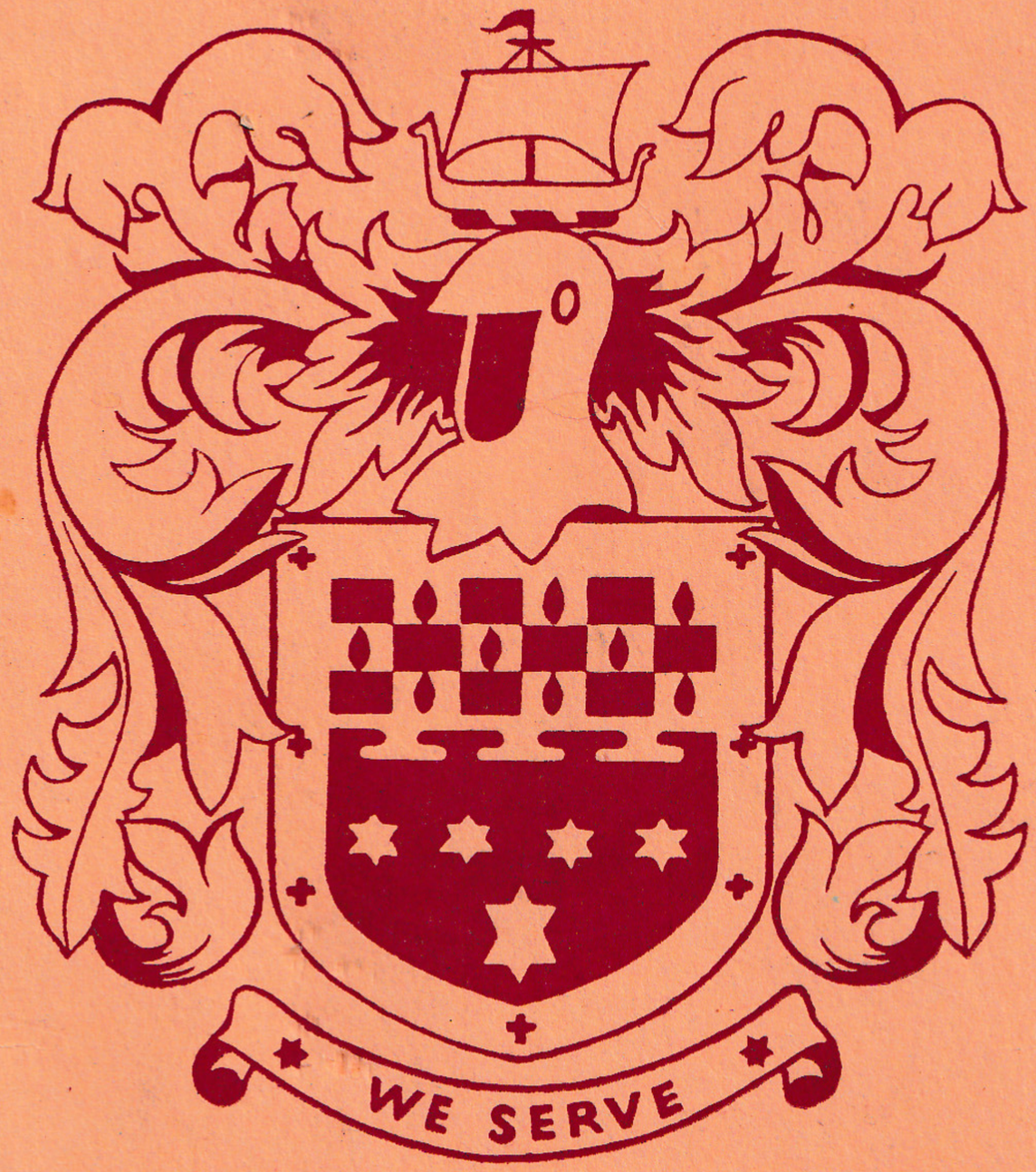


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HEADMASTER'S NOTES

A radical reorganisation of the curricular plan for the middle Fifths, V B and C, has been experimentally introduced this year. It is the kind of reform that we have long thought desirable on educational grounds. At the same time it is both necessitated and facilitated by the new General Certificate of Education. In order to pass at the Ordinary Level in the traditional range of six or seven subjects, the average pupil needs a six years' course. Our plan is to proceed at a differential pace as between three or four special subjects, freely chosen for himself by each pupil, and the rest of his subjects, which will be studied on a more general level. This makes it possible to pass in the selected subjects at the end of the fifth year, and, if desired, to supplement the certificate in any other required subjects in the sixth year—or even after leaving school.

All boys cover the normal range of studies, together with Religious and Physical Education. English Language, by the nature of the subject, is taken to an adequate level by all: but for the rest a boy may choose any three of his seven or eight other studies as his special subjects, according to his interests, bent, or vocational needs. The number of possible permutations is very high. No wonder no two boys in V B and C have quite the same time-table. To meet this is a real feat of time-table construction.

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Thanks to Mr. Tyson and the Kidbrooke Government Training Centre, we now have a splendid Stage Proscenium with the necessary back-stage door pierced in the rear wall of the School Hall. And thanks to our admirable Parents' Council, the cost of material and the nominal charge for labour is being met by the Parents' Fund as a Festival Year Commemoration gift to the School.

Stage lighting and stage curtains are our next objectives.

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I was very happy to assist in the selection of Mr. Payne as the special nominee and representative of the International New Education Fellowship to attend a strenuous and highly important UNESCO Seminar at Sèvres during July and August on the Teaching of History. I congratulate him on the important contribution I have heard he made to this world gathering of History teachers.

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Wandsworth School's special contributions to the work of UNESCO continue. Members of the Staff have submitted a report on the Teaching of Human Rights (to be published as a separate document) and another on Teaching for International Understanding, the gist of which is being incorporated in an official booklet to be published for the National Commission by H.M.S.O.

In an exchange of History text-books with the French National Commission, and mutual criticism of the treatment of the Napoleonic period, I was indebted, as one of the three members of the panel on this side, to Mr. Payne for some valuable ideas.

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I have been a proud spectator on several occasions of the prowess and dash of our brilliant Rugby 1st XV this term, and of our equally successful Junior XV.

And in other fields of sport, we have during the past year taken immense pride in Maclean's outstanding achievements and Curme's triple Swimming Championships.

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EDITORIAL The drastic change in the format of the magazine will be a shock to most who have grown accustomed to the large page and wide margins of recent years. Soaring prices have meant drastic economy to prevent the magazine from becoming a heavy drain on school funds. Changes, therefore, were necessary. We have decided that, rather than tinker about with the old style magazine, it would be better to revise our ideas and re-design the magazine completely. We regret most the smaller type, but feel that not all the changes entailed have been for the worse.

Many suggestions which have reached us in the past few months have been adopted: the school arms appear on the front cover; Diligence and Cock House figures have been printed at the head of House Notes; and there is a Section of Letters to the Editor.

The more thoughtful of our readers will realise that the production of such a magazine as this entails a great deal of work—few of them, we are confident, realise quite how much. Some of this could be avoided.

Firstly, let us have your copy early. By leaving your contribution to the last moment you ensure that the Editor has to cope with something like 20,000 words over the last week-end, when he is struggling to prepare the magazine for the printer. This means that a great deal of copy has to go forward to the printer handwritten, with consequent errors and waste of time and temper all round.

Secondly, get your copy typed, if possible, and in double spacing. If you cannot get it typed, get it copied out by someone who writes a legible hand, making sure that all names are in block letters. Much of the copy we have received and wrestled with ought to have been sent straight back to its perpetrators. It would have been, too, if time had not been so short.

Thirdly, if you are writing a plain record of some activity, take the time and trouble to see that it is expressed in plain, clear English, without verbosity. On the other hand, if you are describing a night at the Ballet, or a Play, or the performance of some great Choir or Orchestra, do try to get some feeling and atmosphere into your writing.

Remember, the magazine needs support: it needs contributions and it needs ideas—your contributions and your ideas, not some other fellow's.

CLOSING DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPRING ISSUE: THURSDAY, 28th FEBRUARY.

This is the last date on which contributions will be accepted for consideration—NOT the date on which nine contributions out of ten are to be handed in. The majority of contributions should be in at least ten days before the closing date.

The Parents' Association's generous offer of a bursary for training in Fencing at Bertrands leads us to look for future distinction in that superb and spectacular art.

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It is a well deserved and apposite honour and distinction for an Old Wandsworthian, Rev. J. A. H. Waddington, Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft, to be appointed Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral in the year that he holds office as Master of the Wandsworthians Lodge.

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During the second half of the Summer Term we were glad to be hosts to the Bielefeld Choir, who gave us a memorable concert in the Hall, and to a party of Norwegian students from Tromsö High School, for whom we were able with the help of the Rotary Club of Wandsworth to arrange an excursion to Windsor and Eton.

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Congratulations to Morris, and acknowledgments again to the Rotary Club of Wandsworth, upon his award of a travel scholarship to Sweden.

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There have been further welcome leavers' gifts to the School Library, elsewhere acknowledged. Special thanks also to Mrs. Chafen, a valued member of our Parents' Council, for her donation of three guineas for some school object, to be chosen at our discretion.

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I conclude these notes in a very sad key. We were all deeply grieved to hear of the death on service in Korea of a loyal and well-remembered Old Wandsworthian who left school as recently as 1947.

We record with sorrow and pride that Ronald Davey gave his life in the service of the United Nations for the cause of all Humanity.

AVETE ATQUE VALETE

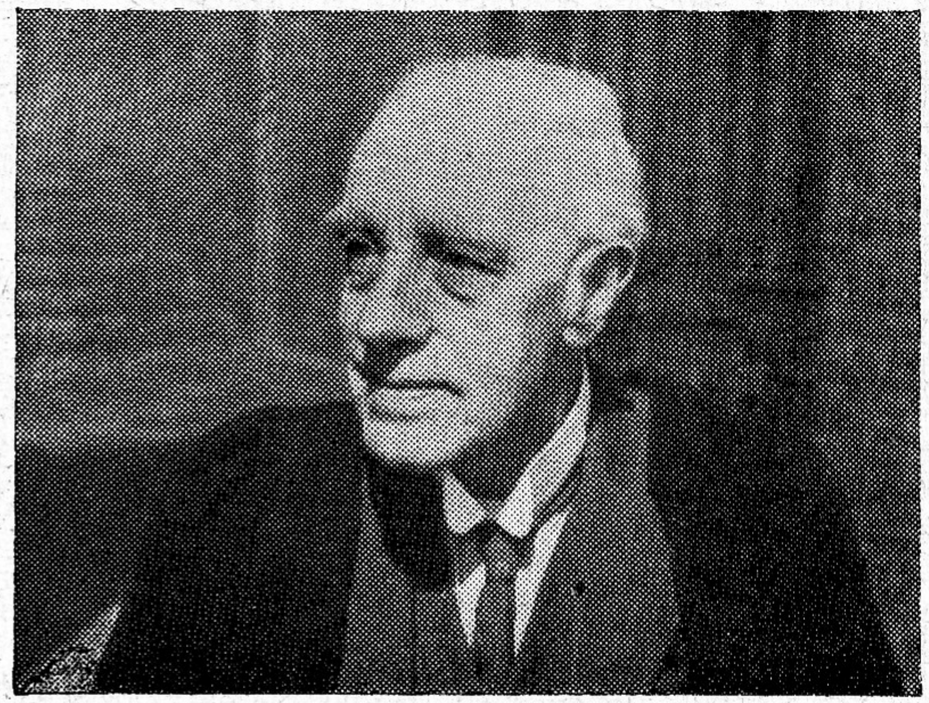
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Bannister, D. A.
Beharrie, D. A.
Bennett, P. C.
Birkenshaw, D. J.
Blewett, R. E.
Bowyer, C. T. A.
Burnham, E. W.
Burton, P. J.
Carr, E. R.
Carr, J. D.
Cassidy, P. N.
Charles, G.
Claydon, A. J.
Clements, D. D.
Coatsworth, B. H.
Cormack, J.
Craig, P. R.
Crofts, G. M. R.
Dean, A. J.
Douel, G. P.
Drain, P. J.
Edwell, R. A.
Eeles, R. W.
Eves, A. W. R.
Farmer, C. W.
Fearn, B. J.
Fendt, K. W.
Filmer, M. J.
Finch, D.
Fitzgerald, J. F.
Foley, J. C.
Fordham, K. H.
Fowler, E. A.
Francis, P. J. T.
French, G. N.
Frost, D. F.
Gillard, J. W.
Godden, P. E.
Goodyear, A. L.
Grant-Salmon, A. K.
Grant-Salmon, G. R.
Green, C.
Hamilton, W. L. R.
Hammond, S. W.
Hancock, R. W.
Haslett, A. M.
Hensman, D. W.
Hitchins, B. L.
Hogg, D. G.
Hudson, K. A.
Jarvis, J. N.
Jenkins, J. K.
Khedheri, S.
Lane, C. W.
Lawrence, M. W.
Leelike, G. E.
Lewis, P. G.
Liggitt, D. J.
Lloyd, R. B.
Lystor, D. H.
McClure, J. McD.
McDonnell, D. S.
Mann, D. W.
Mount, D. J.
Myles, D. A.
Old, K. F.
Oldall, A. A.
Palmer, C. C.
Pavitt, F. J.
Paxman, A. E. G.
Polley, R. L.

Potter, H.
Purchase, G. R. F.
Richards, A. J.
Richardson, G. A.
Ristow, R.
Robertson, J. A.
Rogers, G. R.
Scripps, R. A.
Sharp, I. D.
Simmons, R. D.
Smith, M. R. M.
Smith, N.
Spooner, D. A.
Squires, C. J.
Stephens, K. J.
Tagg, P.
Thrower, A. J.
Townson, P. A.
Tripp, J. E.
Tudgay, J.
Turner, F. A.
Twaite, D. L.
Warren, A. R.
Watts, B. A.
Webster, E. T.
Williams, J. A.
Wilson, A. D.

Boys left since last issue of "Link."

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Barnett, G.
Bliss, G. W.
Brand, J. D.
Bridge, R. F.
Brooker, D. J.
Bruce, J. A.
Bryant, D. W.
Bullock, R. B.
Burton, J. C.
Bush, K. W.
Clanford, D.
Clapton, B.
Clark, D. M.
Close, G. M.
Cox, D. J.
Cullum, A. B.
Darchambaud, R. J.
Davies, G. S.
Davis, B. W.
Dore, T. D.
Ellis, R. L.
Fenton, D. G.
Francis, J. F. K.
Garrett, M. R.
Gray, W. G.
Grazynski, M.
Hale, P. J.
Helm, J. B.
Howells, M. A.
Hughes, D. J.
Hulley, E. A.
Light, B. G.
Line, K. M.
Littleboy, T. E.
Mattey, M. R.
Miller, A. J.
Mortimer, B.
Nesbitt, J. A.
Norman, K. A.
Polson, D. I.
Prince, A.
Richards, B. G.
Richardson, D.
Sperger, K. J.
Stacey, D. V.
Stone, J.
Stott, G. E.
Thompson, J.
Thorn, P. G.
Totham, J. A.
Tyne, J. C.
Watson, J. D.
Whitfield, G. V.
Wilgoss, B. R.
Williams, R. E.
Wilson, J. A.
Wood, D. S.



MR. C. W. TERRY, M.A.(Lond.) When Mr. Terry said farewell to the staff and boys of the School at the end of the Summer Term, his connection with us had lasted thirty years, most of this spent as Senior History Master, and the last few years, since his sixty-fifth birthday, as part-time Scripture teacher. He came to us in 1921, when we were still in the temporary, tumbledown accommodation in High Street, Wandsworth—a very different place from the schools in Taunton and Sheffield where he had gained much of his experience. However, he rapidly adapted himself to these new and

difficult surroundings, and we find him, in the following year, organising an interesting and varied Historical Exhibition, in connection with which a performance was given of the Morality play, 'Everyman'.

He soon formed an Historical Society at the School. This held frequent meetings and visited such places of interest in and around London as Eton and St. Albans. He took a keen interest in the South-west London Branch of the Historical Association, of which he held in turn the offices of Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, and President. It is indicative of Mr. Terry's favourite studies that he was elected in 1922 to membership of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (he is still a member), and also joined the Royal Philosophic Society.

As a Tutor and Head of Pitt House he was deeply concerned with the social life of his pupils, and above all, tried to widen their conception of world affairs and to interest them in the cause of peace between nations. Through his influence the School was affiliated to the Wandsworth Branch of the League of Nations Union, of which he was Honorary Secretary, and he is the present Honorary Secretary of the local branch of the United Nations Association.

A sincere Christian, he has always devoted much of his leisure to the teaching of his faith. As early as 1910 he was licensed as a lay preacher, and worked in Taunton, Sheffield, Putney and Woking (during the School's evacuation to that town). He is still attached to the diocese of Southwark.

We wish Mr. and Mrs. Terry many years of happy retirement, and hope to see them frequently at the School. We look forward to hearing many more of those interesting talks on the United Nations and on religious matters which have interested us so greatly in the past.

ALONZO THE NIGHTLIGHT

A GHOST STORY FOR CHRISTMAS

Nobody could be more surprised than Alonzo was when he turned out to be a ghost. It took him fifty years and more to think it all out. The fact is he had drunk someone else's wine: he was a ghost by the merest mischance. But you must let me tell you from the beginning.

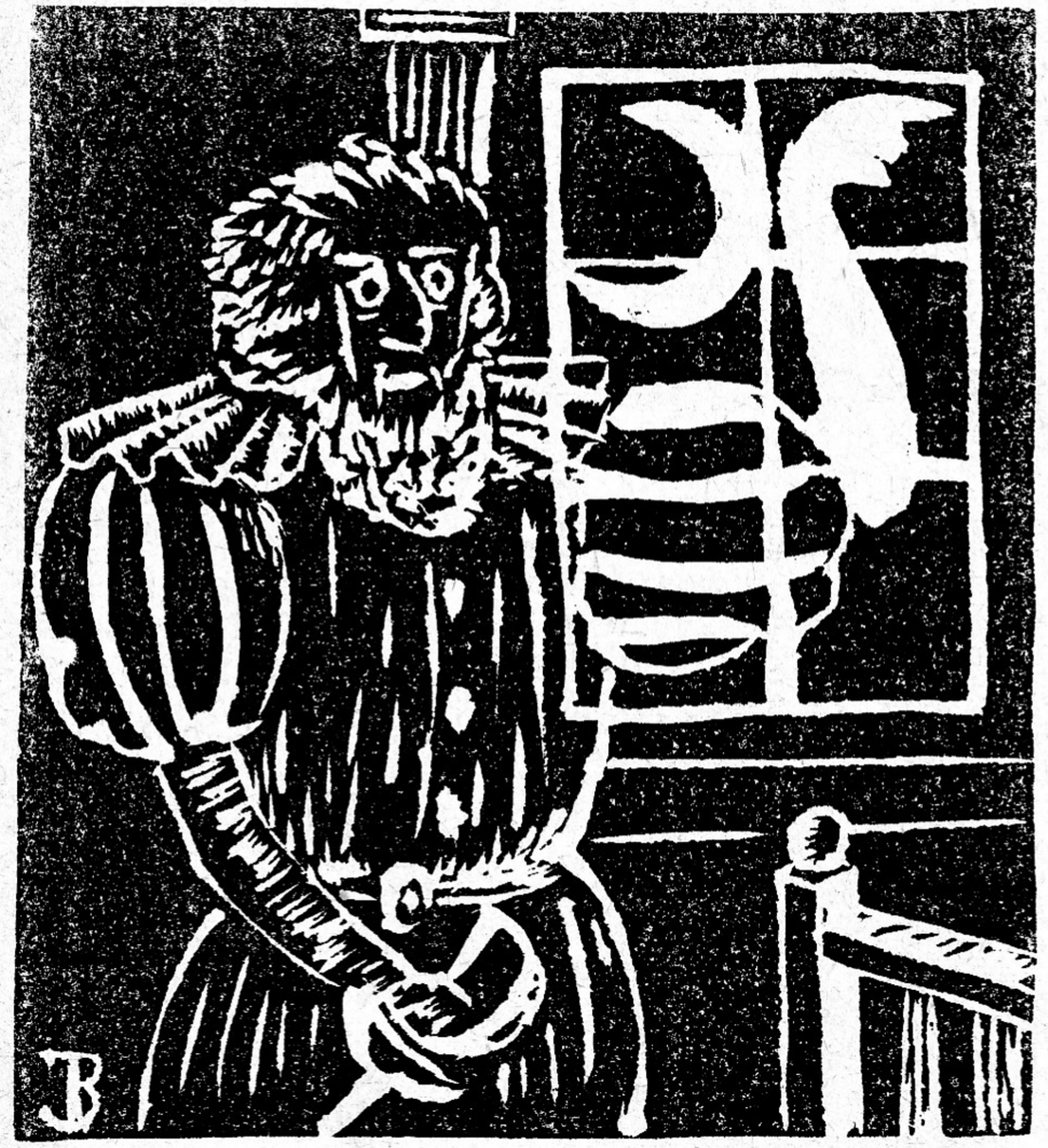
One night Alonzo attended a party on the invitation of Lucrezia Borgia. Lucrezia's intended victim was interested in other things and forgot his drink. Alonzo, who was a bit fuzzy at the time, drank it instead. To make a bad matter worse, the poison was delayed action stuff.

Alonzo sailed for England the day after the party, and died there a month after his arrival. He knew he must have been murdered because there has never been a ghost who died a natural death. So poor Alonzo found himself an Italian ghost in a strange land, and Lucrezia never did find out who had drunk her poison. The man who should have died a horrible death continued to live on, much to her somewhat freely expressed annoyance.

It was awkward at first for Alonzo, as nobody at the local ghostelry could understand him. But he was very quick-witted and sharp on the up-take and in a few hundred years he had mastered the language and was able to look round for a job. He got fixed up with a cushy little situation haunting a middle-class house.

He soon found himself in trouble with his ghostly superiors, as he could not get the hang of the frightening business, try as he would. Instead of scaring the living daylights out of Alfred and Pamela, the two children of the house, according to instructions, he only made them giggle.

When he was too low-spirited to make his usual appearance (for ghosts have to be in good form to glow and glide at all well), the unmannerly brats would shout with quite unnecessary loudness, "Where's Charlie?"—quite enough to give any self-respecting Italian ghost the cold shivers, and Alonzo, poor and inefficient as he was, still had his pride.



So, one night, Alonzo pleaded with the two children to soft-pedal the 'Charlie' stuff. He said, "Look here, Alfred, my dear child, if the Incorporated Institute of British Ghosts ever finds out that you and your little sister are not at all frightened of me, they will summon me to appear before the Board and relegate me to a mere block of flats, or even a pre-fab. Live and let live, you know!"

This was the worst thing he could possibly have done, for Alfie's father made a living selling black-market nylons on street corners—like father like son. Alonzo discovered that, in return for Alfie's pretence to be frightened, he would have to stand by the bed-side to be used as a reading lamp as and when required. Woe betide poor Alonzo if he was not sufficiently phosphorescent when Alfie felt like reading.

The lack of rest and the strain of having to be forever glowing began to tell even on his ardent Italian soul, so, being by no means unintelligent, he decided to change his style and attend dawning classes to learn to be a Poltergeist. This is a superior kind of ghost, who is permitted to throw things and be playful—much more suited to Alonzo's gentle nature. He was a very apt pupil and passed his examinations with distinction. But the subsequent adventures of Alonzo the Poltergeist must be told some other Christmas.

M. CARNEY (Pa 3a).

THE FOURTH FORM INSURANCE CRISIS It was the third week of term at Landsworth Grammar School. Lawrie Bickrell was talking to his pal Bob Leghorn in their form room.

"You know," he said, "I'm getting fed up with school already. I want to be like my dad, and work for an insurance company."

"Well, you can't," said Bob Leghorn, "you've got two more years at school yet."

"Say," exclaimed Lawrie, "wouldn't it be good to have an insurance company here at school."

"Um, but what would you insure against—deaths," suggested Bob.

"That's right, be happy," said Lawrie. "No—you could insure against—er—punishments. You could get chaps to pay so much a week, and every time they get a punishment they would receive something, according to the severity of the punishment."

Bob's eyes gleamed. Yes, he thought, there might be something in it after all.

At that moment Dave Trichards walked in. Lawrie quickly told him his ideas.

"And so," concluded Lawrie, "if you and Bob agree, you, Dave, could be an inspector to check whether chaps get punishments or not, Bob could be secretary, and I, manager. What do you say?"

"All for it," they agreed.

"Good," said Lawrie, "now we must get some chaps to join."

By the same time the next day, three-quarters of the form had joined. As more heard about it more boys came to join, until everybody had joined in their form. The leaders of the insurance company thought they were on a good thing, but, on the first day after the form had paid their weekly subscription, the form changed. Everybody started to play about, even the generally good boys. As a result punishments came in with a flourish, so the company's funds declined rapidly. Masters wondered what had come over the form. The worst boy in the form was a boy named Cyril Linter. Linter usually played about, but when he got paid for doing it, he was much worse.

Another day there was a form detention. This was something the company were not prepared for, and it emptied the treasury.

Things got bad so the manager called a meeting. "And so," concluded Lawrie, "I suggest we knock Linter out. He gets too many punishments."

"Hear, hear," chorused the other two.

"Let's go and find him," said Dave.

They soon found him in the football ground. "Hi! Linter," called Lawrie, "we want to talk to you. I'm afraid we will have to throw you out of our company."

"Oh," sighed Linter, "Well, if you do, Bickrell, I'll go straight to old Murphy and tell him all about it. Tell me your answer at dinner."

With that Linter walked triumphantly away.

"Well," exclaimed Bob, "we might show a small profit without him, but with him—"

"Yes, but what are we going to do—let Linter tell Mr. Murphy or not?"

"Let him go," said Bob, "we'll only go properly bankrupt if we don't."

"Tell you what we could do," said Lawrie, "we could tell old Murphy about it ourselves."

Mr. Murphy was peacefully smoking at his desk when there came a knock on the door. "Come in," he groaned.

Lawrie and Bob hurried in.

"Well?" groaned Mr. Murphy again.

"Sir, I've formed an insurance company," blurted Lawrie.

"What has that to do with me?"

Lawrie told him the whole story. When he finished Mr. Murphy said, "Didn't it occur to you that you were encouraging boys to misbehave. Well, I'm sorry, but you must wind up your company."

"Yes, sir, we've already done so."

"Good," said Mr. Murphy, "then you'll be able to start another one straight away, only in this one you'll pay boys to keep out of trouble. You can pay out for boys not getting any punishments for a whole term."

"Gosh, that's a good idea," agreed Bob.

"You see," said Mr. Murphy, "all insurance rates are worked out by the law of averages." With that he commenced to work out something on paper. He explained it to the boys.

From then on the running of the company was smooth and the form changed back to its old exemplary self.

P. G. RYAN (4a, Cd).

GUY FAWKES' NIGHT

Guy Fawkes' night is a night of fun;
It's a happy night for everyone.
The children soon some wood will chop
For a big bonfire with the guy on top.

Now the light begins to fade
And, goodness, what a noise is made!
To the bonfire children run
To see old Guido burnt for fun.
Catherine wheels with their colours bright
Look as if they would last all night.

Rockets, too, are a big surprise,
Just watch them soar into the skies!
"Ooh, that was lovely!" the children shout,
But baby wonders what the noise is about.

A banger is placed upon the ground:
Nobody makes the slightest sound,
But everyone stands back a bit
To watch the blue touch-paper lit.
First there is a blinding flash,
Followed by a mighty crash;
Then everything goes up in smoke,
And everyone enjoys the joke.

J. UNGER.

BOOK REVIEW BEHIND THE STUMPS, by GODFREY EVANS. "Behind the Stumps" is a book I can honestly recommend to all cricket enthusiasts. This book recounts the cricketing life of Godfrey Evans, of Kent and England fame, and one of the outstanding personalities in first-class cricket today—a man universally recognised as the world's foremost wicket-keeper. It is his life story from his early days to the eve of the 1950-51 Australian tour.

How did he become a wicket-keeper?

How did he reach Test standard?

These are only a few of the questions which Godfrey Evans answers in this absorbing book, which reflects his own cheerful outlook, and is packed with the shrewd observations which readers no doubt expect from "the man who sees most of the game."

Despite the inconsistencies of his many critics, Evans has kept his sense of humour and won friends throughout the world. Here he sets down what he has seen and learnt of the game for the benefit of young players and very many others: for young and old alike will recognise in these pages the lively, cheerful, forceful personality they have watched so often in the field. As long as Godfrey Evans is "Behind the Stumps" cricket cannot be dull.

E. HENNESSEY (Gb).

LIBRARY Valuable books have been presented to the library by Fenton, Stacey, Attoe, Totham, Cox and Brock, on the occasion of their leaving school. Morrison, although not yet leaving, has also presented two books. It is a great delight to acknowledge such gifts, which will recall the donors to us in later years and help to make our limited collection more useful and interesting.

TRY THIS ONE—SOLUTION A 'black' would tell the truth and would say he was 'black': a 'white' would lie, so he, too, would say that he was black. Hence the first native must have said that he was black. It follows that the second man lied, and must have been 'white', while the third man told the truth and was 'black'. There is not sufficient evidence to show the colour of the first man.

SPEECH DAY — 8th Nov. 1951

Wandsworth School prize-giving and Speech Day was held on the evening of Thursday, November 8th, in the School Hall before a large assembly of boys, staff, parents and visitors. Among the latter were the Chairman of the Governors, Lt.-Col. G. L. Matthews, O.B.E., T.D., The Mayor and Mayoress of Wandsworth and the former Mayor, the Chairman of the London County Council, Mr. Bowen, and the Leader of the London County Council, Mr. Hayward. Viscount Hailsham was there to distribute the prizes and address the School.

The feast of oratory was relieved by vocal and instrumental music. The School Orchestra and Choir helped in the impression of an occasion which was formal without being cold, and informative without being over-austere.

The Chairman of the Governors rose to his feet as the strains of Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" died away. Col. Matthews welcomed Viscount Hailsham, not only as the scion of a family well-known in the educational history of London, a grandson of the founder of the Polytechnic and a member of its Executive, but also as one who had himself early achieved scholastic distinction. He went on to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of Wandsworth. He rejoiced that its old title was not to be changed in any way, but would continue to be that of the Borough of which it bore the armorial bearings and motto. He went on to greet Mrs. Blizard, his predecessor in office, and thanked the Officers of the L.C.C. who had consented to be present.

The Head Prefect, N. F. Roberts, then took the platform, and in a speech of admirable delivery and polish, outlined the salient characteristics of the school, and the corporate life which it fostered and encouraged. He sketched in outline the out-of-school interests and other leisure pursuits, mentioning in particular the annual Eisteddfod and the School Play (deftly inviting the assemblage to note the dates of the next production).

He then referred to the Mock General Election which recently convulsed the School, and mentioned the school's interest in sociological matters beyond its own confines.

The Week in Industry had become a firmly established annual event, and enabled about thirty Seniors to make a first-hand investigation of some selected industrial area, with special reference to its Geography, Geology and social life.

All these activities were aspects of what the speaker called 'the world in miniature', from which the present school generation would go forth to take its part on the wider stage beyond.

The Second Prefect, J. G. Morris, then presented his report on the School Athletics during the year. He had some substantial triumphs to tell of, particularly in Swimming and Rugby. He mentioned two fine individual performances: first D. G. Maclean's success in the mile both in the Public School's Championship and at the London versus Paris Schools' Meeting; and secondly A. R. Curme's winning of the Rucker Shield, the 100 yards' Championship of Wandsworth, and the Putney Regatta Cup. Morris concluded a well-spoken and business-like report with the sensible observation that these records indicated that the intellectual rigour of the Grammar School's curriculum was quite compatible with prowess in the arena and on the playing field, and in no way entailed the production of the "weedy, undersized swot, so beloved of comic strip artists".

After the Choir had given two songs, one of Love and the other of Good Life, the Headmaster made his customary report.

He first welcomed Lord Hailsham, as one who bore an honoured name in the history of English Education.

Opening on a personal note, he mentioned that the present year marked his completion of a quarter of a century of Grammar School headmastership, twenty-one years of which had been spent in the service of the London County Council.

He said that school numbers, standing at 545, were the highest on record, and must not rise higher lest the School suffer from congestion. This year the new General Certificate of Education Examination had been tested by an assortment of candidates. The general conclusion was that abler pupils could pass at the Ordinary Level at the end of a five years' course, from 11 to 16, but that for the average pupil a six years' course was necessary. He outlined the new experimental curriculum devised in accordance with these conclusions. Such elasticity of curriculum was an argument in favour of a big school and made the current outcry against the examination age-limit almost meaningless.

The Headmaster then passed rapidly in review a large number of other matters, most of which are dealt with elsewhere in this issue.

The Form 3A Speech Choir then delivered G. K. Chesterton's "Lepanto". For so long a piece it was a most creditable performance.

Lord Hailsham distributed the prizes and congratulated the winners. He then made a bold and relevant address.

As Quentin McGarrell Hogg, the speaker had long since made a name for himself as an orator at the Oxford Union, in the Courts, and in the House of Commons. He began by defining the proper place of oratory as the handmaiden of the arts, and not their harlot. Since his grandfather had died enormous changes had left modern man bewildered, insecure and unhappy. And he was prepared to assert that there would be no hope of any respite, in the lifetime of the youngest present, from the strain and turmoil which inevitably accompanied such great historical developments as the machine-age had brought with it. Such phases of change and turmoil were Periclean Athens and the dying phases of the Roman Republic and Empire. At such times, as in the present, the spirit of man is most tried, and his virtues and vices accentuated. He thought that more people had met deaths by violence in the short span of his own lifetime than in any equivalent period in the past.

What were teachers to put before their pupils as a help and preparation for such a life? He considered it fallacious to teach religious truths while deliberately associating them with the emotional part of the mind. Faith was an essential moral component: but it ought to be "an act of will which emanated from the understanding and not from the emotions. It was essential to re-assess fundamentals from this standpoint, recognising that, though a materialist philosophy is inadequate, we must realise that much which will always be obscure is true. There was room for doubt, anxiety and indignation in life, but none for cynicism, despair or hatred. He commended the trinity of Faith, Hope and Love, but insisted that Fortitude must accompany them and make them effective. With these a man might pass through life, not necessarily with worldly success, but uncorrupted.

A. B.-R.

HOUSE NOTES

COCK HOUSE SCORES 1950—1951.

Scaled Points

	Cromwell	Gibbon	Morley	Pitt
Rugby (No Award)				
Cricket ...	80	50	65	100*
Cross-Country	12	16	20	25*
Fives ...	16	20	25*	12
Athletics ...	80	50	100*	65
Swimming ...	50	80	65	100*

(*trophy holder).

Cock House: Pitt (302); 2nd, Morley (275); 3rd, Cromwell (238); 4th, Gibbon (216).

DILIGENCE AVERAGES 1950—1951.

Autumn Term	I	II	III	IV
Cromwell ...	10.67	14.25	15.44	18.13
Gibbon ...	11.73	15.17	16.35	19.03
Morley ...	11.78	15.52	17.19	19.81
Pitt ...	11.34	14.71	15.56	18.33

SPRING TERM					
Cromwell	...	14.96	16.07	18.06	
Gibbon	...	15.34	15.15	18.19	
Morley	...	16.55	17.42	19.45	
Pitt	...	16.18	16.53	19.00	
SUMMER TERM					
Cromwell	...	14.90	15.57	16.52	18.31
Gibbon	...	15.36	16.91	18.03	19.15
Morley	...	16.54	16.39	17.84	19.73
Pitt	...	16.31	17.34	17.43	19.26

CROMWELL Although the House can hold its own in Athletics, Cricket, and the Eisteddfod, we do less well in the matter of Diligence. We missed first place in Cricket by only a few points. We hope to achieve more in next year's Swimming Gala than we did in this.

At the time of writing, inter-house Rugby is in progress and we have started well. Our enthusiasm and success are largely due to the inspiring captaincy of J. G. Morris and the practices he has organised.

Now we must look forward to next term's cross-country and Eisteddfod. We are fortunate in the captaincy of D. G. Maclean, but it must be remembered that the cross-country is a team event, and the result will depend upon the kind of support given him in practice, as well as in the actual race. A large number of the House turn out on the day, but few bother to do any preliminary training, although this is essential for success. If we are to keep the Mayfield Cup in this year's Eisteddfod we shall have to rally round our leaders.

Can Cromwell regain the Cock House trophy and improve on last year? It is up to you.

R.A.L.

GIBBON We have recently lost many of our most useful seniors with the result that we have not done so well in inter-house activities as was anticipated. The loss of Williams, for instance, so weakened our invincible chess team that we shall have to fight to secure second or even third place. In Rugger, also, we have suffered through the loss of older, heavier and more experienced players.

However, we have turned the tables on last year's champions, Morley, at Fives.

Swimming has been our biggest disappointment. Under the old system we could have won, but, the points system being abolished, the burden fell on a chosen few rather than on the house as a whole.

We were second in Diligence. It just wants that little bit more.

Next term there is the Cross-country, which we can win easily if everybody enters. The Eisteddfod, too, can be won if everybody does their bit.

R.A.

MORLEY We have won the Athletics and Diligence Shields and the Fenn Cup for Fives, and have done quite well in the other competitions. The fact that we were unbeaten at Fives was mainly due to the good play of Totham and Sperger, both of whom have now left.

We badly miss Totham's invaluable help in the House XV. With Dore he was the inspiration of our last year's team, which the bad weather cheated of its good chance of winning the Rugby Shield. We have not fared so well this year, although our Juniors have not, so far, lost a game, winning one game and drawing the other.

At Cricket, although we were only third, our Seniors were unbeaten. In the Swimming Competition we were only narrowly beaten by Gibbon for second place. Once more we must commend the Juniors for a truly heroic effort to make up for the lack of good Senior swimmers. D. Richards must be complimented on his fine swimming and diving in both Middle and Senior sections.

We are doing well in Diligence, although not leading. With a little more effort everywhere, especially Mb, we can regain the lead. In Rugby we must have an all-out effort to keep ourselves from bottom place. Chess, Fives, Cross-country and the Eisteddfod all provide opportunities for Morley to re-assert itself. What about it?

PITT The House has excelled itself in winning the Cricket, Swimming and Cross-country Shields. Academically, however, there has been a decline, and Morley have beaten us in Diligence. We must make a great effort to regain this shield.

Three of our most active members have now left in Stacey, Richardson and Line. All three rendered great service to the House and to the School and we offer them on behalf of their House our sincere gratitude. Thanks must also go to Bruce, whose departure weakens House and School athletics.

We take great pride in the knowledge that N. F. Roberts, the Head Boy, is a member of Pitt House.

We pulled off the hat-trick in Swimming, this being the third year in succession that we have won the Tate Shield. We owe the victory to our Juniors, and give special credit to Rawlings, whose capable leadership, backed up by the performances of Sommerville and Hill, contributed much to the result. Although our Seniors are few we look forward to a bright future if our Juniors continue to train hard all the year.

Pitt have won three out of four Rugby games played, two Senior, one Junior. In the Junior game against Morley a most unfortunate incident occurred when an over-age Pitt boy was played. The Games Committee unanimously decided to award the game to Morley, a reversal of the actual result.

It is earnestly hoped that every boy who has the privilege to be a member of Pitt House will do his utmost to maintain the high standard in work and in sport with which our House has for long been associated.

D.K.P., S.F.W.

CHESS Attendances at meetings this term have been very heartening. We are fortunate in having a very keen fourth-form element.

Although weakened by the loss of Dore, a stalwart of the Chess Club for some years, the team has done quite well in the four matches so far played.

The first match was against City of London, in a League encounter, and the result, a win for our opponents by four boards to two was disappointing. Only Williams could win.

The second match was against our old rivals, Bec, over 15 boards. The School won narrowly by eight boards to seven. The School lost boards 7—12 solidly, but won boards 13-15.

Our next league match was against Henry Thornton and a second team match was also played. The league team won by $5\frac{1}{2}$ boards to $\frac{1}{2}$. The second team won by $4\frac{1}{2}$—$1\frac{1}{2}$.

In a friendly match over eight boards, the School has won but the exact scores are not certain as several games are still to be adjudicated.

D.G.M.

CROSS-COUNTRY The School team has been weakened by the loss of Francis and d'Archambaud, but several promising "discoveries" have been made. The most encouraging feature of the races so far this term has been the form shown by Arnold and Pettican. Arnold improves with every run, while Pettican is becoming the force that his earlier promise indicated that he would.

We look forward to the more important fixtures, later in the year, with the confidence that our showing will be the best since the war.

WILLIAM ELLIS v. SCHOOL — Oct. 3rd.

The School lost its opening match by 34 points to 44. The individual winner was R. Dunkley, of William Ellis. Pettican ran really well to be fourth, as did Arnold to be seventh. Patterson's performance in coming eighth,

although some years younger than the rest of the field, speaks for itself. It was very pleasing to find Davison finishing in eleventh position in his first cross-country, and the very fact that he was a place in front of Sage (Tech. Br.) is evidence of the quality of his performance.

RANELAGH HARRIERS v WATFORD G.S. v. SCHOOL —OCT. 20th.

Watford were first, scoring 58 points to the School's 78 and Ranelagh's 114.

Arnold's fifth place with an outstanding effort, and Sage (Tech. Br.) excelled himself in finishing eleventh. Two newcomers, Cobb and Chappell (both Tech. Br.) did well to be sixteenth and nineteenth respectively. Pettican's twelfth place was no more than we expected of him. By special permission of our hosts, d'Archambaud was allowed to run for us and finished thirteenth.

WALTON A.C. INTER-SCHOOLS RELAY—OCT. 27th.

It was a healthy sign that the School was able to field no less than five teams for this race. The "A" team finished second to Tiffins. Had not Sage been unfortunate enough to run off the course, the result might have been much closer than it was. Arnold did very well to finish fourth on the first leg. On the second lap, Pettican brought the School up to second place. Then, on the third lap, as mentioned, Sage ran off the course and came in fifth. On the last lap the School managed to pull back to second place. We must congratulate Edgar and Dunn on débuts which were, to say the least, successful. Davison, Chappell and Cobb confirmed previous good form.

D.G.M.

FENCING A new training system has been introduced this term. Newcomers start working for the first of five tests, all of which have to be passed in turn. The passing of test five qualifies them as Senior Fencers. So that the pupil does not forget the early tests as he goes higher, each new test calls for full knowledge of all the preceding ones. The purpose is to give fencers something to aim for, in the status of Senior Fencer. This is worth working for. It carries the privilege of free fencing practice ('loose-play') and opens up the prospect of being chosen to represent the school in the team. Senior Fencers coach newcomers through their tests, and thus teach them the rudiments of the sport. This takes some of the work from Mr. Levy, who can spend more time coaching the Senior Fencers, especially the members of the team.

To begin with, it was necessary to have some Senior Fencers to set the system going, so the Fencing Club Committee appointed the following five boys, whose knowledge of fencing had been gained in previous years:

N. F. Roberts, C. B. Gosden, J. Chafen, A. J. Kaminski, and G. E. Tonks.

Another of the club's current activities comes through the kind co-operation of St. Paul's School. On Wednesday afternoons Senior Fencers go along to St. Paul's, where they have 'loose-play' with members of St. Paul's Fencing Club, who have been fencing much longer than we have, and are able to give us valuable practice.

This term has seen the usual influx of new enthusiasts, and we are concentrating on making fencers of them all.

We have been seeing Grazynski at club meetings lately. He is now at a Teachers' Training College, specialising in Physical Education. His fencing knowledge should be a distinct asset in his chosen career. He is the most effective fencer the club has yet turned out, a fact which was recognised last year, when he was awarded a full colour. We hope to be seeing another old boy and ex-fencing club member from time to time in Haydon (sometime Head Prefect) who is at King's College. He tells us that he is keen to pick up fencing again.

C.B.G.

FIVES (1950-51) In the past year, thanks to the effort of Sperger (Hon. Sec.), Mr. Culverwell, the master-in-charge, and Totham, the Captain, the School Fives Club has become a popular and moderately successful School body.

The School Fives team has established fixtures with practically all schools in the London area who play Rugby Fives.

This year has been the busiest for the Fives Club in the history of the school. There has been an individual School Championship with 64 entrants, and a House Competition for the Fenn Cup which was won by Morley, who were undefeated.

The school entered the annual singles and doubles championship for Jester's and Mappin Cups, organised by the Rugby Fives association of Alleyns.

The game proved a great source of interest to our Norwegian visitors as they had never before witnessed the game.

The boys who have represented the school in the past year were: Totham, Bullock, Francis, Harvey, Chaplin and Sperger.

GYM CLUB This is now in its fifth successful year. At present the leadership is in the hands of Gilbart (Captain), Curme (Vice-captain), and Hiscock (Secretary). The guiding hand is supplied by the founder of the club, Mr. K. Coate-Bond. Membership numbers some twenty boys, who take advantage of the opportunity to practise vaulting and agility work more advanced than that done in the normal school gym periods.

This term the club has achieved a standard of performance higher than ever before and has added some new movements to its already large repertoire.

As in other years, the club intends to put on a short gymnastic display as part of the Eisteddfod celebrations.

Club night is Monday, 4 to 5 p.m., and membership is open to the second form upwards, and to the first form by invitation only.

A.R.C.
J.A.T.

RUGBY—FIRST XV After several seasons of indifferent play and mediocre results, the School 1st XV has, this season, given some outstanding displays of fine open Rugby. The results speak for themselves.

Played 9, won 8, lost 1, points for, 190, points against, 32.

Success is due to an all-round improvement—the forwards play more as a pack, excelling in the line-outs; the half-backs combine well, sometimes playing at a level seldom seen in Schoolboy Rugby; and the three-quarters score most of the tries with fast and clever movements.

The newcomers to the First XV have been particularly successful. Glayzer has become one of the leading forwards, Tilley and Payne lightning wingers, and Elliott a safe full back and a useful reserve kicker.

MATCHES.

MITCHAM: won 18—6.

The school were outplayed in the first half, losing 6—0. In the second half, however, the school combined well and over-ran a tired Mitcham side.

PURLEY: lost 9—3.

This was expected to be the hardest match of the season and, although playing well, the school were beaten by a heavier and fitter side. The school defence played a rather erratic game, the three Purley tries being scored after careless slips. Totham, in the forwards, gave an outstanding performance.

TIFFINS: won 8—6.

Again the school met a heavier side, but took Tiffin by surprise in scoring eight points in the first 20 minutes. For most of the game the school defended, Attoe and Morris defending extremely well.

HAMPTON GRAMMAR: won 53—0.

A large number of welcome supporters saw the school completely outclass a fighting but inexperienced Hampton side. Bourton and Stear at half-back played extremely well, giving the three-quarters numerous chances to score.

WILLIAM ELLIS: won 25—0.

The three-quarters found themselves cramped on an extremely small field, but the forwards, with Chafen outstanding, gave a fine performance.

BEC: won 33—0.

This was easily the school's greatest triumph, the whole side giving an outstanding display of fast, clever Rugby. Payne, on the wing, scored three tries.

LATYMER: won 37—3.

Latymer, although playing their first match of the season, played a hard game but could not hold the school team, who were on their best form. Glayzer was outstanding in the forwards and scored twice.

WILLIAM ELLIS: won 3—0.

Conditions for this match were deplorable, the three-quarters being left right out of the game, since they were not able to control the slippery ball. Howell scored the only try in the last few minutes.

SURBITON: won 10—8.

This was an extremely hard-fought game, the school winning by the odd conversion. Elliott played a good defensive game and Richardson hooked well in the set scrums.

RUGBY—COLTS In our first match, against Mitcham, we lost by one point. Score: Mitcham 6, Wandsworth 5, all the points being scored in the first half. The school were very unlucky not to win the match; they had two tries disallowed.

The school colts have played reasonably well this season. We beat the Bec by 9 points to 18 points, although they were a much bigger and heavier side. In the match against Eastcote Lane we lost; we did very well as we were playing their first team. There were four accidents in that match, one of which was from the school. The state of the ground was very bad; it was very hard and the lines were not white but burnt grass, this made it extremely difficult to see them.

Granfield has done very well in scoring five tries and converting seven tries. Gooders has played quite well this season in the forwards, and so has Herbert at fly half.

School played 5, won 3, drew 0, lost 2, points for 63, points against 48.

TABLE TENNIS Unfortunately rehearsals of the School Play have necessitated the suspension of the ordinary meetings of the Table Tennis Club during the latter half of this term. In the first part of the term, however, meetings were held regularly and attendances were consistently high. Inter-school matches are being played throughout the term, but at the time of going to press only two results are available.

SCHOOL v. ELIOT SCHOOL

The school won by five matches to three. Bonner won both of his games and Stear, Rich and Twort one each.

SCHOOL v. SUTTON SCHOOL

The school was narrowly beaten by six matches to four. Bonner again won both of his singles games and, together with Livingstone, a doubles game. Rich also won a singles game.

When regular meetings are resumed next term an Inter-House Competition and a Singles Championship will be held.

Once again we would like to express our gratitude to the Old Wandsworthians for the loan of the tables without which the club could not exist.

D.I.L.

RADIO We have had a full complement of meetings this term to each one of which one of the members brought some small piece of equipment he had been asked to make, described it to the meeting, and demonstrated its working. By the time this is in print a small party will have been to

the annual RSGB Amateur Radio Exhibition for the third time. Early this term we visited a transmitting amateur with whom we spent a very enjoyable evening listening round the bands and rag-chewing with another 'local' who lives about 100 yards from the school. We notice an increased interest in radio with larger meetings, even though these sometimes coincide with other school functions. We would again like to thank our Chairman, Mr. Mercer, for all the time he has put in presiding over our meetings.

S.F.W.

LONDON SCHOOLS' SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA The existence of the L.S.S.O. is not as widely known as it should be. The London Schools' Symphony Orchestra consists of a large number of young instrumentalists, all from London schools, who devote a few days of their holidays to orchestral playing, gaining useful experience and enjoying first-class entertainment.

The first course took place at Buckingham Gate School during the Easter Holidays, 1951. One hundred and twenty players attended, presenting a formidable variety of instruments. Most of the London schools were represented and one must commend the co-operation of the music masters. Dr. Leslie Russell was an inspiration to us potential orchestral instrumentalists. An ambitious programme was attempted, and resulted in a fine concert given in the Concert Hall of the Royal College of Music.

The second course, equally successful, ended with a concert at the Royal Academy. The opportunity for such recreation is appreciated by all and results warrant the continuation of these courses. In January, 1952, the L.S.S.O. will be playing at the Royal Festival Hall for the first time under its official title, and I hope it will thus gain a wider public

J.R.C., J.B.E.

CAREERS—THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS On Monday the 8th of October a lecture was given to the sixth form by Mr. Hugh-Jones, a member of the Diplomatic Corps. He kindly forfeited part of his valuable leave from his duties in Yemen to come and give us an amusing and interesting talk on the ins and outs of the trade.

He commenced by dispelling the old story that the Corps Diplomatique is a mysterious branch of the Civil Service whose members, all from the aristocratic classes, lead a highly exciting, chequered career of cloak and dagger work. The modern Corps, he said, is one whose principal object is to link all countries in friendship by ironing out difficulties. He did not deny that the career of the diplomat was exciting, and he assured us it would be chequered. The authorities, he said, are human, and every so often they will change your post so that you can get a look at the world.

As to its members all being aristocrats or people with good connections, Mr. Hugh-Jones nailed this fallacy by giving himself as an example of an ordinary Grammar School boy who worked his way up into the Service. The Corps today is open to any Grammar School boy.

He refuted another fallacy—that one must be an outstanding linguist with a degree in modern languages. Although languages would be an asset, they were not essential, and any degree would see you past stage one. He once more gave himself as an example. He told us that he had started at Cambridge with Science, changing halfway through his course to a degree in History.

Besides the degree, all that one needed was plenty of common sense and a fair amount of initiative, which would enable quick decisions in tight spots. He gave fictitious illustrations from topical events. All studying for degrees, he said, was just stage one of the process of entering the Corps. That was the easy part. Stage two came when, having discovered what your brain was like, the authorities analysed your character. For this you were taken to a

country house for three days, during which time they turned you inside out and found out everything they could about you. That was the worst part. Mr. Hugh-Jones confessed that he thought it was terrible at the time, but looking back, that it was quite good fun. This put our minds somewhat at rest, but nevertheless those of us who hope to become diplomats were left in some trepidation at the prospect of this three-day ordeal.

After the speech there was a period for questions, but Mr. Hugh-Jones had covered the subject so well that it was difficult to find anything to ask.

As the car with the letters "C.D." on the back drove down the drive, it left behind plenty for us to think about.

Thank you, Mr. Hugh-Jones, for a very interesting talk.

C.B.G.

THE MOCK-ELECTION For the third time since the war the school has held a mock-election, and once again the youth of the nation has disagreed with its parents.

Before the closing date for nominations three candidates had been proposed and seconded, a Conservative who was seeking re-election, a Socialist, and a representative of the new "Youth" party. At first it appeared as if Mr. Tilley's Youth party would present a formidable opposition to the more traditional policies of the other parties. The fourth and fifth forms seemed ardent in their desire for armchairs in schools and, at the pre-election meetings, the sober arguments of Mr. Stanley on the Right and Mr. Harrington on the Left apparently had little effect on them.

Judging by the pre-election meetings the school was certainly taking its politics seriously. Mr. Harrington's first meeting ended with the enraged opposition, or perhaps it was his passionate supporters, coming away with one of room K's window panes. The same organised chaos was present at Mr. Stanley's meeting, in spite of Mr. Payne's appeals to give the candidates a fair hearing.

The Upper School assembled in the hall on Polling Day, October 19th, at 1.30 p.m., and was joined by members of the Technical Branch, who were also, in the words of the Headmaster, "to be politically educated." Mr. King, who was presiding, urged the voters to be swayed not by the candidates' passionate outbursts, but only by their logical reasoning. The electorate listened in silence to the Chairman's remarks but, as soon as the first speaker was announced, gave him a typical political reception with prolonged cheers and counter-cheers.

Mr. Wharton, who was the cause of this outburst, spoke with his customary vigour and found a great deal of favour amongst his Socialist supporters.

The Chairman next called upon the candidate for the "Youth" party, Mr. Tilley, who began by saying he was a realist and continued by eulogising the virtues of armchairs. His supporter on the platform, Mr. Jones, emphasised the foreign policy of his party, namely the setting-up of international exchange camps for adults.

Mr. Stanley, the Conservative candidate, gave an eloquent and emotional enunciation of his party's views, and his supporter, Mr. Tyson, entertained us with an extremely witty, if at times a little inaudible, commentary on the achievements of the Labour Government.

The Socialist candidate, Mr. Harrington, denounced the Tory multi-millionaires in a manner which reminded many of us of the forceful speeches of the little German with the small moustache. The last Socialist speaker, Mr. Roberts, continuing to comment on the situation in Canada, told us that the natives had plenty of pork, but they did not like it—all very distressing.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to questions and speeches from the floor, and, in spite of the mass exodus of the politically less conscious at three o'clock, it proved a lively and, from the point of view of the candidates, sometimes embarrasing session. Chafen, Challice and

Kelly gave, through their speeches, support to one or other of the main parties, but Wright, representing the lost cause of Welsh nationalism, seemed to find little to support in the policies of any of the parties.

The poll was then taken in the regulation polling-booth and the votes dropped into the secret ballot box. The result was

Mr. Harrington (Socialist)	130
Mr. Stanley (Conservative)	104
Mr. Tilley (Youth)	16

Mr. Harrington was thus elected by a majority of 26, to represent Wandsworth School.

D.I.L., A.E.T.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION A party of promising economists from Wandsworth School attended the annual meeting of the Economics Association which was held in the Beveridge Hall, Senate House, London University, on Thursday, 26th September.

During the morning session, Mr. Phelps-Brown (M.A. Cantab.) gave a very simple, but sound, exposition of the Mobility of Labour. He threw out many intellectual questions which apparently he could not answer himself, or, if he could, did not attempt to. His lecture would have been more satisfying if these questions had been answered.

Following Professor Phelps-Brown, the topic was further elucidated by, first of all Mr. Card, a Civil Servant from the Ministry of Labour ('the right man for the right job'), who gave a very dry but effective talk on the part played by his Ministry in 'Labour Mobility'. In the second place, Mr. Allsopp, personnel manager from Peek Frean Ltd., gave a talk on labour conditions in his factory and the problem of equal pay for women.

Questions were then invited, many of these being answered to the satisfaction of all present, but we felt it would have been to our mutual advantage if there had been a Trade Unionist present to give the views of the workers generally. The Chairman, Sir Arnold Plant, we must note, kept the whole proceedings alive with his wit and personality.

After the interval for lunch the meeting was continued in the form of a Brains Trust, members including Mr. Parker, a very competent debater and Socialist M.P.; Sir Hugh Vere Duff Lucas-Tooth, a Conservative M.P. who had rather a benign smile but a vague knowledge of economic affairs and problems; Miss Roberts, prospective candidate for Dartford; and a young lady economist from the London School of Economics.

We thought it rather unfair that three of the Brains Trust had a Conservative bias in economic problems, whereas there was only one Socialist, although the latter kept his end up well by his apparently superior knowledge of practical and applied economics.

Questions were asked on the following subjects, varying from equal pay for women, to further employment of the South Bank site, and from improvements in the present educational system to the division of labour.

The whole day was quite enjoyable, although marred by the above faults which we have criticised, but perhaps we have been a little unjust in some respects.

R.W.H., A.C.

A TRIP TO THE HAGUE During the summer holidays, which I spent in Holland, one of the places I went to was the Capital. This is a very beautiful place with many shops and more traffic than in London. In one of the shops we saw a man making clogs. As the afternoon came we saw many other wonderful things, one of which was a large house on which were a lot of lovely carvings. As we walked along, the leader of our party said that we were going to one of the seaside resorts. Then we boarded a tram which was completely different from any in England, being like a train, with three carriages.

When we arrived at the seaside there were many more people than I remember seeing anywhere else. Everywhere there were bathing huts, donkeys and all the other seaside attractions. The sea was also packed and to get a really good swim one had to go quite far out. When the time came for us to go home we again boarded the tram. As we were coming back to Sciedam a man gave me a big tin of shells which I still have as a souvenir of my visit to Holland.

A. J. HILL (2b, Pa).

VISIT TO THE SADLERS WELLS BALLET On the 18th September members of the sixth forms went to matinée of the Sadlers Wells Ballet who were giving a performance of Coppelia. We were given first class seats and soon settled down to watch an hour and a half of this delightful ballet. Nadia Nerina, who danced the part of Swanhilda, was in flawless form. She was well supported by Gilbert Vernon (Franz —her lover), Leslie Edwards (Dr. Coppelius—the doll maker) and the rest of the cast, all of whom received a tremendous ovation at the end of the performance, after which three of us went behind the stage and met the Prima Ballerina. We left having seen wonderful dancing which converted any sceptics among us into eager ballet fans.

S.F.W.

VISIT TO THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL On Friday the 19th October a party of members of the upper school went to a matinée performance at the Royal Festival Hall. Arriving slightly early we had some time to admire the exterior of this wonderful piece of architecture. The interior was just as striking as the outside, the excellent seating arrangements and lighting giving an excellent impression of this magnificent structure. We had back centre stalls and were not disappointed when the concert started, the hall living completely up to expectation and giving an impression of one's being actually in the orchestra. The concert consisted mainly of programme music which was well played by the London Philharmonic Orchestra, leader H. Leyton-Brown, conducted by Dr. L. Russell. Apart from the programme music we heard the Theme & Variations from Suite in G by Tschaikowski and a delightful Concerto for Horn by Mozart (KV 447) which was played by 17-year-old Brian Brett. This latter was very well played and the slow movement really showed what perfect music well-played Mozart can be.

S.F.W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Letters for this section of the magazine are invited especially from old boys and distant friends of the School. However, anyone who has anything of interest to say is welcome to say it here—controversial and provocative themes are not excluded.—Editor.)

A CATERPILLAR RECORD Sir,—My hobby is collecting caterpillars. I am familiar with many types, such as the Hawks (sphinx): Lime Hawk, Privet Hawk, Death's-Head Hawk, and Oleander Hawk. I have been collecting for three years now, but I have never known an afternoon like that of the 15th August, 1950. With the help of two friends, I caught fifty Lime Hawks and thirty-six Buff Tips, all in one stretch of road less than a hundred yards long. Yours, etc.,

JOHN BARRABLE (Pd).

AN OLD BOY (1906-9) REMEMBERS Sir,—In 1906 I was placed in one of the V Forms under Mr. Phillimore. The building had been converted from a skating rink. In the main hall were arranged a series of small lockers, arranged one above the other. The upper ones were allocated to Sixth Formers and the lower ones to the more junior boys. At midday, when everyone was in a hurry, the senior boys made use of the backs of the juniors in order to get to their lockers quickly.

We had 'drill' in the Hall, when much use was made of dumbells and bar-bells. Many a boy got a hefty crack when a form got a little out of alignment.

Girls were also taught in the same building, but in separate classrooms, only coming in with the boys in the Sixth Form. The mistresses were most charming and would take charge of a boys' class in the absence of a master. Yours, etc.

E. R. LISTER.

SCIENCE EXHIBITION Sir,—In the holidays I visited the recently-opened Science Exhibition at South Kensington. The outside is indeed impressive, but to enter in and enjoy with all five senses what seems an entirely new world is completely overwhelming.

As I entered I realised what a small, feeble, and finite thing the human being is.

The most interesting exhibit is indicated by a bold notice inviting the visitor to play a game with a mechanical brain. The long queue of boys and adults, open-mouthed, is a tribute to its popularity

Not only does this exhibition display many new mechanical devices, but it is the last word in luxurious furnishing. One can rest by sinking into a pneumatic-cushioned, cream and red, stream-lined chair. Care is taken to see that the compact wash-houses are made to catch the public eye.

A day at the Science Exhibition is well spent. One comes away not only packed with scientific knowledge, but with memories of the highest standard of living which Britain can produce. Yours, etc.

P. R. G. GRANTHAM (Cc, 4b).

OLD WANDSWORTHIANS ASSOCIATION

After many years as our Hon. Secretary, Mr. S. H. Fairey, has found it necessary to relinquish this post, his successor being Mr. B. E. Pauncefort. Stan has done a grand job in this office, his hardest task being the rebuilding of the Association after the 1939-45 war. An appreciation of his services was expressed at the last Annual General Meeting when he was unanimously elected Association Chairman. Mr. C. F. Ferne, another of our stalwarts, retired from active affairs of the Association some months ago, and it was our pleasure to elect him a Vice-President. As I have said, Bernard Pauncefort is our new Hon. Secretary and, backed by an equally live-wire Treasurer, Mr. Dennis Ferne, and a first class committee, has succeeded in bringing up the Association membership to 50 per cent. more than it was last year.

The Rugger Club has come into its own once again and seems well suited to the summerlike Saturday afternoons which somehow seemed to be absent during the Cricket season. Results to date (3/11/51) are as follows:—

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against
1st XV.	7	4	2	1	60	28
A XV	7	4	—	3	82	70
Extra A XV	6	3	1	2	60	46

As you can see, we have made a very creditable start to the season, although our record does appear somewhat modest when compared with that of the School, whom we do congratulate sincerely on their recent performances. We hope that many School players will join our ranks when

they leave. It was indeed a pleasure to see many of them present on November 7th, when we showed the official Rugby Union Instructional film, which we were most fortunate in obtaining. Many interesting comments were made by Mr. T. E. Priest, of International Referee repute and who, the previous Saturday, had officiated at the North Eastern v. Sprinkboks match. Our thanks here to Mr. Mercer for the very valuable help he gave us on that evening.

Among our many other activities, Badminton, Fives, Table Tennis, Darts, etc., continue to flourish on Wednesday evenings and we are hoping to fix several Badminton matches against various clubs as we did last winter. Table Tennis and Darts Tournaments are well under way.

Coming events include the Rugger Club Xmas Party on Saturday, 22nd December, the Association Annual Dinner on 25th Jan., 1952 at the Ardington Rooms, and a Dance at Stanleys Masonic Hall on 16th February, 1952. It is anticipated that tickets for the Rugger Party will have to be limited to Honorary and Ordinary members of the Rugger Club.

A last word now for School leavers—do come along to the School on Wednesday evenings. There are always three or four committee members present who will be pleased to give you any information required. Free membership is granted to you until the end of the Association's Financial Year—April 30th.

R.F.W.F.

THE WANDSWORTHIANS LODGE

The record has been broken! On Friday, 5th October, 1951, the largest attendance since the Consecration of the Lodge was made by our members and their guests (among whom were several O.W.s, always welcomed to our meetings) to witness the Installation of the new Master, the Rev. Canon J. A. H. Waddington, M.B.E., T.D., B.Com. (O.W. 1921-27). He appointed as his Wardens his brother Harold (O.W. 1928-31) and C. F. Ferne (1897-98). Mr. C. W. Terry, who recently retired from the Staff after 30 years at the School, was invested as Chaplain.

The loss which the Lodge has sustained by the death of Mr. P. H. Phillimore on 1st June, 1951, is still sadly felt. He was one of the colleagues of Dr. H. Waite referred to in the last issue of THE LINK as having done much to build the Lodge of which he was a Founder. He was the first Master of this Lodge in 1932 and for many years was the Director of Ceremonies as well as Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction.

The Lodge, which has a busy year ahead, meets at Ardington Rooms on the first Fridays in February, May, July, October and December. The highly popular "Ladies Night" will be held at Ardington Rooms on Saturday, 19th April, 1952. Further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary of the Wandsworthians Lodge, 209 Raeburn Avenue, Surbiton, Surrey.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Since the last issue of THE LINK much of interest has happened in the Association. The Parents v. Boys Cricket match resulted in a good win for the boys after a most enjoyable match. The Annual Fete, which, as an experiment by our Old Boys' Association, was amalgamated with the Skuna Hill Allotment Society, was an outstanding success and all who attended had a very enjoyable day. Our thanks are due to all who worked so hard to achieve this. I should like at this point to express my sincere thanks to all the ladies of our Catering Committee for their loyal and cheerful co-operation. Their hard work on the teas and refreshments is greatly appreciated and the Association owes them a debt of gratitude. As a result of all these efforts £111 8s. 6d. was passed to the credit of the Memorial Fund.

I am happy to welcome a large number of new parents. The Social Evening on September 21st designed, as in previous years, to welcome our new members, was once again a great success. I feel sure that the visitors enjoyed the easy informal nature of the evening and the contact with the staff and other parents. The excellent musical programme organised, as always, by Mr. Lincé, was thoroughly appreciated. I sincerely hope that those new parents who came along will attend our future events in the same encouraging manner. The Whist Drive and Dance planned for November 24th will be past history by the time you read this, but I am hoping for a record attendance.

Your Council have been giving serious consideration to the question of the use of the Association's funds, which is derived, as our older members know and as I should like our new members to understand, from the voluntary subscription of 1/- which is invited at the end of each term in my Terminal Letter. Thanks to the efforts of our Treasurer, Mr. Prickett, we are in a position to assist with our funds activities valuable to all the boys and the School and which are not covered by the School funds. At a meeting of the Council on October 31st I am glad to announce that we decided to defray the cost of the stage reconstruction and the new proscenium which has been carried out through the good offices of one of our members, Mr. Tyson, as a Festival Year Commemoration gift. I am sure this will meet with the approval of all parents. The great improvement in the stage will be apparent to all and will be worthy of the staff and the boys whose combined efforts produce such splendid plays each year.

We have also decided to offer a Fencing Bursary. This is to take the form of one year's full schoolboy membership and one individual lesson per week at Bertrand's Fencing Club with Maître Leon Bertrand. The Fencing Club is a comparatively new activity, and is proving extremely popular under the direction of Mr. Levy, and we are sure that parents would like to encourage all such forms of sport. We have in the past helped to obtain the necessary gear and we think that this further evidence of our interest will help to establish the club.

A large number of our ladies have volunteered for duties with the Catering Committee. I should like to extend my thanks to them and assure them that their services will be much appreciated.

With the New Year your Council will be thinking of fresh activities. These will be announced in due season, but may I again urge that members on all occasions continue to support their Council in its efforts. Again, I should like to point out, especially to our newer members and parents, that your Council is here to serve your interests in all ways. If you have any problems or ideas you would like debated from our platform let us know your wishes and we shall be pleased to consider them and, given adequate support, arrange such meetings to deal with them.

Your boys are given notices of all our fixtures in good time for you to make arrangements. See that you get *yours*. They are also listed in the terminal letter, which you receive at the end of each term. We should like all parents to make a point of reserving the dates arranged and supporting us to the full.