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Headmaster's Notes

Many of the boys now in the upper forms of the School have had a unique experience of seeing, and taking part in, the rapid build-up of a grammar school. I refer especially to those who first came to the school in 1943 when it re-opened as an "emergency school" under Mr. Powell, with lower classes only.

I remember well in those days coming along from the evacuated school at Woking and talking to this small band about the great school of which they would eventually be members. By the time the "school" proper returned from evacuation in September, 1945, a very small and truncated remnant, the "Emergency School" had grown to upwards of 200 boys. Since then, we have had annually a large intake of new boys, and by the beginning of our next school year our numbers will be over 500. And that is as far as we shall go—quantitatively.

Qualitatively there is always further to go—there is no limit. And what chances there are in the world to-day for young men of quality!

This term, for example, I have been concerned with selecting young men for Rotary Foundation Fellowships of a value of £600 a year or more, to take promising students for a year's study abroad in any country of their choice. Or again, a month ago, a few of us were asked by the United Nations Office in this country to select the winners in an essay competition for which the prize was a three months' visit to Lake Success and the United States.

Locally and on a less exalted scale, a suggestion of mine was accepted by the Wandsworth Rotary Club to provide travel scholarships for local secondary school pupils for a month's visit to Holland. On this occasion the prizes did not come to Wandsworth School. In fact, our response to the generous offer was almost nil. But we have one important success to record in this field. Hurcomb is to be congratulated upon winning an L.C.C. Modern Languages Scholarship for travel abroad. These generous awards normally take a boy abroad to study his special language for three months. Unfortunately in Hurcomb's case his call-up will prevent his taking advantage of this success.

We say good-bye with great regret to two members of the staff who have been at the school since 1922 and 1933 respectively, Mr. A. R. Chart-Leigh and Dr. J. Wardale. A tribute appears elsewhere. I would like, however, here to record my particular appreciation to both these old colleagues and friends, with a special word of gratitude to Mr. Chart-Leigh who, in spite of uncertain health, has stood by the ship in recent difficult years long enough to see it thoroughly seaworthy again, and to Dr. Wardale, who more thoroughly and effectively entered into the life of the school than any other visiting master I have known.

Mr. Chart-Leigh's successor will be Dr. J. Solomon, who, after taking a brilliant "Double-First" in the Natural Science Tripos at Cambridge, spent many years in research, and more recently was senior Geography Master at Oakham School. In the Sixth Form he will co-operate with Mr. Payne, also a Cambridge "Double-First" and Dr. Kankan in building up the revived Economics Advanced Course. A team of this calibre it would be hard to find in any school in the country.

In the main school, Dr. Solomon, besides his main subject of Geography, will assist Mr. Keyte with music, in the study of which subject he spent four years at the Royal Academy.

We are indebted to Colonel Matthews, our able and energetic Chairman of Governors, for the reinstitution of another pre-war custom, the Chairman's annual prize for the Head Boy. In addition, Colonel Matthews has made other gifts to the school, including books for the library.

Another welcome annual prize was offered by Mr. G. C. Semmens, Governor of the School, for the best contributor to dramatic work, and was won by David P. Perry.

We are happy to record the reinstitution by the L.C.C. of school prizes, and next term we shall be holding a Speech Day with a prize distribution. We have a sanguine hope of getting the Minister of Education for that occasion.*

The Parents' Association has again demonstrated how beneficially such an organisation may serve the school by interesting itself in the school library. At this term's meeting, the suggestion was made and welcomed that parents might like their boys to leave a memento of their school life by presenting a suitably inscribed book to the library. As a further practical and immediate gesture, the Association authorised the Council to make a grant of £10 for the purchase of books.

On the subject of library provision, I understand from the Public Librarian that there is a fine collection of books suitable for grammar school pupils at the local library—but that little use is made of these. We shall organise visits there and endeavour to stimulate this indispensable part of a good education.

The tripartite discussion between parents, teachers and employers on the subject of vocational guidance was a pioneer feature of Parents' Association activity that received wide comment and publicity. This must become an annual fixture. Both the theme and the special channels of contact used on this occasion are of national importance.

Not less significant is the school's pioneer venture in affording 20 Fifth Form boys a "week in industry" at the Corby Steel Works. Under Messrs. Makin, Keyte and Robilliard, the party will carry out a carefully drawn up and comprehensive plan of scientific and sociological study on the spot. The next issue of the "Link" should be memorable for an account of this remarkable educational project.

The Wandsworthians Memorial Fund, which at the time of writing stands at £750, will benefit this term by half the proceeds of the Skeena Hill Allotments Association Annual Show and Fête. This is a generous recognition by our neighbours in Southfields of the inspiring nature of the proposed Memorial and, as Chairman of the Appeals Committee, I record our profound appreciation.

The Old Boys' cricket match, rally and fête at the end of term has also as its object the Memorial Fund.

We frequently have the opportunity and the pleasure of welcoming visitors from abroad. This term, deserving of particular record, was the visit of six Persian educational administrators from Teheran.

The School welcomes Mr. Train as a new member of the Governing Body.

This year Mr. Hodgkinson has again had a painting hung by the Royal Academy, a distinction of which we are proud.

*The Minister's visit for Speech Day, Nov. 10th, is now confirmed.—H. R. K.

Congratulations to Alan Cowan upon passing his second M.B., and to A. F. Langham upon passing his second B.D.S.

J. Francis was runner-up in the Great Britain Boxing Championship contest, 10 stone senior. He was unlucky to be troubled with a bad hand, except for which he would probably have won.

Emulating some of our outstanding Relay Teams of pre-war years, Hardingham, Hilldrup, Jenkinson and R. Berry won the invitation Inter-Schools relay race at the Highgate Harriers' Annual Meeting.

The Mayor of Wandsworth has sent a special letter of thanks for our contribution of 60 guineas to the United Nations Appeal for Children, sponsored by the Lord Mayor of London.

For some years now, the London County Council have arranged for us a short concert or recital at school in the Spring Term. This year we were privileged to have the celebrated flautist, John Francis, accompanied by Miss Millicent Silver.

The following boys have been made Sub-Prefects since the list appeared in the last issue of the "Link":—R. J. C. Line, J. W. McAuliffe, J. F. K. Francis.

Avete atque Valete

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

Anstis, D. F.
Arnold, D. M.
Barnett, B. A.
Barron, A. D.
Beckett, N. E.
Berry, J. L.
Bicknell, R. P.
Brunning, P.
Butler, B. C.
Coates, J. H.
Coo, W. J. G.
Cooper, L. A.
Cox, B.
Davey, R. G. A.
Eales, J. S.
Dingle, C. L.
Donovan, J. L.
Elborn, B.
Elkins, P. T.
Farndale, R. A.
Fellows, C. J.
French, D. J.
Grover, B. W. G.
Hancock, A. W. A.
Harris, J. J.
Harrold, B. J.
Hodges, D. R.
Heyward, B. C.
Hooper, W. N.
Hughes, R. R.
James, K. J.
Johnson, E. D.
Kenyon, D. R.
Kitt, A. J.
Lawrence, L. S.
Noon, L. V.
Percival, A. A.
Perry, D. P.
Rick, D. R.
Robbins, L. T.
Roberts, G. L.
Schou, C. N.
Ralph, J. B.
Rattray, R. G. R.
Smith, E. W. L.
Stringer, B. G.
Suter, B. P.
Theobald, H. C.
Thornton, H.
Walsh, M. R.
Whitlock, H. F.
Wickens, D. C.
Williams, M.
Youle, A. J.

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

Bejnarowicz, Z.
Bonner, R. J.
Brooker, D. J.
Evans, R. G.
Goh, C. D.
Grimmond, P. A. S. C.
Hoy, T. S.
Mullins, M. H.
Prince, A.
Ryan, P. A.
Varney, D. J.
Ware, K.
Wood, D. S.
Wright, G. H.

Mr. A. R. Chart-Leigh

The retirement of Mr. Chart-Leigh reduces to a very small number those members of the staff who joined the School during or shortly after the first World War. Mr. Chart-Leigh joined the staff in 1920 after his return from military

service in Salonika, where, in the capacity of a meteorologist, he was able to employ in a practical manner the knowledge he had acquired during his distinguished academic career at Leeds University, of which he held the degree of Master of Science.

Mr. Chart-Leigh's main work in the School has been in the Geography Department, of which he became senior master; he greatly developed the teaching of the subject in the School, equipped the Geography Room according to modern ideas, and took an active part in the preparation of Advanced Course pupils working for the Inter. B.Com. In addition to these professional activities, Mr. Chart-Leigh interested himself greatly in his House (Morley), of which he became House Master, and in the Old Wandsworthians. As a Mason, he was a Founder of the Wandsworthians Lodge, being the first Secretary and still continuing in that Office. He recently received the honour of London Grand Rank.

Many boys will remember that almost throughout his connection with the School, Mr. Chart-Leigh accompanied the hymns at morning assemblies. He composed the music to the School Hymn, "Foundation," and collaborated with Mr. Phillimore in the music of the School Song. For many years he organised with Staff and Prefects an excellent series of break-up concerts at Christmas.

During the war Mr. Chart-Leigh had some varied experiences. For some time he found himself marooned with a section of the School at Maidenhead, where some organisational blunder had landed a group of our boys on evacuation. Later he served for a time on the staff of the Henry Thornton (Emergency) School. Eventually he formed part of the nucleus of staff left at Woking, and returned to Wandsworth with the re-opening of the School here after the war. Except for the period during which he was separated from the School, Mr. Chart-Leigh was for many years secretary to the Common-Room, and his colleagues who re-elected him annually had a high opinion of his services to them.

Since his Salonika days Mr. Chart-Leigh has been subject to malaria, and during the last few years his absences through ill-health have become more frequent. We all sincerely hope, however, that with the relief of the strain of the daily task, Mr. Chart-Leigh will enjoy better health and that he and Mrs. Chart-Leigh, who was a frequent visitor to the School before the war, will have many years together of congenial retirement.

And add to these retired leisure
That in trim gardens takes his pleasure.

It is not widely known that Mr. and Mrs. Chart-Leigh are gardeners such as there are few. Only their intimates know the opulence of their garden. The passion and knowledge with which they follow it is something quite different from the suburban level that most of us achieve. May they both have the health as well as the leisure to pursue the good work.

J. A.

Dr. J. G. Wardale

In leaving us to devote all his time to Training College work Dr. Wardale is severing an association of sixteen years. We shall miss his genial presence in the classroom and also in the staffroom, but we realise that we have been exceedingly fortunate to have enjoyed the services of so distinguished a musician for so long. He has given so much help in so many ways, to the School Choir, and notably to the struggling Orchestra, for which he was always ready to write a part to any tune and for any instrument. Week by week he would stay after school to conduct rehearsals, and the imperturbable good humour and unflinching fortitude with which he would face the music was a constant encouragement both to the tyro and the more expert. His setting of Mr. Ascher's Jubilee Ode two years ago was of a quality that rose above the level of school music, and attracted widespread interest. We shall long remember the exciting performance by full choir and orchestra at the Jubilee Concert. Dr. Wardale leaves us with our best wishes for happiness and prosperity.

R. W. F.

House Notes

CROMWELL.

It is with a feeling of satisfaction that we write these notes, as Cromwell is just reaching the close of its finest year since the war. In short, we are at present the proud holders of the Dili, Boxing and Swimming Trophies, and won the Eisteddfod so easily that we almost completely monopolised the end-of-term concert.

Now let us deal with these successes individually. The Dili and Swimming Trophies were mentioned in the last issue of "The Link," so no more need be said about them. To the complete surprise of all except Cromwell supporters and their Captain, W. N. Lewis, we recorded a one point win over Gibbon in the Boxing. This was more than partly due to Cromwell's record entry.

Pitt must have been very annoyed indeed to have to witness the handing over of the Athletics Shield by Mr. Powell to the hands of Athletics Captain, I. Maclean. Although devoid of outstanding athletes, team spirit triumphed and our lead of 25 points was thoroughly deserved. Congrats to Morris on breaking the middle 880 yards record. Mention must be made here of the fact that of the six School chaps to record places in the finals of the South London Grammar Schools' Sports at the White City, three were Cromwellians.

Although the seniors recorded an easy win in the senior inter-house cross-country, the juniors found the going rather difficult and were unable to provide us with the necessary points to win the Shield. In the seniors, I. Maclean (Captain) was first, soon followed by "dark-horse" Grieves in fourth place. Other senior placings were 5th, 6th, 10th and 16th.

For the second year running we walked away with the Eisteddfod. Everybody competing really put his back into it. Special felicitations to Easey and his choir, to the quiz team, and to Grieves and his small company who produced an excellent short play.

It has just come to our notice that R. Hurcomb has won a French Travel Scholarship, and we sympathise with him that, owing to National Service, he will be unable to take advantage of it.

We should like to congratulate everybody who has had a share in our successes this year.

Now to the future. At the moment the Inter-House cricket is in full swing and, although we appear unlikely to win it, it is to be hoped that we shall not disgrace ourselves.

Next year, who knows, we may retain all our trophies and manage to win the Rugger Shield too. But that is another story and we sincerely hope it has a happy ending.

R. P. H., R. H., W. N. L.

GIBBON.

Had Gibbon House retained the Boxing Shield this year, it would have been for the third year in succession. But, unfortunately, we lost it by an extremely narrow margin to Cromwell. We feel sure, however, that had Gibbon received a little more support the Shield would still be in our possession. Those that took part put up a very good show and deserve congratulations.

In Athletics Gibbon was rather unfortunate in coming third; if the relay teams had had more practice we surely would have achieved a better position. Praise is due, however, to the successes of Berry, Gage, White, Quested and Harrison. Gage also ran well for Gibbon in the cross-country, being a close second to Maclean.

In Rugby we had very few successes; lack of skill was largely responsible.

The results of the Esteddfod were not very encouraging; we came last, in spite of the contributions of Gale and Read, in the solo-reading. Both gained first place in the Juniors and Middles respectively.

Another point worth mentioning is the senior essay writing, which was won comfortably by Bliss.

The House Cricket XI has done quite well up to the present, defeating Morley, and being unfortunate in only drawing with Cromwell, when Cromwell, with one wicket standing, were forty runs behind. Credit is due to Johnson, Domney, Gage and Dries. Unfortunately, the Gibbon Junior XI has not come up to expectations, being defeated on two occasions.

In Diligence we are a close second to Pitt at the time of going to press, although there is still room for improvement.

Gibbon has not excelled very much this year, but if every member would exercise a little more effort in the coming year, a better result would be forthcoming.

J. F. K. Francis.

MORLEY.

What has become of our House? In the past year we have won one shield, come last in three, and are heading for last place in another. This is possibly due to the fact that several notable members of the House have left us during the past year.

The first-form members of the House seem quite enthusiastic. Whether this enthusiasm will produce any results remains to be seen. The third and fourth forms have no interest in the House whatsoever.

Owing to the non-co-operation and slackness of the middle school and also the scarcity of seniors, the House is now holding bottom place in the Diligence award. Morley B always scores well, but the other sets don't do quite so well.

It is pleasing to record that the House has now regained the Rugger Shield. This was mainly due to the juniors, who were undefeated. Credit must be given to Munton in the juniors, and Edwards and Davey in the seniors. In the cross-country, although more boys turned out this year we must record with dismay that the House also ran. Miller came second in the juniors.

Because of the apathetic attitude of the seniors, the House only managed to obtain third place in the boxing competition. Nelson (Captain), Totham and Carr boxed well.

In the second year of the Eisteddfod competition the House retained second place. The House Choir, well led by Jenkins (4A), came second. Surprisingly, the House play, ably produced by Woodley, and showing some dramatic talent, gained second place. The House artists again won the art section.

We suffered yet another set-back in the Inter-House Sports, when, owing to lack of enthusiasm from most of the House, we again came last. We should like to congratulate the few boys who did bother to turn out, for trying to uphold the former prestige of the House.

To conclude these notes we have to record another defeat or near defeat, this time in cricket. At the time of writing we have played two matches in the seniors and two in the juniors. In the first senior match against Pitt, Smith batted brilliantly for 43 not out, which saved the side from seemingly unavertible defeat. Not such a good performance was put up against Gibbon, and we lost by 26 runs, Davies taking 6 wickets for 16 runs. The juniors have done little better, having lost to Pitt and beaten Gibbon. In the match with Gibbon, Nelson took 5 wickets for 7 runs.

Let us hope that next year the House recaptures some of its former glory by the admission of some new and enthusiastic boys.

J. W. L. and D. W. D.

PITT.

Pitt House has continued to score successes throughout the past six months, although a greater enthusiasm in all school competitions must have made our results outstanding, instead of moderate. Constantly we have been forced into second place by a narrow margin of points, which could easily have been avoided

had our ability been fully employed. Nor must the blame be directed against the leaders of Pitt's activities. Indeed, their enthusiasm was an example to the rest of the House, which should have been followed with equal confidence instead fof being watched from afar with indifference.

In the fight for the Rugby Shield we gained second place, and had the juniors shown as great a spirit of steadfast determination as the seniors, who won all their matches without a single point being scored against them, we could not have failed to carry off the coveted award. This success in the senior games was not due to any outstanding talent, but to sheer grit and enthusiasm. Well done, Pitt seniors!

In the Cross-Country Pitt was more fortunate, occupying first place on aggregate. Our juniors did well in gaining first place, as did the seniors in gaining second. Jenkinson must be congratulated upon coming in second. Indeed, Jenkinson has shown great enthusiasm throughout the term in all athletic activities. He took part in Rugby, Swimming, Cross-Country, Cricket and Athletics, and was successful in all, especially Athletics, in which he won the Shapcott Cup.

Boxing is definitely not one of our strong points, as was again shown this year, when we occupied the fourth position. We must hope for an influx of pugilists next year.

In Diligence we at present occupy the first position and should carry off the Couch Shield for the second year in succession, providing all Pitt sets follow the noble example of Pitt C, who constantly top the awards.

The Eisteddfod results showed only too clearly the feeling of indifference that is present in Pitt House. Those who took part did admirably, but with so small a number how could we hope to succeed? The only keenness was shown in the dramatic competition, in which the actors did extremely well, and had the actual set been of a better quality could not have failed to gain a better position than third. Let silence shroud the other results!

Another misfortune has recently befallen the House. The Athletic Shield has been snatched from our grasp by Cromwell. Our team did extremely well, and had we been a little stronger in the field events the Shield would once more have been in our proud possession. Special mention must be made of Berry, Jenkinson and Feld, especially the latter, whose organising ability was clearly shown throughout.

But now a word of cheer. The Cricket Shield is all but in our grasp. Pitt juniors have won both their matches, and the seniors have drawn and won. With any luck in the last two games the Cricket Shield should be ours.

Let us not, however, forget in this moment of glory, the many disappointments we have endured during the lost months. Let Pitt House no longer occupy the secondary position to which we have become accustomed. Enthusiasm and zeal must be our guiding lights. So forward, Pittites. The sky's the limit!

D. R. H.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream"—Dec. 15th and 16th

CAST.

Theseus, Duke of Athens	B. J. Harrold
Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons	J. F. Reed
Egeus	R. J. C. Line
Hermia	K. Stone
Lysander	R. P. Hardingham
Demetrius	J. C. Grieves
Helena	D. R. Kenyon
Philostrate	A. A. Percival
Quince	D. P. Perry

Bottom	D. Harper
Snug	K. M. Line
Flute	I. L. Broughton
Snout	F. R. Clark
Starveling	B. G. Light
Oberon	B. C. Butler
Puck	J. W. Bloss
Titania	A. Pain
Fairy	D. W. Gale
Peaseblossom	A. Spiers
Cobweb	B. E. Whitby
Moth	M. F. Bunker
Mustardseed	R. F. S. Stafford

It requires a bold man to undertake the production of a play so well known and so well loved as Shakespeare's Fairy Play. Mr. Cowan and Mr. Benyon managed to infuse their production with a freshness which made the play seem new, without doing violence to what we knew and loved.

For reasons beyond their control, it was necessary to hold the matinee performance on the same day as the first evening performance. This might have been a strain on many a more experienced actor, but in spite of a five minute failure of the power supply in the afternoon, which must have given actors and stage hands an unpleasant shock, both performances were good, and the third performance on the following day was even better.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" has much to commend it as a School play: there are no parts which are unduly long or difficult, but many which, like Bottom's Pyramus, ask some tears in the true performing of them. The most polished performances were given by Theseus, Oberon and Quince, all of whom showed good poise and stage sense. Theseus made a convincing Duke and spoke his lines carefully and with feeling. He was well supported by Hippolyta, the best spoken of the female characters, though one had some difficulty in remembering that she had been Queen of the Amazons.

Aided by a magnificent gold costume, and a dark cloak of invisibility, Oberon presented a truly regal appearance. His voice and diction were outstanding in a cast of actors whose standard of audibility was, on the whole, very high. Puck was just right as the counterpart to Oberon—gay where his master was grim, swift where his master was sure. And yet, perhaps not quite swift enough. At any rate, the audience tended to disbelieve his statement that he was going "swifter than an arrow from the Tartar's bow."

It was easy to see that D. F. Perry was a more experienced actor than most of the cast. The highlight of his performance was his most realistic stage fright in front of the Duke, as he read the prologue to his play. The acting of the "rude mechanicals," though not so polished in comparison, succeeded in drawing from the audience peal after peal of laughter, as they played their parts in the most convincing North and West-country accents.

Perhaps the fairies and their Queen form the least satisfying part of a boys' production of the "Dream." No Secondary School can produce boys able to supply that ethereal quality which makes the "Dream" different from all Shakespeare's other plays. The producers were wise not to attempt the impossible; their fairies and their fairy Queen were fashioned of more earthy material, but good material that gave colour and gaiety to the scene. Their rendering of the song "Ye Spotted Snakes," and of a country dance made one wish there could have been more real music in the play. Recorded music there was, admirably chosen, and a skilfully faded in and out, but perhaps the audience might have been more disposed to listen to live music.

The lovers, Lysander and Helena, Demetrius and Hermia, made a well-balanced quartet; all showed considerable spirit in the quarrel scene, and Helena

earned one of the few rounds of special applause. Perhaps she was even a little too emphatic for a heroine who was to say: "I am a right maid for my cowardice." But for the most part she maintained her feminine manner well, whereas Hermia, who had started the play rather diffidently, warmed to the quarrel scene with some zest, but tended towards a boy's pugnaciousness, rather than the feminine spitefulness which Shakespeare intended. Her father, Egeus, had probably one of the most difficult tasks for a boy actor—to give the illusion of age. He gave the impression that he would have achieved this, even without the aid of the make-up artists.

Good use was made of the limited lighting facilities, and some beautiful effects were achieved. Scene changing was carried out smoothly and quietly by a team of stage hands, consisting of R. G. Hurcomb, D. A. Brigden, C. J. Smith, J. S. Haydon, R. Woodley, J. C. Clark, D. G. Fenton, R. J. A. Domney, T. O. Todd, and Mr. K. Piggins.

Throughout the performance there was evidence of careful thought and hard work, and the producers are to be congratulated on having given two hours of excellent entertainment.

A. M. L.

The School Eisteddfod

The success of last year's venture in the field of Inter-House competitions in music, art, drama and literature encouraged the organising committee of staff and boys to repeat and even extend these activities this year. The conditions of the contests, which made the boys themselves solely responsible for the actual training of the speech and singing choirs and for the production of the plays—all outside school hours—were much the same as last year. It was, however, decided to enlarge some of the sections and to add an entirely new section consisting of assembled and original models, collections and photography so as to appeal to a wider range of talent.

By the end of January the allocation of practice rooms and the complete programme of set pieces were announced so that about seven weeks remained before the final judging. This seemed to allow hardly enough time for any reasonable standard of performance, and so the high standard actually reached in play-acting, singing, speech and other further interests reflects great credit on the enthusiasm and hard work of the conductors and producers and of the splendid team work of all contestants.

Arrangements for the Drama Competition, which took place on Monday evening, 22nd March, were in the hands of Mr. S. Cowan; and the Festival Concert and Exhibition of Art and Models took place under the supervision of Mr. R. Fenn on the following evening. In this concert the winning contestants were able to display their talent, not before the stern eye of the competition judge, but before the more congenial gathering of friends and parents. House Quiz teams, under the guidance of Messrs. H. G. Radford and H. Aubrey, introduced a lighter touch to the programme, and much appreciated items outside the competition were contributed by R. P. Easey (violin) and R. E. Williams (accordion). Both evenings were well attended and proved a very fitting conclusion to another successful Eisteddfod.

Details of the various sections of the contest are given below:—

G. E.

ART.

The entry this year was not quite so large as last, but the usual considerable entry of posters contained some good things. An Art Society poster by Davies, VA (M.) showed a most ingenious use of lettering and colour with a very controlled stencil background, which, in contrast to that used in an otherwise very attractive work by Thorpe, VA (C.) was clear and "readable." An able

and well designed work for the Film Society was submitted by Clements, VA (G.).

French, IIIB (M.) entered two designs for the Music Club. Both were well spaced and quite beautifully worked, though one contained a "still life" of a violin and case, some music and a candle which was rather too pictorial to suit the lettering. Two other entries by Light, IVA (M.) and Jenkins, D. R., IVA (M.) both deserve mention, and of the work submitted by the Juniors a bold piece of lettering by Singleton, IB (G.) and a well designed, ambitious effort by Brooks, IB (P.) were deservedly well placed.

The paintings submitted were again not as numerous as last year, but they nevertheless, contained some very interesting works. Among the Seniors Thorpe, VA (C.) and Len, S. (C.) both made noteworthy contributions, the latter with two very mature compositions. One of these, in charcoal, pen and coloured crayon, of a bivouac was particularly striking. Thorpe's "Firelight" was rich in colour, and sensitively as well as closely worked.

Light, IVA (M.) entered, amongst other work, a really effective "Fair," which showed a grasp of subject and considerable courage in tackling a complicated subject, while three water-colour landscapes by French, IIIB (M.), large in scale and vigorous in execution, made a striking set on the exhibition screen. Morgan, IA (C.) submitted two harbour scenes which were of a quality quite beyond his years and especially commendable as being personal and uninfluenced. Other works which merit special notice were a "Trawler," Nesbitt, 2A (P.) and a "High Jumper" by Bourton, IIA (Morley). The lino cuts were most attractive and there was a large entry. Two "Village Scenes" by French, IIIB (M.) showed a clear understanding of the possibilities of this medium. An Elizabethan Figure by Drane, IIIB (C.) was most attractively done, as were contributions by Bourton, IIA (G.), Hathaway, IIC (C.) and Yates, IA (G.).

Among the entries in the design section were three finely worked sheets of manuscript writing, all equally well designed and decorated, and worthy of mention. These were by Richardson, IVA (P.), Light, IVA (M.) and Roberts, IVA (P.). The work of French, 3B (M.) was not quite of this standard, but his decorations, which were better than his writing, showed great promise. Brigden, VB (C.) entered some well-designed capitals, and I feel that some notice should be given to a really attractive and ingenious design in black ink by Crowther, ID (G.), which must have cost him a great deal of care and time—time very well spent indeed.

The Drawing Section was rather disappointing; but, among other work, great praise is due to a set of drawings by Gosden, IIA (M.), especially to his sensitive and delicate drawings of "My Cat."

Some good work was reviewed by the judges in the Model Section. Collins, IVA (C.) submitted a galleon, and a delightful lighthouse by Bourton, IIA (M.), entirely made of scrap material, which is very commendable in itself. There were many aeroplane and meccano models, and models of trains and buildings, while a very fine canoe by Batty, 2C (M.) had to be placed in a class by itself.

A. H.

LITERARY COMPETITIONS.

This year again, in spite of some good individual efforts, the number of entries and the general standard of the work was disappointing. One could not help feeling that far better work was often done in the ordinary routine of school essays and other English exercises. It cannot be too strongly impressed on competitors in this branch that it is fatal to leave their thinking and writing until the last moment and to send in a hastily scribbled, unrevised and sometimes almost meaningless manuscript. The last comment is specially true of the verse where candidates seemed to think that if the lines rhymed more or less, language and ideas did not matter. Any issue of "The Link" contains verse of far higher quality than most of that entered for this competition.

The most outstanding entry was that of Bliss (Gibbon), who wrote an excellent story to which none of the above criticisms apply. It was well told, interest (and horror!) was well maintained throughout and the style was clear and vigorous. The second award went to Grieves (Cromwell) for a well told "Westerner."

In the "Essay" Section there was no outstanding entry and, indeed, little of any merit at all. Hilton (Morley) got some points for a straightforward account of Conan Doyle.

Verse entries were numerically superior, but still of poor quality. Some points were justifiably awarded to Clark (Cromwell) for a long poem in free verse of "A Day's Yachting" and to Gosden (Morley) for some lines on "Noises in the Night."

I shall still optimistically look forward to a better series of entries next year.

J. A.

DRAMATICS.

As last year, the dramatic section provided a fine climax to the whole competition and reflects great credit on those who acted and on the team of stagehands who invisibly and (almost) inaudibly gave such valuable help. There was a fine panel of judges, who pleased the audience by their unerring decisions, which tallied exactly with the general opinion. The School's thanks are heartily tendered to Mrs. King, Mr. Semmens and Mr. Fisher, the last of whom very skilfully analysed the qualities of the four performances..

The following are the items presented:—

Cromwell (producer Grieves) presented a one-act play, "Birds of a Feather," by J. O. Francis.
Gibbon (producer J. C. Clark) did scenes from "Twelfth Night."
Morley (producer Woodley) gave Act I of "Hobson's Choice," by Brighouse.
Pitt (producer Horner) Act I of "Abraham Lincoln," by Drinkwater.

Gibbon's undertaking was the most desperate in view of the exacting rules governing the competition. Those critics who hold that Shakespeare productions are chosen by schools because they are easier to do than modern plays, darken counsel with words without knowledge, as this example proved. Clark's team did well, but lack of rehearsing and adequate stage-managing spoiled their chances of victory. One of their actors was such an usually good little boy that he was heard but not seen.

Pitt's production had its moments, but their actors didn't manage to put across Drinkwater's subtle effects. Timing here wasn't good enough. The pauses and silences in dialogue as cut to the bone as Drinkwater's, are often more eloquent than the words. Horner, whose elocution was excellent, was too physically vigorous for the gentle and unworldly character of Lincoln. He declaimed rather than spoke.

The Morley team conveyed more than a little of the bleak Salford bootshop in which the action takes place, though a too enthusiastic flatiron-wielder in the foreground gave an admixture of laundry to the effect. Pain spoke excellently in the character of Maggie, but was too personable, lacking some of the clipped grimness of this unromantic woman.

"Birds of a Feather" was easily the most finished production and gave great pleasure at both performances; for, as the winning item, it was repeated at the Eisteddfod Concert. The illusion was really sustained. For threequarters of an hour we were deep in the Welsh countryside. Grieves and Lewis were to the life two such raffish yet lovable vagabonds as the Welsh muse delights in. Hardingham made a sufficiently unamiable gamekeeper, and Hurcomb, an æsthetic

(if not always audible) bishop. Bird noises wavered from the woodland, and the fish peeping from Lewis's trouser pockets were as authentic as the smell of frying potatoes. A most satisfying offering to a very grateful audience. Grieves wasn't evacuated to Wales for nothing.

S. C.

SPEECH.

The best feature of the speech group of competitions this year was the improvement in quality of the speech choirs. The judges placed Pitt first over Cromwell only after a second hearing. Both Houses had entered choirs which reached a very good level both in the technique of speaking together and in the interpretation of poetry. But Gibbon, who were third, and Morley, who were fourth, both surpassed the choir which was placed second last year.

In Solo Reading the competition in the senior class was very keen indeed, and Grieves, who boldly tackled Gerard Manley Hopkins's "Windhover," carried off the prize with a vigorous rendering of it after a subtle and varied reading of Pitt's "Reply when attacked by Walpole." Horner chose "Miners" by Wilfred Owen, and it was in this rather than in his reading of the prose passage that he was deemed second to Grieves. Hurcomb was a close third and Maclean fourth. In the intermediate class Reed's meticulous articulation and intelligent, sensitive interpretation gave him a clear win from Livingstone and Attoe, who tied for second place. Line was fourth. Canning, who also articulates well, and Gale, very lively and pleasing, tied for first place in the junior class, Scott being third and Gosden fourth.

Public Speaking was introduced for the first time this year for the seniors only. Entries were disappointingly few and all from Cromwell House. Although the judges did not feel able to award a first place, they did feel that the entrants deserved credit for their grit. They know the sinking feeling that deters so many from speaking in public, Hardingham managed to combine a friendly manner with good articulation and a systematic treatment of his subject. He was awarded second place. Maclean was third and Lewis fourth. We would like to see Public Speaking improve in the same measure as Choral Speaking has improved.

T. B.

HOBBIES.

The quantity, if not the quality, of the work sent in was somewhat disappointing. Messrs. P. Tribe and B. Clode undertook the judging of the models; Messrs. A. Lincé and J. Makin the collections and Mr. L. Catto photography. First prizes were awarded to Collins (Sen.), Pirie (Inter.) and Bourton (Jun.) for models; Feld (Sen.) and Thompson (Jun.) for collections; Maclean (Sen.) and Bejnarowicz (Jun.) for photography.

SUMMARY OF EISTEDDFOD RESULTS.

		House Points.			
		C.	G.	M.	P.
1.	Music, 1st Cromwell	48½	14	35½	10
2.	Literary and Speech, 1st Cromwell	45	23½	16	30½
3.	Drama, 1st Cromwell	32	8	24	16
4.	Art, 1st Morley	24	12	34	10
5.	Models, Collections and Photography, 1st Cromwell	23	9	21	12
6.	General Knowledge Quiz, 1st Cromwell ...	16	10	10	4
	Totals ...	188½	76½	140½	82½

1st Cromwell; 2nd Morley; 3rd Pitt; 4th Gibbon.

Music, 1947-48

THE SCHOOL CHOIR.

The large first-form entry this year made possible a choir of more than sixty boys. House representatives were elected to help in the organisation of this large number, and proved especially useful when House Choirs came to be formed for the Eisteddfod. These were the representatives:—

Cromwell:	Challice (IIIA).
Gibbon:	Wright (IIA).
Morley:	Bennett (IIIA).
Pitt:	Nesbitt (IIA).

The Choir's first appearance was at County Hall on November 12th, 1947, during L.C.C. Exhibition Week. The following items were given:—

"Hunting Song":	Dr. J. Wardale.
"The Countryman":	Peter Warlock.
"Balulalow":	Benjamin Britten.

(Soloist—A. Bennett).

Towards Christmas, informal early morning practices for the Carol Concert took place as in previous years, and attracted tenors and basses from senior forms and the staff. At the concert itself on December 18th an interlude was provided by M. J. Clothier, Old Wandsworthian, who played "Trumpet Tune" and "Carillon" by Purcell.

On December 23rd a section of the choir assembled at the Ardington Rooms, Clapham Junction, to sing carols for Wandsworth Rotarians at their Christmas Dinner.

The choir was grateful to J. C. Grieves and R. P. Easey for accompanying at many rehearsals.

The 1948 Eisteddod

HOUSE CHOIRS.

This year's Eisteddfod will certainly be remembered for the excellent performance of the Cromwell Choir, conducted by R. P. Easey (LVI). A team of some thirty trebles, altos, tenors, and basses presented "Come Again! Sweet Love," by John Dowland, an Elizabethan composer, and easily took first place in the competition.

It is pleasing to record that the choir has continued to meet in the Summer Term, and will represent the school at the local Schools' Music Association Concert in July.

SOLO SINGING.

Morley House led in both number and quality of entries. French (IIIB) was placed first for the lightness and natural expressiveness of his singing in "Where the Bee Sucks," by Dr. Arne. Gosden (IIA) came second with "Hark, hark! the lark," by Schubert, which he had learned without the help of a piano—a notable feat! Other carefully prepared entries came from Bennett (IIIA) and Gibbons (IIIC), also of Morley.

Cromwell was championed by Challice (IIIA). There were no entries from Gibbon and Pitt!

PIANOFORTE.

Only ten competitors took part and the general level of performance was not high. Time inaccuracies were the most common fault; lack of painstaking preparation their cause.

Best entries came from Grieves (L.VI), Brand (IVC), and—a very promising newcomer to the piano—Beale (IVC), all of Cromwell; also from Trebble (IIIA), of Morley. Wright (IIA), only entrant from Gibbon, played with spirit but a trifle inaccurately. There was no entries from Pitt.

VIOLIN.

The competition was for beginners only. Totham (IIIA), Rodd (IVA), Toomer (IIIA), and Challice (IIIA) all gained points.

School Orchestra and Violin Classes

In spite of losing French Horn, Trumpet, and two Clarinets at one blow, so to speak, a handful of enthusiasts have kept the tradition of an orchestra alive by regular practices. Their optimism seems justified by the progress of the new string classes.

Weekly violin classes were inaugurated in September, 1947, and were placed under the direction of Mr. J. Islwyn Lewis, L.R.A.M., a visiting teacher. This term two classes of ten boys apiece are operating under a generous L.C.C. scheme for instrumental instruction. Instruments are loaned where necessary, and tuition fees are paid in full. Membership of these classes is, therefore, a privilege, and it is gratifying to see that present members are making good use of their opportunities.

Early Morning Chamber Music

Mention must be made of an instrumental ensemble of boys and masters which, once or twice throughout the week, has entertained itself and casual audiences with the following works, among others:—

Clarinet Quintet: Mozart.
Piano Quintet: Schumann.

The Third Movement of the Clarinet Quintet was played by request at a Parents' Social on Saturday, 6th March.

Concerts and Recitals

Concerts and Recitals were attended as follows:—

Sept. 23: VC: L.P.O. at the Albert Hall.
Dec. 11: members of choir: Carol Festival at Wetsminster.
Jan. 16: Form IV: L.P.O. at the Granada, Tooting.
Feb. 11: Form III: L.P.O. at the Granada, Clapham Junction.
Mar. 2: Recital by John Francis (flute) and Millicent Silver (piano) in School Hall.
Mar. 4: Form V: "The Magic Flute," by Mozart, at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.
Mar. 19: Form II: Grenadier Guards Band at Southfield, Central Hall.
May 10.} "The Pirates of Penzance," by Gilbert and Sullivan, at Wimbledon
May 11:} Town Hall.
May 14: Forms V, VI: L.P.O. at the Albert Hall.

In addition, a number of boys have attended recitals at Mayfield, and we are deeply grateful to the Mayfield Music Club for issuing the invitations.

J. K.

Theatre Visits

In the first half of 1948, besides the attendance at concerts described elsewhere, the following visits to theatres have been made:—

Jan. 28th. 90 boys, Form II, "Noah," Grand Theatre, Clapham Junction.
Feb. 5th. 40 boys, IV, VI, "Shoemaker's Holiday," Westminster Theatre.
Feb. 25th. 40 boys, IV, VI, Ballet, "Coppelia," Granada Theatre, Clapham.
Mar. 3rd. 50 boys, III, VI, "Everyman," Westminster Theatre.
Ma. 4th. 20 boys, VI, etc., "Ballet," Sadler's Wells Theatre.
April 16th. 40 boys, IV, V, "Ballet," Sadler's Wells Theatre.
April 28th. 30 boys, IV, "Julius Cæsar," Toynbee Hall Theatre.

We are very grateful to the L.C.C. for offering us this programme of entertainment and these delightful excursions into a different world for an afternoon's duration. The days when half the children in London had never seen a stage-play are now happily ended, and the word "theatre" has come to have a meaning. The L.C.C. do us proud, even paying our fares to and from School. Whoever chooses these programmes certainly knows his business. In every case the audiences found the play admirably suitable. If one may cast a vote where so many fine things were offered, it would be for "Noah," a translation from a recent French play, which for great ideas put within the scope of unsophisticated auditors, was a little masterpiece.

We still have a little grouse, which is that nothing or the wrong thing is done towards dispelling the frowsty anonymity that hangs coldly over the theatre until the play gets into its stride. The aggressive warning against scattering litter that some gloomy official usually intones is an ill prologue to the lovely world that we are to enter with the rise of the curtain.

S. C.

The School Library

Although the number of books borrowed this term has declined, good use continues to be made of the library at lunch-times by those responsible readers who have received permission to work there. They have maintained a greatly improved standard of quiet and of tidiness in replacing books and chairs.

We are still looking forward to the day when our shelves, depleted somewhat during the war period, will exhibit regular and bountiful supplies of reference and popular books of all kinds of content, from philosophy to fiction and philately to foreign travel. Our official funds are still largely taken up in the purchase of essential text-books, but already about a dozen books have been added this year by gift or casual purchase.

The very kind grant of £10 10s. a year recently made by the Parents' Association is deeply appreciated and will go a considerable way in helping to overcome our present financial difficulties, and to replace some of our lost classics as well as to add a selection of more recent books.

We are also greatly indebted to Mrs. Brunning, on the occasion of Paul's departure, for the gift of a very fine collection of essays, edited by Sir Ernest Barker, under the title "The Character of England." The presentation of books to the library by boys as they leave school is a welcome gesture which it is hoped will become increasingly common.

Gratitude is also due to those boys, especially Canning, who have given to the junior fiction library a number of attractive but simple books which should provide pleasant recreational reading for first-formers. Junior boys do not seem to be taking full advantage of the facility of borrowing books when the library is open after school daily for the benefit of any boy who wishes to add to the usefulness and zest of leisure hours by reading a good book.

The reading habit is said to be declining among adults with the varied distractions of modern life, and it is vitally important that we cultivate when young the art of serious or concentrated reading both for the delight it brings and for the qualities of character and thought it helps to cultivate. Far too few boys belong to their local public library, or if they do, seem to be unaware of the varieties of books available, which for juniors include not only special books of adventure and narrative, but also books of travel in strange or distant lands and books which record dramatically the lives of great men. The librarian will always be pleased to try to help readers who find difficulty in knowing what to read or where to get the sort of book they want.

The librarian is very grateful to Hurcomb and the other prefects who have on the library committee done much during the past year to ensure the smooth working of the library and the enforcement of its essential rules.

It is regretted that funds at present will not permit the regular supply of any current periodicals except for the "New Statesman" and the "Current Affairs" pamphlets, but even these aids in understanding the background to the news are not thumbed as eagerly as they should be.

Among recent additions to the library are the following:—

Sir E. Barker: "The Character of England."
The War Office: "The British Way and Purpose."
S. L. Dickinson: "The Greek View of Life."
M. W. Thomas: "Citizens All."

A varied collection of attractive little books on biological topics and on everyday science.

W. P.

Careers

In the last issue of "The Link" three recent Old Boys contributed articles on:—(1) "How to become a doctor," (2) "How to become a solicitor," (3) "How to become an aeronautical engineer."

Two further contributions are included in this issue, which, it is hoped, will give guidance to boys contemplating dentistry or to those who feel they have a real calling to work in the Church.

H. A.

Holy Orders

Any Anglican who thinks he has a vocation to the priesthood ought to consult his parish priest, who should be the best person to advise him as to what steps to take.

All arrangements for training for ordination are now largely in the hands of a body called the Central Advisory Council for Training for the Ministry (usually abbreviated to C.A.C.T.O.M.), to whom application should be made, and normally they do not consider an applicant until he is eighteen years of age. As this is the age for National Service, one cannot begin training until that has elapsed, but it is usual for would-be ordinands to make an early application so that they may begin specialised training as soon as possible after they finish National Service.

Matriculation is an essential and there is an obvious advantage in taking this in the normal way while at school. Then comes the question of how to spend the time in between Matriculation and the age of eighteen. There are two possibilities:—

1. To leave school and seek some form of employment.
2. If possible to continue a post-matriculation course at school, including the the Higher School Certificate.

The first alternative will give experience in the world—as, remember, so will a period of National Service. The second (which is to be highly recommended) will provide a valuable preparation for a university course. For example, these two years could be profitably spent in learning Latin and Greek which may well save time and no little heart-ache later on.

The actual training for the priesthood involves a course in theology with a special training in the spiritual life. A college, therefore, should be sought that not only provides a good academic training but also one where a person may develop his spiritual life as well. This course normally takes at least two years; it may take three, and at the end the General Ordination Examination is taken. A good plan—depending upon the age of the candidate when he begins—is to take a degree course at a University, not necessarily in theology, but in Arts or Science. The Church has a great need of well-educated priests, and there is much value in the individual's spending time at a University—apart from the acquiring of a degree. This will make a total course of perhaps five years. It is, therefore, a wise plan to consult one's teachers as to this possibility, and the selection of subjects to read at the University.

How does C.A.C.T.O.M. work? An applicant is interviewed during a visit, by several people who each have a particular interest, and they decide whether the applicant has a vocation. If he has, they will support him during his training. If they are not sure, they will probably suggest that he applies at a latter date for reconsideration. They will guide a suitable applicant as to the choice of a college and course and, if an applicant has a choice of his own, it will be subject to their approval. In the majority of cases Training Colleges only accept students recommended by C.A.C.T.O.M.

Finally, a word about vocation itself. This comes in different forms and a vital part of one's training is the testing of that vocation, in order that the individual and those training him may see whether he is truly called to serve God in the greatest of all callings. But, let it be said that the Church has a great place for good laymen who can serve God by being Christians in other walks of life—in factories, in business houses, as doctors, teachers and members of the other professions.

F. A. PRESTON.

Becoming a Dental Surgeon

The very thought of a Dentist (or Dental Surgeon as the qualified Dentist is now known) is enough to make the average schoolboy groan and shake with apprehension. Small wonder then that so few ever even try to discover the prospects offered by dentistry.

The course for dentistry takes about four years after you have left school. In this way, as in many others, it resembles the medical course.

To be able to practise dentistry in Britain, you have to possess one of two qualifications — either the L.D.S., R.C.S. (Licentiate of Dental Surgery) or B.D.S. (Bachelor of Dental Surgery). Most students take the L.D.S. diploma, though nowadays preference is given to the B.D.S. degree.

To enter any one of the five London Dental Hospitals the prospective student must have first obtained either General School Certificate or 1st Pre-medical examination (to be able to study L.D.S.) or Matriculation and the 1st M.B. examination (to be able to study B.D.S.). It is advisable, however, as admission to a dental hospital can't be granted until the age of 17, to remain at school and to take the Higher School Certificate in Chemistry, Physics and Biology. The passing of this examination automatically exempts you from either 1st Pre-medical or 1st M.B.

After having applied and (we hope) after being accepted, you enter the Dental Hospital and start by studying Anatomy and Physiology. This part of the course is very interesting and lasts for a year. Having passed this examination you are regarded as sufficiently intelligent to begin working "on the mouth." For another year you learn Prosthetic Dentistry (the study of artificial teeth). During this year you have to make actual dentures for patients at the Hospital, doing all the actual work yourself. For the remaining two years you are taught how to fill, extract, scale teeth and so on, until finally you are let loose on an unknowing public.

So much for the actual course. The main difficulties are the Hospital fees, actual admission to a Hospital, and cost of equipment.

Any student who wishes to take this course can apply for, and obtain an adequate grant.

The secret of successful admission is to apply early, as early as possible.

The cost of equipment is considerable, but is within the scope of all when bought in instalments.

The prospects of a qualified Dental Surgeon to-day are immense. Many newly-qualified men enter Health Clinics, many launch out into private practice alone, whilst many others enter a partnership with an already-practising man.

There will also be opportunity under the New National Health Scheme.

Whichever of these courses you may decide to take, you are assured of a secure and adequate livelihood in a very interesting career.

A. F. LANGHAM.

School Rugby (Season 1947-48)

Captain: W. N. Lewis. Vice-Captain: R. G. Domney.

Hon. Secretary: C. Fellows.

COLOURS.

Full Reawards: Lewis, Horner, Maclean, Fellows.
Full: Edwards, McAuliffe, Jenkinson, Hardingham, Davey.
Half: Haydon, Len, T., Line, Smith, Lyon, Thornton.

RESULTS.

Opponents.	Home.	Away.	Pts. For.	Pts. Against
Surbiton	Lost 3—6	Won 3—0	6	6
Whitgift M.	Lost 0—9	Lost 0—14	0	23
Tiffin	Lost 0—3	Lost 0—19	0	22
Brockley	Drawn 0—0	Lost 0—12	0	12
Bec	Won 6—5	Cancelled	6	5
Purley	Drawn 8—8	Lost 0—9	8	17
Raynes Park	Lost 3—9		3	9
Selhurst	Lost 6—19	Lost 5—8	11	27

Matches Played 14. Won 2. Lost 10. Drawn 2.

Pts. For 34. Pts. Against 121.

Well, another season is over, and although a casual glance at the results doesn't leave a favourable impression, a second inspection will show that, although often beaten, the School were only once really trounced: by Tiffin 19—0.

Too many people nowadays pay too much attention to the result of the game and not to the manner and spirit in which it is played; but in this respect I think the 1st XV excelled, showing many schools how good sporting Rugby is played.

As for the actual Rugger, the standard wasn't exceptionally high. The forwards have still to learn how to adapt themselves to the conditions of the ground and play a more open game. But credit must go to the whole pack for holding their own and often outplaying far heavier sides. For, alas, our team is woefully small and lack the weight necessary for match-winning Rugby. Behind the scrum our weakness was clearly evident. We just simply lack any good attacking three's. The spirit was there, but oh! just when a little go and thrust were needed to score, how easily we were brought tumbling down. And here I must offer thanks and congratulations to McAuliffe, whose fine handling and magnificent kicking often saved the day. Another player worthy of mention is Horner, whose fine and consistent hooking did much to offset the lightness of our scrum.

The following have played for the 1st XV: McAuliffe, Hardingham, Lyon, Domney, Heyward, Dingle, Kitt, Line, Berry, W., Thornton, Davey, Lewis, Edwards, Smith, Maclean, Len, T., Horner, Jenkinson.

The following have played for the 2nd XV: Feld, Gage, Berry, R., Boucher, Woodley, Scott, Dore, Haydon, Barnett, Whitlock, Percival, Harrold, Rutter, Eales, Carver, Len, S., Johnson, Sanders, Taylor, Ralph, Davies, Prickett, Dobrowolski.

W. N. L.

We would like to congratulate Lewis and Maclean, who have played for Surrey in the inter-county games organised by the London and Home Counties R.F.U. Lewis also represented Wandsworth School in the Surrey Public Schools sides which played during the Christmas holidays.

B. C.

Junior Rugger Captain: D. Richardson.
Vice-Captain: A. J. Mallows. Hon. Secretary: D. Harper.

The school junior fifteen enjoyed a very successful season, the final summary being:—

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Pts. for.	Against.
14	11	3	224	68

One reason for this record is that there was a wonderful team spirit among the players, who always attended the practices throughout the season. We were fortunate to have Mr. Thompson, a club and county player, to assist Mr. Mr. Elms in coaching during the opening weeks of the season.

Mr. Thompson built our forwards into a grand fighting pack. Our pack was sometimes beaten in the tight by heavier opponents, but we were always the masters in the loose. This pack, which was led by Richardson, consisted of the following boys:—Mallows, Harper, Smith, Skelton, Maskell, Totham, and Cowley.

Our backs, who were always very good in defence, opened the season rather poorly, but as the season progressed they became a great striking force. The backs were made up by Hilldrup, Porter, who played very well, Morris, Helps, Dries, Attoe and Line.

Line, who kicked very well, ended the season top scorer with 62 points, Richardson scored 42 points, Hilldrup and Smith 24 points each, and Helps 18 points.

v. Surbiton. Lost 3—11.

This match was a grand fight from start to finish. The School were out to avenge their earlier defeat, and Surbiton were trying to retain their unbeaten record. Hilldrup opened the scoring early in the first half, and it was only by some brilliant solo-running by the Surbiton captain that they gained the victory.

v. Purley. Won 11—0.

In the first 15 minutes we saw some of the best football shown this season by the Wandsworth team. The forwards heeled quickly and the backs passed and ran well. Then the game lapsed and it developed into a mass of loose fly kicking, from which no results could possibly be obtained.

v. Brockley. Won 27—0.

The School showed some really good Rugger in this match and they were well rewarded with a 27 point win. During the match Morris scored the hundredth point with a brilliant blind-side run.

v. St. Mark's. Won 33—0.

In this match the School turned out a younger team than usual against a smaller and less experienced side. Both our centres, Richardson and Hilldrup, performed the hat-trick. It was in this match that our winger, Dries, received a broken wrist, which kept him out of the team for several weeks.

v. Raynes Park. Lost 3—19.

The School, who were playing with only 14 men and in very bad conditions, were beaten by an older, heavier and faster team.

v. Selhurst. Won 16—11.

In the tight the School forwards were mastered by a heavy Selhurst pack, who hooked and wheeled brilliantly; but in the loose our fast and lively pack had the upper hand and showed some fine foot movements on the icy ground.

v. Tiffin. Won 32—0.

The dry conditions necessitated mainly a backs game, and our backs, who were well served by the forwards, played one of their best games. By kicking the third goal Line scored his 50th point of the season.

v. Brockley. Won 6—0.

This was a rather disappointing game, which lacked any form of open play. It was ruined by the spoiling tactics of our opponents' back row forwards.

v. Purley. Won 22—0.

This game was quite easily won for Wansworth by the forwards. The backs rarely got into their stride and handling was rather poor.

D. Richardson, D. Harper.

Chess Club

Captain: Opatowski.

Vice-Captain: Williams. Hon. Secretary: I. Maclean.

Although the Chess Club has been a flourishing society since the end of the war, it was not until last season that matches were played against other schools. In spite of its comparative inexperience the team acquitted itself well. its record being :—

Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	For.	Against.
9	4	1	4	48½	40½

Match results were as follows :—

November 25th. v. Bec (A). Drawn 3—3.
December 5th. v. Sloane (H). Lost 3½—4½.
January 22nd. v. Sir Walter St. John's (H). Won 5½—4½.
February 12th. v. Bec (H). Lost 3½—4½.
February 19th. v. Raynes Park (H). Won 7—2.
February 24th. v. Sir Walter St. John's (A). Won 10—5.
February 26th. v. Sloane (A). Won 8—1.
March 5th. v. Surbiton (H). Lost 4—8.
March 12th. v. Surbiton (A). Lost 4—8.

An inter-house competition was organised, which attracted 92 entries, divided into senors, middles (U16) and juniors (U14). The final placings were :—

1st. Pitt with 35 points.
2nd. Gibbon with 30 points.
3rd. Morley with 17 points.
4th. Cromwell with 14 points.

The competition was organised on the "knock out" basis, the results of the finals being as follows :—

Senior :—Harris (G.) beat Thorpe (C.).
Middle :—Lewis (P.) beat Barton (P.).
Junior :—Epstein (G.) beat Glynn (M.).

I. MACLEAN.

Cross-Country Running

Captain: I. Maclean.

Vice-Captain: A. J. Kitt. Hon. Secretary: W. N. Lewis.

The School failed to maintain last season's high standard of achievement. Our best runners, D. Jones and M. Clothier, unfortunately left school before the season started, and even Kitt, our able vice-captain, was able to run in only one event. However, enthusiasm was not lacking, and we look forward to better results next year with our present team still with us.

The Ranelagh Harriers Club again continued to take a fatherly interest in us, and kindly offered the use of their club's quarters for any practice runs. Their invitation to send some runners for their match with Tiffin and Emanuel Schools on the 30th January came too late for us to send a full team. Three of our runners, Maclean, I., Maclean, D., and Gage, took this opportunity for a trial run and did well to tie for 2nd place.

The race for the Ranelagh Harriers Challenge Cup took place on Saturday, 21st February, on the usual course at Richmond Park. The School was placed 7th out of 17 competing teams, Harrow County gaining 1st place. A six-inch covering of snow over the course made the going very heavy. Gage and Jenkinson were placed 6th and 12th respectively.

The School ran poorly in the Highgate Harriers Inter-Schools Race on the 6th March over the William Ellis School's course. We were placed 11th out of 15 teams, Harrow County once more gaining 1st place.

On the 25th February the School sent a senior and a junior team to run against Tiffin School on their ground. The Seniors won by the narrow margin of 17 to 19 points, and the Juniors lost by 22 to 18 points. The senior race was

won by Kitt, with Maclean, I., 3rd. The junior race was won by Dries and Maclean, I., who came in together.

The South London Harriers Inter-Schools race, which took place at Purley on the 20th March, was run under ideal conditions. The weather was warm and sunny and the course easy going. Grieves, our first man home, was closely followed by Gage and Maclean, I. The School was placed 12th out of 19 schools competing.

The Annual Inter-House Race took place on Wimbledon Common on Wednesday, the 17th March. The usual difficulty of finding suitable changing accommodation was solved, when, by the kind permission of Col. Lambert, Ranger of the Common, we were given the use of Roehampton Sports Pavilion free of charge. This necessitated a slight change from our usual course, which, it is hoped, will now remain fixed for a good many years. We were glad to have Mrs. King to start both junior and senior races.

TEAM RESULTS.

Seniors: 1st Cromwell (43 points), 2nd Pitt (76 points), 3rd Gibbon (86 points), 4th Morley (120 points).

Juniors: 1st Pitt (50 points), 2nd Gibbon (65 points), 3rd Morley (69 points), 4th Cromwell (167 points).

INDIVIDUAL RESUTS.

Seniors: 1 Maclean, I., 2 Gage, 3 Jenkinson, 4 Grieves, 5 Maclean, D., 6 Stringer. Time: 20 min. 46 1/5 sec.

Juniors: 1 Hardy, 2 Miller, 3 Morrison. Time: 13 min. 13 4/5 sec.

G. E.

Boxing

Captain: J. Francis. Vice-Captain: R. Davey.
Hon. Secretary: R. J. C. Line.

As the last issue of the magazine went to print before the end of the autumn term, the match with St. Olaves appears in this number. The spring term began with the exodus of many senior members of the Boxing Club, including such stalwarts as R. Davey (vice-captain), M. Carver, B. Harrold and B. Heyward; however, the Juniors and Intermediates rose to the occasion, with the result that every match was won.

Seventeen boys entered for the Great Britain Championships, seven reaching the Divisional Finals and Francis, the Boxing Captain, both the London and Great Britain Finals. Wtih a little more luck he would have won both; however, he had to be satisfied with being runner-up in the 10st. senior weight. He undoubtedly did well, and we tender him our hearty congratulations.

INTER-SCHOOL MATCHES.

v. St. Olaves (H). 5/12/47. School won 7—4.

Wilson, Carr, Nelson, J. A., Emeny-Smith, Bicknell, Davey and Francis won their bouts, whilst D. Miller, who was boxing in the team for the first time, boxed well and was unlucky to lose.

v. Sir Walter St. John's (A). 23/1/48. School won 9—1.

Many of the bouts were close and the School team was lucky to win by such a wide margin. Carr, Friday, Miller, D., Cowley, Tracey, Vincent, Miles, J., Nelson, J. A., and Francis won their bouts; Varey boxed for the School for the first time.

v. Battersea Grammar (H). 20/2/48. School won 7—4.

The School team included three newcomers, Helm, Rowlands and Grazynski the first-named winning his bout well. Friday, Carr, Willson, Tracey, Totham and Francis also won their bouts for the School.

v. St. Olaves (A). 5/3/48. School won 8—3.

The boxing was more even than the score suggests, but the School team deserved to win. Hayden and Bullock made their first appearance for the School, both doing well and the latter winning his bout. The other winners were

Vincent, Helm, Miller, D., Tracey, Miles, J., Totham and Francis. Nelson deserves special mention, his bout with Patrick, of St. Olaves, being fast, exciting and very close.

INTER-HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

There was a record entry this year, 94 boys taking part. The Preliminaries were held every Monday afternoon after school in the gym and the Finals on Friday, the 19th March, in the School Hall. At the termination of the boxing, Colonel G. L. Matthews, O.B.E., T.D., Chairman of the Governors, presented the shield to the captain of the winning House, Cromwell, which beat Gibbon, last year's winners, by the odd point. Morley, some way behind, were third. The following is a list of the finalists, the name of the winner in each bout appearing first:—

Juniors.

Under 5 st.: Finch (C.) unopposed.
,, 5½ st.: Willson (G. v. Friday (G.).
,, 6 st.: Carr (M.) v. Tracey (P.).
,, 6½ st.: J. A. Nelson (M.) v. Slade (G.).
,, 7 st.: Emeny-Smith (G.) v. Hardy (G.).
,, 7½ st.: Dodimead (C.) v. Cracknell (P.).
,, 8 st.: Norman (G.) v. Munton (M.).
,, 8½ st.: Payne (P.) v. Miller, D. (M.).

Intermediates.

Under 6 st.: Miles, J. (G.) v. Barron (M.).
,, 6½ st.: Whitfield, G. V. (C.) unopposed.
,, 7 st.: Brand (C.) v. Morrison (P.).
,, 7½ st.: D. G. Maclean (C.) v. Harrison (G.).
,, 8 st.: Beale (C.) unopposed.
,, 8½ st.: Chafen (C.) unopposed.
,, 9 st.: Totham (M.) v. Mallows (G.).
,, 9½ st.: Attoe (P.) unopposed.

Seniors.

Under 9st.: Rowlands (P.) v. Hurcomb (C.).
,, 10 st.: Francis (G.) v. Grazynski (C.).
,, 11 st.: Lewis (C.) v. I. Maclean (C.).

Result.

1. Cromwell (C.), 63 points.
2. Gibbon (G.), 62 points.
3. Morley (M.), 42 points.
4. Pitt (P.), 21 points.

GREAT BRITAIN CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Wandsworth district Preliminary bouts and Finals were held at School on Fridays, the 16th and 30th January respectively, and out of the seventeen boys who were eligible to enter, Carr, J. Miles, Rodd, Attoe, Rowlands, Grazynski and Francis won through, becoming the Wandsworth champions at their weights.

They represented Wandsworth in the Western Division (London) Championships in February, but only Francis got through to the London Finals, thence representing London at his weight, 10 st. senior, in the Great Britain Championships at Leeds. As already mentioned, he had to be content with being runner-up in the Final; no small achievement itself. Once again, congratulations, Francis!

COLOURS.

The following awards have been made by the Games Committee:—

Full Colours: J. Francis, R. Davey (both reawards).

Half Colours: M. Carver, B. Harrold, B. Heyward, Maclean, D. G., Miles, J.

Junior Colours: A. J. Carr, J. T. Friday, R. S. Emeny-Smith, D. Miller, J. A. Nelson, P. J. Slade, J. A. Totham, J. W. C. Vincent, D. F. Willson.

In conclusion, a word of thanks to the many members of the staff, for their assistance in judging and timekeeping: to Miss Osborne and the kitchen staff for preparing the suppers: to Mrs. Shapcott and family, and other parents, for arranging the suppers and washing up: to Mr. Allen and the assistant caretaker, not forgetting the members of Form 5C, for doing the heavy work involved in the erection and demolition of the ring. The thanks of the Boxing Club to you all!

J. M.

A Payneful Incident

'Twas midnight in Injun Land and 7.23 in Putney High Street, when Bold Bad Butch and his cut-throat gang reached the camp of the Tribe known as the Sioux (because they can "Sioux" before you can see them). B.B.B. wanted some Indians to help on a bank raid he was planning. Approaching the King of the Indians, who was dancing a Kankan on a tom-tom, he asked to be taken to the witch doctor. (He did not say which doctor.) Entering his tent, B.B.B. found the doc lying on a bed Piggin himself on Cowan gate and Lincéd oil because of his cold.

"Plead Clode the door," he said through his nose. B.B.B. did so without Makin a sound. He then Aschered himself that the doctor was Keyte friendly and put forward his request for some strong braves. However, he was told that when the braves had been out for canoe practice that day, near the famous Radd Ford, they had fallen over the rapids, in spite of the chief's orders to the leading canoeist to "Row, Billy, 'ard!"

"Gee, that's bad," said B.B.B. "I was hoping you'd Bacchus up. Now I shall have to rely on my own men. Lew is the best man to lead the raid, and Joe Hodgkin's son can go too.

So off they went, and passing the landmark of the three Elms, after Traversing a wide Fenn, they reached the town without any Terryble disaster befalling them. The bank seemed deserted, but Prior to entering it, Lew whispered through the window, just to make sure, "Is Mart in there?" (Mart was the bank manager.) However, there was no reply, so in they went and were doing fine until Lew stepped on the alarm and summoned the local cops. At the station they broke down and confessed that B.B.B. was in hiding at the redskin camp.

When the police reached the camp they found B.B.B. slightly under the influence, shouting, "Benyon knees, wear your Coate Bond Street fashion and sing, "Let's Aubrey merry and bright!'"

But soon B.B.B. was in no position to be merry or bright, especially when he was sentenced to a diet of school dinners for ten years.

R. G. Hurcomb, VI.

Tales of Woe.

Mr. Isaiah Twistem was sitting on the park bench, reading the "Women's Journal" (which just happened to be sitting next to him). But, rather to his dismay, it got up and walked away in the direction of the bandstand. Disconsolate, he settled down to think of a way to wangle a bonus from his boss.

He was studying a bee at work and was thinking how nice it would be to be a bee, when out of the corner of his eye he noticed a rather ragged individual slinking about behind a bush, eyeing our friend rather slyly. Mr. Twistem felt rather uncomfortable, and deep down, rather nervous. However, determined not to show this, he settled down again and pretended not to have seen the ruffian.

Once more he studied the bee, but soon he changed his mind about being a bee, as the insect had just been swallowed by a bird.

" 'Ullo, mate !" a voice suddenly said. Looking round, Mr. T. noticed the the individual sitting beside him on the bench.

" Oh !" he replied, " You quite startled me !"

" Sorry, mate !" was the retort.

" Got a light?" said the individual.

" I—I think so," was the answer.

" Ta !"

Mr. T. held the match to the cigarette stump which was clasped between a set of yellow teeth. Looking down, he noticed that the stub which the " Woman's Journal " had thrown away, was no longer there. Once more shifting his view to his companion, he noticed that he was puffing away for all he was worth.

" Cor, I'll never forget the first time me dear ol' dad let me 'ave a puff at his fag !" said the individual. " I was only eight !"

Mr. T. raised his eyebrows.

" Really?"

" Yus, but he'll never let me puff his fags again ! Nor will me poor ol' Mum try to *stop* me puffing his fags any more !"

" Oh, and why not?"

" Jerry got 'em both. In the blitz it was."

" Oh . . . . . I'm sorry."

" Oh, it's all right. I'm kinda used to it now. Me poor ol' Fanny went the same way. Went off with one o' them Yanks she did. Still, I didn't blame 'er. I was in the Army and she was at home doin' nothing but keeping the house and looking after Sally—that's my daughter y' know."

Mr. Twistem nodded.

" She wanted some fun and when they came over she just couldn't hold herself. She put Sally in an orphanage and off she went. It was fatal. The Jerry got *her* as well. She wanted to go to America with Nat—that was the Yank, y' know."

Mr. Twistem nodded again.

" But the authorities wouldn't let 'er. So she stowed away on the boat that took Nat back to America. (They wanted him to fight the Japs with.) But that boat never got there. The Jerry torpedoed it in the middle of the Atlantic. Funny thing about that y' know. Not about the torpedo, about the boat—it was called ' Destiny ' !"

" Most peculiar !" agreed Mr. T.

" When I heard about it I did something dras-er drastic, is it?"

" Quite !" replied Mr. T., nodding.

" When we was on the front, it was. I tried to kill two sparrers with one grenade. I suddenly got up out of the trench, ran up to the Jerry's trench and slung a grenade at 'em. I was near enough to 'em so that the explosion would kill the Jerry AND me. But it never worked. I got in the way of a bullet what one of the rats fired. It hit me just in the shoulder, above me heart. The pain was awful and I fell over and rolled a couple of yards, waiting for the explosion. But there wasn't no explosion. The . . . . . pin couldn't of come out properly or summat like that !"

" Oh !" said Mr. T., looking rather shocked.

" Sorry, mate ! I didn't mean to swear. But it gets my goat when I think of it ! When my buddy saw that the grenade hadn't gone off, he dashed out of the trench and dragged me back into safety. The Jerry didn't shoot at him—oh, no ! They were too busy looking for the bloomin' bomb ! Suddenly I heard a torrent of something coming from the Jerry trench, and I guessed that they'd found it. And then there was a terrific explosion and all the ground shook. I found out when I came round that the Jerry what picked up the bomb

held it upside down and the pin what was already half loose slipped out—I passed out ! !''

"Of course, you wanted to get revenge for your wife, mother and father, and, at the same time, commit suicide, didn't you?'' suggested Mr. Twistem.

"Cor, that's right mate, 'ow did you know?''

"I guessed !'' smiled Mr. T.

"Yes, but I didn't get what I wanted,'' went on his companion. "Instead, me and my buddy each got the blinking D.S.O. !''

"Well done !'' praised Mr. Twistem.

"I got discharged from the Army and after that I changed my mind about life.''

"A wise decision,'' agreed Mr. T.

"I went to see Sally at the orphanage and she was that thin you could have put your finger and thumb round her neck without touching her ! I had a pretty steady job at an export firm and quite a tidy gratuity, so I bought a second-hand bungalow through a man what knew a man what knew a man what knew a man ! I got Sally out of that—that—that concentration camp and for a while we lived happily together. The another disaster occurred. My firm went bankrupt ! ! For a while I lasted out on my gratuity and then I had to sell up home. We went into digs, did Sally and me. I couldn't get a job anywhere and in tl e end I managed by a stroke of fate to get a job—as a dustman ! But it was too strenuous and me ol' bullet-wound started causin' trouble again. I gave up that job and for a while I lasted out on the money I got for the bungalow. But very soon that got low and I thought about putting Sally in a home. But I thought I'd rather kill us both than do that again !

"And that brings me up to the present. I owe twelve weeks' rent to me landlord, and I haven't got a job. Me and Sally are still living in digs, but I'm thinking of moving. I've had an offer from someone to look after Sally while I try to regain my position.

"I'm thinking about it seriously, but I'm still rather doubtful. I haven't shaved for a couple of weeks and Sally's wearing some of Fanny's clothes what's been adjusted by the lady what offered to look after her. I don't even know where me next meal's coming from !''

"This is IT !'' thought Mr. Twistem.

"Oh, well, s'pose I'd better be off—I—er—I don't s'pose you could spare a tanner for me to buy some bread with? Sally's nearly starved with hunger !''

"Here's a penny for giving me something to do !'' said Mr. Twistem. "If I were you I'd go and tell your tale to someone else—you might have better luck. You see, I happen to have read that book !''

C. B. Gosden, IIA.

Night Noises

The wharves are idle, tall cranes stand still,
Gigantic fingers pointing high,
Commanding silence, deep, insistent,
While London sleeps 'neath frosted sky.
Cease mournful hooting, empty collier,
Departing on the tideway's flow,
Stop, squealing chorus, vicious dock rats,
Feeding on mudbank far below!
Impatient, whistling, halted engine,
Why fret and fume in steamy hiss!
Hush clanking discord, shunting rail-trucks,
Must buffers meet in crashing kiss?
Why joyous whistling, carefree lover,
Does sweetheart's "Yes" bring happy jest?
And hush, you shuffling human flotsam,
Need beggars whine when alms they quest?

Stop plaintive crying, winging night-bird,
Captive in darkness overhead.
Be quiet you roystering, homeward drunkard,
Hear not yon policeman's heavy tread?

Come, creep up, fog in snaking layers,
Swirl up and add to beggar's plight,
Spread all around your loathsome blanket,
And still the noises of the night.

B. CLAPTON, IVB.

Old Wandsworthians Association

The Association's year ended on rather an encouraging note. The Rugger section had a good season, the memorial fund passed the £800 mark, and preparations were well in hand for a full programme of summer dances, the reunion fete and other activities. It was therefore somewhat disappointing when the Annual General Meeting, held at the School on June 16th, was so badly attended. It can only be hoped that the numbers present were in no way indicative of the support to be expected in the future. However, in spite of the poor attendance there was no lack of enthusiasm, and the new committee were launched on their year of office in an atmosphere of resolution.

Mr. King, happily, took the chair and Stan Fairey read the minutes of the last A.G.M. and gave a concise and realistic report of the Association's activities and position during last year. He gave credit where credit was due, was optimistic about some phases of the Association's affairs, but sounded a warning note over the question of membership. Mr. Fairey pointed out that the number of members was far too low. Although we had a very energetic nucleus of members who could always be relied upon, the total membership was far less than it should be. If we wanted to get anywhere at all we must recruit and substantially raise our numbers.

Mr. Fairey congratulated the Rugger Section on their fine record and paid a tribute to the untiring efforts of Ron Sweeting, who, in his capacity as Secretary, did so much towards putting O.W. Rugger back on its feet.

The season's results were as follows:—

	P	W	L	D
1st XV	22	14	7	1
"A" XV	25	11	11	3
"B" XV	7	3	4	0

The meeting passed unanimously an alteration to the rules which has the effect of electing a Chairman of the Association at each A.G.M. instead of the Committee electing their own at their first meeting. It was explained that the purpose of the new rule was to make the office of Chairman more widely known. Mr. C. Ferne was nominated for the position and was elected unanimously. It was some small reward for his long and devoted service to the Association. The Secretary and the Treasurer, Mr. L. Turtle, were re-elected, and the new committee is N. Lowe, R. St. C. Duncan, D. English, D. Ferne, R. Dicker, P. Shapcott and D. Grant.

The Secretary thanked the old committee for its hard work and wished the new one every success during its year of office. Mr. Spells proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. King for his presence in the Chair, and the meeting broke up with the feeling that although there were not many present, those that were did not intend to let any grass grow under their feet during the year ahead.

It is hoped that the Secretary's words on the subject of membership do not fall on deaf ears. The Association is rapidly getting into its stride after the exigencies of the immediate post-war period, and it has a lot to offer Old Boys

if they will only bestir themselves and join. Club nights at the School every Wednesday are well attended, and during the summer especially there is a lot to interest everybody. The five courts are open and those interested in rowing are invited to use the facilities placed at our disposal by the "Chromo" rowing Club.

If you are not a member of the Association please do something about it. We must flourish if we are to raise £2,000 for the Memorial Fund. Write to the Secretary, Mr. S. H. Fairey, 5, Hillcrest Avenue, Edgware. Telephone No. Edgware 4803.

D. GRANT.

The Wandsworthians Chapter

On the 8th April, 1948, the Consecration of the Wandworthians Chapter, to be attached to the Lodge, took place at Freemasons' Hall. There were sixteen Founders, fourteen of whom are Old Wandsworthians and members of the Wandworthians Lodge. The first Principals of the new Chapter are Mr. Reginald O. Beard, Mr. W. Leslie Norman and Mr. Howard B. Gough, while the duties of Secretary are being undertaken by Mr. P. H. Phillimore, for forty-three years a member of the staff. Early additions are already foreshadowed by several applications received from Old Wandsworthians who are members of the Wandsworthians Lodge and other Lodges, to become members of the Chapter.

The meetings of the Chapter will be held at the Ardington Rooms, Clapham Junction, on the first Fridays in January, March and November. The first meeting, which proved a great success, was held on the 27th May, 1948, when Mr. S. L. Fairey, the present Master of the Wandsworthians Lodge and Secretary of the Old Wandsworthians Association, became the first new member of the Chapter.

Any Old Wandsworthian who is a Freemason may obtain particulars of the Chapter from Mr. P. H. Phillimore, 45, Melrose Avenue, Wimbledon Park, S.W.19.

The Wandsworthians Lodge

It is very gratifying to report that the progress of the Lodge under the Mastership of Mr. S. H. Fairey has been most marked. New members have been admitted at each meeting, others have been accepted for admission at a later date and more applications have been received. Attendances at Lodge meetings have increased, some of our visitors attending almost as regularly as our members. O.W.s, members of other Lodges, are conspicuous among our guests, and they may always be sure of a particularly warm welcome. As the Lodge has become a member of the Federation of School Lodges, it is expected that contacts will be made with members of other School Lodges in the future.

The newly elected Master for 1948-49, who will be installed on Friday, 1st October, 1948, is Mr. R. E. Kilsdy (O.W. 1921—1928).

The Lodge meets at Ardington Rooms, Clapham Junction, on the first Fridays in October (Installation), December, February, May and July. Further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Mr. A. R. Chart-Leigh, 209, Raeburn Avenue, Surbiton, Surrey.

Parents Association

I am very glad to be able to record a year of steady progress and increasing interest in the affairs of the Parents Association between the dates of our Annual General Meetings of May, 1947, and May, 1948. Our meetings, covering a variety of subjects, have proved generally successful and have attracted lively

and interested audiences, particularly in the case of our meeting in February. A large gathering of parents attended, what was a very bold experiment, the bringing together the Parents, the School and the Employers in a discussion on the opportunities for our boys in Industry and the Professions. Thanks to our President, Mr. King, a splendid panel of business executives was gathered together and a most interesting and instructive meeting ensued. This meeting attracted widespread comment in the press and we shall most certainly seek to exploit these possibilities again in the future.

The Social side has also been active and a number of pleasant evenings have been enjoyed, notably our combined Social Whist Drive and Dances in October and March, when the School and the boys contributed a number of splendid "turns" for our entertainment. We are hoping to repeat these Socials again in the coming autumn with even greater success, when I trust we shall be able to stage talent from the parents.

Our Annual General Meeting in May was well attended and response to the appeal for nominations for Council was successful. We are pleased to welcome a number of new members on the Parents Council, so relieving those older councillors who have served the Association so long. These new members have lost no time in taking over their new duties, and we now have an energetic Social Committee actively planning Social Events for the coming months.

Now it is up to all parents to make these events successful. The Council will do its part, but it is to your continued support we look for the results, both in Social Events and the more serious meetings. I again would like to stress that we require active members to make our Parents' Association a "live" body, to make it the link in the chain of Parent, School and Boy, bringing the problems of the parents, the views of the school and the future well-veing of our boys together where they can be discussed in a friendly and helpful atmosphere. I particularly address this appeal to our newer parents, who perhaps have not yet realised the aims and scope of the Parents' Association. I want our present rate of progress accelerated and an **active** membership increased. Will you all ally yourselves to this end?

H. J. Scott.

Names and addresses of members of the Parents' Association for 1948-49:—

Mr. H. J. Scott, 23, Penwith Road, Southfields, S.W.18. Hon. Secretary.
Mr. C. W. Prickett, 19, Southdeane Gardens, Wimbledon, S.W.19. Hon. Treasurer.
Mr. C. F. Line, 26, Lifford Street, Putney, S.W.15. Social Secretary.
Mrs. L. Foot, 17, Fawe Park Road, Putney, S.W.15. Catering Secretary.
Mrs. E. Chafen, 980, Garratt Lane, Tooting, S.W.17.
Mrs. C. L. Dunstall, 131, Elborough Street, Southfields, S.W.18.
Mrs. P. Furlonger, 86, Hotham Road, Putney, S.W.15.
Mrs. W. G. Horner, 98, St. Anne's Hill, Wandsworth, S.W.18.
Mrs. M. Thorpe, 36, Gressenhall Road, Wandsworth, S.W.18.
Mr. R. Burton, 64a, Huntsmoor Road, Wandsworth, S.W.18.
Mr. H. M. Crowther, 90, Bishops Mansions, Bishops Park Road, Fulham, S.W.6.
Mr. G. P. Kitt, 128, St. Anne's Hill, Wandsworth, S.W.18.
Mr. J. J. Miller, 51, Union Grove, Clapham S.W.8.
Mr. H. Nash, 5, Normanhurst Mansions, Vera Road, Fulham, S.W.6.
Mr. B. Mattey, 74, Granville Road, Wandsworth, S.W.18.
Mr. J. Toomer, 22, Grimsby House, East Hill, S.W.18.
Mr. W. J. Whiteman, 19, Trentham Street, Southfields, S.W.18.
Mr. F. W. Spencer, 15, Skeena Hill, Southfields, S.W.18.
Mr. C. F. Ferne, 11, Rossdale Road, Putney, S.W.15. (Representative, Old Wandsworthians.)