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HEADMASTER'S NOTES

November 10th, 1948, was a notable date in the history of the School. I have traced no previous record in the School's fifty-three years of a visit of a Minister of Education, or, as he would until recently have been called, a President of the Board of Education.

Mr. George Tomlinson commended himself to all by his humanity and humour. His easy simplicity and directness, his genial and sociable personality won all sections of his audience, and may well have concealed from some the powerful qualities of mind and character, the astuteness of judgment and the clarity of insight that have brought him to his high office.

It was, therefore, with a particular thrill of pride that one heard his forthright appreciation of the courtesy and manners of the prize-winners. The unsolicited holiday he granted the School marked his genuine satisfaction with the function. And this highly favourable impression was shared by all present. Let due praise then go not only to those boys who more conspicuously represented the School on this occasion, the choirs and performers, the Head Boy and the prize-winners, but also to those who filled the gallery and upper corridor and sat or stood with admirable self-discipline throughout the proceedings.

The Minister explained the importance of little things. For an individual boy to exercise restraint for a couple of hours upon his natural tendencies to chatter and fidget, out of courtesy to visitors and friends of the school, may appear a little thing; but when multiplied by a couple of hundred it is a big enough thing to earn a school a reputation. This principle holds good of other occasions than Speech Day.

In the year 1947-48 prizes were not an incentive, but a reward. Until the end of the year no one was aware that there were to be any prizes. So nobody worked for prizes. But a great many worked for other and better reasons. And it was those who had worked best who were given the prizes. Not necessarily those who came out top in the examinations, but those who had the best records for diligence.

The school roll this term reached 510, the greatest number of boys we have ever had in the present building. This is mainly due to the four-stream entry of 120 boys or more in each of the last two years. But it means that for the time almost half the school is in Forms I and II.

We welcome Mr. R. Levy to the regular staff of the School and to the English department. His skill and enthusiasm for Fencing has already led to the formation of the School Fencing Club.

We also hope that Monsieur Bertrand and Dr. Ninkov will enjoy their year with us as " Assistants " in French and German respectively.

I have read with great interest the essays of the boys who spent "A Week in Industry" at Corby Steel Works at the end of last term. The considerable knowledge and experience recorded in these fully elaborate and illustrated essays amply prove the effort to have been worth while, and will, I am sure, encourage the staff who pioneered this important educational project to continue to work this promising field.

The regular meeting of the Parents' Association this term was notable for its initiation of a new series of "Witness Box" sessions. It was a special pleasure to have an old boy, Mr. Dudley, in the witness box on behalf of the public library service.

For a second time, the Parents' Association held a social evening to welcome new members, at the beginning of the school year. It was fairly well attended. I wonder if parents, especially of new boys, realise that they are all members by virtue of the very fact of having a boy at the School.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Lincé, who organised the evening, and to Easey, Grieves and Williams and others who provided the musical entertainment.

This term, through the generous provision of the London County Council, we were privileged to have a musical performance in the Hall by the Dorian Trio: violin, cello and piano. These occasional musical interludes in the curriculum are most refreshing and always of the highest standard.

I think the conspicuous service of the Cromwell House Choir, under its conductor R. Easey, should be recorded here. Towards the end of the summer term, they represented the school at the Schools Musical Festival at the Southfields Central Hall.

A note of appreciation, too, to the boys of Form IV who completed the sorting, classification and packing of some thousands of photographs for instructional use in the schools of the war-devastated countries.

This task was carried through at the request of U.N.E.S.C.O.

On Friday, 19th November, the Sixth Form attended an all day conference of school pupils at Battersea Grammar School on the subject of the United Nations.

The high distinction of the Bronze Cross of the Royal Life Saving Society has been won by J. F. Reed, A. Pirie, K. R. Broome and A. Vila. Congratulations.

The School is grateful to boys who have presented books to the school library. It was a happy thought for J. L. Canning and D. B. Epstein to leave books before going to Australia and South Africa respectively.

Pre-war Wandsworthians must have missed *Link* accounts of the activities of the School Debating Society. This important society has now come to life again—a long and vigorous life, I hope.

The following are the School Prefects this term:

Head Prefect: Haydon, J.S.

Second Prefect: Horner, D. R. Third Prefect: Maclean, I.

New Prefects: Grieves, J. C., Scott, P. H., Francis, J. F. K., McAuliffe, J. W. (left), Line, R. J. C. (left).

New Sub-Prefects: Berry, W. H. C., Cole, E. G., Dobrowolski, J., Fenton, D. G., Cullum, A. B., Dore, T. D., Taylor, P. J., Johnson, K. H. W., Collins, D. S. (left), Thorpe, D. S., Prickett, C. A., Harper, D., Richardson, D.

AVETE ATQUE VALETE

The following boys have left since the last issue of *The Link* :—

Berry, R. A.
Brigden, D. A.
Boucher, R. A.
Canning, J. L.
Clark, F. R.
Clark, G. W.
Clark, J. C.
Cocks, B. J. R.
Collins, B.
Collins, D. S.
Cook, R. D.
Coppard, R. J.
Davies, D. W.
Domney, R. G.
Donovan, D. J.
Dorling, D. J.
Easey, R. P.
Edwards, J. G.
Feld, R.
Goldsmith, P.
Hardingham, R. P.
Hearn, J. W.
Hilton, C.
Hurcomb, R. G.
Ingarfield, R. C.
Kelly, B. W.
Leaney, A. T.
Len, S.
Lewis, W. N.
Line, R. J. C.
Lyon, J. W.
McAuliffe, J. W.
McKeown, T. J.
Maskell, A.
Opatowski, T.
Pain, A.
Pocock, G. W.
Powell, D. C.
Roodhouse, E. J.
Rutter, B. G.
Sanders, J. B.
Sells, D.
Shields, A. J.
Smith, C. J.
Stone, K.
Thorby, C. J.
White, B. G
Woodley, R. J. A.

The following have been admitted since the last issue of *The Link* :—

Anderson, P. G.
Appleyard, N.
Ardley, L. R.
Argent, W. V.
Ball, T. J.
Barrett, J. D.
Batty, D. T.
Baylis, M. A.
Bedale, A. E. J.
Bennett, C. W.
Bicknell, L. E. J.
Bitmead, C. A.
Blackett, J. R.
Bloss, F. G.
Boreham, J. W. F.
Bowyer, M. J.
Brett, G.
Brinkley, J. A.
Brodie, J. H.
Bullen, G. L.
Bush, F. H.
Butnick, H. I.
Byrne, N. T.
Camp, V. P. J.
Chalk, A. N.
Charsley, B. A. W.
Cleghorn, R. G.
Cook, A. E. N.
Cook, A. D.
Cooke, M. B. H.
Cooper, B.
Cooper, B. A.
Cordery, B. A. M.
Cornwell, A. W.
Davey, P.
Dean, R. S.
Dodge, G. B.
Douel, M. J. A.
Eastick, J. H.
Edwards, R. W.
Edwell, J. S.
Elliott, P. W.
Ellis, A. J.
Essex, V. G.
Fardell, M. J.
Faris, J. E.
Forbes, E. F.
Frankland, K. J.
Gale, G.
Gammon, C. A.
Gardner, B. J.
Gardner, B. C.
Garrett, M. R.
Gatward, A. F.
Geneux, P. R.
Gibbons, T. E.
Gooders, J. M.
Godman, F. J.
Granfield, D. J. S.
Grant, J. V.
Green, M. C.
Griffiths, V. S.
Growns, E. N.
Gugan, K.
Gyves, M. G.
Hancock, E. L. J.
Herbert, J. A.
Hulcoop, P. J.
Hurley, D. T.
Jenkins, R. H.
Johnson, L. A.
King, R. D.
Krasnodebski, J.
Lane, F. G.
Langdon, M. J.
Lee, P. A.
McKeown, M. J.
Maddison, M. R.
Mann. D. E.
Matthews, K. A. C.
Mead, T. W.
Miller, R. P.
Milstead, K. A.
Mitchell, J. A.
Morgan, C. E.
Morgan, J. K.
Wright, E. R.
Nicholls, D. W.
O'Kelly, G. W.
Patterson, E.
Peacock, E. B.
Percy, E. G. R.
Perry, B. R.
Phillips, T. F.
Powell, M. J.
Purdy, A. R.

Richards, D. A.
Richards, J. T.
Roberts. B.
Rogers, J. A.
Russell, D. W.
Ryan, P. G.
Sackman, D. F.
Salway, B. W.
Saull, T. B.
Savage, A. C.
Sawyer, A. J.
Scott, B. G.
Smith, B. E.
Smith, R.
Smith, R. T.
Sommerville, J. H.
Southorn, A. C. H.
Swallow, C. J.
Taylor, W.
Telford, C. C.
Tonks, G. E.
Turner, D. R. E.
Unger, J. F.
Ward, R. J.
Whitesman, S. G.
Wilson, J. A.
Winter, C. J.
Wood Hill, P. T.
Wrench, G. D.

HOUSE NOTES

CROMWELL

It is with satisfaction that, for the first time since the war, we can record that Cromwell is again " Cock House." No mean achievement for the House that last year occupied the bottom position. This success has been largely due to the combined efforts of the whole House. This was well evidenced at the Swimming Gala this term, in which we retained the Swimming Shield only because we had a lead on standards. Here we have to thank especially our juniors, who swam very well indeed, and Pirie, who won all his events.

At the time of writing, the House Rugby competition is in progress. Our seniors, although a very weak team (on paper!) have lost to Gibbon, but have decisively beaten Morley, 15—0. Our juniors, on the other hand, are very strong and are undefeated, having beaten Gibbon 17—0, and drawn with Morley 3—3. Mention must be made of Stear, our junior captain, who scored all 17 points against Gibbon.

Besides this success gained in athletic activities, Cromwell has also kept up the reputation for artistic activities, which it gained at the last two Eisteddfods. Our choir still makes the Welkin ring every Tuesday and Thursday morning under the direction of Easey and Grieves. For although we have suffered a great loss in giving up Easey to the Royal Academy, he is still able to come along to conduct the choir which he started, and which, under the baton of Mr. Keyte, formed a substantial part of the School choir on Speech Day, when, moreover, we provided both the soloists, Easey on the violin and Grieves at the piano. Cromwell also provides reinforcements to the School orchestra, in the shape of one of the two horn players.

In Diligence, Cromwell was top in the last award and C.A. was the second set.

We have had a successful year, but we must be careful not to let this success go to our heads. Instead of relaxing, we must redouble our efforts. There are five trophies to be retained and four to be won. This can easily be done, provided that every boy pulls his weight and realises that he personally can influence his House's position. Remember, Cromwell, " unity is strength."

I. M.

GIBBON

Oh, that a drop of that mysterious juice, enthusiasm, could be pumped into the life-blood of this House and set it afire with that higher desire to think of one's House before oneself! For this term has been a mixture of disappointments and glad tidings. We responded to the call of the Housemasters and, as a result, won the Couch Shield for diligent work.

In the boxing, under the leadership of our all-England finalist, Francis, we were unfortunate in failing to repeat our past performances by a couple of points.

This year saw the revival of Gibbon's cricket, and the seniors never lost a game owing to the fact that we fielded five of the School's Ist XI.

It is a bit early to prophesy the destination of the Rugby trophy, but we have a very hopeful XV, having already beaten Cromwell seniors.

In the swimming, Gibbon, although finishing a close 3rd, must have bettered their position if illness hadn't laid low their best men in Berry (capt.), Epstein and Taylor.

J. Harris won the Senior School's Chess Championship, and Epstein won the Junior, a notable double. Williams, playing chess on board 1 for the School, uses his ability in other spheres, coming 3rd in the all-England Accordion Championships.

Gibbon's Eisteddfod results were shocking, owing, apparently, to their having no ambition to sip the wine of success.

No; this term has not been a happy one for Gibbon. But we have a wealth of good material in the junior school which, unless the *laissez-faire* attitude of the middle and upper school is catching, should become a matter of pride to House and School.

C.W.G.

MORLEY

It is on a much more encouraging outlook than in the previous edition, that I am able to begin these House notes.

In the diligence awards, we are 3rd, but only a little behind the top house at the time of going to press. These results would be much better but for many boys not pulling their weight. Of the four sets, Morley B is still top, generally obtaining a good average. There is, however, still a vast amount of room for improvement in all the sets.

It is very creditable that out of a total of 35 form prizes awarded to boys for merit during the school year 1947-48, the House bagged eleven.

In the contest for the House trophies we were less fortunate, managing to win back, under the very sound captaincy of C. Dingle, only the rugby shield from Pitt.

The result of the swimming gala in October turned out to be very much above our expectations. We gained first place, quite an achievement when the fact that our House has 17 seniors, including only 3 prefects, is taken into consideration.

This lop-sidedness is still an unpleasant remnant of the war years, but it is certain that in a few years time we shall have an even distribution of boys throughout the House. Special credit should go to Hobson, 3a, who came first in the diving, and to Forbes, Ia, who won the 1st form one length free style.

It is regrettable that, owing to unwillingness in the middle school to turn out and gain points during the term, we did not win the swimming shield.

Although no inter-house boxing has yet taken place, yet if all those who can box turn out, we should stand a good chance of winning the shield this year.

At the Morley House meeting this term, the following boys were elected to posts of office:—

Rugby: Capt., Smith, R. K. Vice-Capt., Hilldrup, R. *Cross Country*: Capt., Skelton, P. Vice-Capt., Maystone, B.

Since the last edition, we have welcomed 33 new boys to the House, of whom most are first formers. It is hoped that they will all pull their weight both in sport and work, and help the house to attain new heights.

E.G.C.

PITT

The lack of enthusiasm which I deplored in the last edition of the magazine has not yet disappeared from House activities. The House seems not yet to realise the importance of whole-hearted co-operation to achieve an end, and the concept of corporate responsibility for a result, whether good or bad. Every boy in Pitt House must realise that it all depends on him! With the standards system, all boys are able to gain points in competitive activities. Skill is a secondary consideration. Every opportunity is present for genuine enthusiasm to shine—not skill, but enthusiasm. Pitt House has not yet grasped the vital significance of this system.

The swimming shield, in which we gained only fourth place, was an example of this. Had every member of the House taken his share in the standards which preceded the event, we could have won easily. Instead, although doing very well in the gala, we were actually out of the running before we started. Admittedly we won the cricket shield, but this was not due to any combined effort, but merely to the endeavours of twenty-two boys.

And so we start at the beginning of another competitive year. Let us start it with determination—determination that we will do our utmost to recover the glory which Pitt enjoyed during the war years. By turning out for athletic and swimming standards we can ensure our success in these two activities. Above all, let us make a real effort in this year's Eisteddfod. On the two occasions when this event has been staged, we have failed miserably to make any impression. The ability is there but the enthusiasm is lacking. Let us overwhelm the judges with our entries. Start considering your contribution now. You must have countless ideas, every one of you, that you could set down on paper—if you only took the trouble.

Next year, when speech day comes round, I don't want to see Cromwell receiving five shields when we have to content ourselves with two. Pitt must be seen continuously on the platform, carrying off shield after shield in a silver stream. It's up to every one of you. Do your best.

D.R.H.

ART SOCIETY

The meetings after school on Wednesdays and Thursdays have been very well attended and despite the continued shortage of the more interesting materials, much good work has been done. A group of younger boys have attended regularly week after week and are to be congratulated on this sustained effort. Not only do they seem to be enjoying themselves immensely, but this industry will undoubtedly be rewarded when they prepare work for submission to the Art section of the Eisteddfod next term. In this section, incidentally, the lower half of the school has been much better represented than the upper.

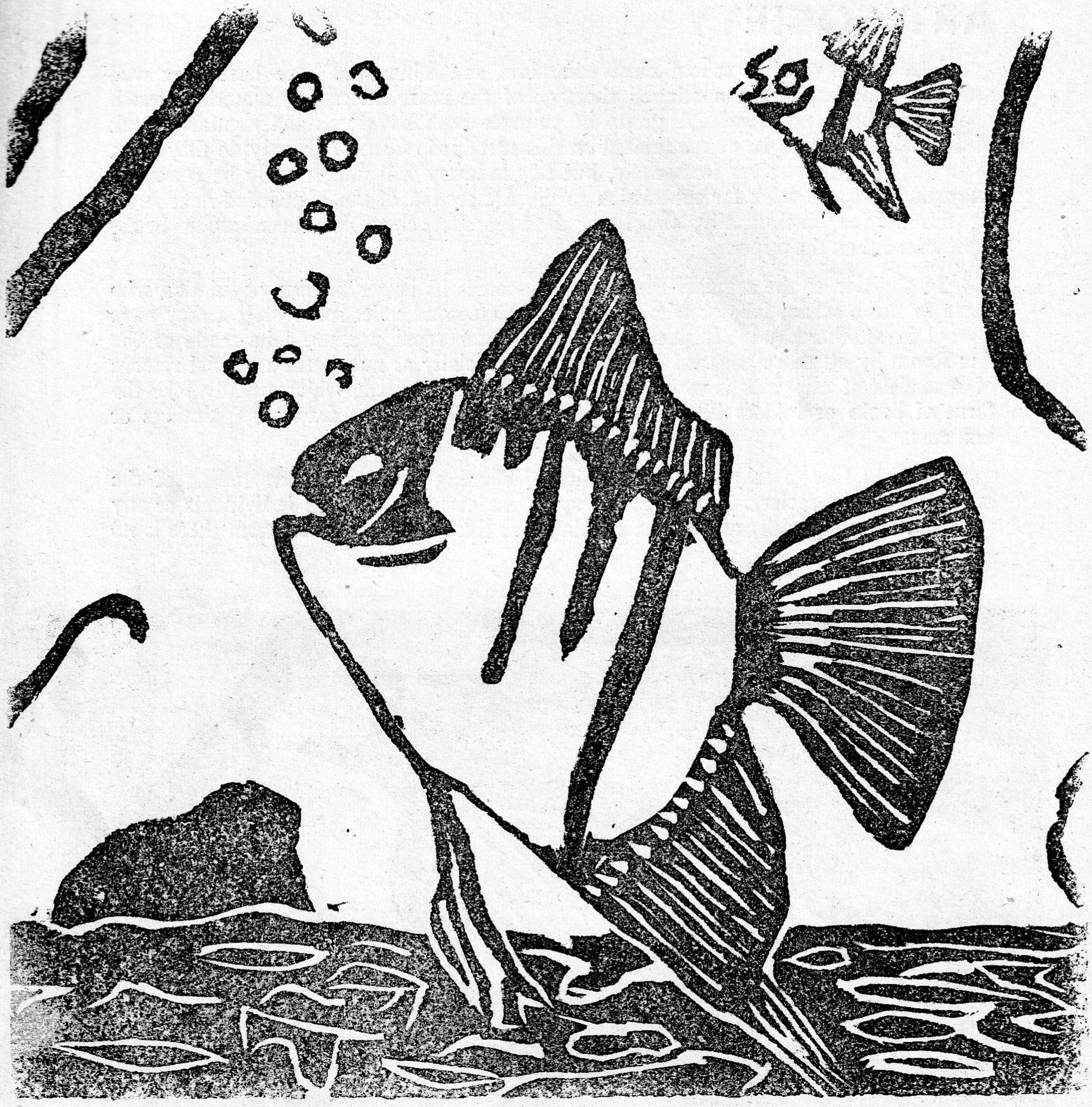
In addition to the regulars the society welcomes its larger floating population who come to finish school jobs or who complete in peace and quiet some project they have started in another class. It would seem that much more use could be made of the Art Room by all those engaged in such work, especially as next term a special reserve of materials of all kinds is to be put aside for these projects, which usually take the form of books or folders illustrated with photographs, prints, drawings, paintings or lino cuts.

I would like to take this opportunity of clearing up a misunderstanding of the main aim of the society. Those attending in the evenings work as individuals at any type of work they wish; and as the evenings are fixed throughout the term there is no



PIGEON

D. STEEL, IIIA



ANGEL FISH G. HARVEY, IIIA

need for anyone to be troubled if any conflicting special school activity requires his attention. He is usually working as an individual and can fit his work in as best he may without reference to anyone. The Art Room is always open for those who desire to get on with a job under much more favourable conditions than those existing in the normal art classes; and all those who wish to do this are welcome whenever they are at liberty to attend.

A.H.

SPEECH DAY

The resumption of our speech day was signalised by the presence of no less a personality than the Minister of Education himself. There was a crowded attendance of parents, friends and local notabilities to welcome him on November 10th, and the whole evening was perhaps the happiest occasion of the kind in our memory. The proceedings were conditioned by his inability to be present before 8 p.m., at one end, and his needing to be at the House of Commons for a division, at the other.

Half an hour's concert opened the proceedings and we much regretted that the Minister could not be present to hear it, for it proved to be of a quality much beyond what is to be expected from schoolboy performances. There was some singing from the school choir, which bore the qualities that we have come to expect of anything touched by Mr. Keyte's enthusiasm and artistry. The speech choir performed with beauty and precision and evoked much comment. Both the solo items (by R. P. Easey and J. C. Grieves) were of a maturity that deserves a wider audience than that of a local function.

The first item of the speech day proper, after Mr. Tomlinson had duly arrived, was the report by J. S. Haydon, the head prefect, of the extra-academic side of the school's life. This was given with an easy stylishness that charmed the audience and set a challenge to the speakers that followed.

The Headmaster, in his report, said that as the school grew we had been able to afford greater variety. We had hoped to have greater access to workshops and to the variety of media of craftsmanship. It was hoped that when the building branch was made an administrative branch of Wandsworth School, we could have arranged this in advance of the general plan. Unfortunately, the Merton Road School was under sentence of banishment from the vicinity.

We had, however, been able to revive the teaching of biology throughout the school, as we had it before the war, and also to reinstate one of our most successful sides, the sixth economics, dealing with political and economic studies. Some of our most brilliant boys had in the past come from this side, as for example, a president of Cambridge University Union.

During the last few years the number of boys entered for examinations had risen steadily. In 1945, 17 were sent for the school certificate; in 1946, 27; in 1947, 29; and in 1948, 35.

I glance forward with approbation," said Mr. King, "to the recommendations of the report on the new school examination. It allows a broader basis of wider studies, with unfettered choice of three or four special studies. There will be greater scope for æsthetic and practical ability. I am not against the age limit. It seems to me preposterous that a boy should be considered to have 'done' his history or geography by the age of 15.

" One of the characteristics which distinguish the English grammar schools is the out-of-school activities. This is a misnomer. The school subjects gain by being carried into the sphere of self-direction. The grammar schools perhaps fail in not carrying into the classroom the method of the out-of-school activity. With this in view a party of boys last summer paid a visit to a steel works at Corby, and studied the various problems involved in the growth of a new town.

" A fellow Yorkshireman, Mr. Squeers, had a practical approach to education: 'W-i-n-d-e-r: winder, now go and clean them!' It is the function of the school to open winders. The Parents Association brings the school into contact with life. At a

recent meeting a discussion brought parents, teachers and industrialists together, who answered questions about youth and industry. Thanks are due to the Wandsworth Rotary Club for supplying speakers. We are having a series this year of speakers in the witness-box, to study the clash between school and life, in the shape of the cinema, the B.B.C., and so on.

"We value our Parents Association for its great help to the school. There is also co-operation between the Old Wandsworthians' Lodge and the Parents' Association. We value our relationship with the B.B.C. through Mr. Fenn, and with Unesco.

"We look forward to making our contribution to Unesco, in its study of international study in schools.

"I must pay tribute to the uncovenanted service given in out-of-school activities by the staff, and I must pay tribute to the part played by the governing body of the school."

The Rt. Hon. George Tomlinson, M.P., Minister of Education, then spoke. He addressed himself to the boys, observing that the rest of his audience might listen if they chose. His theme was the importance of little things in a world too much ridden by the stars and the big bow-wows generally. He delighted his young hearers and their parents (who were very plainly listening-in) with the friendliness and simple charm of his address. His kindly face with its slightly wry smile showed us a personality ripened by a full and arduous life. Not a man into whose lap the ripe plums had fallen. It is no change for the worse, that the figure-head of British education speaking to a state-school, should be no streamlined earl or urbane don from the older universities, but a man whose personal history is a record of the hard way to self-improvement, dedicated when achieved, to public good.

The following is an extract from his speech:

"I want to tell you a story about myself! Ten years ago I entered the House of Commons as a young man in a hurry. I wanted to be doing things quickly. I thought it would be well to sweep away many of the formalities.

"One of these was the Speaker's procession. Every morning during the war and every afternoon now, at the same time, the Speaker's procession enters in full robes, with the mace bearer and secretary, and the man who says the prayers. They are never late.

"You might say to yourself as I said: 'We could cut all this out!' When you have been there a bit, however, you begin to realise that this is the only place in the country where things do start to time. Mind you, all the members of parliament are not there, but at least the procession is always punctual. It emphasises the value of that little thing called punctuality. During the war there had to be a change of time, but in all the different circumstances, with aeroplanes about and bombs falling, they would not cut it out. The fact that the Speaker could always be relied upon to turn up did more for the morale of members perhaps than anything else.

Then there is another little thing: When a member of Parliament enters the House, he bows to the Speaker. Now I am not much good at bowing, and very soon my bow became a nod. I thought it was friendlier. By the way, I must congratulate the boys who came up for the prizes on the way they bowed. When I have told this story before in other schools, I have had to say 'and I notice you are not too good at bowing either.' But you were so good that I cannot say that. You are the best lot in London.

I am talking now about the late Speaker, Fitzroy. I went and stood alongside him. There is one thing about the House of Commons—you can talk if someone else talks, if you do not talk very loudly. So I asked the Speaker what the point of the bowing was. I said: 'I'm not much good at bowing.' 'I've noticed that,' he said. I asked him to explain the purpose of it. Quietly and patiently he explained that he held beneath his authority all the rights of the Members of Parliament. By bowing to him, they acknowledge his authority, and admit he has the right to control them. Unless members are prepared to acknowledge his authority, those rights are in danger. If you want to make a speech, and the Speaker gives you permission (it does not matter what it is about, or how trivial it is) not even the Prime Minister can stop you. So I said 'Thank you. I will try to do better in future.' I am still not as good as I ought to be, but I do my best, because of what is behind the bow.

"My mother used to say if you look after the pennies the pounds will look after themselves. Now I wasn't much good at school, but I was fairly good at arithmetic, and I knew that there were 240 pennies in a pound, and I knew that it would take a very long time to save up a pound. I was told to save for a rainy day, but I was born in Lancashire, and rainy days come along pretty often. . . .

"As I grew older, I began to understand what was at the back of her mind. If you are careless about little things, you will be careless about big things, too, and they will affect your character.

"I want to tell you a story about my childhood. There were seven of us at home. When my father had gone to work, she used to get us all together in one room and she used to recite to us. One of the things she often used to recite to us was the piece about the hole in the pocket. A little boy had a penny and went to spend it at the fair ground. He went round the roundabouts and stalls. Then he came to the hot potato cart, and went to ask for a pennyworth of potatoes. He put his hand into his pocket and found that the penny had gone through a hole. The poem ends with a verse reminding us that a stitch in time saves nine. What I always wondered was whether the man was so hard-hearted that he did not give the little boy his potatoes, even though he had lost his penny.

"Those little white lies you tell your mother to get over a little bit of trouble may not be very important, but there is the danger that it may form a habit of not respecting the truth.

"'Except the Lord build the house . . .' is as true to-day as when it was written, and it is much needed to-day."

The Mayor of Wandsworth (Mrs. E. K. Goodrich, J.P., L.C.C.) moved a vote of thanks to the Minister, and Mr. Hugh Linstead, M.P. for Putney, seconded.

The meeting was in the hands of Lt.-Col. G. L. Matthews, O.B.E., T.D., and it was due to his self-effacing, expeditious conduct of it, that the function kept pace with the clock, and two votes were duly registered at the House of Commons at 10 p.m.

A.M.L., S.C.

FORM PRIZES

I. Bryant Derek W.; *Epstein, David B. A.; Griffiths, Roger W.; Hardy, Colin G.; Parkhurst, Norman F.; Tringham, John H.

II. Barber, John W.; Bloss, John W.; Cardwell, Robert D.; Gosden, Christopher B.; Scott, John J. W.; *Stanley, William M.

III. Bejnarowicz, Zygmunt; Gritt, Peter F.; *Kelly, Michael J.; Nelson, James A.; Richardson, Kenneth; Totham, John A.

VI. *Grazynski, Michael; *Harper, David; Light, Brian G.; Morris, John G.; Reed, John F.; Richardson, Donald; Roberts, Nelson F.; Vick, Rex H.

V. Berry, William H. C.; Cole, Eric G.; *Dobrowolski, Jerzy; Edwards, John G.; *Fenton, David G.; Francis, James F. K.; *Opatowski, Theodore; Prickett, Charles A.; Thorpe, Derek S.

PRIZES FOR

English : Donovan, John G. C.; McKeown, Terence J.

Geography : Goldsmith, Paul.

French : Clark, Frank R.

Art : Davies, David W.

VI. Grieves, Jefferson C.; Hardingham, Reginald P.; Haydon, John S.; Lewis William N.

PRIZES FOR

French : Hurcomb, Ronald G.

History and Latin : Horner, David R.

Chemistry : Feld, Raoul.

Prize for Meritorious Service : Line, Roy, J. C.

Chairman's Prize : Feld, Raoul (Head Prefect 1947-48).

Wandsworthians Lodge Service Prizes : Easey, Ronald P.; Thorpe, Derek S.

(* *Special Merit*)

TROPHIES

"Couch" Work Shield : Gibbon House; *"Mayfield" Cup (Eisteddfod) :* Cromwell House; *"Parents Council" Shield (Cricket) :* Pitt House; *"Waite" Shield (Swimming) :* Cromwell House; *"Miller" Shield (Rugby) :* Morley House; *"Old Wandsworthians" Shield (Boxing) :* Cromwell House; *"Coronation" Shield (Cross Country) :* Pitt House; *"Marcus Samuel" Shield (Athletics) :* Cromwell House; *Sport Championship Trophy :* Cromwell House.

CORBY

Under the guidance of Messrs. Makin, Keyte and Robilliard, a party of twenty-one boys, drawn from the fifth and sixth forms spent the last week of the summer term in Northamptonshire, noted for its iron and steel, boot and shoe making, and farming.

Most of the time was spent at the large steel works of Messrs. Stewarts & Lloyd, where steel tubes are made from the local iron ore. The complete process was seen and studied, not only in the works but by lecture and film-strip prior to visiting each department.

For the convenience of instruction, the party was divided into three groups of seven boys, each in charge of a master and accompanied by a guide-technician, whose job is was to explain the details of the various processes. The towering blast-furnaces, the streams of molten iron, the awe-inspiring " blow " of the Bessemer Converters, the noise of the electric furnaces and the shaping of the red-hot ingots of steel into strips, prior to being made into tubes, will long remain in the memories of those present. Nor are they likely easily to forget the conditions under which the men worked: the heat, the smoke, the fumes and the danger, which is ever present in the daily task of the steelworker.

The youths' and men's recreation clubs were also visited, in both cases the boys being agreeably surprised by what they saw. At the former they spent a pleasant evening, playing table tennis and billiards and swimming in the attractive open-air pool, cleverly constructed in a delightful sylvan setting. At the men's club they saw tennis courts, a rugger pitch, a cricket field, bowling greens and a large modern pavilion, incorporating a spacious hall suitable for plays concerts and dancing. They were interested to learn that the employees' subscription was only a penny per week, the rest of the cost of the upkeep being sustained by the firm.

One morning the Clerk and Engineer to the Corby Urban District Council addressed the party. The former gave a historical outline of Corby from the earliest known times to date, with special attention to its development since 1934; the latter spoke about the difficulties which had to be surmounted by his department in the erection of a new township in 1934, capable of housing, at short notice, over six thousand work people and their families.

One afternoon, and a rather showery one, was spent at the Moulton Agricultural College, near Northampton, where the farms were visited and the experiments on the pruning and grafting of fruit trees on different stocks not only discussed but demonstrated.

The party was housed at the Youth Hostel at Broughton, a village some three miles from Kettering. Here the boys had to prepare their own beds, cook their own breakfasts and evening meals and carry out the various domestic duties expected of visitors to the hostel.

The factories of two well-known boot and shoe manufacturers in Kettering were also visited and the complete process from hide to finished article seen and explained. The boys were amazed at the number of processes and materials involved in making a pair of shoes; and the time taken—three weeks—from the time of cutting the upper to the production of the finished article.

(Extracts from various accounts of the visit to Messrs Stewarts & Lloyds' Steelworks in July).

J. Donovan describes one of the operations he saw at the battery of coke ovens:

A small locomotive ran along the steel pavement, opened the door of No. 73 and scuttled on. A gust of fiery heat licked out towards us, and on the other side of the ovens we knew the Welman was forcing a huge ram into the narrow oven. Slowly, surely, it crunched amidst the terrible whiteness within, and slowly, surely, the contents choked their way towards us. A length of chain trimmed the upper surface of the huge orange rectangle of coke. We stood many yards away yet the heat was overpowering. The giant mass cracked and spat: orange, green, and yellow flames licked evilly at the surface, and objects above seemed to dance before our eyes. Presently, poised at the foot of its old home, it seemed undecided, then, with a goad from behind, it lurched sickeningly and crashed on the truck waiting below. A bell clanged, and the " door-man " trundled into view, clanged the door shut, leaving the oven to be refuelled with coal, then moved on. Huge concrete bins filled with the coal towered above us. Everything jumped and performed idiotic contortions in the heat and I thought of the fate of H. G. Wells' victim in " The Cone."

A Scottish worker, stripped to the waist and streaming with perspiration, confirmed our idea that it must be hot work. He earned 3s. 2d. an hour, 40 hours one week, 50 hours the next, but, as he said, it seemed only enough for " th' beer money."

Quite different is Haydon's description of the same operation for he takes a more scientific view:

The coal used in the ovens is drawn from four different areas, and the mixture was finally arrived at by much experiment. The two main results of using this mixture are, first, that the coal when heated contracts so that on being pushed out the coke does not cause abrasion of the walls of the oven; secondly, that the coke itself is strong and can stand the weight of ore and limestone in the Blast Furnace without being pulverised.

The steelworkers were friendly and communicative. How much so can be judged from Donovan's account of his interview with one of them:

The most interesting man I met was a Scotsman working at one of the furnaces. He came to Corby because of the good pay and higher standard of living than in his home in the Highlands. He talked with a very strong Scots accent, often of things which he never dreamed were far above my head. I had to nod sagely and appear very understanding to keep our prestige. The work he had was easy, he said, but rather hot and dusty, so he came to work in his best suit and changed into his old clothes on arrival. Were they allowed to drink beer there, I asked? No, he said, but their chemists had evolved an innocent-looking potion, mild-flavoured but with a high salt content, to make up for the sweat they lost during the day. I tasted some. It was rather " grape-fruity " but there were no ill after-effects.

D. Fenton was so impressed by his contact with the workers that he writes:

If ever I have felt really proud of my country it was at this time, and I should like to record that these men are some of the finest I have ever met or am likely to. Anyone with doubts about the recovery of our nation's spirit should sample my experience.

Some boys collected opinions and information bearing on the controversial issue of Nationalisation of the Steel Industry, now to the forefront in home affairs.

D. Fenton writes:

On this topic we heard the opinions of the administrative staff. One of our guides in the works had asserted that if the Steel Bill was passed, conditions for the worker would deteriorate. He said the wages and conditions of work were very good. There had been no strikes for forty years and the men were content.

Nevertheless, in the words of J. S. Grieves:

The Corby Urban District Council is composed entirely of S. and L. men. It has quite a Leftish tendency. Of its 15 members, 11 are Labour, 3 are Communist, and 1 is Independent, with Left sympathies!

J.M., J.K.

ESSAY PRIZE

There was not much to choose between the first six essays, all being of a high standard, but the judging committee have unanimously decided to award the First Prize to Grieves, J. C.; tie, Donovan, J., D. Fenton and J. S. Haydon, for Second Place; and E. Cole and D. Richardson for Third Place.

Other essays deserving honourable mention were submitted by P. Scott, D. Harper and R. Line.

THE SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY

Monday, the 15th of November, marked the welcome revival of the School Debating Society, a society which before the war was one of the most flourishing and popular of school activities and which won a high reputation for the outstanding quality of its spoken word.

The motion under consideration was " that this house regrets the passing of the Victorian era." Mr. Fenn took the chair. The debate was quite successful and made us realise, at least, the manifold difficulties attached to expressing ideas clearly and lucidly in a manner to attract and convince an audience. The motion was defeated by 16 votes to 7. After the meeting a committee was elected on which one member of each of the senior forms will serve.

It is hoped that this society will once more regain the important position and high reputation which it enjoyed before the war. To achieve this end the society must receive constant and full support from all members of the senior school. We therefore appeal to all boys in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth forms to attend regularly—and actively—all the meetings of this society, one which will attempt in the months to come to improve the standard of public speaking, in this school at any rate.

D.R.H.

CHESS CLUB

Captain : J. Dobrowolski

Vice-Captain : R. E. Williams *Hon. Secretary :* D. S. Thorpe

The start of our first full post-war season of school matches has been quite successful, as can be seen from the results below. Teams of twelve boards have been the rule rather than the exception, for we have quite a good supply of keen players. Nevertheless, the club can still do with more, especially from the middle forms of the school.

This term we have gladly welcomed the able coaching and advice of Dr. Solomon, who has given willing assistance to Mr. Radford and Mr. Travers in supervising the club's activities. Our thanks are due to Mr. Radford for taking the Beginners' Class.

David Epstein takes leave of us at the end of term, and so we take this opportunity of bidding farewell to our youngest and most promising player.

RESULTS

27th September	v	Bec	Away	Won	$7\frac{1}{2}$—$4\frac{1}{2}$
14th October	v	Sloane	Away	Won	6—2
19th October	v	Sir Walter St. John's...	Home	Won	7—3
4th November	v	Raynes Park	Away	Lost	3—5
11th November	v	Tiffins	Away	Lost	0—12
18th November	v	Surbiton	Home	Lost	$4\frac{1}{2}$—$7\frac{1}{2}$

INTER-VIth SOCIETY

" The purpose of the society shall be to hold discussions or debates of general or topical interest, to sponsor lectures by visiting speakers and to provide social contact between the sixth forms."

And it does all that. The society is one of the few which combine business with pleasure. It promotes social as well as educational intercourse; and besides these virtues it binds together, and brings about a spirit of friendliness among the grammar schools of Wandsworth.

There are nine schools in the society at present: Wandsworth, Mayfield, Putney High, Clapham and Streatham County Schools, Bec, Emmanuel, Sir Walter St. Johns and Henry Thornton. Two representatives from each school are elected to sit on a committee.

Two meetings are held each term with tea provided to ease the pangs of hunger and to promote that necessary social contact that is essential at such gatherings.

The first meeting of the term was held on October 21st at Wandsworth and met with great enthusiasm, 120 young people coming to argue their views in a meeting of snap debates.

As Mr. King remarked in his summing up, the level of debating was but poor when one considers that there were here the sixth forms of the finest schools in Wandsworth. That was, no doubt, owing to the war years, when serious debating was lost from minds that were striving to keep alive and not debating whether it is better to live or die.

C. W. GAGE.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

It is pleasant to be able to report that a considerable number of additions have been made to the library this term. The school is greatly indebted to the Parents' Association for a grant of £10 towards the restocking of the library. This has been spent mostly on new books, covering a wide variety of subjects, as is seen in the following list:

" Cicero and the Roman Republic," by F. Cowell.
" The British Constitution," by H. Greaves.
" Art and the Industrial Revolution," by F. Klingender.
" The Modern Muse," Oxford University Press.
" Your Work and Wages," by S. Graves.
" Transport, Trade and Travel." by R. Morris.
" British Scientists," by T. Gregory.
" Chemistry" — H.M.S.O.
" Time Measurement " — H.M.S.O.
" Sailing Ships—a Brief History " — H.M.S.O.
" The Arts " — Odhams Press.
" Shakespeare and the Players," by C. Hodges.
" Chaucer's World," by E. Rickert.
" Factors in Modern History," by A. Pollard.
" The Unity of European History," by H. Bowle.
" Our House " (The Story of Parliament), by A. Blossom.
" Operation Victory," by M. de Guingaud.
" The Home of Mankind," by H. Van Loon.

A number of books have also been added from L.C.C. sources. Grateful thanks are also due to the Chairman of the Governors. Col. Matthews, for a number of most useful and popular books. The habit of presenting books on the occasion of leaving school is also developing, and the example this term of Epstein and Canning in donating a number of valuable books will be followed, I am sure, by all our boys when their time comes to leave school. Gifts will be welcome, however, at any time.

The Librarian has been fortunate this term in having the help of Horner and Stacey and the other members of the Library Committee, who voluntarily give up part of their lunch and after-school time to help make the library a vital part of school life. Their work would be greatly facilitated if those privileged boys who are allowed to use the library at lunch time would continue carefully to observe the few essential library rules, such as replacing books and chairs in their proper places before they leave the library. Particular care is required to be taken of encyclopædias and dictionaries, which, through frequent and sometimes careless use, easily become damaged, and are difficult to replace or repair.

It is encouraging to note that the library is becoming a popular venue for our out-of-school activities. It should be noted, however, that the library is open on most days at 3.45 p.m. for the borrowing or return of books, the issues of which this term have, it is pleasing to note, been much greater than last year.

W.P.

SHIPLAKE WEIR

The silver Thames flows through the wooded hills
Of peaceful Oxfordshire. And from its banks
Where lush green weeds push through the withered sedge,
The thirsty cattle stand and drink their fill.

A heron flaps his way across the stream
His " kr-a-a-ak " a challenge to the crested grebes
Swimming with buoyant ease close to the reeds
That screen their floating nest of decayed weed.

Lombardy poplars clothed in summer green
Reach high above the heads of native trees,
To stand in ordered ranks, a rustling shield
From winter's winds, for some fine homestead.

Below the weir the tumbling waters seethe
And boil to frothy whiteness, pausing ere
They leap ahead again in frantic haste
To join the merry whirl about the pool.

Upon the weed-clad steps an angler stands,
Casting with patient skill his cunning lure
Where leaping speckled trout feed greedily
On drowning flies, doomed, their frail wings broken.

Deep shady woods, fine meadows rich and green,
Fat, peaceful cattle, waters cool and clean,
Truly English, this lovely Thames-side scene.
All this is Shiplake, tranquil and serene.

B. CLAPTON, VM.

CHRISTMAS

At Christmas time, when cards do bear
Such pretty things of cheer
As Holly—ho, and mistletoe,
And robins do appear,

The tolling of the bells proclaim
Some holy thing is nigh,
When nature's fields ablaze with white
Before your eyes do lie.

The bells proclaim, the fields tell forth
With stars above so bright,
That Jesus, lover of my soul,
Was born on Christmas night.

D. RICHARDS, ID.

ATHLETICS

Captain : R. Feld *Vice-Captain :* I. Maclean

For the first time since the war the school competed with other schools. However, we have not regained the high status we had before 1938 although we have advanced towards this goal by the important step of matching ourselves against better opponents. Our outstanding athletes have been few although we have five Wandsworth champions. Berry, R., Maclean, I. and Len, T., should be congratulated upon their consistently fine performances. There seemed to be a lack of interest, a desire to drink common tea and not to stay and sip the wine of success. There has been too much idleness and not enough *practice*.

MAY 6th v. BATTERSEA GRAMMAR Lost 43—67.

We were overwhelmed, merely that. It was our first match and they had the better athletes. Our outstanding fault was our lack of confidence. That, combined with our lack of organised practice made the margin of points so great.

Our outstandng athlete was Berry, R., who never seems to let the school down. He won the 100 yards and 200 yards.

MAY 12th v. BEC Lost 49—53.

The school seemed to have regained a little of both confidence and skill, and the result hung on the last event. This time Berry is joined by Maclean on the dais of honour. He won both the mile and the discus. Berry, doing his usual, won the 100 and 200 yards.

MAY 27th, at WHITE CITY 6th out of 12 Schools.

This was the season's big event. Berry came 3rd in the 100 yards; Len came 3rd in putting the weight; Hardingham came 2nd in hurdles; and Dodimead, a junior. came 2nd in the long jump.

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Came second. Berry, R., won the 100 yards; Len won the shot, Berry and Gage carried off the high jump event.

JUNE 19th v. WANDSWORTH BUILDING BRANCH Won 100—81.

This school was the one that had " pipped us at the post " on the 4th, so we set about them intent to show them what we could do; and right from the start we couldn't go wrong. We won all the field events and all but two of the track events. Outstanding performances were: Maclean winning the mile, the discus and the long jump, a fine treble; Len, 1st in the shot and 2nd in the discus, and Jenkinson 2nd in the shot, 1st in the 880.

C. W. GAGE.

SCHOOL CRICKET, 1948

Captain : J. W. McAuliffe *Vice-Captain :* D. R. Horner

Hon. Sec. : R. J. C. Line

The school this year enjoyed quite a successful season for which the credit is mainly due to some consistent, at times outstanding, bowling from the Johnson, McAuliffe, Line, trio. The school was fortunate to have bowlers of such a high calibre in a team which could very rarely rely on its batsmen. We must admit that our batting was at times deplorable and pathetic. We had the necessary skill and ability to " wield the willow " as the practices clearly showed but in matches we were, it seemed, overcome by a sense of inferiority which brought our wickets tumbling down.

Next year, however, promises to be very successful for the school. Luckily we have lost very few of our players and with the solid bowling foundation of Johnson and Dries and the batting foundation of Smith, a batsman of considerable promise, and Gage, we should once more regain our school's wide cricketing reputation.

D.R.H., K.H.W.J.

Played 12, won 5, drawn 3, lost 4.

v. Bec (away) drawn. School 71. Bec 39 for 7.
v. Brockley (home), lost. Brockley 54. School 50.
v. Raynes Park (home), lost. Raynes Park 138. School 16.
v. Latymer Upper (away), won. Latymer 81. School 105 for 8.
v. Surbiton (home), lost. School 74. Surbiton 91.
v. Henry Thornton (home). won. School 69. Henry Thornton 67.
v. Battersea Grammar (away), lost. School 107 for 8. Battersea Grammar 112 for 8.
v. Sloane (home), drawn. Sloane 74. School 62 for 8.
v. Parents (home), won. Parents 60. School 102.
v. Mr. Chaplin's XII (home), won. School 113. Mr. Chaplin's XII 35.
v. Staff (home), won. Staff 88. School 90 for 7.
v. O.W's XII (home), rain stopped play. O.W's 77. School 11 for 0.

HOUSE CRICKET

Cromwell v. Gibbon. Match drawn. Gibbon 98. Cromwell 52 for 9.
Morley v. Pitt. Match drawn. Pitt 84. Morley 67 for 8.
Gibbon v. Morley. Gibbon won by 26 runs. Gibbon 46. Morley 20.
Pitt v. Cromwell. Pitt won by 7 wickets. Cromwell 19. Pitt 69 for 3 declared.
Cromwell v. Morley. Morley won by 7 wickets. Cromwell 36. Morley 38 for 3 declared.
Gibbon v. Pitt. Match drawn. Gibbon 104 for 9 declared. Pitt 91 for 8.
Combined House Match. Morgibbs won by 7 runs. Morgibbs 55. Crompitts 48.

Pitt finished as champion house.

SWIMMING

In spite of the somewhat doubtful summer weather, the school swimming bath was throughout the term the scene of great aquatic activity, as boys competing in the newly-instituted time "Standards" or striving manfully for a 1st or 2nd Class Certificate, or practising for the Bronze Medallian of the Royal Life Saving Society. In all, 110 1st Class Certificates were gained and 135 3nd Class.

Broome, K. R., Vila, A., Reed, J. F., and Pirie, A., now have the distinction of holding both the Bronze Medallian and the Bronze Cross of the Royal Life Saving Society—the first boys in the history of the school to hold such a high award. In addition West, J.; Harvey, G.; Cracknell, D.; Brooks, G.; Totham, J.; Quested, J.; Curme A. R.; Barber, J. M.; Macleod C., are to be congratulated on gaining both the Preliminary and Elementary Life Saving Certificates of the London Schools Swimming Association, and Scott, J., the Preliminary Certificate.

The School Team had three matches during the term, defeating the Old Boys, losing against Bec, whereas an exciting match against Sloane resulted in a tie of $31\frac{1}{2}$ points each.

The School Team did particularly well in the newly-constituted Swimming Championships of all the Schools in the Borough of Wandsworth, gaining the following seven first places:

Broome, K.—1st in One Length Free Style (under 17).
Quested—1st in One Length Free Style (under 13).
Epstein—1st in One Length Breast Stroke (under 13).
Jenkinson—1st in One Length Back Stroke (under 17).
Totham—1st in One Length Back Stroke (under 15).
Pirie—1st in Senior Diving.

The Senior Team Race was won by Broome, Berry, Jenkinson and Roseboom.

In addition one 2nd place, one 3rd place and three 4th places were gained.

The Annual Gala was held at the Wandsworth Baths on Tuesday, October 5th; a large crowd of parents and boys saw some good swimming and exciting finishes. Cromwell had already established a useful lead in the Standards and finally ran out worthy winners with a total of 120½ points; it is interesting to note that the Gala itself was won by Morley with 61 points, and Cromwell second with 52½ points—which proves how important it is for every boy who can swim to complete as many standards as possible. In this respect Cromwell should thank Maclean, who personally saw to it that every Cromwell swimmer added his quota of points to the House total. In the Gala, Broome distinguished himself by winning two events and helping Pitt to win two relays. The diving was of a high standard and Hobson is to be congratulated on winning both the Junior and Middle events; Pirie, too, delighted everyone with the poise, grace and control of his dives. In the absence of Epstein, the outstanding Junior swimmers were Quested and Curme, with Totham, Chafen and Malindrone showing much improved style and speed among the Middles. Mrs. Marshall-Brown, one of the School Governors, presented the "Dr. Waite Shield" to Maclean, Captain of Cromwell. In a charming speech she urged all the boys to make themselves as proficient as posible in the water, and thought it a tragedy that any boy should leave school being unable to swim. She reminded her audience of one of the great swimming characters of mythology, who nightly swam the Hellespont to visit his lady-love, guided by a torch that burned on the top of a tower on the seashore; but one tempestuous night the torch was extinguished and Leander was drowned—but this was before the time of the Wandsworth School Life Saving Club!

The Gala was brought to an end with an exciting Water Polo Match between the Avondale and Wandsworth Clubs, which the former won by 5 goals to 4.

H.A.

SCHOOL RUGBY

Captain : D. R. Horner *Vice-Captain :* I. Maclean

So far this season the School's results have not been outstanding. The 1st XV have won two of their seven games and the 2nd XV have not yet succeeded in gaining a victory. This is due partly to the fact that the School is still obliged to field small, light teams, and partly to an "I don't care what the result is" attitude. The School is quite able to play keen attacking Rugby as the result against Bec clearly indicates, but loses heart too easily if confronted by an early reverse. Generally speaking the

forwards have played well against heavier sides, although they still betray a tendency to avoid binding in the loose. Good three-quarter play is practically unknown in the School this year and the good service which Berry gives from the scrum very rarely results in constructive movements. The touch-finding has been good, thanks to the fine kicking of Berry, Line, Johnson and Morris, but the tackling has not been, or rather has been, of a very " high " quality!!

D.R.H.

1st XV RESULTS

v. Surbiton, lost 0—5.
v. Purley. lost 0—36.
v. Tiffin, lost 0—21.
v. Whigift Middle, lost 3—14.
v. Bec, won 17—3.
v. Sutton, won 11—3.
v. Surbiton, lost 20—0.
v. St. Olave's, won 28—0.
v. Brockley, lost 0—9.
v. Raynes Park, drew 0—0.

2nd XV RESULTS

September	25th	v. Surbiton (home), lost 6—9.
October	2nd	v. Purley (away), lost 5—31.
October	9th	v. Tiffin (home), lost 0—18.
October	16th.	v. Whigift Middle (home). lost 6—8.
October	23rd	v. Bec (home), lost 8—14.
November	6th	v. Surbiton (away), lost 0—28.
		v. Brockley. lost 5—12.
		v. St. Olave's, lost 14—15.
		v. Raynes Park, won 5—3.

JUNIOR RUGGER

Captain : J. A. Totham *Vice-Captain :* A. J. Carr
Hon. Sec.: J. A. Nelson

The Junior Fifteen has, so far this season, met with a fair amount of success, the summary of matches to date being:

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts For	Pts Against
7	3	0	4	36	63

The Juniors have been greatly weakened by their lack of weight, especially amongst their backs, who have seldom given their forwards any real assistance.

The forwards, who started the season rather raggedly, have now moulded themselves into a pack, which, although very often beaten in the tight, by a more than often heavier pack, give a good account of themselves in the loose.

By their obvious improvement, which was shown in their return match with Surbiton,, which they lost 9—0, after having been beaten 31—0 by the same team earlier in the season, the Juniors have gained a new spirit and a greater confidence in themselves, and these two factors will, I feel sure, lead them to greater success in the future. The following have represented the Junior XV: Evans, Bullock, Emeny-Smith, Amer, Toomer, Cockburn, Carr, Brookes, Totham, Bourton, Payne, Clayton, Clarke, Munton, Chafen, Stear, Norman, Nelson, Sperger.

J.A.N., J.A.T.

JUNIOR RUGGER RESULTS

v. Surbiton, lost 0—31.
v. Purley, won 15—6.
v. Tiffin, lost 3—6.
v. Whitgift Middle, won 6—0.
v. Bec, lost 0—11.
v. Surbiton, lost 0—9.
v. Paddington Central, won 12—0.

UNDER 14 RESULTS

v. Surbiton (home), lost 22—3.
v. Surbiton (away), lost 11—0.

BOXING

Captain : J. F. Francis *Vice-Captain :* J. J. Rowlands
Hon. Sec.: P. J. Whitfield

The number of new members this term has been disappointing, considering the large influx of new boys in September. However, boxing practice has taken place every Monday and Wednesday after school and every opportunity given to those desirous of learning how to box.

To date, there have been three school matches, the results being better each time. In the first match with Hampton Grammar, at Hampton, the school lost but the contestants were well-matched and the bouts were very close. Brand, Nelson, J. A., and Wilson won their bouts, whilst Whitfield, P. J., Payne and Glayzer made their first appearance in the school team. Whitfield deserves special mention, doing very well against a more experienced opponent. In the second match with Battersea Grammar on the 12th November, several last-minute adjustments had to be made owing to boys getting lost in the fog. Some of the bouts were a little uneven and the school lost by six bouts to four. Nelson, J. A., Dodimead, Wilson and Hayden won their bouts. whilst Rowlands, Grazynski and Mattey deserve honourable mention.

The third match was on the 26th November with Raynes Park, at School, which resulted in a win for the school by five bouts to four. Carr, Mattey, Wilson, Hayden and Griffiths won their bouts, whilst Rowlands and Friday only just lost. Griffiths deserves mention, boxing for the first time in the school team, and winning his bout.

Next term, in addition to the usual school fixtures, the Inter-House Boxing Competition will take place and it is hoped that the response will be even better than last year, when there was a record entry.

J.M.

THE WANDSWORTHIANS LODGE

The installation of Raymond E. Kilsby (O.W. 1921-28) as the 16th Master of this Lodge took place on 1st October, 1948, and marked the opening of our 17th year. Since then, two more O.Ws. have been initiated, one whose school years were 1929-36, and the other 1934-37. O.Ws. are requested to reserve 23rd April, 1949, for our next "Ladies' Night," at Ardington Rooms; they may be able to attend if invited by one of our fifty-three members. The Lodge will meet during 1949 on the first Fridays in February, May, July, October and December. Further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, The Wandsworthians Lodge, 209 Raeburn Avenue, Surbiton, Surrey.