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Mr. Makin's Notes

This is the first issue of the magazine, and I hope it will be the forerunner of many more in the years to come. Its name, The Pyramid, was suggested by E. E. Smith in a competition for the most suitable name and adopted by the Magazine Sub-Committee as being the most apt. Congratulations, Smith!

The School is now more or less settled in its temporary quarters in Garratt Lane, but several adjustments still have to be made to the workshops. These are proceeding according to plan, and I hope they will be completed soon.

During the Autumn Term, a modified House and Tutorial System was introduced and since has proved itself very successful. It has brought persistent slacking to the notice of all concerned; shown boys how their work has improved or deteriorated, and enabled boys to contribute something to their House, at the same time working well for themselves. At the time of going to press, two diligence totals still have to be awarded, and so it will not be possible to give the name of the winning House in this issue.

Many social activities and one or two athletic activities were introduced during the Autumn Term, accounts of which appear later in this issue. With two exceptions, these are still flourishing, and I hope that the two which had to be given up through inadequate support will launch out afresh in September. Out-of-school activities are a very important part of school life, and I hope that every boy will become an active member of, at least, one society. There are twenty social activities, each in charge of a master, and every boy should be able to find at least one society in which he can take an active interest.

In December, five boys sat for the Oxford Senior and College of Preceptors Exams; all passed except one, who was unlucky enough to just fail in English, the compulsory subject. Congratulations to W. J. Clouter and J. Littler on gaining distinctions.

The Annual Exhibition was held on the 2nd and 3rd March, at School, Speech Day also being held on the evening of the first day. The principal speaker was Walter Clark, Esq., O.B.E., but the platform was graced by such important people as Sir Graham Savage, the Education Officer; Hugh Linstead, Esq., M.P., and Mrs. S. K. Goodrich, J.P., L.C.C. Accounts of these functions appear elsewhere in this issue, but I should like to congratulate, and thank, all those members of the staff and boys who contributed to make the Exhibition such a success. The consensus of opinion was that it was the best ever.

The very select School Orchestra of two masters and three boys, which has faithfully played the hymn three Fridays out of four at School Assembly may soon be augmented from the violin class, which is now functioning. As the result of my appeal on Speech Day, I have received three violin outfits from Miss Dorothy Walker, Mr. Moss, and R. Hill, and I should like to thank them on behalf of the School, for their gifts. We still need six violin outfits, so if you have one at home you don't use, please let us have it, either as a gift or on loan; we will put it to good use.

The A.T.C. Band is continuing to improve; it played well at the School Concert and on Speech Day, and plays the hymn every fourth Friday at Morning Assembly.

The Christmas Concert was a good rag, but one thing it did show was that there is a considerable amount of talent in the School for acting. The boys concerned should join the Dramatic Club, where they will have every opportunity of developing their talents in this direction.

For the first time, the School has regularly fielded a team in the various Inter-School Cross-Country races, thanks largely to the efforts of Mr. Reading. They have not met with any striking success but they have always deserved, and received, honourable mention. Well done! and better luck next year! In the Inter-House Cross-Country races over Wimbledon Common, I should like to congratulate Wren House on winning both the Senior and the Junior race; also E. E. Smith and F. Perugino, the respective individual winners.

Congratulations also to the A.T.C. Cross-Country Team on winning, quite comfortably, the A.T.C. race at Uxbridge on the 26th March. The trophy is certainly a magnificent one! The A.T.C. camp was held at Beverley in Yorkshire, during the last week of the Easter vacation. Everyone appears to have had a good time, in spite of the bad weather cutting out any prospect of flying, and returned looking very fit.

The Boxing Club had a very good season. R. E. Perren won the 11st. 2lbs. (Senior) Great Britain Championship, and K. W. Grout, A. W. Chaney and R. E. Perren each won the London Championship at their weights. Hearty congratulations to all three, not forgetting Mr. Wilson, without whose friendly advice and regular training they would never have got so far.

The Inter-House Boxing Finals were held on the 28th March and the shield was won by Wren House. Congratulations, Wren! Further details are given elsewhere in this issue.

Hearty congratulations to the Premier Football Team on winning the League Championship and not losing a single match throughout the whole of the season. And to Mr. Clark, for his keen interest in their training and development.

In the House Football Competition, Gainsborough won the Senior Competition and Smeaton House the Junior.

Messrs. F. J. Lake and E. W. Reading left last term for more remunerative appointments. We thank them for all they did in the cause of education during their stay with us, and wish them every success in the future. In their places, we offer a warm welcome to Messrs. F. S. Holmes and G. V. Moss.

The Annual Sports were held on the Tooting Bec track on the 16th May, and in spite of the cold weather, some of the times were very good. Congratulations to Scott House on winning the Athletics Cup and to Mr. Clark on his organisation of Sports Day.

I have to thank Mr. Edward Chalk for his generous donation of a handsome silver cup for House Cricket. This will be competed for this term; and very keenly, I hope. The Annual Swimming Gala will also be held this term. Would anyone like to present the School with a trophy for this?

I am pleased to note that the Old Boys' Association, in the capable hands of Messrs. R. King (President), D. Slatter (Secretary) and S. J. Carey (Treasurer), started in October last, continues to flourish. Any Old Boy who has not yet been approached and wishes to join this Association, can do so through the School.

The Parents' Association is still in the embryonic stage, but I hope a lusty infant will present itself soon after the summer holidays. A meeting was held at School on 25th May, and was attended by some 35 keen parents. After much animated discussion, it was decided to postpone the formation of the Association until after the summer holidays and hope for a much better attendance.

J.M.

Arrivals and Departures

The following boys have been admitted to the School during the academic year:

Abraham, A. J. P.
Adams, T.
Aggett, P.
Ainge, P. J.
Baker, J. D.
Barnes, G. E.
Barnett, J. S.
Batty, P. P.
Bell, G. H.
Benson, J.
Bishop, A. R.
Blandford, D. G.
Bonell, E. E. H.
Boyle, N. T.
Brasier, P. T.
Bright, R. A.
Brightman, J. A.
Brims, B. P.
Brown, J. F.
Brownless, P. G.
Bruton, P. C.
Bryant, E. J.
Bryant, R. K.
Buckingham, P.
Cady, R. H.
Canis, B. C.
Canty, T.
Castle, D. E.
Castle, R. W.
Cattermole, A. D. G.
Charlesworth, G. L.
Chisholm, E. J.
Choat, C. W.

Clark, D.
Clark, P. E.
Cook, D. J.
Cooper, R. A.
Cox, D. L.
Creasey, D. W.
Croft, A. J.
Crouch, R.
Cumberland, E. A.
Dapp, E. G. H.
Dark, R. S.
de Smith, W. A.
Doe, R. A.
Douglas, M.
Dowling, D. T.
Eadon, D. C.
Edmondson, G. E.
Edwards, F. J.
Evans, G. J.
Evans, W. C.
Evans, W. T.
Farley, G.
Ferdinando, R. E.
Freedman, R.
Gann, L. D.
Gill, A.
Green, W. J.
Grout, R. J.
Hale, R. E.
Halsey, T. H.
Hamer, L. C.
Hancock, E. J.
Harrison, A. R.
Harrod, W. J.
Hender, D. A. G.
Holloway, R. F.
Hopkins, R. M.
Hoskins, W. J.
Hutchens, V. J.
Jeans, S. N.
Jessett, D. J.
Jones, E. W.
Joslin, K. A.
Krailing, D.

Lane, M. J.
Lardner, R. W.
Lawrence, B. T.
Lear, A. H.
Leon, J. P.
Lofts, P. F.
Lothian, J. E.
Lucas, K.
Mauger, D. R.
Maybank, J. M.
McKenzie, K. E.
McMahon, M.
Middleton, J. B.
Middleton, W.
Mody, J. R.
Morriss, J. A.
Nicholson, M.
North, J. E.
Northam, T. T.
O'Connor, J.
Page, A. W.
Paige, D. R.
Pateyjohns, B.
Peach, L. A.
Peevers, M. S.
Perugino, F.
Philpot, J.
Pusterla, T. E.
Pyke, G. S.
Reece, D. A.
Rees, G. H.
Ricks, A. H.
Sage, A. J.
Saunders, F. A.
Smith, J. R.
Snell, B. A. E.
Sprague, M.
Stewart, H. A.
Stockwell, J. G.
Strange, R. A.
Swainsbury, M. E.
Sweeny, J. M.
Thomas, B. J.
Thomas, D. G.

Trehane, A. E.
Tucker, R. G.
Wallace, D.
Warren, J. A.
Washer, T. A.
Watkins, W. T.
Webb, P. F. T.
Westley, E. W.
Wickens, G. C.
Williams, T. A.
Winterburn, R. C.

The following have left:

Batty, M. J.
Beeson, C.
Belcher, G.
Booth, D.
Harding, D.
Harris, R. C.
Harris, W. V.
Harrison, J. V.
Noble, A. H.
O'Sullivan, P.
Parsons, L.
Perren, R. E.

Bromage, A. F.
Brookman, P. L.
Clouter, W. J.
Coppock, E. F.
Darvill, L. E.
Deacon, R. P.
Dibble, S. S.
Duff, J. A.
Field, B. V.
Fitzgerald, B. J.
Gannon, F.
Garvey, P.
Gower, R.
Grimmond, R. A.
Haines, C. D.
Hornsby, D. F.
Hill, R.
Hughes, J. A.
Jeffrey, P. G.
Jeffryes, D. W.
Lawson, A. A.
Leonard, F. S.
Littler, J. A.
Lloyd, E. J.
Long, D.
Millen, A. M.
Mitchell, P. J.
Mundy, N.
Murrell, D. E.
Mussino, E.
Rose, D.
Ross, J. A.
Sale, R. A.
Simmons, D. V.
Skelton, P. A.
Stanley, L.
Thomas, W. J.
Thurston, T.
Treadaway, G. C.
Trower, G. A.
White, R. J.
Williams, A. T.
Wilson, P.

House Notes

GAINSBOROUGH

I will begin by extending my warmest congratulations to the boys of the football teams, who, by hard work and co-operation, won the Senior Competition and reached the finals of the Junior.

Our football captain—Dickens—showed skill and judgment in selecting players from the right chaps, and I feel sure all members of this house join me in tendering our thanks and appreciation for such leadership.

In cross country and athletics, I regret to say that we did not do so well as one might have expected, and I attribute this to a lack of effort and team spirit. I can only hope that we do not fare so badly next time.

Of boxing I am able to report more favourably, since we did manage to draw for second place. The junior team require more practice and it is hoped that each boy will pull his weight in the future.

Other sporting activities in the way of swimming and cricket are here and more will be said about these later.

In school work and diligence, as the latest report testifies, Set A Gainsborough House deserves congratulations for coming out top after being a close second for some time, but the whole house only came second by a very narrow margin.

More effort Sets B. and C please!

K. L. BROWN.

SMEATON

Throughout the year there has been a marked tendency for the many in the house to rely on the few for success in both the sporting and academic spheres.

We passed the semi-final round in the Senior Inter-House Football, but lost to Gainsborough in the final. At the time three of our best players were absent, but adequate substitutes are better than thoughts of what might have been. The Junior football team did very well in winning the Junior contest.

In the Senior cross-country race first and third places were secured by E. E. H. Smith and Mussino. The first man home in the Junior race was Perugino, but the low position of our remaining entrants meant that we were only placed third among the four houses.

Grout gave our boxing team an inspiring lead and we tied with Gainsborough for second place.

In athletics Smith and Fawke gained three firsts each and E. Jones two seconds, on which they are to be congratulated, but three exceptional boys could not alone carry the house to victory, and with the remaining points we were again in third place.

R. J. White and D. W. Jeffryes who had done so much for the house, left us early this term, and while wishing them all success, we were sorry to lose them.

The cumulative award for diligence has placed our house second in the School, but nearer to third than first place. No matter what his innate abilities may be, every boy who has the guts to apply himself to work can score well for his house in diligence, and while some have done consistently well their efforts have been nullified by those who substitute indifference for enthusiasm.

J.H.H.C.

SCOTT

We are glad in our first House Notes for "The Pyramid" to congratulate all those whose diligence has been of a sufficiently high standard to keep the house at the top since the competition started. Keep it up, Scott!

Early last term we had the misfortune to lose our Captain, A. T. Williams, to the R.A.F. As one who always gave of his best both in work and sport, he set a fine example which all would do well to follow. Congratulations to D. J. White on filling his place, and on his more recent appointment as School Captain.

In the Inter-House cross-country we did fairly well, being second in both Senior and Junior events. In the former R. Slawson was our first man home, and in the latter B. Pateyjohns. We must do more training next year.

The boxing story was less to our credit, though we must heartily congratulate R. Perren on being the first boy from the School to win a Great Britain Championship. Others who did well were O'Sullivan, Kendall, McGee, Turney and Saunders.

In the football knock-out both our teams lost by a single goal in the first round. R. Stacey, L. Stanley and R. Perren have done well in the Senior side.

This term the major event is the Inter-House athletics meeting and, as will be seen by the results printed elsewhere, we succeeded in gaining the House Championship with a lead of 66 over Wren. Let us have even more training for the cross-country and athletics for next year.

It is also pleasing to report that members of the house contributed very largely to the successes of the A.T.C. in the championship meetings.

Congratulations to the following on being awarded School Colours:—Athletics: D. J. White; Boxing: R. Perren; Football: R. Stacey and L. Stanley.

R.F.R.C.

WREN

Wren has done well in the field of sports during the past year. We were easy winners of the boxing competition and we won both Senior and Junior team championships in the cross-country. In the Senior Inter-House Football we were a shade unlucky to lose the cup-final by the narrow margin of five goals to four.

In the School Athletics we were second, our chief successes being gained in the 220 and 440 yards. Wackrill won both these races in the open class, while Hills was first in the 220 and second in the 440 under 15. Wren also won the Senior relay event and was second in the under 15 relay. But our 208 points was built up by teamwork. Hill, White (J.) and Barnett scoring two seconds each, while Bruton, Weekley, Deal, Lane, Bell, Ainge and Ives, who contributed fives and fours, and many others who added their threes, twos and ones, claim their share in the total.

In the academic sphere our record is not one to be proud of. We were narrowly beaten by Gainsborough for third place in the diligence contest.

A.W.C.

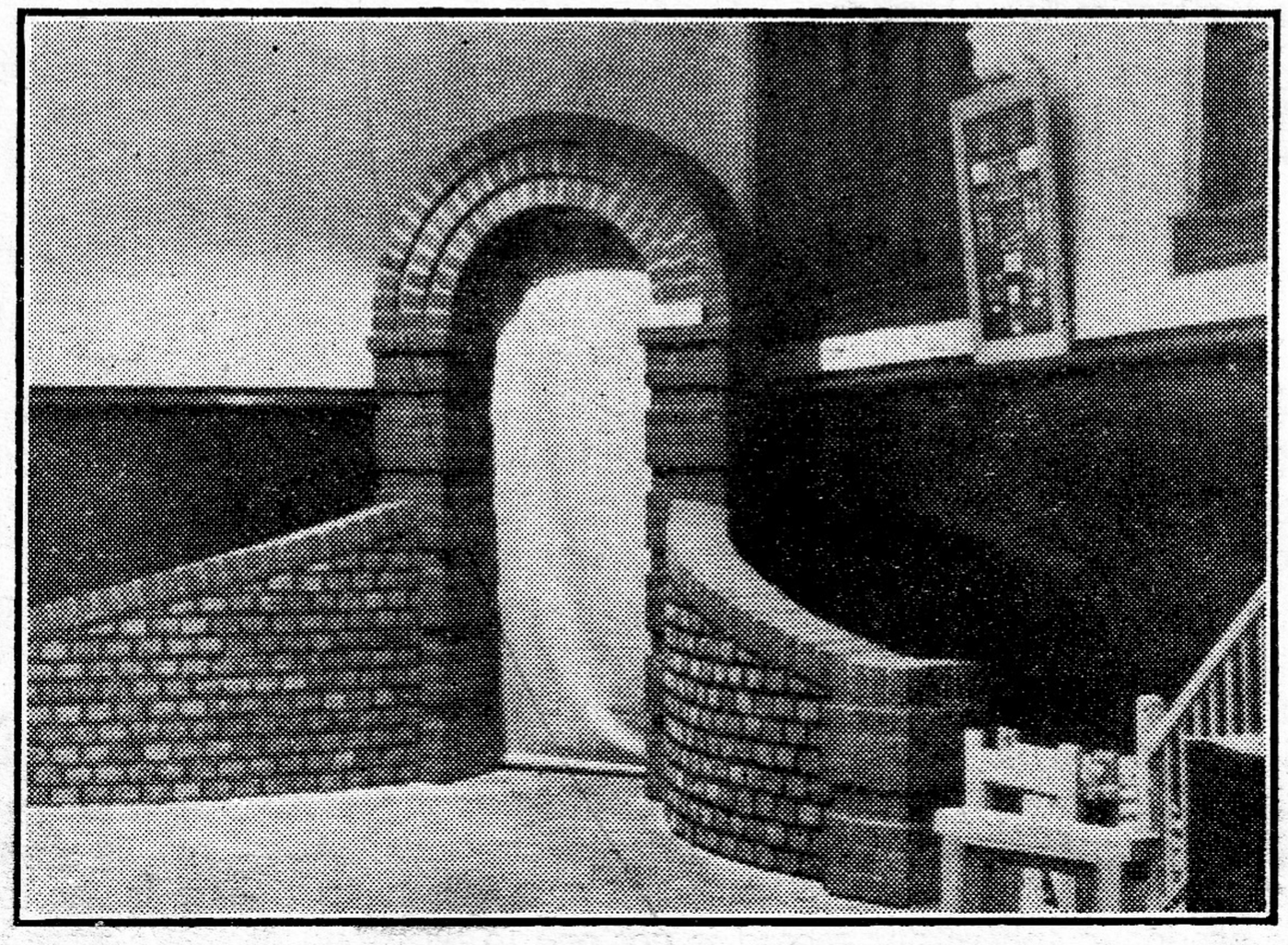
Prize Giving and Exhibition of Work

To mark the inaugural year in the newly acquired School at Garratt Lane, it was decided to combine Speech Day Celebration with the Annual Exhibition of Work. The School was therefore made ready to receive parents and friends from 3 o'clock on Thursday, 2nd March. The Prize Giving, which took place at 7 p.m., was held in the large hall of the Anchor Mission, while the School halls were filled with many exhibits of work.

Our Chairman of Governors, Lt.-Col. Matthews, O.B.E., T.D., presided, and the distribution of prizes was made by Mr. Walter L. Clark, M.B.E., the late Managing Director of Benhams Ltd., Garratt Lane. He, as Ald. Mrs. S. K. Goodrich, J.P., L.C.C., said in her vote of thanks, "is an enlightened industrialist of the 20th century." The platform was also graced by many eminent personalities who have connections with education and are, as the Headmaster said, of "world fame," especially Sir Graham Savage, the Education Officer to the London County Council. Speeches by Mr. H. Raymond King, M.A.(Cantab.), the Headmaster and Mr. John Makin, B.Sc., the Master in Charge of the Building School, reported on the work of the School, and it was very gratifying to note that the School Captain (R. J. White) and the Vice-Captain (R. P. Deacon) were able to give very fine accounts of the School's social activities and athletic attainments.

The Exhibition of Work fell naturally into two categories, as it was representative of all phases of the School curricula and of the many social and athletic activities. In particular, mention must be made of the excellent A.T.C. display of Trophies, Equipment and examples of very good work which evidence the loyalty that exists in the School Squadron. The Angling, Model Making, Stamp, Tropical Fish and Scientific Clubs had all contributed to the Exhibition.

School Workshops were open to parents and guests who were able to see the boys at work on the many building operations which form part of the hand and eye training so necessary to produce the high standard of craftsmanship which is maintained.



1950 Exhibition A Corner of Top Hall

Examples of Brickwork, Carpentry and Joinery, Painting and Decorating and Plumbing, received high recommendation.



Painting, Decorating and Lettering

The central feature of the Exhibition was to be found in the top hall, where stands displayed the work of the School. Here, examples from all departments gave an excellent summary of the subject matter and treatment of the work of a building school. More detailed examples were to be seen in the Art Room, the Architectural History Room, the Drawing Studios (Draughtsmanship), the Geography Room, the Mathematics Room and the Science Laboratory. The last mentioned, besides showing the Science Course, had many examples of scientific amusements on show, which kept First Form boys and the more youthful visitors fully occupied for the evening.

PRIZE LIST

1. **School Captain's Prize** (Presented by the Chairman of Governors)—Archibald T. Williams.
2. **Vice-Captain's Prize** (Presented by the School)—Brian Field.
3. **Prizes for Public Examinations.** Oxford School Certificate—Archibald T. Williams; The College of Preceptors Senior Certificate—Michael Firth, Peter Dodds, Brian Field, John Littler, Peter A. Wilson.
4. **Prizes for Merit.** Form 3A—Terence Burke, Michael G. McGowan; 3B—Edward Chalk, Clive Sanders; 3C—John White, Brian Starey; 4GA—David White, Ronald Slawson; 4GB—Dennis Simmons, Roland Grimmond; 4TA—Kenneth Brown, Ronald Deacon; 4TB—Cyril Beeson, Peter Chandler; 5GA—John Littler, Desmond Gilbrook; 5GB—Archibald T. Williams, Walter J. Clouter; 5TA—Reginald Blackwell, John Green; 5TB—Frederick Trehane Donald Lee.
5. **General Subjects.** English—John Foote, Peter Dodds; History—Walter J. Clouter; Geography—Roger Ward; Mathematics — Michael Firth, Derek Verran; Science—Archibald T. Williams; Mechanics—John Littler; Art—Alfred Noble; History of Architecture—Brian Field.

6. **Technical Subjects.** Building Drawing—Desmond Gillbrook, John Fitzgerald; Architectural Drawing—Peter Howell, Alan Clark; Practical Geometry—Alan F. Roberts; Building Notes—Michael G. Williams; Surveying—Derek Verran.
7. **Craft Practice.** Brickwork—Cyril Beeson, Brian Girdler; Carpentry & Joinery—John Green, Ronald Deacon, Derek Fawke; Painting & Decorating—Geoffrey Hern, Terence L. Thurston, Robin Baughan, Frank S. Leonard; Plumbing—James Sheward, Rex A. Le Serve.

H.S.S.

Football, 1949-50

Once again our Premier Team has completed the League programme without the loss of a match.

We were fortunate in still having the services of more than half of the players from the Premier Team of the previous season when, under their Captain, A. W. Gibson, they won the League and "Knock-out" Championships.

The team started with a couple of "friendlies" against Wandsworth Schools (8—0) and Brixton School of Building (4—2).

It came as a surprise to find our local rivals, Wandsworth Technical, were unable to offer much resistance to us in either game. Our two games v. Balham and Tooting Commercial also provided us with large scores.

The only league game in which our forwards failed to take full toll was the last of the season, against Balham Central. Balham scored first and although we bombarded the goal for 25 minutes, it was not until seven minutes from time that our Captain, Jeffryes, came to the rescue.

We entered the London Competition for the Lipton Trophy and in spite of three reserves we beat Woolwich 6—3.

In the third round we met Eltham on their own ground. In spite of this and their weight it was a very even game, with Jeffryes as a tower of strength in defence. Half time arrived with no score and a fair reflection of the play. In the second half things continued much the same until 10 minutes from the end, when the home side were awarded a penalty for a reason known only to the referee. Stanley had no chance with the shot. With so few minutes to go, all our strength was put into the attack but we were unable to manage more than several very near misses. In the closing couple of minutes Eltham scored again. However, they have since reached the final with a good prospect of victory, so we were certainly not disgraced. This game was also the beginning of the rapid rise to "fame" for our clever and hardworking Captain, Jeffryes, and we congratulate him on representing London against Glasgow at Hampden Park.

Stanley has played two consistently good seasons in goal. Perren and Deacon have been reliable if not brilliant as backs. The "halves" have been the "strength" of the team, with Jeffryes always where help was most needed and setting a fine example of hard work and sportsmanship. Stacey has become a much improved player and although seldom brilliant, always consistent. Of the forwards, Skinner was keen and effective; Grout clever but in need of more thrust; Dickens has ability but lacks strength; Ross started as a "half" but played his best games when he was at left back; Parsons made a useful deputy on the left wing at the end of the season.

The Senior Team started slowly, mainly owing to the fact that our first game was only three days after the intake of our new juniors. However, with training, many improved greatly as the season went on, as will be seen by the final league results. McCauliffe made a good and hardworking captain and he was well backed up by Sale.

Harrison made it obvious that he intended to "stay," and we shall expect a lot from him next season. Lothian made a lot of progress and when he learned to kick with both feet became a very good back. Grout Junior makes some clever moves when he keeps up in his place. He will, however, have to "shoot" harder.

The same may be said of Perugino. Boucher is keen and fairly fast, but also lacks ability to "find the net." Burt, with his experience of the previous season, did well in goal.

House Premier S.F.—Smeaton 1, Gainsborough 5; Scott 0, Wren 1. Final—Wren 4, Gainsborough 5.

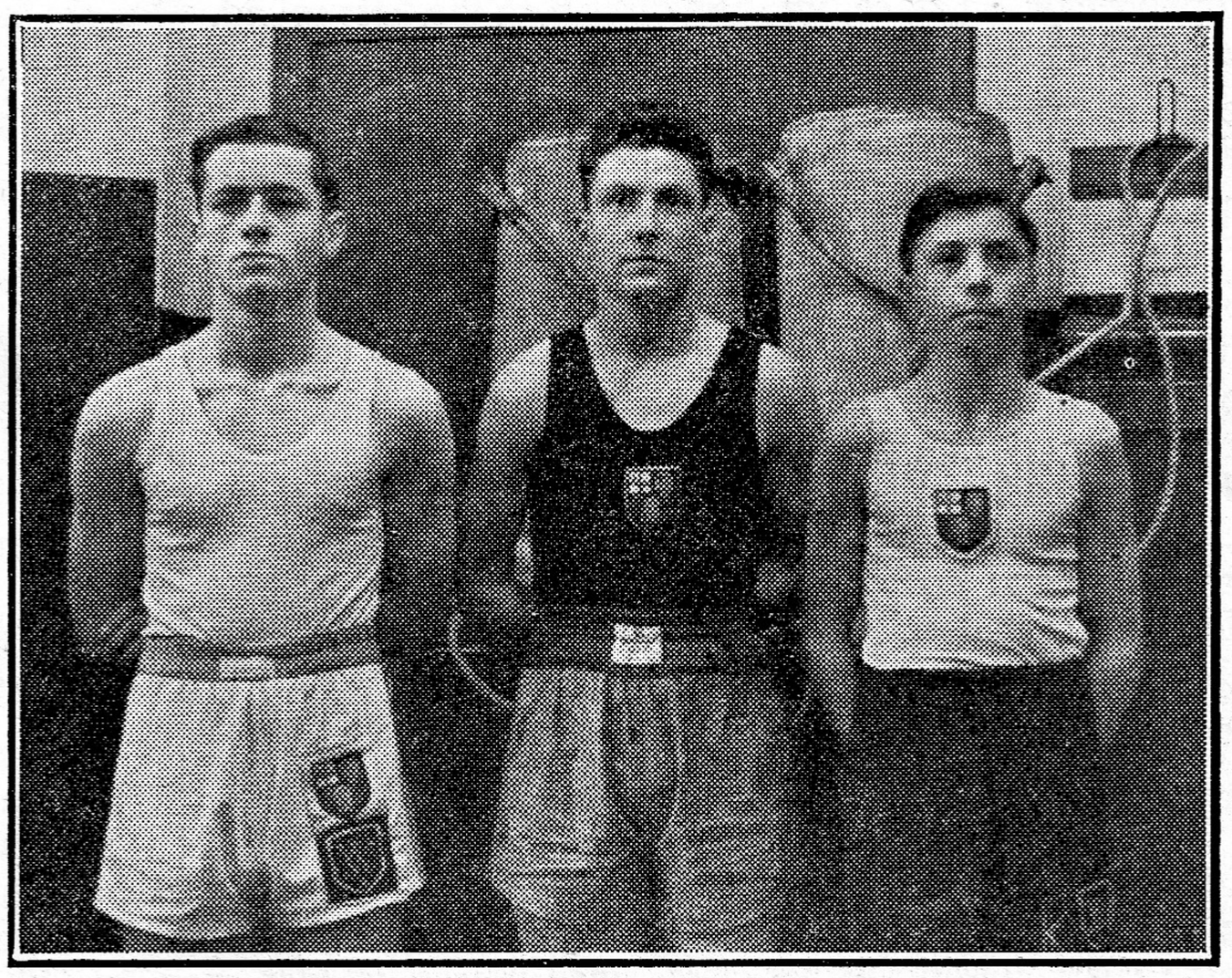
House Junior S.F.—Smeaton 1, Scott 0; Gainsborough 1, Wren 0. Final—Smeaton 2, Gainsborough 1.

Boxing

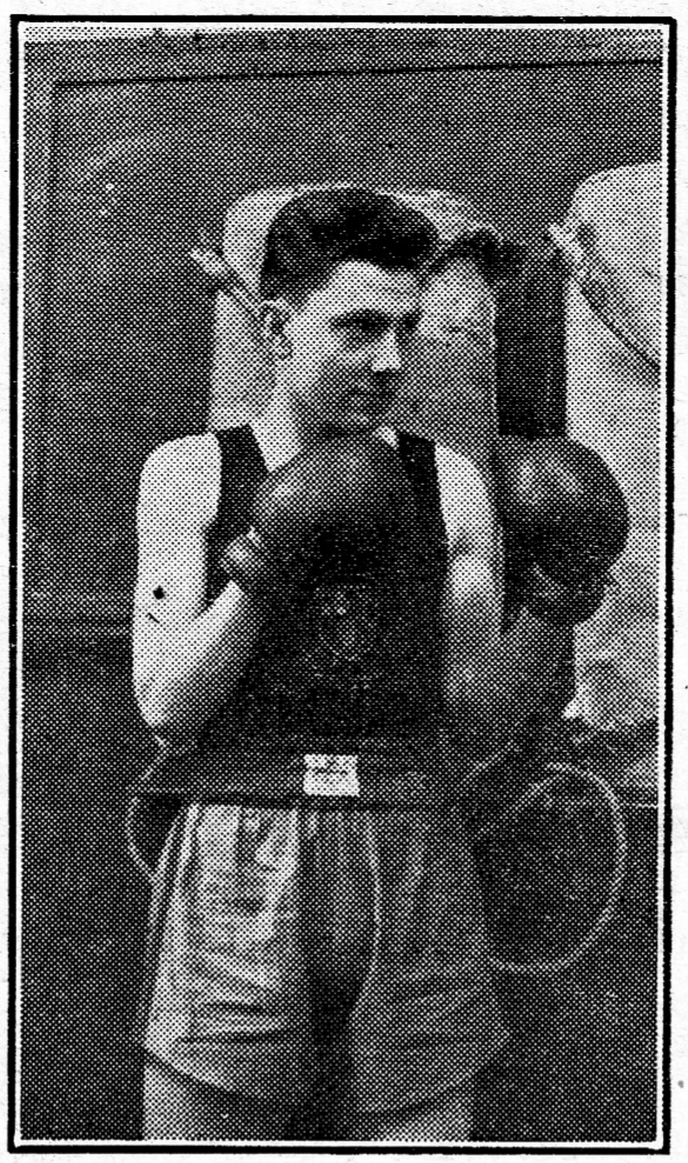
The School boxing team has had a very successful season, winning, as a start, four District Championships. R. Grout beat Hazeldene in the 6st. 8lbs. class; K. Grout beat Brownett for the 8st. 4lbs. senior A title; R. E. Perren won the 11st. 2lbs. senior A contest ; and A. W. Chaney, having no opponent, received a walk-over in the 11st. 6lbs. senior B.

These four represented Wandsworth in the Western Division of London Championships, where R. Grout beat R. Hilliar of Battersea, K. Grout beat Dee of Islington, and Perren and Chaney had walk-overs.

Next came the contest of West v. North London. R. Grout, having battled through to this stage, had the misfortune of being overweight on the day—with far-reaching consequences, as will be seen. K. Grout, however, continued his conquering career, winning a hard fight on points. Perren and Chaney again found no opponents.



A. W. CHANEY R. E. PERREN K. GROUT
11st. 6lbs. 11st. 2lbs. 8st. 4lbs.
LONDON CHAMPIONS



R. E. PERREN
Gt Britain Champion 11st. 2lbs.

On the night of the London Championship Finals, K. Grout was in top form, and belted his opponent, Hawksbee, into submission in the first round. Perren and Chaney walked-over once more.

These three represented London in the Great Britain Championship contests at Edmonton at which boys from all England and Wales competed.

The boxing started at 1.30, and Perren was the first of our competitors in the ring. He beat G. Smale, of Surrey and South of England, after a stiff contest. K. Grout appeared next to oppose J. Mannion, of Staffordshire. Grout boxed extremely well, stabbing constantly at Mannion's face with his left leads and occasionally bringing in a solid right hook to win the first round. In the second, however, the Northern boy got in some heavy rights, one of which knocked Grout down; but Grout continued to box well to the end of the round, which seemed to be even. The third round was fast and clever, Mannion trying to pin Grout in a corner with some heavy lefts and rights to the head and body; but Grout refused to be pinned and fought back with hard left leads. At the end of this very even contest the verdict went to Mannion.

Chaney's opponent, Wilson of Wales, proved too strong for him, and the fight was stopped in the second round.

In the evening Perren fought again, this time for the Championship of Great Britain, against Miller of Durham. The result was never in doubt. Perren's left was constantly landing in Miller's face, splitting his lips and nose and blacking his eye, and Perren became the School's first Great Britain champion. R. Grout might well have won the championship in his class, since it was, in fact, won by Hilliar, whom Grout beat in the Western Division of the London Championship.

A. W. CHANEY (Captain of Boxing).

Athletics

Things looked a little "bleak" for us this season, as we had lost all our band of athletes who had carried all before them during the last three seasons. The only one left with any real experience was our Captain, D. J. White.

A few of the juniors spent a considerable time training during the winter, and are showing much promise. It is a pity, however, that we get little support from those in the fourth year. M. J. Sprague decided to "change his occupation" at the beginning of this term, and we hope to hear much of him.

The Inter-House Sports were well contested and served as a basis for our selections for the District Sports, in which we did not do so well this year, being runners-up in the Premiers and fourth in the Juniors. The best performances were by D. J. White, M. J. Sprague, E. Smith, J. Lothian and F. Perugino, who have been selected to run for Wandsworth and awarded their District badges. R. Wackrill is a reserve. We hope there may be some London Champions among them. E. Smith (mile) and M. Sprague obtained standard time medals in the Surrey County Championships.

The London Championships will be at the White City on Wednesday, June 28th, and the "Nationals" at Port Sunlight, Liverpool, on Saturday, 22nd July.

The results of the School Sports, held on the Tooting Bec ground on May 16th, were as follows:—

100 yards (open).—1, Fawke (Sm); 2, Brown, K. (G); 3, Dickens (G). Time: 12 secs.

100 yards (under 16).—1, Sprague (Sc); 2, White, J. (W); 3, Appleby (Sm). Time: 11.3 secs.

100 yards (under 15).—1, Gardiner (G); 2, Bishop, K. (Sc); 3, Weekley (W). Time: 12.9 secs.

100 yards (under 14).—1, Lothian (Sc); 2, Barnett (W); 3, Cox (G). Time: 12 secs.

220 yards (open).—1, Wackrill (W); 2, Grange (G); 3, Vincent (G). Time: 26.7 secs.

220 yards (under 16).—1, Sprague (Sc); 2, O'Brien (Sm); 3, Macedo (Sc). Time: 27.1 secs.

220 yards (under 15).—1, Hills (W); 2, Gardiner (G); 3, Weekley (W). Time: 29.6 secs.

220 yards (under 14).—1, Lothian (Sc); 2, Barnett (W); 3, Hutchins (Sm). Time: 29 secs.

440 yards (open).—1, Wackrill (W); 2, Grange (G); 3, Watts (Sm). Time: 62.6 secs.

440 yards (under 16).—1, White, D. J. (Sc); 2, O'Brien (Sm); 3, Laws (Sc). Time: 63.3 secs.

440 yards (under 15).—1, Pateyjohns (Sc); 2, Hills (W); 3, Clarke (Sm). Time: 65.3 secs.

440 yards (under 14).—1, Brims (G); 2, Ainge (W); 3, Bruton (W). Time: 72.2 secs.

880 yards (open).—1, Smith, E. (Sm); 2, Brown, K. (G); 3, Dickens (G). Time: 2 mins. 23.4 secs.

880 yards (under 16).—1, White, D. (Sc); 2, White, J. (W); 3, Laws (Sc). Time: 2 mins. 17.4 secs.

880 yards (under 15).—1, Perugino (Sm); 2, Pateyjohns (Sc); 3, North (Sc). Time: 2 mins. 27.3 secs.

880 yards (under 14).—1, Chisholm (Sc); 2, Lane (W); 3, Bell (W). Time: 2 mins. 42.3 secs.

One mile (open).—1, Smith, E. (Sm); 2, Raymond (G); 3, Millington (W). Time: 5 mins. 28.4 secs.

One mile (under 16).—1, Parsons, E. (Sm); 2, Skinner (G); 3, Smith, D. (W). Time: 5 mins. 26.5 secs.

Hurdles (open).—1, Fawke (Sm); 2, Stacey (Sc); 3, Parsons (Sc). Time: 19.7 secs.

Hurdles (under 16).—1, Bygraves (Sc); 2, Grout (Sm); 3, English (Sm). Time: 20.4 secs.

Hurdles (under 15).—1, Bishop, K. (Sc); 2, Harrison (Sc); 3, Doe (Sc).

Hurdles (under 14).—1, Jones, E. (Sm); 2, Bruton (W); 3, Grout (Sm). Time: 16.4 secs.

One mile walk (open).—1, Geldart (G); 2, Baughan (Sm); 3, Deal (W). Time: 8 mins. 58.2 secs.

High jump (open).—1, Smith, E. (Sm); 2, Skinner (G); 3, O'Brien (Sm). Height: 4ft. 3in.

High jump (under 15).—1, Lothian (Sc); 2, Cattermole (W); 3, Pateyjohns (Sc). Height: 4ft. 3½ins.

Long jump (open).—1, Sprague (Sc); 2, White, D. J. (Sc); 3, Bull (Sm). Distance: 17ft. 2in.

Long jump (under 15).—1, Jones, E. (Sm); 2, Boucher (W); 3, Chisholm (Sc) and Doe (Sc.) Distance: 13ft. 8½in.

Discus (open).—1, Grout, K. (Sm); 2, Hill (W); 3, Bygraves (Sc). Distance: 79ft. 8in.

Discus (under 15).—1, Cumberland (Sc); 2, Ives (W); 3, Peach (Sc). Distance: 64ft.

Javelin (open).—1, Dickens (G); 2, Hill (W); 3, Parsons, L. (Sc). Distance: 112ft. 7½in.

Javelin (under 15).—1, Cumberland (Sc); 2, Holloway (G); 3, Howe (W). Distance: 85ft. 6in.

Shot (open).—1, Fawke (Sm); 2, Le Serve (Sm); 3, Geldart. Distance: 30ft. 8in.

Shot (under 15).—1, Jessett (G); 2, Barnett W.

Relay (open).—1, Wren; 2, Scott; 3, Smeaton.

Relay (under 15).—1, Scott; 2, Wren; 3, Smeaton. Time: 58 secs.

The result of the Inter-House Competition was:—1, Scott (274 points); 2, Wren (208 points); 3, Smeaton (167 points); 4, Gainsborough (145 points).

Clubs and Societies

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Table Tennis is the oldest established club in the School. Mr. Toynton is President. The Committee was elected when all the Club were present. They decided the night it should be held was on Thursday. In the latter part of the term the Club held a knock-out competition, in which Vincent and Smith came together in the final. Vincent was the better man and deserved to win. To add to the Club's equipment, the carpenters made a new table-tennis table. Next term the Club hopes to arrange a match with the masters.

R. SMITH, J. VINCENT (Secretaries).

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This Society, when first formed at Merton Road in the Autumn Term, 1949, was opened to members of Scott House only, but since the School has moved, the Club has been opened to the whole School.

The President, Mr. Murray, is himself an experienced amateur photographer and many useful tips may be obtained from this source.

The activities to date amount only to developing and printing, but during the future it is hoped that enlarging and tinting, etc., may be performed, and high hopes are held for a more efficient dark-room in the Brickwork Shop.

So far the Society has thrived satisfactorily without the aid of subscriptions, and it is hoped that this state of affairs may continue.

H. C. R. HILL, Secretary.

CYCLING CLUB

Secretary: R. Stacey. Assistant Secretary: B. Wickens. Captain: Porter.
Vice-Captain: A. J. Sage. Treasurer: Mr. Murray.

This was originally a rambling and cycling club, but it was decided at a committee meeting that the rambling section should be liquidated and that the cyclists should be divided into sections for (a) touring; (b) racing. The Club is in need of more active members.

The Club has carried out rides to Boxhill and Bagshot via Virginia Water, where they had dinner.

The Committee have decided to tour Wales in the summer holidays. Will members (or non-members) get into touch with Wickens or Stacey.

B.W., A.J.S.

MUSIC SOCIETY

President: B. V. Field. Secretary: A. Williams. Librarian: J. A. Littler.
Treasurer: W. J. Clouter.

Since the formation of the Society in September, 1949, it has been the sincere wish of the Committee that it should foster a spirit of musical appreciation throughout the School. Though the response has not been great, we feel that the basis of a sound education in music can be formed.

During the past, the works of such composers as Chopin, Greig, Beethoven, Delibes, have been played and have met with approval; therefore we hope that many more will join the Society and give this type of music fair hearing and thereby gain a wide field of musical knowledge.

SCIENTIFIC MODELS CLUB

A Club was inaugurated early in the Spring Term for those who are interested in making models that work. A start has been made mainly in making aircraft models; but lack of storage space has discouraged members from bringing their work to the Club. When materials become available for our store cupboard, we hope to interest a larger number of members. During the summer we hope to organise some visits of scientific interest and a field day for flying models. The Aeromodeller is always available at meetings.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Society was founded with the objects of studying the science of Philately and of providing facilities for "swopping." The Society started with 20 members and weekly meetings have been held on Wednesdays. Members have been encouraged to develop method in their collecting by the mutual interchange of stamps and knowledge and by informal lectures.

During the Winter Term a simple competition was held which, however, impressed on members the importance of quite common stamps, since competitors found some difficulty in assembling complete sets of Great Britain current George VI. R. Gower won first and C. Beeson second prize. Catalogues are provided by the Club and are in great demand.

Further competitions are planned for the Winter Terms.

A. BROMAGE, Secretary.

THE ANGLING CLUB

President: Mr. Gee. Secretary: R. Wackrill.

Our Club has flourished well during this season 1949-50. The members are at present few but select, but any suitable member of the School is welcome to join.

Many successful outings have been made and a Club record book started. Places visited by the Club are as follows:—Private Waters at Teddington and Carshalton, the Rivers Thames, Medway, Mole and Wey.

At present no sea-fishing outings have been arranged, but all members are looking forward to the time when they can be.

R. WACKRILL.

DEBATING SOCIETY

The Debating Society, inaugurated in the autumn, has held several interesting meetings. The first motion, "that jazz cannot be classed as music," was carried after a spirited debate, in which members of the Staff took part. The second motion, "that Science has done more harm than good for mankind," was lost, the debate being rather one-sided. At another meeting the conduct of modern adults and youth was compared, and it was decided that adults did not set a bad example to youth.

"Homework, for and against," was another subject of debate and the Society, with one dissentient, voted that homework was necessary.

We have been pleased and honoured in having Mr. King present at several of our meetings.

The attendance, on the whole, has not been a particularly large one; and my advice is that more boys should come and try debating.

R. J. DEAL, Secretary.

OUR EXOTIC FISH CLUB

This Club was formed for the benefit of you boys who want to keep fish. So unless you are interested in fish, it is no use coming.

The Club is open to members every Wednesday from 4 to 5. We will not stand any fooling about. And if any time this happens, and damage is done, we will call a meeting and decide what to do.

To enable us to buy equipment for our aquariums, we have agreed to pay the small weekly sum of threepence. There is a rule applied to this. If any member misses paying for more than four weeks, he is fined threepence for every week over, plus money he owes.

At present we have twelve members, consisting of Boucher, Bishop, Bright, Brightman, Charlesworth, Edmondson, Hamer, Holloway, Ives, Lucas, Wackrill, Wilson. Any new member is welcome. If you are not sure come and try it out.

GEORGE EDMONDSON, Secretary.

The School's Trip to Holland

The party met at Fenchurch Street Station at 5.40 p.m. on 25th July, that is, all except Mr. Jeal, who got there at twenty past five! We caught the boat train to Tilbury, catching a glimpse of the Ford motor works at Dagenham on the way. We went through Customs and on to the boat. We left England at eight o'clock. Most of us stood on deck until eleven and then went to our cabins. There was such a lot of heat and noise (boys and engines) that we could not sleep. Next morning we caught our first glimpse of Holland. We docked at Rotterdam and after the Customs check went for a four-hour coach trip to the first of our two camps, "De Woeste Hoogte."

Most of us had lunch and went to bed. We slept until teatime to make up for the sleep we had lost on the boat. On the Wednesday we got to know the people at the camp, and in the afternoon played a football match against them. We lost 1—3.

The next few days were spent in swimming, rambling and playing games, and on the Friday we had a football match versus Apeldoorn Boys Club. Although we lost 10—1 we were not so disgraced when you consider that they had about 200 boys from whom to pick a team.

On Saturday we went by coach to Amsterdam. We went first to Schipol (Amsterdam Airport). We were conducted round by a young lady (about 30), who accidentally called for the "Big Boss." When Mr. Jeal walked up he made a big mistake. The name "Big Boss" stuck to him like glue for the rest of the holiday.

It was an interesting tour and we saw many of the KLM Dutch Airliners. We got back to the coaches and proceeded on to Amsterdam, where we went on a trip round the canals. The captain of the launch gave us a commentary as we went round, pointing out places of interest, one of which was a street three feet wide with houses on both sides. We then went on to Volendam, passing on the way the famous Hilversum radio station. At Volendam we all piled on to a tug which was going across to the Island of Marken. We all piled off again when the captain of the boat told us the fare he wanted. We hung around in Volendam for an hour and then went to the coaches and back to camp. At the end of the week we moved to the second camp, This was a national camping ground, but it was not so nice as "De Woeste Hoogte."

Half through the week we went on a coach trip to Arnhem and Nijmegen. We stopped at Oosterbeek Cemetery, where all the British paratroopers killed at Arnhem are buried. From Arnhem we went by boat to Nijmegen. On the way back we visited the Arnhem Park of Surprises, where the Masters got their pants wet. Any boy who went to Holland will tell you how the rest of the week was hard on the boys. They had no money left! At the end of the week we left Holland thoroughly contented and we advise any boy who is thinking of going abroad this year to take the opportunity and go.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr. Jeal and all the other Masters who put so much hard work in to make this trip possible.

B. STAREY, M. J. McGOWAN.

Miscellany

THE AQUEDUCT OF SEGOVIA

Rome was not built in a day—nor was it built for a day. The Romans built to last. They had that in common with the builders of the Pyramids.

There are at Segovia in Spain, the impressive ruins of a Roman Aqueduct, constructed nearly two thousand years ago, to bring the fresh and plentiful water of the hills to the parched and thirsty plain.

Unamuno, the Spanish poet and philosopher, makes a very effective point in one of his books, when he calls to mind that this Roman aqueduct continued to supply water to Segovia through the centuries and almost up to the present time. The aqueduct was one of the wonders of Europe and filled the Segovians with legitimate pride.

Then one day they said: We will preserve this wonderful work of antiquity as a show-piece for the generations to come. So they diverted its water supply into other newly constructed channels.

From that day the aqueduct began to crumble. As it dried out, it cracked up and gradually fell to pieces. What had preserved it through the centuries was its continued use. Once it ceased to do its work, it became a ruin, interesting to see, but incapable of being restored.

This story of Unamuno's impressed me, and I pass it on to you.

So far as I am concerned, if a time comes when I am tempted too early to give up any kind of work or service I can still do, I hope I shall think of the aqueduct of Segovia.

Or, as a good craftsman I once knew used to say: "Better to wear out than to rust out."

H. RAYMOND KING.

A PENNY TURNS POET

I'm eight years old to-day, I am,
And what a life I lead,
Into shops and out again,
Buying what you need.

One day I'm in a pocket,
Riding in a tram;
The next I'm in a café—
Paid out for bread and jam.

I mix with shillings and half-crowns,
But they're a stuck-up lot.
Just because they're more than me,
They think I'm not so hot.

But I don't trouble what they think,
I'm useful in my way;
For now I'm in a beggar's cap,
And here I want to stay.

R. DARK, 3A

Diligence Summary

Points awarded in the Inter-House Competition for the Spring Term were as follows:—

Scott: A—3.15, 3.60, 2.94; total 9.69. B—2.69, 3.17, 2.16; total 9.02. C—3.93, 3.27, 3.68; total 10.88. House total 29.59.

Smeaton: A—2.22, 2.14, 1.82; total 6.18. B—3.04, 3.44, 3.37; total 9.85. C—1.86, 2.36, 2.16; total 6.38. House total 22.41.

Gainsborough: A—2.94, 3.48, 3.52; total 9.94. B—1.98, 2.37, 2.13; total 6.48. C—1.41, 1.46, 1.52; total 4.39. House total 20.81.

Wren: A—2.41, 2.43, 2.44; total 7.28. B—2.40, 3.10, 2.84; total 8.34. C—1.40, 1.54, 1.88; total 4.82. House total 20.44.

Congratulations to Scott House for maintaining a most consistent standard. Congratulations also to Set C of Scott House, who scored the highest term total.