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EDITORIAL

Mr. Cowan edited the "Link" for so many years—from before the birth of most boys who now read this—that his name and personality are interwoven with it. His relinquishment of the task is a fitting moment for the School to pay him an overdue tribute of thanks for his ungrudging labours throughout the long years. But for him this valuable organ of school life might well have ceased to appear. He had, we know, found the work increasingly onerous, and we must hope that his successors will be better supported than he had been latterly.

For the future, we intend to spread the work more widely. The ideal would be a magazine produced entirely by boys. Perhaps this is impracticable for the moment, but the appointment of House representatives is a start. They must be enthusiastically supported.

The present issue owes much to the hard work put in by Prefects Roberts, Light, Bliss, Dore, and Morris.

The committee meets frequently and is anxious for contributions and ideas at any time. If you wish to complain—do: but not without telling us what the remedy is. The notice outside the hall is permanent: it shows the name of your House representative and when the magazine goes to press. As soon as one issue is sent to the printers the work of preparing the next begins.

Get your contribution typed, if you can, or write it clearly, on one side of the paper only, with all names in block letters. The printer knows none of us, and it is hardly fair to ask him to "Guess who?"

To know the fate of your contribution ask your representative, who can tell you if it stands a chance. It may be that material accepted is kept out through lack of space, to appear in a later issue. If it is rejected he will tell you why, and whether there is anything you can do to make it acceptable.

A section of "Letters to the Editor" will be included if sufficient material is received. Letters from old boys and other friends of the School would be welcome —proof that the "Link" indeed links the many elements that make up the wider school community.

LATEST DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WINTER "LINK"—

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9th.

HEADMASTER'S NOTES

It has just occurred to me, in sitting down to write these notes for The Link, that I have a significant personal anniversary at the end of this term—the completion of a quarter of a century's headmastership. A literal "majority", twenty-one, of these years have been spent in the service of the L.C.C., and a time the length of King Stephen's reign—which according to the chronicler was "nineteen long winters"—at Wandsworth School. However, I see them in a very different light.

The evacuation period, 1939-1945, has now receded to the middle-distance of my time at Wandsworth. They might well be called the "six long winters" in contrast to the six years of reconstruction that have slipped by since we returned from "Little Firs". It has needed all this time to recover the balance of the School: the time required for the intake at the bottom to reach the top.

Looking back over the past quarter century, I think it would be true to say that of all types of school the Grammar School has changed least. Change in itself may be for better or for worse. Where the grammar school has changed, it has, in my view, been for the better. Not all would agree. For a start, the grammar schools have doubled their numbers of pupils: they are taking a bigger share of the school population than they used to do. Entry is not as stiff as in the old "scholarship" days: on the other hand there is no longer an easier non-competitive entry for fee-payers. A reasonable conclusion from these facts would be that the really able boys have become a smaller proportion of the whole. And I think that in general this is what has in fact happened.

But in these days the "good average" boy of character can do very well for himself. There is a broad path to the universities and the professions. A silent social revolution has opened the doors to professional careers to boys in however modest circumstances. What the American sociologists call "parental expectancy" often lags well behind the actual situation. In other words, many parents have not yet realised that what is now open to their boys in the way of careers was regarded, when they were at school, as the preserve of the well-to-do.

Moreover, many of the professions have greatly expanded: more trained experts of every kind are required in the modern world, both within the national field and in the many international organisations that have been set up in recent years.

We have this term continued the series of talks for the Fourth Forms on various careers in the endeavour to get boys to think seriously about the matter and rather to plan a career than to snap at any chance job that offers a sudden and illusory attraction.

This is a suitable point at which to put in a plea for the teaching vocation. Wandsworth School has not hitherto supplied its due quota to this vital profession. It is well worth noting, however, that a great many Old Wandsworthians jumped at the chance offered them as ex-Servicemen to make a new and more satisfying start in life by taking advantage of the opportunity to train for teaching. It was a godsend to young men who, through their wider experience, responsibilities, and contacts in the Services, has outgrown the routine clerical jobs they had left when they joined up. Future entrants to the profession must, for the most part, make up their minds in the first place. A new start in the mid-twenties or later is, as a rule, not practicable.

Cordial congratulations to Dr. Brooks, who has been appointed to a professorship of Literature at a new Indian university. We have been fortunate to have Dr. Brooks' services during the secondment of Mr. Travers to the O.E.E.C. Mr. Travers is not due to return to us until September, 1952. For this coming year we therefore require another locum tenens.

Dr. Brooks goes to India just when another of our seconded masters is contemplating returning from India. Dr. T. Kankan was appointed headmaster of one of the leading Indian Public Schools just over two years ago, and we seconded him to the Indian education service to take this important office. The normal maximum period of secondment will be completed by early next year and I gather from Dr. Kankan's last letter that he does not wish to sever his connection with Wandsworth School. Hence he entertains the idea of returning.

Welcome to Mr. Evans, who joined the Staff this term. His appointment was due to the prospective retirement of Mr. Terry at the end of the school year. Mr. Terry gave up his full-time post as Chief History Master in 1946, but continued as part-time master to give us his invaluable help in his other capacity as principal teacher of Scripture. This work now falls to Mr. Evans who, as a historian as well as a theologian, is a fitting successor. Mr. Evans was previously a lecturer at Llandrindod Wells Training College. Moreover, having played Rugger for Swansea, he can be assured that his prowess will find full recognition and scope here.

Mr. Terry assures me that he does not intend to cut himself adrift from the life of the School. So I take him at his word and withhold valedictory comment. I should hate to say goodbye to such an old friend and valued colleague.

The School has heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. T. Jones, who has been a Governor since 1946. He has played a prominent part in London education in many capacities, notably as Chairman of the L.C.C Education Committee. He recently celebrated his eightieth birthday. He will be greatly and widely missed in educational circles and in public life.

Another Governor, Mr. V. Sulston, has recently resigned upon leaving the district. As Chairman of the Brixton School of Building, he was appointed along with Mr. Garret, the Vice-Chairman, so that the problems of the Technical Branch might receive expert consideration in the governance of the School.

D. Maclean has further distinguished himself, and on several occasions, since my note in the previous Link... The School congratulates him upon winning the Mile in the L.A.C. Schools' Challenge Cup (which replaces the old Public Schools' Championship) at the White City in the remarkable time of 4 min. 28.2 secs., and of subsequently winning the event in the London versus Paris Schools' contests. In the Surrey Junior Championships at Motspur Park he achieved 4 min. 25.8 secs. for a magnificent win.

The revival of the Canadian tours, instituted before the war under the "W. H. Rhodes Trust" has given the School the opportunity this year to nominate a pupil for a summer tour of Canada. Unfortunately for him, the Head Prefect, D. Fenton, was two months over the age limit. Hence his nomination fell through. However, the candidature of N. Roberts proved acceptable and he, therefore, has this wonderful opportunity.

As we go to press we hear the sad news of the death of Mr. P. H. Phillimore, about whom Mr. Ascher writes more fully elsewhere in this issue.

Of present boys only the older will remember him on the staff. He stayed on beyond the normal age of retirement to help the School in the absence of the younger masters on service, and finally retired in July, 1946.

He had served for a whole lifetime at Wandsworth School, his appointment dating from September, 1903. To generations of old boys, he was identified with their school days here in the most vivid and unforgettable way and his passing will stir chords in thousands of individual memories and affections.

Newly appointed School Sub-Prefects this term are: J. R. Challice, A. A. Bennett, D. I. Livingstone, D. J. White, B. F. Tyson, S. F. F. Weber..

AVETE ATQUE VALETE

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

Christodoulou, C. G. Kuczewski, A. Vallé-Jones, J. C.

The following have left:

Alder, J.
Alvey, J. M.
Brett, G.
Channell, P.
Dobson, R. T.
Hathaway, R. C.
Johnson, R.
Freeman, D. P.
Glynn, J. A.
Jones, R. B.
Lester, B. G.
McKeown, M. J.
Shelley, W. P.
Slade, P. J.
Wallenda, R.
Willson, D. F.
Wrigglesworth, A. E.
Yaxley, E. J.

SEEN IN READING

Question: What is a Boy?

Answer: When a male baby has grown out of long clothes and napkins, and has acquired pants, freckles, and so much dirt that relatives do not dare to kiss it between meals, it becomes a BOY.

A boy is nature's answer to the false belief that there is no such thing as perpetual motion. A boy can swim like a fish, run like a deer, climb like a squirrel, kick like a mule, bellow like a bull, and eat like a pig, according to circumstances.

A boy is a piece of skin stretched over an appetite; a noise covered with smudges; a tornado because he comes at the most unexpected time, hits the most unexpected places, and leaves everything a wreck behind him.

A boy, if not washed too often, and if kept in a cool, quiet place after each accident, will survive broken bones, hornets, fights, examinations, and nine helpings of pudding. —(from New Zealand, author unknown).

TRY THIS ONE

Some missionaries were wrecked on a remote island and, in the course of time, intermarried with the original black inhabitants. Their descendants were indistinguishable from the other natives except for the fact that the original natives always told the truth, whereas the descendants of the missionaries always told lies.

A ship was sent to repatriate the descendants of the missionaries, and the captain, on landing, met three of the island's inhabitants. He asked the first whether he were a "white" (i.e., a descendant of the missionaries) or a "black", but failed to catch the answer. He then asked the second what the first had said, and was told that he had said he was "white". The third contradicted this and said that the first man had said that he was "black".

Which of the three do you say was "black" and which "white"?

MY EXPERIMENT WITH DREAMS

Dad says that dreams are caused by eating before going to bed. Sometimes I have horrible dreams which I am glad to forget, and at other times I have grand ones—but, somehow, try as I may, most of these quickly fade away. Dad says, too, that all the best storytellers are good dreamers. I thought, then, that if I could make myself dream, composition ought to be easy.

So, the other night I asked Mum for some bread and cheese. She was surprised, as I am not a very big eater, but I pretended to be hungry. I stuffed myself with bread, cheese and pickles, and hoped for the best. I woke up, tired out, and with a story nobody was likely to believe. If nobody would believe it, it could not be a good story—so my experiment must have been a waste of good bread and cheese, because I had not really been hungry. But, good story or bad, I am going to write it: I have to write a composition, and I refuse to waste a bad night's sleep.

I dreamed that I was a musical genius. This was peculiar, as I had had two years of piano lessons, and I was worse at the end than when I began. I found myself dressed in very short, blue velvet knickers and a white silk shirt with frills at the neck and wrists. Everyone crowded round me wherever I went: I could get no peace at all.

One night I had to play the piano in a huge hall, before a crowd of thousands. The orchestra was to be a very famous one: there were a hundred violin players, so you can imagine the size of it. They had tuned up, and the celebrated conductor had taken his place. I was at the back of the great stage, out of sight. Someone told me that I was to go on. I entered from the side as the orchestra let go with a loud chord, and the clapping from the crowd was deafening. I had not the least idea what I was going to play. It must have been something very third programme which nobody listens to, otherwise I—being so famous—would not have been asked to play it. I walked to the front of the stage, bowed to my audience, then turned to walk over to the piano. Some fool had left a toy railway set on the stage and I tumbled heavily. There was silence everywhere as I tried to get up. I crawled to the piano stool painfully, on hands and knees. Everybody could see that I was in agony, but I could not disappoint my public, and I was going to carry on.

The orchestra began. I did not come in for about a minute, and I was watching the conductor for his signal to begin. When it came, both my hands went crashing on to the piano keys—but I could not get them off. The same chump who had left the railway set in the way had been playing the piano while eating treacle toffee—there it was, all over the piano.

When I got my fingers free I looked up, to see that the conductor had changed into a park keeper with a big stick, and that the violinists were no longer holding violins—they had tommy-guns, all pointing at me.

What was I to do? Surely, I could not have been *that* bad. When I tried to run away, I found that I was stuck to the piano stool as well, and all round me was a pool of treacle toffee.

I knew then that there was no way out. It was the end.

Then Mum shouted up the stairs, " Come on, Michael! You're going to be late for school! "

I was never so glad to go to school in my life. And I am eating no more bread and cheese at night from now on.

MICHAEL CARNEY (2a, Pa)

MAY DAY, 1951

On May 5th I went to the May Day Celebrations in Trafalgar Square. I watched the people marching into the square, shouting slogans, such as "Beds before Bombs". There were some young men shouting, "Scholarships before Battleships". There were many banners bravely blowing in the wind.

What surprised me was that there were more Communist Party banners than any other sort. Many had the Hammer and Sickle on them. One said, "Go Home, America! ", and another, "Clear out of Korea! ". However, there was no mention of the Communist Party over the loudspeakers.

Many topics were discussed, including wages and London fares. A welcome was given to all the foreigners at the demonstration. The Spaniards gave a cheer when they were mentioned.

As the Trade Unions were allowed to march this year, there were no incidents with the police. This was because it is Festival Year.

I hope that one year soon May Day will be celebrated on the 1st of May, as it should be.

T. GANT (1b, Gb)

SWIMMING FOR FUN

"How do I learn to swim?" you ask. It is best to start before you are fourteen, because after this learning becomes progressively more difficult. The first thing is to get accustomed to moving about in the water. This does not mean going to a pool and hanging on to the bar all the time. Walk around, duck yourself, and jump about. When you can move about freely, without fear, you are ready to learn to swim. Ask any experienced swimmer to help you. Then, when you are alone, practise what you have been shown.



Well, now you can swim. What next? You have a choice. Stay as you are, and swim when you feel like it, or take it up as a sport. If you choose the latter, the best thing you can do is to join a Swimming Club. There are many of these in and around London. For a very small yearly subscription you can enjoy expert tuition and coaching, and many of these clubs have certain privileges, such as reduced entrance fees to the Baths during public hours.

If you do join a club you should not look on the club night as an extra hour in which you can play about. The bath is hired so that you may train without inconvenience.

When you have become fairly proficient in the water you should concentrate on one particular stroke. Tell your coach your choice and he will tell you what to do. You might like to take up water-polo and play for one of your club teams. If you do play polo you should not neglect your ordinary swimming, as there is a tendency among polo recruits to develop numerous faults in their style.

But remember that practice makes perfect, in swimming as in other things.

A. CURME (Wandsworth Schoolboy Champion, 100 yds.)

THE CHANGING SEA

The sea has many changing faces,
Varying in different places.
Off Egypt it's all placid blues,
While in the North it's greenish hues
Roll on.
When the summer sun is riding high,
We bathe and laze till night is nigh;
But with the night comes gloom and chill,
Though in the gloom the sea must still
Roll on.
Comes winter with its storms and gales,
When fishermen lose nets and sails.
Yet while they sit and splice their ropes
The sea with all their fears and hopes
Rolls on.

C. EASTMAN (2a, Gd)

WE WANT NEW HEROES

—A CHALLENGE TO POPULAR AUTHORS

It is time that many fictional heroes were got rid of, to make way for younger men.

Biggles, for example. Surely, after all those adventures, he ought to be dead by now—and the villain, too. Erich von Stalhien pops up more often than not around the fourth or fifth chapter—and so does Air-Commodore Raymond. Why not pension them all off?

Another monotonous example is Billy Bunter. He has had his day—he is a by-word. All fat boys are Billy Bunters. His antics are always concerned with eating. He made our fathers laugh, he must be past schoolboy age by this time.

Dick Barton must be superhuman. He ought to have been bumped off in one of his innumerable adventures.

And is it not about time that P.C. Forty-nine was made a Commissioner of Police, at least; considering all the wonderful things he does?

My list could be longer, but these dream men, anyway, should be retired. A new race of heroes could be born. Perhaps they could consult with these has-beens and bring about adventures that will thrill us more than ever.

All writers of thrillers, please note!

J. R. MARSHALL (1a, Md)

SOUNDS

The sound of waves upon the shore,
As in they pound with mighty roar,
And then recede with whispering sigh,
As if they say, how small am I;
The sound of wind among the trees,
The hum of honey-making bees.
The cry of rooks, the stirring corn,
Upon the breeze these sounds are borne.
The sound of eager running feet,
Of someone with a friend to meet:
But the sound that seems the best to me,
Is the kettle whistling "Time for tea!"

D. F. SACKMAN (3b, Pb)

WHAT I SAW IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Persia was the first country I saw. With Russia to the north, Afghanistan to the east, and Turkey to the west, it shares with other Middle East countries a very special and exotic beauty, quite different from all other parts of the world. The way of building houses is different, especially in the smaller towns and villages, but also in the old quarters of big cities, like Teheran, the capital.

In eastern cities the modern quarters consist of big, handsome houses and wide, tree-lined roads, full of shiny limousines. Most of the people here are very rich. In contrast, the people living in the old part of the city are very poor. This is immediately noticeable everywhere; some people are very rich and many are very poor. There are not many of the middle class.

The poor quarters look unpleasant. The streets are narrow, thronged with noisy crowds in their gaily-coloured eastern clothes, dusty, and swarming with

In choosing a career, we should think of the following points:
(a) our natural ability for a particular type of work.
(b) whether we want indoor or outdoor work.
(c) are we likely to make good organisers?
(d) is mental preferable to manual work?
(e) do we want to travel about, or to stay put?
(f) what are the prospects of the job we have in mind?

Reward for work is important, but it is not the only object of a career. At least equally important is the opportunity of putting ourselves into our work, creatively, for the benefit and service of the community.

R. W. GRIFFITHS (4a, Ca)

THE FUNERAL

At the funeral, which took place on June 6th at the Putney Vale Crematorium, the service was conducted by an Old Boy of Wandsworth School, the Rev. J. A. H. Waddington, O.B.E., B.Com., Rector of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. A very large gathering, representing the Staff, present boys, Old Boys and the Wandsworthians Lodge, together with friends, was present. The chief mourners were Mrs. Phillimore, Miss Joan Phillimore and Mr. Geoffrey Phillimore (an old Wandsworthian), to all of whom we express our deepest sympathy.

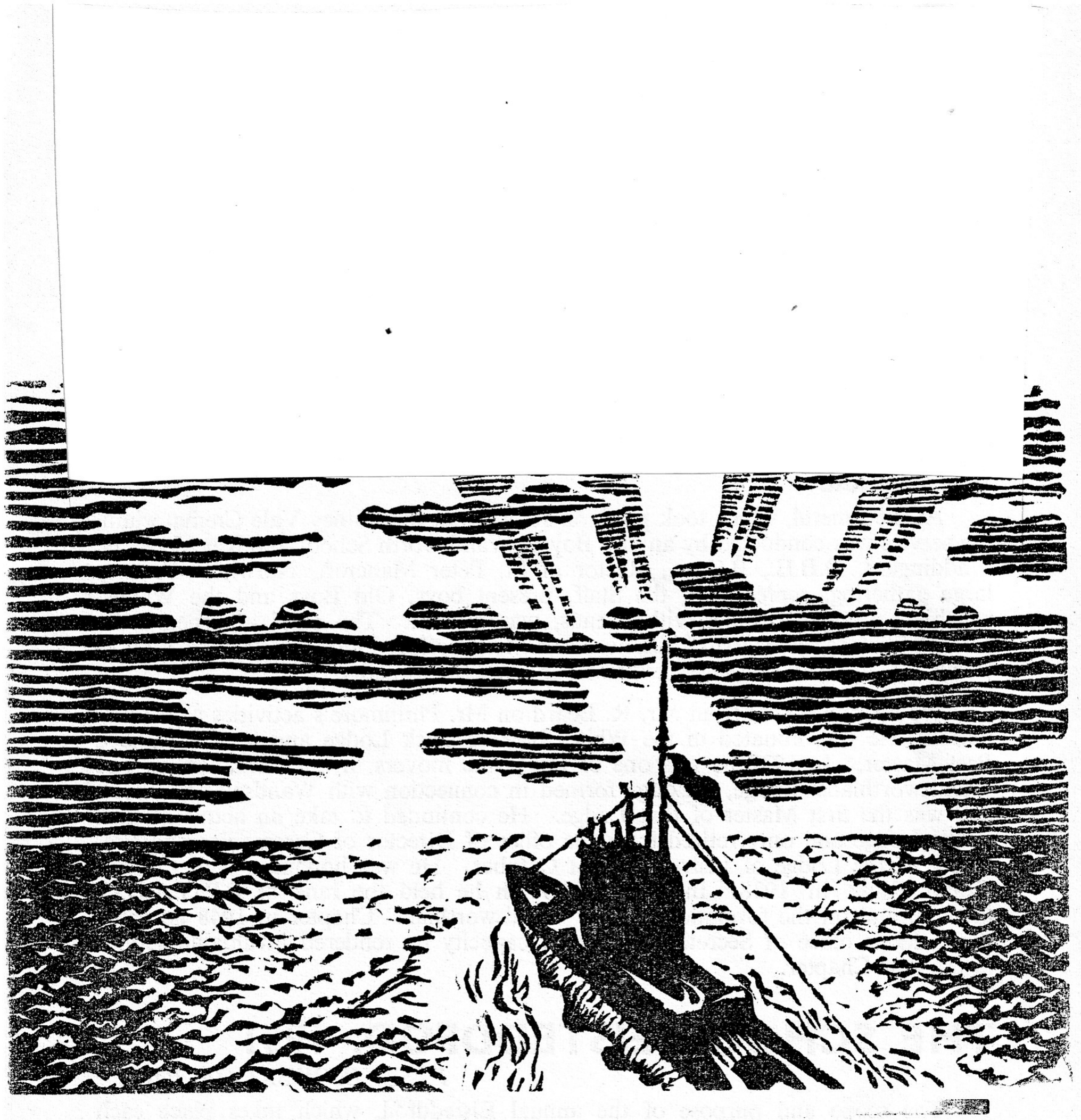
We append a note from Mr. R. Beard on Mr. Phillimore's activities as a Freemason: He was initiated in the White Rose of York Lodge and later became a Past Master. In 1932 he was one of the prime movers in the formation of The Wandsworthians' Lodge, a Lodge formed in connection with Wandsworth School, and was the first Master of that Lodge. He continued to take an active interest in the Lodge and only retired from the office of Director of Ceremonies and Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction last October. He was honoured with London Grand Rank in 1938. In the Royal Arch he held the rank of P.P.G.A.D.C. (Surrey) and on the formation of The Wandsworthians' Chapter in 1948 accepted the arduous office of Secretary, in which capacity he rendered invaluable service to the new Chapter.

THE SCHOOL EISTEDDFOD, 1951

P. SZYJKOWSKI (3*a*, *Pa*)

The scope and purpose of the annual Eisteddfod, which takes place each Spring Term, has been explained in previous issues, but it cannot be over-emphasised that one of the chief aims of the Eisteddfod Committee is to make the appeal for creative effort as wide as possible. For this reason we are always prepared to consider suggestions from any boy who feels that his hidden talent is not already catered for.

Despite the shortness of the Spring Term, which many of us felt was inadequate for the successful preparation of such items as drama and music, the standard of performance was perhaps higher than that of last year. This was due to the excellent work done by the House organisers in these sections—often a difficult task calling for great perseverance and powers of leadership, for which they deserve the highest praise.



The following is a summary of the adjudicators' comments: —

MUSIC (Adjudicators: Mr. J. Keyte and Dr. J. D. Solomon):

Keen competition between Cromwell and Morley produced two praiseworthy renderings of the Elizabethan Lute Book Lullaby, a searching test in timing, intonation and expression for any vocal quartet. The entries for tenor and bass solo were good in number of quality, and were drawn from every house. It is all the more difficult to understand, therefore, why only one house entered a team for the Students' Song section. String playing was better this year, pianoforte playing, surprisingly, worse.

LITERARY COMPOSITION (Adjudictor: Mr. J. Ascher):

A great variety of subjects and types of composition was set but there was not a wide response. The verse, except for Clapton's poem, was of a rather poor quality. The prose section was more popular and generally of a higher standard; some good short stories and diaries were presented, and these were the most encouraging features of what is evidently a not too popular section of the Eisteddfod.

SPEECH (Adjudicators: The Headmaster, Messrs. T. G. Benyon, R. Levy, W. Payne):

Solo reading proved rather less popular than usual, but the standard was sound. Choral speaking was perhaps better than last year, the two leading houses reaching an excellent level. Public speaking, too, provided the adjudicators with an interesting and difficult task, for the entries all had merit. We are evidently building a good tradition in this most "democratic" art.

DRAMA (Adjudicators: Mrs. H. R. King, Messrs. C. Fisher and David Perry):

This year all houses produced entries which were well worth while. Special credit should go to producers for their enterprise, energy and skill in casting, staging and rehearsing their entries. The winning entry was particularly well staged and well cast. The exclusion of members of the Upper VI from organising the plays seems to have been a successful experiment.

ART (Adjudicators: Messrs. S. Cowan and A. Hodgkinson):

There was a very wide and interesting selection of paintings this year. The entries from the Junior and Middle School were varied and for the greater part very good. Some individuals among the juniors had been very active, with conspicuous success. The range and variety of subjects chosen and the obvious pleasure which the doing of this work had inspired gave great pleasure to the judges. There were some very sensitive drawings submitted, but this section and the lino cuts were not so popular, the latter owing to lino shortage, although a few jobs in this part were outstanding and equal to the best we have had. There was little response in the poster section and a disappointing response to all sections by the Upper School as a whole.

HOBBIES (Adjudicators: Messrs. L. C. Catto, K. Coate-Bond, P. Culverwell, H. C. Hall, J. Makin and Dr. J. D. Solomon):

Entries in the Model Section varied widely both in quality and type, some showing evidence of much care and skill; others might have had more work put into them. The number of entries was gratifying, although a school of this size could produce more, especially from the Upper School. It would also be good to see more models of the non-assembled kind. There were some remarkable collections of marine life and botanical speciments submitted, but among the more usual collections of stamps, coins and eggs were many repetitions of last year's entries without much evidence of additions. Photography provided a very interesting display, but it was disappointing to find that many of last year's winners failed to submit entries this year. Several competitors, unfortunately, failed to observe the rules of the competition and were consequently penalised.

HOUSE ORGANISERS:

Cromwell: J. R. Challice (Music); D. I. Livingstone (Drama); J. J. W. Scott (Speech); J. S. Chafen (Co-ordinator)

Gibbon: T. Wright (Music); B. F. Tyson (Drama); W. M. Stanley (Speech); D. Clarke (Co-ordinator).

Morley: A. E. Trebble (Music); J. A. Totham (Drama); C. B. Gosden (Speech); R. W. Harrington (Co-ordinator).

Pitt: S. F. F. Webber (Music); D. K. Payne (Drama); J. A. Nesbitt (Speech); M. J. Kelly (Co-ordinator).

RESULTS

MUSIC

Vocal Quartet: 1, Cromwell; 2, Morley.
Male Voice Unison Chorus: 1, Cromwell.
Piano: (Sen.), 2, A. E. Trebble (M); 3, R. W. Edwards (C); 4, R. Bullen (C). (Inter.), 2, M. H. J. Earle (M); 3, P. Davey (M). (Jun.), 1, M. K. Stuart (P). (Duet), 2, M. H. Earle and A. E. Trebble (M).
Violin: 1, G. R. Williams (G); 2, J. A. Totham (C); 3, D. T. King (P); 4, G. D. Wrench (M).
Singing: 1, K. W. Bush (C) and J. R. Challice (C); 3, J. A. Totham (M); 4, J. G. Bourton (M) and C. B. Gosden (M).

LITERARY COMPOSITION

Play: (Sen.), 2, D. I. Livingstone (C).
Poetry: (Sen.), 1, B. Clapton (C); 3, R. W. Griffiths (C) and J. C. Yateman (P).
Diary: (Jun.), 1, M. J. Fardell (P); 2, J. P. Fox (G); 4, R. D. King (G).
Story: (Jun.), P. G. Ryan (C).

SPEECH

Solo Reading: (Sen.), 1, N. F. Roberts (P); 2, W. M. Stanley (G); 3, D. I. Livingstone (C); 4, J. A. Totham (M). (Inter.), 1, D. J. A. Livingstone (C); 2, H. I. Butnick (C); 3, J. S. Wharton (M); 4, J. S. Edwell (M). (Jun), 1, R. Lambert (M); 2, D. G. Nebbitt (C); 3, A. S. Wilson (M); 4, F. R. Birch (M).
Public Speaking: 1, W. M. Stanley (G); 2, N. F. Roberts (P); 3, R. W. Harrington (M); 4, K. W. Bush (C).
Choral Speaking: 1, Morley; 2, Gibbon; 3, Cromwell; 4, Pitt.

DRAMA

1. Gibbon, from "Hobson's Choice," by H. Brighouse.
2. Cromwell—"The Poacher," by J. O. Francis.
3. Morley—"The Dark," by J. L. Galloway.
4. Pitt—"The Hordle Poacher," by W. Gilbat.

ART

Portrait: 1, R. Evans (M); 2, N. G. Naden (P).
Painting: (Sen.), 3, B. R. Wilgoss (C). (Inter), 1, C. J. Swallow (M); J. F. Unger (P), D. T. King (P); 2, M. J. Rawlings (P), G. R. Reeve (C), W. T. Szyjkowski (P); 3, M. J. McKeown (C), P. F. Hoffman (C); 4, J. F. Gilbart (G). (Jun.), 1, V. Wall (C), J. R. Tickner (P), P. M. Clowes (C); 2, M. G. Naden (P), P. E. Triggs (P); 3, M. J. Burr (P); 4, S. J. Grantham (C), B. R. Harding (P), R. E. Jones (P).
Lino Cut: (Sen.), 4, R. T. Dobson (C). (Inter.), 1, J. Barucki (G), W. T. Szyjkowski (P); 2, T. Ridgwell (P), L. E. J. Bicknell (C); 3, M. J. McKeown (C), P. R. Grantham (C). (Jun.), 3, B. W. Lewis (C); 4, S. J. Grantham (C), N. F. Potter (C).
Poster: (Inter.), 1, C. G. Hardy (P); 2, J. D. Brand (M).
Design: (Sen.), 1, M. J. Sanders (P), J. G. Bourton (M). (Inter), 1, G. C. Brooks (P), M. F. Morgan (C); 2, M. J. Rawlings (P), G. E. Tonks (G); 4, T. J. Ball (C). (Jun.), 1, R. Evans (M); 2, R. J. Orrow (C), A. J. Hill (P).

HOBBIES

Chess Problem: 1, Pitt; 2, Cromwell; 3, Morley; 4, Gibbon.
Stamps: (Sen.), 1, S. F. F. Weber (P); 2, E. W. Thompson (M). (Jun.), 1, J. S. Edwell (M); 2, P. E. Triggs (P). (Novices), 1, D. A. Richards (M); 2, A. J. Hill (P).
Collections: (Sen.), 1, T. Ridgwell (P). (Jun.), 1, R. S. Hore (M); 2, A. D. Cook (M); 3, C. D. Irving (M); 4, E. L. J. Hancock.

Models: Historical: (Sen.), 1 D. T. King (P); 2, B. W. Davis (P). (Jun.), 1, G. E. Tonks (G); 2, G. A. Cowper (C); 3, A. R. Tomkins (M); 4, M. J. McKeown (C).
Geographical (Sen.), 1, J. F. Gilbart (G). (Jun.), 1, G. R. Williams (G); 2, G. W. C. Wort (M); 3, J. M. Taylor (G); 4, A. N. Chalk (G).
Scientific: (Sen.), 1, D. G. Fenton (C). (Jun.), 1, W. F. Cuffley (G).
Assembled: (Jun.), 1, M. G. Naden (P), T. B. Saull (G); 2, G. J. Trussell (M), R. J. Orrow (C); 3, P. E. Thornton (G), B. S. Hopson (G); 4, A. C. Savage (M).
Flying: (Jun.), 1, T. R. Undall (C); 2, K. F. Corkett (P).
Kitted: (Sen.), 1, P. J. Hale (P); 2, K. B. Hiscock (P); 3, G. S. Davies (G); 4, G. Furlonger (M).
Non-Kitted: 1, J. Willson (G); 2, A. R. Purdy (G); 3, J. A. Brock (G); 4, J. M. Taylor (G).
Non-flying Aeroplanes: (Sen.), 1, G. Barnett (P), J. W. C. Pullen (M). (Jun.), 2, D. G. Nebbitt (C); 3, J. V. Grant (C).
Photography (a): (Sen.), 1, P. F. G. Dorrell (M). (Jun.), 1, M. J. McKeown (C); 2, A. N. Chalk (G).
Photography (b): (Sen.), 1, P. F. G. Dorrell (M); 2, K. W. Bush (C); 3, K. Richardson (P); 4, G. W. S. Newey (P). (Jun), 1, P. M. Hoffman (C); 2, J. H. Sommerville (P); 3, W. T. Szyjkowski (P), P. E. Triggs (P); 4, L. E. J. Bicknell (C).

FINAL RESULTS

1st, Cromwell, 207; 2nd, Pitt, 138; 3rd, Morley, 135; 4th, Gibbon, 121.

G.E.

THE CHESS CLUB

In spite of the loss of many of last year's stalwarts the School chess team finished the season with a respectable record: Played 14, Won 9, Lost 4, and Drawn 1.

Matches played since the last notes: Raynes Park (H), Won by 5 boards to 3; Tiffins (H), Lost by $6\frac{1}{2}$ boards to $1\frac{1}{2}$; Latymer (A), Won by $3\frac{1}{2}$ boards to $2\frac{1}{2}$; St. Johns (H), Drawn, 4 boards all.

We have also had two junior fixtures: Raynes Park, lost 5 boards to nil, and Latymer, won 3 boards to 1. It is unfortunate that we were able to arrange only two such matches, as the junior members of the club are very keen, but few schools in the neighbourhood run a junior team. We would, however, commend Sawyer, Winter and Morgon for regular attendance and consequent improvement this season. It is a pity that we cannot so commend more juniors, because only by constant practice does anyone become a good chess player. Remember—there is a vital difference between a "player" and someone who just knows how to move the pieces.

This year, the most noteworthy individuals in the senior team have been Maclean and Chaplin, who have played exceptionally well on boards 3 and 4. Neither has been playing long, this being their first full season in the team. We congratulate them.

Another newcomer, Morrison (Pc), began his chess studies during a recent illness. Since his return he has been a valuable asset to the team.

As already announced, we are now a member of "The London Grammar School's Chess League", and during our first season we have given a good account of ourselves, coming 9th out of the 26 schools.

Colours this season have been awarded as follows: Full re-award: Williams and Dore. Full Awards: Maclean and Chaplin. Half Awards: Bloss and Cardwell.

The House Chess Competition this year was keenly contested, and was won by Gibbon House, with Morley a close second. The standard of chess of the other two houses was regrettably low.

Members of the club who remember Mr. Radford will be pleased to hear that, in a recent West of England Tournament, he won his Section in fine style.

We would like to remind the School that the club always has a welcome for boys who want to learn chess. There is a dearth of good players at present, which means that we have had to cut down the number of boards in our fixtures. This is unfortunate, because, unlike other inter-school games, in chess we can play any number of boards we like, so that nobody who is a reasonably good player is likely to be left out, if he wishes to play.

Finally, we thank all the people who make our hobby possible; in particular Dr. Solomon, Mr. Mercer, and the ladies who provide the teas for our home matches.

R. WILLIAMS (Capt.), T. DORE (V.-Capt.), A. CHAPLIN (Hon. Sec.)

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Captain: J. G. MORRIS. *Vice-Captain*: K. M. LINE.
Hon. Secretary: J. A. TOTHAM.

1st XV.

The 1st XV had a very poor season and only produced their real form in the last three matches. However, some consolation may be derived from the fact that the School was never really trounced and always fought hard until the final whistle. The regular members of the 1st XV did show willingness and enthusiasm which, unhappily, is more than can be said for some boys.

Perhaps the record of the School's senior teams reveals the deplorable situation in the Upper School. In addition to a dearth of good Rugby players, certain boys have refused to turn out. We do not expect every boy to play Rugby, but we do hope that future captains of Rugby will not encounter such difficulty in persuading capable players that their School should take preference over all other activities. The only conclusion is that these boys lack the courage to play Rugby and feel no sense of loyalty towards their School.

Throughout the season the forwards have been the mainstay of the team, and especially in the last three games they have excelled in the loose. They have given vigorous displays in the line-outs and loose scrums and in every match a little more fire and devil crept into their rushes. Dore, Richardson and Totham were always well to the fore, and they received excellent support from Miller, Clark, Chafen, Livingstone and Elsam. However, in the tight scrums their work suffered from lack of practice and they found it difficult to counter a wheel. The heeling from both set and loose scrums was very slow and this did not help the three-quarters. It is not easy to elude an opponent who has moved up after a slow heel. Bourton, who proved a very promising scrum-half, combined well with Line, and their kicking often relieved pressure. Yet the halves and three-quarters failed to combine in attack, and it was only very seldom that the ball reached the wing. In defence, on the other hand, the backs were much more competent. Attoe, who also played well at wing-forward, was the only reliable three-quarter. Stear settled down well at full-back and was quite safe in his handling and kicking.

This year will see the departure of many boys who have completed three seasons in the 1st XV. There will be vacancies in the pack for any hefty youths and their welcome will be all the warmer if they display the famed "Prison" spirit. In addition, a complete three-quarter line will have to be produced, and here is an excellent opportunity for any boy who possesses speed, determination and a safe pair of hands to play himself into the limelight.

Both Totham and Richardson must be congratulated on being selected for the Surrey Secondary Schools. Although we are envious of their achievements, we must congratulate the Junior XV on maintaining their unbeaten record. Without any doubt the guiding hand of Mr. Clode was responsible for no small part of their success.

Colours were gained as follows: —

Full (Re-awards): Morris, Dore, Richardson.

Full: Line, Attoe, Totham.

Half: Bourton, Stear, Livingstone, Miller, Elsam and Francis.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

v. St. Olaves—L.	v. Bec—D. 0—0.	v. Latymer Upper—W. 30-3
v. Brockley—L.	v. Old Boys—L. 11—3.	v. Raynes Park—L.
v. Selhurst—L. 12—6.	v. Selhurst—W. 6—3.	v. William Ellis—W. 29—0.

J.G.M., K.M.L.

2nd XV.

Captain: K. SPERGER.

Since the last issue of The Link, owing to the inclement weather the 2nd XV have only been able to play five of thirteen scheduled matches. Of the five, two have been drawn and three lost. The reason for our poor record is that we have been unable to keep a regular team throughout the season.

SUMMARY OF 2nd XV GAMES.

v. St. Olaves. Draw, 3—3.—This was a very keen game, as the score suggests. In the first half the play was very even, and it was not until the second half that the first try was scored, when St. Olaves broke away from a forward rush and scored. This try spurred on Wandsworth, and for the rest of the match the play was a few yards from the St. Olaves line. Though Wandsworth crossed the goal line several times, it was not until Sperger followed up a forward rush that they were able to score. The try was unconverted, and this made the final score 3—3.

v. Brockley. Lost, 0—8.—The pitch was a "mud-bath" and the rain was very heavy indeed. Wandsworth kicked off and attacked very hard, but were soon pushed back by a considerably heavier pack. In the first half Brockley scored one goal and one try. Wandsworth tried many rushes but were always stopped just off Brockley's goal line. For Wandsworth the second half was mainly spent in stopping the furious forward rushes of Brockley. Owing to the conditions, very poor Rugby was played.

v. Old Wandsworthians. Lost, 0—15.—This match was also played in poor conditions. The Old Boys' forwards were far too heavy for our pack; and as it was a forwards' game because of the muddy pitch, this gave the Old Boys a great advantage. The 2nd's pack played hard but were easily outplayed by the Old Boys' heavier pack. The 2nd's threes did some very good tackling, but were unable to stop the Old Boys from scoring. Had the ground been firmer the 2nd's threes might have been able to score.

v. Selhurst. Drew, 6—6.—This match was played on fairly firm ground. Even though Wandsworth played hard during the first half, it was then that Selhurst scored their two tries. In the second half Wandsworth played very well and succeeded also in scoring two tries. Mention must be made of Chafen, who played an excellent game and who scored both the tries.

v. Bec. Lost, 3—0.—Again we had to play on a pitch which was in appalling condition, because of the weather. Wandsworth did extremely well in this match to lose by only one try, because we played with only thirteen men. Bec scored their try in the first half, when Wandsworth were unable to beat them in a line-out right by our goal line. During the second half Wandsworth played very hard, but were unable to score.

COLTS XV.

Captain: J. W. TILLEY. *Vice-Captain*: R. PRANGNELL.
Hon. Secretary: A. HOWELL.

Owing to the appalling conditions last term, only two matches were played. As a result, a re-arranged team had no time to settle down and were beaten in both games.

Throughout the season, the standard of play has been variable, sometimes brilliant, sometimes poor, but generally the forwards have played well, with Howell, Winters, Glayzer and Thorne outstanding. The backs have been handicapped by the heavy ground, but Elliott, Thompson and Prangnell have played consistently well.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES.

v. Mitcham. Won, 9—3.
v. Purley. Lost, 3—8.
v. Tiffin, Lost, 6—12.
v. Chiswick. Won, 22—0.
v. Bec. Won, 21—0.
v. Eastcote Lane. Won, 24—5.
v. St. Olaves. Won, 9—3.
v. Brockley. Lost, 0—3.
v. Surbiton. Lost, 3—13.
v. Selhurst. Won, 8—3.
v. Tiffin. Lost, 6—18.
v. Bec. Lost, 0—13.

J.W.T.

JUNIORS XV.

Captain: D. J. S. GRANFIELD. *Vice-Captain*: J. A. HERBERT.
Hon. Secretary: J. M. GOODERS.

The Juniors had a most successful season, winning all of their eleven played matches. They had six matches cancelled. Since Christmas they have played three matches, against Tiffins, Bec and Selhurst.

The strongest opposition they met this season was the Selhurst team, whom the Juniors beat 21—6 at home, and just managed to beat 8—6 away, after losing 6—5 until two minutes from time.

Granfield heads the scoring with 68 points, although his kicking did not turn out as well as was promised in early matches. This was mainly due to the heavier pitches. Next comes Szyjkowski, with 48 points, then Herbert and Gale, with over 35 points each. All these earned their half colours.

The Juniors have a good pack and, although not so heavy as some of the packs they have met, have nearly always held their own.

The following boys have played for the Juniors: — Salway, Szyjkowski, Mitchell, Charsley, Bush, Granfield, Sommerville, Forbes, Brodie, Herbert, Gooders, Bicknell, Paterson, Gale, Sackman, Appleyard, Geneux, Barrett, Griffiths, Hennessey, Gibbons, Bergson, Smith J. B., Richards D., Thomson.

Granfield, Szyjkowski, Herbert and Gale were recommended for Junior Colours.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

Mitcham (away) 8—3.
Tiffin (away) 20—0.
Eastcote (away) 21—0.
Brockley (home) 43—0.
Tiffin (away) 19—5.
Selhurst (away) 8—6.
Chiswick (home) 17—3.
Bec (away) 28—14.
Surbiton (home) 39—0.
Selhurst (home) 21—6.
Bec (home) 9—5.

J.G.

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

The thoughtful gift of a book token by J. Holland, an Old Boy, allows us to add: Harvey's " The Oxford Companion to English Literature."
Knight's " Drama and Society in the Age of Jonson."
Joad's " An Introduction to Contemporary Knowledge."
This follows similar gifts last year by Mr. Scott on the occasion of his son's leaving, and by Horner. We hope that all boys will carry on this fine tradition and leave behind them a gift to the library as a token of their gratitude for what they have gained from school life.

We are grateful also to Mr. Levy and to Southorn (3d) for gifts of books this term.

Official grants barely cover the cost of essential text-books so that little money can be spared for the library. But our Philosophy and Theology Section is growing. Many of these books are short and well within the scope of our seniors.

W.E.P.

RADIO SOCIETY

We started well this term with a visit to Faraday House Telephone Exchange, for which we are again greatly indebted to Mr. F. Cooper, of the I.R.S. We had, unfortunately, to limit numbers to twelve. After reaching Faraday House in the afternoon of April 12, we split: one party, mainly composed of those who had not been previously to the I.R.S., going round both I.R.S. and Faraday House, while the other made a more thorough tour of Faraday only. We made our way through all the main exchanges of the seemingly endless series, studying how the individual parts worked and how the whole was co-ordinated. The unique method of sorting advanced-booked calls especially intrigued all of us. Too soon we found it was time for tea.

Other activities this term have been limited. There was a very poor response to the offer of a visit to Brookmans Park B.B.C. Transmitting Station, and this was cancelled. In the Eisteddfod Exhibition we had to share the Chemistry Lab. with the Chemistry, Physics and Biology Exhibitions. However, we managed to get in a small but highly successful show.—Vy 73,

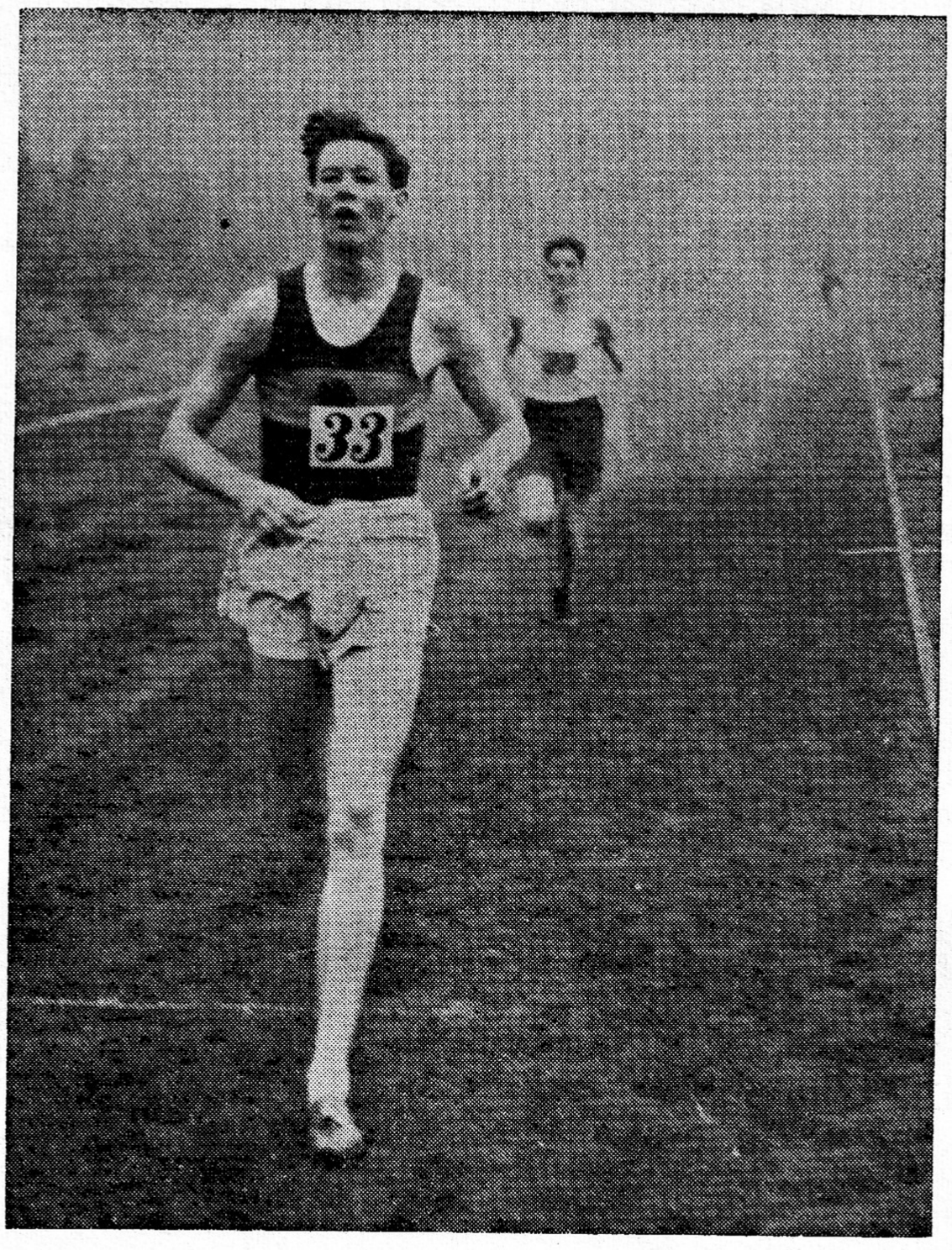
S.F.W.

MIDDLE-DISTANCE TRAINING AND TACTICS

Before an athlete of ancient Greece was allowed to take part in the Olympic Games of those days, he had to pledge himself to undergo ten months of vigorous training. It is obvious, then, that the authorities of that by-gone age attached a great deal of importance to training. Countless books have been written on athletics; no two quite alike; some good, some bad, some indifferent; each expressing different ideas on training and athletics in general; but all agree that without training little or no success can be achieved.

The A.A.A.'s coaching movement has grown enormously since the war, and very good results have been obtained by it, but " middle-distance " coaches to-day may be split, roughly, into two schools: those whose sympathies lie with cross-country running, and those whose sympathies do not. The anti-cross-country school believe in no cross-country racing for " middle-distance " runners, and cross-country running, i.e., training, only up till Christmas. The opposing view is that a " middle-distance " runner may safely take part in a full and comprehensive cross-country programme of both racing and training.

I believe that a full cross-country season gives both strength and stamina to a "middle-distance" runner, but my own ideas are unorthodox enough to be untrustworthy—have a care! Furthermore, I believe that the greater part of a "middle-distance runner's training should take place in the country. In the notes below I shall consider a "miler."



Three training periods a week are usually quite enough for the immature athlete. The first of these should be occupied by "fartlek" training. "Fartlek" training has been devised by the Scandinavians, famous for middle and long distance runners. Literally translated, "fartlek" means "speed-play." It consists of easy-paced running as the "matrix," with short 50-100 yards sprints, longish accelerations, gradually building up to top speed over a distance of 220-440 yards, and fast striding over distances from 100-300 yards. The essence of this training is variety. The sprints, accelerations, strides and easy-paced running should be worked together in a co-ordinated pattern.

A training period of this sort might follow this programme; $\frac{3}{4}$ mile jogging (to warm up), then two fast strides over, firstly, 100 yards, then, secondly, 200 yards, with a quarter of a mile of relaxed running in between; $\frac{1}{2}$ mile even paced running, then a gradual acceleration over 300 yards, building up to top speed; two to three minutes' jogging, followed by three bursts of speed over twenty, thirty and finally 50 yards; $\frac{3}{4}$ miles jogging (to ease off).

The second period should be devoted to steady cross-country running. The distance covered and the speed should be the same as they would be during training for cross-country as such.

The third training period should be taken up with track work, the emphasis being on speed. "Warming up" is very important here, four laps is sufficient. Different training should be carried out in consecutive weeks. One week, four quarter-miles should be run at 880 yards racing speed, with five to ten minute intervals between. Next week several "flat-out" 220s should occupy the period. Another week ¾ mile should be covered at a pace slightly faster than one's normal "miling" speed (i.e., 3m. 25-40s. for a 5m. "miler.")

In addition to the training outlined above, it is generally considered by experts that walking is very good exercise. Indeed, Sydney Wooderson was very enthusiastic about walking as an aid to training, and strolled up to twenty miles every Sunday.

Training, however, is not all that is important in athletics. Olympic Championships have been lost on tactics. The classic example is, of course, the 5,000 metres at Wembley in 1948. In this race, Zatopek (Czechoslovakia) allowed Reiff (Belgium) to open up a gap, which he did not attempt to close till the end of the last lap. Although gaining nearly thirty yards over the last one hundred and fifty, Zatopek was beaten by one and a half yards. Since Zatopek was comparatively fresh at the finish, whereas Reiff was exhausted, it seems that, had Zatopek employed better tactics, he would certainly have won the race.

Lovelock, before his Olympic triumph in 1936, compiled notes on all his likely opponents. He was thus able to exploit their weaknesses and counteract their strong points. It is necessary to adapt one's race to the style of running of one's opponents, or rather to adapt one's race so that they are unable to run the type of race they would like.

If you are running against someone you know to be a faster finisher than you are yourself, you must adopt a "dog in the manger" attitude, i.e., if you cannot finish strongly yourself, you must make certain that he can't either. To this end you must be prepared to set the pace yourself and make it a "hot" one. You can be sure that he will be quite content to amble round for three laps and then put in a "grandstand" finish.

The position to occupy when you are letting a man pace you is just "on his shoulder" (please don't take this too literally or you may find yourself disqualified) in the straights and behind him on the bends. By "on his shoulder" we mean just behind him, but not on the inside of the track, and in such a position that you are able to pass him whenever you wish. The advantages of this position are obvious. Apart from being able to challenge whenever you choose, you are able to reply immediately to any effort your opponent may make to create a gap between you. By dropping back on the bends you run no further than you have to, and to hear you dropping back on the bends and coming up again in the straights, and to feel you breathing down the back of his neck when you are on his shoulder will worry the life out of the poor wretch in front (at least, you hope it will).

Remember that your strongest running is of greater value to you at the end of a race than the beginning, so don't burn yourself out unnecessarily at the start.

I think that anything written about style is usually quite futile. If you want to improve your style, and you should never be satisfied with it, seek advice from a qualified coach. But one point I would like to stress is that the correct use of the arms is nearly as important as the correct use of the legs. Don't forget that an "ounce" of practice is worth a "ton" of theory.

(Junior Mile Champion of Surrey, Public Schools' Mile Champion).

D. G. MACLEAN (Cd VI Sc.),

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING 1950-51

Captain: D. G. MACLEAN. *Vice-Captain*: R. J. D'ARCHAMBAUD.
Hon. Secretary: D. R. MORRISON.

This season has been our best since that immediately after the war. Our team was, on the whole, rather young for " open " competition, but the performances of many of our runners indicate that next year we shall have a team capable of holding its own with the best. Our teams have been strengthened by the regular inclusion of our Technical Branch runners. We thank them most heartily for their support, and congratulate them on some very fine performances.

Below are detailed reports on all our maches.

1. SCHOOL v. RANELAGH H.—October 14th, 1950.

The School triumphed by 32 points to 46. Maclean was first, d'Archambaud ran brilliantly against older runners to be second. Francis did well in his first cross-country to be fifth. The School also ran a " B " team, which finished third.

2. WALTON A.C. INTER-SCHOOLS' RELAY.—October 28th.

The School finished sixth out of the twelve schools competing. d'Archambaud ran very well over the first leg to return a time of 12m. 28s. and hand over to Francis in sixth position. Francis improved on his previous showing and took the team up to fourth place with 12m. 20s. Quinney was a little off colour in dropping back to eighth place on the third leg. Maclean regained two places on the fourth and final leg, and returned 11m. 37s. to run the joint fastest lap.

A " B " team consisting of Pettican, Phelps, Smith and Sanders, acquitted themselves well. The two last named are members of the Technical Branch.

3. SCHOOL v. BELGRAVE H.—November 11th.

The School was defeated by a strong Belgrave team, who won by a comfortable margin. Maclean was first and d'Archambaud seventh.

4. HIGHGATE H. INTER-SCHOOLS' RACE.—December 9th.

The team ran above itself to finish eighth against older and more experienced runners. Maclean was first, then d'Archambaud, Smith, Phelps and Quinney packed brilliantly in 41st, 42nd, 45th and 47th positions, respectively. Pettican is to be commended on his showing in such a field.

5. CAMBRIDGE HARRIERS INTER-SCHOOLS' RACE.—January 20th, 1951.

Seven schools competed and the School scored a comfortable victory. Maclean was first, Francis 5th and d'Archambaud 6th. A " B " team finished sixth, and here, again, Pettican is to be congratulated.

6. SCHOOL v. RAYNES PARK (Senior & Junior).—January 27th.

In the Junior race, Pettican was narrowly beaten into second place, but led the team to a comfortable victory.

The Senior team, also, was successful, gaining the first three places through Maclean, first, and d'Archambaud and Smith, who tied for second place.

7. RAYNES PARK & SUTTON C.S. v. SCHOOL.—February 10th.

The return match against Raynes Park resulted in victory for the Juniors and defeat for the Seniors. Sage (Tech. Br.) did well in the Junior race and was well supported by Pettican and Patterson. Maclean was first in the Senior race. The team was weakened by unavoidable absences.

8. RANELAGH H. INTER-SCHOOLS' RACE.—February 17th.

Several School runners met with mishaps on the muddy course and the School tied for 13th place with Bishopshalt. Over twenty schools competed. Maclean was first.

9. " JUDGE " CUP COMPETITION.—March 3rd.

In the Junior race we were placed fourth out of the seven competing schools. Phelps was first home for the School in tenth position, and was closely followed by Sage, who finished eleventh.

The Senior race saw us placed fifth. Maclean was first.

When the scores for both Senior and Junior races were combined we were found to be fourth. Kingston G. S., Wallington and Tiffins finished in that order in the first three places, and Surbiton, Raynes Park and Hampton G.S. finished below us.

10.—SOUTH LONDON GRAMMAR SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY.—Mar. 7th.

In spite of the fact that Brockley provided the first three runners in the Junior race, the School packed well in seventh, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twentieth positions to win the race. Brockley had to wait till twenty-fifth and thirty-ninth places for their last two scoring men. Pettican put up another brilliant performance to be seventh. Sage also ran exceptionally well to be ninth. Phelps was tenth. Patterson was another to distinguish himself in eleventh place and looks certain to win the race in two years' time, while Pettican should gain a success next year.

In the Senior race, the School was second, being beaten by St. Olave's. Maclean was first, Francis was fourth and Smith was eighth.

When the totals were combined, Wandsworth were first, followed by Roan, and then St. Olave's.

11. ANNUAL INTER-HOUSE C.C.—March 12th.

The Junior race was won by Patterson (G.) in 17m. 2.8s., followed by Herbert (P.) in 17m. 37s., and Smith (P.) in 17m. 43s. The team race was very close, Morley beating Pitt by two points, with Cromwell and Gibbon well back in third and fourth places, respectively.

Maclean (C.) won the Senior race in 21m. 25.4s., Francis (G.) was second in 22m. 22s., d'Archambaud was third in 22m. 33s.

Gibbon ran away with the team race, scoring only thirty-seven points, as opposed to Cromwell's ninety-five, Pitt's ninety-seven, and Morley's one hundred and twelve.

The "Coronation" Shield was won by Pitt, with an aggregated score of one hundred and forty-five points. Morley scored thirteen points more, to be second, with Gibbon third and Cromwell fourth.

D.G.M.

ATHLETICS, 1951

Captain: D. G. MACLEAN. *Hon. Secretary*: D. R. MORRISON.

This has been our best and most promising season since the war. Our first trial of strength was the South London Grammar Schools' Meeting. Out of the twelve competing schools we were placed fifth with 55 points. Bruce ran brilliantly to be second in the quarter-mile (under 16). Gooders is to be congratulated on his second place in the long-jump (under 16.), third place in the 100 yards, and on his effort in the relay. The other members of this team, which gained second place, were Ardley, Richards and Herbert.

In the mile team race—open, Maclean was first, and with Francis as the other member of the team, we gained a second place. Thorne hurdled well to be placed third in the hurdles (under 16). Sperger also hurdled well in the senior age-group to be fourth, and should improve with more experience. d'Archambaud gave a good account of himself in the half-mile (under 16) in coming fourth. Totham was fourth in both the discus and shot (open).

In the high-jump (under 16) Holder was fifth. Francis was sixth in the long-jump (open). Our under 16 relay team was fifth.

The South London Grammar Schools' team to meet the North London Grammar Schools was chosen largely on the results of this meeting and the following athletes from the School have been selected for that team:

Seniors: Shot, Dore; Discus, Totham; Mile, Maclean.

Intermediates: 440, Bruce; 880, d'Archambaud; Hurdles, Thorne; High Jump, Holder (res., Miller); Shot, Benham.

Juniors: Long Jump, Gooders.

Also, the School Junior Relay Team has been selected as one of three to represent the South. The members of this team are, as before, Ardley, Richards, Herbert and Gooders.

The School will have twelve representatives, although the average number of representatives for each of the twelve schools in the Association will be about eight.

The Wandsworth District Championships took place on Friday, May 25th, and the School did well to win the Junior Shield easily and to be beaten by only two points in the Senior Competition.

In all the School gained eight first places, six second places and seven third. Since the eight winners should all represent Wandsworth in the London Championships on June 19th, and there will also be, on that date, a 17-19 age grouping in which the School should be well represented, our share in the destination of the London Championship will be of some importance.

Tilley and Ardley won the 100 yards (under 15) and 100 yards (over 15) respectively. Davison won the 440 yards (under 15) and Pettican the 880 (under 15). Szyjkowski took the shot (under 15).

White won the 440 yards (under 17), Thorne the hurdles (under 16), and Easey the long-jump (under 17).

In addition to the successes already mentioned, quite a number of successes were gained by Technical Branch runners, and the School was placed first in both the " under-fifteen " and " under-seventeen " relays. The Junior team was Tilley, Gooders, Davison and Lothian (Tech. Branch). The Senior team was White (Tech. Branch), Sprague (Tech. Branch), Bruce and Harding.

On June 5th a Wandsworth District Relay team (under 16) ran in an Inter-District relay, organised by the Ministry of Education, and came in first. This is a result in which we may take special pride, since not only was the race open to the whole of London, but of the four runners, three are members of Wandsworth School. They are Tilley, Davison and Lothian (Tech. Branch). Well done!

The School Sports resulted in a win for Morley, who beat Cromwell by two points, with Pitt beating Gibbon by one point for third place. Six records were broken and one equalled. Dore broke the senior shot putt with 36ft. 10in. Benham broke the middle record in the same event with 41ft. 10in. Thompson long-jumped 17ft. 9in. for a new record in the middle age-group, and Walters did 14ft. 3in. in the under $12\frac{1}{2}$ group. Maclean did 4m. 50.1s. in the mile and 2m. 6.7s. in the 880 yards for new records.

Ardley equalled the Junior 220 yards record with 28.23. Morris won both the 100 yards and 220 yards (Senior). Attoe won both the Senior jumps; Davison won the 100 yards and 440 yards (M.) In the Junior section, however, Ardley put up, perhaps, the finest all-round performance of the day by taking the 100 yards, 220 yards and long-jump.

Morley are to be congratulated on winning three relays.

Matches against Raynes Park C.S. in June, and against Elliott in July, will, we hope, round off a very pleasing season.

D.G.M.

HOUSE NOTES

CROMWELL

After last year's lapse Cromwell has displayed its customary superiority in the Eisteddfod activities. The following boys are to be congratulated on their fruitful efforts in the Art section: V. Wall and P. M. Clowes were first in their junior painting section; R. J. Orrow was placed second for his design.

Cromwell's Hobbies section did not gain many laurels. We were placed second in the Chess competition, and D. G. Fenton was first in the Senior Scientific section. Apart from these, the only other entries worthy of mention were G. A. Cowper's historical model, T. R. Udall's flying model, placed first, and D. G. Nebbitt's non-flying aeroplane, placed second.

In the Literary section, D. I. Livingstone's one-act play was placed second. B. Clapton had his poem placed first in the senior section. In the junior section P. G. Ryan's story was placed first.

It is now considered a matter of honour that Cromwell should maintain its superiority in the Music section of the Eisteddfod, even if, by some mischance, we should lose it in the other fields of the annual competition. This year our Director of Music was J. R. Challice. The individual items were very unimpressive. The only redeeming feature was the solo singing, in which K. W. Bush and Challice tied for first place. Our vocal quartet, of R. W. Edwards, K. Gugan, Challice and R. J. Elsam, gained first place. The Broken Voice Chorus was unopposed, and it gave a spirited rendering of "Riding Down from Bangor." This group of eight seniors was not a picked group of golden-voiced songsters, but merely a bunch of lusty-voiced keen Cromwellians.

In the Photographic section, M. J. McKeown and P. M. Hoffman gained first places in their junior sections, and in the senior section K. W. Bush took second place.

In the Drama section our one-act play, "The Poacher," produced by D. I. Livingstone, was narrowly beaten into second place. The cast of Challice, Barber, Griffiths and Livingstone showed excellent team spirit throughout. The producer would like to thank all those who took part, particularly those unseens—notably Chafen and Hall—who were invaluable, and Maclean, who did the make-up.

In spite of notable individual efforts, only third place was gained in the Speech section. Livingstone, jnr., was first and H. I. Butnick second in the Intermediate section of the Solo Reading. D. G. Nebbitt was placed second in the Junior section. There seemed to be a lack of spirit in the Speech Choir, in spite of the great efforts by Barber, and they were placed only third.

We, as Cromwellians, would like to congratulate Fenton on winning a Royal Scholarship at the Imperial College of Science, to which a State Scholarship has been added.

J. D. Barrett and W. V. Argent we congratulate on being runners-up in their respective weights in the Wandsworth Boxing Championships. Both boxed well, Barnett losing to the ultimate Great Britain Champion.

Once again we must congratulate Maclean, this time for winning the Surrey Junior Mile Championship, and for running for London against Paris and winning the mile in a very good time.

Cromwell started the Sports Day in good spirits, with a promising lead of fourteen points, due to the efforts of the greater part of the House in standards. During the afternoon our lead was increased by the grand performances of Maclean, M. Lillistone and D. J. S. Granfield, who broke records in their events, and L. R. Ardley, who equalled one record and established another. In spite of these and other notable performances Morley overtook us to win the trophy by a lead of two points.

D.I.L. and J.R.C.

GIBBON

" What reinforcement we may gain from hope,
If not, what resolution from despair."

—Milton.

How discouraging it is that Gibbon has not yet rallied. In the Eisteddfod, for example, we occupy a consistently discreditable position. However, distinction was attained in some sections. In Drama, in the past, the House has fared as badly as in the Eisteddfod as a whole. But under Tyson's brilliant leadership, the acting team showed immense zeal and achieved an outstanding victory. Gale, Stott and Arnold were exceptionally good, and so were Wright, Tonks, York, Chalk and Tee. Stanley was the only Public Speaker from Gibbon, but he came first, for the second successive year. He was second in Solo Reading. There were only two entries from Gibbon for Music. That fine violinist, G. R. Williams, was a comfortable winner. The Speech Choir, under Stanley, just failed to complete a " hat-trick " by winning for the third year in succession, being narrowly beaten into second place. Chalk came second in Photography with a fine effort. The House did well in the Models section. Four of the five awards in the Geographical part went to Gibbon: to Gilbart, G. R. Williams, Taylor and Chalk. Tonks and Cuffley received awards in the Historical and Scientific part. Saull, Thornton and Hopson brought credit to the House with assembled models, and Davies, Purdy, Brock and Taylor did well with Aeroplanes. In Art, Tonks gained second place with a design, and Barucki's lino-cut was an easy first. Gilbart was fourth in painting.

Reading these results we see a few names continually reappear, showing that most of the effort comes from a stalwart few, while the many are not playing their full part.

In marked contrast to the Eisteddfod Chess, Gibbon won the Inter-House Chess Competition most convincingly.

We were last in Athletics. This was hardly due to our Captain, White, who deserves hearty congratulation, or to our representatives on Sports Day. It is all a matter of standards. It is disgraceful that Gibbon should have to start on Sports Day fifty points behind the leading house.

Not even the Cross-country Shield, which we won so handsomely last year, was spared to us. Our Juniors romped home easily, but the Seniors were second to Cromwell.

So we proceed to hopes for the future. Brightest on the list is Swimming. We failed to win the shield last year by only four points—what about those standards? It is too long since we last won the Diligence Shield; and then, of course, there is Rugger . . .

If every member of the House will pull his weight we can do well.

" O pride! more noble may thy heart assume,
O Gibbon! gazing on thy growing work."

—(Hayley).

W.M.S., B.T.

MORLEY

During the Spring Term Morley neither gained any complete victory nor suffered any total defeat. There were several competitions in which we could have shown our capabilities but, instead, we chose to follow a middle course, gaining second and third places.

Throughout the House, as, indeed, throughout the whole School, there seemed to be a lack of enthusiasm for the Eisteddfod. We gained only third place because, in general, the House members were unwilling to produce entries or take part

in group efforts. However, certain boys deserve praise. The able leadership of C. B. Gosden guided the Speech Choir to victory, and the following boys are to be congratulated on obtaining first place in the various individual competitions: —

R. Evans—Portrait (Junior), Design (Junior); C. J. Swallow—Painting (Intermediate); J. G. Bourton—Design (Senior); J. S. Edwell—Stamp Collection (Junior); D. A. Richards—Stamp Collection (Novices); R. S. Hore—Collection (Junior); J. W. C. Pullen—Non-flying Aeroplane Model (Senior); P. F. G. Dorrell—Photography, Sections A and B (Senior); R. Lambert—Solo Reading (Junior).

In the Dramatic Competition J. A. Totham produced "The Dark," by J. L. Galloway, and gained third place. The choice of play was, perhaps, unfortunate, but the producer, who took one of the two parts, and J. S. Wharton struggled manfully with the difficult task they had set themselves. The stage-hands, whom one often tends to forget, supported the actors very well by producing a very ingenious and impressive stage set of a lighthouse interior.

As was mentioned in last term's House notes, we seemed almost assured of success in the Inter-House Rugby competition but, unfortunately, it could not be completed.

Our Chess team, captained by T. Dore, played strongly to beat Cromwell and Pitt, but met their match in Gibbon.

The Inter-House Fives championship, started during the Spring Term, but as yet undecided, seems to promise a result favourable to Morley. Our players have already conquered those of Pitt and Cromwell and the final result depends upon Morley's performance against Gibbon.

In the Inter-House Cross-country Run, our Seniors gained fourth place and our Juniors first place. Thus Morley were second in the whole event. In the Junior run A. E. J. Bedale, B. W. Salway and J. E. High were fourth, fifth and seventh, respectively. High deserves special praise since he is only in the first form.

With the coming of the Summer Term Morley's performances have improved greatly. The Inter-House Athletics competition, the finals of which are held on Sports Day, proved very exciting. At the beginning of the proceedings Cromwell were fourteen points ahead of Morley, this being due entirely to those uncooperative boys who will not do their standards. However, the splendid performances of the boys competing on Sports Day made up for this deficit. Morley finished with two hundred and ninety points, beating Cromwell by two. The Intermediate, Junior and Under-Twelve-and-a-Half Relay Teams all put up tremendous performances to obtain first places, and the following boys deserve praise for winning their events.

J. A. Totham and T. Dore—Discus (Senior); B. C. Gardner and E. F. Forbes —High Jump (Junior); J. E. High and D. J. Walters—Long Jump (Under Twelve-and-a-Half); P. G. Benham and D. F. Thorne—Shot (Middle); E. W. Thompson and D. F. Thorne—Long Jump (Middle); J. A. Totham and T. Dore — Shot (Senior); D. F. Thorne—Hurdles (Middle); K. E. Mattafice and G. W. C. Wort—High Jump (Under Twelve-and-aHalf); K. J. Sperger—Hurdles (Senior); E. F. Forbes and A. E. J. Bedale—Long Jump (Junior).

Dore, Benham, Thompson and Thorne deserve additional congratulations for breaking School records. Dore, who already held the Senior Shot record at thirty-six feet five inches, increased it by a further five inches. Similarly, Benham broke the Middle Shot record with a throw of forty-one feet ten inches. Both Thompson and Thorne broke the Middle Long Jump record, their jumps being seventeen feet nine and a half inches, and seventeen feet three inches, respectively.

It is hoped that by the time this Link is published we will have had success in both the Swimming and Cricket competitions. Once again we should remember that the result of the Swimming competition depends largely upon whether we all turn out to complete our standards.

Up to the present Morley has been doing well as far as Diligence marks are concerned. Both Morley A and C have made very high contributions to the House total but the other two sets should try and improve slightly. However, unless something very unexpected happens, we should win the shield.

Taking the athletics result as an example of what we can do, let us continue our rise until eventually we become, and remain, "Cock House."

B.G.L.

PITT

Although the House cannot bathe itself in wells of self-congratulation over its successes this term, a reasonable general standard has been maintained in most fields.

Diligence, while not being up to the usual standard associated with Pitt House, has been quite high. Special mention must be made of the welcomed and timely improvement from Pitt D.

Sports Day proved less satisfactory than had been anticipated, due entirely to our failure in standards. We are not lacking in athletic talent; in every School team Pitt is well represented. The failure comes when members of the House refuse to attempt their standards. Remember, even a failure gains one point.

Soon, there will be a considerable number of new boys joining us; get hold of them and encourage them to appreciate the House spirit and, above all, set them a good example: support your team captains at every possible opportunity; they are all capable, but can do nothing without your support.

Remember, success cannot come without effort in any sphere of your School career.

D.R.M.

OLD WANDSWORTHIANS

Attendances have been lower than usual on Wednesday nights, although the more athletic members have been making good use of the longer evenings out on the School field.

The Rugger season wound up with the usual enjoyable get-together at the White Hart in April. Shortly afterwards a General Meeting elected its officers for the forthcoming season. There have been changes, but the enthusiasm which has carried the club through since the war will be well maintained. We are committed to run four teams during 1951-52, so playing recruits are urgently needed. Results for last season and the new officers are as follows: —

RESULTS, SEASON 1950-51.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts. for	Pts. agnst.
1st XV.	29	14	2	13	167	169
"A" XV.	27	12	1	14	204	237
"B" XV.	24	7	4	13	192	250

OFFICERS.

Captain 1st XV.—R. Finch; Captain "A" XV.—P. Bull; Captain "B" XV.—R. St. C. Duncan; General Secretary—A. Dicker; Team Secretary—R. Thornton; Match Secretary—R. St. C. Duncan; Treasurer—D. Wood.

A sincere tribute must be paid to the many players from the School that turned out for the Old Boys XVs during holidays and when they had no matches of their own. They made a most valuable contribution to the success of the season.

The Dance and the Whist Drive held at the School early in the year were not particularly well attended and an improvement at future functions is essential if the Memorial Fund is to benefit.

The chief concern of the O.W.s continues to be membership. The Association cannot stress too strongly the need for everyone leaving the School to join. If the Association is to play its full part in the corporate life of the School it must have a strong and active membership. So, all Old Boys, those who have just left and those that have left some time, if you are not already a member of the Association, become one right away.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NOTES

The Association notes for this issue of The Link are concerned mainly with the Annual General Meeting on May 4th.

I am pleased to say that, following the Tutorial-At Home, a large number of interested members remained to the Business Meeting and the " Any Questions " session which followed.

The Secretary gave his report for the year which was, on the whole, satisfactory. The Social events, with one exception, were all successful and a revival of the more serious type of meeting met with an encouraging response. The Treasurer again produced an excellent balance sheet and gave details of the various items expended and disclosed a very sound bank balance.

The report and balance sheet were favourably received and adopted. The elections were then dealt with. Mr. King was re-elected as President and Chairman, and I am glad to announce that three ladies and two gentlemen responded to the appeal for members for the Parents Council and, in addition to the Council already in being, who were re-elected, your Association now has a full and active Parents' Council to manage its future activities.

The " Any Questions " session which followed was most entertaining. A team of masters composed of Messrs. Benyon, Evans, Hodgkinson and Keyte, with Mr. King as question master, dealt at length, and very humorously in some cases, with the various questions submitted, and rounded off a most interesting and enjoyable evening. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to these gentlemen.

Your Council, at its first meeting on May 30th, re-elected the present Officers for another year and, among other business, discussed plans for using some of our funds for the benefit of the boys. These plans will be made known as they are implemented.

For our future programmes we are again arranging a Social Evening to welcome the new parents in the Autumn Term. These socials have proved very popular in the past. As before, this event will be quite informal and designed to bring all parents into contact with each other, the Staff, and with their Association. The date provisionally fixed is Friday, September 21st, so if any parents can provide an item for the evening programme I shall be glad to know. We have also in view a Whist Drive and Dance in November, at a date yet to be decided upon. You will be advised of all these events in the Terminal letters and via your boys in good time, so please note all dates as they are announced and make a point of coming along.

I am again requesting all parents to inform the Council of any suitable subjects they would like discussed from our platform. I should appreciate your requests and be pleased to arrange meetings to deal with them.

For the benefit of all parents I am publishing with this issue the complete list of names and addresses of the new Parents Council. If you wish you can make your requests of any member and they will be passed on for consideration.

By the time this issue is in your hands the Summer Fete and the Parents v. Boys Cricket Match will have passed into Association history, so my comments on those two items must await our next issue. We now look forward to another successful year's activities which, with your continued co-operation and support, I am sure we can achieve.

H. J. SCOTT.

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THE WANDSWORTHIANS' LODGE

This Lodge, founded in 1932 to serve in uniting the closer bonds of the fellowship of Freemasonry those who in many ways have been connected with Wandsworth School, is a living memorial to Dr. H. Waite, by whose efforts (assisted by many friends—colleagues, O.W.s and others—who became Founders of it) the Lodge was built. He was the first Junior Warden, the second Master and the first Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction. He received the honour and dignity of London Grand Rank in 1943 and was elected an Honorary Member of the Lodge in 1948. He was also a Founder, Past Master and Honorary Member of the "Tech." Lodge, Lumen 5786, founded in 1939.

The Senior Warden and Chaplain of the Wandsworthians Lodge (the Rev. J. A. H. Waddington, M.B.E., T.D., B.Com.) said recently, in an eloquent tribute to Dr. Waite: —"We salute his memory and rise up and call him blessed. How great his influence was on the lives and personalities of many thousands of boys and what the effect of his life's work was in terms of human character, we can only dimly imagine. His talents were indeed used in full measure to the Glory of his Creator and the welfare of his fellows. This much is certain: the world is a better place because Henry Waite has lived and worked in it. His name will be remembered here when time with us shall be no more."

Since our last report published in The Link, six O.W.s have been admitted members of the Lodge and more are applying for membership. Many O.W.s, members of other Lodges, have visited us and these happy re-unions have helped to fulfil the purpose for which the Lodge was founded. Among these happy re-unions, we are glad to report that the "Ladies' Night", held last April at Ardington Rooms, was outstandingly successful.

Lodge Meetings are held at Ardington Rooms on the first Fridays in February, May, July, October and December. The next meeting (Installation) is on 5th October, 1951. Further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary of the Wandsworthians Lodge, 209 Raeburn Avenue, Surbiton, Surrey.

SEA

At times the sea is calm and still;
Then bathers swim and children play.
The joy-boats go and come at will
And all is happy in the bay.

The scene has changed! The skies are grey!
The seagulls cry and wheel and soar,
The dashing waves cast up their spray
And scatter debris on the shore.

At sea, the fisher furls his sail
And buttons up his heavy coat.
He knows he must ride out the gale,
And so he crouches in his boat.

The storm abates. No more the rain
Descends to pound the angry foam.
The bay is smooth and calm again—
The fisher now is heading home.

R. HORE, IIA.

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