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HEADMASTER'S NOTES

The Unveiling of the War Memorial, of which an account appears in this number, gave the School the opportunity to add Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding to the roll of its distinguished visitors. For those of us who vividly remember the searing days of the Battle of Britain, or who have subsequently thrilled to hear the story re-enacted on the wireless, the presence of the Chief of Fighter Command in those fateful days added a distinctive and significant note to the solemn dignity of the occasion. A historical personality, but how human and unassuming! We are indeed grateful for his participation with us in the commemoration ceremony.

And we are grateful, too, to the distinguished Old Boy of the School, Rev. J. A. H. Waddington, Victor of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, who performed the office of dedication. His presence recalled the splendid sermon he preached at the School's Jubilee Service at Wandsworth Parish Church just over three years ago.

I should like to record the admirable way in which the orchestra and choir and the Head Boy, D. R. Horner, performed their parts.

We had considerable difficulty in making contact with relatives of a number of the Old Boys whose names are on the Roll of Honour. So it was a very great satisfaction to me when just before the ceremony the step-father and mother of A. P. Davis, with whom I had failed to get in touch, introduced themselves, having heard of the Unveiling Ceremony through indirect channels. And here I would like to acknowledge the £20 cheque that they handed me on the spot as a contribution to the Wandsworthians Memorial Fund, a most generous gesture.

It was very pleasing too, a short time ago, to receive a cheque for £25 from one of our oldest Old Boys, C. F. Ferne, father of Dennis Ferne, who was with us in the years just before the War, and a grandfather of a two-year-old, whom he hopes to see in due time make the third generation of Fernes in Wandsworth School.

And now a note about our next ceremonial occasion—Speech Day. This will be in the evening on Friday, 17th February, 1950, and the Prizes will be presented by the Chairman of the London County Council, Mr. J. W. Bowen, C.B.E., J.P.

Mr. Bowen has been a Governor of the School for many years and we are proud to have him in his year of high office, as chief guest at the School's most important annual function.

The School offers its welcome to two new Governors this term, Mr. R. E. Callen and Mr. W. C. Freshwater. The latter is particularly interested in boxing, and on the occasion of his first call at the school I was able to invite him to the boxing match that fortunately happened to be taking place the same evening.

School numbers this term are a new high water mark, 520. Indeed we are almost as full now as we can manage, at any rate in the lower half of the School.

In the last issue of The Link, I noted the appointments of Mr. D. B. Mercer, Mr W. H. George and Mr. G. R. Gibson to the permanent staff of the School. We are glad to have them now with us.

But, in addition, right at the end of the summer term, we had to find successors to three other masters at the shortest notice. Mr. Radford obtained a post at St. Austell Grammar School, Cornwall, which suited his desire to take his family to live in a more congenial climate; Mr. Travers was seconded to the O.E.E.C., and Mr. Makin was appointed Master-in-Charge of the Technical Branch, which has now moved from Merton Road to Garratt Lane.

We are grateful to the three masters who came at such short notice to replace them: Mr. A. Lewinnek for mathematics, Mr. S. Wells for French and German, and Mr. L. Fenn for chemistry. We welcome them among us. Mr. L. Fenn, of course, is a brother of the deputy headmaster. He brings the experience of a career in industrial chemistry to the work of the laboratories.

We have never, I believe, had so large a change of staff at one time as we had, with six new masters, in September. We were exceptionally fortunate in the war years and after in the relative stability of our staff as compared with most grammar schools.

Greetings to two other new-comers, Monsieur Doubet, and Herr Häusermann, "assistants" respectively in French and German, who will spend a year at the school.

We said good-bye this term to another loyal servant of School, who has been with us for 14½ years. Miss Osborne was a pupil of the School in the days when it was co-educational, or rather, dual, before the girls were drafted to Mayfield in 1909. She returned "home" in 1935 to take charge of the kitchen. During the evacuation period, she undertook the care of our hostel, Firlands, as Matron and after the war she was appointed by the Londoners' Meal Service to take charge of School dinners.

She knew many generations of boys and was deeply attached to the School. We give her our thanks and our best wishes, and the assurance that she will always be a welcome visitor.

It was a very pleasant and interesting experience for my wife and myself to join the large party, 30 from the School and 30 from the Technical Branch, that spent a summer holiday fortnight in Holland. I hope our reporters have done justice to this tour in these pages.

The second experiment of "A Week in Industry," this year in Sheffield, appears to have been most successful. The Governors are looking forward again to reading the records compiled by the seniors who took part.

The very pleasant Social Evening at which the Parents' Association welcomed its new members, gave the opportunity for a display of fencing, a new School activity promoted by Mr. Levy and Mr. Coate-Bond. It provided for most a novel, for all a spectacular diversion, and merits a longer notice than I can give it here.

As Chairman of the Wandsworthians' Memorial Committee, I wish to express appreciation to the School Dramatic Society for offering to devote the proceeds of the School Play this term to the Memorial Fund.

I trust that parents, Old Boys and friends of the School will come along in unprecedentedly large numbers to see Molière's "Malade Imaginaire"—under the title "The Man who Enjoyed Ill-Health."

The School Swimming Gala offered us the opportunity to pay well-deserved tribute to Mrs. Shapcott in her new capacity of Vice-President of the Parents' Association.

It provided, too, the occasion to present to Broome, the School Swimming Captain, the Challenge Cup which he won at the Putney Town Regatta.

With its new paint and colour scheme, the school, inside and outside, has a most cheerful aspect. It is a real pride and pleasure to receive our visitors in a building which gives them such delight.

The reinstatement of the derelict portions of the School field and the resurfacing of the drive and playgrounds add further to the amenities. We still await the reconditioning of the Upper and Lower Tennis Courts, which will not be long delayed.

School Prefects this term are:—

Head Prefect:

D. R. Horner.

Second Prefect:

I. Maclean.

Full Prefects:

J. S. Haydon (Head Prefect Emeritus), J. C. Grieves, P. H. Scott, J. F. K. Francis, J. A. Dobrowolski, D. G. Fenton, A. B. Cullum, T. D. Dore, K. H. W. Johnson, D. S. Thorpe, D. Richardson, K. W. Bush, D. V. Stacey, W. Lightman, P. J. Whitfield, B. G. Light, P. L. Jenkinson, R. E. Williams.

Sub-Prefects:

R. G. A. Attoe, N. F. Roberts, J. G. Morris, K. R. Broome, J. F. Reed, S. F. Harrison.

AVETE ATQUE VALETE

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

Barrett, J. R.
Bates, P. M.
Beard, A. R. S.
Birch, F. R.
Booth, K. H.
Burr, M. J.
Butler, A. C.
Butler, D. W.
Carney, M. A.
Carr, D. G.
Cassé, C. K.
Colegate, R. B.
Cooper, E. J.
Corkett, K. F.
Craddock, G. T.
Croucher, T. D.
Crutchley, A. G.
Cuffley, W. F.
Deegan, R. F.
Dickson, J.
Donovan, D. J.
Earle, M. H. R.
Eastman, C.
Ehrlich, F. A.
Eldridge, P. T. G.
Evans, D. H.
Fassbender, H. K.
Freeman, D. P.
Gannon, P. H.
Griffin, J. J.
Gritt, T.
Halfin, R. H.
Hoffman, P. M.
Hore, R. S.
Hudson, J.
Hutt, J. J.
Jolly, K. R.
Jones, R. E.
Kaminski, A. J.
Lamb, J. A.
Lambert, R. G.
Lane, B. J.
Laundy, B. A.
Lewis, B. W.
Lightfoot, R. W.
McKitterick, M. G.
Mellish, D. C.
Mills, J. V.
Morrell, M. A.
Mroz, J.
Newey, G. W. S.
Norton, B. V.
O'Neill, T. R. W.
Osborne, R.
Oulds, A. B.
Parker, K. A. C.
Peach, D. A.
Pierce, C. P.
Polson, D. I.
Preston, A. E.
Rawlings, M. J.
Redmond, R. C.
Reeves, J. A.
Regan, C.
Ridgley, B. A.
Roper, F. J.
Rose, R. M.
Rye, F. A.
Skeef, J. S.

Smith, J. B.
Squires, G. P.
Stuart, M. K.
Styles, G. H.
Templeton, A. A.
Thorn, J. E.
Thornton, P. E.
Tickner, J. R.
Triggs, P. E.
Udall, T. R.
Wale, D. M.
Wallis, J. E.
Walsh, A.
Watts, G. A.
Webber, M. J.
Wegener, R. F. C.
White, A. J. W.
Willcocks, B. R.
Williams, G. R.
Willson, J. C.
Wilson, R. J.
Wood, K. D.
Worrall, R.
Wotherspoon, C. S.
Yadgaroff, E. J. A.
Zelos, E. J. M.

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

Airey, J. P.
Barton, J.
Beale, J. E.
Beckett, L. V.
Bradnick, L. J.
Braley, C. C.
Bryant, J. F.
Butler, I. R.
Dodd, C. J.
Eastick, J. H.
Farrelly, P.
Farrelly, J. P.
Foster, E. W.
Gibson, J. P.
Frazer, R. M.
Haberman, G. N.
Harper, D.
Haydon, J. S.
Hayward, K. A.
Helps, H. W.
Hilldrup, R. W.
Hoy, T. S.
Jenkins, D. R.
Knight, E. R.
Len, T.
Mallows, A. J.
Maystone, B.
Metcalf, H. S.
Needham, E. M.
Pirie, A.
Porter, D. M.
Restrick, I. A.
Rodd, D. L.
Roseboom, R. E. A.
Skelton, P. L.
Smith, R. K.
Solman, C. D.
Stokes, T. J.
Tonn, M. A.
Tucker, W. J.
Wardle, J. W.
Whiteman, J. W.
Wilde, A.

HOUSE NOTES

CROMWELL

The high hopes raised by previous successes in Cromwell House have not been realised during the last term. In fact, we have no outstanding achievements to record, for once.

Our worst result was undoubtedly in cricket, where we gained 4th place, without having even won a single point. It is, however, to the credit of our teams that the failure was due, not to lack of enthusiasm—we can always depend on Cromwell for that— but to the lack of any Bradmans in our ranks.

Our confidence in our swimming team was, I am glad to say, not misplaced, and it was only after a very close struggle that Pitt ousted us from first place. We were in the lead right up to almost the last moment, and, as last year, we were ahead in points won in the standards. We gained glory even in defeat.

It is a rather peculiar feature of our House that, when called upon to greater efforts in sporting activities the response is generally satisfactory—yet when we call for an increase in mental effort we are not rewarded by the same eagerness. In fact—let us face it—our Diligence is very bad! Pitt C. has at last been ousted from its leading position—but it was not by a Cromwell set. There is dire need for every boy in Cromwell House to increase his Diligence by at least a 1; let us do away with these non-contributors, these minuses and these 3's. Let us, in the next issue of "The Link" record an overwhelming improvement on the part of all concerned!

Now the rugby season is in full swing, and when this appears in print the fate of the Rugby Shield will already have been decided. Our Seniors should enjoy a successful season under the able leadership of I. Maclean. We look to our Juniors to give them full support.

We have before us, next term, a gruelling series of struggles for the boxing and cross-country trophies.

It is up to every boy to turn out for the boxing. Last year our Seniors had the best entry of all Houses, but our Juniors rather let us down. It seems that our small fry are rather afraid of getting hurt. Let us assure them that they need not fear this. If any fight shows signs of developing into a massacre it is immediately stopped, and even the loser has won a valuable point for his House. Come along you 1st and 2nd Formers, take this opportunity of contributing actively to the success of Cromwell!

We hope, also, that we shall have more people turning out for cross-country training runs this year. Last year the Juniors were particularly slack in this matter, and the Seniors were by no means good. More effort is needed. You have elected **Grieves** as your captain, and it is up to you to support him to the full. Some of you imagine that your job ends with the electing of officials, but this is not so; you must be prepared to back them up. So let us have a good turn-out for evening practices.

I do not think that we need have any concern about the ability of our House to carry the Eisteddfod through to a successful conclusion, and so all that remains is to wish Cromwell *Bonne Chance* for the future.

J.C.G., P.H.S.

GIBBON

In Gibbon House this year we have only one thing to crow about, that is the cricket.

As was forecast in the last edition of The Link, cricket in Gibbon has at last prevailed, and the Cricket Shield, coveted for so long, is now ours. The Junior XI, ably captained by Tilley, is to be congratulated upon the part it played in our success. In previous years our Juniors have been regarded as easy prey by their opponents. Now, however, they have shown themselves as a force to be reckoned with. The Senior team, built round three stalwarts in Dries, Johnson and Mallows, rose magnificently to the occasion, and after disposing of Cromwell and Morley, gained a moral victory over Pitt in an unsatisfactory drawn game. In Dries we had a most positive bowler. The fielding was of a high standard throughout, and Bartlett kept wicket admirably. Not least among the causes of our success was the team spirit, wherein I think we had a definite pull.

The rest is a sad story to relate. We came last in the Swimming Gala, mainly owing to the fact that there is a dearth of good swimmers in the Senior and Middle School to support the excellent swimming of our Juniors. In the Under 14 Class, however, we were outstanding, winning all events except the one length backstroke and plunge. The Junior relay team, of Curme, Winchester, Quested and White, deserves special mention, finishing 13 yds in front of all opposition. White also came first in the breast-stroke and diving.

If Gibbon is to win the Swimming Shield next year we shall need the whole-hearted support of all, and no-one must fail to swim for the House if asked, as happened this year when we were not represented in two events. Everyone who can swim a width of the baths must turn out to get a point in the standards; for if everyone gained the minimum amount of standard points we should win the shield outright without even entering the Gala.

From swimming to diligence. Here again we must complain. This year we seem to be doddering along in about third position. A little of the enthusiasm found in Cricket would not be misplaced.

The Rugby Shield is the next thing to go for. On paper we are not a particularly strong team but I have a strong feeling that under the leadership of Johnson we may bring off a few surprises.

If we fail at Rugby we must not fail at Boxing. We have the good fortune to have a Great Britain Champion, namely Francis as captain. But this Shield will only be won if we can get a much larger entry than last year, about which the less said the better. Here I must especially appeal to the 1st form. The 1st form should, I think, enter the boxing competition en bloc.

It is with regret that we record the departure of Mr. Radford, who has had to move to Cornwall for reasons of health. When Mr. Radford returned to the school, soon after the war, he took over Gibbon, B. from Mr. Phillimore and now he has had to give up this set to Mr. Martin.

Mr. Elms is our new housemaster, in place of Mr. Prior, who has also left, and we hope that Mr. Elms will lead our house to the success and reputation it deserves.

S.H.

MORLEY

For the last few terms the compiler of Morley House Notes has had the dreary task of grumbling at the weakness of the house's efforts and of attempting to put some life into its members.

Now, in this number of " The Link," I find myself about to do the same thing, hoping that my weak words will have more effect than the apparently futile efforts of other seniors before me.

As yet, Morley has failed to win any of the school's recent sporting events. We came third in the Swimming Gala. Now I am certain that we could have gained first or second place if more boys had turned out for standards.

Richards, Forbes, Miller, A., and Totham all distinguished themselves by winning their events, and our under 12½ relay team managed to overcome the other teams. However, the point is that these individual winners are reliable members of the house who can always be depended on to exert themselves for the house, and that the other ninety per cent of the Morley boys are not pulling their weight. It is all very well for them to leave the hard work to others without attempting even to enter for any of the events. If they themselves passed a little more time taking part in sport instead of slacking, we might succeed in winning something. Morley seems to have no shame whatsoever. We just look on while the other houses proudly place their rosettes on the shields in the hall. Are we never to fight back, and change the colour of those rosettes from red, blue, or green, to yellow ?

Morley's position in diligence is not quite the same as it is in sports. In the past we have done moderately well, and from the beginning of this term to the present moment we appear to have been gradually improving. We were top house in the second period, Morley C having succeeded in beating Pitt C, which has held first place for so long. Again, you see, it is an individual effort instead of a general one throughout the house.

We are sorry to lose Mr. Makin, who has recently been appointed headmaster of the School Building Branch. His place as Morley B set-master has been taken by Mr. Coate-Bond.

J. S. Haydon, the school's former head-prefect and Morley's house-prefect, has also left. He has played a prominent part in the life of Morley House, supporting it very vigorously in every way, and we wish him success.

In conclusion, I hope that those boys, especially seniors, who have done little to help Morley in the past, intend to show the school that Morley is still a house to be reckoned with.

B.G.L.

PITT

Is Pitt House awaking from that blissful sleep into which it fell last year ? Perhaps our narrow victory in the Swimming is but a prelude to a revival of that spirit which was Pitt's just after the war. Since the last issue of " The Link," the Cricket as well as the Swimming has been decided. The Cricket results were rather disappointing, the House gaining only second place to Gibbon. In the Swimming the House started badly by coming fourth in the standards. Cromwell came only second in the gala. At least the whole House did pull its weight and try, coming easily first in the standards. But we must congratulate Broome and his team on putting up such a fine show, gaining six first places, seven second places, three third places and three fourths.

In Diligence the House is faring badly. Pitt C, after leading for so long, has rather fallen off, and the whole House has followed. Why are there so many in Pitt content simply to " jog along " and see themselves and their House beaten by others so often ?

But now we have the Rugger Shield struggle, the results of which will have been decided by the time this is published. We have two good teams, capable of showing their mettle.

Next term is a very important one in inter-house competition. Pitt has only done fairly well up to now. There is the Boxing; the Eisteddfod; and the Cross Country. In the Boxing the low number of entries has been the House's real stumbling block. The Gym is open to all on Mondays and Thursdays, and every boy who is physically fit is capable of gaining some valuable points if he does only a little " sparring " with a friend.

In the Eisteddfod, Pitt has come third as regularly as Cromwell has come first, and it is about time we " did " something to those Cromwellites. There is something in the many sections of the competition but in spite of this and the gallant efforts of a pitiful few, our position has remained unaltered. Perhaps our juniors, who predominate in numbers, noise and enthusiasm on the rugger field, could turn their efforts to " culture " and oust the Cromwellites from their position. If our first formers do not know what the Eisteddfod is, they should find out without delay.

We look forward to renewing last year's Cross Country victory. If the House backs up the captains it has elected and turns out to practice when asked, we shall do it. We rely on the Juniors to make up for the senior school.

Perhaps this year the whole House will co-operate, putting its back into its work, in pushing those cocky Cromwellites out of their position at the top, and break what is almost becoming a tradition. It is up to you !

D.V.S.

OLD WANDSWORTHIANS MEMORIAL

Unveiling by Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding.

In its fifty-four year's history, Wandsworth School has seen a variety of important occasions. They stand out in the memories of those who witnessed or took part in them; they live on when the smaller details of our associations with the School are forgotten or dimmed by the passing of the years.

November 11th, 1949, was just such a landmark. The ceremony of unveiling a memorial to those Old Boys of the School who lost their lives in the second world war was an occasion, unique in the real sense of the word, a single historic event in the life of the School that will remain in the minds of all those present by reason of its simple sincerity and inspiration. It was a gathering of the branches of the School family to pay tribute to its members who laid down their lives in the service of their country. It took place in the School Hall on an Autumn evening, the date possessing an honoured significance, and it was fitting that it should be so. The plain bronze wall plaque with its dedication, and bearing the names of the dead, was in position and covered by a Union Jack. In the body of the Hall a large audience of relations and friends, pupils and masters, Old Boys and parents were gathered. On the platform a distinguished company, Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding, whose acceptance of an invitation to unveil the plaque gave universal pleasure, the Headmaster, the Chairman and members of the Governing Body, members of the L.C.C., Wandsworthians Lodge, Officers of the O.W's Association, staff and others. The robes of the Rev. J. A. H. Waddington, M.B.E., vicar of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, himself an Old Boy, provided a splash of colour, as after an Introit by the School Orchestra he rose to pronounce the Bidding. His clear voice gave extra dignity to the simple passages which recorded the purpose of the gathering.

> " We are here assembled to remember before God the Old Boys of the School who gave their lives in the Second World War, and to dedicate a memorial as a perpetual reminder of their heroic self-surrender and as a constant inspiration to us and our successors to see that their sacrifice was not in vain."
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> The company then sang " O God our help in ages past."

The lesson that followed, read with remarkable effect by the Head Boy, D. Horner, was of an aptness that made one wonder if it had not been composed especially. It stirred the emotions and filled the mind.

> " The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, and no torment shall touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died; their departure was accounted to be their hurt, and their going from us to be utter destruction. But they are in peace. There be of them that have left a name behind them to declare their praises. And some there be which have no memorial. But these were men of mercy, whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten. Their glory shall not be blotted out. Their bodies were buried in peace, and their name liveth for evermore."
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> *(Wisdom iii, Ecclesiasticus XLIV).*

The Headmaster then introduced Lord Dowding in the following words :—

" At this Ceremony of Unveiling of the Plaque to commemorate in perpetuity the Old Boys of the School who lost their lives in the Second World War, on behalf of the Governors, Staff, Old Wandsworthians, Parents Association and Wandsworthians Lodge, I wish to record our gratitude to Lord Dowding for his presence on this occasion. In the names of the friends of Wandsworth School, both present and absent,

I want to say what an inspiration the presence of Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding is. In inviting him to perform this ceremony, we were persuaded that we had matched the occasion and the man. We shall record with pride that this Memorial in imperishable bronze was unveiled by the leader of those men, whose exploits were imperishably linked with Britain's Finest Hour.

"We shall draw from Lord Dowding's inspiration and fortitude; many Old Wandsworthians served under him, including some whom we commemorate here; we have come to know him as a leader with a deep bond of sympathy with the men he led. Not only by his historic achievement, but because he manifested in his conspicuous station the highest qualities of both moral and military leadership, we are honoured by his presence here this evening.

"We believe the Memorial could not be more worthily or more memorably unveiled than by Lord Dowding."

Lord Dowding then gave the following address.

"I should like to take two words from what the Headmaster has said, as the keynote of what I have to say, they are: Unbroken fellowship.

"I have been asked to unveil this memorial which you have created for your schoolmates who have lost their lives in the last war. I say 'Last War,' and God grant it may be the last war; but this rests with ourselves.

"I speak first of the lads whose sacrifice we are consecrating to-day. There is a tendency for speakers to talk in hackneyed phrases and clichés, because they feel what they have to say so deeply that they have in self-defence to adopt well-known forms of wording. I want to avoid this and be very simple and direct. There is a tendency to say that these lads were all paladins and heroes, keen to lay down their lives. They were just decent lads, representative of the best this country can produce. If they have any common factor, I think it is the hallmark which this school has put on them. I don't want to be insincere about school days by saying they are the happiest of our lives, —mine certainly were not—but a good school does something for a fellow. It takes him in as an individual and turns him out as a member of a community, ready to consider the welfare of others, to give and not to take. This is a quality which is so necessary in this country to-day in its difficult, I might almost say desperate position. We were in a desperate position in the Battle of Britain, and if we had lost heart and given way in those days we should not be meeting here to-night. The same qualities which brought us through the Battle of Britain—under the hand of God—will bring us out of the present situation. But we must work selflessly and think of others, not ourselves.

"These were young men who answered the call without attempt at evasion. Decent sons of this nation with every kind of character and personality. Their Epitaph has been written by many poets, but I like best the words written by A. E. Houseman:

'Here dead lie we because we did not choose to live
And shame the land from which we had sprung.
Life, to be sure is nothing much to lose;
But young men think it is, and we were young.'

"I like the first part better than the second; there is a suspicion of cynicism if you read it in a certain sense; but it gives the promise of a worthy life, one which can lift humanity one step up the ladder of evolution. All these who died have one thing in common—they made it possible to meet here as free men and women.

"Now I want to say a word on a puzzling subject—I have been bothered about it myself—the ethics of war.

"There is a continuous fight between the powers of light and of darkness, and whenever a war is waged, both sides claim with the utmost conviction, that they are powers of light and the others are the powers of darkness. The question is, how far can it be right for Christians to fight and kill one another. All I can say is that I know from personal experience that the powers of light were supporting us in the dark days.

"The solution I have arrived at is that to take part in a war and fight under orders is not only a pardonable act, but a duty as long as a man is not fighting for himself but as an act of sacrifice for the community. That, I think, is the justification for the soldier.

"I have one very vital thing to say: It is tremendously important how we think of these lads we are commemorating to-day. Do not ever be led by modern philosophers (so called), to think of a man when he dies as being snuffed out like a candle; it is a philosophy of despair, and it is not true. Do not either think of these people as lying unconscious and inert in their graves waiting for a long distant day of judgment. I tell you these lads live and live consciously, and we can help and we can hinder them by our thoughts. The power of thought is tremendous—greater than we think. I say to you that these lads are listening to us now, that they are taking part in this ceremony. Those of you here who are connected by links of family love, to you I say you will meet your boys again, provided you keep bright the links of love. Nothing can separate you except indifference. So when I perform the ceremony, think of the bright company which has been attracted by the business. If you loved them as children, husbands, brothers, send out your love to them now. So will you both confer and receive a blessing."

These words were heard in a deep silence. Every person present, even while listening, was busy with his or her own thoughts. Then at the conclusion of his address Lord Dowding pulled a cord and the Union Jack slowly fell away from the plaque.

The Headmaster paid his tribute.

"The School is a family, and here we have representatives of all generations which have passed through the School in its fifty-four years. This occasion gives an opportunity for the relatives of these boys to realise how deeply their personal loss and sorrow has been shared by the great family of which their boy was a member. It is not the unavailing sympathy of the casual acquaintance. They were intimately known by boys and masters. In a real sense the School is a family: the School cares for its boys deeply; it estimates its work and its worth by that very quality of human relations. I want you all to feel that as the School is such a family, so our sympathy can cheer and comfort and heal.

"Also I want you to bear in mind where this Memorial is placed. Here it is in the centre of the school's life; not in a remote chapel; not only is it a memorial to the dead, but also a mentor to the living. Thus it will serve its purpose, that the present generation and many generations to come may have a constant and ever present reminder, even though it gives no sharp personal pang to boys now in the school.

"We shall continue to look at this Memorial and remember,
two school captains;
an able scholar who achieved distinction at Cambridge;
a Great Britain School Boxing Champion;
one of the school's most successful sprinters;
a boy who had an amazing maturity in debate and
another who was an inspired and inspiring actor,
and one of those rare boys with an all-round gift in all fields.

But this memorial will stand when the personalities are forgotten, as a symbol of duty nobly done, commemorating all who kept faith. It will be a tacit and eloquent witness to those who shunned no sacrifice in defence of what they believed, to preserve the

heritage they received from their fathers; equal justice, democracy, a way of life rooted in the Christian tradition. But as for the future generations, I hope they never again will be called upon to make the sacrifice. However, the battle for liberty is never won. In this little world we call School, there is need for faithfulness in little things.

"This greathearted comradeship can inspire us to live our lives in and out of School more nobly, and I would like to think that this memorial was continually and tacitly reinforcing the school's manifold and varied purposes. We do trust with Lord Dowding, and we do hope we shall receive inspiration from this occasion to use our energies and opportunities to advance a new spirit in human relations and a basis for new rules for the human society.

"That is a vision above the clouds of sorrow which we should fix our eyes upon. May it be said these were the forerunners of a nobler race than ere the world hath known, which shall rise with the flame of freedom in their souls and the light of knowledge in their eyes.

"That is my message for this occasion; a message of hope, of comfort and good cheer from the School here assembled in all its generations, and looking ahead to boys who will pass through. They will be inspired by this Memorial to live better and worthier lives."

Facing the plaque, Mr. King then slowly read the names inscribed there and finished with Binyon's famous lines,

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn;
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them

The Reverend Waddington pronounced prayers For the Fallen, for the Mourners and for ourselves, the Lord's Prayer was followed by the singing of 'O Valiant Hearts,' and the ceremony concluded with the blessing. It had lasted little longer than an hour and it covered a period of ten years from peace to war and back again to peace. The audience left the Hall; the words spoken will be forgotten, but their message and inspiration is embodied in the plaque that remains. A simple but worthy commemoration of a grand company.

1939-1945

To the greathearted comradeship of those that served and died this tablet is dedicated in perpetual tribute from their own generation and all that shall come after.

Ashby, R. F.
Askey, R. V.
Booth, K.
Booth, P. G. N.
Briffett, L. H.
Brittain, P. F.
Brown, J. E.
Bull, P. E.
Champion, R. L.
Cole, M. R.
Coleman, C. L.
Cooper, W. C.
Davis, A. P.
Dorsett, R. A.
Dukes-Smith, H. F.
East, O. R.
Evans, G. A.
Felgate, A. C.
Gentry, M. M.
Gibbons, D.
Gibbs, S. W. A.
Gill, C. F.
Grady, D
Hammond, R. A. C.
Jones, E. D.
Josey, D. A.
King. D. M. R.
Lander, J.
Letbe, T. J.
Matthews, L. S.
McNab, I. A.
Medland, G. G.
Morsman, J. M.
Ormsby, W. H.
Oswald, J. C.
Stewardson, F. W.
Pepper, G. W. V.
Pettitt, E. C.
Plested, J. G.
Richards, J.
Richardson, G.
Roberts, C. M.
Roche, R. E.
Rowe, G. W.
Scott, J. A.
Setti, R. O.
Shapcott, J.
Shaw, F. P. K.
Sutton, A. G.
Telford, T.
Thomas, R. H.
Walley, P. K.
West, R. D.
Williams, C. H.

MR. H. G. RADFORD

At the end of the Summer term we said farewell to Mr. Radford who for personal and family reasons decided to leave London. He is now living at St. Austell in Cornwall and has taken up an appointment at St. Austell's School.

Mr. Radford came to this School originally in 1935 as Senior Mathematics Master. He had had a distiguished career at The University College, Nottingham, and several years' experience of teaching in Birmingham.

Mr. Radford immediately made his mark at Wandsworth not only in the class room but by the enthusiasm with which he threw himself into many school activities, some of which he originated. Present boys will remember him as the keen organiser and instructor of the Chess Club, but boys of the pre-war generation will especially remember the very successful camps which he organised both in this country and in Ireland during successive summer holidays. He was a keen cricketer, and took charge of this activity at one time as well as assisting with Rugger and with Athletics.

Parents, too, will remember him for the active part he played in co-operation with the Parents' Association, especially in the arranging of their social functions. He has been closely concerned with the Old Boys in the organisation of their Fêtes.

During the War Mr. Radford had a distinguished career, served in the Royal Signals, the Royal Field Artillery, and ended up with the rank of Major in the Army Education Corps in India.

Mr. Radford was deservedly popular with his colleagues, with his House (Gibbon House) and with his pupils past and present. We heartily wish him, his wife and his family all happiness and health in their new abode.

J.A.

A WEEK IN INDUSTRY

Under the charge of Messrs. Makin, Keyte and Robilliard, a party of 30 boys from the fifth and sixth forms of Wandsworth School spent eight days in Sheffield at the end of the summer term. They visited several important steelworks and saw steel produced in all its forms. They also visited the East Birley Colliery, near Sheffield, where they spent the morning underground, greatly enjoying changing into miner's kit, following the coal seam on the level, up-fault and down-fault, and trying to master the system of ventilation. They were somewhat alarmed when the cage suddenly rocketed them down the shaft; also when they appeared to be returning to the surface as the cage approached the pit bottom.

The party was housed at Crewe Hall, the University Hostel, and here they were able to play fives, squash and tennis in their free time. The first day was spent at the works of the Park Gate Iron and Steel Company at Rotherham, where they saw blast furnaces being topped and the latest oil-fired open-hearth furnaces in operation. Another day was spent at Firth & Brown's Works in Sheffield, where they saw high-grade steel being made, both by the electric arc and induction processes; also many large scale forgings taking place.

Messrs. Hadfields was also visited, where they saw Bessemer Crucibles in operation, more open-hearth furnaces and the casting of locomotive driving-wheels, dredger buckets and L.C.C. tramway points. Other works visited were Messrs. Walker & Hall (cutlery and plate), Champion (scissors), Peter Stubbs (old crucible method for producing high-speed steel and now obsolescent), and Habershon & Sons (rolling mills). At every visit the party was accompanied by guide-technicians, who explained each process and answered questions, or tried to!

Sheffield has a five-day working week, and so the Saturday of the visit was spent visiting by motor coach the countryside around Sheffield. The well-known Ladybower Reservoir, opened three years ago, was visited, and its machinery inspected, the party being shown round by the resident engineer. A stop was also made later at the Blue John Mine, and there is no doubt that the steep, slippery descent into the bowels of the earth, the pendulous stalactites glistening in the candle-light, the giant fissures and water erosion holes will long remain in the minds of the boys.

On Sunday the majority attended morning service either at the Cathedral or other place of worship, whilst in the afternoon—a rather wet one—Mr. E. Roberts, of the Iron and Steel Trades Federation, gave an interesting address on his recent visit to Russia and its Sheffield, viz., Magnitogorsk. This was very popular, and the speaker was bombarded with questions at the end.

On the last day, prior to returning to London on the afternoon train, the party was received by the Lord Mayor at the Town Hall, where greetings were exchanged and light refreshments nimbly disposed of. Then followed a quick visit to the Cutler's Hall, lunch at the hostel, and the return to London.

The project was a great success, the boys getting a valuable insight into steelmaking, coal mining, local geography and geology, and conditions of work and life in Sheffield, typical of North Country manufacturing towns. But, above all, they were impressed by the prevailing atmosphere of friendliness; wherever they went they were greeted warmly and made to feel at home. Workman and foreman, manager and director, all contributed to create that air of welcome which meant so much to the success of the project.

J.M.

HANSARD SOCIETY'S YOUTH CONFERENCE

Twenty-four boys from Forms Va and VIe con., accompanied by Mr. W. E. Payne, attended the Hansard Society's Annual Youth Conference at the Central Hall, Westminster, on October 17th last.

Together with 3,000 other young people, we heard impressions from four public men on how Parliament affected their work and lives. These four speakers were the Head of the Civil Service, Sir Edward Bridges, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., M.C., the President of the Federation of British Industries, Sir Robert Sinclair, K.C.B., K.B.E., the Vice-Chairman of the Trades Union Congress, Sir William Lawther, and the Bishop of Chelmsford, Dr. H. A. Wilson. After the talks we had the opportunity of asking these four speakers various questions.

Then after the lunch interval the audience were able to ask questions to a very distinguished Brains Trust, consisting of two Members of the House of Lords, Lord Chorley (Labour) and Lord Moynihan (Liberal), and three Members of the House of Commons, Kenneth Lindsay (Independent), Eric Fletcher (Labour) and Allan Noble (Tory), with Commander Stephen King-Hall as Question Master. Among the topics of questions asked were: The Communist Purge in the Civil Service, the lowering of the Franchise Age, and Proportional Representation.

We were very lucky indeed to be able to hear the opinions of such distinguished men.

R. W. HARRINGTON, Va.

SCHOOL EXCURSION TO HOLLAND

The School party, which consisted of members of the School and Building Branch, left England on Monday, 25th July, for Holland via Fenchurch Street Station and Tilbury. There was accommodation for all on the boat for the night trip, but as it was very hot between decks many of the party had a sleepless night.

When we arrived in Rotterdam we were not bothered by the Customs, and were soon in the two coaches which took us to our first camp, the " De Woeste Hoogte." On arrival we did not have a very good impression of the camp as it was in a huge wood and about 4 kms. from the main road. One boy aptly asked a Dutch girl " Which is the way to the nearest civilisation ?" This impression did not last long, as we quickly made friends with the Dutch, who were very sociable, and enjoyed ourselves immensely.

During the day boys would split up into parties and go to Arnhem, Apeldoorn or any other nearby town. As the weather was good, trips were made to the swimming bath at Beek-Bergen, and rambling in the surrounding woods was frequent. During the evening, after supper, nearly all would go into the combined lounge and canteen and play various indoor games.

On Friday, 29th, we toured Amsterdam by the many canals, and from there proceeded to Amsterdam Airport, which we were shown over, and then on to Volendam, where the price of things was two or three times that charged in any mainland shop.

On Sunday evening we had a pleasant farewell concert, and on the morning said good-bye to the " Woeste Hoogte " and our numerous Dutch friends. On the whole we found the food and sleeping under canvas enjoyable. The coaches arrived and we made our way to our next camp, the " De Wildwal."

Our pocket money was now sadly depleted, and some members of the party found themselves financially embarrassed, and had to resort to cadging Mars bars, lemonade, etc., from their wealthy comrades.

On August 4th we went on an excursion to Arnhem, Nijmegen and the War-Graves at Oosterbeck. At the former we were struck rather forcibly by the Dutch sense of humour when they drenched us at a spring, doubling up with laughter as they did so. At Oosterbeck we were all impressed and touched to see, here and there among the beautifully kept graves, many marked " Unknown." Each grave had been adopted by some Dutch child of the surrounding villages.

The day before leaving a scratch game of rugby was played against a Hilversum team. The English team, many of whom had never had a previous game, could not hold the fast-moving Dutch, who had the advantage of having played together before, being heavier and much older. We did well to lose by only 14 points to 3, our try being scored by Jenkinson, the captain.

The next morning we left the country, after having spent, on the whole, a most enjoyable holiday. Our thanks must go to Messrs. Jeal, Guttridge and Dorman of the Building Branch for organising the trip, and also to Mr. and Mrs. King and Mr. and Mrs. Pettit, all of whom were fine companions.

G. Whitfield, Vc.
P. J. WHITFIELD, L. VI. Sc.

EXTRACT

from a letter from Dr. Kankan, Birla Vidyamandir, Naini Tal, India, October, 7th, 1949:—

Almost all the Ministers of the Provincial and Central Government, including the Premier, have been to our school several times during this session, and I have to entertain them privately as well as officially.

I think you will like to know a little more about the school. It is an estate of 64 acres situated on the top of one of the Hymalayan mountains, and we can see the eternal snows of some of the higher peaks from our windows, so it is very quiet. We are 8,000 ft. above sea level and reputed to be the highest school in the world. About two miles below us there is a small town somewhat like Zurich. It is built around a lake where we often go boating. It was orginally a town built by the British where they might escape the heat of the plains during the summer. The climate is very similar to that of England, but we get much more sun, which makes it warm in the day and then cold at night. It is a very healthy spot.

There are 225 boys and the same number on the waiting list. We have boys from all over India and even from Malaya. Most of them are sons or wards of extremely wealthy parents and many the sons of Ministers of the Government. Their standard of smartness has gone up considerably since my coming and they may now be judged to be the best turned-out boys in India. This is the only Institution of its kind in India, and, being under the patronage of the Premier, every big person wants to send his son here. We have a swimming pool, and recently had an Aquatic Sports in the lake, the first of its kind here. It was cinephotographed and is on show in India at the present moment.

We had many photographs taken during our Open Week, of various notabilities, and I will send some of these shortly.

I was very pleased to receive the copy of The Link, and will be pleased if you could let me know more about the School at your convenience.

Another feature of the place is that it backs on to a dense jungle several miles in area, where there is no dearth of wild fowl, leopards, bears, tigers, wild elephants, etc.! I have shot several fowls for my wife and have also bagged a tiger within our own compound. This particular tiger had accounted for the dogs of many of our staff, even snatching one out of the kitchen of one of our staff.

CHARLES THE KING

On Friday, the thirtieth of September, Form IVa went to see " Charles the King " at Toynbee Hall. Produced by the author, Maurice Colbourne, the play was acted by students from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. It portrayed the part of Charles I's reign in which his downfall came about.

The play opens with the Puritans being persecuted by Archbishop Laud, who is working for the King. It is here that Cromwell is introduced. He has been noted by the Archbishop's secretary for being contemptuous of Laud, and, on being asked his name, spells it very slowly and deliberately, full of venom, so that you know he is to play an important part in the plot. For the next part of the play, however, he drops completely out, but in the dialogue he is much mentioned.

This part shows the bringing of word to the King, in the form of the Scottish Covenant, that the Scots will not accept his Prayer Book. Laud persuades the King, in a meeting of the Privy Council, to impose the Prayer Book by force, and so he decides to attack Scotland, using the Irish " savages " as an army, under Viscount Wentworth. However, the King confides in his beautiful French wife, Henrietta Maria, who, in turn, confides in her lady-in-waiting, the Countess of Carlisle, who is a spy for Parliament. She turned spy against the King, because he had signed the death warrant of Viscount Wentworth, whom she had liked more than a little.

When Parliament get the news of the proposed attack on Scotland they join forces with the Scots, and so the King is defeated.

From here the King is fighting a losing battle, and when the crowd attacks the Palace, threatening to raze it to the ground if the King does not sign Wentworth's death warrant, the Queen, afraid for her children, persuades him to do so. The Queen by now is becoming more and more unpopular, and soon she escapes to France with the aid of Dr. Harvey, Court Physician, leaving a promise to send men and arms to help her husband.

The King, now left alone, leaves London because it is " too hot " for him. However, he is lured back under pretence of a conference, and is captured and imprisoned in Hurst Castle. When he is brought back to London he is tried, found guilty of treason, and is duly executed.

From this synopsis we can see quite a few points. One thing is outstanding. That is that the writer is definitely in favour of the King. In the play, whenever the King does something wrong, it is usually not his fault, and an excuse is provided. For example, when he has to fight the Scots, it is only because Laud and Wentworth persuaded him. Also, when Wentworth is executed (much against the King's will) the King is on the horns of a dilemma, and when his wife spurns him, saying that he cares more for a friend than his wife and family, he is forced to sign the death warrant. And, finally, when he is defeated, it is only because his wife fails to keep her promise in sending him troops from France.

In the play, when Charles is tried, he is not allowed to have his say, and as soon as he starts to speak he is shouted down and spat upon. By the end of the play I was quite sorry for poor Charles, and if this was the effect desired by Maurice Colbourne he has been entirely successful.

Another point. Although Cromwell was in fact the main person during the Civil Wars, in the play he hardly ever came on the stage, except in the trial scene, and others closely connected with it. This struck me as being peculiar, even though he was always " in the air," so to speak. We did not even know at what stage he became general of the Parliamentarian Army, and no reference at all was made to the New Model Army.

One more strange thing. During the whole period which the play covered—approximately twelve years—the costumes did not change! I should think one would get tired of wearing the same dress or suit for twelve years!

Apart from the fact that the cast was rather large, and so, difficult to follow (forty-six characters in all), I could not find much fault with the play, and, on the whole, I thought it was very well put over.

C. B. GOSDEN, IVa.

WHEN CHRIST WAS BORN

When Christ was born on Christmas Day,
Three Wise Men came to see Him;
They brought Him presents as you know,
Then they knelt down before Him.

Some Shepherds too, had heard of Him,
And they too came to see Him;
They left their sheep and lambs alone,
In order that they'd praise Him.

King Herod heard of Him also,
And tried his best to kill Him,
But Joseph, warned by God above,
Escaped to Egypt with Him.

A. E. WRIGGLESWORTH, 3a.

SWANS AT CHELSEA EMBANKMENT

Why do you noble birds assemble here,
To gaze at me with bright expectant eye?
What made you leave your pretty Thameside weir,
And journey through the darkling winter sky?

You watchful pair, with sturdy cygnets four,
Did journey here from Egham's pleasant meads.
I think that I have seen you once before,
Reposing near a bulky nest of reeds.

Surely, that bird thrusting with eager bill,
At Richmond, once, I saw sweep to attack,
And bring to bay a bird he meant to kill,
By seizing snowy feathers on its back.

I saw them fighting fiercely, breast to breast,
Intertwining necks, intent on slaughter.
Two strong wings beating flail-like at each chest,
Swarthy webbed feet treading in the water.

At Petersham I saw yon massive bird,
Plying with forceful strokes, his strong webbed feet.
On murder bent, a savage temper stirred,
He drove unmated swans to swift retreat.

Is food so scarce, you now together band,
Tyrant and craven both, with tilted head,
To closely watch the gestures of the hand,
Ready to surge and seize the scattered bread?

So hunger now has turned you from your lusts.
But bread I have not here; this to my sorrow.
I'll not forget to put aside my crusts,
And bring them here to give to you to-morrow.

B. CLAPTON, Vc.

O. W. NOTES

During the six months since the activities of the Association were last recorded in the pages of The Link much has occurred to give satisfaction to those who have the affairs of the O.W.'s at heart.

Firstly, on Friday, 11th November, the Memorial Plaque in the School Hall was unveiled by Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding in the presence of a large audience. This marked the fulfilment of the first object of the Memorial Appeal, and if we step up our efforts it should not be too long before we can consider ways and means of implementing the other half of the Memorial plan. An account of the ceremony appears elsewhere in this issue.

Secondly, the Summer Programme of fetes and dances was carried through successfully despite the usual monsoon on O.W's. Fete Day. The deluge did not, however, prevent us from making a substantial profit, and the large crowds who attended from enjoying the fun.

It is becoming increasingly obvious that the Association is making rapid strides in obtaining the expansion of membership which is so essential if it is to flourish. The facilities on Wednesday nights are being used to an increasing extent, and if we keep it up we'll soon be back to pre-war strength.

Our Winter Programme is now well under way. The Rugger Section is in the happy position of being able to field three teams this season, which is an increase of one team over a year ago, and a further sign of the growing strength of the Association. After what can only be described as an extremely successful season during 1948/1949, our efforts so far have not met with similar success. However, bad luck has contributed its quota and we have great hopes that by the season's end we shall not be too far behind the record of last year. The Section held its Annual General Meeting on 7th September and officers were elected as follows:—

Capt. 1st Fifteen :	D. Finch.
Vice-Capt. :	K. Dore.
Capt. " A " Fifteen :	L. J. Turtle.
Capt. " B " Fifteen :	R. St. C. Duncan.
Secretary :	S. R. Shapcott.

The first dance of the winter series was held at Stanley's Restaurant, Clapham Junction, S.W.11, on 15th October and had the largest attendance for many years. The rest of the programme is as follows :—

Dance at Stanley's Restaurant, 17th December, 1949.

Dance and Whist Drive at the School, 28th January, 1950.

Dance at Stanley's Restaurant, 18th February, 1950.

Dance and Whist Drive at the School, 25th March, 1950.

TIT-BITS

The Secretary has threatened to resign because someone else spoke at a Committee meeting.

Is Mr. Ferne any relation to Brenden Bracken ?

It is not True that the shallow depressions that pit the Rugger field are caused by Reg. Finch falling over on a wet day.

For meritorious services at the Old Boys' dances Cyril Blazey has been awarded the M.C.

Don Grant has decided to resume his Rugger career. His boots will be launched from Clydeside next month.

S. R. Shapcott finds his touch-line duties no joke; leg-pulling is getting him down.

Who is going to break the news to Ron Duncan that however long he plays Rugger he won't get a pension ?

Has Norman Lowe gone to Italy to study opera ?

Les Turtle objected to the fact that a recent misprint, instead of describing him as the " A " skipper described him as " a kipper."

It has been suggested that in future the Rugger fifteens wash in the beer at the " White Hart " and drink the bath water.

WANDSWORTHIANS LODGE

Mr. Francis R. Chaplain (O.W. 1908-1910) was installed as 17th Master of the Lodge on 7th October, 1949. He has a busy year ahead. By the time these notes appear, two former Morley O.Ws. should have been initiated and two more O.Ws. (one at School 1923-27 and the other 1926-30) accepted. More applications for membership await consideration.

Our highly successful " Ladies Night " is to be held on 22nd April, 1950, at Ardington Rooms. O.Ws. who wish to attend this re-union & dinner-dance are requested to apply early for tickets.

The Lodge will meet during 1950 at Ardington Rooms, Clapham Junction, on the first Fridays in February, May, July, October and December. Further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, The Wandsworthians Lodge, 209 Raeburn Avenue, Surbiton, Surrey.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Captain: D. R. Horner.

Vice-Captain: I. Maclean. *Hon. Secretary:* J. G. Morris.

Colours — 1948-49.

Re-awards :— Horner, Maclean, Jenkinson.

New :— Berry, Richardson.

Half-Col. :—Johnson, Hildrup, Gage, Smith R. K., Clements, Morris, Dore, Harper, Len T.

v Surbiton (home).—Won 19-3.

The school pack played with real devil, combining well in the loose and giving a good service to the backs. The first try was scored by Smith as a result of a forward rush. The other tries came from three-quarter movements, Line, Johnson, Horner and Dries scoring. Line converted twice.

v Purley (away)—Lost 6-14.

This was the first time since the war that we had crossed Purley's line. The home team was much heavier and more experienced. They scored 8 points before Maclean replied by picking up a loose ball on the half-way line and crossing in the corner. We then drew up to 8-6 when Morris followed up a kick ahead and scored in the corner. For the next 15 minutes we besieged the Purley line but then they broke away twice to score near the end.

v Whitgift (away).—Lost 0-27.

The opening minutes gave no sign of the disaster that was to follow, but the whole team suddenly seemed to break down and Whitgift indulged in an orgy of scoring. The forwards were unable to prevent break-throughs in the line-outs or forward rushes, although honours were even in the set scrums.

v Bec (home).—Won 19-3.

For the visit of our old rivals we were without our captain. The team began as though it intended to wipe out the memory of the previous week. The pack gave the three-quarters a very good service and after a short while Johnson sent Dries over. Then Dore scored from a line-out and Maclean completed the first-half scoring. Bec began after the interval with a fierce offensive and for a time penned us in our own 25, but failed to score. The school recovered with some three-quarter movements and Morris scored twice, the first as a result of a punt ahead, the second from Johnson's opening. Line converted twice. Bec scored from a penalty.

This match was notable for the large number of spectators.

v Brockley (away).—Won 23-3.

We were set to play up the slope and the first half became a rather scrappy forward struggle. Three-quarter movements were scarce, although Brockley had their chances. Richardson and Attoe both had tries disallowed. In the second half we set up a continuous assault on the Brockley line. The three-quarters, prompted by Jenkinson's leadership of the pack, ran hard and straight. This soon brought rewards with tries by Maclean (2), Morris (2) and Haydon. Line converted four tries, all from difficult angles.

v Surbiton (away).—Drew 6-6.

The game began in a downpour on a water-logged pitch and soon resolved itself into a contest between two evenly matched packs. The three-quarters saw very little of the ball, which was very difficult to handle, but their general defence, especially tackling, was good. Surbiton scored first with a penalty goal. Richardson replied close on half-time, when, after a dribble by Scott, he threw himself over the line. The second half continued in the same strain with 'much binding in the marsh.' We then went ahead by Line's penalty goal. Thereafter, neither side looked like scoring until a kick for touch went into the hands of the Surbiton winger, who promptly made use of this gift to score in the corner. Our captain, Horner, was still absent.

For the first time since the war the school team has been composed largely of VI formers, the average age being 17·2 as against 16·6 last year. Apart from the unfortunate Whitgift game the team has lived up to expectations. The forwards, apart from an inability to heel from set scrums, have played well. However, it is to the back division that our success is largely due. They have scored most of the tries and usually have been strong in defence—our line has not been crossed at home. Line has kicked very well, converting one penalty and eight tries. This year's team is the strongest for several seasons and deserves much more support from the school.

The following boys have played for the first XV :—

Munton; Attoe, Morris, Horner, Maclean, Dries; Johnson, Line; Jenkinson, Dore, Haydon, Smith, Harper, Richardson, Chafen, Scott, Krasnodebski; Totham, Clark.

2nd XV

November 24th. v Surbiton—cancelled.

October 1st. v Purley (home).—Lost 0-14.

The school played fairly well against a heavier and superior pack. Consequently the three-quarters saw little of the ball, but held their opposite numbers quite well.

October 8th. v Tiffin—cancelled.

October 15th. v Whitgift Middle (home).—Lost 0-8.

The forwards played a little better, but unfortunately Whitgift Middle had the better three-quarters and used them to advantage.

October 22nd. v Bec (away).—Won 20-8.

This is our only win so far, and was largely the result of an improved pack feeding their three-quarters. Bec scored first, but Wandsworth fought back with tries by Brookes and Miller, both converted by Brookes. In the second-half Wandsworth slacked a little and Bec scored and converted a further try. This however put more spirit into the Wandsworth attack, and Brookes converted further tries by Evans and Dobrowolski.

October 29th. v Brockley (home).—Lost 3-22.

Wandsworth faced a pack far superior in weight and skill, and three-quarters who used the gaps left in the school defence. Dodimead scored for Wandsworth.

November 5th. v Surbiton (home).—Lost 3-33.

Dodimead, Lawrence, Blackett and Payne failed to turn up for the match.

S.H.

COLTS

Captain: A. J. Carr.

Vice-Captain: M. P. Stainton. *Hon. Secretary:* J. D. Coppack.

v Surbiton (home).—Lost 5-12.

A very even game notable for good three-quarter play.

v Purley (away).—Lost 0-27.

Our opponents were a much heavier side, but the school was unlucky to lose by such a large margin, having held Purley for the first half when neither side scored.

v Whitgift Middle (home).—Lost 11-14.

A keenly fought game, the score at half-time being 11-3 in the school's favour. Whitgift's superior weight told in the second half.

v Bec (away).—Lost 3-14.

A good open game. Following a good movement amongst the three-quarters, Stear scored the school's only try.

v Brockley (home).—Won 6-5.

A hard-fought game in which the forwards played well. Amer scored a well-deserved try and Stear kicked a penalty goal from a difficult angle.

v Surbiton (away).—Lost 0-24.

Wandsworth weakened by the absence of several players could not hold a strong Surbiton side.

The following boys have played for the Colt XV :—

Elsam, Toomer, Stear, Amer, Cockburn, Nelson, Cracknell, Bourton, Carr, Stainton, Miller A., Tilley, Bellerby Burton, York, Nesbitt, Ryan, Coppack, Livingstone, Oliver, Slade, Harvey, Brookes.

J.D.P.

JUNIOR XV

Captain: D. Cracknell.

Vice-Captain: J. W. Tilley. *Hon. Secretary:* R. Prangnell.

The Juniors have not had a very successful season so far, but they have done well to hold heavier teams.

v Whitgift Middle—Lost 5-9.

A hard-fought game in which the school played well against heavier forwards.

v Bec—Lost 3-6.

A very close game as the score suggests. The forwards played well but, against a heavier scrum, were not able to give the school three-quarters much of the ball.

v Brockley—Draw 3-3.

The school should have won this match as the opponents were beaten in most of the scrums. Unfortunately, the school started shabbily and allowed Brockley to drop a goal early in the first half and were unable to cross Brockley's line more than once.

v Surbiton—Won 16-9.

Surbiton led at half-time 0-9, but in the second half with the slope in our favour, the school attacked strongly and tries soon followed.

The following boys have played for the Juniors:—

Gingell, Hennessey, Herbert, Wrigglesworth, Harding, Cracknell, Prangnell, Howell, Tilley, Winters, Doeser, Holder, Kennedy, Harvey, Nye, Bicknell, Granfield, Forbes, Benham.

R.P.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Captain: Maclean, I.

Vice-Captain: Morrison. *Hon. Secretary:* Maclean, D.

The season 1948-49 was one of the most disastrous since the war, both by reason of the low standard of performance and the complete lack of interest. The first reason was quite beyond our control; every sport has its good and bad years. Far more serious, however, was the appalling lack of enthusiasm, not only in the school but in the team. For the Highgate Harriers Inter-Schools Race, only three of the team condescended to turn up. Consequently, we could not close in, for a full team numbers eight with four to score. For the Ranelagh Inter-Schools Race we actually managed to prevail upon the team to turn up in time. In fact the only time when all the boys turned up was in the match v Tiffins, which was held in school time (The moral is obvious).

Season 1948-49 results :

Oct. 30. v Ranelagh Harriers at Petersham, beaten. Maclean, D. was second.

Nov. 9. Junior match v Tiffins and Raynes Park—Second place; Maclean, D., 4th; Hardy, 5th.

Dec. 5. Highgate Harriers Inter-Schools Race—Failed to close in.

Jan. 22. v Raynes Park. Senior—2nd; Maclean and Grieves tied 3rd. Junior—1st; Morrison and Hardy tied for 1st place.

Feb. 19. Ranelagh Harriers Inter-Schools Race—22nd out of 22 teams. Grieves 67th was the first school runner home.

Mar. 5. Judge Cup. Senior—8th out of 8 teams. Maclean D. 25th. Junior—4th; Reed 5th, D'Archambaud 16th.

Mar. 19. South London Harriers—14th out of 22 teams; Maclean D. 41st.

Mar. 30. Surbiton and Raynes Park—Senior 3rd; Maclean D. 10th. Junior—1st; Reed and Price tied 1st.

The Inter-House Cross Country Race took place on April 6th and attracted a very large attendance, especially in the junior section. As last year, the course began from Roehampton Vale, but was slightly longer.

The Senior Race was won by Cromwell with 51 points. Grieves was the individual winner in 22 minutes 4 seconds.

Full results : Cromwell, 51 points; Pitt, 63 points; Morley, 85 points; Gibbon, 125 points.

The first six individual positions were : Grieves (C); Skelton (M); Maclean D. (C) Hilldrup (M); Jenkinson (P); Morrison (P).

The Junior Race was won by Pitt with 39 points. d'Archambaud was the individual winner in 17 minutes.

Full results : Pitt, 39 points; Gibbon, 63 points; Cromwell, 95 points; Morley, 120 points.

The first six individual positions were : d'Archambaud (P); Vary (P); Mortimer (P); Oulds (C); Patterson (G); Cracknell (P).

Thus Pitt won the Coronation Shield with Cromwell 2nd, Gibbon 3rd, Morley 4th.

Season 1949-50 results :

Oct 15. v Ranelagh Harriers, beaten. Maclean D. 3rd.

Oct. 31. v Wandsworth Building Branch, won. Oulds 1st, Patterson 2nd.

Nov. 5. v Belgrave Harriers, beaten. Maclean D. 3rd.

I.M.



ELEPHANT **M. B. HACK, IV c**

CHESS CLUB

Captain: J. Dobrowolski. *Vice-Captain and Hon. Secretary:* R. Williams.

It is with great regret that we had to part with Mr. Radford, who left us at the end of the summer term. Mr. Radford was in charge of the Chess Club for the last few years, and it is his achievement that it is now such a flourishing society. All boys who belonged to the Chess Club last year will know how much we owe him.

Dr. Solomon has now taken over Mr. Radford's place. He is ably assisted by Mr. Mercer, whom we are very glad to welcome. Under their guidance we hope this season will prove to be just as successful as last year's.

Although we have a large number of new members from the first and second forms, we don't seem to get much support from the middle school.

During the first two or three meetings the attendance was very good indeed; there were hardly enough chess sets to go round. But even after this burst of enthusiasm we still managed to draw quite a large number of boys, despite all the various other school activities.

This term we have started a senior and a junior chess league. Both leagues are divided into two equally strong divisions, each containing about 9 boys. The games are well under way, but there are still many boys who have played less than half their total number of games. The three best players in each division will play in a final league.

The large number of new boys made a beginners' class necessary. We are very grateful to Dr. Solomon and Mr. Mercer for arranging the lectures. Their importance must not be underestimated, for these boys will have to represent the School in future inter-school chess matches.

The School chess team has shown quite good form this term. So far we have played 8 matches, of which we have won 5, drawn 1 and lost 2. The fixtures were as follows:—

Oct. 5. v Old Boys.
The School won by $6\frac{1}{2}$ boards to $1\frac{1}{2}$

Oct. 6. v Raynes Park.
The match was played at home and resulted in a draw, 5 boards to 5.

Oct. 10. v Bec School.
The match was played away. The School chess team won by 7 boards to 3.

Oct. 27. v Surbiton.
This match was played at Surbiton, who beat us by $5\frac{1}{2}$ boards to $4\frac{1}{2}$.

Nov. 4. v Sloane School.
This was another away match. The School team won by $6\frac{1}{2}$ boards to $1\frac{1}{2}$ boards.

Nov. 10. v Archibishop Tenison's.
The match was played away and the School team won by $3\frac{1}{2}$ boards to $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Nov. 17. v Henry Thornton.
This was a home match. The School team won by $5\frac{1}{2}$ boards to $4\frac{1}{2}$.

Nov. 18. v Latymer.
The match was played at home. The School team lost by $1\frac{1}{2}$ boards to $4\frac{1}{2}$.

The School won 40 individual games against our opponents' 28. The following boys have won five matches: Dore, Lawrence, Lewis and Krasnodebski.

Thanks are due to the parents who helped us with the teas at our home matches, to the School-Keeper for allowing us to use the library and the geography room, and to all the others who have had to put up with inconveniences in order that we might play chess.

J.D., R.E.W.

FENCING CLUB

Although we are one of the youngest clubs in the School, we are a very healthy one, having more than thirty members on our books. These include a large number of Second Form boys new to the club.

The first meeting of this term was held to elect its committee for the current school year. It was decided that this should consist of five members: A captain, a vice-captain, a secretary, an assistant secretary, and a representative of the Second Form. They were elected as follows: Captain, J. C. Grieves; Vice-Captain, M. A. Grazynski; Secretary, N. F. Roberts; Assistant Secretary, G. A. Gosden; Second Form Representative, B. Salway. Besides this, the prospect of organising a fencing team was discussed. It was decided that meetings should take place on Tuesdays and Fridays.

On Saturday, 8th October, Grieves, Roberts, Gosden and Mattey, under the leadership of Mr. Levy and Mr. Coate-Bond, gave a demonstration of fencing at a Parents Association Social, which was considered by many to be the highlight of the evening.

The next meeting of the club was called by the committee on the 2nd November as a result of the poor Friday attendances. All boys who had ever fenced were invited, and Mr. Levy impressed on all those present the importance of regular attendance. As a result of this meeting the club welcomed back many lost sheep to the fold.

So now we are looking forward to the new term with confidence, having at last acquired a considerable amount of equipment, and with rosy hopes of beating other schools in the future.

As a last word, although we are quite strong in numbers, we still need new members. So if you have any inclination towards fencing, please come along one evening.

N.F.R., J.C.G.

THE RELIEF OF WHIT FIELD

Few people know about the relief of this small South African town, though it ranks with Mafeking as one of the great features of the war.

The 89th Loofahs lay encamped among the Reeds that lined the opposite bank of the river Wando. Inside the town the 55th Sutherland Grove Light Artillery, better known as the Kamahte Boys, were usually making merry by Morris dancing around the massive marble Cullums that supported the roof of the fortress. Sometimes they fired a few rounds at the besiegers and nearly always left them scrambling for Attoe hold on the slippery mud of the river bank.

Once, when the commander of the Loofahs was Jenkin son beer in the shelter of a barricade of Broome-sticks, a shell landed in the nearby Fen, tons of water being displaced that drenched him. He let out a loud curse and shouted: " They shan't get away Scott free; Stay, see; I've an idea. Fetch Willi."

His adjutant hurriedly put away the Thorpit he was using to get rid of the stains in the table-cloth and called out for the second-in-command.

" Willi am sitting in de look out post," came the answer across the fen, " Row Bert's helmet across and I'll fetch him."

The next day a great attack took place. The Kamahte Boys were in the middle of a discussion as to whether Francis a better country for Light ales than Italy. This was cut short by the sound of the alarm and they all dashed up to their posts through the main Dore, leaving Mac cleaning up the rest of the iron-rations.

John, son of the Colonel, was the first to reach the big gun aligned on the enemy camp. He squinted through the sights and cried, "Get out of the Light, man," as Sergeant Rovoldobski, of the Loofahs, came over the parapet.

It Grieves me to recall the great battle that ensued, how the Kamahte Boys fought a steady retreat back to Horner's corner where their yaks were stabled, and how they endeavoured to get out into the Bush.

But when all seemed lost and the Rich ards* on the stalls in the bazaar were being used to batter down the walls of the stable, and the colonel felt like committing Harrison Kari, a troop of Congo Horsemen came rowing up the Wando and put the enemy to flight.

*An ard is a soft drum used by the natives for calling the yaks in at night.

D.S.T., P.J.W.

THE RADIO SOCIETY

This society, which was dissolved at the outbreak of the war in 1939, was re-inaugurated on Thursday, the 27th of October. The meetings, it was decided, should be held every fortnight in the Physics Laboratory. At the first meeting officers were elected and several other minor points were cleared up. I think, in the future, that we can look forward to quite a few practical demonstrations and talks by most of the members of the Society. In addition it is probable that we shall be going to exhibitions organised by the main Amateur Radio Societies, in London. In conclusion, I think and hope that this Society will become at least as active as the pre-war Wireless Club used to be.

S.F.W.

THE WAR-CRY

Of late the Seniors have several times ascended the platform in Friday morning assemblies to urge the non-playing members of the School to turn up as supporters at Saturday afternoon games. The result was very creditable in the Bec match, when a large turn-out on the touch-line urged the 1st XV. on to victory. It was, however, noticed that a large number of the supporters did not know the war-cry. We therefore print it here, and urge all boys to learn it.

KAMATE-GEE, KAMATE-GEE,
KAMATE, KAMATE,
KIARI, KIARI-WAH,
L-P-O-R-F-T-Z,
WANDSWORTH!

J.C.G.

CRICKET : 1949

Captain : K. H. W. Johnson

Vice-Captain : R. K. Smith *Secretary* : D. S. Thorpe

In spite of the losses, there was an improvement this year in all aspects of the game. The 1st XI. batting was quite up to standard, though if all the batsmen had shone in the same innings, instead of alternating high scores with ducks, much higher totals would have resulted. Smith, apart from one or two lapses, proved to be the mainstay of the batting, scoring over 200 runs.

The bowling of R. Line was sadly missed, but his brother filled his place admirably. He and Johnson were our most effective bowlers. Our pace men, Dries and Lewis, were dangerous at times, but greater accuracy and more use of the field set for them is necessary in future. Later in the season Skelton proved a valuable addition to the bowling attack.

The fielding was generally of a high standard, with Mallows outstanding at cover-point. Behind the stumps Morris performed with a quiet efficiency. Injuries to him gave Bartlett, towards the end of the season, a chance to prove that he was a worthy substitute.

Johnson led his team well, combining experience with excellent all round play to develop his captaincy to a fine art.

The play in the 2nd and 3rd XIs. produced some remarkable cricket. Real team-work was lacking, though enthusiasm was usually very keen. Our " second best team " was led by Scott, Maclean and Grieves. Barton and Williams were the main bowlers and often proved dangerous, especially against Henry Thornton. Roseboom, Nunan, Bush and Scott also bowled. The batting was very weak owing to the lack of enterprise, prevalent at nearly every match. Exceptions were Stear, Maclean, and later, Scott.

It cannot be doubted that the 3rd XI. enjoyed their four matches. Every conceivable stroke was employed, and the antics of fielders and bowlers were at times astonishing. Harrison (6 for 15 v Bec, 4 for 20 v Battersea) and Francis 4 for 16 v Sloane) were the best bowlers. The batsmen were Whitfield, Stear, Blackett, Fenton, Francis, Dore, Gibson and Rodd.

Net practices, for all teams, continuing right through the season would bring the standard of play up to the level expected in school cricket. This has not been so in recent years owing to the death-blow dealt by athletics at the beginning of every season. By Whitsun 2nd and 3rd XI. practices have faded away and attendances at 1st XI. and Junior practices are not high. A concrete solution is that at least one day, possibly two, every week should be set aside and reserved solely for cricket practices throughout the athletic season. Through this we can be more sure of regular attendances and, we hope, a consistent high level of play.

RESULTS

1st XI. v Bec, Saturday, May 7th.—Won by 56 runs.

The season received a great start by this decisive win over our rivals. Smith, with a fine display of driving, cutting and hooking against all types of bowling, scored 69. He was well supported by Horner 17, Johnson 17, and Dries 11. The School bowlers, after overcoming early resistance, ran through the Bec side. Scores: School 129 for 8 dec., Bec 73.

v Wandsworth Officers' C.C. Saturdays, May 14th, 21st.

A combined team of 6 Old Boys, 1 master and 4 boys was soundly beaten. A return match, this time with the full complement of School players, was won by us. The absence of Smith did not deter the batsmen and Horner 31, Mallows 15, Clayton 11 and Line 7 not out, enabled a declaration at tea, at 109 for 9. The Officers' captain hit lustily, scoring the first 23 runs, but after being bowled by Johnson the rest of the side were soon put out for 46.

v Raynes Park. Saturday, May 28th.—All matches cancelled owing to rain.

v Sir Walter St. Johns. June 4th.—Lost by 20 runs.

In this match the bowlers did not receive full support from the field. Several catches and boundaries were missed and the bowlers, Dries, Johnson, Lewis and Line, toiled hard. Against a varied attack the School batsmen collapsed with the sole exception of Johnson, who batted nearly throughout the innings for a valuable, fighting 27, out of a total of 43.

v Battersea Grammar. Saturday, June 11th.—Lost by 15 runs.

Vigorous hitting by the first three Battersea men gave prospects of a fine innings, but rather dour batting by the rest of the side took the life out of the play. Smith with 19 and Morris 8 were the only School batsmen who could stem the Battersea attack.

v Surbiton. Saturday, June 18th.

This was a very close match, Surbiton owing their win to the fact that the School bowlers were unable to capture the wickets soon enough of a lively tail. Smith again shone with a sound 31 (six 4's); Foster and Line hit vigorously, scoring 10 and 17, respectively. A total of 89 was just passed by Surbiton, Johnson bowling the last man two balls after the winning hit.

v Sloane. Saturday, June 25th.

The fact that Sloane batted slowly and carefully can be attributed to the high standard of fielding shown by the School in this match. Declaring at 92 for 8, Sloane allowed us barely an hour in which to get the runs. The early batsmen scored fast, particularly Johnson and Dries, who got 17 each. Sloane claimed an extra half-hour when the score was 54 for 5. Our tail-enders failed to last out, and the innings terminated at 70.

v Henry Thornton. July 2nd.

Henry Thornton collapsed against the accurate bowling of Dries and Johnson, and the able assistance given to them by the fielders. Bartlett, behind the stumps, held three catches. Needing only 29 to win, the School's opening batsmen got the runs easily without loss. Smith got 14 and Johnson 13.

v The Parents. July 9th.

The parents were pleased about their first victory since pre-war days. Their success was largely due to their vigorous treatment of the School bowling. A variety of bowlers was quite ineffective, and the Parents were finally all out for 158. Mr. Benham scored 38 (eight 4's), Mr. Twort 34, Mr. Davey 33 (one 6 and six 4's). Line took 5 wickets for 28. The School were unfortunate to lose Smith and Johnson at an early point in their innings. Morris 22 and Bartlett 12 stopped the rot for a time, and treated the spectators to a fine display of sharp and opportunist running between the wickets. Line, at number 10, hit freely for a valuable 23. The innings terminated soon after 6 o'clock for 103.

v The Staff. Tuesday, July 19th.

Reinforced by Mr. Snell and Mr. Jeal of the Building Branch, who scored 34 runs and took 7 for 34 respectively, the staff also gained their first victory in years. Taking advantage of the carefree atmosphere of the match, the Staff hit up 94. Mr. Radford got 14, Mr. Aubrey 12, and the guest player, R. Line, 8 not out. The School failed miserably, and only Maclean of the early batsmen made a worthwhile score. With abandoned care and a great variety of strokes, he collected a valuable 16. A spirited last wicket partnership between Line, K., and Lewis added 17. Line was eventually bowled by his brother, and his final total was 23. The efforts of the last two could not produce a victory, the total being 73.

v Old Boys. July 16th.

Once again rain held up the start and rather damped the spirits of both players and spectators. Smith scored a very workmanlike 43 (eight 4's) at nearly a run a minute. Dries scored 8 and the later batsmen, with some vigorous hitting and lively running, contributed towards a respectable total of 89 for 9 declared. Scott got 8 and Bartlett 9. The Old Boys flogged the School bowling so lustily that they scored 99 for the loss of only 5 wickets in less than an hour. R. Finch hit six 4's and a 6 in his 36, and Hinchcliffe got 18, nearly all boundaries.

2nd XI RESULTS

v Bec.—Lost by 3 wickets.

Accurate and dangerous bowling by Skelton and Foster (2 for 12 and 6 for 10, respectively) could not produce a victory owing to the poor batting show.

v St. John's.

Very poor batting gave our opponents an easy victory by 80 runs. Skelton again bowled well, taking 6 for 15. Maclean scored 5, while the other batsmen failed miserably.

v Battersea Grammar.—Lost by 49 runs.

Another poor batting show. Williams took 3 for 17

v Surbiton.—Won by 12 runs.

Grieves scored 32, a fine display, Scott 7 and Maclean 7, but received little support from the other batsmen. Surbiton failed by 12 runs to get the 60 needed to win. Barton bowled well, taking 5 for 15 (including hat-trick), and Williams took 2 for 4.

v Sloane.—Lost by 4 wickets.

A fine opening stand by Scott 9 and Stear 19, a valuable innings by Williams 8 and Beckett 18, contributed to a total of 62, the highest of the season. Six bowlers could not prevent Sloane getting 76 for 6 at close of play.

v Henry Thornton.—Tied.

The tail-enders shone in this match, Payne getting 6, Maclean 4, Hearn 7, Nunan and Bush 4 each. A total of 46 was rapidly approached by Henry Thornton, and at tea they were 45 for 6. A change came over the school bowlers, Barton and Williams, who dismissed the rest of the side for the addition of only one run.

The following boys gained colours:—Full: Johnson (re-award), Smith, Dries, Mallows, Line, K. Half: Morris, Lewis, Bartlett.

HOUSE CRICKET

Gibbon won the Shield easily. Their Juniors won all their games and their Seniors were unbeaten. Johnson, for the latter, scored a total of 72 runs, and Dries, Bartlett and Mallows supported him well.

Pitt and Morley came next, and Cromwell failed hopelessly. Smith, Skelton, Carr and Hilldrup played well for Morley. Smith scored 55 runs and was out only once. Skelton, against Pitt, took 9 for 27. Line and Lewis, for Pitt, often proved dangerous, and Horner, Bricknell, Toomer and Foster shared the batting. Morris was the mainstay of Cromwell, in batting especially, and he led the fielding admirably.

SWIMMING

The general standard of swimming in the School is fairly high, although the majority of the most promising swimmers do not devote a sufficient amount of time to serious training. The School have had a good season and have had the pleasure of meeting Bec and Battersea Grammar in very enjoyable matches. In the match against Bec at the School bath on July 6th the School lost by 49 points to 27, not that the School team lacked confidence. Special mention should be made of: (i) Broome, who won both 2 lengths free-style and 2 lengths back-stroke; (ii) Vila, on winning 2 lengths breast-stroke; (iii) Pirrie and Cremonesi, who won the senior and intermediate plunges.

The other match, against Battersea Grammar, was lost by the narrowest margin of one point, but the splendid fighting spirit displayed by the entire Wandsworth team was highly commendable. To balance few 1st places, numerous 2nds and 3rds were gained. Winners of their events were: Broome, 100 yards free-style and also 33 1/3rd yards back-stroke; Harvey, 33 1/3rd yards junior breast-stroke; and Totham, 33 1/3rd yards junior back-stroke.

At the Annual Swimming Championships in the Wandsworth Baths the School team swam extremely well, and the following boys deserve our sincere congratulations on their fine performances: Curme, 1st under 13 in 1 length free-style; White, 1st under 14 in 1 length free-style; Harvey, 1st under 14 in 1 length breast-stroke; Malandrone, 1st under 15 in 1 length back-stroke; Totham, 1st under 17 in 1 length back-stroke; and the Senior Team, consisting of Pirrie, Roseboom, Vila, Broome, 1st.

These splendid efforts enabled us to carry off both the Junior and Senior Trophies.

A Senior Medley Team was entered in the London Schools' Championships, and must be complimented on reaching the final and gaining fourth place out of about 50 schools. The team was: Malandrone, Vila, Roseboom, Broome.

The Annual School Swimming Gala, held at Wandsworth Baths, 27th September, was well supported with much enthusiasm for the competing teams. The contest was fairly even with Pitt bringing off a surprising victory over Cromwell, the latter beating Morley by $1\frac{1}{2}$ points, with Gibbon rather disappointingly in the rear.

The results were (Scoring: 4; 3; 2; 1 for individual events: 8; 6; 4; 2 for relay races):—

1 length free-style (age group S.).—1, Broome (P); 2, Whitfield (C); 3, Dore (M); 4, Reed (G). Time 17 2/5 secs. Points : C, 3; G, 1; M, 2; P, 4.

1 length breast-stroke (J.).—1, Curme (G); 2, Harvey (C); 3, Pavitt (M); 4, Hiscock (P). Time 25 4/5 secs. Points : C, 6; G, 5; M, 4; P, 5.

1 length back-stroke (J.).—1, Miller (M); 2, Rawlings (P); 3, Bales (C). Time 28 secs. Points : C, 8; G, 5; M, 8; P, 8.

1 length free-style (M.).—1, Chafen (C); 2, Hobson (M); 3, Ryan (P); 4, Winchester (G). Time 20 1/5 secs. Points : C, 12; G, 6; M, 11; P, 10.

1 length breast-stroke (S.).—1, Vila (P); 2, Maclean (C); 3, Dore (M); 4, Reed (G). Time 25 4/5 secs. Points : C, 15; G, 7; M, 13; P, 14.

1 length free-style (U. 12½).—1, Richards (M); 2, Gyves (P); 3, Taylor (G); 4, Granfield (C). Time 27 secs. Points : C, 16; G, 9; M, 17; P, 17.

1 length free-style (J.).—1, White (G); 2, Miller (M); 3, Mortimer (P); 4, Harvey (C). Time 22 secs. Points : C, 17; G, 13; M, 20; P, 19.

Open Inter-School Relay.—1, Sir Walter St. John's; 2, Battersea Grammar; 3, Wandsworth; 4, Bec. Time 75 secs.

Old Boys Race.—1, Newman; 2, Feld. Time 66 secs.

1 length back-stroke (S.).—Tie, Malandrone (C), Jenkinson (P); 3, Dore (M); 4, Quested (G). Time 25 3/5 secs. Points : C, 20½; G, 14; M, 22; P, 22½.

1 length breast-stroke (U. 12½).—1, Forbes (M); 2, Sackman (P); 3, Bicknell (C); 4, Watts (G). Time 32 secs. Points : C, 22½; G, 15; M, 26; P, 25½.

1 length back-stroke (M.).—1, Totham (M); 2, Malandrone (C); 3, Strutton (G); 4, Vary (P). Time 25 2/5 secs. Points : C, 25½; G, 17; M, 30; P, 26½.

Dinghy Race.—1, C; 2, G; 3, M; 4, P.

1 length breast-stroke (M.).—1, Ryan (P); 2, Totham (M); 3, West (C); 4, Stanley (G). Time 26 2/5 secs. Points : C, 27½; G, 18; M. 33; P, 30½.

Diving (S.).—1, Broome (P); 2, Hobson (M); 3, Blackett (C); 4, Reed (G). Points : C, 29½; G, 19; M, 36; P, 34½.

Diving (M.).—1, Hedges (P); 2, Quested (G); 3, West (C); 4, Munton (M). Points : C, 31½; G, 22; M, 37; P, 38½.

Diving (J.).—1, Curme (G); 2, Gammon (P); 3, Richards (M); 4, Fox (C). Points : C, 32½; G, 26; M, 39; P. 41½.

Relay (M.).—1, C; 2, G; 3, P; 4, M. Time 87 2/5 secs. Points : C, 40½; G, 32; M, 41; P, 45½.

Relay (U. 12½).—1, M; 2, P; 3, C; 4, G. Time 113 2/5 secs. Points : C, 44½; G, 34; M, 49; P, 51½.

Relay (S.).—1, P; 2, C; 3, M; 4, G. Time 84 3/5 secs. Points : C, 50½; G, 36; M, 53; P, 59½.

Relay (J.).—1, G; 2, P; 3, M; 4, C. Time 96 1/5 secs. Points : C, 52½; G, 44; M, 57; P, 65½.

Scoring : 4, 3, 2, 1 for individual events; 8, 6, 4, 2 for relay races.

Standards : C, 73; G, 61; M, 68; P, 59.

Events Decided Previously : C, 10; G, 14; M, 9; P, 17.

Final Score of each house : C, 135½; G, 119; M, 134; P, 141½.

K. R. Broome.

ATHLETICS

Captain: Maclean I.

Vice-Captain: Hilldrup. *Hon. Secretary:* Jenkinson.

The School was weakened this year by the loss of Berry, R. from the Senior Sprints, which resulted in our biggest weakness.

The first match of the season was against our old rivals, Bec. We were beaten but did extremely well in the longer events. Maclean, D. and Maclean, I. gained first and second places in the Mile, Grieves and Hilldrup carried off first and second places in the 440 yards, and Jenkinson and Porter took first two places in the 880 yards. Maclean, I. also won the Discus.

The next meeting was the Wandsworth Schools Championships. The School did very well indeed to be represented in every final. The School was second in the Senior Championship, and fourth in the Junior Championship. Individual winners were: Maclean, D. in the Mile, Porter in the 880 yards, Hilldrup in the 440 yards and Stainton in the Long Jump (under 16).

On the 26th of May the School competed with eleven other Schools in the South London Grammar School Sports. The School finished ninth, with 23½ points. Hilldrup gained third place in the 440 yards, Maclean, I. and Porter were third in the Mile Relay, Open, and the Under 14 Relay Team took third place in its event. Stainton was sixth in the Long Jump, under 16, Jenkinson was sixth in the Shot, open, Bartlett tied for fifth place in the High Jump, under 16, and Maclean, D. and Grieves finished sixth and eleventh, respectively, in the Mile Team Race to take fifth place.

In the Annual Inter-House Sports on Thursday, June 2nd, Cromwell emerged as winners of a hard contest, beating Morley by 2½ points. Pitt were third and Gibbon fourth. New records were set up by Hilldrup, who run the 440 yards, open, in 58 secs., and Totham, who won the Discus, open, with a throw of 113 ft. 3 ins. Fuller results may be found elsewhere.

On June 21st, two Wandsworth boys were included in the Wandsworth team which took part in the London Schools Championships. Porter ran brilliantly to win the Open 880 yards in 2 mins., 9·8 secs. Stainton did very well to take third place in the Long Jump, Under 16. Porter was afterwards selected to represent the London School team in the Inter-Counties Championships.

The School Under 16 Relay Team put up a very good performance in winning the Inter-Schools Sprint Relay Race for a handsome trophy at the Wandgas A.C. Annual Sports.

The penultimate match of the season was against Battersea Grammar School, on July 7th. The School was successful for the first time this season. Porter won both the 880 yards and 220 yards. Maclean, D. won the Mile in the new record time of 4 mins., 53·6 secs., with Grieves second. Totham was first in the Middle 440 yards, recording a record time of 60 secs. Maclean, I. won the Discus, Open, with a throw of 112 ft. 6 ins., only 2 ft. short of the record.

The School concluded its fixture list with a match against the Elliott, on the 15th of July. This was confined to under 15½s. Sprague is to be congratulated, not only on being our sole individual winner on the track, winning both the 100 yards (Sen.) and the 220 yards (Sen.), but also on his very fine effort in the Senior Relay, in which he regained so much ground to win by taking the proverbial "deep breath." Bartlett won the High Jump (Sen.) and Stainton the Long Jump (Sen.). Elliott won the match by 66½ points to 60½ points.

Colours were awarded to the following boys :—

Re-award of Full Colours : Maclean, I. New Full Colours : Maclean, D., Porter, Hilldrup. Half Colours : O'Leary, Grieves, Stainton, Morrison, Brooks, Sprague, Bartlett,

SPORTS RESULTS

Mile.—1, Gibson (G); 2, Skelton (M); 3, d'Archambaud (P); 4, Maystone (M). Time 5 min. 20 secs. Points: G, 4; M, 4; P, 2.

100 yards (M.).—1, Sprague (M); 2, Harrington (M); 3, Lewis (P); 4, Brooks (P). Time 11·9 secs. Points: M, 7; P, 3.

100 yards (S.).—1, Hilldrup (M); 2, Williams (G); 2, Metcalf (C); 4, Graz ynski (C). Time 11·4 secs. Points: C, 3½; G, 2½; M, 4.

100 yards (J.).—1, Hooper (G), 1, Phelps (G); 3, Brooks (P); 4, Nash (M). Time 12·8 secs. Points: G, 7; M, 1; P, 2.

Discus (S.).—1, Maclean (C); 2, Cremonesi (G); 3, Foster (P);
Discus (S.).—1, Len (C); 2, Bartlett (G); 3, Roseboom (P); 4, Dore (M). Distance 107ft. 7in. Points: C, 8; G, 6; M, 2; P, 4.

High Jump (J.).—1, Holder (M); 2, Harvey (C); 3, Quested (G);
High Jump (J.).—1, Twort (M); 2, Elliot (C); 3, Tilley (G); 4, Morell (P). Height 4ft. 6in. Points: C, 6; G, 4; M, 8; P, 2.

Long Jump (S.)—1, Grieves (C); 2, Haydon (M); 3, Harrison (G); 4, Line (P).
Long Jump (S.).—1, Grazynski (C); 2, Hilldrup (M); 3, Francis (G); 4, Purkiss (P). Length 17ft. 6½in. Points: C, 8; G, 4; M, 6; P, 2.

440 yards (M.).—1, Morrison (P); 2, Totham (M); 3, Hatley, G. (P); 4, Hardy (G). Time 66 secs. Points: G, 1; M, 3; P, 6.

75 yards (U. 12½).—1, Richards (M); 2, Anderson (C); 3, Bicknell (C); 4, Patterson (G). Time 10·6 secs. Points: C, 5; G, 1; M, 4.

440 yards (S.).—1, Hilldrup (M); 2, Grieves (C); 3, O'Leary (C); 4, Light (M). Time 58·4 secs. Points: C, 5; M, 5.

Discus (M.).—1, Totham (M); 2, Chafen (C); 3, Harris (P);
Discus (M.).—1, Munton (M); 2, Malandrone (C); 3, Payne (P); 4, Hatley D. J. (G). Distance 113ft. 3in. Points: C, 6; G, 2; M, 8; P, 4.

220 yards (J.).—1, Hooper (G); 2, Miller (M); 3, Phelps (G); 4, Cracknell (P). Time 28·4 secs. Points: G, 6; M, 3; P, 1.

220 yards (S.).—1, Morris (C); 2, Porter (P); 3, Williams (G); 4, Metcalfe (C). Time 25·6 secs. Points: C, 5; G, 2; P, 3.

High Jump (M.).—1, Malandrone (C); 2, Nelson (M); 3, Jones (P); 4, Burton
High Jump (M.).—1, El Sam (C); 2, Stainton (M); 3, Nesbitt (P); 4, Stanley (G). Height 4ft. 5in.; C, 8; G, 2; M, 6; P, 4.

220 yards (M.).—1, Sprague (M); 2, Harrington (M); 3, Morrison (P); 4, Amer (C). Time 26·1 secs. Points: C, 1; M, 7; P, 2.

Long Jump (U. 12½).—1, Forbes (M); 2, Anderson (C);
Long Jump (U. 12½).—1, Roberts (M); 2, Bicknell (C); 3, Bush (P). Length 13ft. 7in. Points: C, 6; M, 8; P, 4.

Shot (S.).—1, Jenkinson (P); 2, Len (C); 3, Mallows (G); 4, Hoy (M).
Shot (S).—1, Horner (P); 2, Krasnodebski (C); 3, Francis (G); 4, Maystone (M). Distance 33ft. 4½in. Points: C, 6; G, 4; M, 2; P, 8.

Shot (M.).—1, Totham (M); 2, West (C); 3, Payne (P).

Shot (M.).—1, Harrington (M); 2, Chafen (C); 3, Evans (P). Distance 34ft. 3in. Points: C, 6; M, 8.

High Jump (U. 12½).—1, Forbes (M); 2, Anderson (C); 3, Taylor (G);

High Jump (U. 12½).—1, Bedale (M); 2, Bicknell (C); 3, Miller (G); 4, Woodhill (P). Height 3ft. 9in. Points: C, 6; G, 4; M, 8; P, 2.

Hurdles (J.).—1, Cracknell (P); 2, Harvey (C); 3, Elliot (C). Time 17·5 secs. Points: C, 5; P, 4.

Hurdles (M.).—1, Dodimead (C); 2, Lawrence (P); 3, Jones (P); 4, Stear (C). Time 16 secs. Points: C, 5; P, 5.

Hurdles (S.).—1, Gibson (G); 2, Jenkinson (P); 3, Mallows (G); 4, Foster (P). Time 16·6 secs. Points: G, 6; P, 4.

880 yards (M.).—1, Dodimead (C); 2, Hardy (G); 3, Miller (M); 4, d'Archambaud (P). Time 2 mins. 28 secs. Points : C, 4; G, 3; M, 2; P, 1.

880 yards (Open).—1, Porter (P); 2, Jenkinson (P); 3, Maclean, I. (C); 4, Dries (G).—Time 2 mins. 15·2 secs. Points: C, 2; G, 1; P, 7.

Long Jump (J.).—1, Canis (C); 2, Cracknell (P);

Long Jump (J.).—1, Harding (C); 2, Brooks (P); 3, Hooper (G). Length 14ft. 10in. Points: C, 8; G, 4; P, 6.

High Jump (S.).—1, Mallows (G); 2, Attoe (P); 3, Maclean, D. (C);

High Jump (S.).—1, Bartlett (G); 2, Broome (P); 3, Besnarowicz (C); 4, Dore (M). Height 4ft. 9in. Points: C, 4; G, 8; M, 2; P, 6.

Long Jump (M.).—1, Stainton (M); 2, Dodimead (C); 3, Nesbitt (P).

Long Jump (M.).—1, Sprague (M); 2, Easy (C); 3, Vincent (P). Length 16ft. 1½in. Points: C, 6; M, 8; P, 4.

Relay (U. 12½).—1, Morley; 2, Cromwell; 3, Gibbon; 4, Pitt. Time 1 min. 24·9 secs. Points: C, 9; G, 6; M, 12; P, 3.

Relay (J.).—1, Pitt; 2, Morley; 3, Cromwell. Time 1 min. 20·2 secs. Points: C, 6; M, 9; P, 12.

Relay (M.).—1, Morley; 2, Pitt; 3, Cromwell; 4, Gibbon. Time 1 min. 14·4 secs. Points: C, 6; G, 3; M, 12; P, 9.

Relay (S.).—1, Cromwell; 2, Pitt; 3, Morley; 4, Gibbon. Time 1 min. 11·3 secs. Points: C, 12; G, 3; M, 6; P, 9.

Final results: C, 276½ points; G, 198½ points; M, 274 points; P, 259 points.