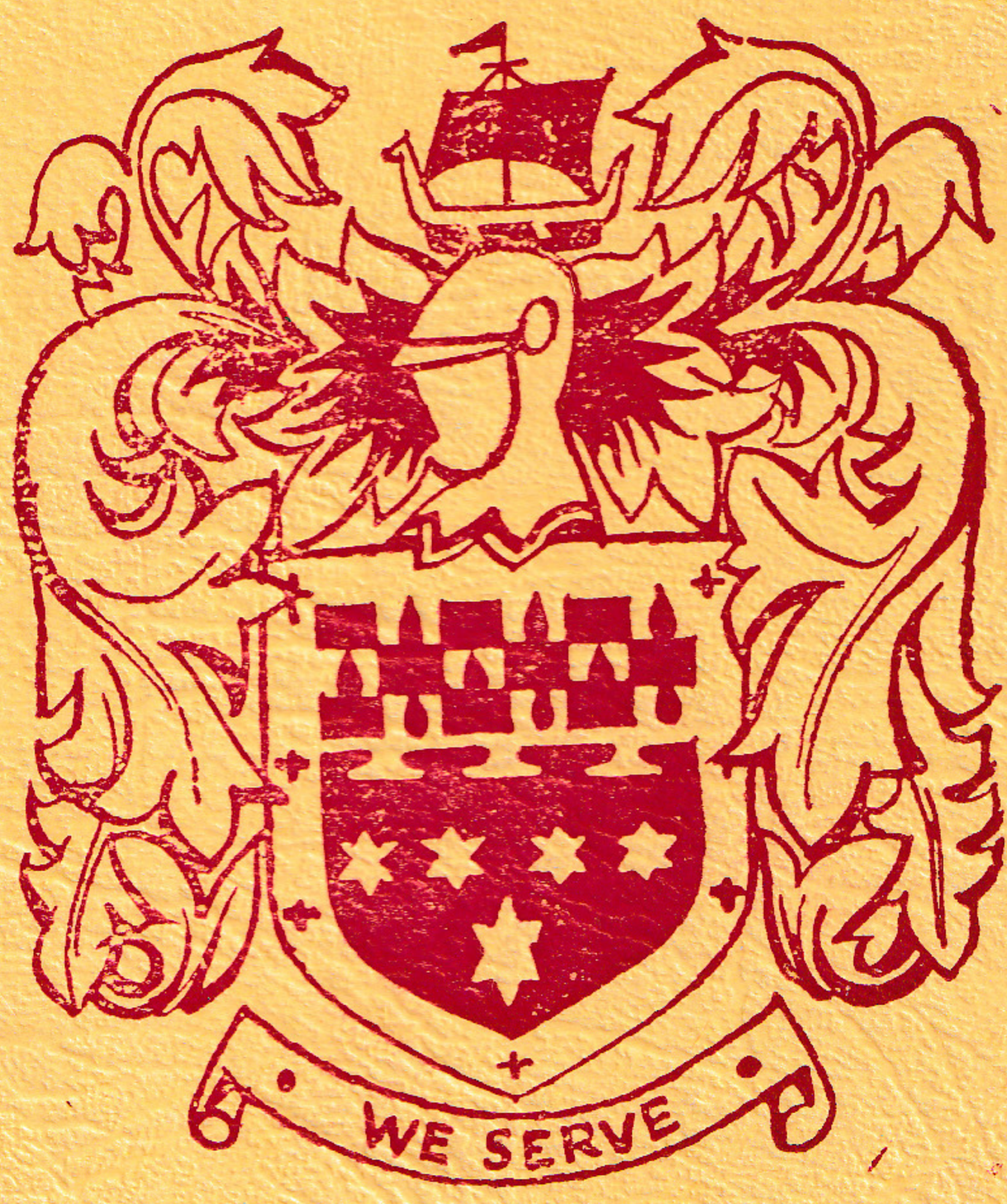
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## HEADMASTER'S NOTES

" The door of opportunity is never closed."

If this were an inscription over the entrance door to Wandsworth School, it would truly state one of the main justifications for having the whole range of secondary education organised, as we have it, in one school. At the same time it would convey one of our chief aims in planning the curriculum.

So far as a school can do it, we offer " equality of opportunity ". The factors that militate against that are in the main outside our control. They are partly environmental, partly social, partly economic, and partly personal. So that it would perhaps be truer to say that the school keeps open the door to all who are equal to their opportunities. In other words, it often needs character to enable a boy to take advantage of opportunities. Where conditions are adverse, ability by itself will not carry a boy far: he needs grit. Some of our most successful boys have won through under considerable handicaps. All honour to them.

Of course the school, though it cannot eliminate, can do quite a lot, if a boy will let it, to offset adverse factors. He can, if he will, live very fully within the school's climate in a really beneficial environment. Unfortunately, those who need this most often take least advantage of it. They miss the strength and support that comes from full and active membership of the school community.

The social factor that may prove a handicap is the " social expectation " of the groups one belongs to. A boy's pals may have all left school at fifteen for unskilled jobs. They do not expect him to do otherwise and it needs character to be different from one's associates. And so, many a boy who might do better for himself and aim at a really useful and interesting job in the world, decides to leave school prematurely. And often in spite of his parents' wishes he gives up all interest in school and its opportunities so that they have no reason for insisting that he should continue his education. And so he reinforces the overlarge army of the unskilled.

The economic factor in theory ought not to hamper a boy, for the national policy has long been that no boy should be deprived of educational opportunity through lack of means. Nevertheless, in spite of free education and maintenance grants, one knows that it is often a struggle for parents to keep a boy at school until he has qualifications to match his abilities or any qualifications at all. The immediate attraction of a paid job is stronger than the more distant prospect of a successful career. It may be that the boy or his parents imagine he can make good his educational handicap by evening classes. This is a sad delusion in the vast majority of cases. The only boy who is likely to get far in evening classes is the one who already has his feet well on the educational ladder before he leaves school. Among others, even those who set about it with serious intentions, the chances of success are very slight. It needs far more character and grit to make headway in evening classes than to face the temporary economic difficulties of staying on at school for another year or two.

Even when boys are fortunate enough—and nowadays most boys are—to escape the more severe environmental, social, and economic handicaps,

there is always the personal factor. One cannot generalise about this: it would involve as many illustrations as there are character failings. But there is one quality above all that decides whether the opportunities available are to be grasped, and that is perseverance. On the whole we get what we want if we want it badly enough and persist in our efforts accordingly. Few people exert enough will power to avoid distractions and live up to their full potential. That's why there are never enough highly qualified people to go round. I should like to see Wandsworth double its output of such people.

To conclude with a parallel slogan to the one with which I started:

" All roads lead to the Sixth Form."

The appeal to present parents by the Parents' Council on behalf of the Wandsworthians' Memorial Fund has so far realised £150. The appeal of course remains open. Meantime work proceeds on the preparation of the Sports Ground and the plans for a Club House, of which all boys joining the Old Wandsworthians will have the advantage. It may even be that the three Rugby pitches that will become available will be of use in supplementing the School's own games provision.

As a result of the initiative and at the instance of the Parents' Council, a recording was made of some of the pieces sung by the School Choir at the Christmas Concert. The record became available in time to be mentioned on Speech Day. It can be obtained at the price of 7s. 6d. (no purchase tax) only through members of the School. I understand that most of the records have already been sold.

Two parental occasions in addition to Speech Day were held in the first half of the Spring Term: an Exhibition, Film and Brains Trust on the Building Industry, addressed by Mr. Hill, head of the well-known firm of contractors, and a careers Panel, arranged by Mr. Mundy on behalf of the Parents' Council, with a bishop, a coroner, a magistrate, an accountant, and a careers advisory officer to answer questions.

Chinks in the Iron Curtain. In November we had three Russian visitors, the third such occasion in 1957. Early this term we had Mr. Maslennikov, Russian cultural attaché. In addition, I was interested to meet three pupils of our friend of last summer, Mr. Ghingis Dadashev, among a party of 50 Russian student teachers visiting English training colleges.

The School offers its congratulations and good wishes to Mr. R. J. Thom, Head of the English department, upon his appointment to the Headmastership of a large new comprehensive school at Carlton in Nottingham. Mr. Thom succeeded Mr. Benyon as chief English Master just over three years ago. He has been with us during the stage of expansion and transition and knows therefore at first-hand the main problems he will have to solve in his new and highly responsible enterprise.

For all he has done here to stimulate interest in English Language and Literature, both in and out of school and for his expert knowledge of a number of educational fields, particularly Visual Aids, I consider myself particularly fortunate to have had his assistance, always given with such inspiring zest and loyal goodwill.

We shall look forward to hearing of his achievements at Nottingham.

Mr. Waters, seconded for the present school year to teach degree students at Goldsmith's College, has been appointed to succeed him. Mr. Waters, although he will be about the school a good deal next term, does not officially return until September.

**VISIT TO A BANK TRAINING CENTRE** When we arrived at the Barclays Bank Training Centre we were cordially received and after being given some refreshment we were shown to a lecture room.

A bank employee then gave us a talk entitled " The Introduction to Banking ". He told us among other things that eight hundred million

cheques were used every year. After the talk we asked him questions which were all fully answered.

Following an excellent dinner we went back to the same lecture room for a continuation of the previous talk. When this talk was finished we had another on "The Development of the Cheque". A film was shown and we each received a modern cheque to compare with those of an earlier period of banking.

The first cheques were simply scraps of paper, signed by the people concerned in the business transaction.

We were next shown how to operate and use some comptometers and electrical typewriters by some female employees. This was the last item on the agenda so we left very much the wiser after a most interesting outing.

A. R. NICHOLL, 4Pi, Pitt C.

**THE SCHOOL PLAY—"MACBETH"** A memorable production of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" was the first School Play to be performed on the magnificent new stage. Performances were given on three evenings, December 12th, 13th, 14th (and on the preceding Wednesday afternoon to an invited audience of boys and girls from neighbouring schools), and altogether over 2,000 people saw what was the most ambitious and one of the most successful productions ever staged by the School.

A full use of the spacious stage and of the wonderful lighting equipment gave a kaleidoscopic, three-dimensional quality to the wild and violent happenings in the play, which provided great scope for the cast of forty-five boys under the direction of Mr. H. W. Marratt and Mr. K. N. Newson. A series of striking stage sets and most of the properties had been designed and constructed by Mr. G. A. Hoare with the help of Mr. F. W. Guttridge and a team of boys, and a well-trained group of fifteen boys acted as an efficient stage team.

The whole play was shrouded in an atmosphere of mystery and fear and evil, which was especially present in all the witches' scenes. Here were just those vague suggestions of horror born in half light that consorted well with the leering and gibbering of the witches brilliantly played by J. A. Bull, L. J. Martin and D. T. Snell. This supernatural note was echoed to great effect elsewhere—with particular dramatic skill and feeling in the "Banquet" scene where Macbeth is roused to terror and fury by Banquo's ghost.

The supernatural element dominated the mind and actions of Macbeth, played with a fine understanding by G. W. Willis. He had a bold and striking presence and by his ringing tones, which did more than justice to the beauty of his lines, he set an example in clarity of diction which was followed by the rest of the cast and was one of the outstanding features of the production. In the earlier scenes of the play he made us feel the conflict between his ambition and his conscience, and he was never beyond reach of our sympathy. With the murder of Duncan accomplished he conveyed clearly the sudden accession of fear and remorse. In the latter scenes, on the other hand, he gave us a telling vision of a man in complete despair, who has doomed himself by his own actions to a life without the compensations and pleasures of friendship or esteem or enjoyment of a quiet conscience and peace of mind. It is no mean feat for an actor in a school performance to succeed in bringing out so many of the features of the character he is portraying.

A. W. Atkinson, who played Lady Macbeth, overcame triumphantly the many difficulties of such an exacting part. With conviction and a feeling for significance, he made Lady Macbeth an imperious and sinister figure, and yet so ably expounded the feminine characteristics of the part that many in the audience could not believe they were watching a boy actor. He and Willis, matched, exhorted and terrified each other in their tense scenes of plotting and of conflict. In the most exacting scene of all—the "Sleep-

walking"—Lady Macbeth was a frail, frightened shadow of herself, and Atkinson's last appearance in this scene succeeded in pathetically reminding us of her former self in all her regal and sinister strength.

Of the other characters in the play there are many who deserve the strongest commendation: G. W. C. Wort for his gracious King Duncan, M. J. Halsey who gave as good a humorous portrait of the Porter as one could wish for; P. N. Cassidy for his beautifully spoken and assured acting of Malcolm; P. J. Drain, who dealt faithfully with some of the most exacting moments in the play; J. A. Lally, who made an excellent Lady Macduff in a poignantly played scene; J. H. Cousins, who may be mentioned as typical of the other "thanes" for his forthrightness; and finally G. P. Douel who, as Banquo, provided an honest and trusty foil to Macbeth.

A large number of other and minor characters could be mentioned, but all were played with sincerity and revealed a scene of timing and stagecraft which implied hard rehearsal work. Indeed, as the Headmaster himself said at the close of the play, the performance had given an opportunity to a large number of boys to play a small part and they deserved to be congratulated on the way in which they had either held the stage or provided a necessary, if unobtrusive, background to a court or battle setting. The lighting was skilfully directed by D. Ayshford, and the very realistic and ingenious effects were in charge of F. M. Carter and M. E. Duck.

The producers are to be congratulated on an outstanding production. The action of the play was swift and certain. The scenery was colourful, effective and spectacular. The costumes and make-up were appropriate and convincing.

After the final performance, it was announced that G. W. Willis had been awarded the Drama Prize for his performance, and that P. N. Cassidy and A. W. Atkinson were honourably mentioned, and would also receive prizes, for their work in this and other productions.

## MACBETH

*Cast, in order of appearance*

| | |
|---|---|
| THREE WITCHES | J. A. Bull, L. J. Martin, D. T. Snell |
| DUNCAN, King of Scotland | G. W. C. Wort |
| MALCOLM, DONALBAIN — his sons | P. N. Cassidy, M. J. Redmond |
| LENNOX, ANGUS — Thanes of Scotland | S. S. J. Tyson, F. R. Shons |
| A SERGEANT | L. N. Congdon |
| ATTENDANT upon Duncan (later upon Malcolm) | D. G. R. Poole |
| ROSS, Thane of Scotland | J. H. Cousins |
| MACBETH, BANQUO — Generals of the King's army | G. W. Willis, G. P. Douel |
| ATTENDANT upon Macbeth | P. T. Libby |
| MACDUFF, Thane of Scotland | P. J. Drain |
| FLEANCE, son of Banquo | R. E. Weymouth |
| LADY MACBETH | A. W. Atkinson |
| GENTLEWOMAN, attendant upon Lady Macbeth | R. P. Jackson |
| PORTER | M. J. Halsey |
| OLD MAN | R. M. Bone |
| MENTEITH, CAITHNESS — Thanes of Scotland | M. J. Cowling, P. M. T. Gillingham |
| SEYTON, officer to Macbeth | J. F. West |
| THREE MURDERERS | R. T. J. Moody, J. D. Carr, J. Tudgay |

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| LADY MACDUFF | J. A. Lally |
| YOUNG MACDUFF, her son | M. T. Henderson |
| A DOCTOR | M. R. M. Smith |
| OLD SIWARD, General of the English army | R. M. Bone |
| YOUNG SIWARD, his son | N. C. Bishop |
| DRUMMER BOY | B. C. Brind |
| SERVANTS of Macbeth | R. J. Pooley, R. M. True, R. J. Hyde |
| SOLDIERS | R. C. Newman, R. Massey, D. I. Collins, M. J. Turner, L. S. Woodcock, R. A. Peacock, D. A. Stewardson, J. C. Dobbie, C. A. Mulligan, C. N. Crabtree. |
| APPARITIONS | Various members of the cast |

*Stage Managers' Team :*

D. B. Bird, L. A. Cooke, G. C. Cope, G. E. Dyball, D. K. Forrest, A. E. Hearne, A. K. Jeffries, A. R. Knight, P. R. Leverick, D. H. Mckenzie, K. A. Munday, A. R. Nicholl, J. H. Reynolds, V. C. Ruff, E. G. Slater, J. S. G. Tilley, G. C. White.

*Stage Properties Team :*

J. H. Carter, P. Davis, I. F. Falconer, J. E. Green, F. A. Mayhew, K. P. Nebbett, K. P. A. Newcomb, S. C. Nicholls, G. A. D. Paul, M. E. Poulter, D. J. Richardson, E. P. Webby, P. A. J. Willett,, R. A. Young.

## OUR CLASS

Our class is small and there are twenty-two boys. We have many of our paintings on the wall. Thirteen mobiles hang from the ceiling. These are patterns cut out from several pieces of coloured cardboard. They twist in the breeze. We have got a library in our class. Boys team up and choose a subject to write a book about. Our team chose wild birds. On the board are new words to learn every day.

We have a Wall Newspaper and our teacher gives us a piece of paper and we write about various things. Then we have another piece of paper on which to draw a picture. We can colour it if we want to.

The Wall Newspaper is stuck on the boards of a sandwich board man which Mr. Ascher made. The man is called Mr. Wandle Omicron.

Mr. Wandle Omicron is about four feet high. The Newspaper is called the " Daily Scream ".

BARRY BRADLEY, KEVIN DWYER, MICHAEL KING,
1 Omicron.

## MY IDEAL BEDROOM

My ideal room would be designed for warmth, comfort and cleanliness, and restrictions would be made concerning cupboards. The room would not only be equipped for sleeping, but for work, as I am continually constructing kits. Therefore a form of shelf is needed.

The colour scheme would be of bright designs. I do not think a bedroom should have dull colours as darkness itself overcomes all shades. Because the house I would be living in, had ample room for dining, sitting, and washing, nothing in my room would have to fold into the walls.

The first necessity is the bed, so this would be electrically heated, and very comfortable. A form of coffee-table would lie between the bed and the wall, on part of which would be a radio and luminous clock. A flexible-necked reading lamp would snake its way out of the wall over the head of the bed, and the bookshelf would be close at hand.

Open windows lead to the curtains becoming black, so a fixed window of no mean size could be placed to provide a good view of the weather and countryside. Fresh air swarms in most effectively with a fan, so with that and Venetian blinds, the dirt trapping pelmet would be done away with, and the window fresh and clean.

A convector heater is ideal for giving overall warmth, but with a hinged door a lot of heat is lost; with a sliding, draught-proof door, this problem is solved. It also solves the problem of the door not pulling the threads of the soft wool carpet. Because I work here a form of bench is required, together with a comfortable stool. This construction would run along the remaining wall. The foundation would consist of three cabinets, one a toy cupboard, and the other two, for clothes. To enable perfect lighting, and not being obliged to move into another position to get that haunted shadow out of the way, overall lighting would be installed. This means that the ceiling would be one big glowing light, and I think I would have it tinted pink to blend with the Venetian blinds.

With a perfectly warm room there would be no trouble of cold fingers, when reading on winter nights. Lighting would be the best for work, and when the summer months are in, no heating is needed, so the only transformation would be to switch off the heating apparatus.

R. A. YOUNG, 4 alpha, Pitt C.

## THE MUSIC

The music splendid, strong and sweet,
High and low resounds its beat,
Dances merrily, flies, and falls,
As through the air, it gently calls.

Faster faster whirls its notes,
As on the air it gently floats.
Its notes are shouted at the sky,
As through the air they gently fly.

E. PETTENGELL, 3 Rho, Morley H.

## AUSTRALIA BOUND

How lovely the ship looked against the sombre background of the churning waters of the docks —a beautiful white floating hotel! I was very excited when one of the officers examined our passes and conducted us up the gangway of the great white ship. He told us we were free to view until an half-hour before the ship was due to leave the dock. This was grand because there was so much I wanted to see.

First of all I made for the engine-rooms. These were colossal, a maze of engineering miracles, men with rags oiling, scraping and looking through dials, making certain the heart of the ship was in perfect working order before her departure. We then went to the first-class deck to see the cabins, bathrooms and all the other amenities such as shops, hair-dressers' and ironing rooms, every possible luxury to make the passenger happy. I saw the cabin that mother was going to use—it was lovely. Such a pretty bedspread and carpet, and all very comfortable! I could visualise what a wonderful time she would have with cinema, sports deck, dance hall, most sumptuous lounge and the loveliest of sun verandahs. I looked over the deck down river—I saw great cranes sweeping their precious bundles of cargo in mid-air and then, after pausing a while, lowering them gently into the hold of the ship. Fussy little tugs hooted their way through the turmoil of barges that were loaded with coal and timber, ploughing their way down river to the power stations and factories along the banks.

At last the ship gave a blast on her hooter which vibrated right down to the soles of my feet, almost making me jump out of my skin. Father and I said Goodbye to mother. It was not nice parting but I knew it had to

come. I hope the time will pass quickly so that she will be back with us again. We returned down the same gangway that we ascended—I did not feel as gay or light-hearted, but we waved and waved. I hope she saw us, and I feel sure she will be happy to meet my sister again.

PAUL THEODORE PLANKEN, Form 2, Theta.

**CAUGHT IN A SUNBEAM**

Boswell believed in reporting faithfully quite ordinary events. I am going to try and do the same. On Wednesday the sixth of November, I rashly spent my hard-earned savings on a Construction Kit for a model of H.M.S. Victory ". I also bought six capsules of enamel lacquer.

That evening I began to paint my model. I had prepared my palettes and was about to start when my mother sent me on an errand. On arriving home I discovered that my sister, Rosemary, had squeezed one of the capsules containing the enamel lacquer. This red lacquer was spilt all over my sister's hands and on top of that, Stephen, my brother, picked up the capsule and also spilt the red mess over his hands.

I was speechless with anger, but not so my father, who mildly exclaimed: " Good Lord!".

DAVID HILLMAN, Form 2, Theta.

**APPLE TREE**

The snow is falling gently down
And covering all the town,
Except our garden apple tree,
Which stands up bare for all to see.

PETER PINK, 1 Omicron.

**A Y.H.A. HOLIDAY**

My holiday last year was spent cycling around East Anglia. I went with two friends who as well as myself are members of the Y.H.A., which enabled us to have a good seven days' holiday fairly cheaply. The hostels at which we stayed were situated at Huntingdon, Sheringham, Great Yarmouth, Felixstowe and Maldon, in that order.

Most hostels are converted large country houses. With about ten to twenty boys sharing one room, we were made quite comfortable. The food is very good with a choice of packed lunch if you wish to stay out for the day. In return for our board and keep, we are asked to help with the washing up or other small duties. This helps the warden a great deal, as no outside help is employed. We always carry out these tasks with great enthusiasm, so we are able to make a good start for our planned outing. The time limit to get back is 10 p.m., but tea is served at 7 p.m.; so we have a good day's outing, and usually return ready for a good night's sleep as cycling can be very tiring.

We only had one bad experience and that was the beginning of our holiday, when it rained like nothing on earth, and as we were in the heart of the country, we were not able to shelter. But for anyone thinking of having a similar holiday I should not be put off by the thought of rain, as there are many other compensations.

If you wish to join the Y.H.A. write to: Y.H.A., 29, John Adems Street, London, W.C.2., for further details.

J. P. PARDOE, 3 Eta, Gg.

**SPEECH DAY**

Speech day, held on Thursday, February, 13th, in the new hall, was an inspiring occasion for all well-wishers of the School. Lieut.-Colonel G. L. Matthews, the chairman, welcomed the many friends of the school. These included the Mayor of Wandsworth

(Councillor Geoffrey Shrubsall, J.P.) and deputy Mayor (Mrs. O. Haynes), whose presence evinced the close association of the school with the borough; Mrs. Goodrich (chairman of the Primary and Secondary Schools' Committee of the L.C.C.); Lady Linstead, who is active in the school and community meetings held in co-operation with other schools in the area; and Miss Miles, headmistress of Mayfield School.

## GUEST OF HONOUR

Colonel Matthews welcomed the guest of honour, Mr. Paul Bareau, the distinguished economist and expert on international finance, and the officials of the divisional education office in particular, the divisional officer and inspector.

The head prefects, Gordon Wort and Derek Ayshford, then gave brief accounts of the social and sporting activities of the school during the past year. The great number and variety of societies organised within the school were mentioned.

## ENGINEERING SOCIETY

The most recent and largest was the Engineering Society which had been remarkably active. It was emphasised that all the older societies: the Literary and Dramatic Society—which excelled itself with its production of "Macbeth" last term; the Railway Club; the Dancing Club—run in co-operation with Mayfield; the Modern Language Society; the C.E.W.C. group and the Inter-Sixth Society were not only holding their own but were expanding. The Junior School History and Aviation Societies were also flourishing.

## SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Similarly, sporting activities were playing their part in the maintenance of the old traditions of the school and in the creation of new ones. Every entry of the school into competitive sport during the year had been marked with distinction. The Colts rugby team was an example of this, as were also the school's chess, cricket, fencing and basket-ball successes.

Mr. H. R. King, the headmaster, associated himself in the chairman's welcome to Mr. Paul Bareau, whose presence as a well-known economist might be taken as a recognition of the value of the school's advanced studies in economics and political science.

## CULTURAL IMPACT

The school had been much before its parents and public during the year, and in its present shape was inevitably making a wider cultural impact upon the community it served. Its visitors had been many and from all five Continents.

Of the dozen boys who entered universities last October, two had gone to Oxford. Two boys had gained R.A.F. scholarships to Cranwell, and for the third year in succession the head boy had been selected for the W. H. Rhodes tour of Canada. In 1957 two boys, and so far this year one boy, had gained modern language travelling scholarships. In spite of increased competition for university places this year, ten boys had already been accepted for October next at eight university institutions.

## "GIFT TO THE SCHOOL"

The deputy head, Mr. R. Fenn, he said, had retired after 40 years at Wandsworth, and Mr. B. Clode had been appointed to succeed. Mr. R. Thom, head of the English department, had been appointed headmaster of Carlton School, Nottingham, a large new comprehensive school. Mr. Gabriel, "a heaven sent gift to the school", had been appointed head of the chemistry department in the place of Mr. Saul who had left.

The Old Wandsworthians had now purchased and were developing the site for the memorial sports ground, and both they and the Parents' Association had launched a renewed appeal for friends to support this great new venture.

External examination results showed a slight but gradual improvement

over the past few years. The headmaster was confident that, as the larger numbers of boys reached the upper parts of the school there would be a substantial increase in the numbers of examination successes.

## TRADITIONS MAINTAINED

In its enlarged state Wandsworth School was maintaining all its old traditions and standards and developing new ones in a broader field.

## COMPLETE EDUCATION

Mr. King went on to explain some of the basic conceptions which lay at the root of the comprehensive idea. Firstly it was designed to eliminate the "misfit", an inevitable product of the school which catered for one type of boy only. Boys were not divisible into "types". This was the basic fallacy within the tripartite system of education. A school such as Wandsworth had the means of offering a satisfying and complete education to every boy. Every ability, aptitude and interest could be exploited and developed to the full. "We, at Wandsworth", he said, "endeavour to keep the door of opportunity always open".

## DEMOCRATIC ORGANISATION

Secondly the headmaster described how the school was organised in a democratic manner. Delegation of responsibility, a necessity in such a large institution, had been made a positive virtue; an essential part of the education offered.

Finally, and emphatically, the headmaster made clear that, contrary to some expectations, there was no evidence whatever to suggest the comprehensive system of education led to a lowering of standards. The experience of Wandsworth, and of other comprehensively organised schools throughout the country indicated a rise in standards.

## RISING STANDARDS

This, he emphasised, included a rise in academic standards as well. Far from parents having anything to fear from such schools they could confidently anticipate a general improvement in both the quality and quantity of education in the country. More and more local education authorities, having seen the very promising results of a comprehensive system in London and elsewhere, were adopting the system for their own areas. Those who had expected a general levelling downwards of the grammar schools absorbed into comprehensives had already been proved wrong.

## "VERY FINE SCHOOL"

Mr. Paul Bareau, after he had distributed the prizes and, incidentally, shaken more than 150 hands, expressed himself both delighted and overawed. He felt bound to confess he found Wandsworth a "very fine school" that "obviously does nothing by half measures".

He recalled the times, some forty years ago, when he had sat on "the other side of the platform". He remembered a "magnificent general resplendent with fruit salad" who had proudly declared that he had never himself received a prize of any sort whilst at school. Mr. Bareau dissociated himself from the sentiments implied by that statement.

## "BUILD AND CREATE"

He went on to consider what tips he could give to boys. He begged them not to adopt the contemporary and contemptible pose that passed for sophistication, or cynicism. He quoted from the Queen's Christmas message: "It has always been easy to hate and destroy, to build and create has always been harder".

He urged his youthful audience to be truly alive; to be interested and aware: for he was confident that, during their lives, they would see changes in society more exciting and full of promise than during any preceding period.

The Mayor of Wandsworth proposed the vote of thanks to Mr. Bareau. Mr. Geoffrey Johnson-Smith, L.C.C., seconded the proposal.

## PERIOD OF TRANSITION

Colonel Matthews was thanked by his colleagues for the unstinting and efficient service he had given to the school during the difficult period of transition.

No picture of the evening, however, would be complete without a reference to the really superb singing of the school choir under its able conductor, Mr. Burgess. It provided a concrete and beautiful example of the co-operation and integration with which the school works.

## FORM PRIZES

### (For Diligence)

*Forms I.*—Clive Brightley, Graham R. Davis, Peter J. Fogg, Douglas Halsey, Ian McD. Donno, David A. Marshall, Roger J. Mance, Michael C. Bellamy, Norman E. Lingwood, Ronald W. Dorsett, Julian M. Neaser, David A. Stagg, Brian M. Ayres, Malcolm J. Wherrett, John G. Woods, Ian R. P. Hebblethwaite, John S. Sotiriou, Paul C. P. Lewis, Rodney M. F. Wood, Alan S. Gardner, Richard F. Perry, Alan K. Sear, Michael Rainbow, Roderick S. Gillies, Robert J. Barnes, Edward C. Girard.

*Forms II.*—Edward V. Elliott, Nicholas R. E. Fisher, Brian V. Sandford, Daniel Nathanson, Dennis B. Newark, Richard Evans, Kenneth P. Nebbett, Michael Danks, Frederick J. Shaub, Peter A. J. Willett, Martin C. Halfacree, Frederick A. Love, Swatantreshwer Nandanwar, Stuart S. L. Brown.

*Forms III.*—Frederick W. R. Evans, John E. Pinnock, Christopher M. Fogg, David J. Morrison, Geoffrey S. Ryan, Robert A. Young, Eric G. W. Slater, Stuart E. L. Rowe, David J. L. Judge, Ian M. Couling, Derek Titheradge, Brian W. Murphy, Richard K. Beck.

*Forms IV.*—Michael P. Golding, Roger C. Newman, Robert A. Peacock, David G. R. Poole, Barry W. Calder, Peter G. Jackaman, Michael D. Levy, Barry A. Edwards, Dennis P. Brennan, Michael D. Morgan, Douglas L. G. Simpson, Christopher N. Crabtree, Douglas E. Firth, Edward J. Wood.

*Forms V.*—Ronald Baker, Peter T. Libby, George W. Willis, Jan W. Tarkowski, Alan G. Williams, Barry J. Wagstaff, John H. Cahill, Melvyn W. Masters, Harry W. Smith, Barry M. Argent, Roger Scott.

## SPECIAL PRIZES

### (For Merit)

*Forms V.*—Raymond J. Andrews (mathematics), Anthony W. Atkinson (chemistry), *Ronald Baker (English, history, art, mathematics), *Christopher J. Blackman (English, German), Allen A. Bonner (surveying), Richard F. Brown (biology), Peter J. Coombe (French), Malcolm E. Duck (history of building), David M. G. Graham (French), David B. Hollowell (mathematics, general science), Burt A. Hudson (plumbing), Brian W. Levey (French), Melvyn W. Masters (woodwork), David W. Milward (English), Louis R. Nobes (mathematics), Geoffrey M. North (English, mathematics), Peter Ollerenshaw (biology), David Piears (technical drawing, woodwork), Robert F. Pyke (geography), Aryeh Reisman (French), James Rust (brickwork), Malcolm P. Sanders (history), Donald J. Scott (carpentry and joinery), Roger Scott (art, painting and decorating), Harry W. Smith (technical drawing, art), Trevor R. Smith (mathematics, art), Peter H. Stretch (Latin, mathematics), Barry J. Wagstaff (science), *George W. Willis (English, French, German).
* Special merit.

*Form L.6.*—David J. Birkenshaw (British constitution), Patrick N. Cassidy, (Latin), Brian H. Coatsworth (applied mathematics, chemistry), Peter J. Drain (geography, economic history, economics), Percival J. T. Francis (general merit), Anthony M. Haslett (applied mathematics), James E. B. Hunt (pure mathematics), David J. Liggitt (pure and applied mathematics), Ronald B. Lloyd (pure and applied mathematics), Richard T. J. Moody (geography), Ralph Muller (German).

*Form U.6.*—Derek Ayshford (pure mathematics, physics), Christopher M. Burnett (general merit), Christopher G. Christodoulou (botany, zoology), Brian R. Harding (French, Latin), Patrick D. Harrington (pure mathematics), Richard S. Hore (pure and applied mathematics, Latin), Jan W. Kaminski (pure mathematics), Clive M. Newson (pure and applied mathematics), David H. Pentecost (English, British Constitution), Peter B. Roberts (pure mathematics).

Chairman's prize for head boy, 1956-57: Ian H. Simons and Richard S. Hore.

Wandsworthians' Lodge prize for service: Gordon W. C. Wort.

Old Wandsworthians' academic prize: John D. Carr.

Semmens prize for drama: Albert E. Preston.

Special prize for stage management: Derek Ayshford.

Parents' Association prize for service to athletics: (senior), Clive M. Newson, Amir Ali Agha (cricket); (junior), Barry A. Burge.

Special prize for international service: Peter J. Drain.

Special prize for Canadian tour: Ian H. Simons.

Handwriting prize: Ronald Baker.

**CHEMISTRY CORNER** Nine elements were known to man before the birth of Christ viz., gold, silver, copper (the coinage metals), lead, tin, iron, mercury and the non-metallic elements, carbon and sulphur (brimstone); indeed, they are all mentioned by name in the Old Testament. Brass is also mentioned, although it was really bronze, as zinc, which is alloyed with copper to produce brass, was unknown to the metal workers of ancient times.

According to the Old Testament, gold, brass and iron were known before Noah sailed the flood waters, that is, about 6,000 years ago; silver, lead and so-called tin (which was probably alloyed with copper and not pure tin) were extracted later.

The Egyptians were very skilful in the working of metals and taught the Greeks the Magic Art when they were conquered by them in the Fourth Century B.C.

The Nile, the longest river of the old world, runs through Egypt and every year the flood waters bring down and deposit on the land a fine black mud which fertilises the soil. It did exactly the same in those far-off days and the black appearance of the land caused the country to be known as KHEM or the Black Land; hence the word Chemistry, the name associated with the skill of the ancient Egyptians in working metals.

Nowadays, Chemistry means much more than simple metallurgy; it is concerned with the composition of substances and covers a very wide field.

**BUILDING EXHIBITION** This was held at school on Thursday, 30th January, from 6.30 p.m. onwards. In the Great Hall were exhibits of craft work done in the Carpentry, Paint and Plumbing shops respectively; an exhibition of drawings and survey work done in the Building Drawing Studios and a display by the London Master Builders Association showing the type of work carried out by the larger building firms in London and giving details of apprenticeship schemes in the industry. There was also, in the Brickshop, an exhibition of work done by boys in the Senior School and a demonstration of bricklaying.

At 7.30 p.m., Mr. Gerald Hill, O.B.E., F.I.O.B., director of Messrs. Higgs and Hill, Ltd., the well-known building contractors, spoke to an interested gathering of about 270 parents and boys who had braved the thick fog to attend. His opening remarks were largely a preamble to a film, in colour, which followed ten minutes later, depicting constructional harbour work carried out by Messrs. John Laing and Son, Ltd.

The film was most interesting and ably illustrated the amount of detailed planning necessary before starting on a large project and how difficulties met with on the site, and unforeseen beforehand, were surmounted.

Mr. Hill then continued his talk, outlining the opportunities in the Building Industry for boys of all types and abilities, and gave details of the three types of apprenticeship now open to boys in the London area, viz.

(1) CRAFT: for practical boys who have no external academic qualification.

(2) INDENTURED STUDENT: for similar boys who have passed G.C.E. ordinary level in English and mathematics at least.

(3) ARTICLED PUPIL: for boys who have passed in at least *five* subjects at G.C.E. ordinary level (including English and mathematics) *or* one at advanced and three at ordinary level, again including English and mathematics.

The Building Industry was one of the largest industrial concerns in the country, with a turnover of 2,000 million pounds per annum. It wanted capable men and was prepared to train suitable boys and pay them during their training period. At the moment, there was plenty of room at all levels for boys of the right type; for boys who were prepared to do a worthwhile job.

Quite a lively discussion followed, Mr. F. H. Towle (Education and Training Officer of the L.M.B.A.) and Mr. J. S. Gibson (L.M.B.A. Apprenticeships) coming to Mr. Hill's assistance when necessary.

The headmaster, acting as chairman, brought the meeting to a close at 9.30 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** This year's performance was well up to the high standard of former Carol Concerts, despite the accoustic hazards of the large new hall. The audience of over 1,000 was the largest yet to attend any performance in the School; but, perhaps a little overawed by their surroundings, they were slow to take advantage of their opportunity to join in the well-known Christmas hymns and carols.

Reinforced by Old Boys and visiting music Staff the playing of the school orchestra reached a higher standard than for sometime and for this we may, perhaps, have to thank the visitors. But the fact that the intonation was also good shows that the orchestra as a whole, has made great strides. The first movement of Mozart's "Eine kleine Nachtmusik" was much appreciated by the audience.

The choir, larger than ever this year, sang under Mr. R. Burgess with the precision and musical feeling which we have come to expect from them. In spite of the blanketing effect of the rather cavernous stage, the singing was uniformly enjoyable. The high lights were Haydn's "The Heavens are telling" and Handel's Coronation Anthem; but for members of the audience who prefer something quieter and sweeter, there was Sir Malcolm Sargent's arrangement of "Silent Night". Verse parts of the Anthems were sung by a semi-chorus who also gave us some superb singing on their own in the Czech Carol "The Birds" and William Ballet's Lute Book Lullaby.

Now well established as part of the school's Christmas concert are two-piano duets in which Mr. Burgess is joined by Mr. J. Keyte, now senior Geography master at Elliott School. These two players form a well-blended combination, equally at home in various musical styles ranging from the Bourrée de Vincent of Rameau, through Bach, Rimsky-Korskov (the well-known, lively Dance of the Tumblers) to Balfour Gardiner's "Noël" and the exotic "Jamaicalypso" of Arthur Benjamin. Their playing of Bach's "Now rejoice all ye Christians" was particularly satisfying.

Worthy of special mention is the outstanding performance of part of César Franck's violin sonata, by Brian Johnston. The technical and musical demands made by this work combined with the size of the hall, presented an ordeal which might well have daunted a more experienced player.

During the interval a unique ceremony in the history of the school took place. A presentation was made to Mr. R. W. Fenn, on his retirement after nearly forty years service.

The beautiful but rather formal hall was made most attractive by the use of evergreens, Christmas trees and fairy lights. The superb lighting

which forms part of the equipment of the new stage provided opportunities for delighting the eye as well as the ear. As the lights dimmed for the singing of " Silent Night " the Star of Bethlehem grew brighter over the heads of the choir. The two-piano duets and the violin sonata were played to a darkened hall with just the soloists picked out by Spot lights.

The school has to thank Mr. K. Coate-Bond for organising the business side of the concert. The decoration of the hall, the efficient stewarding, refreshments for the performers all needed a great deal of preparation and were carried through without a hitch.

## THE WIND

Outside the wind is roaring loud,
And in the sky there's not a cloud,
The wind is cold, biting, bitter,
Flings about some paper litter.

The wind it whistles through the trees,
And rustles all the tiny leaves,
The wind it sings of heat and cold,
And of the seasons, new and old.

E. PETTENGELL, 3 Rho, Morley H.

## A RHYME

There was a young fellow from Datchet
Was cutting his corns with a hatchet,
When much to his woe, he chopped off his toe
And he can't find another to match it.

L. WATSON, 1 Gamma.

**SCHOOLBOYS' EXHIBITION** During the School holidays I spent an enjoyable day at the Schoolboys' Exhibition. The largest exhibit was provided by British Transport, with a vast train layout covering an area of 550 square feet. Lyons also had a large stand, which encouraged boys to try their skill at controlling radio controlled boats through a marked-out course.

Electricity had an unusual stand, where boys used electric drills and calculating machines to find answers to a quiz. Another feature of the exhibition was the G.P.O. stand, of which a large part was devoted to the information services, such as Weather, Tim and Test Scores.

Among the smaller but very interesting stands was one of a display of matchbox labels from all over the world. I wonder if it is generally known that collectors of matchbox labels are known as " Phillumenists."

This year's Exhibition, I think, was better than ever, so anyone who missed it should make sure of a visit there next year.

MICHAEL NORTH, Form 1.

**THE VISIT TO THE ZOO** On the 15th and 30th of January the zoology students of Wandsworth School visited the London Zoological Gardens. The purpose was to hear lectures on four different aspects of zoology which are not dealt with very fully in the Advanced Level syllabus. After the lectures we were taken around to see the various animals of interest which were mentioned in the lectures. The advantage of seeing the living animals instead of a few dead carcasses which are dissected at school is easy to appreciate.

One of the most interesting points to note about these two visits is that they were the first of their kind in a scheme started by the L.C.C. for

Advanced and Ordinary Level students. We had evidence of this on our first visit, for when we arrived we were met by a battery of cameras belonging to the B.B.C. and I.T.A. which followed us throughout the morning.

We arrived at the Zoo at about 9.45 to be greeted by one of the pony girls from the Children's Corner, who directed us to the lecture hall. No sooner had we sat down than we were promptly asked if we would pose for the television cameras.

After the first lecture the schools present were split up into two groups, and then taken around the selected houses. The Reptile House was visited first of all by our group, where we had been told to take special notice of the markings of the different snakes with respect to the effectiveness of their camouflage. Here two of our boys, J. Tudgay and M. Smith, were whisked off behind the scenes to be photographed by the cameras, a not too enviable position, as they had to display two small crocodiles to the cameras of the press men as well as those of the television. But, alas, they did not appear on the television and the next day the only evidence of their ordeal was a photograph in the "News Chronicle" showing the two baby crocodiles and the four hands of our two heroes!

We were taken next to the Aquarium where small, large and indifferently-sized fish gazed, goggled and mouthed at us through thick plate glass windows.

From there we were taken to the Lion House, and it was here that the climax of the day was reached, we had at last discovered a potential television star in our midst in the well-known guise of M. Smith of the Upper Sixth, who was interviewed by a B.B.C. commentator.

In the afternoon the same pattern of events, a lecture and then visits to the various houses, was maintained, but this time without the ever-alert cameramen. We left the Zoo at about 4 o'clock to the piercing "Hellos" of the cockatoos, and looking forward to our next visit to the Zoo provided by the L.C.C., to whom we offer our thanks.

A. W. ATKINSON, Cb,L6Sc.

## "CANADIANA"

Any tour of such proportions as was undertaken by the W. H. Rhodes Tour of Canada in the summer of last year makes the choice of what we did, saw and the people we met a difficult task to write about. The question poses itself as to what to put in and what to leave out. As I sit in front of my typewriter amidst the untidiness of my room and overlooking the roofs of Dublin on a Saturday afternoon in February with snow in abundance, our tour of Canada seems to be a very long way off.

The party comprising the masters-in-charge and other officials and forty students from schools in Birmingham, Bradford, Glasgow and London met for the first time on board the R.M.S. "Carinthia" in the late afternoon of August 14th. In front of us lay a magnificent four weeks. The trip across the Atlantic took six days; enabled us to get to know each other, to enjoy the gay life of a Trans-Atlantic liner and regrettably to realise what it feels like to suffer from "mal-de-mer".

The same day as we entered the mighty St. Lawrence River it was a terrific thrill to spy ice-bergs sailing sedately in the distance. The ship docked late in the evening at Quebec; we left the ship for a quick tour by coach of this old (by North American standards) city and then returned to the boat to sail down to Montreal.

Arriving at the second largest French speaking town in the world in brilliant sunshine, passport formalities were disposed of and we set off on a most hectic but magnificent fortnight's tour of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

From Montreal we journeyed by sleeper to Toronto; were the guests at civic receptions and went to the Canadian National Exhibition.

In the evening the Director of the Exhibition was the Host at a performance of the open air show called "Canadiana" (the name adopted for the title of this report), the guest artist was Bob Hope. The setting of the show was a virtual dream: it was held in the open; looking to the

left I could see the vast panorama of the twinkling lights of Toronto, to my right the gigantic roundabouts of the Exhibition all alight in magnificent colours, beyond the vast stage the Great Lakes and the sight of ships drifting towards the dusky horizon.

An interesting day was passed at Sudbury inspecting the Nickel and Copper mines and enjoying the social amenities including a delightful swim in the "raw". I was also fortunate in having the privilege of broadcasting my impressions of the mines over the local radio station.

Niagara Falls came high on the list of highlights of the tour. Floodlit at night and viewed from the "Maid of the Mist" steamer they were a thrilling sight. A few of us crossed the Rainbow Bridge, and have a stamp on our passports to prove that we went into America, albeit for only five minutes.

For four days the formal part of the tour was escaped and we sojourned into the unknown; four days at Camp Wanapitei on Lake Temagami; besides sleeping and eating, activities included swimming canoeing, baseball, archery and square dancing.

On the return to Montreal two days were allotted to the Federal Capital, Ottawa. Inside the Parliament Buildings the preparations for the visit of the Queen and Prince Philip were well in evidence, and later the Minister of Finance and the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom addressed the party at the Chateau Laurier Hotel. Thence back to Montreal, the "Sylvania", Liverpool and home.

I should add as a postscript that I have only described certain aspects of the tour as they have occurred to me. This has been done intentionally because in years to come when I reflect on this tour it will surely be isolated incidents here and there which will come to mind. Thus there is no chronological order in the events reported and any of my colleagues might easily have described our experiences quite differently.

The weakness of my ability is the sole excuse offered if the magnificence of the tour is not conveyed. The whole tour, its inception and financing, is the result of the benevolence of Mr. W. H. Rhodes who travelled with us last year. To him and to the Headmaster, who gave me this wonderful opportunity, I owe my sincere gratitude.

IAN SIMONS, Trinity College, Dublin.

February, 1958.

## A VISIT TO "THE DAILY TELEGRAPH AND MORNING POST" BY THE GEOGRAPHICAL FIELD CLUB

At 8.55 p.m. a small party of nine boys had collected in the entrance hall of Blackfriars Underground Station. A few minutes later Mr. Macnab joined us. As secretary, I had arranged for a party to visit the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post", as they like to be called, on the evening of Monday, February 17th, at 9.15 p.m. After waiting a short time in the entrance hall, a guide arrived. He gave us a short introductory speech and asked us not to touch anything. The first department we visited was the news-room, which contained about fourteen teleprinters. A very important piece of news was being received from Khartoum. It was that Egyptian troops had invaded a small area of the Sudan north of the 22nd parallel. Because of the importance of this news we were immediately hustled out into the passage. We then went into the Linotype room. This is where we saw the type being made. After an explanation of how the Linotype machines worked, the party had their names, and in some cases addresses, made from Linotype. Then came the most interesting part. We saw the Linotype being pressed onto several layers of paper and at a high temperature in order to form a cardboard copy of the type. We then saw the actual news print being made in semi-circular blocks. At last we came to the presses. We were all given a first edition which came off press number eight at ten to eleven, ten minutes after the paper had gone to press. After thanking the guide we made our

way home to Blackfriars Station and just as we were about to cross the road the first van went past, at two minutes past eleven.

R.M. V.-T.

## A VISIT TO THE ROYAL ACADEMY

On Tuesday, February 18th, a party of Vth and VIth formers accompanied by Messrs Payne and Hodgkinson visited the exhibition of paintings and tapestries of the Louis XIV period at the Royal Academy.

After numerous experiences with members of the London Transport Executive we succeeded in gathering at our destination. While waiting for Mr. Hodgkinson to get special admission tickets, members of the party examined the detailed paintings on the ceiling of the foyer.

When the tickets had been obtained the party moved off to view the exhibition, at first collectively and then individually. The works shown were those of La Tour, Ph de Champaigne Parrocel, Le Sueur, Vonet and many other masters of that period.

La Tour's paintings showed an almost eastern love of colour; the postures of his subjects, and especially the shape of the faces made us think of the orient. Members of the party found that his work had an attractive warm effect due to the use of shaded candle-light which appears in most of his paintings, but in spite of this they seemed stiff and statuesque. On the other hand the style of Parrocel appeared the exact opposite to that of La Tour, and it is said that he was ahead of his time. This was quite easy to see because of his free brushwork and strong colour. Le Sueur's work showed a tendency to confine itself to religious themes. A very good example was " The Angel leaving Tobras " which was on show there. The most striking feature of this canvas was the effect gained by lowering the viewpoint, so that one appeared to be below the actual scene.

Paintings were not the only works on show, as there were many tapestries which were made under the direction of Le Brun from designs by Vonet, Le Sueur and others. These, although somewhat faded, still had an exquisite beauty. This beauty was also conveyed in Vonet's painting, " The Crucifixion ", which showed a compromise between Caravaggism and the Baroque manner.

Many of these paintings conveyed the glory and pageantry of the French Court at the time of Louis XIV and left the public with a sense of having sampled, at least at second hand, the riches of that era.

On the whole an agreeable afternoon was spent. The exhibition was found to be extremely interesting, and several members of the party stayed until closing time, studying the engravings, paintings and tapestries closely. They dispersed exhausted, but with a sense of satisfaction and a desire to improve their own work.

R. C. NEWMAN, Upper V Arts.
P. G. JACKAMAN, Upper V Arts.

## CYCLE PROFICIENCY TESTS

The " L " plate carried by motor-cars and motor-cycles is a familiar sight on English roads. Cyclists, however, are exempt from carrying such an emblem, since, unlike the learner motorist, a bad cyclist is himself usually the chief victim of his bad cycling. The high accident rate among boy cyclists has worried School Authorities and Safety First Organisations for some time.

As a contribution to a scheme for protecting boys from the consequences of their bad cycling, the School has agreed that all boys cycling to and from the School shall be tested.

Officers attached to the Local Safety First Organisation will be visiting the School and beginning with Forms 1 will test cycling ability, knowledge of the Highway Code, road sense and road manners. Their machines will also be examined for mechanical efficiency.

Boys who fail to pass the proficiency test will not be permitted to bring their cycles to School until they do pass.

**THE S.W. LONDON GROUP OF THE C.E.W.C.**

One evening at the end of last term an interesting film show was held at Rosa-Bassett School, the theme of which was Education, especially of refugees, in the Middle East. There was a large attendance of senior pupils from schools in the district, Wandsworth School being well represented.

Further meetings are planned and we hope that large numbers of the Vth and VIth forms will continue to attend.

The monthly journal supported by C.E.W.C. entitled "News Club", is now regularly available through set representatives. For a mere 4d. one can get a wide coverage of current developments throughout our changing world, especially in Asia to which special attention is being given this year.

P. J. DRAIN, U6Ec, Mb.

**FILMS ON BUILDING**

It was recently decided to show a monthly series of films related to or produced by the building industry. To enable all interested boys in the building department to see them they are to be shown at 4 p.m. on the first Monday in each month.

The first film, shown on February 3rd, was produced by the Federation of Clay Industries and entitled "Bricks, How they are made and used". The film was in colour and included many photographs of famous buildings constructed of brick.

Films booked to date are as follows:—

March 3rd—Prelude to Power—The construction of a Dam and Hydro-Electric Power Station.

March 31st—Keeping Out the Water. Tells the story of Natural Asphalte—its origin, manufacture and uses.

May 3rd—The story of a House. This film deals with the construction of a house from the preparation of the plans by the Architect through the work of the various trades to completion.

## HOUSE NOTES

**CROMWELL**

At the time of printing we are preparing for the annual Eisteddfod, and with enough effort, Cromwell have every hope of regaining the shield, that has so long been out of our hands. We can only wish Tony Atkinson—Speech, John Atack—Literary Composition, John West—Music, Christopher Crabtree—Hobbies, and Paul Clark—Art, our representatives in the forthcoming Eisteddfod, every success in coaxing the boys to give of their best.

Under the able captaincy of Dennis Brennan in athletics, our team should do well, but competition is very stiff, and so success can only be achieved by sheer hard training.

We must congratulate the second form XV on winning all their rugby matches. They beat Gibbon 11—0, Morley 11—0 and Pitt 19—3. The third form XV have also kept up the good work, and have beaten Morley and Gibbon, with the Pitt match still to be played. We only hope that the Senior XV under the able captaincy of Michael Halsey, can strengthen our position and give us the cup for the third successive year.

On the subject of sport we must congratulate Clive Newson on winning the first Parents' Association prize for outstanding service in sport, and also Amir Ali Agha for his special prize for service to school cricket. In the light of this award we expect our cricket team to win the shield outright and not merely draw for first place with Gibbon.

Diligence this term has been very good. But seniors look out! It is the lower part of the school that is keeping us ahead. While on diligence we must congratulate Cromwell I/J, on being the first I/J set ever to reach the top and set such a high standard as they have.

A new system of house assemblies has been established, and we welcome it, as it helps to promote comradeship in this, the red house.

This term we have unfortunately lost the services of Cedric Green to fencing and Ray Mason to rugby and cross-country. We should like to wish them every success in their future careers.

DEREK AYSHFORD, U.VI Sc.
MICHAEL J. COWLING, U.VI Sc.

**GIBBON** The House has had some little opportunity since the appearance of last term's House Notes to prove its eagerness to further the success we gained last term in Cross-Country.

At the time of writing, we have victories to report in the opening matches of the Fives and Chess competitions. Our Chess team, which beat Cromwell by seven games to one, includes the following boys: G. P. Douel (Captain), S. J. J. Tyson, P. G. Lewis, D. Hollowell, M. Kane, D. Skinner and G. Reid. It seems probable that our Chess team will succeed in re-establishing Gibbon's superior position in this intellectual sport.

In Fives, under the keen and able captaincy of J. T. Francis, our team has beaten Cromwell in the first match of the competition. Keep it up Gibbon!

The present term also heralds the opportunity to gain long-awaited victory in Athletics and Rugby. M. Dries, our captain of Athletics, is working very enthusiastically to ensure that Gibbon gives of its best. Unfortunately we have had to say good-bye to two fine Gibbon sportsmen, D. J. Birkenshaw and P. R. Coppock. Birkenshaw, a keen Rugby player, has done a great deal in the past for the sporting activities of the House. We shall also greatly miss the presence of P. R. Coppock, captain of Cricket last year. It will be remembered that Coppock has a long record of service and loyalty to House and School, and his leadership gained us first place in Cricket last season. The House wishes both of them well for the future.

Unfortunately, though in some ways mercifully, the Drama and Speech Choir activities have been postponed temporarily from the programme of the Eisteddfod. This is not, however, an opportunity for the main body of the House to relax its efforts to win Gibbon the trophy, which rests for the time being in "yellow quarters" of the School. We hope everyone will strive hard to secure success in what are perhaps regarded as the minor activities of the Competition. These carry great weight in determining the final result which will be known when these notes come to be read.

The representatives elected at a House Meeting earlier this term were as follows: G. W. Willis (music), S. J. J. Tyson (art), G. P. Douel (Speech), P. G. Lewis (hobbies), L. R. Nobes (literary composition) and J. T. Francis (co-ordinator). Reference to records of past Eisteddfods will show that we have a set of experienced and competent representatives, but they need and rely upon the wholehearted support of the House to enable them to produce a result worthy of our resources.

For the first time in many years, a senior boy of Gibbon, G. W. Willis, has gained an L.C.C. Modern Language Scholarship for three months' stay in France this Summer. The House offers him its congratulations on this fine achievement.

Speech Day this term showed that many boys from Gibbon have been rewarded with prizes for their diligence over the past year. At the time of going to print the House stands second in the Diligence competition. If some of our lazier brethren attempt to pull their socks up, we stand a very good chance of adding the Diligence Shield to those trophies which will be presented to Gibbon next Speech Day.

Finally we should like to welcome to the House Mr. Hollis who joins Mr. George as tutor of Gibbon C. Mr. Hollis now takes the place of Mr. Lewis who has left us to go and teach in Cyprus.

J. T. FRANCIS, U6A, G.A.
G. W. WILLIS, L6A, G.C.

P.S.—I must add my congratulations coupled with those of the House, to G. W. Willis. In the School Play, "Macbeth", he was outstanding in his portrayal of the title rôle, and richly deserved the Drama Prize awarded to him for his performance.—J.T.F.

**MORLEY** In the House Notes, it has become customary to exhort members of the House to greater effort, now that Morley House has started to work as a co-operative body, such opening remarks are no longer necessary.

Most boys in the House, especially those of Morley D, we are sure, will greatly miss Mr. Thom when he leaves us at the end of this term. Nevertheless we must wholeheartedly congratulate him on gaining the position of headmaster in a new Comprehensive School in Nottingham. We trust that he will not find the Midland "sodden and unkind". We all wish him the best of success in his new endeavour, which must be for him, the climax of his long and distinguished educational career.

We must congratulate Brian C. Johnston on gaining admittance to the Royal Academy of Music, and we hope to see him, a distinguished musician, on the concert platform. We also must congratulate Gordon Wort on being selected to go to Canada as Richard Hore, our previous House Captain did in his year of office. We hope that all succeeding House Captains will be fortunate enough to represent their country in such a venture.

Dilligence in the House has, this term, improved and we hope will continue to improve until the yellow rosette beneath the "Couch" Diligence Trophy marks the return of our long lost shield.

Both Cricket and Swimming will take place this term and at the moment we have no positive news of either.

By the end of this term the results of the Rugby Trophy will be decided. The results to date are:—3rd Form—M. v. P. Won 12—0; M. v. C. Lost 16—6.

At a House Meeting earlier this term, the following Eisteddfod and other officials were elected:—Co-ordinator and Speech—Gordon Wort; Music—Brian C. Johnston; Art—Barry Wagstaff; Hobbies—John Tudgay; Literary Composition—Peter J. Drain; Athletics—John Carr and John T. Davies.

We can only hope that both the Athletic and Eisteddfod Trophies will remain in our hands.

The Inter-House Fives Championships have only just begun and at the moment it is very difficult to foresee the result since the House are fairly equally matched.

It is hoped that other boys in the House will follow John Bunce's example and take the House Assembly, which has become a regular feature of school life.

It is gratifying to see that members of the House are eventually learning to work together, signs which are predominant only in a House, worthy of being Champion House.

BRIAN C. JOHNSTON, U6Ec, Mc.
GORDON W. C. WORT, U6Sc, Md.

**PITT** Due to bad weather this term, only one house match has been played, against Gibbon, and our junior team did very well to win. In the field of sporting achievements, we must congratulate J. Tarkowski who was awarded full-colours, and A. J. R. Berry who was given half-colours. R. Moody was selected for the Surrey Trials in rugby, and H. Potter won the Bronze-Medallion for life-saving.

The Eisteddfod this year, has been somewhat modified, to the extent that there will be no drama competition. For many years now, drama has been our failing, and because of the considerable weight it carried, our hopes for the Eisteddfod Trophy have often been dashed. However, this term, that is one worry less, and we should keep our fingers crossed for better luck.

The election of officers for the Eisteddfod took place at the beginning of term in our House Assembly. D. A. Stewardson was elected for speech,

K. H. W. Denyer for hobbies, J. H. Cousins for Literary Composition and I. Cobb for music. The arduous task for House Co-ordinator has been assigned to G. L. Wilson.

The able services of Mr. Aubrey in the position of Housemaster, have had to be withdrawn, owing to the retirement of Mr. Fenn. His place has been filled by Dr. Solomon, who, I am sure, will lead us on to greater glories.

Our diligence this term has not been exceptional. However, if we really pull our weight, we should be able to make Pitt champion house, and regain the diligence shield which we held in 1956.

Next term, the four houses will compete for the Cricket and Swimming Trophies. For many years, Pitt used regularly to win the Swimming Shield. The last few years, however, it has eluded us, so let us try to repeat our old record, and perhaps better it. Let us also make a special effort as regards Cricket, and win the shield this year.

J. PARSONS.

## CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

**BASKETBALL** Basketball is a comparatively new sport in the School, having been started with the opening of the new gymnasia. It has rapidly gained in popularity in all the forms and looks like becoming a major sport.

This year we entered a newly-founded London Schools League, and so far, in the Senior Tournament, we have won eight out of nine matches played. We have excellent facilities for practice and the team's play has been of quite a high standard, though it is noticeable that we play much better on our own court.

The secret of the side's success lies in two high-scoring forwards, J. T. Davies and E. Estrellado. In matches this season Davies, the captain of the side, has scored 298 points and Estrellado 204 points; the latter learned his game in his native land and is a brilliant and entertaining player to watch but Davies has proved the more consistent and reliable of the two. Add to this formidable pair a player who distributes the ball as unselfishly as J. D. Carr and you have a good forward trio. Behind them the defence has been chosen from A. Thrower, J. E. B. Hunt and P. Rees and each of them has lent the forwards good support Two other boys are deserving of mention, M. D. Levy who has uncomplainingly spent much of his time on the reserve bench and D. A. Stewardson who has acted efficiently as scorer.

RESULTS:—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7th Nov. | v. The Staff* ... ... ... | Won | 66—61 |
| 22nd Nov. | v. Spencer Park ... ... ... | Won | 91—17 |
| 29th Nov. | v. Lycée Français ... ... ... | Won | 50—43 |
| 5th Dec. | v. Christopher Wren ... ... | Won | 49—15 |
| 14th Jan. | v. Tulse Hill ... ... ... ... | Won | 48—6 |
| 24th Jan. | v. Hackney Down ... ... ... | Won | 77—29 |
| 30th Jan. | v. Roan ... ... ... ... | Lost | 30—72 |
| 7th Feb. | v. Elliott* ... ... ... ... | Won | 60—33 |
| 13th Feb. | v. Haberdashers Askes ... ... | Won | 76—28 |
| 19th Feb. | v. Raines Foundation ... ... | Won | 58—33 |

* Non League Game

Played 10, Won 9, Lost 1, Points For 605, Points Against 335.

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS:—

| | Games Played | Field Goals | Free Throws Scored | Free Throws Missed | Fouls | Points |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| J. T. Davies ... | 10 | 147 | 4 | 10 | 18 | 298 |
| E. Estrellado ... | 10 | 99 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 204 |

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| J. D. Carr | ... | 10 | 28 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 59 |
| A. Thrower | ... | 9 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 20 | 24 |
| J. E. B. Hunt | ... | 10 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| M. D. Levy | ... | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| P. Rees | ... | 9 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| J. G. Wilson | ... | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |

## BASKETBALL — UNDER 15

With the formation of a Junior League for London Schoolboys a team to represent the school was organised. A keen group of 4th formers quickly started training. With B. Eadie (captain), and A. R. Nicholl as the two sure guards, T. M. J. Harnley a trojan for work at left attack, R. W. Price on the right and B. A. Burge at centre, the team have made a very good start to the season. The top scorer of the team has been B. Burge with 122 points. Many of these points he has scored from quick and sure passes from other members of the team. Burge represented London Schools in the English Schools Basketball Tournament.

MATCH RESULTS:—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| v. Christopher Wren ... ... | Away | Won | 18—12 |
| v. Cardinal Manning ... ... | Away | Won | 34—24 |
| v. Spencer Park ... ... ... | Home | Won | 50—32 |
| v. Holloway ... ... ... | Home | Won | 22—15 |
| v. Morpeth ... ... ... | Away | Lost | 29—45 |
| v. Raines ... ... ... ... | Away | Lost | 13—37 |
| v. Roan ... ... ... ... | Home | Lost | 32—56 |
| v. Sedgehill ... ... ... | Awav | Won | 47—37 |

Next year's Junior Team has already started training under Mr. M. Wiltshire, who will be interested to see any keen 3rd formers at Thursday night practices.

**CHESS** The School Chess Team had quite a large measure of success this season, under the able captaincy of G. P. Douel. The team was most successful during the first half of the season, but unfortunately after Christmas its best player left, and others were absent. Before Christmas the first team won three matches, drew two and lost only one.

With a much weakened team during the second half of the season we were lucky to win one, draw one and lose two matches. At the time of going to press the team had played ten matches of which it won four, drew three and lost three, with one result still to be decided.

FIRST TEAM RESULTS:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| v. Kingston Grammar ... ... ... | Lost | 6—0 |
| v. Clement Danes ... ... ... ... | Won | 4—2 |
| v. Wallington ... ... ... ... ... | Won | 4—2 |
| v. Henry Thornton ... ... ... ... | Drawn | 3—3 |
| v. Beulah Hill ... ... ... ... ... | Won | $4\frac{1}{2}$—$1\frac{1}{2}$ |
| v. Latymer Upper ... ... ... ... | Drawn | 3—3 |
| v. Sloane School ... ... ... ... | Won | $5\frac{1}{2}$—$\frac{1}{2}$ |
| v. Sinjuns ... ... ... ... ... | Lost | $2\frac{1}{2}$—$3\frac{1}{2}$ |
| v. Battersea ... ... ... ... ... | Lost | $2\frac{1}{2}$—$3\frac{1}{2}$ |
| v. Strand ... ... ... ... ... | Drawn | 3—3 |

The second team played four matches of which they won three and only lost one.

RESULTS:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| v. Clement Danes ... ... ... ... | Won | 4—2 |
| v. Henry Thornton ... ... ... ... | Won | 5—1 |
| v. Battersea ... ... ... ... ... | Lost | 5—1 |
| v. Strand ... ... ... ... ... | Won | $4\frac{1}{2}$—$1\frac{1}{2}$ |

This term the London Schools Chess League held its Annual Rally at our school, we entered seven teams of four boys in the lightning Tournament, and achieved a moderate amount of success. I think that those who came had a very enjoyable day seeing International and other players of great renown, playing twenty or more boys simultaneously.

Any boys in the main school, who are interested or would like to learn to play chess are reminded that the Chess Club meets every Tuesday and Friday in Room 34 after school. Unless more boys take a keen interest and show some enthusiasm to learn to play well the team next year will not be up to its customary high standard.

P. G. LEWIS, *Secretary.*

## CHESS CLUB — LOWER SCHOOL

This term has seen a marked increase in the activities of the Chess Club. In addition to the Chess League, a knock-out competition has begun in which more than fifty boys are partaking, and a series of house matches is planned to take place towards the end of term.

The highlight of this term has been the London Grammar Schools Chess Rally held this year at Wandsworth School. Four teams entered from the Lower School. The experience gained suggests that we should go close to winning the competition next year, and P. J. Estop (2 delta), A. Gore (Form 1) and L. Watson (Form 1 gamma) are to be congratulated upon winning several of their matches.

**DISCUSSION GROUP** Since Christmas a group of boys from the fifth and sixth forms have been meeting every Wednesday lunchtime in Room 13 for a discussion on some subject of importance. The group has arisen out of an interest in considering the problems of religion and its application in practice. Meetings have been very well attended, and everyone of any opinion is welcome to come along and express it—and defend it!

H.W.M.

## ENGINEERING

### CIVIL ENGINEERING

On the 12th December, the Society had the pleasure of a visit by Brigadier Bonn, M.B.E., M.C., a director of Richard Costain Ltd., the large firm of Civil Engineers. Mr. Fullerton, the firm's Training Officer, also came along.

The Headmaster introduced the speaker and our Chairman, J. D. Carr, welcomed our distinguished guest who, he said, had a world-wide reputation for his work on bridges, harbours and railways in peace and war.

The Brigadier spoke about the work of the Civil Engineer, and stimulated the interest of his audience by mentioning the thrilling experiences and satisfaction which a career in this field of engineering can provide. He emphasised that team-work and a man's ability to work in a team, could be a very considerable qualification in this type of work. The necessity of working abroad and living sometimes in remote areas in camps for long periods is part of the job, and boys who felt they would like this gained much from the lecturer's personal experience of such life. The Brigadier concluded his talk with a coloured film about an extension to the harbour installations at Lagos in Nigeria. The film showed the construction of a sea wall under water by divers and massive cranes. A model showed how the concrete blocks of which the wall was made were assembled together beneath the sea, each interlocking with its neighbour.

The film and subsequent questions put to our guests, emphasised the rough and rugged work involved in this type of Engineering, and well illustrated the types of job available to interested lads. The vote of thanks

was proposed by G. C. Alderson, our Vice-Chairman, who thanked the speakers for their kindness in giving up their time to give such an interesting first-hand account of their Industry.

## STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING

Exactly a week later, the Society met again, this time during School hours at 11 a.m., to hear a talk by Mr. James Field, B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E., A.M.I.(Struct.).E., about Structural Engineering. He spoke of the Structural Engineer's painstaking and detailed work to ensure that the strength of a building or structure was more than adequate to its task. The vital importance of mathematics in this respect was obvious to all. Nevertheless, there were opportunities for all types of workmen in this branch of Industry and Mr. Field referred in particular to the skill and daring of the " spider men " who erect steel structures often at great heights and in conditions of intense wind and cold.

Mr. Field traced the path of a young man who wished to become a Structural Engineer through its various phases. He described life in the fitting and layout shops, the drawing offices and finally conditions of the site. He stressed the need for an amiable disposition in order that the Structures man could work in well with the other Engineers on the job, whose ideas might not always agree. In conclusion, our lecturer made it clear that, while a very high standard of scholarship was required to reach the topmost position of a Civil Engineer with a firm of Consultants (and only boys with at least four subjects at G.C.E. level would be considered by firms for their pupilage schemes leading towards this goal), there were still many well-paid and exciting careers in the industry for less well-qualified boys. Even these lads, he said, could advance themselves by study at evening classes opportunities for study at a University.
but this was a long and hard road not to be compared with the full-time

Question time was lively and some interesting answers were given to some of our members' queries. Asked why the roofs of some houses at Hatfield were blown off recently, during recent high winds, Mr. Field replied that, in his view, the holding down bolts were the faulty members and not the corrugated aluminium roofs themselves. He also commented that the aerodynamics of buildings had not always been sufficiently understood in the past. Had the lifting force of the wind been sufficiently allowed for, the accident might have been averted.

To a question concerning the failure of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge in America, our speaker replied that, here again the tremendous forces exerted by the prevailing winds in the straits spanned by this ill-fated suspension bridge had not been sufficiently understood at the time the structure was designed. This disaster, he added (in which, happily, no lives were lost), had done much good in that it had sparked off a series of important researches into the effect of winds on steel structures. It was now considered essential that models of proposed structures be made and subjected to wind-tunnel tests before designs were approved.

The lecture also contained a colour film, " A Career for a Man ", which showed examples of steel structures being made and erected in several countries. The film brought the speaker's words admirably to life and gave our Members a real insight into the work of the Civil Engineer.

## MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

This term regular meetings have been taking place during the lunch hour on Thursday and judging by the attendance it would appear that these meetings are of considerable interest to members of the Society. The theme has been Mechanical Engineering and this branch of engineering has been illustrated by a series of excellent films which have dealt mainly with the construction and working of heat engines. Under the titles of " Power for Locomotives " and " Power for Ships ", Messrs. Crossley Brothers showed diesel engines manufactured by them, in various stages of production. The processes necessary for the production of large castings for the engine, the

machining of component parts and the assembly of finished parts were all clearly shown and gave a very good general impression of the methods of production.

The general development and scientific principles underlying the functioning of the petrol engine, diesel engine and gas turbine have been featured and most boys have been able to appreciate the value of physics in understanding these engines.

## FENCING

*Captain :* K. S. Kreuchen. *Vice-Captain :* J. W. Tarkowski.

We were very unfortunate this term to lose our Italian fencing master. However, we have a new professor coming, and we are pleased to welcome him, since we have the London Schoolboys Fencing Championships in March. The club congratulates K. S. Kreuchen on his re-award of full colours, and J. W. Tarkowski on his award of full colours. This is the first time that we have had two boys with full colours in the club. We also congratulate N. C. Bishop, A. J. R. Berry, and P. T. Libby on their awards of half colours.

As I have previously said, the London Schoolboys Fencing Championship is to be held in March. This year, it is to be held here at Wandsworth School, on the 13th, 14th and 15th of March. As the club has greatly expanded, we are entering a large number of boys. The results of this competition will be given in the next issue of The Link.

The club has continued to meet regularly every dinner-time, and the club which used to be held on Tuesdays, now takes place on Mondays. We are in debt to Mr. G. King and Mr. Roberts for the help which they have rendered us. Since the last issue of The Link, we have had three matches. The first was against the masters, when the boys won the foil match. However, the masters showed their superiority in sabre and epée. The second match was against the London Fencing Club, in which we drew 8—8. The latest match to date was against the Elliott School. The junior team, who were fencing together for the first time, lost narrowly.

N. C. Bishop, U5, C.B.

## FIVES

*Captain :* G. Wort. *Hon. Secretary :* D. Ayshford.

| | | Games | | Points | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | For | Against | For | Against |
| v. Strand ... ... | Home | 6 | 2 | 107 | 67 |
| v. St. Marylebone ... | Away | 1 | 7 | 74 | 115 |
| v. Sloane ... ... | Away | 5 | 3 | 89 | 69 |
| v. Sir Walter St. Johns | Away | 0 | 8 | 34 | 120 |
| v. Henry Thornton ... | Home | 6 | 2 | 106 | 79 |
| v. Hackney ... ... | Home | 3 | 5 | 86 | 92 |
| v. Henry Thornton ... | Home | 4 | 4 | 93 | 94 |
| v. Hackney ... ... | Away | 2 | 6 | 69 | 105 |
| v. Strand ... ... | Home | 2 | 6 | 88 | 105 |
| v. St. Marylebone ... | Home | 4 | 4 | 75 | 97 |
| Total | | 33 | 47 | 821 | 943 |

From the results above you can see that we have had only moderate success in the Marchant Cup Competition. The team has been chosen from the following six players:—D. Ayshford, J. Francis, M. Ginn, B. Johnston, I. Thirlwall and G. Wort. This term we have played new younger players in the school team to give them experience of inter-school matches. This policy partly explains our moderate record this term, but we hope that the benefit of this experience, they have gained, will be reaped next season.

This year we have also played a number of friendly matches against junior teams from other schools. The first of these friendly matches was

an under 14 match against Sir Walter St. Johns. Although we lost, our first pair, K. Bindon and N. Haley, must be congratulated on winning two games against a hitherto undefeated team. They were well supported by the other six members of the team, namely: K. Nebbett, D. Snare, R. Alder, J. Pierce, S. Atack and P. Pelling.

There was also an under 15 match against Henry Thornton. The members of the team were D. Alison, C. Fogg, M. Ginn and R. Pritchard. This was their first inter-school fixture and all members of the team played very well, although once again we were narrowly defeated. We drew on games but unfortunately lost by 98—92. At the time of writing we also have Under 14 and Under 15 fixtures against Hackney and St. Marylebone.

These games will prove to be invaluable to these boys when they, in the very near future, become eligible for the schools' first team.

D. AYSHFORD, U6Sc,

## GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY— PROGRESS DURING SPRING TERM

This society has woven its way in very well with the many other societies of the school. This is the fifth term of its existence and we now have about thirty keen, regular members, consisting of first and second year boys. As our meetings are only held once a fortnight we have only had three meetings up to the time of writing.

The first meeting consisted of a talk (illustrated by films) about various places in Great Britain. This was given by our club founder Mr. Marchington. This was thoroughly enjoyed.

The second meeting was again a talk, by Mr. Finbow about a trip he made to Scotland. This talk, which was again illustrated by films, was very enjoyable.

On the night of the third meeting, Mr. Köhlert gave us the second of his film-lectures. This very instructive talk was about his visit to Scandinavia, and we learnt some very interesting things about Sweden and Finland. He has promised us another film-lecture which we all look forward to.

The Geographical Society is held every other Thursday and new members are always welcome.

D. BATEMAN, Gc, Form 2.

## HISTORY SOCIETY—(LOWER SCHOOL)

"Streets and Professions" was the key phrase which united a London tour during the Christmas holidays. Beginning at Mayfair and Shepherd's Market, we glanced at the Albany, then took in Saville Row (Tailors), Harley Street (Doctors)—noting the B.B.C., and the house of Elizabeth Barrett Browning in Wimpole Street, en route—and glanced off at a tangent for Charing Cross Road (Booksellers). We had our lunch in Soho Square, giving a thought to the boy Thomas De Quincey, the English Opium-Eater, after which, a lightning tour of the National Portrait Gallery followed, having signed the Visitors' Book that Wandsworth School had passed those portals. Our pièce de résistance in the afternoon was a performance of Cecil B. de Mille's film "The Ten Commandments" at the Plaza, a spectacle which we thought was interesting for its portrayal of life in Ancient Egypt.

Mr. Peter Jackson (author-illustrator of "The Evening News" feature "See London") has very kindly addressed us again, armed (literally!) with another welter of historical curiosities. His first visit co-incided with the 'flu epidemic last term. This time we did him good justice. There must have been an audience of about fifty, numbering three or four members of the staff.

On the 5th February, our serious historians journeyed together to the fine and scholarly History of Wandsworth Exhibition, arranged at Earlsfield Library. We looked respectfully at maps, photos, books and title deeds, but our eyes glinted at a sword from the Battle of Culloden.

By no means the least successful meeting this term was conducted by two members, James House and Derek Thorne. They had actually put Mr. Peter Jackson's advice into practice and, exploiting his territory, had found old things on the banks of the Thames. These two members are to be congratulated for not merely talking to us and holding our attention well, but using plenty of visual material—objects held up as well as drawings prepared beforehand on the board—and using them with a dexterity that made one member of the teaching profession blush! (Or should he have cried with Simon de Montfort, " It was from me that they learned it!"?).

These items are the cake. Our bread and butter diet was consumed on what we call " Free " evenings in the History Room, when models have been made in teams, for the Eisteddfod.

When this article appears, it is hoped to have persuaded a member of Wimbledon College to come along with some nests of red ants. But how these can enter even our liberal conception of History must wait until next time.

**HOCKEY** On Friday, the 21st of February, eleven members of the 1st XV turned out against the girls of Mayfield. The boys received tuition for the game from a reading of a library book. When we came onto the field we were astounded by the crowd which had turned up to watch the game. However, we soon settled down and played a clean fast game; the girls however took some hard bumps. The girls scored first but we did not fail our supporters and retaliated to draw the game. On behalf of the team, I should like to thank the referee and the girls for a most enjoyable game and an excellent tea afterwards. Soon, we hope to have a return match with the girls, and hope that it will be as successful.

RICHARD MOODY, U6Sc, Pb.

TEAM:—J. Davies, J. D. Carr, J. Tudgay, R. T. J. Moody, H. Potter, K. Robins, D. Simpson, D. Rees, G. L. Wilson, K. Denyer, D. M. Holdich.

**INTER-SIXTH SOCIETY** Since the last account of the activities of this Society, there has been one event on which to report. This was a half-day conference on " The Function of the Press ", held at Sir Walter St. John's School on January 27th. A large body of our Sixth Form, together with those of Mayfield, Putney High, and Sir Walter St. John's, heard a most edifying and entertaining account of the life and work of the modern journalist, the speaker being Mr. Preston Benson, Features Editor of " The Star ". Discussion groups followed the talk, and after tea, a panel of distinguished journalists answered our questions. We express our gratitude to Dr. Presswood for the hospitality he showed to the Society by offering the use of his school for the meeting.

In March the Inter-Sixth Society dance is to be held. This year Mayfield School is undertaking the organisation of the occasion, and we hope it will be enjoyed by all Wandsworth School Sixth-Formers.

Finally, we should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Headmaster for the continued interest he takes in our activities, and also of saying farewell to Mr. Thom who has played such a large part in the organisation of the year's work.

G. W. WILLIS, LVIA, G.C.
P. T. LIBBY, LVISc, M.A.

**LITERARY AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY** The Society has continued over the past term to offer opportunities to boys to visit plays at the Old Vic Theatre. Following very enjoyable and memorable visits to " Hamlet ", " The Tempest ", and " A Midsummer Night's Dream ", two visits this term have so far been arranged to see " King Lear ".

The Society has now become firmly established in its wide usefulness to boys who might otherwise miss the chance of seeing Shakespeare performed at his best, and it will continue to function for this purpose.

This term we say good-bye to Mr. Thom, the founder of the Literary and Dramatic Society. It is with great regret that we see him go after several years of keen organisation with a spirit of true friendliness to all our members. I should like to express our deep thanks to him for his work, and to acknowledge our obligation to him for having opened a new field of literary activities that will continue after his departure.

## MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

Our customary meeting with Mayfield took place this term on 23rd January. After tea and biscuits we had a varied programme of short scenes, games and songs, in French and German. We have to thank Herr Köhlert and Monsieur Reichard for the great help they gave in the organisation of this meeting, which was voted a success by all who attended. We were glad to welcome an increasing number of fifth formers this time.

By the time this report appears, we hope to have started periodic lunchtime meetings. The first is planned as a session of light French Records.

A.M.L.

## THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The Photographic Society is now in full swing. At the beginning of term the following officers were elected:—G. Wort—Chairman, P. G. Lewis — Treasurer, M. J. Cowling — Secretary, Mr. D. J. Smith — Staff Representative.

The club is lucky in possessing a well-equipped dark-room, an enlarger for negatives from 35 mm. to $2\frac{1}{4}$" by $3\frac{1}{4}$", a glazer and drying cupboard, and all materials necessary for developing and printing films and plates. A small fee of three-pence is charged per session in the dark-room, but all chemicals are free, though owing to a slight deficit in last year's account, a tighter hold will be kept on club "papers", which are sold very cheaply.

The Society night is usually on Tuesday at 4 o'clock in G.S.2. This term Mr. Holmes gave a very interesting and learned lecture on his own colour slides, we only wished he could have had more time. Forthcoming attractions are slide film shows from both Kodak and Ilford, and also a visit to some interesting photographic spots, one day at the end of the Summer Term, for all keen photographers.

New members are welcome!

M. J. COWLING, *Hon. Secretary.*

## THE RAILWAY CLUB

At the end of last term P. G. Lewis with help of R. M. Vincent-Townend gave a very amusing talk on the "history!" of the L.B. & S.W.R. This is a most unusual railway in a garden within 150 yards of the school.

This term began with a film "This is York", which gave an interesting account of a day in the life of a railway station. This film was well above the standard of the films we usually receive from British Railways.

At the next meeting Mr. Bacchus gave us some facts and figures about British Railways. He was aided by Mr. Spearing who gave us some graphs to illustrate the points.

A fortnight later P. Leverick and P. Taylor, helped by B. Jones talked on their model railways. These are made up almost entirely by proprietary components, showing what can be done with very little skill to make an effective railway.

All the meetings have been well attended, and we would be pleased to see many more boys, especially those in the lower school, willing to give talks to the club.

P. J. DRAIN.

## RUGBY

### FIRST XV

*Captain :* J. T. Davies. *Vice-Captain :* J. D. Carr.
*Secretary :* R. T. J. Moody.

Since the last report in this magazine, the fortunes of the 1st XV have considerably brightened. The team has risen from the inglorious record of one victory and five losses, to the more respectable record of seven victories, two draws, and seven losses. Apart from the core of stalwarts, the whole team, which has been different each week due to injuries, has combined into a forceful, skillful body, under the able captaincy of J. T. Davies who has been consistent and reliable in the three-quarters. J. D. Carr and D. Simpson have now succeeded in combining well together at scrum-half and fly-half respectively. The forwards have played well throughout the season, with J. Tudgay, A. Thrower and M. Halsey being outstanding in the loose scrums and line-outs. P. Rees has been a reliable member of the team, putting in some fine kicking and tackling. Also P. Gillingham at full-back seems to have overcome most of his nervousness and is now a very safe player. All of last years colts who have been in the team have certainly lived up to their reputation of being fine players, even though they are still two years younger than the members of the other school teams we play.

R. T. J. Moody, *Hon. Secretary.*

Results:—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| v. St. Olaves (Away) ... ... ... | Drawn | 3—3 |
| v. Windsor (Home) ... ... ... ... | Lost | 3—20 |
| v. Sutton (Home) ... ... ... ... | Won | 23—11 |
| v. Chiswick (Away) ... ... ... | Won | 8—12 |
| v. Harrow (Away) ... ... ... ... | Lost | 64—3 |
| v. Old Wandsworthians (Away) ... ... | Won | 13—14 |
| v. Selhurst (Home) ... ... ... ... | Won | 3—0 |
| v. R.A.F. Halton (Away) ... ... ... | Won | 5—8 |
| v. Brockley (Home) ... ... ... | Lost | 6—8 |
| v. Selhurst (Away) ... ... ... ... | Won | 0—3 |

We congratulate the writer, R. Moody, on being chosen to play for Surrey Senior Colts again in their match against Middlesex.

—J. T. Davies, *Captain.*

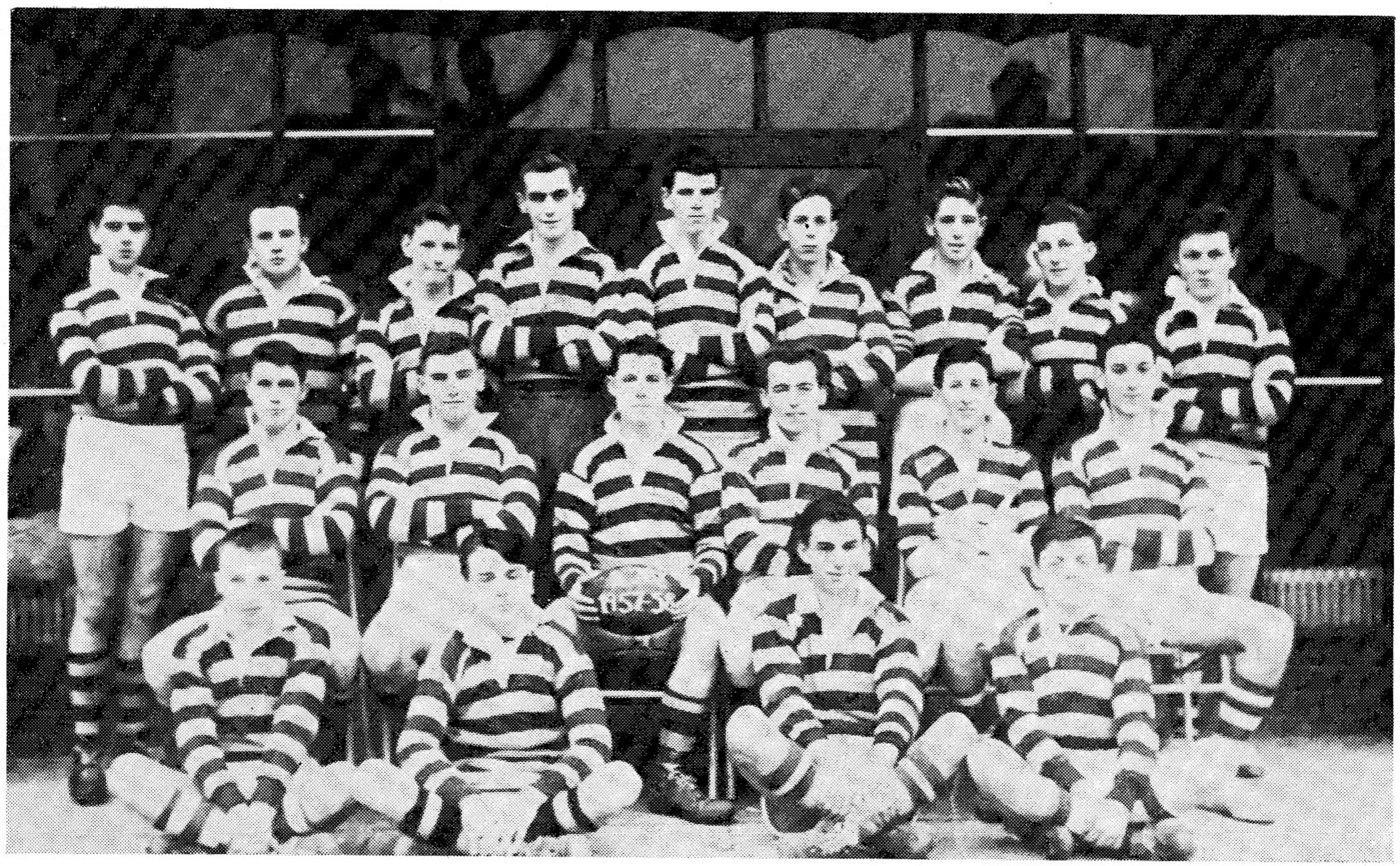
### SECOND XV

The two early successes of the Second XV were followed by a series of heavy defeats towards the end of the Autumn term. Since then, the team has been unsettled mainly due to the natural demands of the First XV for replacements of injured or absent players and by epidemics of Asian 'flu and other odd ailments. But far more important in its effects has been the apparent indifference of several players. It has been difficult to arouse any team spirit in their condition, and in fact morale reached rock bottom in certain games such as that against Selhurst (away) which was lost 54—0. Recently, practically the same team drew with Selhurst 6—6. Although playing ability has not been improved a great deal, a new spirit has definitely emerged. The team no longer tends to give up hope but fights back with admirable enthusiasm and determination.

The forwards have played quite well throughout the season. W. Andrews, R. M. Bone, C. Mulligan and A. Reisman have been particularly prominent whilst F. Shons has proved an adept hooker. They have been




*Back Row :* G. L. Wilson, H. Potter, M. R. M. Smith, F. Carter, D. Holdich, K. Robins, L. Congdon, D. G. Simpson.
*Centre :* K. Denyer, J. D. Carr, J. T. Davies, R. Moody, A. Thrower, J. E. B. Hunt.
*Front :* P. Gillingham, P. Rees.



*Back Row :* M. R. M. Smith, A. A. Reisman, W. Andrews, D. Mount, J. Sharp, C. A. Mulligan, M. W. Dodd, J. G. Wilson, P. A. Veale.

*Centre :* R. Pooley, R. Bone, H. Potter, J. West, D. Stewardson, M. D. Levy, C. I. Smart, W. F. Fuller, G. A. Smith, F. R. Shons.

ably supported on various occasions by D. Mount, D. Stewardson, J. Sharp, M. Levy, G. Smith, P. Jackaman and A. D. Brittain. W. Fuller has played extremely well at scrum-half and has endeavoured to bring his three-quarters into action. Unfortunately we have not yet found a dependable three-quarter line that works as an efficient unit, but this could be remedied by the keenness now being shown by M. Smith, P. Veale, L. Congdon, J. West and C. I. Smart who have tightened up the game both in attack and defence. R. Pooley has recently proved himself a most competent full-back a position which he undertook from the very reliable Peter Veale who skillfully captained the team against Selhurst. Since Christmas, two new players have joined the team namely D. Allenby and F. S. Styles. They were introduced by Mr. Morris whom we thank for the most invaluable advice and interest he has shown.

Finally, a mention must be made of the enthusiastic reserves who have always willingly filled the places of any absentees: R. E. Stillman, J. G. Wilson, M. Dodd and D. Crosbie-Hill.

HOWARD POTTER, P.b., UVIEcon., *Captain.*

## COLTS XV

The team has had a successful season losing only two out of fourteen games played, and three have been drawn. The team has played well on the whole, the forwards being ably led by A. Nicholl and backed up by M. Norman and G. Dawber. As hooker, J. Brown has got the ball out many times, and F. Evans has earned a reputation for his fearless tackling.

R. Burge as fly-half has combined well with I. Evans at scrum-half, and the centre three-quarters B. Eadie and T. Harnley have always been very sound in their defensive tackling. The full-back, J. Bullingham, has played well, and his coming up as the extra man in the three-quarters as well as his place kicking has resulted in the scoring of many points.

At the time of going to press two teams are taking part in the Surrey Seven-a-Side Competition—results in the next issue.

The following boys have represented the Colts:—B. Eadie (Captain), F. Evans (Vice-Captain), A. Nicholl, B. Burge, M. Norman, G. Dawber, J. Brown, T. Harnley, R. Price, J. Bullingham, D. Crook, J. Pinnock, M. Prestedge, R. Baker, R. Reid and R. Lansdell.

We congratulate R. Burge on being picked for the Surrey Colts.

B. EADIE, 4Pi, Ga.

## JUNIOR XV

This team began the season with a very poor side, with little natural talent to be found particularly in the three-quarters. However, from the start, a hard core of players showed that they were anxious to learn to play the game as it should be played and their enthusiasm has produced a side that is at least workmanlike in its approach to the art and also shows considerable promise. The team has been fortunate in its choice of Captain, for K. Nebbett's quiet and unassuming determination to produce a good quality side is now beginning to bear fruit. The most remarkable thing about the side has been its willingness to follow instructions on the field and for this all members deserve full credit. Vice-Captain D. M. Snare has struggled manfully with a very mixed set of backs and has initiated constructive movements which have led to some copy-book tries. However, the early teachings of Soccer to which so many of the three-quarters were apprenticed, too often make for clumsy fly-hacking which serves no useful purpose. We have been fortunate at full-back where D. Skinner's gallant and ferocious tackling have surprised many hefty opponents, including our own B. C. Cook, on one occasion. M. King and K. Bindon deserve mention as our most promising backs, whereas Cook, despite his lack of finesse, has proved a most effective centre.

The scrum, under B. V. Sandford's leadership, has gradually grown into a purposeful group although much aimless kicking still goes on occasionally. R. H. Brennan deserves considerable credit for his forceful play and sportsmanship. A. J. Green's work in the lines-out and J. A. Pierce's solid contribution to the pack have provided a firm foundation for the building of a compact unit of some usefulness.

RESULTS:—

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| Sept. 14th. | Marylebone (Away) ... ... | Lost | 6—9 |
| Sept. 21st. | Chartesey (Home) ... ... | Won | 25—0 |
| Sept. 28th. | Mitcham (Home) ... ... | Won | 40—8 |
| Oct. 5th. | William Ellis (Away) ... ... | Won | 22—0 |
| Oct. 12th. | Bec. (Away) ... ... ... | Won | 8—0 |
| Oct. 26th. | Purley (Away) ... ... ... | Won | 3—0 |
| Nov. 2nd. | St. Olaves (Home) ... ... | Drawn | 3—3 |
| Nov. 16th. | Chiswick (Home) ... ... | Lost | 6—16 |
| Nov. 23rd. | Harrow (Home) ... ... | Won | 15—6 |
| Dec. 7th. | Selhurst (Home) ... ... | Won | 12—6 |
| Jan. 13th. | Forest Hill (Home) ... ... | Won | 25—0 |
| Feb. 15th. | Brockley (Home) ... ... | Won | 12—6 |
| Feb. 22nd. | Selhurst (Away) ... ... | Won | 29—0 |

**THE STAMP CLUB** The Stamp Club has continued to flourish and is attended by a keen, though small number of stamp collectors. Several talks and displays have been given by members. A Phillips (1 sigma) gave a fascinating display of early colonial stamps. R. Poppelsdorff (Form 1) has shewn his collection of Italy, linking his stamps with his own personal reminiscences of the country. A visit to the National Stamp Exhibition has been arranged for March, and the term will conclude with the customary auction of stamps.

**SWIMMING** Despite the snow and ice of February the group has been carrying on with swimming and life saving training. This term the following boys (a record number) gained the Bronze Medallion of the Royal Life Saving Society: G. C. Alderson, G. C. Atack, R. F. Brown, D. J. Collman, D. J. Cooper, B. H. Dunlop, V. B. Jenkins, D. H. Mackenzie, H. Potter, P. L. Silverman, M. R. Smith, M. S. Tiffin, R. H. Towers, G. C. White.

**PARENTS ASSOCIATION** Since the last issue of The Link your Council have completed a project which they have had under discussion for some time, that is the recording of the School Choir. To those who have had the pleasure of hearing the Choir can now be added the pleasure of hearing it on 12 inch double-sided record. The quality is first class and our thanks must go to the Choir, Mr. Burgess their conductor, and the recording engineer. These records can be obtained through your son from the School for 7/6d. We were able to obtain relief from tax by courtesy of the Customs and Excise.

The Council at their last meeting decided to award two prizes for the best all-round boy at sport and these prizes were duly given at the annual prize giving in February.

At our annual Christmas party a really large crowd attended and thoroughly enjoyed an evening of games and competitions organised by Mr. S. Smith and although about 100 prizes were given away yet we still made a profit of £26 0s. 0d.

The careers evening which was organised with the intention of helping parents on choosing careers for their boys was very poorly attended despite a brilliant panel of men who are at the top of their professions.