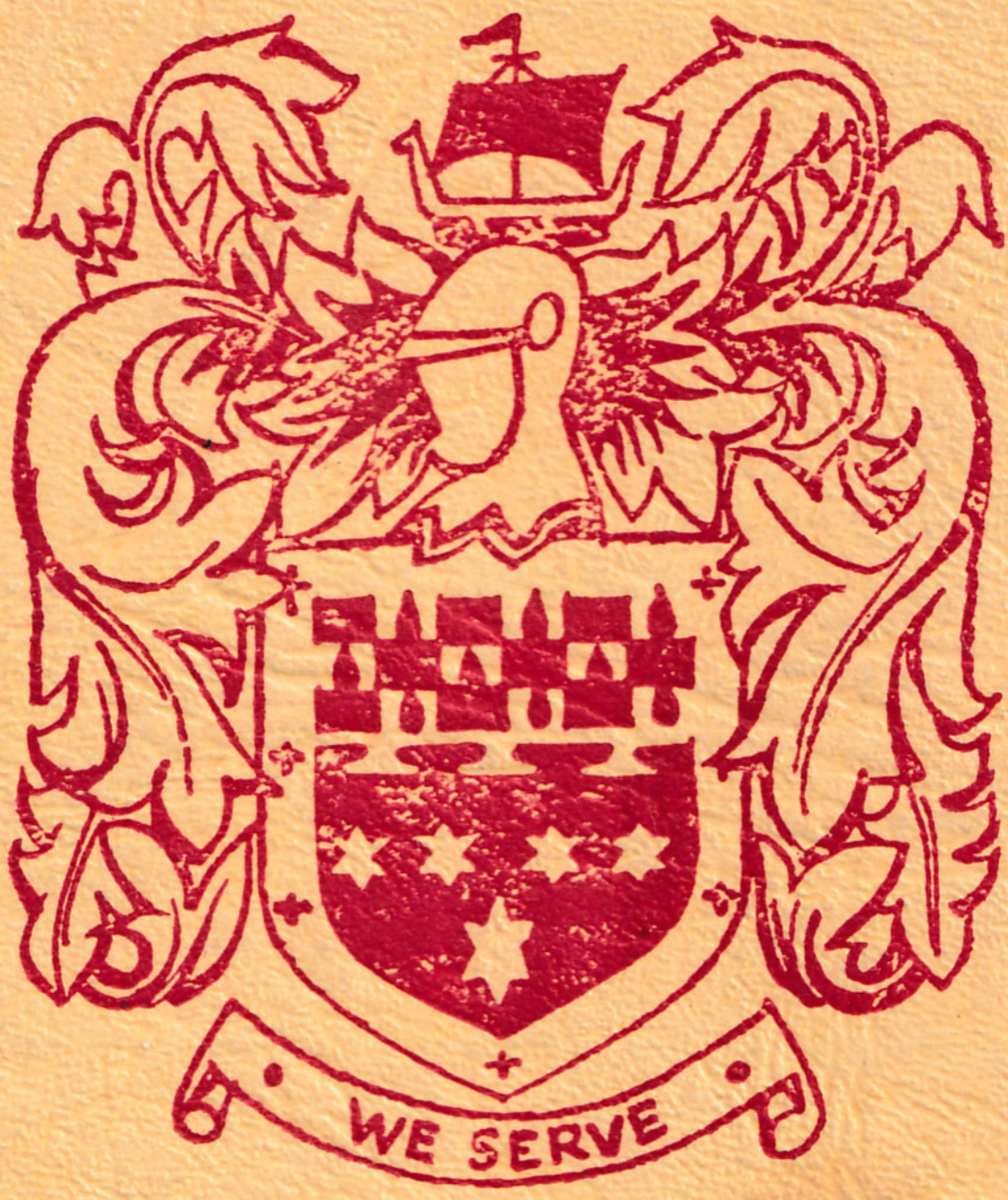
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HEADMASTER'S NOTES

The improvised arrangements for running the enlarged school in three sections this term have worked very satisfactorily. This is because the Grammar School at Sutherland Grove and the Annexe in Garratt Lane were already going concerns, and the Lower School at Elliott has developed splendidly "from scratch".

Mr. Bacchus and his colleagues are to be congratulated upon the promising start they have given to our new entrants. To have made so good a beginning in the Elliott premises has largely compensated for the fact that the new boys had to go there temporarily instead of to Sutherland Grove. And now they have the transfer to their real home to look forward to in January.

The Lower School could not have had so markedly successful a launching, had it not been for the fine and most gratifying cooperation of the parents. In thanking them for their generous and heartening response, I would like to add that this is in the best traditions of the Wandsworth School parental body and shows what can be done when parents and School form a partnership in the interests of the boys.

So now the Lower School will move to Sutherland Grove as a well-integrated unit in which each boy feels he belongs. No one will be bewildered by the change or feel lost in the larger environment.

At long last, too, the boys at the Annexe in Garratt Lane will have the splendid accommodation to which they have looked forward, and in exactly the same conditions as the boys at Sutherland Grove. For both sections will join to take over an entirely new building. So far as the Main School is concerned, all boys, whether at Sutherland Grove or Garratt Lane, will be equally new to it. Neither will have the precedence or advantage of being "sitting tenants".

Of course, for a very considerable number of the boys temporarily based at Garratt Lane, it will be a return "home". For these boys in particular I am glad that their "exile" is over

I am sure that we are unconsciously conditioned a great deal by our physical environment. The spaciousness and elegance of the interiors of our new building will call forth, I trust, the appropriate response in the general bearing and behaviour of all privileged to enjoy them. I suppose Courtesy could live graciously in a hovel: it is easier, however, to live graciously in a palace. Some people would say that the furnishings and fittings of our new building are far too good for schoolboys. They may be right: but I hope you will prove them wrong.

In looking back over the 30 years that I have been a grammar school headmaster, one very singular fact strikes me in connection with the wider field of admissions this term. It is much more comparable to the field of admissions that most grammar schools had in the twenties and thirties. In those days the proportion of boys who came in with scholarships gradually rose from 25 per cent. to 50 per cent. The rest entered as fee payers with no very stiff entrance test and freedom for the school to use what leniency it wished. Very many of these boys would have failed to qualify as "grammar school" category entrants under the dispensation that has obtained since the Act. But among them were some of our very best boys. And

you may be sure that some of our future best are among the " non-grammar " category entrants we have recruited this term.

But quite a number of you are yourselves living testimonies to this fact. Since we started some seven or eight years ago to recruit, in addition to our " G (Grammar) category " intake, a stream (and later more) of boys who had not at eleven been placed in that category, I have followed up the subsequent school careers of these " non-grammar " entrants. Fifty per cent. of them, by the time they got to the 3rd Form, had reached the " A " or " B " streams of the grammar school.

This is the irrefutable argument for the new plan for wider recruitment. Instead of deciding a boy's category and type of future education at eleven, it keeps opportunity open much longer. In fact, the door of opportunity is never closed. This is the only solution at present in the field to the problem of democratic equality of educational opportunity.

On the other hand, some boys (Professor Vernon puts it as high as 33 per cent.) who attain " G " category at eleven turn out later to be unsuitable for the academic approach to education and would do better with a different approach. The second irrefutable argument for a wider range of intake and provision is that the school can prevent these " misfits ". To multiply types of school is to multiply " misfits "; for every type of school produces its own misfits. Now that we have a comprehensively organised system of education in this area there is no need for one-third of the " G " category entrants, and unascertained percentages of other category pupils, to prove misfits.

When secondary education is comprehensively organised, the school ceases to be a type. In our own case we are, and shall remain, a grammar school: we are also a technical school and a modern school, as well as a number of types intermediate between these.

With our range and variety of provision and staffing, we can meet the needs of the individual pupil in all his wide varieties. And this is the third irrefutable argument for the new plan.

Incidentally, the much misunderstood and misused term " comprehensive " is fortunately being dropped. There is no such thing as a " comprehensive " education: what we should talk about is the comprehensive organisation of secondary education.

Strictly speaking, there are no such things as different types of education. There are different approaches to the various subjects of education. All pupils, whatever the specific bias of their courses, study the same basic subjects. And if they carry their studies far enough they arrive at the same goal.

Much educational talk in recent years sounds to me like a conspiracy of the educationists to fog the parents and public.

So far as Wandsworth School is concerned, we aim to give every pupil the best education of which he is capable and continually to keep open the opportunity for boys of whatever initial category, to work up to the more ambitious and exacting courses. Above all, we want every boy to succeed in the course he follows. Unlimited opportunity open to boys who earn it, and no misfits.

And now a particular and striking example of the precise point I have been making. At the age of eleven, D. J. White was not in the " grammar " category, or even in the " central ". He went to a modern school but took advantage of the opportunity to transfer to our Technical Branch at 13. He passed his School Certificate and transferred to the Grammar School. Here in due course he gained a State Scholarship to the Imperial College of Science and incidentally the Prize for the best academic achievement of his year. He has just gained a First Class Honours Degree in Mathematics and contemplates proceeding to a Doctorate. Our congratulations to him upon such well-earned success.

We also congratulate David Epstein, who left us some years ago for Pretoria High School, South Africa, upon his First Class in Part II of the Mathematical Tripos at Trinity College, Cambridge. Epstein was always a brilliant pupil and we could pretty certainly have predicted that he would graduate as a Wrangler.

Richard Hore, Head Prefect designate, was fortunate and deserving enough to be nominated and accepted for the W. H. Rhodes Trust Canadian Tour last summer. He writes the story of his remarkable excursion elsewhere in this number. By a happy chance we are again able to nominate a candidate for 1957 and have selected the present Head Prefect, Ian Simons, whose exceptional record in the field of international activities is thus both recognised and given further scope. Congratulations on this great opportunity!

The School's appeal on behalf of the children of Displaced Persons and Refugees in Europe, and particularly the latest tragic wave of Hungarian refugees, has met with a profoundly sympathetic and willing response from boys and parents. At the time of writing the amount donated is in the region of £50. On behalf of the cause and the School Council as sponsor, our most grateful thanks to generous contributors.

A most generous gift of musical scores, Purcell's "King Arthur", has been made to the Choral Library by Mr. J. Keyte as a token of his "very great regard and affection for Wandsworth School". We appreciate this gift not only for its intrinsic value, but because of the donor who gave such outstanding services to music here for so many years.

We were most sorry to say goodbye to Mr. Haggard just before Half Term. He has brought such single-minded devotion to the interests and welfare of Wandsworth School and its pupils that his departure is a personal and public loss that we all feel very much.

The School welcomes the following new masters this term. Their number precludes anything other than listing them here. I will add, however, that I think we have been exceptionally fortunate in attracting staff of their calibre:

R. B. Whellock, M.A., B.Sc. ...	Head of Science Department.
A. G. Robson	Chief Engineering Master.
J. G. Birch	Physical Education.
L. B. N. Cockerill, B.A.	French and German.
G. A. Hoare, N.D.D., A.T.D. ...	Art.
G. H. Holley, B.A.	French.
A. Howe	2nd Handicraft Master.
G. M. King, N.D.D., A.T.C. ...	Art.
A. W. King	Woodwork.
J. A. Kirby	Physical Education.
K. Lewis	Mathematics.
J. W. Macnab, B.Sc.	Geography.
T. Marchington, M.A. Cantab.	Geography.
H. W. Marratt, B.A., B.D., M.Th.	Religious Education and Classics.
K. N. Newson, B.A. Oxon. ...	English.
N. Read-Collins, Lt.-Col. ...	French.
G. M. Saul, B.A. Cantab. ...	Chemistry.
N. J. Spearing, B.A. Cantab. ...	Geography.
P. A. Trinder, A.R.C.M. ...	Music.
R. M. Gush	Engineering.
L. G. Willer	Mathematics and Engineering Drawing.
G. Radley, B.A.	French.

W. C. J. Avery ...	...	... History and English.
N. W. Ayles, B.A. ...	...	... English and History.
F. W. Bartlett, B.A. ...	...	... English, French and History.
K. G. Humphreys, B.A.		... History and Geography.
A. James, B.A. ...	...	... English and Modern Languages.
E. E. McGill ...	...	... Geography and Scripture.
W. H. C. Finbow	...	... Geography, English and Mathematics.
F. J. Norris ...	...	... History and English.
J. Hodges ...	...	... English and Scripture.

The following boys have been elected Prefects for this Term :—

Full Prefects : I. H. Simons (Head Prefect); R. S. Hore (Head Prefect designate); A. E. Preston (Second Prefect); C. M. Burnett.

New Prefects : D. Ayshford; R. J. Carr; C. G. Christodoulou; J. T. Davies; P. W. Foulds; B. R. Harding; B. C. Johnston; J. W. Kaminski; P. G. C. Libby; J. R. Marshall; C. M. Newson; P. B. Roberts; J. W. Sharp; G. W. C. Wort.

New Sub-Prefects : A. Amir Ali; C. T. A. Bowyer; J. D. Carr; P. N. Cassidy; M. J. Cowling; G. P. Douel; P. J. Drain; J. T. P. Francis; K. S. Kreuchen; D. J. Liggitt; R. B. Lloyd; D. W. Rotchell; M. R. M. Smith; J. H. Tudgay.

MR. HAGGARD It was with mixed feelings that we said goodbye to Mr. Haggard just before Half Term. We felt glad that he had the opportunity to fulfil what he has long felt to be his true vocation by seeking ordination in the Church of England, and at the same time we were sorry to lose so enthusiastic and devoted a colleague.

Every since he joined the Staff in January 1953, Mr. Haggard has made the interests of the School his own. In the Mathematics faculty and in the games department he has given unstinted service. He is a perfectionist, maintaining his own high standards and expecting the same from everybody else, and he was remarkably successful in persuading others to give their best.

It was not, I know, an easy decision for him to relinquish his work here, but half his heart has always been in Church work. Some of our boys, who attend St. Barnabas' Church will know something of the work he did there. It was no great surprise to hear that he had decided to enter Ripon Hall, Oxford, and take a course of training for the Ministry. He will be taking up again the theological studies that he began at Jesus College in 1947.

The Christian Ministry is not a vocation to be undertaken lightly. I remember telling Mr. Haggard that I thought a man should stay out of it, if he could, and only if he felt irresistibly compelled to give his life to it should he seek ordination. Mr. Haggard will bring to his new calling the enthusiasm and devotion which are so characteristic of him, a faith which will be a bulwark against heartbreak, and a firm conviction that in it he can most effectively serve his Master. We wish him every success and satisfaction in his work.

R.W.F.

NINTH WEEK IN INDUSTRY
DUNDEE AND THE HIGHLANDS

This year a party of 28 boys went on the " Week in Industry " expedition to Edinburgh, Dundee and the Highlands from the 13th to the 26th of July.

The party travelled to Edinburgh via York, Durham and Newcastle on " The Elizabethan " from King's Cross Station. As we made our way from Waverley Station to the Youth Hostel at which we were due to stay, we passed along what must be the most beautiful shopping centre in the country, that is to say, Princes Street. On one side the shops and on the other gardens and lawns rising up to the castle, perched high above us, built into

the solid rock. On arrival at the Youth Hostel we were faced with the problem which most of us had been dreading, the preparation of our own evening meal. This consisted of corned beef, peas, carrots and potatoes; the corned beef was very nice and, of course, the rest having to be cooked was . . . well, I leave that to your imagination. We left Edinburgh for Dundee on Saturday; en route we crossed the Forth and Tay bridges.

During the following week the party was split into two, one studying the jute and related industries, for which Dundee is famous, and the other, in smaller groups, making farm surveys. On Monday, so that both groups should obtain a balanced view of Dundee's industries, the farming group visited a linoleum factory while the jute group visited Smedley's Fruit Farm and Factory. I think all I need say is that we visited the farm in the middle of the strawberry picking season and that we enjoyed ourselves.

The whole party went on a coach tour of the Fife Peninsular on Tuesday. This tour included a visit to the National Coal Board's new Rothes Colliery, a coal mine with a new look and ideas.

On Wednesday the farming group visited the Scottish Horticultural Research Institute; this proved most interesting as we found amongst other things why the raspberry grew so well in these areas. In the afternoon and on the next day groups of four or five boys visited farms in the district. And I think that one most definite conclusion can be drawn from these visits: Scotsmen are certainly not mean. Meanwhile the other groups were being very well catered for by "The Jute Industries Federation" who arranged the day programme and laid on a coach and lunch for all as extras to the very interesting and informative visits. It was with heavy hearts and packs that we left Airlie Hall on Friday to catch the train which took us to Perth, where we had just over an hour to see the town before our connection for the Highlands left.

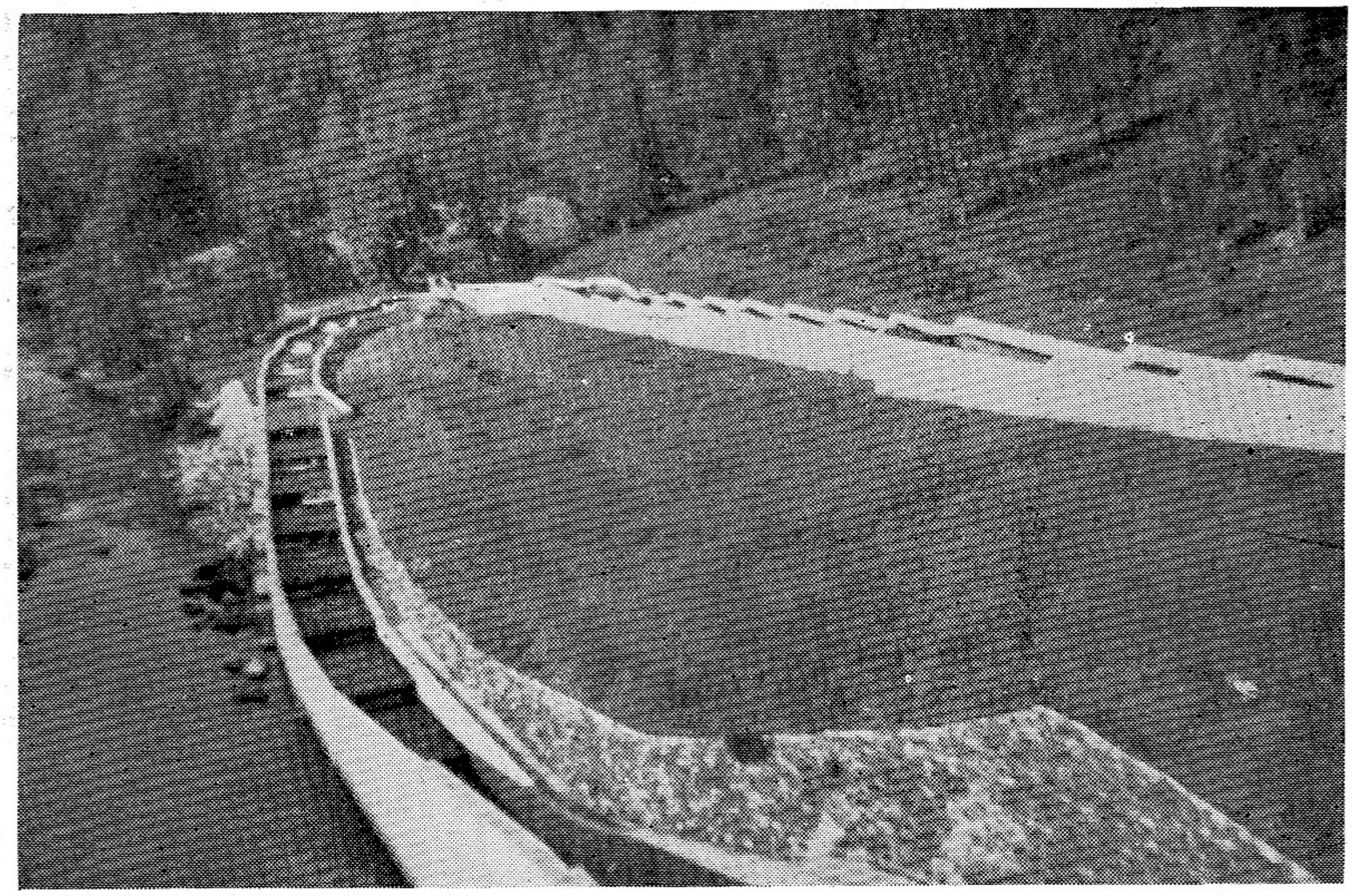


Photo by V. Townend.

The Salmon pass, Pitlochry Power Station, River Tummel, Perthshire

It was at Ballinluig that the biological survey party, under Mr. Gouldstone, left us, with a hearty war-cry echoing in their ears. The majority of the party went on to Pitlochry where they toured the Pitlochry Hydro-electric Power Station. Pitlochry was a famous tourist resort, and so the local inhabitants opposed the building of a dam there; however, the H.E.P. Board overcame this problem by making the dam a tourist centre, with a

window in the fish pass to enable the tourists to see the salmon making their way up river. In this way the Board has increased Pitlochry's tourist trade. We were impressed most of all by the cleanliness and quietness of the station as compared to Battersea Power Station which we had visited prior to our departure.

Perhaps one of the most exciting and breathtaking rides was that by coach along a track, high above the floor of the valley, which was not fit for a horse and cart. Bridges over deep valleys consisted of old railway sleepers, and many times we caught our breath as we passed over a " bridge " which creaked under the weight of the coach.

The Killin (many jokes were made about this name) party made an unsuccessful attempt to climb Ben Lawers, from which they emerged wet through by rain and cloud, but nevertheless not dispirited.

The Balquhidder party, consisting of members of the sixth form only, had a long trek in Rob Roy country along Loch Voil, through marshes and over Ben More. The summit, over which a very cold gale was blowing, was shrouded in cloud and so the view from over 3,900 ft. was spoilt, but the inevitable war-cry rang out over the unseen valley below.

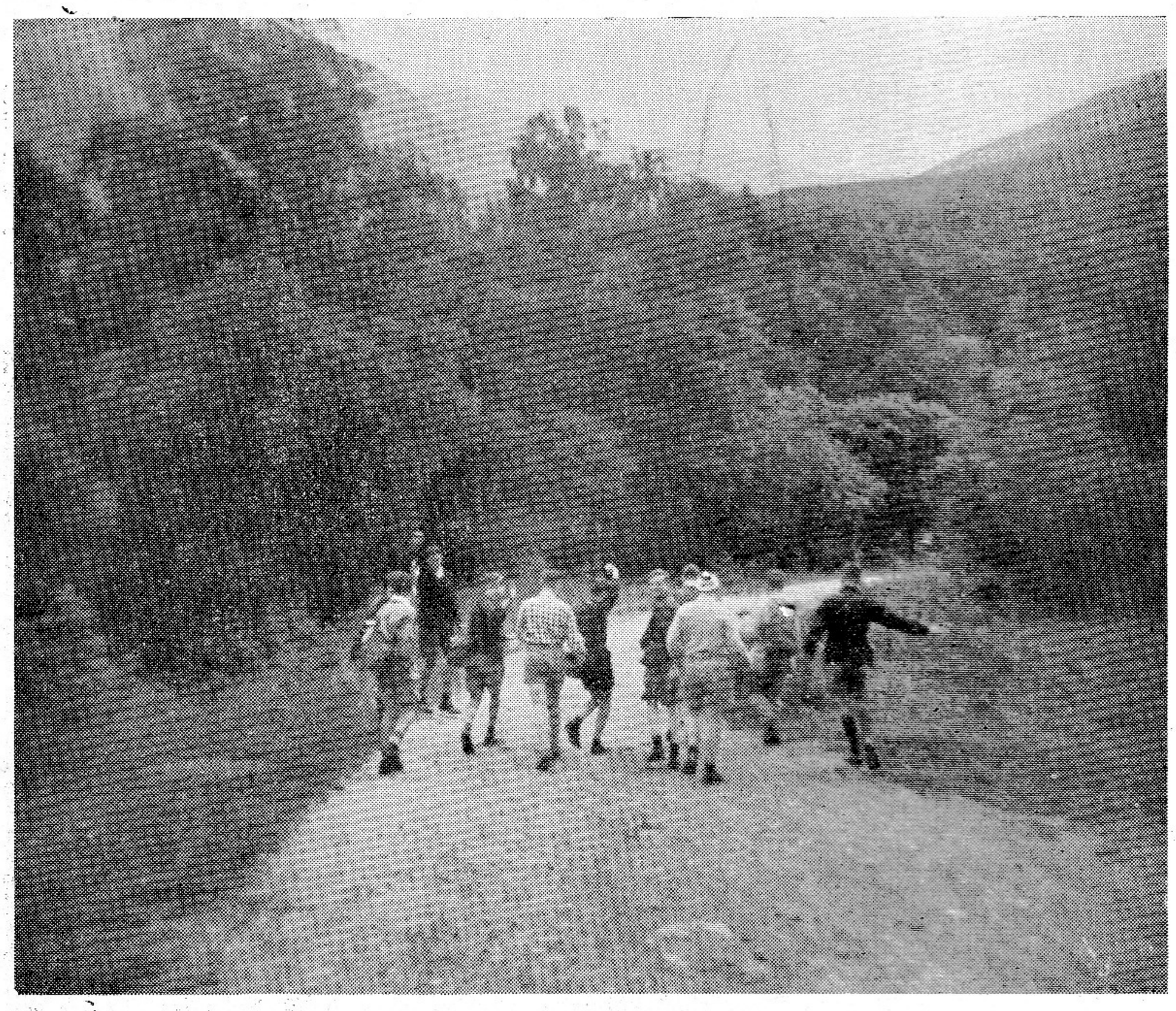


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Setting out for Ben Lawers. Glen Lyon.

The departure of the whole party for Glasgow was made in very dismal weather, and frequently from the train we saw swollen streams cascading down the mountain side. The afternoon in Glasgow was spent by some shopping and others seeing if the tales they had heard about the Glasgow Underground trains were true.

The following morning we left by the " Royal Scot " for Euston where Mr. Keyte found in his cape the eggs which we had boiled and boiled (to make sure they were cooked) that morning and which we had forgotten to eat in the excitement of the journey. When I left he was still trying to dispose of them.

I am sure that all who went on the "Week in Industry" of 1956 will join with me in very sincerely thanking Messrs. Keyte, George and Gouldstone for the work that they did to enable this trip to go off so smoothly and well, and as will the rest of the School in wishing Mr. Keyte every success in his new appointment.

D. AYSHFORD. 6Sc, Cc.

A VISIT TO CANADA This summer I was extremely fortunate in being selected by the Headmaster to represent the School in the "W. H. Rhodes Canada Educational Trust" Canadian Tour 1956. The boys in the party came from grammar schools in Birmingham, Bradford, Glasgow and London.

The party sailed from Liverpool on 8th August in R.M.S. "Carinthia," the most recent addition to the Cunard Fleet. The voyage to Montreal, a distance of 2,725 miles, lasted 7 days. During this time the boys of the party became acquainted with one another and learnt something about Canada and her customs from Canadians travelling on the ship. We were also able to learn some of the intricacies of a large trans-atlantic liner from special tours around the engine room and the galley, and from an interesting lecture on navigation by the Captain.

On Tuesday, 14th August, we disembarked at Montreal. Just before reaching the Jaques—Cartier Bridge I looked ahead and saw the impressive sight of the "Empress of Britain", the largest vessel to sail the 600 miles up the St. Lawrence River, sailing beneath the bridge.

Our first afternoon on Canadian soil was spent at Camp Weredale, a summer residence for orphans. The camp is situated at the head of a picturesque lake at the edge of the Laurentian Shield. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent swimming and playing baseball with our enthusiastic hosts.

On Wednesday morning we drove, under police escort, to the City Hall where we were received by His Worship Mayor Jean Drapeau. He welcomed us to Canada and explained to us how the council of Montreal is elected and how it functions. After the reception we were driven round the city and visited the University of Montreal. The building, a new one, parts of which are still being built, overlooks the city. In the afternoon we visited the older University in Montreal, McGill University. There we saw some of the experimental work being done on the Lock Gates for the new St. Lawrence Seaway.

We travelled by night-sleeper to Toronto where we arrived in the morning. We immediately went to the Royal Canadian Yacht Club where we spent the morning swimming. The Club is situated on an island a short distance from the shore of Lake Ontario. The whole island is beautifully laid out and seems remote from the second largest City of Canada. From the ferry we obtained a good view of the Toronto skyline, dominated by the Bank of Commerce and the Royal York Hotel. The Bank of Commerce is the highest building in the Commonwealth and from it we obtained a good view of the surrounding area, when we ascended it in the afternoon. On a clear day it is possible to see the spray from Niagara Falls a hundred miles away.

After a civic reception the following morning the party travelled to Hamilton, stopping en route to visit "Canada Packers". There we saw some of the processes involved in the manufacture of tinned meat.

The morning of Saturday, 18th August, was spent at McMaster University where we were shown the Planetarium, an instrument which artificially shows the movement of the solar system across the sky. The afternoon and evening were spent in the company of students from Hamilton. They showed us the greatest hospitality, taking us to their homes in the evening and making us feel quite at home in a country far, in distance, from Britain.

On Sunday we drove to Niagara. My first glimpse of the falls is one I shall never forget. At my feet and stretching in a curve away to my right was the crest of the Horseshoe-falls. Ahead were the smaller American

falls. Below the Niagara river flowed rapidly through the gorge and under the Rainbow Bridge in the distance. To complete the picture the sun was shining brilliantly, causing a magnificent rainbow to be formed in the spray across the gorge.

The next two days may be described as the "Industrial" part of the tour. In the afternoon we visited the Queenston Hydro-Electric Plant, learning something of the work being done to harness part of the power dropping over the escarpment. On the return journey to Toronto we stopped to visit a paper manufacturers at Thorold. This is an important industry in Canada, it being one of the uses made of its timber. During Monday night we travelled to Sudburg, the largest nickel producing area in the world. We spent a most interesting day inspecting the copper and nickel refinery.

From Sudburg we travelled to Camp Wanapetei on Lake Temagami. Our stay of four days was a "rest", our time being spent in canoeing on the lake and small river and in walking through the forest. The natural scenery in the Temagami Reserve is very beautiful and typically Canadian. The view from a fireman's watch tower showed trees and lakes stretching in every direction to the horizon.

On Monday, 27th August, we arrived in Ottawa. The stateliness of the Parliament Buildings seems to impress the importance of the city and makes one appreciate that it is the capital of Canada. I certainly felt this atmosphere.

With very sad feelings we arrived at Quebec on Wednesday ready to embark on R.M.S. "Scythia". The morning was spent touring the historical Citadel and the Plains of Abraham. The sight of Quebec City, dominated by the famous "Chateau Frontenac," receding astern as the ship sailed down the St. Lawrence River, was a very beautiful one. To me it was also a sad one because although I was to enjoy the beauty of the forest covered banks for the next day it meant my visit to Canada had ended.

R. S. Hore. M.C., U6, Sc.

THE REFUGEE

Jan didn't move. The Russian patrol marched smartly and carefully along the bank of the canal, rifles at the ready, eyes searching diligently for Hungarian refugees trying to escape into Austria.

Jan Polofsky was one of these, for after his home had been burned and his people killed, he had decided to get away while he could.

As the patrol passed, he slipped into the ice-cold forbidding water which was the border between captivity and freedom. Jan shivered, and swam quickly, for if he stayed in too long, he would get cramp and perish miserably. At last he climbed up the bank on the other side, and staggered into the pitch black night.

In a small farm on the border of Austria, the Zimmer family was awakened from its slumber by a dog barking. On investigating, they found a young Hungarian boy of about eighteen years of age, obviously in the last stages of exhaustion. They took him in, and gave him food.

Jan spent that Christmas in bed recovering from his gruelling five hour journey. It was the worst Christmas he had ever spent, but the relief he felt to be free again made up for this.

R. Marshall. 2 Iota, Md.

THE FEARFUL FATE OF BILLY BRIAR

There was a boy named Billy Briar,
  Who had a habit of chewing wire.
All his relations did him implore
  To shed his habit for evermore.
But wire he chewed, red, blue and white,
  'Till, one day, to his delight,
  He saw some wire, juicy and bright,
  Alas, the wire was electrified,

And our poor shocked Billy fell down and died.
The moral of this story should be known—
Small boys should leave bright wire alone.

B. V. SANDFORD. 2 gamma, Pitt A.

OUR BOXER DOG

Who has the softest bed?
Who claims the warmest place?
Who never has the work to do?
Fritz our Boxer dog.

Who sleeps the hours away,
With never a single care,
Except when cats get in the way?
Fritz our Boxer dog.

Who welcomes all the burglars,
And bites the postman's leg,
Then playfully jumps at long lost friends?
Fritz our Boxer dog.

When you're tired and full of care
He'll cheer a lonely hour,
And fondly lick your hand,
Fritz our Boxer dog.

C. FOGG. 3 Pi, Gb.

A DAY AT SCHOOL

Up at seven to go to school,
Out of the gate at eight as a rule.
On a bus and then a train,
Try to catch it, but in vain.
Result I get the quarter past,
Then on reaching school at last,
Rush upstairs into my set,
To my desk my books I get.

Science is my first long lesson,
This becomes a tiring session.
When the morning has nearly gone,
Dinner time is creeping on.
Queuing in the dinner line,
My stomach rumbling all the time.
Wondering what lunch could be,
And what I would have for tea.

Working in the afternoon,
Hometime coming very soon.
When the bell goes sharp at four,
Off I set for home once more.
On a red bus for a drive,
When at home I once arrive.
Making tea I usually shirk,
Then I do my homework.

J. HILLIER. Gc, 3 Nu.

THE GIRAFFE

" There's no such animal," the people said
When first the Giraffe raised its head
To gaze, with sad and sombre eyes,
On London's zoological skies.

" How do we pen this monstrous beast?"
It's larger than a house. At least
We have a cage to fit,
If only it would learn to sit.

" What do we give this thing to eat,
Bread and cheese, fish or meat?"
The keeper, raising his head said, " See,
Our problem's solved: it ate that tree ".

A. STYLES. Ca, 3 Pi.

BRAINS TRUST ON PARLIAMENT

On November 17th, some members of the fifth and sixth forms went to a " Brains Trust on Parliament," held by The Hansard Society, at Central Hall, Westminster.

The Brains Trust was presided over by Commander Stephen King-Hall, the well known broadcaster, his robust, cheerful manner, belying his sixty-three years. On his right were Viscount Furness, a prominent member of the House of Lords, and Geoffrey de Freitas, M.P. for Lincoln, a constitutional expert. On the chairman's left were Alfred Robens, M.P., a down to earth man; and Nigel Nicholson, M.P. for Bournemouth.

Commander King-Hall opened, by saying that the members of the Brain Trust were to speak as ordinary M.Ps., and not as members of political parties. An afternoon of slating and heckling would have been from the amusement point-of-view extremely good, but the chairman introduced jokes and personal opinions, which made up for this.

Over four hundred questions had been sent in, out of which twenty or so were selected. There was an enormous variety of questions ranging from " Should there be Maltese M.Ps. at Westminster?" to the question of the fourteen day rule. It would be impossible to treat all the questions in this short space but I have picked out some of them, which have interest at the present time.

A question was asked about the function of the House of Lords. Alfred Robens was against the hereditary principle of the Lords, and put forward the suggestion of a House of the Professions, in which doctors, teachers, civil servants, and other professional men, should sit. Nigel Nicholson suggested that the House of Lords was a " sieve," through which all bills passed, and was an integral part of legislation, and that the Lords could look in greater detail at bills, the Commons could not spend a great deal of time over. He quoted as an example the Road Traffic Bill, to which were added two hundred amendments in the House of Lords.

When asked " To whom does an M.P. own allegiance," Nicholson at once replied to his country [loud applause]. The rest of the panel agreed. Burke was quoted: " The duty of a member is to surrender his whole life to his constituency but not his own judgement." The question of Women M.Ps., brought titters from the audience, a large percentage of whom were girls. Alfred Robens, playing to the crowd, said that women prefer to vote for men, because they would be jealous of any woman getting a higher position [raucous laughter].

The last question was one on the state of the world in the year two thousand. Robens said that by then people would be sensible, and that we would tend to think of World Events rather than national events. De Freitas suggested that a world government would exist. Most of the panel agreed that we would have more leisure time, and that the school leaving age would be raised to seventeen [loud groans from the audience]. Viscount Furness said that there would be a stronger tie between the Queen, Parliament, and the People. Commander King-Hall, the eternal pessimist, said that we should probably be blasted out of existence, and finally that the Hansard Society will continue to promote interest in Parliamentary Affairs.

With this, the Brains Trust closed. Perhaps a debate, with speeches from the floor would have been more constructive. All the speakers carefully "half-answered" questions [that is the art of public speaking] but we had a very interesting afternoon, and the speakers were applauded as they left the platform, not least of all Commander Stephen King-Hall.

B. C. JOHNSTON. Mc. U6 Ec.

"WHAT THE AUDIENCE DOESN'T SEE" We hope that by the time you read this article you will have seen and enjoyed "The Government Inspector," which is this year's school play. However, much of what occurs before the presentation of a school play has never been revealed to the parents and friends who see it.

The first and basic problem facing the producers is the choice of play, and it has to be overcome as early as the end of the summer term; the choice depends upon the cast available, and suitability. Soon after the commencement of the Autumn Term, play readings begin; this year it was most enjoyable for all except the unfortunate individual who had the formidable task of ploughing through such names as "Anton Antonovitch Shooznik Dmuhanovsky and Amoss Tyvdorovitch Lyapkin-Tyapkin". When the casting is complete, cuts and amendments are made to the text.

The first rehearsals are mere readings to become familiar with the text. Here P. N. Cassidy, as a mature member of the sixth form, found he had lost the ability to cry like a baby, but this was soon overcome, and A. Atkinson, being a fifth former, occasionally sounded like a rather ancient and scratched gramophone record instead of the simpering Anna Andreycona. Quite soon, movements are added, and the play begins to take its eventual shape.

Two days after rehearsals began it was decided to present a trailer at the first form parents' social to give them an insight into the activities of the school's dramatic society. During this trailer J. Bull, making a hasty exit under the cover of darkness, found a flaw in the placing of the cables leading to the gramophone and tape recorder, rendering the gramophone completely useless for the rest of the evening, but fortunately the tape recorder survived. At this social a painting of the set, designed by Mr. G. A. Hoare, was on view. This year's set involves considerably more work for the stage team, as painted scenery is being used instead of the traditional stage curtains. The construction of this immense set began immediately after half term. Very early in the term the cast are measured for costumes and wigs which are, of course, hired.

While the stage team are working industriously in the art room and workshop, some of the cast are busy trying to perfect movements and dialogue on the stage, and in some secluded corner Chris Burnett, John Sharp and Gordon Wort are trying to acquire the art of smoking pipes and evil smelling cigars. (It is said that practice makes perfect.)

A large number of boys is willing to partake in the production both on and behind the scenes, although all the work has to be done during their own time. But these sacrifices are outbalanced by the enjoyment derived from taking part.

Two or three days before the first night the dress rehearsal takes place; at this final rehearsal all minor and occasionally major difficulties are overcome.

Messrs. H. Hall and G. A. Hoare with the help of the stage team have no hesitation in using their spare time to design and construct the scenery, and during the performances stand in the wings hoping and praying that the scenery will not fall down before the end.

Two people with inexhaustible patience play the leading rôles in these productions; they are naturally the two producers, Messrs. E. E. Bacchus and R. W. Waters. A familiar sight in room J at lunch time is Mr. Waters conducting a rehearsal, perched on a desk with a cup of tea in one hand and a cigarette in the other, giving up a comfortable chair in the staff room. Many other members of the staff also spend a great deal of time to make the performance possible.

All this results in three hours of enjoyable entertainment for parents, friends, staff and boys.

D. AYSHFORD AND G. W. C. WORT.

UNDERWATER SWIMMING Take a pair of rubber swim-fins, a glass-fronted face mask and a metal tube with a mouthpiece, and there you have the basic equipment or a fast-growing sport.

The sport, of course, is underwater swimming, and thousands of enthusiasts take it up every year. The attraction is the undiscovered world below the surface of seas. The first step to it starts in your local sports shop and the second can be in your local swimming bath.

The first thing needed is a face mask. This should fit perfectly and be absolutely water-tight. Swim-fins are very much a matter of personal choice. If you are a fairly strong swimmer, or want to develop your swimming muscles, you should get the strongest fin you can buy.

The sole purpose of a breathing tube is to allow the swimmer to float with his head below the surface of the water. On diving, a valve is closed by water pressure to stop water entering. Sometimes this works, sometimes it does not, but at least the valve acts as a guard against an unexpected wave. So now you are all fitted up for a total cost of about 50s.; fins 20s., mask 20s. and tube 10s.

Now to the baths. Rub the inside of your mask with saliva and wash it out with water—to prevent it misting. Submerge your fins before putting them on and *slide* into the water. Never jump when wearing a mask.

How long can you stay under water? Half a minute is quite adequate for most purposes. Never try endurance tests underwater, or you will be in danger of anoxia. This is simply a lack of oxygen in the bloodstream. Few people can stay underwater longer than a minute.

When you go to swim beneath the surface of the sea, you should always carry a knife with you, just in case you get entangled in some old fishing nets or weeds.

In addition, remember that holding your breath for long periods is exhausting, and that the colder temperature you always get a few feet below the surface saps the energy you will need to swim ashore.

F. A. MAYHEW. Ga, 4 Nu.

A VISIT TO RECULVER On day while on holiday I went on a trip to Reculver. It was a pleasant journey through the twisting country lanes and roads. I soon got to Reculver which was an early Roman Fort, built probably to defend the sea passage which then existed between the Isle of Thanet and the mainland, against the raids of the Saxons.

Later Egbert, King of Kent, gave a sum of money for the building of a monastery on the site of the Roman Fort. The twin towers were built in the twelfth century, and although the church was not used after 1805, the towers still remain as a landmark for shipping. The site is preserved as an ancient monument and for the fee of 3d. you can climb the tower by a spiral stone staircase. When you are at the top you can get a wonderful view of the surrounding country and sea.

PHILIP DANIELS. 1 Omega.

THE SPIRIT'S JOURNEY Having spent some happy centuries in Elysium, curiosity led me to go into the future. I was floating over France at the time. Suddenly everything spun round and round me; then it stopped and, looking down, I saw something I had never seen before. Men were running up the beach from boats, which had neither oars nor sails. The soldiers, for that is what I realised they must have been, were carrying metal tubes which kept shooting out flames, instead of the swords and shields that I was accustomed to. Another army, which was facing the men running up the beach, had even bigger tubes, which made even more noise and caused huge fountains of earth to fly into the air.

The method of warfare had greatly changed, for instead of marching in orderly lines, the soldiers fought independently.

A fleet of great ships which rode on the horizon were firing at the defenders on the shore. A little while later, some more boats landed on the beach, and from these came big iron monsters which fired from tubes stuck out in front of them. The machines had no wheels, but chains which moved round.

In the air were great birds which also spurted flame at each other, and at the men on the ground. Many of them fell from the sky with smoke pouring from them. Then they crashed into the ground, which made bigger bangs than I had ever heard.

Some of the soldiers had little boxes with a thin piece of metal sticking in the air. From these boxes came voices, which told the soldiers listening what to do. This was much better than the runners I had employed to carry messages in the heat of battle.

How I longed for the comparative peace and tranquility of my own battlefields, with the swordsmen, spearmen and bowmen; the slings and the battering rams. So I decided that modern life was too fast for me, and that I, Julius Caesar, would never more venture into that futuristic world of machines, sudden-death, and mad-men.

P. GOODENOUGH. Cb, 4 Nu.

CIGARETTE CARDS Many people think that cigarette cards are quite a recent idea. This is not so, because cards of some sort have been in existence since 1883. Cards were not issued after about September of 1917 because of the shortage of material and they did not commence again until 1922. This is the reason why so many people think they are recent.

Cards were first issued in America, because tobacco first came from there. In Virginia a firm of tobacco manufacturers issued some thick cards as " stiffeners " for their paper packets of four cigarettes. They were merely advertisements for " James Crop " and bore the date 1883. During the next few years they began to print pictures on the backs of the " stiffeners." They were probably all the same. The first pictures were of girls but later changed to women, and were slightly different. Later a firm produced a printed album with reproductions of their cards. People could obtain an album by giving their shopkeeper twenty different cards. In 1887 at least five firms were issuing cards with their cigarettes.

In England in 1887, Messrs. W. D. and H. O. Wills were issuing "stiffeners" advertising their wares. Players also were at the same time doing the same. But it was the famous firm of Ogden that first issued cigarette cards as we know them today. They were photographic cards of celebrities of the period, and of notable scenes and places of the time.

The early cards were very thin but well coloured. Some were quite thick but were poorly coloured. As time went by the cards became of better quality. By 1898 most of the firms were using cards.

As I expect you have read in the papers lately, cigarette firms are planning to re-introduce cards, and I do hope they will do so soon.

C. SMART. Pc, 4 Nu.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON Take boredom, laziness, tiredness and inability to think clearly. Once you have put these things together you have a typical Sunday afternoon: the period just after the famous British Sunday lunch—the period when the only thing that one wants to do is rest: sit back and rest.

For the youngster this is all too boring. At first he makes an attempt to copy his elders, that is, lying down and pretending to sleep. After a few minutes he begins to fidget. Then he takes something out of his pocket and starts playing with it, and before a half-hour is up he is either jumping about, shouting, or indulging in both of these disturbing things.

At this point the inevitable shout from father is not far off, or the calm threat of mother: "If you don't be a little quieter I shall have to smack you." And so the afternoon wears on. Youngster is sitting in the arm-chair opposite mother, watching her knitting the pull-over he will wear in a week or two's time: watching the chaotic movements as each stitch combines to give winter-warmth.

It is raining, so he cannot go out into the garden and annoy the neighbours. His right foot gradually drifts towards the rug by the fireplace, at first just tipping the corner and then kicking it violently. This calls for an intervention by mother, and so the whole process is thrown back to the beginning.

Junior toddles towards his toy-cupboard, selects a toy-engine, and returns to his original position by the fireplace. The noise he makes with the locomotive is put up with by mother, who is prepared to show patience—to a certain extent. The little bundle of energy has wriggled onto the rug, where he tries unsuccessfully to bull-doze the large cat, which has been reclining oh so peacefully on it, with his toy-train. For somewhere in the region of five minutes he plays with the creature, until it gets so fed up that it has to leave the "danger area".

Back to the toy-cupboard for more re-inforcements goes the boy. Out come the soldiers and the fort, and, after a short time, the marbles, fivestones and crayons.

Mother gets up to prepare the tea. When she has done so, she risks a quick glance towards her off-spring. There is the little rascal lying on the floor covered with toys, cuddling the cat, fast asleep.

C. R. WEBB. Pd, 5 Alpha.

A CAT'S LIFE My earliest recollection is the soft warmth as I nestled up against my mother. I was one of a family of five and, like my mother's my coat is of the familiar tabby stripes, but my two brothers and two sisters are black and white.

As soon as I had learnt to drink from a saucer I was taken away from my mother and given to a little boy called Tom for a birthday present and

I am still living in his home. He is a kind boy aged about ten now, and I am very fond of him. He calls me Henry and is very good to me. I like his voice, as it usually means something to eat when he calls me. But I do not like the sound of all human voices. The woman in the house next door has a hard voice and calls me, " that dratted cat " and throws water over me if I do not get away quickly enough. And all because I sit on her garden shed. This is a very good place from which to watch the birds. I can creep quietly to the edge and make a quick pounce if only this interfering woman does not shout. She has often robbed me of a nice dinner of poultry. The lady in my own house is much more pleasant. She often lets me jump on her lap and strokes me. I do my best to please her, but she does not seem very grateful. When I bring my catch of mice to her she always screams and turns away, and I feel very disappointed. Really these humans are very hard to understand! They eat in such a strange fashion, sitting up at a table and poking their food about with pieces of metal instead of holding it down firmly with their forepaws. And the disgusting way in which they drink with their nose nearly hidden in a cup instead of politely licking it up with their tongue. They do not seem to know at all what their tongue is for. I try to show them by giving myself a good lick every evening but they still prefer their bits of cloth and a bowl of that horrid water.

The time of the year I like best is winter, when there is a good fire in the grate and I can curl up on the father's soft chair. He is a very selfish man though and will not share this with me. He picks me off and says, " Out you go Henry " and I have to leave the nice soft spot I had made for myself. Then I watch him as he switches on what I call the noise-box, and horrible loud sounds come from this to disturb my sleep again. It does not stop him from sleeping though, and very soon his head goes back and his mouth opens, and his snoring adds to the noise. I think " Oh! now he is asleep I will curl up softly on his lap ". So I jump up very gently and settle down. It is very pleasant here blinking at the fire, and my claws begin to move in and out with pleasure. With a loud roar he jumps up and throws me off his lap. What an uncouth man this is! I had better run into the garden before he does me an injury.

There are many strange things in this house. I cannot understand what they are for, but I know whether they are soft or hard. Whenever I settle myself on the soft ones someone comes to disturb me. I can usually lie comfortably on Tom's bed when he is in the room. This is what I like most. I can lie and watch his goldfish swimming round in their bowl with their silly mouths open. I want to explore it further so I put my paw in. For this I receive a smack on the nose. I can not understand why I get this for I am not doing any harm. I am just curious. I am very surprised at Tom, but I suppose he too will grow into one of these unreasonable humans.

However, life is really very pleasant and I shall not let anything worry me. I shall just close my eyes now and have a little nap before supper.

D. Lloyd. Gd. 3 Alpha.

MY FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF WANDSWORTH SCHOOL

As I walked out of Southfields Station on 12th September, I had a wonderful warm radiant feeling of security at once more belonging to a school. I walked down Replingham Road past the shops and into the Merton Road. As I turned the corner I saw a large cluster of buildings which I judged to be the temporary school. I crossed the road and walked up to the building and at once I saw there was an immense difference between this and the lovely new buildings at Sutherland Grove.

There was a great crowd of boys outside the building when I arrived all waiting to be admitted to the building. Suddenly the gate opened and everybody jostled and shouted in an effort to get in. At last I broke in,

and at first I thought I was being thrown into a prison, but I soon got over that and I began to explore the playground and I was surprised at the number of sheds in it. I had just finished my tour of the playground when suddenly a bell rang and we heaved and shouted until we had reached the hall. We lined up and we separated into our classrooms. I hoped I was going with my friends from Sunnyhill but they all went in Mr. Radley's except two of them. We didn't do much work so I went home feeling happy and contented after my first day at school.

IAN MCINTYRE. 1 Omega.

AMBITION

When I grow up, what will I be?
A sailor living on the sea?
A big noise in a ministry?
A working chap of low estate?
Off to work each day at eight?
My grandfather in Gloucestershire
Watches the seasons year by year.
He loves his land, he loves his cattle,
And he's made lots of money to rattle.
My sister hasn't got a clue
What it is she wants to do.
She read a book about the East
She'll end up in Tibet at least.
But everyone needs cash, I know,
To make a go of what they do.
My father is an engineer,
He travels from Putney to Wigan Pier.
From north to south, from east to west,
He tells them all his firm's the best.
Wearily he's heard to mutter,
"I must bring home the bread and butter!"
When I grow up one thing is true—
I'll be a bachelor, whatever I do!

P. ESTOP. 1 Delta.

WRITTEN BEFORE COMING TO WANDSWORTH SCHOOL

I hate school—
The swish of a ruler,
The sting of a hand.
The dread of lines,
Fifty times.
I hate school!

I hate school—
The hours of work.
The terrible sums,
The writing? Crumbs!
It's as bad as sums.
I hate school!

D. GRA[illegible]. 1 Gamma.

A SNOWY NIGHT

The snow lay thick upon the ground
Like a thick white carpet all around;
When all the trees were dark and bare,
A sudden sharp noise frightened a hare.

The icy surface of the lake
Did not disturb the sleepy drake;
But the whimpering whistle of the breeze,
Made all the birds shiver and freeze.

The frozen snowman laughed aloud
To see the moon flit thro' the cloud,
The ground was covered by a snowy mat
Which had made the snowman plump and fat.

G. EDGELEY. 1 Delta.

MAKE ONE Have you ever made a crystal set? Well, if you have not, you can try now. First you need two pieces of wood, 6 inches or over by 4 inches or over, then nail them together at right angles.

You will need one 500 p.f. variable condenser, which is a thing with lots of pieces of metal side by side which go into other pieces. You can get these from the radio shop.

Next you need a coil. You can make this. All you need is a toilet-roll tube, then wind about 100 turns of fairly thick wire on it and leave about 6 inches each end for connections. Next you will need a crystal, a Germanium Diode will be best—you can get one for about 2/6 at a radio shop. Lastly some wire for wiring up (not too thick).

CONSTRUCTION

The two pieces of wood form a base and front panel. Drill a hole in the upright piece, then fix your condenser in place. Next fix your coil down to the base. Now cut a piece of wire and fix it to the variable side of the condenser; the open end will be your aerial. Take another piece from the fixed side of the condenser to the coil and fix it there. Run another piece from the other end of the coil—this will be your earth. Take another piece, and fix it to the fixed part of the condenser—attach this piece to plain side of crystal. From the red side of the crystal fix a piece to your ear-phone plug. Lastly attach a piece to earth end of coil and fix this to your other ear-phone plug. If you have done all this it should work.

AERIAL

A good aerial to use is a bed-spring. Take a piece of wire from your set and fix it to your bed-spring. This works quite well.

EARTH

You can use a water pipe or a gas pipe for your earth. Just fix a piece of wire from your set to which one you like.

D. TITHERADGE. 3 Rho.

HOUSE NOTES

CROMWELL From our shameful position in the last Eisteddfod we did manage in the Summer term, in spite of the shadow of the then imminent examinations, to regain a certain amount of lost confidence and show our mettle in various forms of sport.

Under the captaincy of J. B. Smith, our cricket teams experienced an auspicious season, winning all but one match and as a result we hold the Cricket Shield. A great loss was realized when our cricket and rugby captain,

J. B. Smith, after a long term of arduous work and faithful service to our house, decided to leave school, but I can only hope that C. M. Newson will prove himself worthy of the post of rugby captain and that he turns out to be an enthusiastic and competent successor and I feel sure that everyone wishes him the best of luck in his period of office.

Our Fives team under the supervision of J. W. Kaminski came a worthy second in the Inter-House Fives Championship, but the swimming gala held at the end of the term saw Cromwell in fourth place. However, J. P. Atack proved himself a promising diver with his splendid performance which gave clear evidence of his versatility in this field.

Pitt House won the Diligence Shield by a very narrow margin from Cromwell; Cromwell C's very poor attempt certainly was the factor that prevented us from winning this trophy; I hope that under Mr. Acland's encouraging leadership Cromwell C will once again make a valuable contribution to our diligence.

As you will have read from the Headmaster's notes, Cromwell has lost a great friend—Mr. J. Keyte; nevertheless we all wish him a happy career in his new post.

The Eisteddfod is without doubt the most important function in the School year, and therefore the function by which the spirit of the four houses is judged. Let us hope that this Eisteddfod will show, as indeed it has shown in previous years, the true morale of courage and enthusiasm, and above all, the team spirit, in Cromwell.

Finally I would like on behalf of the House to welcome Mr. K. N. Newson as Assistant Tutor of Cromwell A, Mr. R. B. Whellock of Cromwell B, and Mr. H. W. Marratt of Cromwell D.

J. W. SHARP, U6a, Ca.

I should like, as Housemaster, to congratulate J. W. Sharp and D. Ayshford on being appointed full prefects, and A. A. Agha, M. J. Cowling and D. J. Liggitt sub-prefects. Together with our senior prefects, C. M. Burnett, J. W. Kaminski and C. M. Newson, they deserve our thanks for all their hard work for the House.

We are looking forward to being reunited next term with old friends, now in the three new sets, Cromwell E, F and G. To their tutors, Messrs. A. H. P. Pettitt, E. Crawford and E. W. Gee, and to the other new staff members of the House, Messrs. N. W. Ayles, F. W. Bartlett, J. G. Birch, W. H. C. Finbow and G. H. E. Holley, I should like to extend a warm welcome, as well as to all new boys, numbering this term over 120.

A. M. LINCE.

GIBBON Being well into the Winter Term at the time of going to press, and the Cross-Country Run having been unfortunately delayed, it is only possible to report that Gibbon seems to have a reasonably strong team, under the able captaincy of P. G. Lewis. By the time this issue as been published Gibbon may have met with some favourable success.

We must congratulate G. P. Douel on his re-election for Chess captain, for the third time! Chess was,in the past year, our strong point, and we sincerely hope that in future it will continue to be.

Although the departure from the School of most of our senior boys has greatly weakened the House, nevertheless, I am confident that Gibbon will endeavour to do its best in all activities, under the guidance of their respective captains.

In D. Birkenshaw, we have a staunch and steadfast captain of senior Rugby, who is always prepared to rally his team against the strongest opposition. Under his leadership, I am sure we will register some victories.

We welcome again the re-election of P. Rees as junior Rugby captain. Under his captaincy, last year, Gibbon, with two wins and a draw, gained first place.

Lastly, we congratulate A. A. Oldall on his election as Fives captain, with P. R. Coppock as vice-captain.

There are in the House, sportsmen of vigorous fibre and of boundless enthusiasm, and we are sure that the Gibbon captains will make a point of gathering them together, and training them as formidable opponents in coming activities.

J. T. FRANCIS, L6 Arts, Ga.

MORLEY We would like, first, to congratulate Mr. Bacchus on his appointment to the position of Senior Master of the Junior School. We regret very much the loss of Mr. Bacchus as House Master but wish him every success in his new post. We regret, also, the loss of Mr. Haggard, a loss which will be felt not only by Morley House but by the whole School. The success which the House has obtained in recent years is in no small measure due to Mr. Haggard's untiring efforts.

As new House Master we welcome Mr. Coate-Bond and feel confident that the House will run smoothly and retain "Joey" under his leadership. Also welcome is Mr. Gibson who has returned to the House after several years in the Dark Continent, and one year in the even darker realms of Gibbon. We hope that Mr. Saul and Mr. Cockerill, two new Morley masters, will be happy as members of the House.

As no person can hold the position of House Captain for more than one year, R. S. Hore has been succeeded in this post by A. E. Preston, Hore retaining the position of House Captain Emeritus. G. Wort was elected as Vice-Captain of the House and P. Foulds as Secretary. Games Captains elected this year are: Senior Rugby, J. Davies; Junior Rugby, P. Thomson; Fives and Chess, R. S. Hore; Senior Cross-Country, R. Evans; Junior Cross-Country, R. Knight. The election of Magazine Representative fell, for the third time, to A. E. Preston.

Despite persistent encouragement, and "other methods" Morley's diligence, with the first award, continues to be disgusting. In other fields, it is true, we are continuing to do much better. But, if something is not done to improve our diligence our inevitable win of "Joey" may be jeopardised.

To turn, however, to pleasanter topics, last term Morley won the Swimming Gala. All our thanks are due to P. Libby for the great amount of work he put in to preparation for the Gala to assure our success. We also came third in the House Cricket Competition an improvement on last year's result. In the Fives and Chess Competitions we came third and second respectively. This was a good year but we must not be content to rest on our laurels. Although like results next year would assure our retention of "Joey" we must aim higher. We must attempt to improve our diligence and our other weak spots but if you, the members of the House continue to support the Captains and do your best in all fields we need fear nothing.

We would like to congratulate two former members of Morley House, R. Williamson and G. Squires. R. Williamson has been accepted at University College, London; and G. Squires has been accepted at Sandhurst.

Morley, this year, again won the Cross-Country The victory was not such an outstanding one as last year but nevertheless praiseworthy. We congratulate the whole team, especially P. Duggan D. Frost, M. Haley, and R. Evans, on coming first, fifth, eleventh and thirteenth respectively in the Senior Event. In the Junior Event, R. Mitchell, R. Knight and N. Haley who came first, second and fourth gave outstanding performances. This success must be attributed to the hard work put in by the whole team, under the leadership of R. Evans, R. Knight and G. Wort.

P. FOULDS.
R. S. HORE.
A. E. PRESTON.

PITT At the end of the Summer Term we regretfully said goodbye to Mr. Ascher. His presence has been greatly missed in the House, with which he has been associated for so many years. As a result of Mr. Ascher's retirement, Mr. Aubrey has become the new House Master of Pitt. We wish him every success. It is earnestly hoped that every boy who has the privilege to be a member of Pitt House will give the backing necessary to ensure success.

Some of our most active members have now left in J. Tickner, B. Worrall, R. P. Middleton, R. Halfin, R. W. Eeles and P. D. Jones. We offer them our sincere gratitude for the service which they rendered both to the House and to the School.

All congratulations to the House for winning the Diligence Shield, which has escaped us for so many years. Let us try to retain it by continuing the good work!

In the field of sport, however, we have not had much success during the past year. We must remedy this by concentrating, this year, on sport. With the full co-operation of Pitt House we can win many more shields and trophies.

We take great pride in the fact that I. H. Simons, the Head Boy, is a member of Pitt House.

C. G. Christodoulou, B. R. Harding and R. J. Carr have been appointed full prefects and P. N. Cassidy has been made a sub-prefect.

At the House meeting, which was held early on in the term, J. McClure was elected Senior Rugby Captain, with R. Moody as Vice-Captain. B. A. Burge is the Junior Rugby Captain. A. J. Conetta was elected Captain of Fives, R. W. Hancock Cross-Country Captain, and R. J. Carr Captain of Chess.

We welcome to Pitt House two new members of the staff, namely, Mr. Read-Collins (Pitt D) and Mr. Kirby (Pitt A). We wish them happy associations with the House.

Four boys, namely J. Parsons, J. H. Cousins, P. M. Gillingham, and P. N. Cassidy represent Pitt in the School Play, "The Government Inspector". This should make our chances very much brighter for the Drama section of the Eisteddfod.

The Eisteddfod will take place next term. We can win this easily if every member of the House makes an all-out effort.

P. N. CASSIDY. Pc, L6Arts.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

CHESS Last year the School Chess Team had a moderate season, winning 5 games, drawing 2 and losing 6. In the London Grammar Schools Chess League we came 26th out of 39.

In spite of the loss of four regular members of last year's senior team we have started well this year by winning 2 out of the 3 matches played, up till the time of going to press, and only narrowly losing the third.

The Results were :—

v. Strand: senior team lost $3\frac{1}{2}$—$2\frac{1}{2}$: under 14 drew 3—3.

v. Beulah Hill: senior team won 4—2.

v. City of London: senior team won 4—2: 2nd team won 4—2.

An attempt is being made to give players from the junior school as much experience in playing match games as possible. With practice I am sure they have the makings of a strong team in the future.

The Club continues to meet this term on Tuesday and Friday evenings and during every lunch hour. At the moment dinner-time chess is very popular, new sets having been obtained in an effort to keep pace with the

increasing demand. Only a few enthusiasts have been attending the after school meetings when more serious chess is possible. I hope the attendance will increase next term.

Dr. Solomon has kindly offered to teach some of the more common openings and chess positions on the demonstration board, which I hope will be complete by next term. I am sure all those seriously interested in chess will be very keen to avail themselves of this opportunity.

When the present three sections of the school unite next term I expect the membership of the Club will increase considerably. It is not certain where the Club will meet next term or even whether it will be possible to continue dinner-time chess, but every effort will be made to do so.

R. S. HORE.

THE CHESS CLUB (ANNEXE)

The Chess Club, consisting of over forty members, has had a satisfactory year. Besides the usual burst of enthusiasm from the fifth and sixth forms, we have this year a number of very enthusiastic supporters in the third forms.

We believe that there are many boys in the Upper school who can play Chess and would make quite good players if they came along to practice. We invite these potential talents to join us on Mondays and Wednesdays, when the club meets.

Remember, this year there is an excellent chance for new players to get into the school team.

M. R. BUTLER, *Secretary.*

SOUTH-WEST LONDON GROUP OF THE C.E.W.C.

A meeting was held at Henry Thornton School on Thursday, 1st November. Mr. Dorrington, the headmaster, took the chair in a debate, the motion being "This House considers that the United Nations should intervene in the racial problems of South Africa and the U.S.A." The attendance was high, with 75 people from affiliated schools. The interest was very lively, 29 people speaking in all. The motion was lost by 35 votes to 27.

Before the meeting Brian Blench (Battersea G.S.) was elected Chairman, and Vitek Skarplik (Henry Thornton G.S.) Vice-Chairman. Tributes were paid by Mr. Dorrington and B. Blench to Ian Simons, for his services as Chairman over the past two years.

Fifth and Sixth formers are invited to attend all meetings of this Group, announcements of which are made well in advance; they provide a useful opportunity for exchanging ideas with our fellow-students from other schools.

P. J. DRAIN.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

Up to the time of writing there have been three meetings this term of the Debating Society. At the first meeting, which was held on Monday, 1st October, Mr. Raymond King was elected President; Mr. Payne, Chairman; Mr. Gouldstone, Mr. Thom and Mr. Waters, Vice-Chairmen; and P. N. Cassidy, Honorary Secretary. A committee, which represented most of the senior forms, was also appointed.

On October 15th, the first debate was held. The motion was: "This House approves Sir Anthony Eden's stand on Suez", proposed by B. R. Harding and M. J. Cowling, and opposed by J. T. Davies and A. A. Oldall. Many people attended the debate on this topical subject. The motion was defeated by 11 votes to 5, with 7 abstentions.

CRICKET

Staff v. Boys, July 1956



Messrs.
K. Coate-Bond, J. A. Kirby, S. Thew, A. V. Thomas, G. W. Hobbs, B. Clode
J. Tremayne, R. J. Thom, H. Raymond King, J. Makin, J. D. Solomon, A. M. Lince
R. Burgess, A. R. Haggard, H. Simpson



P. J Burton, P. Eastwood, D. Spooner, K. Matterfice. P. Foulds, J. Palmer
P. R. Coppock, A. A. Agha, R. W. Feles, J. B. Smith, D. Simpson B. Cox

Photos. by R.F.HORE

The next meeting was held on November 5th, when the motion was: "This House considers that under no circumstances is divorce permissible". This was proposed by A. E. Preston and P. N. Cassidy, and opposed by P. J. Drain and J. D. Carr. The motion was overwhelmingly defeated by 14 votes to 2 with 3 abstentions.

The Debating Society meets fortnightly on Mondays after school. The committee actually chooses the topics for discussion, but suggestions are very welcome, as are offers to make opening speeches.

Although the gift of oratory is afforded only to a few, anyone in the senior school can, by attending these meetings, gain valuable experience in the art of public speaking. We, therefore, hope that more members of the upper school, especially forms IV and V, will attend our meetings.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr. Payne for his untiring work as Chairman of the Society.

P. N. CASSIDY, Pc, L6 Arts.
(Hon. Secretary.)

THE FENCING CLUB

Captain : K. Kreuchen.
Vice-Captain : J. Tarkowski.

In the past the Fencing Club has concentrated on merely producing fencers. Now, the Club intends to train not only boys who fence well, but who are very fit and healthy. New and comprehensive courses of gymnastic exercises, specially designed to help fencers, have been introduced to our fencers in organized games and at the clubs. Fencing is now part of the organized games of every form except the first form. The two clubs on Tuesday and Thursday are well supported.

The term began with a general meeting of all fencers for the election of a new committee. There were few nominations and the fencers were unanimous in their choice of the present committee. Kreuchen was elected captain, Tarkowski vice-captain, Baker secretary, Green armourer, and Parsons general assistant. We hope that the members of this committee will be as efficient and energetic as their predecessors and that the fencing club will continue to prosper under their and Mr. Levy's leadership.

Unfortunately, the polio quarantine upset our fixture list. It also interrupted the training. Therefore, when we fenced St. Paul's School we were not surprised at being severely defeated. However, we defeated the Lycée Français very convincingly by 10 bouts to 6. The junior team recently had an excellent win against Brentwood School by 11 bouts to 5, though the 1st and 2nd teams were defeated.

Later in this term the London Schoolboy's Foil Competition is being held. We hope to have a large entry in both the senior and junior sections. With the standard of fitness and ability already displayed by our fencers, we are expecting some very good results.

R. BAKER, 5 Pi, Cd.
(Hon. Secretary.)

FIVES

Captain : R. S. Hore.
Hon. Secretary : G. W. C. Wort.

During the past year Fives has become more popular among the sporting activities of the School. But owing to our only having two courts the number of boys who play Fives during organised games periods has to be limited to as few as 12. The Fives Club, which has been started again this term, is held every Thursday after school and is supported by a large number of enthusiasts.

The members of this year's team are R. S. Hore, C. M. Newson, P. Foulds, J. Kaminski and B. Johnston as first reserve. As it was necessary to postpone several games this season so far only one match has been played. This match was against St. Marylebone on November 9th. None of the present team has had any previous experience in playing against other schools, but nevertheless although they played well, they finally lost by 136 points to 175 points. Judging by the skilful and persistent play during this occasion it became obvious that the team would not be satisfied until they had reached the top of the ladder.

As this article goes to the press neither the individual championships nor the house championships have yet began, but we hope to be able to start them in the near future. This year we hope to have two teams representing each house as there are a large number of boys capable of playing in these championships.

We all hope that the school team will endeavour to gain the practical experience which will enable them to give a good account of themselves in the Marchant Cup.

We sincerely thank Mr. Tremayne who is the master in charge of Fives, for sacrificing so much of his time in our interests.

G. W. C. Wort, U6Sc, Md.
(Hon. Secretary.)

THE FISHING CLUB Since the beginning of the summer holidays the fishing club has had a measurable amount of success in both sea and coarse fishing. The President and Mr. Makin went sea-fishing in the Hastings sea-fishing festival and both had a good two days sport resulting in good bags of Whiting and Conger.

D. Mackenzie had success in the form of a Pike weighing 4½ lbs. which he caught on a spinner in the wall pond, Home Park. Other big pike that have been caught are a 6 lb. pike by R. Massey and a 3 lb. pike by Hutch. N. Harrison had a 1½ lb. perch and a 2 lb. barbel and Butt had a 3 lb. chubb and a ¾ lb. dace, both on bread bait. Another larger dace was caught by Grubb on elderberry. This fish weighed 1 lb.

A lobster weighing 3½ lb. was caught off the pier at Ramsgate by one of our members.

On Saturday the 10th November, the fishing club went on an outing to Teddington lock where we had a catch of roach, perch and bream, which included bream up to 2½ lbs.

FIELD CLUB Field Club has survived! I remember being faced with a tremendous responsibility on taking over from Mr. Knibbs. He had done so much. Few parents can know, or appreciate, the scope of his labours—and I was to step into his shoes! The shoes are now slightly smaller. Perhaps later, however, there will be a graduation to Knibsean size.

Well, what have we done during the past year? The highlight must have been a talk by Mr. S. M. Hushmi, a very famous broadcaster and author in his own country—Pakistan. Mr. Hushmi talked about Kashmir, evoking scenes of wonderful lakes, deep blue and uncuffed by wind; the moored gardens; soft pink lotus flower, and the long dusty roads to Muztafferabad.

We have seen, too, the magnificent films loaned by the Esso Company. One will stand out in our minds: "The Rival World." It told the story of locust control, and I doubt whether any of us will quickly forget those tremendous colour scenes of the seventh plague tearing like a brown tornado over green countryside, and leaving it barren.

A few evenings were set aside for model making; the prismatic compass

has revealed a little of its secrets, and there were trips—but more about those elsewhere.

A profitable year, I think. Constructive, too. There is only one comment to make on it. I wish there was as big a response on our constructive evenings as there is when we hold purely passive entertainments.

THREE EXCURSIONS Field Club Managed three trips during the year. To Bushy Park, Salisbury and Norfolk. It is hard to say which was the most enjoyable . . . I don't know, but I think I'd cast my vote for the first one.

Bushy Park

I'm never quite sure whether this did not start off as a joke. Some comedian said, " Let's visit the American Airforce," and on a quick show of hands the plan was adopted. The American authorities proved most helpful. Within a few weeks of asking, a tour of their Bushy Park station was laid on. " Laid on " is the operative phrase. From the moment our coach passed through the gates American efficiency went into operation in a big way and we spent the rest of the day without a single loose end or dull moment. There were films—a really thrilling one about air-sea rescue—talks, tours, and a concert by the full band of the American Airforce.

There were also a few eye-openers in the form of ice-cream eating by the American children in the school corridor. A discussion on the merits of this practice steamed up the windows of our bus coming home.

Salisbury

I shall always remember this as the day Britain nearly lost its most famous ancient monument—Stonehenge. There were some people I was heartily ashamed of; they were bursting with the best Vandal spirit, and quite anxious to tear down what man had laboured thousands of years ago to erect. I cannot understand why this attitude should be apparent when ruins are visited. It may be their parents nowadays do not teach their children to reverence the ancient and beautiful. Or is it that certain students think the whole business is just a smokers and pop-drinkers outing anyway? Travel is to broaden the mind, not the belly. It is stupid to spend money merely to sit and gorge on a railway train. It is even more stupid of parents to pay if their children gain nothing from the expense.

However, the majority enjoyed and profited by the trip. It is such a pity that what could have been a wonderful day was spoilt by the few.

Norwich

This trip took place on the day Britain (excluding London) had its Summer. I remember vividly the dripping mass of boys standing subdued on a cold platform. They were raincoated and galloshed up to the eyes. From my first waking moment my spirits had sunk right down to my bed socks. I knew that nobody loves the Broads unless the weather is fine. So this was failure. This would be hell. The boys were herded into the train.

I don't know where, exactly, it happened. A spot somewhere between the usual railway line nowhere and anywhere. The sun leaped through the clouds. The earth was changed, swept by a new beauty. Dreary Norfolk scenes became bold—etched by a bright sky.

From then on the trip never looked back. It was a day of serene pleasure, culminating in that never-to-be-forgotten cruise on the Broads. Not one boy fell into the water; Norwich Cathedral still stands; no severed heads through a carriage window . . . not an injury in sight.

But the joke of it was that it rained all day in London.

My thanks must go to the following members of the Staff who made these trips possible: Messrs. Snell, S. Smith, D. J. Smith, Moss, Crawford and Macnab.

TECHNICAL BRANCH

SCHOOL JOURNEY DURING SUMMER HOLIDAY 1956

A three countries coach tour was made through some of the loveliest parts of Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany. The tour was started on August 1st from Victoria, the party numbering 24 boys in charge of Mr. Holmes and Mr. Makin. The day was rather dull and it rained while the boat crossing was made from Dover to Ostend. However, the sea was fairly calm which was very pleasing after the terrific storms of the previous week.

The first night was spent at Blankenberge and we were up early the next morning to travel to Han-sur-Lesse. On the way we visited Courtrai, Dinant and Tournai. At Han we visited the famous Grottoes—a wonderful sight, ever to be remembered.

Two days and nights were spent in Luxembourg, a very lovely country with some outstanding scenery similiar to Switzerland, in miniature. From Luxembourg we drove on to Coblenz in Germany along the Moselle valley, visiting en route Trier, the oldest town in Germany, and Cockem. We stopped for some time in Coblenz then crossed the Rhine to Ehrenbreitstein where there is a huge fortress; here we stayed two nights. A coach trip was made to Rudesheim which is probably the most beautiful part of the Rhine valley. An outstanding memory I think, will be the countless numbers of grape vines seen in the Moselle and Rhine valleys. Wherever the sun shines in these valleys and a foothold can be made on the very steep slopes, vines are planted. It makes one wonder at times how they are planted, tended, picked and transported down to level ground.

All too soon the time came for us to start back to Belgium. On this day we started very early, travelling about 260 miles in all, most of it on the autobahns. We passed through Bonn, stopped at Cologne where we had time to visit the cathedral, and went into Holland via Maastricht where we had lunch and did some shopping, then on to Brussels for a short stay. From here we drove via Ghent to Blankenberge where we stayed for our last night of the tour. Next day (the 8th August), we had breakfast and boarded the coach for Ostend, and home. The weather was not as good as we would have liked, but as we were travelling a lot it did not affect us much. We had an excellent coach driver by the name of "Walter" who was extremely helpful and did all he could to make the tour what it was—a great success.

The hotels were all good and comfortable, the food very enjoyable and plentiful. Many boys made pen-friends; language difficulties were met with and overcome by smiles and gesticulations. The friendliness we met with everywhere is also a happy memory and filled many with a desire to do a similar trip if possible in 1957.

F.S.H.

THE GYMNASTIC CLUB

This term, Mr. Kirby has taken over the main control of the Club as Mr. Coate-Bond has had many other games activities and responsibilities to attend to since Mr. Haggard has left. The Club is now getting well into its stride, but is mainly composed of keen juniors. It could be greatly improved by the regular attendance of more seniors.

Since our last report, we have lost one of our most active members, S. Abercrombie who has embarked on a career in Banking.

Although the Eisteddfod is not until the end of next term, we are now starting preparations for a bigger, better, gymnastic display.

When the new branch of the School is opened, presumably next year, we shall have in our possession three new gymnasia. These, coupled with larger membership which we anticipate when the new students attend school, should lead to greater displays, and an improved standard of physical fitness

throughout the School. By reading this, it is hoped new members will attend and enjoy themselves thoroughly.

J. McCLURE, L6, Pc.

THE INTER-SIXTH SOCIETY NOTES

The purpose of this Society is to promote intellectual, social and cultural activities between the sixth-forms of the member schools. The Society this year is divided into two groups. The group to which this School belongs comprises Putney High School, Putney County School (Mayfield), Sir Walter St. John's School, and Wandsworth School. Putney High School has charge, this year, of our group of the Society. Miss Lockley, the Headmistress of Putney High School, is President of the Society, and Mr. King a Vice-President. Our representatives on the committee are J. T. Francis and G. P. Douel. Mr. Thom is again supervising the activities of the Society in our School, and all our thanks are due to him for the able manner in which he has assisted the officers of the Society.

Twice a term the Society holds meetings at one or the other of the member Schools. This term the first meeting was held at Sir Walter St. John's School, and took the form of a discussion. The subject of the discussion was "What are the cultural effects of television and radio?" It was the task of this School to provide a speaker to take the view that the effects were beneficial, a task ably carried out by I. H. Simons.

The second meeting, on December 3rd, was a social evening with gramophone records. Each School provided two records and a speaker on each record.

There will be a half-day conference on "The Theatre" during the Spring Term.

In the same term the Annual Dance will be held on March 29th. This function is of special interest to the members of this School as it will be held here. The Sixth-Form has always supported these dances extremely well and they have always been remarkably successful. This success is in no small measure due to the assistance we have received, in providing refreshments, from the Parent's Association. The Kitchen Staff have also helped us and we offer them our deepest thanks for the help they have given.

The Society is perhaps even more important this year than before, since we must continue to take an active interest in the life of Grammar Schools around us while we expand into the Comprehensive School. We trust, therefore, that the Sixth-Form will continue to give us the same enthusiastic support we have received in the past.

G. P. DOUEL.
J. T. FRANCIS.

THE LITERARY AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The Literary and Dramatic Society has recommenced its activities this term under the leadership of Mr. Thom. The first meeting was held on Tuesday, 25th September, for the purpose of electing officers and a committee. Mr. Thom was elected Chairman of the Society, with A. E. Preston as Secretary and R. Carr as Assistant Secretary. A committee was also elected, consisting of I. Simons, R. Hore, J. Sharp, P. G. Libby, B. Johnston, G. Wort, P. Cassidy, G. Douel, J. Francis, G. Willis and C. Blackman.

The first play-reading this term was held on Tuesday, 2nd October, and the play chosen was "The Rivals" by Richard Sheridan.

The second play to be read by the Society was Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing", and a party of members paid a visit to the Old Vic to see this play. A further theatre visit has been arranged to see "Cymbeline".

The Literary and Dramatic Society has become an important activity in the life of the School, and an invitation is extended to all seniors to attend meetings and theatre visits.

We are indebted to the support of a number of members of the Staff and we should like to thank them.

A. E. PRESTON. *(Hon. Secretary.)*
R. J. CARR. *(Assistant Hon. Secretary.)*

MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

After having lapsed for some years, the Modern Language Society held, early this term, its first combined meeting of staff and senior pupils from Wandsworth and Mayfield. The meeting had to be held in Room H, because of the Governors Meeting in the Library and the violin class in the hall. This necessitated removing the desks and replacing them by benches (chairs would have taken up too much room), two dining tables and the piano from Room A. A few extra French and German pictures decorated the walls, and three notices were hung up: "Hier spricht man Deutsch", "Ici on parle français", and between the two "English may be whispered here". The value of this last notice became apparent when, after conducting the meeting in alternate French and German, the poor Senior Modern Language Master had to admit defeat, and the two languages becoming somewhat mixed, he fled to the English notice, in order to arrange a few matters of business in English. Miss Priest, acting Senior Language Mistress of Mayfield, invited the members of Wandsworth School to a return meeting later in the term. It is hoped to hold at least one meeting each term.

Tea and biscuits were served at 4.30 p.m. and twenty minutes later, after a brief word of welcome, a varied programme of French and German Songs, readings and games lasted until about 5.50 p.m. P. N. Cassidy and I. H. Simons read two scenes from "Le Docteur Knock" and B. R. Harding read two poems, one by Ronsard and one by Malarmé. The girls provided two varieties of question game in French, and would have organised one in German if there had been time. Mr. Holley taught a rousing French marching song and more elementary songs were chosen by the visitors from a small song book.

It is to be hoped that at the next meeting the hosts will mix more freely with the guests, and get to know one another better.

A. M. LINCE.

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Secretary : K. Oram

Although we are not very noisy I can assure you that we are still in existence and met in the Brickwork shop as usual.

We pay a subscription of 3d. per week to help pay for the cost of materials, which are rather expensive.

Our club will shortly have to end its activities because our darkroom is only a temporary structure and will have to be demolished before we make our exit to Sutherland Grove. It was built by some of the old boys in the early days of our inception. It has served its purpose very well and we sincerely hope that we will find some little corner in the new school where we can carry on our good work.

Although our ranks are somewhat depleted we have keen members in C. J. Roach, 4 Theta; D. E. Firth, 4 Omega; J. B. Murch, 4 Omega; E. S. Hubsch, 5 Eta; R. Cooper, 5 Tau and K. Oram, 5 Tau.

K. ORAM, *Secretary.*

RUGBY

FIRST XV

Captain : C. M. Newson. *Vice-Captain :* J. T. Davies.
Hon. Secretary : J. W. S. Kaminski.

The First XV has made a very bad start to the season. With ten of last year's team still available, it was hoped we would have quite a successful season and that we would play more as a team than before, but unfortunately this hope has so far not been realised, and we have lost six of the seven matches played.

The main weakness is in the three-quarters who have not combined at all well together, the passing being exceptionally bad with the ball very rarely getting out as far as the wingers. This weakness may be due to the fact that we have yet to find a permanent fly-half. The School has found a safe full-back and good place-kicker in McClure, whose intrepid tackling has been an example to us all. The forwards at last seem to be playing as a pack, and not as eight individuals, with Newson the captain playing consistently well and being an inspiration to the rest of the forwards.

Our Results so far are :—

v. St. Marylebone (Away)	Lost	26—0
v. Chartesey (Home)	Won	19—0
v. Tiffin (Home)	Lost	48—0
v. Mitcham (Away)	Lost	35—9
v. William Ellis (Away)	Lost	24—3
v. Bec	(Cancelled)	
v. Purley (Combined 1st and 2nd XV) (Away) ...	Lost	52—3
v. St. Olave's (Home)	Lost	9—8

J. T. Davies.
(Vice-Captain.)

SECOND XV

The 2nd XV have not made a very good start to the season as they have only won one match so far, that being against William Ellis. In spite of this the team seems to be settling down to play some good clean rugby, but the forwards must try to get the ball out of the scrum more quickly, and also keep up with the ball in the loose.

J. Hunt, L6Sc, Cd.

COLTS XV

The Colts have won every match so far this term, although a lack of spirit has sometimes led to some near defeats. We have rarely been severely tested in matches and this has also led to some rather complacent rugby, but we look forward to playing Tiffin in the near future.

The strong point of the team lies in the three quarters, Brennan and Lewis particularly excelling themselves in their partnership. In the forwards, Rees is always prominent at wing-forward, with Simpson and Bone giving good support. Gillingham at full-back has improved lately and now shows the essence of a defensive player. Fuller as scrum-half has been very astute at times and seems to excel against tough opposition.

The reserves must not be forgotten for they have supported the team every Saturday.

The following boys have played so far this term :—

M. Halsey (Captain)*; P. Rees (Vice-Captain)*; L. Congdon; P. Lewis*; D. Holdich; R. Pooley; D. Brennan*; P. Gillingham; M. Levy; K. Robins; D. Simpson*; R. Hitchins; R. Bone*; W. Fuller*; J. Hewitt; M. Dodd; J. Atack; C. Mulligan; D. Stewardson.

* Colts Colours.

Congratulations to Rees and Brennan who have been picked for the Surrey Colts to play Kent. It is some years since Wandsworth was represented in a County side.

M. HALSEY, 4Pi, Cd. *(Captain.)*

SWIMMING The Life-Saving group continues to flourish and some twenty boys are working hard to prepare themselves for the examinations of the Royal Life-Saving Society. The first batch of ten boys are taking the examination for the Bronze Medallion on 21st November, and we wish them luck.

The requirements of the examination are as follows and it will be seen that a boy needs to train hard if he is to qualify.

BRONZE MEDALLION — WATER WORK

1. Demonstrate in deep water four methods of rescue, towing the subject at least 20 yards in each case.
2. Demonstrate 3 methods of release from the clutch of a drowning person.
3. Swim 150 yards on the back without use of hands and 150 yards breaststroke.
4. Surface dive and recover a 10 lb. weight from at least 6 ft. depth of water.

LAND-DRILL

1. Demonstrate methods of release and rescue.
2. Demonstrate the Holger Neilson method of artificial respiration.
3. Demonstrate the correct method of restoring circulation.
4. Answer questions on methods of rescue and reasons for same.
   The circulation of the blood and the heart.
   The respiratory system.
   Treatment of shock.
   Rescue from ice, etc., etc.

C. Briault and B. M. Cullum were picked for the Wandsworth Team and are to be congratulated on their performance in the London Schools Gala—each receiving a Silver Medal.

TABLE TENNIS The Table Tennis Club continues to flourish in its usual vociferous and vigorous manner, meeting officially each Tuesday and Wednesday evening, and unofficially each dinner hour and any other time when the boys can borrow the nets.

Just prior to the summer holidays four boys met four masters namely: Messrs. Snell, Fryer, Radley and Dormon in a friendly tournament, with the

masters just winning the final rubber after a keenly contested match. The representatives in the boys team were Hurcomb, Simmonds, Waterman and Chivers.

At the time of writing negotiations are in progress for a match with the Defoe school.

E.G.D.

THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

In the Association article in the July issue of this magazine mention was made of the coming first meeting of the new Parents' Council. That meeting was held in June and no change was made in the Honorary Officers of the Association. Mr. C. W. Prickett and Mr. L. C. F. Smith remain Treasurer and Social Secretary respectively and Mrs. L. Shons continues to look after our material needs as Catering Organiser. The writer of these notes is still the General Secretary and Mr. J. Halsey has taken over liaison with the Old Wandsworthians previously carried out by the Secretary. All enquiries can be addressed to the Association through the School, or direct to the Secretary whose address always appears on the terminal letter.

Of events that have taken place since the July number, perhaps the Annual Cricket Match on 19th July was the most disappointing. Rain set in soon after play began and in less than an hour the game had to be called off. Anyhow, both Boys and Fathers put up a very fine show in very bad conditions. On 28th September a special Tutorial At-Home was held for the parents of the new boys, and on 5th October the usual terminal Tutorial At-Home took place at the School. This was followed by an interesting Brains Trust under the Chairmanship of Mr. Donald Grant of the Old Wandsworthians.

The Parents' Council met again in September and once again approval has been given for the grant of two fencing bursaries at Salle Behmber, South Kensington. This means that two boys of the School will receive free tuition at one of the finest fencing academies in London. The sum of £20 has been approved for winter coaching for the cricketers. Those boys who are showing promise at the game will attend the Alf Gover Cricket School, East Hill, Wandsworth for special coaching during the coming months. We wish them and the cricket team good luck for next season.

Affiliation to the English New Education Fellowship continues.

It will be appreciated that recent expenditure of Association funds has been fairly heavy. Whilst the Parents' Council is not anxious to make any special appeal for funds, it is hoped that in view of the possibility of heavy commitments to come all parents will send in their voluntary subscriptions of one shilling. Any additional donation will be gratefully received. Please use the form that is specially prepared at the end of each terminal letter, and return to the boys' Tutors when they commence school next term. Please do not send direct to the Secretary.

The Parents' Council wishes all members of the Association, the boys, the School Staff, the Old Wandsworthians and all friends a very happy Christmas and a happy New Year.

E. G. GREEN.

MIDDLE EAST MEETINGS

Sigs. Pltn., H.Q. TP., 45 CDO. R.M., B.F.P.O. 51

Thursday, 29th November, 1956

Dear Sir,

You might be interested to know that five members of the 1953 fifth form have come together again in somewhat unusual circumstances. Ken Matthews (of Cromwell C) and myself, (Mick Fardell of Pitt A), met whilst serving as signallers with 45 Commando, Royal Marines amongst the snow-topped mountains of Cyprus. When the Suez Canal trouble started last July our units were immediately posted to Malta for intensive amphibious training.

We sailed from Cyprus in the Aircraft Carrier "Theseus" where we met another ex-Wandsworthian, Mick Bayliss of Pitt, now serving his National Service as a "Ship Marine".

In Malta 45 and 40 Commandoes regrouped and we met yet another "Old Boy"—Sackman who is serving with 40 Commando.

To complete the re-union, Brian Gatward, another Signaller, arrived from the United Kingdom with 42 Commando in October.

Subsequently we all took part in the assault on Port Said.

Now we are all back in Malta and preparing to celebrate Christmas together.

Yours sincerely,

K. A. C. MATTHEWS.

M. FARDELL.

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