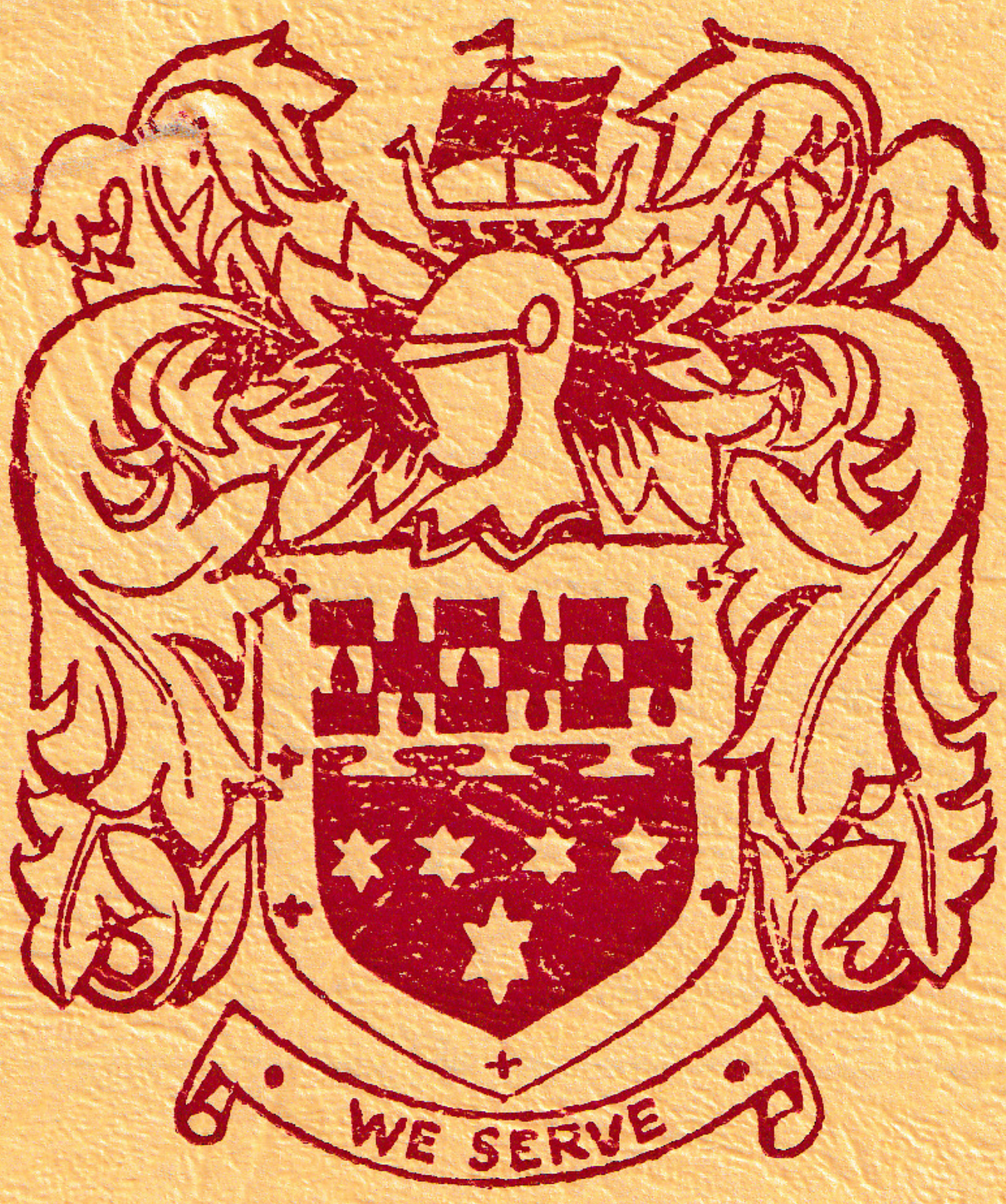
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HEADMASTER'S NOTES

Next September when Forms 2 move to the Main School the whole range of courses will have been instituted. They all aim at giving boys as good a general secondary education as their abilities and capacities for effort and perseverance permit, together with the stimulus and interest of a special bias or emphasis according to the individual's particular bent. Our organisation then will be virtually complete.

There will be a net increase of seven forms in the Main School and more of the higher forms will be up to their full quota. In addition we shall have rather more boys, although the same number of forms, in the Lower School. Total numbers will be in the region of 1,900.

Since it is the Main School that will take most of the increase, about 250 boys, our capacity to move about without congestion or disorder will be put to further test. There will be a considerably smaller increase in 1959 and smaller still in 1960. The latter is the peak year not only for our own school population but for the whole secondary system. After that, with the passing of the "bulge", pressure is expected to ease and we may be able to reduce numbers if desirable.

Although some other schools exceed our present number of pupils, Wandsworth is officially rated as the biggest maintained secondary school in London, and probably in the country, because this is reckoned by "unit total" and pupils count proportionately more as they grow older. It is the upper school element that gives us the lead. That I confidently hope will grow larger still as more boys realise the great advantages of higher qualifications and Sixth Form status in the industrial and commercial world as well of course as in the professions. Wandsworth does not cease to be a grammar school because it has now incorporated a technical school and added a variety of other secondary courses. Grammar and Technical are where they should be as integral parts of a complete and comprehensive secondary service.

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To appreciate and understand the trend of English secondary education, of which Wandsworth is at the spear head, I commend to interested readers of these notes a book to which I was asked to write the concluding section, putting the contributions of more than a dozen heads of similar schools all over the country into the perspective of English educational development. The book was published by the N.U.T. in June, 1958, under the title "Inside the Comprehensive School". It is a widely anticipated book that will find its way into most public libraries, and is likely to be added by our Parents' Council to their loan collection.

A new educational journal to be named "Forum" is being launched in October next and is intended to give more attention than current educational periodicals to the newer trends and developments in education. For the first article in the first number, the Editors have asked for a "progress report" on the comprehensive reorganisation of secondary education in London. It is time this was written up, and I have been gathering the material for the article during the little spare time I have had this term. It will record a remarkable piece of educational history.

I want to record the School's congratulations to Mr. Payne upon his election as one of half a dozen European experts to attend an important Conference of educational leaders from all the Asian countries to be held in Tokyo in September. This is in connection with Unesco's "East-West" Project, about which those of you who are linked up with C.E.W.C. and its activities will have heard a good deal. Mr. Payne is co-secretary with a Ministry of Education official of the Text-Books Committee of the U.K. National Commission for Unesco, that is concerned with the exchange of text-books and teaching methods and materials between the nations. It is his distinguished work for this Committee, including his contribution to the success of a similar meeting of experts in Paris in 1956, rather than the fact that I am Chairman of the Committee, that brought about his selection for this highly responsible mission. I hope he will tell us something about his visit to Tokyo in the next "Link".

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One result of appointing outstanding teachers in the various departments of the School is that they are soon offered headship of departments or subjects in other schools. And so we regret losing such successful and stimulating teachers as Mr. Marratt and Mr. Read-Collins, the former to the headship of the Religious Education department at Battersea Grammar School and the latter to one of the key Housemastership posts at the new comprehensive school at Holland Park. Mr. Warwick is going to take charge of Russian at Bemrose School, Derby, and Mr. Radley, and two of our Physical Education masters, Mr. Kirby and Mr. Wiltshire, are promoted to special responsibility posts at other schools. Mr. Gabriel who has already held posts as Head of Science departments at home and abroad, could only offer us one year's service as chief chemistry master, and we were lucky to get him, though only for a year. Mr. Robertson, who gave us temporary help in 1953, again came to fill the gap left by Mr. Thom, but only for the Summer Term.

We wish all these colleagues of ours well and thank them for what they have done for the School.

Replacements and additional staff will total 17. We shall record our welcome to them in the next issue. I may however, mention Mr. J. F. Pearcy, the new Head of the Mathematics Department, a post still held until September by Mr. Clode, in addition to the Deputy Headship of the School. Another Old Boy joins us, J. G. Bourton. And we welcome back to full-time duty, and as Head of the English Department, Mr. R. Waters.

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Congratulations to Gibbon House upon winning the Inter-House Athletics championship. Gibbon also won this year's Eisteddfod.

As Headmaster of the School I wish to record a deserved tribute to the joint Head Prefects for the year. The office of Head Boy in Wandsworth School is clearly one of the most onerous and exacting of such posts in the country and demands exceptional qualities of character. Following Hore and Simons who served last year, Wort and Ayshford have similarly discharged their great responsibilities with quite exceptional credit. The expanded school has been most fortunate so far in its chief prefects: let us hope their successors will be of the same calibre.

The session following the Parents' Association Annual General Meeting on 9th May, was at the special request of the Parents' Council again provided by Mr. Burgess, whom along with an ever welcome old friend, Mr. Keyte, and members of the Choir and Orchestra we thank for a delightful musical hour.

A number of us, members of staff and of 5 epsilon and 5 omega, have been having a series of discussions with Dr. Hauser on the meaning and nature of "leadership" in a democratic Welfare State. His methods have been interesting, original and provocative. Whether they have had any effect, we understand, may not be apparent for some time. He believes in sowing ideas which may germinate and take root later.

Dr. Hauser has been accompanied by his wife who is a brilliant pianist and sister and accompanist of Yehudi Menuhin.

Two new area advisory committees have been formed this term in which representations of a few Schools, where technical studies are well developed, their Governors, Employers Associations, and the appropriate Trade Unions along with the Youth Employment Service meet to discuss education for Building and Engineering respectively. The first meeting of the Building Advisory Committee took place at Wandsworth School on 17th June.

We watch with an interested anticipation the progress of the Wandsworthians Memorial Sports Ground and Pavilion. The Old Boys are doing much of the constructional work themselves. During Whit week-end they got the roof on to the piers of the pavilion so that the inside work can continue under shelter. They are hoping to play Rugger on the ground this next season and possibly Cricket next summer.

I trust all present boys will feel that they have a stake in this enterprise, and that this term's Fête will provide a substantially encouraging subsidy.

It is a pleasure to congratulate Mr. Green, late secretary of the Parents' Association, and Mrs. Finch, who has given 25 years service to the Parents' Catering Committee, upon their election as Vice-Presidents and Mr. Scott upon his re-election.

Mrs. Finch, faithful and helpful as ever, was at Beverley Meads preparing tea for the teams when I visited the Old Boys Match on June 7th.

We have a remarkable record of success in the South London Grammar Schools Cross-Country Race. This year we again won the Trophy, the decisive factor being the tremendous lead the junior team gave us.

Congratulations, too, to the Juniors in winning the Wandsworth Schools Swimming Championship Shield.

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The School warmly congratulates Mr. V. C. Matthews upon his selection to represent England in the Empire and Commonwealth Games at Cardiff in July.

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We welcome the appearance of a new book by a member of the Staff: (*Why So Angry*: Sir Richard Acland: *Gollancz, 16s.*) I suggest that a member of the Sixth Form might review it for next term's Link.

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Mr. Lam of the Far Eastern service of the B.B.C. came along to the School on 24th June and made tape-recordings which will broadcast a description of Wandsworth School to that part of the world.

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All Wandsworthians, past and present, will learn with interest and pride that Canon John Waddington, vicar of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, has been appointed Provost of St. Edmundsbury Cathedral. In the same issue of *The Times* (30th June) that contained his photograph and notice of his appointment, the name of our former colleague, Mr. Haggard, appears in the list of successful Ordination Candidates.

EDITORIAL

Occupying the honorary post of Magazine Editor, I feel I ought to write an editorial in this my last term. As I have never written an editorial I hope you will sympathise with this, my first and undoubtedly my last effort!

I would like to thank all defaulters, for providing me with some unbelievable and amusing excuses for defaulting prefect's detention. I rather enjoyed tackling the defaulter's list in the morning.

I would like to remind boys that prefects are fairly human and do not give detentions generally, for no reason at all.

To clear up a small matter: L.S.S.O. stands for London School's Symphony Orchestra.

My stay at this school has been a happy one, and I trust that other boys will find theirs so. Although, firmly, one of the "Old School", I can fully realize the advantages of these new buildings.

I wish to thank all masters who have assisted me in any way in my time at this school and members of Morley C.

BRIAN C. JOHNSTON, U6Ec, Mc.

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

H.M. Government, as requested by the United Nations, has set aside the second Wednesday in June, to be celebrated in Britain as World Children's Day. This year, the first year, it fell upon June 11th. In order to help to make better known the work of those many organisations which serve to improve the health and well-being of children throughout the world, and in particular the work of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), an exhibition was opened in the library classroom on Wednesday, June 11th, and attracted many visitors from all parts of the school. A modest but useful voluntary collection was taken for the "Save the Children Fund", which cares for needy children here and overseas.

Visitors were able to read messages from H.M. the Queen, and from the Minister of Education, Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, and to study a variety of posters and booklets, as well as a display of library books about life in other lands.

It was suggested that boys might assist in this important international field of endeavour, as well as in the broader field of international co-operation generally in the following way, many of which have already engaged the interest of pupils of this school.

(1) Supporting the Unesco Gift Coupon Scheme;
(2) Buying and selling Unicef Christmas Cards;
(3) Making as many "foreign" friends as possible from those who now live in this country;
(4) Writing to pen-friends overseas;
(5) Getting to know more about the work of such U.N. bodies as Unicef and passing the knowledge on to others;
(6) Regularly contributing to the Save the Children Fund;
(7) Reading books and articles about the life of children (and adults) in other lands, especially in the materially less advanced areas;
(8) Becoming a regular contributor to *Newsclub*, the monthly journal for young people of international affairs.

W.E.P.

THIS YEAR'S EISTEDDFOD

The Eisteddfod for this year took place with some modifications to the usual programme. Much time having been devoted to the work which went on in connection with last October's Opening Day, it was thought that certain traditional items of the Eisteddfod, notably the drama competition, should be omitted, so as not to interrupt unduly the routine work of the school. Nevertheless, there was a full programme of events, the number of entries was again large, and the standard of work and performance satisfactorily high. There was one innovation worthy of note in the introduction of a Junior Section of the Public Speaking Competition, which may well become a permanent feature of the Eisteddfod. Indeed, as the school expands, it may be found desirable to extend the scope of the competition further by enabling less able boys, as well as the younger ones, to participate in greater numbers in carefully graded sections.

April 1st was the occasion of the customary Eisteddfod Concert held in the Great Hall, where the section winners gave their performances, or exhibited their work; supplementary items consisting of music by Purcell,

Handel and Warlock, were given by the choir and orchestra, under Mr. Burgess. It is regretted that the hall was not filled to capacity, for the concert is one of the highlights of the School year which ought not to be missed. During the interval, the Eisteddfod Trophy was presented by the wife of the headmaster, Mr. H. Raymond King, who himself presented the certificates.

The competition resulted in a win for Gibbon House with 136½ points, closely followed by Cromwell House with 130½, and Morley with 126 points. Pitt House was last with 107 points.

1958 EISTEDDFOD RESULTS

SECTION 1 — MUSIC

(1st, 2nd, etc. awards are indicated in brackets)

Piano (Elem.)—Cromwell: T. Davies (1). Gibbon: J. Hillier (3). Morley: A. Dailey (2), M. J. Georges (3). Pitt: C. Hutchins (4).

Piano (Inter.)—Cromwell: I. Cross (3), B. L. Sawyer (4). Gibbon: A. Jefferies (4). Morley: M. G. Coysh (1), D. M. Eden (4). Pitt: I. A. Cobb (1), P. N. Cassidy (2).

Piano (Advan.)—Gibbon: G. W. Willis (1).

Violin (Elem.)—Morley: R. H. Jones (2).

Violin (Inter.)—Morley: K. Gerry (2), E. G. Coysh (3), G. J. Freeman (4). Pitt: I. A. Cobb (1).

Violin (Advan.)—Morley: B. C. Johnston (1), K. Gerry (4). Pitt: I. A. Cobb (2).

Cello (Elem.)—Cromwell: C. Brightley (3). Morley: D. P. Grant (4).

Cello (Inter.)—Morley: J. A. Lally (2).

Cello (Advan.)—Gibbon: G. W. Willis (1).

Unbroken Voices—Cromwell: R. Evans (1). Gibbon: K. Stratford (2). Morley: R. Knight (4), C. Davison (4).

Broken Voices (Tenor)—Pitt: P. N. Cassidy (1).

Baritone—Morley: K. Gerry (1), I. Thirlwall (4), P. Townson (4.

Bass—Gibbon: G. W. Willis (1). Morley: B. C. Johnston (1).

Brass—Morley: R. J. Levens (4). Pitt: J. Jewkes (1), M. P. Mitchell (2), D. Sneil (2).

Recorder—Cromwell: B. McIntyre (3). Morley: K. Gerry (2). Pitt: P. Hedges (3).

Miscellaneous—Gibbon: D. Graham (4), B. Brind (4).

SECTION 2 — LITERARY COMPOSITION

(1st, 2nd, etc. awards are indicated in brackets)

Essay (Junior)—Cromwell: G. Austin (2), I. Donno (2), A. McInnes (3), D. Evans (4). Gibbon: J. W. England (3), D. Bateman (3), T. C. Vooght (4), P. C. Farr (2). Morley: P. J. Daintree (3), D. J. Green (3), J. Fuller (4), D. McArthur (4). Pitt: D. A. Thorne (1), J. Ellyatt (3), D. B. Major (3).

Essay (Inter.)—Cromwell: J. Condon (3), S. Nandanwar (3), D. Nathanson (3), D. Parker (3), G. A. Paul (3). Gibbon: A. Hearne (1), M. Hearne (2), R. Hunt (2), M. Kane (2), B. Jewitt (3). Morley: W. A. Breach (2), P. J. Garratt (2), J. Farrell (4). Pitt: R. Whitear (2), A. Feist (3), J. R. Smith (3), A. R. Young (3), H. Brocklebank (4).

Essay (Senior)—Cromwell: V. B. Jenkins (3), N. C. Bishop (4). Gibbon: F. R. Shons (2), B. Edwards (3), P. Jackaman (3). Morley: P. Trusty (3). Pitt: J. B. Martin (3), J. Cousins (3).

Poems (Junior)—Cromwell: J. K. Waters (4). Gibbon: K. Bright (1). Morley: J. Smith (1), I. Johnstone (3). Pitt: H. Greatwood (2).

Poems (Inter.)—Cromwell: J. Cowdrey (2), B. C. Cook (4). Morley: R. C. Pearson (3). Pitt: L. King (3), J. Vickers (3), B. V. Sandford (4), H. K. Spong (4).

Poems (Senior)—Morley: B. C. Johnston (1), J. G. Wilson (3). Pitt: A. Reisman (2).

Section 3 — SPEECH

(1st, 2nd, etc. awards are indicated in brackets)

Solo Reading (Senior)—Cromwell: R. C. Newman (4). Gibbon: G. W. Willis (2), G. P. Douel (4). Morley B. C. Johnston (2), P. J. Drain (3), G. W. Wort (3). Pitt: P. N. Cassidy (1).

Solo Reading (Inter.)—Cromwell: J. A. Bull (1), S. R. Kneebone (3), D. J. Morrison (3). Gibbon: M. C. Kane (4). Morley: J. A. Lally (2), R. Marshall (4).

Solo Reading (Junior)—Cromwell: J. E. Austin (1), I. Cross (2), P. Jenkins (3). Morley: R. A. Martin (3).

Public Speaking (Senior)—Cromwell: M. J. Halsey (2), J. A. Bull (3), A. W. Atkinson (4). Gibbon: G. W. Willis (1).

Public Speaking (Junior)—Gibbon: V. G. Hykel (1), G. E. House (2), M. C. Hudson (3). Morley: J. F. Michaels (3).

Section 4 — ART

(1st, 2nd, etc. awards are indicated in brackets)

Painting (Senior)—Cromwell: D. Brennan (1), M. Halsey (2), C. N. Crabtree (3). Gibbon: G. Douel (1), S. S. Tyson (1). Morley: D. Holdich (2), J. Proops (2). Pitt: H. Potter (1), B. D. Nelson (2), L. Cooke (3), J. Parsons (3).

Painting (Inter.)—Cromwell: G. A. Paul (1), A. R. Greene (2), R. Twyman (2). Gibbon: M. Maule (1), D. Hope (2), G. C. Hutson (2), J. Hiller (3), M. Ginn (4), R. Hebblethwaite (4). Morley: P. E. Webby (1), N. J. Rilstone (3), D. E. Snare (3), P. J. Garrett (4), R. Simons (4). Pitt: M. Gardiner (3), R. A. Young (3).

Painting (Junior)—Cromwell: R. Harris (2), D. Andrews (4). Gibbon: R. Benting (1), A. J. Davey (2), R. Gillies (2), D. Hillman (2), A. Sieracki (2), K. Fisher (3), L. Warner (4). Pitt: D. Thorne (1), M. Hutchinson (2), A. Clifford (3), R. Fulcher (3), B. Burridge (4), B. Collins (4).

Models (Inter.)—Gibbon: R. Hardy (1), P. Aplin (2).

Colour Lino Prints (Inter.)—Morley: A. C. Berry (1), J. Clarkson (2), E. Halls (3). Pitt: S. Rowe (4).

Lettering (Senior)—Cromwell: D. Brennan (1), R. Danks (3). Gibbon: L. Woodcock (2). Morley: D. Holdich (2), B. A. Jarvis (3). Pitt: R. Massey (2), H. Potter (2), R. Massey (3), R. T. Moody (3).

Section 4 — HOBBIES

Model Boats, Kitted (Senior)—Morley: K. Robins (2). Pitt: P. C. Green (3).

Model Boats, Kitted (Inter.)—Gibbon: I. Falkoner (2), G. S. Jones (3). Morley: A. Guy (4). Pitt: B. V. Sandford (1).

Model Boats, Kitted (Junior)—Gibbon: A. Mitson (2), M. Hudson (3), M. L. Ganney (4). Pitt: M. Pepler (1).

Model Boats, Non-Kitted (Senior)—Cromwell: M. Smith (1).

Model Boats, Non-Kitted (Inter.)—Morley: D. Richards (1).

Model Boats, Non-Kitted (Junior)—Cromwell: J. Duncan (4). Gibbon: G. Cooper (1), T. A. Johnson (3). Pitt: G. Collinson (2).

Aeroplanes, Flying (Senior)—Cromwell: R. Brown (2). Gibbon: P. Ollerenshaw (1).

Aeroplanes, Non-Flying (Senior)—Cromwell: R. Brown (2). Pitt: B. Jones (1).

Aeroplanes, Plastic (Senior)—Gibbon: F. R. Shons (1), L. R. Nobes (1). Morley: P. Libby (3). Pitt: B. Jones (2).

Aeroplanes, Flying (Inter.)—Pitt: A. J. Halestrap (1).

Aeroplanes, Non-Flying (Inter.)—Morley: D. A. Nichols (3).

Aeroplanes, Plastic (Inter.)—Morley: A. Chapman (1).

Aeroplanes, Flying (Junior)—Cromwell: J. Plummer (1). Morley: L. W. Pollard (3).

Aeroplanes, Non-Flying (Junior)—Cromwell: M. Page (2), C. J. Denning (3).

Aeroplanes, Plastic (Junior)—Cromwell: N. E. Griffiths (2). Gibbon: G. S. Cooper (1), R. R. Hughes (1). Pitt: M. J. Simpson (3).

Scientific Models (Inter.)—Gibbon: D. R. Haslam (1), G. J. Filbey (2).

Scientific Models (Junior)— Cromwell: P. J. Crossgrill (1), D. Wherrett (1), S. Hills (3). Pitt: S. Harper (4).

Geographical—Cromwell: G. Dyball, J. Craig, K. Bowers (Group 1).

Miscellaneous, Kitted (Inter.)—Gibbon: C. Holdsworth (1). Pitt: P. H. Everton (3).

Miscellaneous, Kitted (Junior)—Cromwell: E. R. Ellisdon (1), S. H. Mehlmann (2). Gibbon: K. Stratford (3). Pitt: D. Hunt (4).

Miscellaneous, Non-Kitted (Inter.)—Cromwell: B. S. Bedward (4). Morley: R. R. Knightley (1), A. W. Hyland (2), I. K. Crow (3).

Miscellaneous, Non-Kitted (Junior)—Cromwell: T. King (2), J. Nievergelt (3), I. Boulton (4). Gibbon: K. James (4).

History Models (Junior)—Cromwell: M. J. Wherrett (2). Gibbon: P. Warnham (4). Morley: M. Bellamy (3). Pitt: D. Stagg (1).

Collections, Stamps (Senior)—Cromwell: R. Müller (2).

Collections, Stamps (Inter.)—Cromwell: M. Burriss (2). Gibbon: C. Fogg (3). Pitt: L. Levene (3).

Collections, Stamps (Junior)—Cromwell: B. Barrow (1), N. Lingwood (3), D. Ainscough (4). Gibbon: P. Fogg (2), B. Woods (4).

Collections, Stamps (Novices)—Gibbon: J. House (4). Morley: P. Royer (2).

Miscellaneous (Senior)—Cromwell: C. N. Crabtree (1).

Miscellaneous (Junior)—Gibbon: G. Foulsham (1). Morley: C. Pearson (2). Pitt: C. Smith (2).

Photography (Senior)—Cromwell: M. J. Cowling (1). Gibbon: P. Veale (3), R. M. Vincent-Townend (3). Morley: A. Jarvis (2). Pitt: G. D. Reeks (1), G. D. Reeks (2).

Photography (Inter.)—Cromwell: D. J. Morrison (3). Gibbon: M. Maule (1). Morley: R. Donaldson (1), C. Rowland (2). Pitt: K. Lund (2), B. Johnson (3).

Photography (Junior)—Cromwell: L. G. Crosthwaite (1), J. Elson (1), T. Haynes (2), T. Perrett (2), R. Wilkins (2), I. G. Crosthwaite (3) Gibbon: A. Davey (1). Morley: A. R. Wigglesworth (2).

	Cromwell	Gibbon	Morley	Pitt
Music	13 (4)	18 (3)	40 (1)	29 (2)
Literary				
Composition ...	22½(4)	26 (2)	24 (3)	27½(1)
Speech	39 (1)	30 (2)	25 (3)	6 (4)
Art	22 (3)	34 (1)	19 (4)	25 (2)
Hobbies	34 (1)	28½(2)	18 (4)	19½(3)
TOTALS ...	130½	136½	126	107
	(2nd)	(1st)	(3rd)	(4th)

CHEMISTRY CORNER

In the Middle Ages, the workers in the Greek art of Khem i.e., the Alchemists, spent most of their energies in trying to make base metals into gold. This led to all kinds of trickery and gave them a bad name. From the earliest times, gold has been regarded as the perfect metal, having a pleasing colour, being easily worked and remaining untarnished in air and water. Its symbol was a circle, the hallmark of mathematical and chemical perfection! Further, in accordance with the practice of associating the known metals with celestial bodies, it was identified with the sun.

There were seven metals known to the ancients and these were linked with the seven most important celestial bodies, e.g., silver with the moon: copper with venus: quicksilver with mercury: iron with mars: lead with saturn and tin with jupiter. Further, each metal had its own symbol, e.g., silver, the moon-metal, a crescent; iron, the warrior's metal, a round shield and spear; whilst the other four metals each bore a small cross to show the connection between alchemy and religion! Copper, the metal most like gold, was represented by a circle with a cross underneath. All that was needed to change it into gold was to remove the evil spirit associated with it!

It is also interesting to know that the seven days of the week were also associated with the seven known metals, e.g., Sunday and Monday were the gold and silver days; Tuesday, the day of TIW, the Saxon war-god, similar to mars, connected with iron; Wednesday, Wodin's Day, equivalent to mercury, the fleet-footed messenger of the Gods, with quicksilver; Thursday—THOR'S DAY, the Anglo-Saxon jupiter, with tin; Friday—FRIGG'S DAY, the Goddess of Beauty's Day, with copper; Saturday— Saturn's Day, associated with lead.

Again, the order of the days of the week was fixed according to the old system of astronomy which regarded the earth as the centre of the solar system. In those days, astrology was an important branch of learning and day and night were divided into twelve planetary or unequal hours (because day and night vary in length throughout the year). The hour of one planet followed that of another in order of diminishing planetary distance from the earth. The day took its name from the hour with which it began; hence the order Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, etc., in use to this day.

More information on this, for those who are interested can be obtained from books in the school library.

CREAM — CAKE — SCHOOL

If my School was made of Cream,
The playground made of Ice,
And all The Children made of Spice,
It surely would be nice.

R. A. HARRIS, 1 Upsilon.

SPRING

The season of spring
Heralds happy times,
We smell the good earth
The scent of the pines.
The warmth of the sun
Is a very good reason,
To want to live
In England this season.

The sounds of the birds,
As aloft they swing,
Cheer this season in England
This season of spring.

G. HILLS, Form 1.

THE STORM

The thunder seemed to shake the flowers,
The lightning lit the sky,
The rain came down in torrents
As I was passing by.

I ran to find a shelter,
I stood and watched and gazed
At this miracle of nature
That had me quite amazed.

D. MARLEY, 1 Epsilon.

A TIP FOR SUNBATHERS

When you lie there getting fried,
And roasted till you're red.
Try to keep at least one side,
To lie upon in bed.

JOHN PARDOE, 3eta, Gg.

OUTSIDE THE WORLD'S ALIVE AND BRIGHT

Outside the world's alive and bright,
The people mill around in the heat of the summer night,
And the lighter evenings
Make for crowded streets and happy, smiling faces.
Surveying my dull, dishevelled room I realise how cold this place is.
The light is dim and ventilation poor,
The colours faded and dust lies deep upon the floor,
How I wish for better things.

From my grimy, small and only window
I watch the many men and fewer women pass below;
Unnoticed I'm as sad as I can be,
For they are intent purely on reaching their unknown destination.
This window is my only link with life. But for the noisy station
All would be silent, as silent as the milky moor
Which lights my cold and clammy home—this single room.

G. L. WILSON, L6G, Pb.

THE TRAMP

She comes into port all battered and worn,
Her hull streaked with rust, the deck canvas torn,
Then drops down her anchor with her old winch squeaking,
The forepeak all battered and plates which are leaking.

The cargo's unloaded; she's home at last.
Now lies at anchor; she thinks of her past.
Of the people she's met and the places she's been.
Such as the Baltic, Kuwait, Basra, the Chinwin.

She thinks of the time when no more she may roam.
Her cargoes all carried and all safely home.
The time when no longer smoke pours from her stack.
As she ploughs out to sea with a white foaming track.

FREDERICK S. STYLES, P.g, 4 Tau.

THE MOORS

Hillsides steep, with boulders strewn,
Clumps of moss relieving gloom,
Carefree flowers sway together,
Beside the tarn, among the heather,
Lilting with the perfumed wind
From off the moors.

Valleys deep and sweet, providing
Shelter from the storm's sad chiding;
Gaunt, grey house of granite made,
By craftsmen's hands these stones were laid
Fanned by the perfumed wind
From off the moors.

Moving, making, sleeping, lying,
Birth, mirth, laughter, scenes of dying
They have seen;
But silence now, of all, is queen,
Stirred by the perfumed wind
From off the moors.

BRIAN C. JOHNSTON, U6Ec, M.C.

HAPPY MEMORIES?

(With Apologies)

I remember, I remember,
The school where I was taught,
The masters and the prefects,
The culprits who were caught.

They all received detentions,
Those culprits one and all,
For running along the corridor,
For speaking in the hall.

If you went to scrump a pear,
A whack was your reward
Then the master asked why you
Broke the rules on the board.

After every four detentions
Came a Whacking hard and sound,
Which was a painful business
As many boys have found!

T. JOHNSON, 1 Gamma.

THE SCHOOL BADGE If someone asked you what the badge you wear on your cap and blazer symbolizes, would you know the answer? Our school badge, the lower half of the Wandsworth coat of arms, is divided into two halves by a waved line which represents the River Thames and the River Wandle. The blue and gold squares in the upper half have been derived from the arms of William Warren, made first Earl of Surrey by William Rufus. The blue tear drops in the gold squares symbolize the tears shed by the French Huguenots who settled and found a warm welcome in Wandsworth in 1685.

The five stars in the lower section signify the parishes of which the Borough is comprised, namely, Clapham, Putney, Streatham, Tooting and Wandsworth.

The white border surrounding the shield containing eight red crosses shows that Wandsworth is in the County of London and the crosses are part of the City's emblem.

This is all of the Wandsworth coat of arms which is depicted in our school badge but the Borough motto: "We Serve" is also ours.

(UN)LUCKY SNATCH One day the street committee decided to go to "Chessington Zoo" for the day. Mr. Harding, the organiser, was wearing a light red cap and tie. These articles of clothing made everyone stare, especially some monkeys, and as Mr. Harding was passing their cages one of the monkeys snatched his cap and started to rip it up. Mr. Harding was very startled about this of course and he leaned over the guard rail in the act of getting his hat back. It was then that one of the other monkeys snatched his tie and proceeded to tear it off. One of the keepers butted in at this time and succeeded in stopping the monkey from strangling poor Mr. Harding. Very unwillingly Mr. Harding left the zoo, minus one red cap, and half a red tie.

R. MARTIN, Form 1.

MUCH ADO IN THE OPEN AIR Saturday afternoon, 14th June, I went to the Open Air Theatre in Regent's Park. The journey by train was a very stuffy one. When I came out of Baker Street Station the sun dazzled me and it was quite hot. I had never been in Regent's Park before, but it was really a sight to see: boats on the lake, most of the flowers were out, ducks were everywhere, and people were either walking on the paths or lying on the grass. I walked on for another five minutes and came to the Open Air Theatre. It was just a green barrier from the outside, with a few box offices and two entrances. I went in the 3/6d. seats.

Inside slopes down to the grass stage. One side of the seating, there is a large tent in case of rain. On the other side is a refreshment bar. As the play started a little late, I went and had some refreshment. The people in the 5/-d. seats upwards, were in the shade while the 3/6d. downwards were in the boiling sun.

Eventually the play began, "Much Ado About Nothing" by William Shakespeare. On the whole, I preferred the second half which was very funny. I think Benedick, a young lord of Padua, was the best actor there. Anthony Sharp played that part. There is one point which I very well remember when Don Pedro, Don John (his brother) and a lord are talking. Benedick was on a mound behind some bushes looking down on the three men. One of them saw Benedick, so when they were talking they pretended to say all the important things in a whisper. Poor old Benedick either slapped his knee or clicked his fingers!

The play lasted about three hours. I left the place in rather a happy mood. I went all the way home thinking about the play and smiling to myself. I really think it was worth while seeing that play. I was ready for the tea that my mother had for me when I arrived home.

JULIAN M. NEASER, 2 Theta.

THREE BLIND MICE Three extremely diminutive creatures of the order of rodents, devoid of the utility of their eyes perceive in the manner of which they scamper. They all scampered after the spouse of the Agriculturist, who amputated their terminal appendages with an immense apparatus used in all households for carving. Did you ever visualise such a spectacle in all your conscious existence as three extremely diminutive creatures of the order of rodents.

L. MARDELL, Form 1.

THE MAKING OF A NEWSPAPER Many people take the making of Newspapers for granted. A lot of work goes into the production for us to read it so I will tell you about it

When the reporter comes back from an assignment his report goes to the editor of the newspaper to check and see whether it is worth its place in a page of the newspaper. After it has been checked it is typed out and sent to a machine called the Linotype. This machine types out lead letters which form words. The key board is very similar to a typewriter only you have to press very lightly or you will get four letters all the same. From there it goes to the stonehands whose job it is to put the type into pages. The type is very heavy and it takes two men to push a steel trolley along. From there they take the sheet of type to a press where a cardboard mould is made under intense heat. This process takes about five minutes. After it has been to the press it goes to a chute ready for casting. Then hot lead is poured in and left to get cold which takes one minute. The waste material is thrown back in to be melted down again. The mould is then put on rollers for a trial run, if all is all right the newspapers are ready for printing. The paper is on great big rolls and there are about two miles of paper on it. The paper is folded cut and counted to 26's. Then men come to collect them for the shop for us in the morning.

G. CLAMPIT, Form 1.

AN INVIGILATOR'S DOODLE

While invigilating an English examination I couldn't help being fascinated by the list of subjects given for the essay and thinking how lucky the boys were to be able to sit on a warm afternoon and write about such interesting topics as:— "A Humorous Incident" or "A Sad Story", "Compare Wimbledon Common and Richmond Park", "The Kind of Person I Really Am", "Hot Weather" or "My Ideal Weekend", "Describe a Bicycle" or "Explain the Rules of Rugby", while I was expected to sit there, for one and a half hours, keeping a sharp eye open for any plagiarists.

I considered which topic I would have chosen but recalled that I had always found this a difficult decision to come to in an examination and usually picked my subject by using a pin. I found it no easier now, so I began to doodle with the titles—still keeping a sharp eye on the boys—at the same time recalling an incident that happened to me a year or two ago. The following was the result:—

I remember it was one Saturday afternoon in July and I was a little perturbed because I couldn't remember whether my friend and I had agreed to meet on Wimbledon Common or in Richmond Park. We usually preferred the park. I liked sketching and so it suited me better. Compare Wimbledon Common with Richmond Park and what do you find. The common has fewer trees and no deer. Nevertheless, I had a strong feeling that it was Richmond so I got on a bus—that was in the days when there were buses—and soon found myself sitting on the lush grass just inside the gates of Richmond Park, near Robinhood Gate. I sat and waited for I knew my friend wouldn't be long. We were having a spell of hot weather at the time so I looked forward to enjoying my ideal weekend. Still I waited and I took from my pocket my sketch pad a pencil and a compass—I always carry a compass with me because that's the sort of person I really am. I intended to draw some trees but instead I drew two circles and then added some lines and I soon found that as well as describing two circles I had described a bicycle. While I sat and sketched two old ladies passed by and one came up and asked if I knew the rules of perspective.

"No madam", I said, "I've never met them but I know the Rules of Rugby. I used to live there and they lived at the end of our street. Perhaps they are related".

Three-quarters of an hour must have passed and still my friend didn't arrive. I decided then that it should have been Wimbledon Common.. So I made my way over to Wimbledon. Why on earth had we chosen Wimbledon as a meeting place! But still I waited but in vain. As evening approached, I gathered up my things and went home. Later that night I

'phoned my friend and asked her why she hadn't met me on Wimbledon Common that afternoon. "Wimbledon Common!" she exploded. "We arranged to meet in Richmond Park, near Petersham Corner".

"Good heavens!" I said, "Thought it was the Old Deer Park", trying to cover up my stupid mistake.

At this the 'phone became silent. Now I don't know whether this should be regarded as a sad story or just another humorous incident, but there it is.

Haephestus.

WANDSWORTH SCHOOL PREFECTS ON T.V.



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Left to right in the illustration; Tudgay, Carr, Potter, Moody, Drain, Ayshford and Mr. Acland appeared on the B.B.C's. "Meeting Point" on Whitsun, May 25th. Ayshford, with the aid of diagrams, explained the working of the rainbow to uninitiated viewers; the others raised questions on the theme that religion is an old survival from an ignorant past. Mr. Acland, in the state of chronic fluster induced by television cameras, misunderstood signals from the floor manager and consequently failed to bring the prefects back into discussion towards the end of the performance. This was a pity, because in their earlier questions they had all displayed an admirable calm spontaniety.

R.A.

THE EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD

Would you like to see the planets as they will be in 20,000 years time? Or would you rather see the Milkyway as it was 20,000 B.C.? If so, go to the London Planetarium which is beside the Madame Taussaud's Waxworks.

The dome is the biggest in the British Isles and is the finest projection dome in the world. It is 81 ft. in diameter. All around the base there

are the scenes of London, such as the Tower of London, London Bridge, and Nelson's Column. In the centre of the floor and surrounded by seats there is a giant two headed monster, made of 29,000 parts and weighs over $2\frac{1}{3}$ tons. This is the prcjector. The main body of it is 13 ft. 9 ins. in length and the two globes at either end contain 32 projectors and can throw nearly 9,000 stars on the dome. 42 small projectors show the brightest stars, those of one and two magnitude. There are also special projectors for the sun, moon and naked-eye planets mounted in the framework which joins the main star globes. Altogether there are 180 projectors worked by seven electric motors able to show the stars as they were or as they will be.

The performance lasted 40 minutes and in that time they gave us a view of the stars from December 31st last year to December 31st this year, complete with shooting stars and planets all made possible with the giant machine called THE ZEISS and known as THE EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD.

D. WHERRETT, 1 Nu.

THE ASCENT OF EVEREST

On Wednesday, June 4th, a party consisting of form 2 and 2 gamma went to Wandsworth Town Hall to hear a lecture by Sir John Hunt on the Ascent of Everest.

He began by telling us how the attempt was made from the South through Nepal contrary to other attempts. He showed us slides all the way through and showed us a slide of the party which included Hillary and Lowe who have recently been in the Antarctic. They had all reached Kathmandu by some transport or other for the march to Thyanboche, which Sir John Hunt commented on by saying that he enjoyed that part of the journey the most.

At Thyanboche rehearsals were held and about 7 or 8 mountains were climbed to get the men acclimatized. Hillary and a party of men then established 3 camps on the icefall and then stocks were carried up to the Western Cwm. After Charles Evans, Hillary, Tenzing and himself had found a way through the Western Cwm, they had to find a way up to the South Col so Sir John decided to take the long route up the Chatse Face as the other way was too steep. George Lowe and Ang Namgyal started and established camps almost to the South Col and Wilfred Noyce and Annullu finally reached there. This was the main part done and then the summit parties had to do their work. The first failed because they did not have enough oxygen to complete the climb but the second party consisting of Hillary and Tenzing managed the climb. They embraced each other and Tenzing put the string of flags in the ground and then they started their descent. Sir John finished, "At first I thought they had failed but then George Lowe who had joined them pointed his ice axe towards the Summit—they had made it!".

Questions were asked by boys and then we all left after a very enjoyable afternoon.

P. FOGG, Gb, Form 2.

A VISIT TO ST. ALBANS

The first we heard of a trip to St. Albans was when our form master, Mr. Morris, asked the form if they would like to make up a party to visit the city. There was a sudden hum of chatter after Mr. Morris had given us details about the trip since nearly all the boys wanted to go.

I had to dress feverishly on the Wednesday of the trip for I was afraid that I would be too late but as I was running to School I met some of the boys who were going to accompany me. As we made our way along Sutherland Grove, a bright orange coach passed us and then stopped at the gate of the School.

After we had been to the Hurlingham School, where a party of girls joined us, we began our journey. It was very quiet at first but soon there

was a lot of chatter from the back of the coach. It took about one and a half hours to reach St. Albans where we parked in the grounds near to the spot where the Roman Forum of Verulam once stood. We then disembarked from the coach to explore the town and its sights.

First we saw the Roman theatre which is the only one of its kind in Britain. After we had paid the admission fee we walked around the site and studied plans set out on large boards and a model made by the proprietor. For a few pence we bought some pieces found during recent excavations at the site. We then made our way to the little museum of St. Albans which held most of the treasures found in excavations around the city. The curator then spoke about Verulam and described a model of the city which was being constructed in the centre of the museum. It was surrounded by many objects found within the walls including huge mosaics and two coffins with skeletons actually preserved in them.

Near at hand was a Roman villa which had an excellent hypocaust which was used to heat the villa. It was covered by a wonderful mosaic floor. We then walked to the Abbey of St. Alban and inside the vast Church we saw the shrine of St. Alban.

Finally we went by coach to Batchwood Hall, a large mansion taken over by the St. Albans Council and run as a restaurant and club-house. We had a good tea there and then left for home.

ERNO MULLER, 1 Delta.

HOUSE NOTES

CROMWELL We have arrived at the end of yet another year, and still we have not regained the honoured position of holder of " Joey ", although we have improved our position in the Eisteddfod, in which we were only narrowly beaten by Gibbon, and so gained second place. We must congratulate the organisers and set representatives on their efforts to persuade boys to give of their best.

For the second year in succession Cromwell has in its midst both the Captain and Vice-Captain of Cricket, Amir Ali Agha and Douglas Simpson respectively. Even so we opened the season by losing to Gibbon, but we hope for better things. Mention must be made of Malcolm Smith who opened the batting and stood up to some of the School's best bowling, despite the fact that he had not held a cricket bat for two years. Let us hope that he, as our captain, does as well in the swimming gala. On the subject of swimming we must congratulate the following boys on obtaining the very high honour of being awarded the bronze medallion and bronze cross for life-saving; Dick Brown, Victor Jenkins, John Atack and Malcolm Smith.

Once again we have every chance of winning the Diligence shield. At the beginning of this term Cromwell G gained the very high average of 5.56, the highest in the memory of our headmaster.

Our fencing team under the leadership of the school's vice-captain, Nicholas Bishop, shocked the fencing circles by beating Pitt and thus gained second place in the inter-house championship.

Although as yet there are no house tennis matches, it is interesting to note that Cromwell have the honour of providing four out of the six members of the school team, namely, Amir Ali Agha, Tony Atkinson, Jim Hunt and Ralph Müller.

We lead the rest of the school, as usual, in being the first house to have its own war cry. We quote it below:

" Ek do teen chah
That's who we are
Snap! Crackle! Pop!
CROMWELL!! "

Cromwell House is also responsible for the idea of House Ribbons, which are in future to be worn above the blazer badge. It is up to every

member of the House to make Cromwell the House you are proud to belong to.

In spite of great efforts on the part of our Athletics captain, Dennis Brennan, our results in the Athletic Sports were disappointing; a few members of the Cromwell team had obviously trained hard, and special mention should be made of Richard Brennan's record breaking performance at the shot, but without the loyal co-operation of every member of the House we cannot hope to win.

Finally may we, on behalf of those of us who are leaving, wish you who remain and those to come, every success in your future careers.

DEREK AYSHFORD, U6Sc.
MICHAEL J. COWLING, U6Sc.

In addition to our two senior prefects, whose services to the House are too numerous to mention, and a number of others who will be leaving at the end of the term, we are also losing the services of Mr. H. W. Marratt, tutor of Cromwell D, and Mr. M. A. Warwick, who represents Cromwell in the Lower School; our very best wishes for the future go out to all of them.

Past members of the House will be interested to hear that Pat Whitfield (Cc, 1944-50) is now a qualified doctor and has taken up his first appointment in a hospital in Richmond.

A. M. LINCE.

GIBBON

"A single breaker may recede; but the tide is evidently coming in."—*(Macaulay)*.

Victory marks the activities of Gibbon over the past School year. Bounding enthusiasm has been rewarded by success in a wide field of House contests, and we hope this favourable change will continue in the House for many a term to come!

Gibbon once more holds the Eisteddfod Trophy which has suffered a temporary absence away from its traditional guardians. Although this year the House did not have the chance to prove its ability in a House Drama Competition, yet a spirit of endeavour prevailed, and the final victory was well-earned by all who took part. The House congratulates the organizers of the various sections, and perhaps special mention should be made of G. W. Willis who gained a number of first places in both the Speech and Music Sections of the competition.

Again, Gibbon takes the lead in a major field of sport, this time Athletics. Vigorous training gained us first place for the first time in many a weary year! M. Dries, captain of Athletics is to be congratulated on his competent leadership in training our athletes, and ensuring a deserving win for the House.

Under the captaincy of K. S. Kreuchen, our Fencing team triumphed over the other Houses, and with a fine display of skill and art, secured another trophy for Gibbon, which swells the number of our sporting successes, and reflects a welcome attitude of co-operation and teamwork. We extend our congratulations to the Fencing team which consisted of the following boys: K. S. Kreuchen (captain), M. J. Mason, R. B. Butler.

Kreuchen adds personal distinction to our Fencing triumph by securing the much-coveted Individual Fencing Cup, against strong competition from fencers in the lower forms.

Chess continues unswervingly to show Gibbon's mastery in a sport which calls upon the reflective and the agile in mind, rather than the robust. The House Chess Team has once again continued its succession of victories by coming first in the Chess competition, and all due credit must be given to our team under its captain, G. P. Douel.

This term marks the approach of the Cricket and Swimming competitions, both of which present opportunities for continuing our new record of leadership in the School. At the time of writing, our senior Cricket team under its captain P. Rees, has scored the first victory over

Cromwell, our main challengers, and we look forward to continuing in the same vein against the rest of the School. We hope, also, that our swimmers will give C. J. Hutson their full support towards attaining a fitting conclusion to a year of glorious revival!

Turning aside from records of recent achievements, it is my task to say farewell to certain members of Gibbon who are leaving this term, who have done a great deal for their House in the past. We all wish good luck for the future to G. P. Douel, K. S. Kreuchen and J. T. Francis, an able chronicler of House events in the past, and also guardian of our interests in Fives and a keen cricketer for House and School. Best wishes, also, to all other Gibbonites who are leaving us.

Finally, it only remains to wish all tutors and boys of Gibbon a pleasant, and, we hope! warm summer vacation in preparation for a year of renewed challenges in every activity.

G. W. WILLIS, Gc, L6A.

MORLEY This term several rearrangements in staff, arrivals and departures, have taken place. We welcome Mr. Lowe to the House, who, with Mr. Fryer will be in charge of the split Morley I/J sets. Mr. Marchington is taking charge of Mr. Gabriel's set MD. We wish them all success in years ahead.

Unfortunately we have three masters leaving: Mr. Gabriel, Mr. Wiltshire and Mr. Avery is leaving us for a year.

Every summer term we must say good-bye to many senior boys of Morley House. Several of them this year, have gained acceptance at University and Teacher Training Colleges.

Gordon Wort—City of Worcester Training College.

John Davies—Borough Road Training College.

Brian C. Johnston—Royal Academy of Music.

Peter Drain—Hull University.

John Carr—Bristol University.

John Tudgay—Cardiff University.

To all boys who are leaving, we must wish the best of luck and good fortune in the years ahead. It does not matter so much whether they have gained important posts in the school, but that most of them have served their House faithfully throughout the period they have spent at this school. They leave us to go to a variety of situations and jobs—teaching, banking, insurance, and many other varied spheres. This year's leavers have been the backbone of the House for over a year, and they must be replaced, and well replaced, if the House is to regain its former glories, I hope in the future it may be possible to hold a reunion party.

The Head Prefect Emeritus, Gordon Wort, will be going to Canada under the Rhodes Scholarship, and has amazed me by all the places he is going to visit, e.g., Niagara Falls, which he is going to be conveyed over in a glass-bottomed cage. We trust he will not fall out; he will see the mineral workings and machinery at Sudbury, the leading nickel centre of the Western world. We hope that he will keep in touch with the House. I trust that we can look forward to future years when Morley House will, as usual, provide at least one of the Head Prefects, and the Second Prefects.

Diligence continues to improve, but we still lie second behind the "Red House". A little more effort is needed from boys with "threes" and "minuses". "Joey" unfortunately seems to be slipping from our grasp. Many trophies that we used to regard as our own private property, i.e., Cross-Country Shield, Athletics Shield etc., have been lost to other Houses. This term we are going to win the Swimming Shield, Fives, Cricket and possibly the Diligence Trophy. We finished only third in the Eisteddfod this year, but I am sure everyone has tried hard enough. People ought to start thinking about the next Eisteddfod now!

BRIAN C. JOHNSTON, U6Ec, Mc.

PITT Owing to the postponement of the swimming-gala this year, there is very little to report in this event. However, our hopes are very high, as not so very long ago Pitt House was noted for success in swimming competitions. We must hope that B. M. Cullum can inspire our team to victory.

Congratulations must be extended to J. W. Tarkowski, J. G. F. Parsons, and A. J. R. Berry who have been made Captain, Secretary and Armourer respectively, of the school fencing team. A. J. R. Berry did very well, also, in coming second in the Individual Foil Championship of the school.

In the Inter-House Sports, held last term, we came second in a very closely-contested series of events, and it is due to the keenness of such individuals as G. Wilson that we did so well. We were not so fortunate in the Eisteddfod last term, only coming fourth, but let us hope that we may do better next year and regain the trophy.

The House-matches that have been played this term in cricket have not been too encouraging. We lost narrowly against Morley team by two runs, in the senior match, and lost rather decisively against Gibbon, in the junior match. However, with the never-failing enthusiasm of F. M. Carter, our captain, both teams have played in a very sportsman like spirit.

Diligence awards this year have been generally very good, but they have not reached the high standard of two years ago when we won the much coveted Diligence Shield. Next term new boys will be coming to our school, and I want all present members of the House to do their utmost, to make them at home, and explain that any boy, no matter how new or inexperienced, can make a positive contribution to his house in the form of diligence awards.

This term we must say farewell to H. Potter, K. H. W. Denyer, M. E. Duck, B. M. Cullum, M. P. Beard, H. W. Smith and F. M. Carter, who have left or are leaving, and it is unfortunate that these prefects will no longer be able to render their invaluable services to the school and the house.

To conclude, I would like to exhort all boys of Pitt House, to do their best to make us the top house, to enter all fields of activity with the sportsmanship and spirit for which our school has been famous for many years, and to live up to the high ideals of our namesake William Pitt.

J. T. PARSONS, L6th.

ATHLETICS

Captain : G. W. C. WORT. *Vice-Captain :* E. SLATER.

Hon. Secretary : B. BRIND.

Before I begin the actual report on this season's activities, I feel all members of the school team would like me to congratulate Eric Slater and Brian Brind on being appointed Vice-Captain and Secretary respectively.

SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

The opening remarks on School Sports Day invariably have some connection with the weather, but the less said about the weather on this occasion the more pleasant the memories will be for all concerned.

It was interesting to note the changes that took place during this year's Sports Day. The two houses battling for first place were no longer Cromwell and Morley but Gibbon and Pitt which meant there was fierce competition between Cromwell and Morley to avoid fourth position. After several changes of position throughout the afternoon Gibbon gained a convincing victory over Pitt with a total of 172 points compared with Pitt's 155½. Then with 135, 20½ points behind came Morley in third position followed by Cromwell with 126½.

Boys who gained first positions in the School Sports:

Under 12½ yrs.: 75 yds.—K. F. Brown (M). Relay—Pitt. High Jump—R. Martin (9). Long Jump—A. Curtiss (9).

100 yards—Under 14, G. F. Griffin (G). Under 15, K. P. Nebbett (C). Under 16, M. K. Howe (M). Over 16, J. T. Davies (M).

220 yards—Under 14, G. F. Griffin (G). Under 15, J. Basham (P). Under 16, P. L. Friedlander (G). Over 16, G. W. C. Wort (M).

440 yards—Under 14, K. Munday (M). Under 15, T. Perry (P). Under 16, G. Cope (P). Over 16, R. Hancock (P).

880 yards—Under 15, A. Dailey (M). Under 16, B. C. Brind (G). Over 16, G. L. Wilson (P).

1 mile—Under 15, J. H. Halliday (G). Under 16, E. Slater (C). Over 16, G. L. Wilson (P).

Hurdles—Under 14, D. B. Newark (G). Under 15, A. K. Jeffries (G). Under 16, M. K. Howe (M). Over 16, A. W. Atkinson (C).

High Jump—Under 14, D. B. Newark (G). Under 15, R. S. Higgins (C). Under 16, J. H. Martin (G). Over 16, G. W. C. Wort (M).

Long Jump—Under 14, J. M. Neaser (M). Under 15, M. J. Ardley (M). Under 16, M. K. Howe (M). Over 16, G. L. Wilson (P).

Triple Jump—Under 15, A. K. Jeffries (G). Under 16, G. Rowe (P). Over 16, A. C. Staig (G).

Pole Vault—Under 15, D. Poole (C). Over 16, R. C. Newman (C).

Discus— Under 15, J. Basham (P). Under 16, M. Dries (G). Over 16, K. Denyer (P).

Javelin—Under 15, T. M. Harnley (C). Under 16, B. Peapell (M). Over 16, L. N. Congdon (C).

Shot—Under 14, R. Brennan (C). Under 15, M. G. Eagle (C). Under 16, A. Nicholl (P). Over 16, J. D. Carr (M).

Relays—Under 14, Gibbon. Under 15, Pitt. Under 16, Gibbon. Over 16, Pitt.

SOUTH LONDON GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

The preliminaries of the South London were held this year at Ladywell Track, on Friday, 9th May, and I am happy to be able to record that 22 of our boys qualified for the finals which were held at White City on Monday 12th.

Owing to the bus strike there were very few spectators at the White City, but fortunately all the competitors were able to get there, some came by coach while others used alternative modes of transport.

The standard of the afternoon's performances was not as high as that of past years, the reason for this I think was probably due to lack of training on behalf of the majority of the boys taking part. As far as we were concerned it was the seniors who once again let us down. The Juniors came 4th and the Seniors 7th, giving us a combined placing of 7th.

A large number of our boys gained 4th, 5th and 6th places, which with a little greater effort and a little more work could have easily become 2nd and 3rd and in some cases even 1st.

The schools' four best performances of the afternoon were: R. Brennan, 1st in the Junior Shot; E. Slater, 2nd in the Middle 880 yards; G. L. Wilson, 2nd in the Senior 440 yards; and P. L. Friedlander who was 2nd in the Middle 220 yards.

Other positions were:—

Junior—R. F. Griffin, 6th 220 yards; D. B. Newark, 6th Hurdles.

Intermediate—H. Reynolds, 4th 440 yards; R. Knight, 6th Discus; A. Nicholl, 6th Shot; D. P. Brennan, G. Rowe, B. Eadie and P. L. Friedlander, 3rd in the Relay.

Senior—G. W. C. Wort, 6th 220 yards; P. O. Veale, 4th 880 yards; L. Woodcock, 3rd Mile; P. A. Constantine, P. A. Lewis, G. L. Wilson and G. W. C. Wort, 4th in the Relay.

WANDWORTH DISTRICT SPORTS

I will begin my comment on the Wandsworth District Sports by quoting from the 1953 report written by J. R. Davison.

"The School did very well indeed to finish first in Junior and Senior events. In all, the School gained ten first places, eight seconds and five thirds."

I think I might say that it is now traditional for the School to finish first in both Junior and Senior events, and that the ten first places has risen to fifteen, the eight seconds to eighteen and the five thirds have increased to eight.

First Positions:—

Under 14—D. B. Newark, Hurdles.

Under 15—B. F. Jewett, Pole Vault; A. K. Jeffries, Hurdles; B. V. Sandford, Triple Jump; M. G. Eagle, Shot.

Under 16—D. P. Brennan, 100 yards; H. Reynolds, 440 yards; E. Slater, 880 yards; M. Dries, Hurdles.

Under 17—P. O. Veale, 880 yards; R. C. Newman, Pole Vault; I. Thirlwall, Long Jump; M. P. Golding, Triple Jump; R. Knight, Discus; D. P. Brennan, P. A. Lewis, P. A. Constantine, P. L. Friedlander, Relay.

Second Positions:—

Under 15—K. P. Nebbett, 100 yards; J. Basham, 220 yards; J. Perry, 440 yards; A. Dailey, 880 yards; T. M. Harnley, Pole Vault; R. G. Twyman, High Jump, K. Bindon, Javelin; R. Brennan, Shot.

Under 16—P. L. Friedlander, 220 yards.

Under 17—P. A. Constantine, 220 yards; R. Hancock, 440 yards; L. S. Woodcock, 1 mile; J. W. Bankhead, Pole Vault; J. A. Phillips, Hurdles; J. H. Martin, High Jump; P. Rees, Long Jump; A. C. Staig, Triple Jump; L. N. Congdon, Javelin.

The following boys, as a result of their performance in the Wandsworth District Sports, must be congratulated on having been chosen to represent Wandsworth in the Preliminaries of the London Championships held on June 14th at Eton Manor: K. P. Nebbett, D. P. Brennan, P. A. Constantine, T. Perry, H. Reynolds, A. Dailey, P. O. Veale, E. Slater, L. S. Woodcock, A. K. Jeffries, J. A. Phillips, R. G. Twyman, J. H. Martin, I. Thirlwall, B. V. Sandford, M. P. Golding, A. C. Staig, R. Knight, K. Robins, K. Bindon, L. N. Congdon, M. G. Eagle, R. Brennan, B. Eadie, B. F. Jewitt, T. M. Harnley, R. C. Newman, J. W. Bankhead and R. Cryer.

The finals were held at Hurlingham Track on Saturday, 21st June.

Now that all the major functions of the season are behind us, we have two friendly events to which we can look forward, one against "Sir Christopher Wren" on 11th July and another against "The Elliott" the date of which has not yet been fixed. Those matches will round off a very satisfactory season.

I must finish by congratulating the following boys on being awarded half-colours, for service to athletics during the past year: E. Slater, H. Reynolds, L. S. Woodcock and P. O. Veale.

G. W. C. Wort, U6Sc, Md.

S.W. LONDON GROUP C.E.W.C. The meeting last term, to which several boys from this school went along, was at Streatham Hill School. It took the form of a Brain's Trust with three very interesting speakers from Russia, Indonesia and our own country. All the Vth and VIth formers who went agreed that it was a most enjoyable evening. Sales of *News Club*, the C.E.W.C. magazine, are increasing throughout the School. Both Juniors and Seniors are finding it well worth 4d.

P. J. DRAIN.

CRICKET The high standard of cricket which Wandsworth set in 1957, has been more than maintained in 1958. In fact, I do not hesitate to suggest that results this season will prove to be a "bestever". To date, the 1st XI have lost only one game, the 2nd XI are unbeaten and so are the Colts and Juniors. The 1st Years' side is a new development and under the able direction of Mr. Mcgill, it is hoped that the seeds of true cricket tradition will come to fruition.

It is perhaps fitting that this season should see the last of the schoolboy cricket of Amir Ali Agha. Agha has played for the school 1st XI for five years, he has been captain for two. His playing ability has set a very high standard, one which will be very difficult for future captains to emulate—Agha has been accepted by Battersea Polytechnic, where it is hoped that his special gifts will be "spotted" and that he will eventually get a University "Purple".



The Parents Team

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all members of staff, who once again, have given up their valuable time in umpiring and coaching. It is these efforts which are mainly responsible for the season's successes.

An attempt was made this year to make the Old Boys' Game and the Parents' Game greater social occasions than had previously been possible

at Beverley Meads. The bus strike has, however, intervened and prevented attendances of visitors from being large, in spite of the added attractions of the marquees and the refreshments which the Parents' Social Activities Committee so kindly helped to arrange.

H.S.S.

FIRST XI

Captain : A. Amir Ali. *Vice-Captain :* D. Simpson.
Hon. Secretary : J. Francis.



Seated from left to right :—
N. J. Haley, W. F. Fuller, A. A. Agha (Captain), D. L. G. Simpson (Vice-Captain), I. Thirlwall.

Standing :—
Mr. H. S. Snell, M. Ginn, G. Dawber, J. H. Cousins, B. A. Eadie, P. Rees, B. A. Burge, D. A. Stewardson (Scorer).

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The 1st XI so far have had a fairly successful season. Out of eight matches played only one was lost, three were won and the remaining four were drawn. These results, however, do not do justice to the team, which is potentially one of the strongest teams we have put on the field. As the team gains a little more experience, which is essential for such a young side, we can expect better results.

This lack of experience and, to some extent weak fielding, was the main cause for us not being able to force a win in the drawn games. Had we been a little smarter in the field and held the catches offered, we would have undoubtedly won those drawn games. But, I am sure, the team gained great experience from these matches.

Last year's Colts XI players who were promoted to 1st XI this year were fortunate in not having too much responsibility thrust on their hands. The nucleus of the batting was formed from W. Fuller, D. Simpson, J. Cousins and A. A. Agha of last year's 1st XI. Much depended on these and fortunately they all played their parts extremely well, and the younger members of the XI, M. Ginn and M. Haley, inspired by their example, often came with useful runs. Owing to abundance of both bowling and batting, other members, B. Burge, B. Eadie, G. Dawber, I. Thirlwall, J. Davies and P. Rees have not had much chance to show their prowess, but they have, as much as anyone else, contributed to making this a successful side. Rees' fighting innings against Raines Foundation deserves special praise; he undoubtedly saved the match for us. Our bowling on the whole has been very competent and very few batsmen have been comfortable against our new ball attack of fast-medium consisting of Davies, Dries and Agha. With almost everybody being able to bowl opposing batsmen have always been tied down. With such a side, we look forward with great confidence. I would like to take this opportunity for thanking Mr. Snell for the hard work he has put in order to build this side. In his first season as Master in charge of 1st he saw them to the most successful season that school has ever had. The 1st XI won ten of their sixteen matches and lost only two in the process. Now the 2nd Eleven, have so far had an unbeaten season.

Results to date: Played 8, Won 3, Drawn 4, Lost 1.

Scores:—

v. Sir Walter St. John's. Lost by 60 runs.
St. John's 138 for 6 dec. (D. Simpson 3 for 26).
Wandsworth 78 (A. Amir Ali 23).

v. Westminster City G.S. Drawn.
Wandsworth 109 for 8 dec. (D. Simpson 39, M. Ginn 21 not out).
Westminster 95 for 9 (W. Fuller 4 for 32, A. Amir Ali 4 for 40).

v. Raynes Park C.G.S. Won by 5 wickets.
Raynes Park 51 (A. Amir Ali 6 for 22).
Wandsworth 52 for 5 (M. Haley 12).

v. Sheen G.S. Won by 6 wickets.
Sheen 43 (W. Fuller 3 for 0, J. Davies 2 for 3).
Wandsworth 46 for 4 (A. Amir Ali 23 not out).

v. Spencer C.C. Drawn.
Spencer 186 for 2 dec. (J. Davies 2 for 65).
Wandsworth 121 for 6 (A. Amir Ali 74, M. Ginn 16).

v. Old Wandsworthians. Drawn.
Wandsworth 120 (A. Amir Ali 27, M. Ginn 20).
Old Wandsworthians 92 for 8 (D. Finch 35 not out, G. Dawber 2 for 9).

v. Raines Foundation G.S. Drawn.
Wandsworth 50 (P. Rees 20 not out).
Raines Foundation 49 for 8 (A. Amir Ali 4 for 10).

v. Hammersmith C.C. Won by 7 wickets.
Hammersmith 91 (M. Dries 2 for 15).
Wandsworth 93 for 3 (A. Amir Ali 62 not out, J. Cousins 12 not out).

SECOND XI

Captain : J. T. Francis.

Owing to bad weather we have only been able to play four games so far, of which the ones against Sir Walter St. John's and Sheen Grammar were won very convincingly; against Raynes Park and Elliott 1st XI we drew.

In previous years the 2nd XI has been somewhat weakened by the demands of the 1st XI, but as there seem to be more than enough cricketers to go round this year the 2nd XI has been able to build what must be regarded as one of the most successful XI's for many years. Our batting has usually been our weakness as in previous years; but with a new stream of fourth formers being eligible to play this season it is no exaggeration to say that we have relied for the most part on our batsmen. In M. Burriss and G. Cope we have a very promising opening pair; on one occasion, against Sheen Grammar, they scored 43 runs for the first wicket. In that same match, Cope took 5 wickets for 13 runs—a more than useful all-rounder. Burriss seems to be enjoying his last season to date and in many of his innings he has shown his calibre as an opening batsman. P. Coppock, another of our brilliant batsmen and prolific scorer, has a phenomenal average so far and looks as though he will continue in the same successful vein. R. Pritchard, our wicket-keeper, is yet another extremely reliable batsman, in fact, it is true to say, that everyone in the 2nd XI is capable, at anytime, of a high score.

In M. Dries and L. Congdon we have a most consistent opening attack, with G. Cope, D. Francis and S. Gibbs as the change bowlers.

It is encouraging to announce that for the first time for many seasons there has been actual competition for places in the team; a definite sign of the times!

In all, with such an outstanding team, we hope to keep our unbeaten record for the rest of the term. To date, the following boys have played for the XI: D. Francis (captain), M. Burriss, G. Cope, P. Coppock, K. Aziz, R. Pritchard, M. Dodd, M. Dries, L. Congdon, S. Gibbs, J. Joiner, K. Robins, G. Dawber.

Results:—

v. Sir Walter St. John's. Won by 7 wickets.
St. John's 61 (Congdon 6 for 26).
Wandsworth 63 for 3 (Burriss 22, Coppock 15 not out).

v. Raynes Park. Drawn.
Wandsworth 110 (Congdon 26, Coppock 22).
Raynes Park 40 for 6.

v. Sheen. Won by 7 wickets.
Shene 61 for 8 dec. (Cope 5 for 13).
Wandsworth 62 for 3 (Cope 20, Burriss 18, Dodd 12).

v. Elliott 1st. Drawn.
Wandsworth 52 (Burriss 18).
Elliott 49 for 6.

COLTS

The Colts have had a most successful season so far, winning all their matches by substantial margins; the closest result was a two-wickets victory over an older Raynes Park side.

B. Jewitt and A. Grubb have been the most consistent batsmen; their style may be technically a little faulty, but they are not afraid to attack the ball. J. Robertson and H. Latchman have also played useful innings.

H. Latchman and H. Reynolds, our slower bowlers, have been most successful, Latchman taking 7 for 2 against Sir Walter St. John's and Reynolds 5 for 1 against Sutton, but K. Nebbett and J. Barber have also bowled very well. In fact, our other change bowlers have had very little to do.

D. Snare has kept wicket well on occasion, though still a little erratic, and Robertson's captaincy, both on and off the field, has been very good. The whole team shows such unperturbability, confidence and team spirit that they will be a very hard side to beat.

Badges have been awarded to J. Robertson, H. Latchman, B. Jewitt, A. Grubb, H. Reynolds, K. Nebbitt and D. Snare.

JUNIORS

The Juniors have had a remarkable successful season winning all but the first match in which they had much the better of a drawn game.

Ten Junior Badges have already been awarded, in itself an indication of the consistency and stability of the team.

The batting is a judicious blend of defensive and attacking players. The stylish and correct J. Farrell makes an admirable foil to the aggression of K. Bindon and J. Pierce. The Vice-Captain, N. J. Haley, has always batted with authority and particularly so against Sutton when he showed sustained concentration with a fine innings of 77 not out. T. Smith and J. Moore have usually given us a steady start; in most matches twenty runs have been on the board before the first wicket has fallen.

The outcricket has invariably been formidable. The bowlers have great confidence in their wicketkeeper, J. Pierce, and very few runs are given away in the field.

K. Bindon and E. England have used the new ball to such effect that no opening partnership has yet reached double figures, and their combined pace has a considerable influence on the state of mind of the opposing batsmen.

The Captain, Raymond Alder, has taken 18 wickets and has set a splendid example in the field, holding some fine catches. He has controlled his side skilfully and sympathetically. G. Waterhouse has so far taken 17 wickets for 41 runs and D. Skinner has 12 for 35.

Results:—

v. Sir Walter St. John's. Drawn.
Wandsworth 118 for 6 dec. (Bindon 45, Haley 20).
St. Johns 89 for 9 (Skinner 3 for 15).

v. Spencer Park. Won by 8 runs.
Wandsworth 48 (Farrell 16).
Spencer Park 40 (Alder 3 for 14).

v. Raynes Park. Won by 39 runs.
Wandsworth 73 (Moore 19, Davison 14).
Raynes Park 34 (Skinner 5 for 3, Alder 3 for 7).

v. Sheen. Won by 36 runs.
Wandsworth 70 for 8 dec.
Sheen 34 (Waterhouse 4 for 5, Bindon 3 for 7).

v. Windsor. Won by 75 runs.
Wandsworth 96 for 4 dec. (Farrell 31, Bindon 42).
Windsor 21 (Waterhouse 4 for 7, Bindon 3 for 11).

v. Sutton. Won by 138 runs.
Wandsworth 162 for 5 dec. (Haley 77 not out, Pierce 24).
Sutton 24 (Alder 3 for 2, Waterhouse 5 for 3).

v. Elliott. Won by 74 runs.
Wandsworth 108 for 7 (Waterhouse 25 not out, S. England 40 not out).
Elliott 34 (Alder 6 for 8).

CROSS-COUNTRY 1957-58 SEASON

This may seem a strange time for a cross-country report but it was not possible to include it last term as the "copy" was required before a number of important events took place. However, it will also serve to remind us that the 1958/59 season is only a few weeks away.

The season was mainly remarkable for the way in which the juniors outran the seniors. Perhaps however, this augurs well for the future. The juniors have been a particularly well-balanced side and it has usually been quite impossible to guess the placings in any race.

The first event of note was the Inter-house Championship held over the usual course on Wimbledon Common. The senior event provided quite an interesting duel between G. Wilson and M. Beard for Pitt and B. Mann

and C. Wilkins for Gibbon and the result was in doubt until the last few yards when Wilson's extra speed enabled him to pull away and win by about 45 yards from Mann, Wilkins and Beard. In the junior event it was expected that C. Mitchell (M) would win even more easily than in the previous year but he was unable to shake off B. Brind (G) and D. Blackman (G). With $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to go all three were in a bunch but soon after this Brind had the misfortune to trip over, breaking up the group and allowing Mitchell to continue and win by about 100 yards, in spite of the fact that he was soon up and after him. Blackman had not the speed over the last 440 yards and was 3rd.

Senior—1, G. L. Wilson (P), 19min. 23secs; 2, B. F. Mann (G), 19min. 34secs; 3, C. J. Wilkins (G), 19min. 44secs; 4, M. Beard (P), 19min. 45secs.

Junior—1, C. S. Mitchell (M), 17min. 24secs; 2, B. C. Brind (G), 17min. 41secs; 3, D. T. Blackman (G), 17min. 44secs; 4, V. Hancock (P), 17min. 50secs.

House Results:—

Senior—1, Gibbon, 68pts; 2, Pitt, 127pts; 3, Cromwell, 179pts; 4, Morley, 197pts.

Junior—1, Morley, 111pts; 2, Gibbon, 115pts; 3, Pitt, 132pts; 4, Cromwell, 194pts.

Combined—1, Gibbon, 183pts; 2, Pitt, 259pts; 3, Morley, 308pts; 4, Cromwell, 373pts.

Thus Gibbon gained a comfortable victory which proved a just reward for the work put in previously by both teams.

The next event was a match versus The Strand held on Wimbledon Common over a very muddy circuit. The junior team ran very strongly and packed exceedingly well. While we were unable to take 1st place from Cooke of the Strand, we filled all the remaining scoring places: 2 Redmond, 3 Brind and Slater, 5 Blackman, 6 Reynolds, 7 Halliday; while Dailey and Cook running as non-scorers finished 2a and 4a—an excellent performance. School (juniors) 27pts. beat Strand (juniors) 59pts.

The senior match was more even and again we had to be content with 2nd individual in a well run race in which Beard and Woodcock did particularly well to finish 2nd and 3rd. Clark 6, Veale 7, Calder 9 and R. Hancock 10, completed the scorers giving us a victory by 37pts. to 41pts.

Once again we were well represented in the Wandsworth District Championships held at Wimbledon on 23rd November.

In the senior event Wilson, Beard, Calder, Wilkins and Mann packed well to occupy the first five places. Calder was, in fact, running for our "B" team as was Clark (7th).

1st A Team: 1, 2, 4, 5, 12, 13=37.

2nd B Team: 3, 7, 17, 25, 27, 32=111.

We entered five teams in the junior section and they finished: "A" first, "B" third, "C" sixth, "D" seventh and "E" twelfth. Nineteen teams closed in. Individually Blackman (2nd), V. Hancock (3rd), Brind (5th) and Goode (6th) ran exceedingly well as did some of the younger boys especially Halliday who finished 8th.

We enjoyed our usual race in the mud at Bexley on 1st February, in the Cambridge Harriers Inter-Schools race. However we did not do as well as usual in in spite of good efforts by Woodcock 13, Slater 15, Redmond 20 and Beard 22.

The "A" team finished 6th and the "B" 7th out of 14 teams.

The following week at Wimbledon the juniors challenged and beat the seniors after a good race.

Juniors—1 Slater, 3 Cook, 4 Dailey, 5 Dries, 7 Halliday, 9 Shivers. Total 29pts.

Seniors—2 Beard, 6 Veale, 8 Johnstone, 11 R. Hancock, 14 Tiffin, 16 Constantine. Total 57pts.

On 28th of February we saw our future "stars" in action for the Junior School inter-form race. In the second year there was a great finish between Hale (2T), Riley (2O) and Keen (2W), who battled it out to the

last, Hale beating Riley by inches with Keen just behind. They were over a minute in front of the next man home.

The first year produced another "inches" verdict for Sandford (1 Gamma) over Fowler (1 Iota). Well run both! About 200 yards in front of the 3rd man Curtiss of 1 Nu.

Results:

2nd year—1, Upsilon, 93pts; 2, Omega, 142pts; 3, Tau, 191pts; 4, Iota, 231pts; 5, Sigma, 235pts; 6, Nu, 268pts; 7, Eta, 275pts; 8, Alpha, 282pts; 9, Theta, 283pts; 10, Epsilon, 297pts; 11, Omicron, 346pts; 12, 2, 362pts; 13, Delta, 363; 2, Gamma, 516pts.

1st year—1, Nu, 98pts; 2, Gamma, 129pts; 3, Iota, 226pts; 4, Theta, 227pts; 5, Omega, 233pts; 6, Delta, 234pts; 7, Alpha, 340pts; 8, Epsilon, 276pts; 9, Omicron, 289pts; 10, 1, 340pts; 11, Eta, 397pts; 12, Sigma, 408pts; 13, Tau, 421pts; 14, Upsilon, 437pts.

A Surrey County Boys (14 to 16) Championship was held at Morden on 8th March, 1958. It was the first event of its kind.

Although our team finished 4th out of 27 teams, it could have done better but the "pack" did not seem able to judge the speed required for the short two mile flat course. Woodcock finished 16th, Slater 18th and Brind 20th out of 153 runners.

S.L.G.S. CROSS-COUNTRY

Held in Greenwich Park on Wednesday, March 12th, 1958. 10 teams of 8 took part.

The junior race consisting of one large and one small lap started first. At the end of the large lap we were pleased to see Slater running with another boy to lead the field. Our hopes rose quickly when we found that after a few places he was followed by Redmond, Brind, Cook, Dailey and Halliday in quick succession. As they toiled up the final hill on the second lap the picture was almost the same. However, after an excellent fight Slater was narrowly beaten owing to the greater speed of his opponent over the last few yards. While this "battle" was fought out the "pack" quickly followed to finish, Redmond 6, Dailey 7, Brind 8, Halliday 10 and Cook 11 to give the excellent total of 44 for six scorers and 78 points ahead of Shooters Hill 2nd with 122. St. Joseph's were 3rd with 176. The two non-scorers were Reynolds 16 and Goode, who was very short of training, 47th.

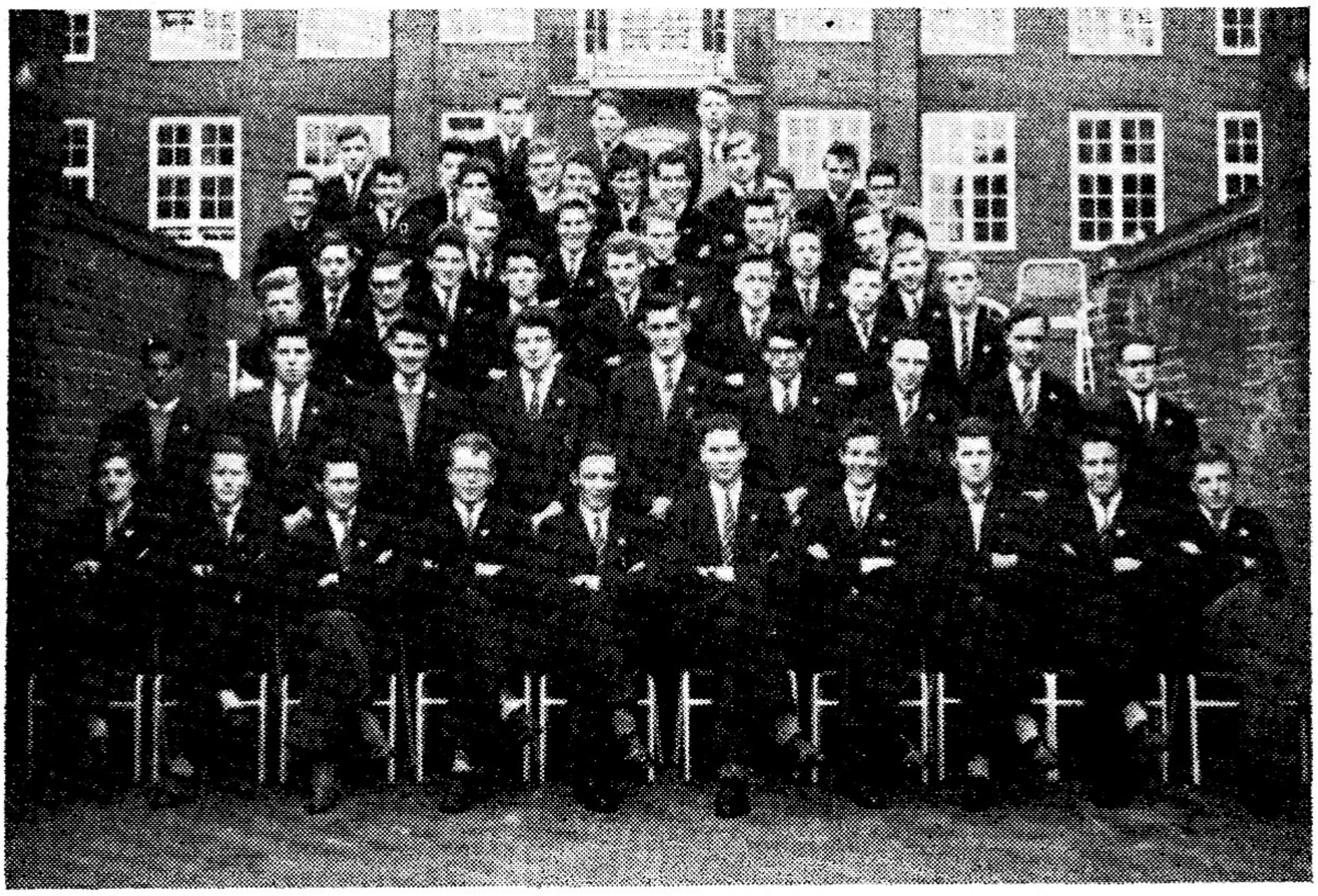
During this time the senior race consisting of two $1\frac{1}{2}$ mile laps had commenced. However, at the end of the first lap we were less well placed than in the junior one although Beard, Clarke, and Woodcock were fairly well up. We were concerned to see that Woodcock had lost a shoe on the way. However, with fine courage and determination and continued to move up and finished 5th, a really excellent performance of which he can be justly proud. He was followed by Clarke 10 and Beard 11, both running a sound race. After this there was a rather lengthy gap before Johnston 41, Hancock 46, Tiffin 47, Veale 51 and Constantine 55 finished well together giving us 4th place with 160 points. St. Clares were the winners with 70 points.

The excellent junior total made our combined score 204 to give us the trophy once again, 117 points in front of St. Clares 321, Strand 338 and Shooters Hill 421.

As usual we entered a team for the S.L.H. Inter-Schools race at Coulsdon.

It was held on 15th March and our very young team did as well as could be expected, finishing 16th out of 21. However, credit is due to Clarke who finished 39th out of 143 runners on a very difficult course.

Finally let us congratulate all those who did so well and worked hard to keep fit and may we hope to see even more boys hard at it early next season.



The Prefects 1957/58

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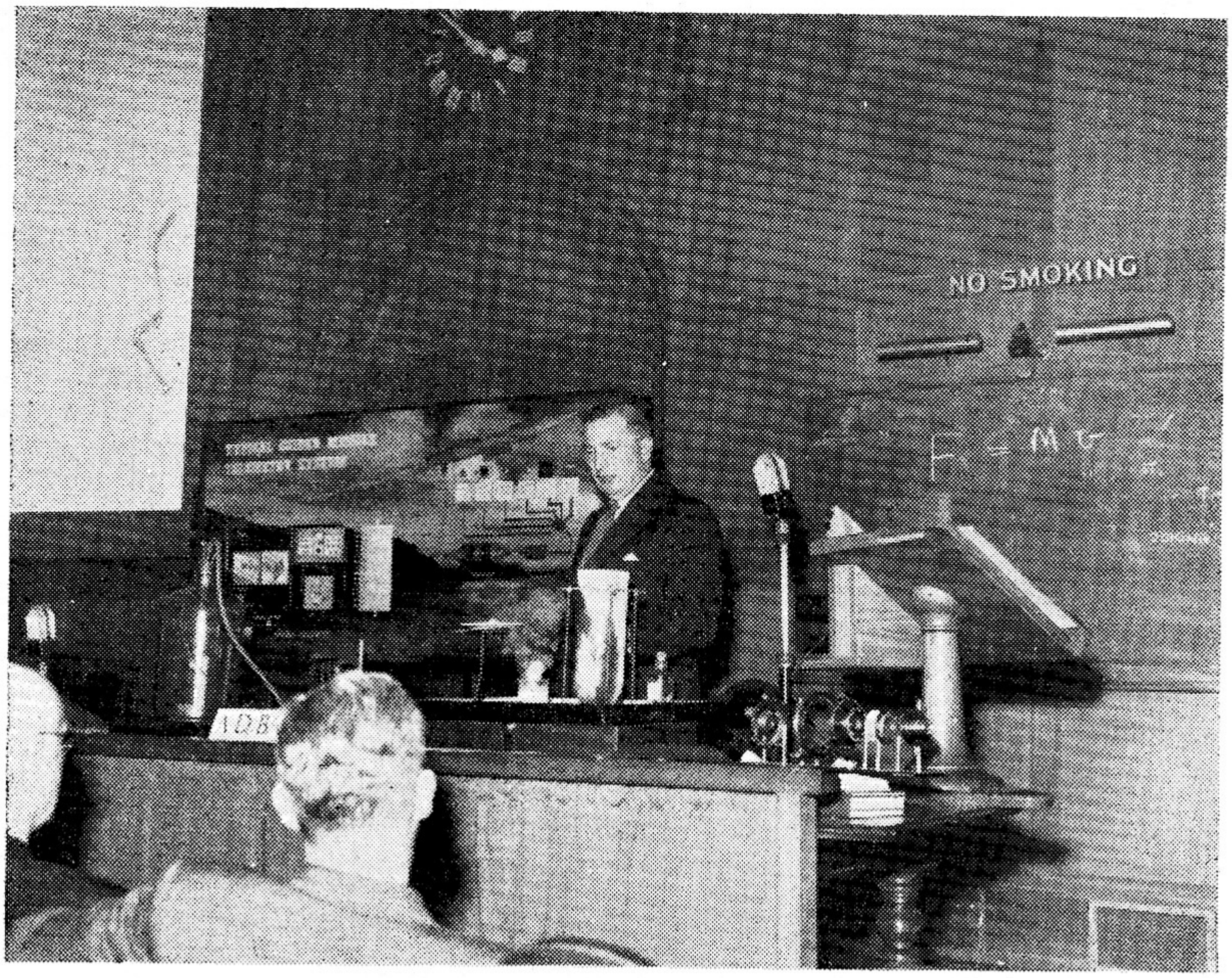
ROCKETS AND GUIDED FLIGHT

Leonardo da Vinci Lecture 1958—Institution of Mechanical Engineers.

Seven senior members of the Society were again privileged this year to attend the third in this series of annual lectures given to more than 90 Public and Grammar Schools by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers on Tuesday, 1st April.

Dr. G. W. H. Gardner, C.B., C.B.E., M.I.MECH.E., Director of the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough, opened the proceedings by endeavouring to give a broad picture of the development of the rocket, emphasising the importance of the work of the German scientists on their "V"-weapons and their pre-war amateur rocketry groups. He described various ingenious methods of preventing overheating during the passage of the rocket through the atmosphere, which problem is still a serious bar to the the development of the manned rocket. Telemetery was next explained; that is, the means by which rockets are tracked and their behaviour and experiences in the upper atmosphere relayed to the ground and recorded. The lecturer then told us of certain experiments which were to be performed 100 miles above the earth's surface in a "Skylark" rocket, the results of which were to be telemetered back to earth, as part of a joint research programme involving 6 Universities and the Royal Aircraft Establishment.

The next speaker, Professor A. D. Baxter, M.ENG., F.R.AE.S., M.I.MECH.E., Chief Executive of the Rocket Division of the De Havilland Aircraft Co., then got down to business explaining the principle of the rocket motor by means of a toy balloon, causing much amusement. There followed a variety of simple, effective and startling experiments to show the combustion properties of metals and other materials in air and in nitrogen, and to show the properties of liquid oxygen, hydrogen peroxide and nitric acid, all of which, he said, were used in the "Vanguard" satellite rocket. His mention of the use of beryllium and magnesium as rocket fuels was an interesting revelation.



Professor Baxter demonstrates the properties of liquid oxygen.
(Lecture—Institute of Mechanical Engineers)

Lastly, the highly technical subject of Guidance was dealt with by Mr. L. H. Bedford, C.B.E., M.A., B.Sc.(ENG.)., M.I.E.E., Chief Engineer, Guided Weapons Division, English Electric Company. The four methods of guidance were first enumerated and then explained, these are: Beam-riding, Homing, Command Guidance and Inertia Guidance. By any of these means, a rocket may be guided to its target. This was well shown in a series of films showing guided rockets pursuing radio-controlled aircraft. Although most of the films showed the rockets missing their targets, it was obvious that only a few years' more research will reduce the possibility of error to a very small margin.

MECHANICAL AND PRODUCTION ENGINEERING

Speaker: D. Braid, Esq., A.M.I.M.E., M.I.P.E.,
Works Manager, Masson Scott & Co. Ltd.

On the 1st May, the Society was privileged to have as its speaker, Mr. Braid, who began by giving an outline of the activities of his firm. This firm, which is situated in Summerstown, is engaged in the construction of rather large and complicated machinery for the production of corrugated cardboard. The machinery is exported to all parts of the world and when it is realised that these machines are capable of producing corrugated cardboard at speeds of up to 650 feet per minute, the quality of the machinery can be imagined. The paper is fed at this high speed between rollers which produce the corrugations, the two paper surfaces are glued together, cut to exact size and finally wound on to 60 inch diameter reels.

Mr. Braid gave a few details of his own responsibilities as Works Manager and referred to the opportunities in production and mechanical engineering for boys who became apprentices. He mentioned that the skilled men, who were sent abroad by Messon Scott to erect machinery, had in

many cases been apprentices with the firm. Concluding, Mr. Braid answered questions and distinguished between the work of the production and mechanical engineer.

ENGINEERING STUDIES RELATED TO THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE

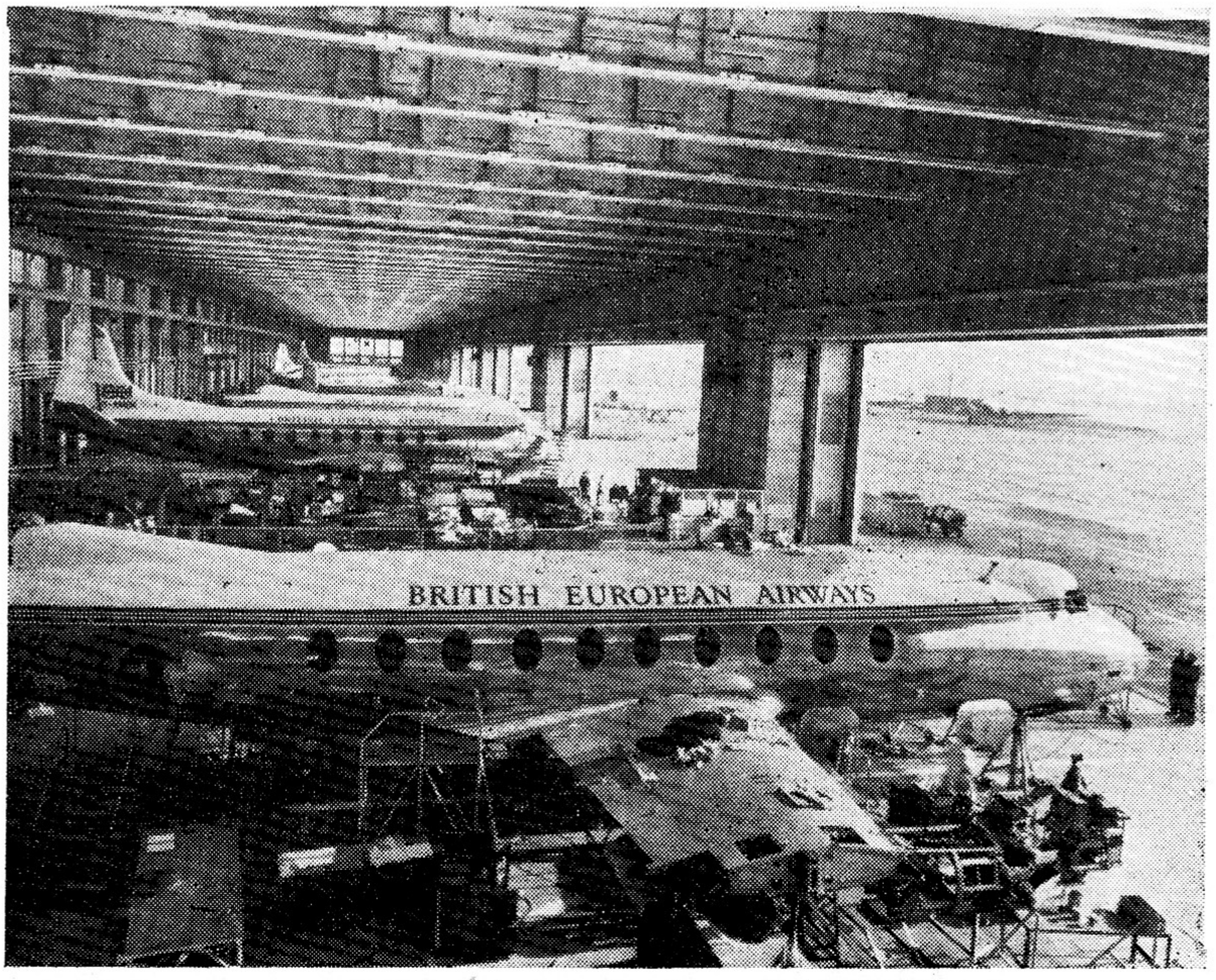
Speaker: Dr. Robinson, Wandsworth Technical College.

Boys from the fourth and fifth forms interested in an engineering career had the opportunity of hearing Dr. Robinson, who began by emphasizing the importance of the work which was now being done by the boys at school and he pointed out that unless they completed this work to a satisfactory standard, their progress in engineering and with further education at the technical college would be seriously retarded. In fact, if a satisfactory standard is obtained at school by means of R.S.A. or G.C.E. examinations, exemption can be obtained from the first year courses at the technical college.

Dr. Robinson continued by giving a very clear picture of the opportunities and paths which must be chosen. He covered fully the Trade Apprenticeship Schemes coupled with City and Guilds Courses, the Student or Engineer Apprenticeship linked with National and Higher National Certificates and finally the requirements of boys who might wish to obtain the Dip. Tech. and professional qualifications.

At the end Dr. Robinson answered several questions and many boys felt that this lecture had been one of the most helpful that they had attended.

ENGINEERING BASE AT B.E.A., LONDON AIRPORT



Maintenance on B.E.A. aircraft in the B.E.A. Engineering Base, London Airport.

Two visits have been made this term to London Airport on March 31st and June 5th. The visits began with a look at the vast hangar—the largest covered space in the country constructed of glass and supported by pre-stressed concrete beams and lit with 13¼ miles of fluorescent tubing. Here are carried out a series of rigorous tests that would make accidents impossible, we felt. A visit to the stores followed, making the workshop instructors very envious of the neat layout of racks and bins for storage of large and small parts. Then a call at the engine store where Rolls Royce Dart engines were going cheap at £11,000 and Bristol Centaurus for only £13,500! Our guide pointed out that, in this room, sufficient money was accumulated to build a sizable town with all its amenities. We next visited a further hangar where aircraft were surrounded by staging of a portable type mainly designed by B.E.A. and we saw how all the parts are checked against a sheet to ensure that no item can be missing after a check has taken place. We next passed through the fitting and repair shops and made our way out on to the apron towards the Royal Mail Airlines Flagship "Elizabeth II". The lads were thrilled to sit in the aircraft while our guide described the work of the stewardesses and a typical flight across the Continent. A close inspection of the cockpit with its myriad instruments and controls, brought this absorbing tour to an appropriate conclusion.

LUNCH-HOUR MEETINGS

In addition to the other activities reported, the Engineering Society has had a series of meetings concerned entirely with production engineering—the machining of metals in engineering. There have been one or two excellent films on the use of the lathe showing the correct method of grinding lathe cutting tools (using an angle gauge) for roughing, finishing and facing, as well as for screw cutting.

Another film showed the correct way to set up a casting for boring on the lathe to "close tolerances" and yet another demonstrated other ways of machining metals on the planing machine, the radial drill, the milling machine and the shaper. Finally, "Down to Earth" made for Messrs. Doughty Bros. showed the construction and testing of aircraft undercarriages.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

By the end of term two other visits will have been made. The first is to Mollins Machine Company, Deptford, and the second consists of a day's visit to H.M. Dockyard at Portsmouth. Here an interesting programme has been arranged to see the Dockyard Main Pumps and Oxygen Plant, Dockyard Factory and Tool Room and the engine room of an Aircraft Carrier.

FENCING CLUB Recently there have been in the fencing club many new and important developments. Our previous fencing coach, Professor Cipolla, has had to return to his native Italy where he has resumed his old post. Our new coach, an Englishman, named Professor A. Simmonds, a very capable, energetic "Master Fencer", has already begun to reshape the club in organisation and fencing quality.

New sets of tests are being drawn up to make it harder to become a senior fencer. Thus the standard of fencing is being raised. There will now be seven long tests which a beginner will have to pass to be able to take part in free play and subsequently to be eligible to fence for the School.

The first formers have been given special attention. We believe that if we bring them up to a minimum basic level we should have given them a solid foundation on which they can build the art of fencing. The reason for the special concentration on junior boys now is that, since they do not have fencing for games, they would otherwise lose a whole year of valuable fencing tuition. With time, we may be able to change this, and then the first formers will be able to start fencing as soon as they come to the School.

Another reason for the attention given to first formers is that we want to put the name of Wandsworth Fencing Club where it will bring greater prestige and distinction to Wandsworth School itself. We want to make it so that in fencing competitions and championships the mere words " Wandsworth fencer " will be immediately understood, for they will stand for a great fencing school.

Fencing has for a long time been taken as a sport in which only the elite can take part. We are now offering it to you, you from Fulham and Battersea. Fencing is a sport which will help to develop your natural physical ability and mental capacity. There is in fencing the advantage of using your body and mind to the extreme. Muscles which are not normally used will be brought into action. Fencing is a very strenuous sport and, at first, it seems terribly tiring and the actions pointless. Tiring it certainly is but, with practice, the strain will disappear and the fencing positions will become automatic. Fencing requires deep concentration and a sense of proportion. With the development of these faculties, a fencer will find that he has acquired an ability to follow his school studies with a clear, healthy mind.

Boys who want to acquire this extremely valuable quality and who are able to weather the storms and doubts of a beginner, are welcome.

As you all will have seen from your calendar, the fencing officials have been changed as a result of the resignation of the captain.

The ex-captain has built for the club an electric epée box. This is a special piece of equipment used for the registration of hits. Owing to the speed of the fencers and the complexity of presiding an epée match, ordinary judges are as good as useless. This box does all the sorting and registers a hit by switching on a light and buzzing. The fencers use special weapons which are wired up to the box by way of the fencer's jacket.

Only one important fencing match took place this term against a public school, Brentwood. We gained a decisive overall victory. There were three matches won by our foil teams, but the sabré team lost narrowly. The school can be proud of this result for Brentwood has a long-standing reputation as a fencing school.

All interested in fencing ought to join, for the motto of the club is the same as that of the school, " We serve ".

J. TARKOWSKI *(Captain)*, L6Ec, PittA.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY Before I start to tell about any of this term's news I must not forget to mention two other highly enjoyable meetings which we had after I wrote last term's contribution for the magazine.

On 6th March, Dr. Solomon gave us a lecture on fossils. With him he had quite a few of his own specimens. He told us how and where to get the implements and where to find various specimens. With the sun shining in the windows we enjoyed Dr. Solomon's lecture very much. Two weeks after this Mr. Spearing gave us a lecture on Portugal. The coloured slides which he showed during the lecture were taken by Mr. Spearing himself and these made the lecture thoroughly enjoyable.

Now, we come on to this term's events. On 1st May, we had the first meeting of this term. We have Mr. Finbow to thank for the organisation of this meeting, because he gave us an amusing, yet sometimes baffling quiz. This quiz was won by R. D. Clarke of Form Two. Mr. Finbow presented the winner with the book *A Geographical Dictionary*. We congratulate Clarke on his win and many thanks go to Mr. Finbow for a very enjoyable meeting. Two weeks after this Mr. Köhlert gave us his third lecture with coloured slides which this time was about his own native country, Germany. In three meetings, we have learnt very interesting things from him; about mountain-climbing, Scandinavia and his own country, and we thank him very much.

Mr. Köhlert's lecture was the last for this half term. I should like

to thank the members of the staff who have so willingly given up their time to the club. New members will always be welcomed. If you would like to become a regular member, please see Mr. Marchington at some time or other.

D. A. BATEMAN, Gc, Form 2.

HISTORY SOCIETY (LOWER SCHOOL)

Our failure, this Term, to procure outside speakers, has not altogether prevented a varied programme. One Saturday, a party of us assembled at an unearthly hour to buy tickets for the Old Vic gallery, before journeying to Hampstead. We went into Keats' Cottage, and were privileged to see an old bread oven, as well as the cellar where the poet kept his claret. These are not normally shown to visitors. We climbed the winding streets and back passageways of this suburb so very unlike London. We admired the view, rode on the donkeys, and even watched a lady throwing a pot on the wheel—especially for our benefit—a performance which made us blush at our own efforts in the Art Block.

One Tuesday after school, we looked at two interesting houses in the locality. First, we stared at "The Pines" at the foot of Putney Hill, once the home of Theodore Watts-Dunton and Swinburne, and then boarding a bus, we alighted at "Parkfield", Kingston Hill, the birthplace of John Galsworthy. Although both of these houses represent Victorian architecture, and the first is characteristically solid, the latter is an example of considerable grace and delicacy. Some of us then went on by foot through the Coombe Estate and across the Common, marvelling at so much wonderful scenery within ten miles of Westminster.

Our own members have kept us informed. For example, Derek Thorne and James House numismatologised together. Vladimir Hykel exploded a mine of information on Captain Scott. R. A. Martin spoke most entertainingly on conditions in the Navy at the time of Nelson.

We hope that next Term, members going into their Third Year, may still come along and be amused.

Last Term, Mr. Squibb built an interesting wing on us, in the form of showing film-strips on another evening. History periods in class do not allow sufficient time to exploit the whole range of the School's stock, and this welcome venture has already dazzled those who have given it their support.

LIFE SAVING GROUP

This has been a record year for the group, no less than fourteen boys having qualified for the Bronze Medallion of the Royal Life Saving Society, and twelve of these having gone on to qualify for the more advanced, Bronze Cross.

Bronze Medallion : B. H. Dunlop, L5; M. S. Tiffin, L6.

Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross : J. F. Atack, 5 Theta; R. Brown, L6; D. J. Collman, 5 Omega; D. J. Cooper, 5 Epsilon; D. H. Mackenzie, 5 Theta; V. B. Jenkins, L5; H. Potter, U6; M. R. Smith, U6; P. L. Silverman, L5; R. H. Towers, L5; B. Wagstaff, L6; G. C. White, 5 Epsilon.

LITERARY AND DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Since last term there have been a considerable number of meetings and other functions arranged for our Society. In the latter half of the Spring Term, a large number attended a recording of "The Importance of Being Earnest", and this term, recordings of "Macbeth" and "Hamlet" have been played, mainly for the benefit of those taking examinations this Summer.

Parties of our members continue to visit the Old Vic to see productions of Shakespeare. To date, visits have been arranged for "Twelfth Night", "Hamlet" and "Henry VIII", all of which have added considerable colour to the range of plays and other works which have been compassed.

Less well-supported, but equally interesting was a dramatic reading of " Sohrab and Rustum ", in which Mr. Marratt read the part of the narrator, and P. N. Cassidy and G. W. Willis took the part of the central characters.

Finally, I should like to thank Mr. K. N. Newson and Mr. H. Marratt for the interest and the organisation they so generously lend to the Society. Unfortunately, we must say good-bye to Mr. Marratt who has accepted the post of Senior Scripture Master at Battersea Grammar School. The Society is extremely grateful to him for all his interest in its activities, and wishes him good luck in his new school.

G. W. WILLIS *(Secretary)*, L6A, Gc.

TENNIS This year strenuous efforts have been made to make tennis an activity of equal importance as cricket, and with this object in view a number of matches with other schools were arranged. Our first match was against Purley County Grammar School at Purley, and although we lost by 6 events to 3, the result was encouraging as our opponents had a very strong side.

The next match played at Wimbledon Park was against Raynes Park County Grammar, and the final score, a loss of 5 events to 4 reflects a hard struggle.

The School was affiliated to the Surrey Lawn Tennis Association at the beginning of the season, which, amongst other advantages, entitled the School to enter for the " Rootham Shield ".

In this championship the School were selected to play against one of last year's finalists, Mitcham County Grammar. After a very hard but enjoyable match, the School emerged the victors, 4 events to 1 and this put the School in the Semi-Final.

We discovered that our opponents for this match were Purley County Grammar with whose standard of play we were only too familiar! We were a little disappointed to have been beaten by them but perhaps it was a little too much to expect to reach the Finals in our first competitive year.

We have seen a number of instructional films on how to improve our stroke play, and some of us have put in a lot of indoor practice in the gymnasium after school time. This has undoubtedly improved our standard of play.

Tennis has now become re-established as a competitive activity in this School and boys in the Upper School will be given an opportunity of playing throughout the year (weather permitting).

Any boy in the Upper School with any tennis ability should make himself known either to Mr. Willer, Master-in-charge, or to myself.

I. THIRLWALL *(Captain)*, L6.

The following boys have represented the School:—

1st pair—I. Thirlwall (Captain), A. Agha. 2nd pair—R. Müller, R. Hunt. Also—A. Atkinson, J. Ashworth, A. Bari.

Results:—

v. Purley	Lost	3—6	(Away)
v. Raynes Park	Lost	4—5	(Home)
v. Elliott	Won	9—0	(Away)
v. Mitcham	Won	4—1	(Home)
v. Purley	Lost	5—0	(Home)

(in the Semi-Final " Rootham Shield ")

OLD WANDSWORTHIANS NOTES

CLUBHOUSE AND SPORTSGROUND Many people connected with the School will be aware of the latest developments in our great venture, but for those who are not, the following brief details will, we trust, prove of interest. The pavilion of pre-fabricated timber construction is being assembled by our own labour force. Sixty brick piers to carry the building were erected, the walls are up, the roof is raised, the windows glazed, the floor is in process of being laid. Much yet remains to be done, however, for in addition to the interior fittings and electric wiring, a separate brick wash-house has to be built together with its septic tank; sundry trenches have to be dug to carry the water and electricity supplies; and there is always the ground itself requiring attention. Gang-mowers and a tractor to cut the 11 acres are being purchased, but before these can be used it will be necessary to clear the ground of stones. A willing band of workers is at the ground each week-end, but there is a great need for more hands all the time. If, therefore, any schoolboy or parent has a mind to spend what should prove to be an enjoyable and certainly a useful spell on the ground, transport will be available every Saturday and Sunday between 10 a.m. and 10.20 a.m. at our rendezvous point outside Zeetas in Putney High Street. Any Old Boy who might read these notes and who has not yet worked a shift will be warmly welcomed " to do his duty ".

THE ASSOCIATION At the Annual General Meeting held in May a complete re-organisation of the administration was voted through. These changes were necessary in order to operate the sportsground, there being elected a Committee whose especial responsibility it will be to attend to the efficient running of the ground and to ensure that sufficient income is made at all times to service the loan from the Rugby Union which is the very corner-stone of our whole existence now. Such radical alteration in our constitution are a token of the earnestness with which the Association is approaching its responsible task, and the keen and continuing support is looked for of every member and potential member.

CRICKET Owing to the demands for full-strength working parties at the sportsground each week-end, our cricket fixtures have been cut to a minimum this season—only four matches having been arranged. Of these we have now played two, drawing the first and winning the second. A most happy encounter was enjoyed when the School entertained us at Beverley Meads on June 7th, and in reply to their score of 120 we had gathered 92 for 8 wickets at the close of play. We look forward to acting as hosts next season, and it would be most fitting if the inaugural match on our new ground were to be against the School. On the following day we beat Raynes Park Residents C.C. scoring 172 for 4 in reply to their 171.

RUGBY CLUB Sunny June hardly seems the time to consider the winter game but the rugby club is giving much thought to its coming season when it will commence playing on the new ground. During this off-season break I am requested to emphasise to all School players that their rugby days need not end when they leave school, but may properly and logically be continued by joining the Old Boys when the time comes. With the demands of National Service apparently to prove less of an obstacle to recruitment than in the past, the Club looks forward to extending a warm welcome to school-leavers—for in every year it must necessarily be to them that the Association at large looks for a steady expansion in its membership. During the early years after leaving school the Rugby Club offers membership at reduced subscription in order that the question of finance need not deter a chap from giving up his game.

In all matters concerning the Association and its activities, enquiries should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Stan Harrison at 21, Twilley Street, London, S.W.18.

D.C.F.

WANDSWORTHIANS LODGE NO. 5365 The Lodge meets at the Ardington Rooms, Clapham Junction, S.W.11., on the first Fridays in February, May, July, October and December. All enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary, Mr. R. H. Coombe, 26, Heathcroft, Hampstead Way, London, N.W.11.

The Wandsworthians Lodge of Instruction meets at 7.30 p.m. on Fridays from 3rd Friday in September to last Friday in April (except on first Friday in each month) at the "Prince of Wales", Upper Richmond Road, Putney. All old boys who are Freemasons are cordially invited to attend.

The Wandsworthians Chapter meets at the Ardington Rooms, Clapham Junction, S.W.11., on the first Fridays in January, March and November. All enquiries should be addressed to the Secretary, Mr. R. O. Beard, 7, Chessington Road East, Ewell, Surrey.

GEOFFREY J. FREEMAN, U5, M.B.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Dear Members,

Since my last letter to you we have held our Annual General Meeting, and have welcomed new members to the Parents' Council. This is always a very pleasant task because usually with new faces on the Council we may look for new ideas and suggestions for the entertainment and assistance of pupils' parents.

The amount raised by this year's appeal made by the Association on behalf of the Old Wandsworthians' Memorial Ground, which is now well under way was £151 7s. 10d., which has been handed over to the Trustees of the Fund.

Should there be any parent who has not seen the appeal please don't think that the Trustees would refuse your donation as the Sports Ground project is still not out of the wood yet financially and I am certain would welcome any further monetary support however small that you could send them, via your boy's Tutor.

I would again ask that if any parents can assist us in any way with bright ideas for your future programme and entertainment, we would be very glad of your suggestions.

Yours sincerely,

R. MUNDY, *Hon. Secretary.*

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