3, W. N. Bolt (Q.E.). 28.9 secs.
High Jump: 1, D. B. Brooks (Q.E.); 2, R. M. H. Wraith (Q.E.); 3, W. I. Dickinson (A.). 5 ft. 4 ins.
Long Jump: 1, J. A. Hobson (Q.E.); 2, W. I. Dickinson (A.); 3, I. E. M. Hughes (Q.E.). 20 ft. 5½ ins.
Weight: 1, S. S. Leveroni (Q.E.); 2, J. Arkell (A.); 3, D. B. Palombo (Q.E.). 34 ft. 7 ins.
Relay (4 x 110 Yards): 1, Aldenham; 2, Queen Elizabeth's.

Result: Queen Elizabeth's 52; Aldenham 43.

UNDER-16 TEAM MATCHES.

Against the more experienced Latymer Upper team at Wood Lane on July 15th the School Under-Sixteens acquitted themselves surprisingly well to score 50 points against 67. In the thirteen events we had five firsts, R. J. D. Westcott (880 Yards), K. W. Clark (¾-Mile), D. B. Bigley (¾-Mile Walk), J. A. Bradstreet (Hurdles), and F. I. Welch (Long Jump). Some of the second strings ran well also, but the opposition was a little too good for us. A few days later, on July 18th at Aldenham, the team beat Aldenham by 35 points to 33. Welch won the 100 Yards as well as the Long Jump. Westcott and Clark were first and second in the 880 Yards, and Bradstreet had two seconds in the match of eight events.

SCHOOL v. OLD ELIZABETHANS' A.C.

The annual match against the Old Boys was held on Saturday, July 23rd, on the Stapylton Field. Not having won the match since before the war, the Club fielded a strong side, which included two internationals, two of this year's Army champions, four former Public Schools' champions and six County or University champions, supported by a number of other up-and-coming athletes who have so far achieved nothing higher than University representative honours. The School team produced several good performances, notably in the Long Jump and Walk, but the opposition had no real weaknesses and we lost the match by a fair margin. Of the fourteen events, the School won five and the Club nine. When the Old Boys won in the last year before the war, they owed their victory largely to three firsts by J. F. Lockwood; on this occasion it was evidence of the high level of competition and the resources of both sides that no competitor won more than one event, even Lockwood having to content himself with a single victory in the 100 Yards.

The results were :—

100 Yards : 1, J. F. Lockwood (O.E.); 2, J. A. Hobson (School); 3, N. Pooler (O.E.). 10.7 secs.
220 Yards : 1, W. N. Bolt (School); 2, D. W. A. Bruce (O.E.); 3, I. E. M. Hughes (School). 24.2 secs.
440 Yards : 1, N. Pooler (O.E.); 2, J. A. Hobson (School); 3, W. C. Fillmore (O.E.). 53.4 secs.
880 Yards : 1, D. C. Newell (O.E.); 2, P. Belton (School); 3, E. N. H. Shearly (O.E.). 2 mins. 8 secs.
Mile : 1, E. J. Nankivell (O.E.) and E. N. H. Shearly (O.E.), dead heat; 3, J. H. Boorne (School). 4 mins. 50.4 secs.
Mile Walk : 1, D. B. Bigley (School); 2, K. R. Cooper (School); 3, T. E. Knibb (O.E.). 7 mins. 2.9 secs.
120 Yards Hurdles : 1, D. B. Brooks (School); 2, P. Wells (O.E.); 3, D. W. A. Bruce (O.E.). 16.6 secs.
220 Yards Hurdles : 1, D. W. A. Bruce (O.E.); 2, W. N. Bolt (School); 3, P. A. Ward (O.E.). 28.5 secs.
High Jump : 1, P. Wells (O.E.); 2, W. C. Fillmore (O.E.); 3, D. B. Brooks (School). 6 ft.
Long Jump : 1, J. A. Hobson (School); 2, J. F. Lockwood (O.E.); 3, D. A. V. Bearblock (O.E.). 21 ft.
Weight : 1, D. L. Haxby (O.E.); 2, J. H. Widgery (O.E.); 3, R. M. H. Wraith (School). 41 ft. 7½ ins.
Discus : 1, J. H. Widgery (O.E.); 2, D. L. Haxby (O.E.); 3, S. S. Leveroni (School). 139 ft. 6 ins.
Javelin : 1, J. L. Rodger (O.E.); 2, D. E. A. Powell (O.E.); 3, R. M. H. Wraith (School). 148 ft. 8 ins.
Relay (4 x 110 Yards) : 1, School (I. E. M. Hughes, F. I. Welch, J. E. Winchester, S. S. Leveroni); 2, O.E.A.C.

Score : O.E.A.C. : 76 points. School : 46.

JUNIOR ATHLETICS CUP.

The contests for this cup ended with the finals on July 27th and a victory for Leicester. The Captain of Athletics was in charge, as usual, and the unbroken dry spell facilitated his task of running off innumerable heats beforehand and carrying through the long programme of finals. The standard was generally good, especially in the walks and some of the longer distance races. An outstanding achievement was B. W. Jones's high jump in Class I, which broke a 14 years' old record. Having defeated his nearest rival by half-a-foot he gave up the one-sided contest and retired after clearing 5 feet.

CLASS I RESULTS.

100 Yards : 1, K. K. Lindsey; 2, J. S. Chapman; 3, J. H. Price; 4, C. K. Swann. 12.5 secs.
200 Yards : 1, J. H. Stiff; 2, B. W. Jones; 3, C. K. Swann; 4, G. P. Edwards. 23.5 secs.
400 Yards : 1, J. H. Stiff; 2, J. O. Luterbacher; 3, C. S. Gates; 4, J. C. McCabe. 54.3 secs.
800 Yards : 1, J. Gibson; 2, J. H. Price; 3, K. K. Lindsey; 4, P. J. Allen. 2 mins. 8.9 secs.
800 Yards Walk : 1, P. J. Roethenbough; 2, D. F. Smedley; 3, M. Rose; 4, M. J. Edwards. 3 mins. 18 secs.
100 Yards Hurdles (3 ft.) : 1, A. J. Baylis; 2, J. A. Irons; 3, L. J. White. 18.1 secs.
High Jump : 1, B. W. Jones; 2, G. P. Edwards; 3, G. S. Surtees; 4, R. Jack. 5 ft.
Long Jump : 1, J. Gibson; 2, J. O. Luterbacher; 3, A. J. Baylis; 4, A. P. W. Willis. 15 ft.

CLASS II RESULTS.

80 Yards : 1, C. A. Gibbens; 2, M. J. Chapman; 3, J. G. Hummerston; 4, A. A. Norton. 10.5 secs.
200 Yards : 1, B. N. Ballantine; 2, C. A. Gibbens; 3, M. J. Chapman; 4, A. A. Norton. 24.6 secs.

375 Yards : 1, B. G. Dearmer; 2, R. J. Pearl; 3, J. R. L. Sherrington; 4, A. P. Chambers. 56.1 secs.
750 Yards : 1, B. N. Ballantine; 2, J. Paine; 3, J. C. Wright; 4, P. J. Crosbie. 2 mins. 11.5 secs.
750 Yards Walk : 1, J. G. Hummerston; 2, C. B. Lehane; 3, D. W. Ross; 4, G. F. Joyce. 3 mins. 33.1 secs.
100 Yards Hurdles (2 ft. 9 ins.) : 1, J. H. Wickes; 2, J. Paine; 3, D. G. Ingham; 4, B. R. Parker. 17.6 secs.
High Jump : 1, J. H. Wickes; 2, R. J. Pearl; 3, B. G. Dearmer; 4, T. H. Jenkins. 4 ft.
Long Jump : 1, B. N. Ballantine; 2, C. A. Gibbens; 3, J. C. Wright; 4, M. R. Lacey. 14 ft. 5½ ins.

CLASS III RESULTS.

75 Yards : 1, D. L. Rosenberg; 2, A. J. Pyle; 3, W. Boddington; 4, W. A. De'Ath. 10.4 secs.
150 Yards : 1, M. J. Francis; 2, R. Tomalin; 3, W. Boddington; 4, R. H. Gibson. 20.5 secs.
330 Yards : 1, D. L. Rosenberg; 2, M. J. Francis; 3, L. C. Lillywhite; 4, W. A. De'Ath. 48.5 secs.
660 Yards : 1, P. F. H. Judge; 2, M. J. Dyson; 3, C. P. Whitmore; 4, W. Boddington. 1 min. 55.8 secs.
High Jump : 1, H. J. Almond; 2, M. A. Woolf; 3, R. Tomalin; 4, D. W. Harwood. 3 ft. 10 ins.
Long Jump : 1, R. Tomalin; 2, A. J. Pyle; 3, D. W. Harwood; 4, E. Last. 12 ft. 6½ ins.

Total scores :	1. Leicester	...	...	231 pts.
	2. Stapylton	...	...	187 "
	3. Underne	...	...	171 "
	4. Broughton	...	...	152 "

MATCH v. HERTS. COUNTY A.A.A. JUNIOR TEAM.

On the evening of Thursday, July 28th, a very close match was lost to the County. Each side won six events and had six seconds, the third places deciding the contest. Some of our runners looked a little tired after a very strenuous 3-weeks' competition, especially those running in the longer distances, who would have won the match for us had they run true to form.

100 Yards : 1, V. J. Thurley (County); 2, I. A. Sewell (School); 3, F. I. Welch (School). 10.4 secs.
220 Yards : 1, V. J. Thurley (County); 2, W. N. Bolt (School) and I. E. M. Hughes (School). 24.0 secs.
440 Yards : 1, J. A. Hobson (School); 2, C. J. W. Chaple (School); 3, T. K. Seabrook (County). 54.7 secs.
880 Yards : 1, G. Masters (County); 2, P. Belton (School); 3, R. J. D. Westcott (School). 2 mins. 11.9 secs.
Mile : 1, S. Izzard (County); 2, M. L. Ryall (County); 3, T. P. Ball (School). 5 mins. 3.8 secs.
Mile Walk : 1, K. R. Cooper (School); 2, I. S. M. Paul (County); 3, R. E. Vines (County). 7 mins. 20 secs.
120 Yards Hurdles : 1, D. B. Brooks (School); 2, M. F. W. Sharp (County); 3, B. W. Ward (County). 17.2 secs.
High Jump : 1, A. J. Sumner (County); 2, D. B. Brooks (School); 3, E. Brady (County). 5 ft. 7 ins.
Long Jump : 1, J. A. Hobson (School); 2, I. E. M. Hughes (School); 3, B. W. Ward (County). 20 ft.
Weight : 1, W. Simpson (School); 2, C. W. Clark (County); 3, A. M. Foster (County). 36 ft. 2 ins.
Discus : 1, S. S. Leveroni (School); 2, D. K. Duthie (County); 3, A. M. Foster (County). 123 ft. 5 ins.
Javelin : 1, A. J. Sumner (County); 2, D. K. Duthie (County); 3, R. M. H. Wraith (School). 163 ft. 4 ins.

Score : County, 55 pts. School, 53 pts.

In addition to those mentioned in our last issue, colours for the season were awarded to : D. B. Bigley, K. R. Cooper, J. A. Hobson, I. E. M. Hughes, I. A. Sewell, and R. M. H. Wraith.

SWIMMING.

The general standard of swimming has been raised considerably, and many more boys can swim than in former years. The competition organised by K. M. Clifford between 2A and 2B resulted in a win for the latter as having a higher percentage of swimmers. Holiday swimming was well attended, and the weather held fine for so long that there were even a few weeks of swimming this term. Our thanks are due to the various O.E.s who supervised.

This season there were more full-time swimmers than usual, and only three of this group do not hold a life-saving award. Their annual event, the quarter-mile race, was won in record time by A. Tate with his easy, well-developed, and stylish over-arm side-stroke. The former record of 8 min. 34 secs. was beaten by 14 seconds. Next year we hope for even better results.

As is manifested by the individual awards, diving is generally improving. Thirteen Senior Diving Triangles were awarded or re-awarded. Candidates for the awards of the Royal Life Saving Society, despite many setbacks and difficulties, persevered to produce the record number of eighty entrants and to gain the record number of one hundred and sixteen awards.

Elementary Certificates : P. J. King, K. J. Saunders, D. O. M. Thomas, M. J. Zissell.

Elementary and Intermediate Certificates : N. P. Carpenter, D. W. Christie, A. England, C. St. J. Gates, M. N. Gent, J. Gibson, G. P. Greenham, J. N. Gugenheim, R. B. Hannant, B. T. Hewitt, J. E. Ingham, G. C. Johnson, J. Middleton, B. L. Nightingale, J. Paine, G. R. Pearl, H. H. Pocock, A. F. Richards, D. E. Robinson, P. J. Roethenbaugh, M. Rose, C. D. Shargoal, J. Sherrington, D. F. Smedley, R. Tomalin, M. K. Vinson, L. J. White, J. C. Wright.

Intermediate Certificates : C. B. Blore, A. J. Carpenter, K. M. Clifford, R. J. Harrison, A. L. Hawton, D. Herring, A. L. Lane, A. C. Mackay, A. L. Perry.

Bronze Medallions : R. J. Allen, P. F. Beechey, C. B. Blore, K. M. Clifford, J. P. Druce, R. A. Gardam, R. J. Harrison, A. L. Hawton, J. A. Irons, C. W. Knapton, C. B. Lehane, A. C. Mackay, P. R. Maddock, A. L. Perry, M. J. Power, D. D. Roberts-Morgan, T. C. Scriven, A. R. Spennock, A. P. Thomson.

1st Bars to Bronze Medallions : J. L. Barnfather, K. T. Chatfield, K. W. Clark, B. R. Currell, A. C. Holliman, A. Tate, T. R. H. Tilley.

2nd Bar to Bronze Medallion : E. F. Hooper.

3rd Bars to Bronze Medallions : E. C. Davies, E. J. Dodd, R. D. Middleton, B. O. W. Spence.

4th Bar to Bronze Medallion : K. R. Clarke.

Bronze Crosses : J. L. Barnfather, D. H. C. Eade, C. G. Sturgeon, A. Tate, C. R. J. Winchester.

Awards of Merit : K. T. Chatfield, P. G. Cuss, K. Jackson, L. G. Payne, B. O. W. Spence.

Bars to Awards of Merit : M. W. B. MacEacharn, J. R. Salter.

INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING RELAY.

(4 Swimmers, each 1 length freestyle) : 1, Leicester; 2, Broughton; 3, Underne. Time : 1 min. 32.5 secs.

JUNIOR RELAY.

(3 Swimmers, each 1 length freestyle) : 1, Underne; 2, Stapylton; 3, Broughton. Time : 1 min. 19.6 secs.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.

Junior. Diving Competition : K. J. Dalton (38 points); 1 length breast-stroke : M. J. Power, 29.3 secs.; 2 lengths freestyle : B. R. Currell, 63.2 secs.*; 2 lengths back-stroke : B. R. Currell, 73 secs.*; 1 length back-stroke : A. S. Baird, 30.5 secs.

Senior. Diving Competition : P. Belton (51 points); 1 length breast-stroke : M. W. B. MacEacharn, 26.9 secs.; 2 lengths back-stroke : L. G. Payne, 67.3 secs.; $\frac{1}{4}$ -mile freestyle : A. Tate, 8 mins. 20 secs.*; 3 lengths freestyle (*Gardner Cup*) : P. Belton, 1 min. 24 secs.

*Record time.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES.

CHESS CLUB.

President : MR. WOODLAND.

COMMITTEE : MR. TIMSON, E. C. Davies (*Captain*), K. M. Clifford (*Secretary*), B. S. P. Gent, M. W. Barker, J. R. Salter, R. Hollinghurst.

At the end of last term we had to say goodbye to Lake, Darling, Griffiths, and Gough. The School chess team has been greatly weakened as the result of their departure.

As the term has progressed the chess has gradually recovered from its suspension during the Summer term. The arrival of cold weather resulted in great enthusiasm for chess during the lunch hour. Meetings after school have been well attended by juniors, for whom, as in past years, there has been an opportunity to learn the rudiments of chess. There were, however, few seniors, until the proximity of the chess House-matches sent frenzied House-captains herding promising members of the upper school into the art-room with metaphorical whips. It is very desirable that time and keenness should be found for chess after school, as only by constant practice can any skill at the game be acquired.

The school team has played only four matches so far this term with the following results :—

v. William Ellis School	...	...	Won	3½—2½
v. Haberdashers Askes	Hampstead	...	...	...
School	...	...	Lost	2½—3½

v. Standard Telephones & Cables	...	Drew	3—3
v. Christ's College, Finchley	...	Lost	2½—3½

The House matches this year have again been won by Stapylton with 21½ points, Leicester being second with 13½ and Underne and Broughton gaining 13 and 12 points respectively.

At the time of going to press, arrangements are being made to hold a lightning tournament.

E.C.D.

BACONIAN SOCIETY.

President : MR. COVINGTON.

Chairman : MR. G. L. SMITH.

COMMITTEE : MR. BAILEY, K. R. Cooper, L. Fielding, I. E. M. Hughes, L. G. Payne, A. F. Mann (*Secretary*).

At the General Meeting last term a vote of thanks to the retiring secretary, J. Gough, was carried unanimously and the usual elections made. There was afterwards a series of impromptu speeches, the most memorable being that by Mr. Cocks on Gardening.

On 30th September, J. R. Salter and L. Fielding proposed : *This House regards with alarm the increasing tendency to specialisation, particularly in learning, culture, and careers.* Despite the sound words of L. G. Payne and K. R. Cooper, the level of debate did not rise high and the opposition, led by E. F. Hooper and G. R. Birchall, triumphed 12—7.

Friday, 28th October, was made a notable date for

us by the visit of DR. STEPHEN TAYLOR, M.P. for Barnet, to talk on *How Parliament Works*. After his illuminating discourse, interspersed with anecdotes both informing and amusing, he answered many varied questions. A vote of thanks to him for his trouble was carried with acclamation.

Later in the term, on the motion that *Social Security will ultimately prove harmful to the individual and the State* (proposed by A'Brook and Gould, opposed by Back and Cooper), it was clear that members seemed to have profited from Dr. Taylor's talk and an interesting debate ensued. The opposition being very well supported from the floor, the motion was defeated 18—9.

Although the society has this term enjoyed excellent support (save from the Lower Sixth, of whom we hope to see more in the future), unfortunately, most members have been reluctant to speak, and as one of the aims of the society is to *practice the art of public speaking and public conference* it is desirable that this, too, will be rectified. A.F.M.

LIBRARY NOTES.

The annual check held last July showed a larger number of books "missing" than is usual, and in view of this the school is asked to exercise more care with books both when they are on the shelves and when they are taken out.

Otherwise, the Library has had a very active and prosperous term. Over one hundred and fifty books have been added to stock since last issue, an unprecedented increase. A large proportion of these books have gone to the Literature section and English students would be particularly grateful for the new set of the Wessex novels of Thomas Hardy, the leaving gift of W. Simpson, and for a number of works of authors ranging from Bacon to Shelley presented by R. A. Hibbert (O.E.), and for the books of criticism and literary history, the leaving gift of D. B. Brooks. Those interested in book production and fine printing should appreciate the Folio Society editions of the "classics" recently obtained by the Library, and the edition of the Litany presented by Mr. G. W. Murray (O.E.). For other presentations we are very grateful to Mr. Pearce, R. M. Godfrey (O.E.) (for his Kelvin Premium prize book), I. Jackson (O.E.), K. L. Gibson (O.E.), G. A. Gibson (O.E.), R. T. Beckwith (O.E.), O. L. Dobbs (O.E.), W. G. Roberts, P. G. Brealey, H. G. Thomas, L.IVA and L.IVB, IIIA and IIIB, IIA and IIB, the Dramatic Society, the United Tanners Federation, and the British Gas Council. We should also like to take this opportunity to thank the following for their leaving gifts: J. R. Darling, J. V. Lake, P. B. Belton, J. Gough, S. S. Leveroni, R. E. H. Challis, M. Charles, G. F. Capsey, D. R. Williams, L. F. Shepherd, J. P. F. Frank, A. Bradford, A. Lane, P. S. Grimwood, A. V. King, C. B. Lehané, and P. D. Hutley-Bull.

It would be good to see more boys making use of the Library after school—"browsing" at these odd moments is a good habit to develop. Moreover, it would be appreciated if boys would make a note in the

Suggestions Book of books which they want; otherwise they may find the Library becoming full of books they themselves do not like. W.G.R.

CHRISTIAN UNION.

President : MR. PEARCE.

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

On November the 17th a discussion on Christianity and Socialism was opened by W. G. Roberts, who considered that Socialism is the most essentially Christian order of society. Those present were provoked but unconvinced.

On November the 24th, Miss A. M. Butler, M.A., of the Actors' Christian Guild, gave a very interesting and profitable address, and on December the 15th the Rev. A. L. MacArthur will have visited us.

We are pleased to announce the revival of the custom of weekly Prayer Meetings.

Finally, it is with deep regret that we record the resignation of K. R. Cooper from the office of secretary, owing to the pressure of other duties. C.N.M.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

President : MR. RAINES.

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

A General Meeting early in October decided that future meetings should be demonstrations to meet the requirements of new members. "Fixing," by M. G. Slough, "The importance of Photography," by the President, and "Contact Printing," by the Secretary, were subjects at the second meeting. Assistant officers were appointed, and the rules revised at a Committee Meeting in mid-October. At the third meeting, Q. C. Cullen talked on "Developing and Printing," R. D. Middleton on "Practical Enlarging," and S. B. Gordon on "Glazing." Finally, we had A. F. Mann on "Tank Development," and C. N. Moss on "The Plate."

The society would be deeply grateful if any former photographers, who produced the best prints, in former years, could provide copies for the purpose of exhibitions in years to come. J.R.S.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President : MR. WINTER. *Secretary* : S. B. Gordon.

This term there were welcome signs that interest in the society is steadily re-awakening, although this is still mainly confined to the Junior School. An attempt has been made to increase the stock and to improve the quality of our stamps, and it has been well repaid by the interest stimulated among the specializing dignitaries of the Upper School.

We wish to thank our friends among the O.E.s and elsewhere for their gifts of stamps. S.B.G.

HOUSE NOTES.

BROUGHTON.

Housemaster : MR. P. TIMSON. *Sub-Prefect* : D. B. Palombo.

Last term our House Captain, J. Gough, left us to go to Wadham College, Oxford, with our best wishes for the future.

Although our representatives in School Fifteens have been very few, six in four teams, S. B. Gordon and K. T. Chatfield are to be congratulated on having been awarded the 2nd and 3rd XV colours respectively. Our congratulations are also due to those who passed Higher or School Certificate.

During this term we have had many visits from

Old Broughtonians, and we trust that we shall have as many in the future.

Finally, with the coming of many House activities in the next two terms, all boys are urged to put more life into their scholastic and athletic efforts in order to pull the House out of the deep rut into which they have let it steadily slip.

D.B.P.

LEICESTER.

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

Michaelmas being a term when scholars are wholly absorbed by intellectual or athletic pursuits not strictly concerned with the House, it is difficult to elaborate upon events which have not even occurred.

The House has been well represented in all the School teams—there being five regular members of the 1st XV in Leicester—and has played a prominent part in the functions of every School Society or Committee. Congratulations go to L. G. Payne, R. D. Middleton and E. C. Davies on their appointment as Sub-Prefects, and also to the former two for gaining 1st XV Colours.

Last term it became clear we had many enthusiastic juniors, and it is only to be hoped that this enthusiasm will continue when the seasons of Inter-House activities are with us once more.

Finally, it is with considerable regret that we bid farewell to I. E. M. Hughes, who has been a lieutenant of Prefects and Vice-Captain of Football during the past term, and we do sincerely wish him a successful stay at St. John's, Cambridge, and a prosperous future.

K.R.C.

STAPYLTON.

Housemaster: MR. COVINGTON. *Prefects*: J. R. Bradbeer, K. M. Clifford, W. G. Roberts. *Sub-Prefect*: B. S. P. Gent.

There has been only one Inter-House competition this term, and in recording the fact that we won it, we should like to congratulate all members of the chess team for adding yet another trophy to our collection. The House has also benefited from the efforts of a number of individuals—four boys have played regularly for the 1st XV, whilst we have been well represented in the other teams.

Academically, we have had a good term, and we extend our congratulations to all those who gained Higher School Certificate, especially to those who obtained distinctions, and also to those who have attained the dignity of the Sixth Form, *via* School Certificate.

As for our Juniors, we can only record that they maintain, with a slight diminution, it is true, their colourful interest in Philip and Tacey's stationery department. It would be strange, were it otherwise.

J.R.B.

We are sorry to have to say good-bye to two of our most senior and public-spirited members, J. R. Bradbeer and K. M. Clifford. Their achievements and activities are too well known to need recounting, and it is sufficient to say that the whole House will feel the lack of their spirit and vigour. We wish them the very best of luck.

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. Fairey, P. G. Brealey.

At the end of the last summer term, P. Belton by winning the Gardner Cup for swimming gained his third success in this event.

Congratulations are due to all successful in public examinations, especially to J. P. F. Franck on gaining a State Scholarship, and to M. J. Fairey and P. G. Brealey on their appointments as sub-prefects.

Our House Social proved once again a success, and thanks are due to many, particularly to the parents who aided the catering and to Mr. Harrison, who enlivened the entertainment.

We have been well represented on the rugby field this year, R. M. H. Wraith, M. W. Barker, and M. G. Slough being re-awarded first team colours and F. I. Welch playing regularly for the side. With twenty members of the House in the school fifteens (including six of the Colts team) we are hopeful of retaining both football cups. It is to be hoped that the juniors will continue to increase their interest in House activities.

Finally, we note with pleasure the visits of F. E. Jefferey and I. A. Sewell this term, and extend a welcome to past members of the House to lunch with us.

A.F.M.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following contemporaries, and apologise for any omissions: *The Albanian*, the *Aldenharnian*, the *Berkhamptedean*, the *Bromleian*, the *East Barnetian*, the *Finchleian*,

the *Georgian*, the *Latymerian*, the *Lutonian*, the *Masonian*, the *Raven*, the *Rutlish School Magazine*, the *Skylark*, and the *Verulamian*.

The Old Elizabethans (Barnet)

Honorary Secretary :

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

Honorary Editorial Secretary :

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

BIRTHS.

July 31st, to Joan, wife of Lieut.-Colonel S. MOORE-COULSON (A.M. 1932-39), a son—Richard.

August 10th, to Diana, wife of L. H. LEWIN (1931-36), a son—David Leslie.

December 3rd, to Ann, wife of R. A. HIBBERT, B.A. (1930-40), a daughter—Jane.

MARRIAGES.

In Aug.—At New Barnet, D. J. McCALL (1938-39), to Christine Marie Mynott.

At Barnet, P. D. SONNEX (1938-42) to Doreen Rose Mildred Bunce.

At Edgware, L. W. BUNCE (1930-33), to Nancy Eileen Abrahams.

In Sept.—At Salem, P. J. NOTTAGE (1936-40), to Joan Hughes.

In Oct.—At Thames Ditton, A. A. SMITH (1927-33), to Marion Helen Nutt.

In Nov.—At Bounds Green, J. V. SPICER (1933-39), to Patricia Hardwicke Johnson.

NEW PROVISIONAL MEMBERS.

(LEAVERS—JULY, 1949).

BALL, T. P., (1943-9), 13, Cowley Hill Road, Boreham Wood.

BELTON, P., (1941-9), 20, Brooklands Gdns., Potters Bar.

BOORNE, J. H., (1945-9), 47, Chase Green Ave., Enfield.

BRADFORD, A. H., (1945-9, 82, The Mall, Southgate, N.14.

BROOKS, D. B., (1942-9), 45, Mitchelham Down, Woodside Park, N.12.

CHALLIS, R. E. H., (1940-9), 52, Crown Lane, Southgate, N.14.

CHARLES, M., (1942-9), 6, Bohun Grove, East Barnet.

CLARKE, K. R., (1941-9), Quantocks, Galley Lane, Barnet.

COLLINS, L. R. J., (1941-9), 105, St. Albans Road Barnet.

DARLING, J. R., (1940-9), 14, Queens Road, Barnet.

DAVEY, A., (1942-9), 9, Summit Way, Southgate, N.14.

ENGLAND, D. J. F., (1946-9), 34, Byng Road, Barnet, (noted as Prov. Member w.e.f. July, 1948).

FRANCK, J. P. F., (1947-9), 30, Cedar Lawn Ave., Barnet.

GOUGH, J., (1942-9), 119, Normandy Ave., Barnet.

GRIFFITHS, R. F., (1940-9), 7, Netherlands Road New Barnet.

GRIMWOOD, P. S., (1943-9), 9, Myrtle Close, East Barnet.

HAWKES, C. F. A., (1947-9), Heathside, Little Heath, Potters Bar.

KING, A. V., (1944-9), 177, Chase Side, Southgate, N.14.

LAKE, J. V., (1942-9), "Four Events," Sutton Valance, Kent.

LANE, A. L., (1943-9), 28, Brookside South, E. Barnet.

LEVERONI, S. S., (1940-9), 12, Hillside Avenue Boreham Wood.

SEWELL, I. A., (1941-9), Barley Head, Arkley Drive, Arkley.

SHEPHARD, L. F., (1945-9), 1, Clifford Road, New Barnet.

SIMPSON, W., (1944-9), 16, The Croft, Barnet.

WILLIAMS, D. R., (1941-9), 12, Oxford Gdns., Winchmore Hill, N.21.

NEW ORDINARY MEMBERS.

CAMP, M. L., (1940-44), 228, Osmeston Road, Derby.

FLITTER, P., (1935-40), 105, Bulwer Road, N. Barnet.

NIELL-FORD, E. O., (), 39, Victoria Road, N.W.6.

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

A disappointingly small, but representative assembly of thirty-eight members, attended the 53rd annual dinner at the Hendon Hall Hotel, under the chairmanship of Councillor H. E. E. HEWES (1916-20).

Referring to the excellent academic record of the School, R. A. HIBBERT (1930-40) departed from the customary personal reminiscences to trace the steady progress of the past twenty years, during which the School had more than maintained its high traditions in turning out fellows of high quality, both as students and as fit members of the community.

Responding to the toast, the Headmaster modestly revealed further successes gained by his pupils during the current year. These included three University Scholarships, twenty-six successes in Higher School Certificate, and one hundred per cent. successes in School Certificate. Having disposed of cold fact, he continued, in warm and jovial manner, to outline some of the effects of modern educational methods upon the School, and emphasised the value of a sound classical education.

A. H. RAINES (A.M. from 1944), in proposing the toast of the Association, struck the key-note of the evening in identifying the activeness of the Association with its sporting sections. He drew attention to the presence of five Old Boys in the County Rugby Football XV, and congratulated P. WELLS'S achievement in attaining the English Native High Jump record.

On behalf of the Association, S. C. PATERSON (1925-32) expressed regret at the news of the illness, and consequent inability to attend as guest of honour, of Mr. O. J. GARDNER (A.M. 1907-33), to whom a message of commiseration had been despatched earlier in the evening.

J. A. STRUGNELL (1907-16), speaking of the public work of Cllr. HEWES, who was a pupil at the School, suggested that more of our members should take an active part in local affairs.

The acute need for playing facilities for all sporting sections was stressed by Cllr. Hewes, who gave news of considerable hope of the acquisition of a suitable field in Barnet. There will be great need of considerable energy and sacrifice by all concerned with our affairs to build up funds to bring about security of tenure, but the opportunity was about to present itself for past scholars to exercise their duty towards present boys—to encourage the sporting instinct and to cement friendships and the fine spirit existent in the School.

A REMINDER.

The Hon. Treasurer, F. J. PARSLEY, wishes to remind members that subscriptions for the coming year become due on 1st January, 1950.

THE CRICKET CLUB.

Most regrettably, the season can only be described as fair. One is tempted to assume that the unbroken spell of ideal weather caused lethargy in the club which might have been dispelled with a little refreshing rain. Certainly, some performances are best forgotten, but others—notably a fine win on the Kent County ground at Gravesend, and a closer defeat at Hornsey than the score suggests—deserve more description than space will permit.

The 1st XI won 12, drew 7, and lost 19 matches, and only one, unhappily against the School, was abandoned. Batting averages were headed by G. W. Firth (27.1), and the same player (8.7) was close enough to E. N. Shearly (8.6) in the bowling averages to constitute a tie. Other performances which merit mention were, batting, A. E. McCormack (17.5), B. L. McKean (16.7); bowling, R. J. Wooller (11.8), C. A. Winchester (12.6).

The 2nd XI suffered continually under the handicap of an insufficiency of players for the two XIs—and it was, of course, this side which bore the brunt of withdrawals and “running repairs.” The number of people, often professedly no cricketer, pressed into service at a moment’s notice, was phenomenal. Under such circumstances, coupled with the fact that pitches were more than somewhat remote from the ideal, it is not surprising that their record was not impressive: Won 7, drew 1, lost 21, with one abandoned. F. J. Parsley deserves our gratitude for his excellent management of this side under almost overwhelming duress, and for maintaining such fine spirit among his fellows. Averages were, batting: T. W. F. Pay (15.5), W. T. Smith (12.8); bowling: M. G. V. Cadney (7.7), T. W. F. Pay (11.0).

Two social functions were arranged by E. N. Shearly, to whom our gratefulness is recorded. The Annual Dance was held at the Salisbury Hotel on September 14th, and an informal supper on October 10th.

The club is very much indebted to T. Nicholls who, from early in the season, sacrificed every Saturday and Sunday to serve us in the capacity of umpire with great enthusiasm, loyalty and fairness.

W.T.S.

RESULTS OF 1ST XI MATCHES (Continued).

July 16th—School 52 (R. J. Wooller 4—2).	
O.E.s did not bat. Game abandoned.	
23rd—O.E. 81.	
Totteridge 181—4.	
24th—O.E. 84.	
O. Minchendenians 109—8 (R. J. Wooller 5—23).	
30th—O.E. 97 (C. A. Winchester 25).	
Naurice 94 (C. A. Winchester 5—19).	
31st—Southgate 142 (B. L. McKean 4—18).	
O.E. 121 (A. E. McCormack 40).	
Aug. 1st—Rosslyn 192—9 dec.	
O.E. 74.	
6th—O.E. 177 (G. W. Firth 65).	
Bowes Pk. Methodist 162—9 (R. Wooller 4—15).	
7th—O.E. 136 (B. L. McKean 47).	
Gravesend 56 (E. Shearly 8—20).	
14th—S.T.C. Southgate 193—6 dec.	
O.E. 125—8.	
20th—O.E. 201—9 dec. (D. D. Molyneux 50).	
Finchley 95—8 (D. C. Smith 5—9).	
21st—Northmet House 114 (C. A. Winchester 5—40).	
O.E. 89 (A. E. McCormack 35).	
27th—U.C.S. Old Boys 104 (G. W. Firth 5—30).	
O.E. 147—4 (A. E. McCormack 71 n.o.).	
28th—O. E. 182—8 dec. (B. L. McKean 57).	
Cockfosters 90 (E. Shearly 4—10).	

Sept. 3rd—O.E. 119 (B. L. McKean 33).

Hale End 34 (G. W. Firth 5—9).

4th—O.E. 133 (C. A. Winchester 31).

Stevenage 127—9 (D. C. Smith 4—27).

10th—O.E. 55 (F. J. Parsley 23 n.o.).

O. Albanians 137 (D. C. Smith 6—46).

11th—O.E. 86.

Hitchin 217 (E. N. Shearly 5—74).

17th—Hale End 196—6 dec.

O.E. 115—6 (A. E. McCormack 40).

18th—O.E. 160—7 dec. (G. W. Firth 68 n.o.).

Hornsey 161—4 (B. L. McKean 3—38).

THE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Club, held at the School on August 26th, the following officials were appointed:—

Hon. Sec.	...	B. G. White.
Hon. Social Sec.	...	B. L. Faulkner.
Hon. Treasurer	...	S. C. Paterson.
Hon. Match Sec.	...	F. J. Parsley.
Hon. Team Sec.	...	D. L. Hughes.
Club Captain	...	T. W. F. Pay.
Vice-Captain	...	N. T. Hughes.
Captain 'A' XV	...	A. L. Starbuck.
Captain 'Ex A' XV	...	R. E. Stanley.

D. F. Abbott (Chairman), R. J. Cooper, P. S. McGreal and A. E. McCormack were subsequently elected to complete the Committee.

Members are asked to note that, among other items on the agenda, it was decided to hold the Annual General Meeting in June in future years.

At the first Committee meeting, N. G. Scriven and T. E. Knibb were appointed Vice-Captains of the “A” and “Extra A” XVs respectively.

Two trial games were held early in September, and in spite of the very hard ground and the counter attraction of cricket, much keenness was shown and the standard of play extremely good. The season opened officially on September 24th against the Old Haberdashers, when all XVs got off to a good start, which has since been well maintained as shown by the following record:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Pts.
					Ag'tst.	
1st XV	12	10	0	2	121	73
“A” XV	12	10	0	2	127	53
“Ex. A” XV	12	9	1	2	132	73

The playing strength of the club is increasing steadily, and plans are being made to run a fourth XV next season. High hopes are entertained that in the not far distant future, our own ground with accommodation for two rugger pitches, will exist.

B. L. FAULKNER has been busy in the new appointment of social secretary to organise a successful Whist Drive in October, and to arrange an informal club supper at the Green Man, Barnet, on the 17th December, after the Past v. Present game.

We wish to thank J. W. STEPHENS (1923-27), F.C.A., for his presentation to the club of a silver cup, to be known as the J. W. Stephens' Inter-House Sevens Trophy, and Mr. T. Hughes and Mr. E. W. Harrison for providing the Honours Caps for this season.

A collection in aid of the National Playing Fields Association was taken on the Oakhill Park ground on October 29th, when the club played the Old Brockleians. The club thanks supporters for their increasing attendances and will be pleased to welcome you at home every Saturday afternoon.

B.G.W.

ATHLETICS.

The season's satisfactory commencement, reported in the last issue, was well maintained to the close. Four other matches were held and all were won. Worthy of special mention was the Club's success in the Inter-Old Boys' Association's Athletic Match, when we gained first place against some strong opposition. At this match we achieved the distinction of establishing three new ground records for the Old Rutlishians, who were responsible for the arrangements.

An exceptionally pleasant conclusion to our match programme—an enjoyable evening of Club Championships—was actually the last meeting—was the decisive victory over the School by 76 points to 46 after an eclipse of ten years. We were fortunate, for once, in having nearly all our big guns available, but our success was essentially a team effort, no fewer than 21 members of the Club taking part.

The Club takes great pride in adding its official congratulations to those that most of us have already passed on to Peter Wells on his distinguished success. His jump at Bristol last summer of 6 ft. 6 3-8 ins. has now been ratified at 6 ft. 6 1/4 ins. as the English Native High Jump record. Wells sails in December for New Zealand to represent England in the Empire Games to be held there in the New Year, and we wish him the best of luck in this new honour.

T.E.K.

SQUASH RACKETS.

Unfortunately it has not proved possible to develop the idea of a "Club Evening," but with the arrival of the colder weather a number of last winter's regulars have joined the year-round stalwarts in sweating it out once more. It appears too that the "ladder" competition is not so static as some of its unassuming occupants would suppose, and that some of the erstwhile novices are climbing slowly but steadily to the top.

It is hoped to arrange another handicap tournament after Christmas, and players wishing to take part are asked to contact T. E. Knibb.

T.E.K.

THE CHESS CLUB.

At the same headquarters as last season—The Olde Tea Shoppe, Barnet—the club opened its season at the beginning of October. Meetings are held every Friday.

We are competing in the Barnet League again, and with those matches played by the end of November we have defeated Potters Bar, drawn with S.T.C. Southgate, and lost to Totteridge. Two friendly games have been arranged with the School.

Remaining fixtures are as follows :—

Nov. 28th—v. Southgate.	Feb. 24th—v. Totteridge.
Dec. 15th—v. Barnet.	Mar. 10th—v. Enfield.
19th—v. School.	17th—v. School.
Jan. 6th—v. Oakwood.	24th—v. Southgate.
27th—v. S.T.C.	Apr. 6th—v. Barnet.
Feb. 7th—v. Potters Bar.	17th—v. Oakwood.

B.L.McK.

SKIP THIS !

I say, didn't you see that you were to skip this?

I assure you, you'll get nothing out of it,

And you are only wasting your time.

So stop!

But you can't help reading on—

Or can you? No, indeed!

Do show some will-power and strength of character, and STOP—

Or are you so bewitched that you are curious enough to go on to discover that

The Annual Dance will be held at the Hendon Hall Hotel on St. Patrick's Night, March 17th 1950.

Tickets will be obtainable at the anticipated price of 10/6 from R. E. ORTON (BAR. 4716) or any Committee member, in due course. Transport will be arranged.

P.S.—We were only kidding. You are interested, aren't you?

R.E.O.

VARIA.

I have the usual letter or two, and a newspaper cutting here and there, from which I am able to pass on to you some small piece of news which may concern you.

Professor A. N. WORDEN (1928-32) to whose name, I respectfully annotate, is already appended a lengthy string of qualifications, is now, apart from an M.A., B.Sc. and M.R.C.V.S., a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chemistry (F.R.I.C.) and Fellow of the Linnaean Society (F.L.S.). He has quitted the University College of Wales at Aberystwyth, and has been appointed Chief Biochemist and Nutritionalist of the Animal Health Trust. He has taken up residence nearer home, at Huntingdon, where his house is of particular historical interest, for, he informs me, Cromwell was born there.

Among others to gain recent qualifications is A. R. CRIBB (1937-43) who has qualified as a pharmaceutical chemist, having obtained his Bachelor of Pharmacy degree in 1948. I understand that he is dispensing in a R.A.F. hospital. T. W. F. PAY (1936-43), M.R.C.V.S., has gained his B.Sc.

C. J. KIRKMAN (1936-44) writes from the British West Indies, where he is assisting in the rebuilding of that fire-swept and badly damaged town, St. Lucia. His journey out there, in the late spring, he describes as a luxurious cruise to Trinidad, proceeding thence by plane to his destination. Although working hard on the erection of the new town, he finds time for social and athletic pleasures, and appears to have established a Rugger-playing element (Soccer is played quite a lot), which was awaiting only the arrival of a correctly shaped ball from Trinidad before serious play could be considered. I envy him his sojourn in such warm and happy circumstances, and imagine him to be in no hurry to return to England yet.

CAMBRIDGE O.E. DINNER.

A dinner for Cambridge Old Elizabethans will be held at Jesus College on Saturday, April 22nd. Non-residents who wish to attend should send a postcard to Dr. F. Brittain, Jesus College, giving reasonable notice.

NOW OR NEVER?

IT DEPENDS UPON YOU.

Dear Old Elizabethan,

It has long been realised by the Association that it could never fulfil its social purposes until it possessed a ground and club-house of its own. It was hoped that part of the War Memorial Scheme would have included the purchase of such a field, but, despite intensive search during the past four years, nothing within easy reach of Barnet has been, or is likely to be found, since most of the open land belongs to the County Council's Green Belt and is not available for sale.

An opportunity has arisen, however, of acquiring an eight acre field, within ten minutes' walk of High Barnet Station, on long lease from a Local Authority. A condition of the lease would be that the Association carries out the necessary levelling, draining, and preparation of the ground, in addition to which a club-house has to be erected. The latter would serve not only the needs of playing members, but also provide a meeting place for all Association members, whenever required.

The initial outlay will be between £2,200 and £3,000, according to the type of pavilion provided, and it is thought that, if the Association could provide £1,700 of NEW MONEY, the War Memorial Committee might provide the balance needed to complete the scheme.

Negotiations for taking up this lease cannot be completed by the Association unless it can be assured of the backing of its members in raising this new money. The Committee must make a decision by 14th January next, and you are asked, as a matter of great urgency, to notify, before that date, the financial assistance which you are willing to give.

Without your support, the Association will be unable to take this opportunity, which is unlikely to occur again, of securing its own Headquarters, and the continuance of the playing clubs will be in danger, since their present facilities are totally inadequate for present playing strengths, and are only available on a year-to-year basis.

We confidently make this appeal to all who look for the successful future of the Association.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. A. STRUGNELL (CHAIRMAN).

F. J. PARSLEY (TREASURER).

December, 1949.

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