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Editorial

In these days, when there are so many attractive ways of employing one's leisure time, and when the temptation to select those which demand only a passive receptivity is steadily increasing, it is more than pleasant to find, as one did at the Hobbies Exhibition, that so many boys prefer to devote themselves to creative arts and crafts.

To an editorial eye, of course, one of the most interesting parts of the Exhibition was the new section that had been introduced for Literature. The entries included short stories and poems, and the authors had obviously derived considerable pleasure from their work.

There are those who maintain that Literature should not be classed as a hobby. To them we would point out that the word "poet" is derived from a Greek verb meaning "to make," and that the fashioning of a poem or a piece of prose requires skill and craftsmanship as surely as does cabinet-making, leatherwork or modelling. Words, the writer's materials, are often intransigent; repeated use has dulled the brightness and debased the value of many of them; all too often they seem, and sometimes are, incapable of producing the precise effect that is desired. Nevertheless, in spite of their shortcomings (or, perhaps, because of them), words possess a fascination peculiarly their own: moulding a phrase, or shaping and reshaping a sentence, until thought and expression join in happy union gives a rewarding satisfaction, unexcelled by that offered by any other kind of craftsmanship. We hope that it will be experienced by an increasing number of boys, and that the pleasures of Literature will brighten their winter evenings—which, as recent weeks have shown, are by no means restricted to the months with which they are usually associated!

Material for the next issue of *The Magazine* should reach the Editor not later than Tuesday, November 30th, 1954. Original photographs, printed on glossy paper, may be submitted.

The Editor acknowledges with thanks the receipt of numerous contemporaries, including *The Azurian*, *The Edwardian*, *The Guildfordian* and *The Lion*.

School Chronicle

THERE were 503 boys on the roll at the beginning of the Summer Term. We congratulate Mr. R. G. Beldam, M.A., A.C.A., on succeeding to the office of Chairman of the Woking Council, and Mr. A. D. Campbell, B.Sc., on his re-election to the Council.

Mr. E. H. Day, M.A., L.R.A.M., left at Easter to take up a post at Wilson's Grammar School, and Mrs. L. P. Alexander, B.A., has been serving temporarily in his place this term. We have also been grateful for the services of Mrs. G. J. Talbot, B.A., during the absence of Mr. G. H. K. Minney since Easter. We take this opportunity of wishing Mr. Minney a speedy and complete recovery from his illness.

M. G. Scott and E. B. Wigham have been appointed School Prefects this term.

The performance of the School Choir in the Woking Schools Music Festival on March 31st earned high praise for their part-singing from the adjudicator, Mr. William Appleby.

During the Easter holidays the Wayfarers' fourth overseas coach tour took them to the Dolomites and the Italian lakes (Garda and Como) and was again most successful. The French Exchange party visited Grenoble again, as in 1952, where they were most hospitably received and entertained.

D. J. Selicks, J. E. Colloff and J. Benstead were awarded Senior XI colours by the Surrey Schools F.A. D. J. Selicks was also selected to play in the Football Association's annual Football Week at Oxford, during the Easter holidays. In the Surrey Grammar Schools' Sports at Motspur Park, on June 10th, he also set up a new record for Putting the Shot.

A junior athletics team took part in the Woking and District Schools' Sports on June 2nd and between them took four first and two second places.

G. S. Turner has been selected as one of 25 A.T.C. cadets who are to visit the U.S.A. in the summer.

H. J. Lee recently appeared in a B.B.C. television programme. The Rev. R. S. Paul, M.A., D.Phil., an Old Boy of the School, has been appointed by the World Council of Churches to be Assistant Director of the Ecumenical Institute, Geneva.

F. B. Walter (School Captain 1951-52) has taken First Class Honours in Part 1 of the Cambridge Chemical Engineering Tripos.

Visitors to the School have included Mr. Tom Driberg, M.P., and the Rt. Rev. Roderic Coote, Bishop of Gambia (Old Wokingian).

Sports Day will be on Wednesday, July 14th, when the Rev. N. D. Stacey, B.A. (member of the British Olympic Team, 1952) will present the trophies.

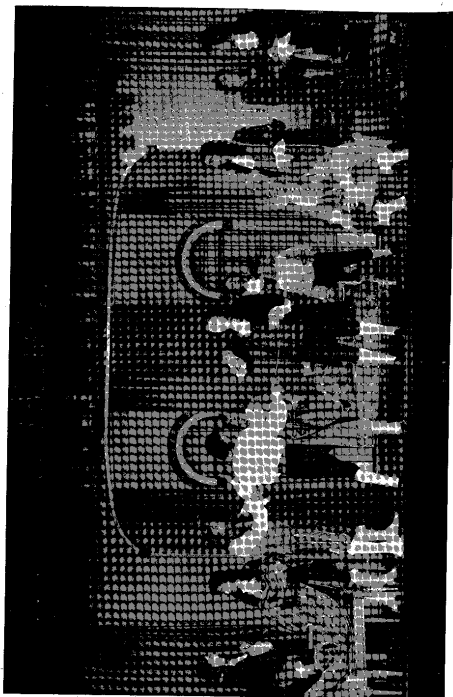
Reception for the French Exchange party, Wednesday, July 21st. Swimming Gala, in the Woking Swimming Pool, Thursday, July 22nd.

Summer Term ends on Friday, July 23rd.

The dates of the Autumn Term are: First day, Wednesday, September 8th; last day of term, Wednesday, December 22nd.

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"THE PRODIGIOUS SNOB"—Act I.

"The Prodigious Snob"

An adaptation by Miles Maleson of Molière's "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme." Produced March, 1954.

The choice of *The Prodigious Snob* for this year's production proved most happy. *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme*, the story of a wealthy and vainglorious merchant who makes himself ridiculous in his efforts to be accepted into the ranks of the aristocracy, has always been a favourite with French audiences, and in Miles Maleson's adaptation for the contemporary English stage has lost none of its powers to entertain and amuse. The plot has been tightened up here and there, and an apt selection of idiom has helped to define the various personalities and social stations of a richly diverse collection of characters. With their experience gained last year in *The Government Inspector*, with which the present play has certain affinities, the cast seemed from the start thoroughly at home in the satirical world of Molière's creation, and did more than justice to the skilful rehearsing they had evidently received from the Producers, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Hardaker, in how to emphasize by appropriate intonation and by-play the comedy of situation and character.

Although a few of the actors were not consistently audible in the earlier performances, the diction was generally both clear and in character. A noteworthy feature of the production was the excellent deportment of the actors, the naturalness and ease of their movements and their use of effective gesture. Dispositions on the stage, too, had been thoroughly worked out, so that even the tussle of the tutors and the crowded action of the Mamamouchi ceremony were smoothly and realistically carried through.

Not a little of the effect of the production can be attributed to the soundness of the casting. Knowing that he will create the right impression from the moment of walking on is a great asset to a youthful actor, and almost all sustained this favourable first impression. The all-important central rôle was played with commanding vigour and obvious enjoyment by H. J. Lee, who, although at times tending to overstress the buffoonery of the part, succeeded admirably in portraying M. Jourdain as a man who indeed "lets every passion rip." He was equally at home in assuming every emotion from extreme elation to utter dejection, and brought home the completeness with which M. Jourdain (apart from his stubborn refusal to accept a commoner for a son-in-law) is at the mercy of all around him.

Excellent fun resulted from the performances of the various tutors whom M. Jourdain had engaged to transform himself into a person of quality. Outstanding was that of C. C. B. Chenery as the venal and fastidious Music Master. His subtle inflections of voice and expressive by-play were a continual source of delight, and yet aptly drew ironical attention to the incongruous behaviour of his client. He was ably partnered by D. J. Collyer who conveyed the unction with which the Dancing Master plays a willing second string in the scheming of his cunning colleague. Well contrasted were N. H. Smith's uncomplaisingly brusque and efficient Fencing Master and B. L. Bowbrick's urbane Philosopher whose self-esteem, however, is not above pique, while R. C. Harbon in the part of the Tailor struck the requisite note of supercilious affectation. J. Bailey and B. L. Jones gave satisfying performances as the Flunkies, throwing into relief their master's absurd

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But whatever attracted our attentions most we are left to admire the efforts of the winners of the Hobbies Competition, and we congratulate A. Over on being Senior Champion (in spite of the handicap of having to make all his exhibits while confined to bed by illness), M. J. Smith, who is Junior Champion, and Nelson House on becoming holders of the Hobbies Cup.

The celerity and efficiency with which the Exhibition was assembled, arranged and dismantled, and the care with which the exhibits were guarded, are wholly due to the organization of Mr. Poulter, and it is to whom we have to thank for successfully continuing an institution which has proved so worthwhile.

R.C.H.

Library Notes

It is with mixed feelings that we look back over the past year. 1953-54 has been a year of uneven progress. Additional shelving was received and installed during the Autumn Term. The Library is now very congested, and the criticism that it is little more than a book stack is more than ever justified. The restricted space prohibits its proper use as a library, but we can now accommodate more books. The new shelving is again of steel, but it has a solid back and so will provide greater protection for the books. A more pleasing addition to the library furniture is a small light-oak table. How happy we should be if all our furniture and fittings were of the same character!

But furniture and fittings, however attractive, will never make a library. It is the contents, and the use which is made of them, which are of paramount importance. We have received many additions during the year—more than in any other year since the war. Unfortunately there has not been a corresponding increase in the use of the books. The number of issues varies from month to month (the Summer Term always shows a falling-off in reading), but in total the Library has been used less this year than last. Furthermore, less care would seem to have been taken of the books. All too frequently I am handed copies which have been left untended for several days. This neglect is reflected in the state of many volumes. We are aware that many books are old and in poor condition, but some additions received as recently as last September are already damaged and dirty. We are still losing books, too. Many of these we cannot trace because no record has been made of their issue. We trust that all these missing books will be returned before the end of the term. We would appeal to all members of the School to make a thorough search at home. Eric Shipton's account of the 1951 Everest Reconnaissance was kept out of circulation for four months during the year because one boy had forgotten that he had borrowed it.

Since the last report 25 books have been added to the Departmental Libraries and 51 to the General Library. Twenty-six of these were a gift from the Headmaster from a private collection, some of which he had rebound for us. Other additions were gifts from boys leaving. B. L. Bowbrick gave us three books: *Living Dangerously* by F. Spencer Chapman, *The Lilies and the Bees* by Edward Grierson and *A Place to Stand* by Ann Bridge. M. E. Dimmock gave us *Eastern*

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expected, these blessings have their accompanying drawbacks, of which the most important is the fact that the earnest, hard-working undergraduate has to contend with the generally insufferable atmosphere of London and the incessant rumble of traffic. The catering facilities for students are often deplorable; a trip to many of the colleges' playing fields seems like a half-day excursion, and, in addition, too great a proportion of students is forced to lead a dreary existence in suburban "digs" instead of enjoying the benefits of the too few halls of residence. Nevertheless, many Old Wokingians have chosen to further their education in London, and to my knowledge there are eight of us at University College this session. Amongst these are J. A. Cooper, at present Captain of the Gymnastics Club and a member of the College Cross-Country Team, J. J. Dodds, who has played for the 2nd XV, and the Carr brothers, both of whom have been awarded Colours for Shooting.

Just one humble piece of advice to prospective London undergraduates—unless you secure a place in a hall of residence or some centrally-situated "digs," go elsewhere.

Please convey my best wishes to the Headmaster, Staff and boys.

Yours sincerely,

ALAN K. LL. HILLS.

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Approaches by Fitzroy Maclean; A. C. Stubbings, *A History of German Verseification* by H. G. Atkins; and D. J. Collyer, *Sergeant Bigglesworth* by W. E. Johns. I. F. Johnson of Form Ilc also gave us a copy of *Scott's Last Expedition*. We acknowledge these gifts with grateful thanks, and again commend the example to boys leaving in July. I should be pleased to suggest titles to any boy who was wondering what to give us. All books foreshadowed in our last report have arrived, and other notable additions have been George Cansdale's *Zoo Book*; *The Times Book of Zoo Animals*; *Seven Years in Tibet* by Heinrich Harrer; *Rim Jungle* by Alan Moorehead; *Above us the Waves* by C. E. T. Warren and J. Benson; *Test Pilot* by Neville Duke; *The Bombard Story*, and the first volume of Arthur Bryant's *Story of England*. We would also draw attention to four of the new Phoenix publications: *The Young Traveller in Scotland* by Ian Finlay, *Fishing for Beginners* by Maurice Wiggin, *How's Your Pet?* by Hugh Newman, and *A Guide for the National Service Man in the Army* by Major T. B. Beveridge.

Many new monitors had to be appointed at the beginning of the year, but several of the previous year's team continued to serve. We are grateful for their further assistance. Their value increases with their greater interest and experience. To all who have helped us we would offer thanks, and to those who are leaving our best wishes.

D. J. BUTTERWORTH.

The University Letter

University College,
London.

June 8th, 1954.

DEAR SIR,

Somewhere betwixt the ancient and hallowed walls of Oxford and Cambridge and the more modern, relatively insignificant structures of Southampton and Hull lies the University of London. This adornment to the mighty capital of the great British Commonwealth first took root in 1826 when London University was established as a joint-stock undertaking. Since that eventful year charters have been granted and the University has expanded until to-day it comprises an agglomeration of approximately thirty colleges, the majority of which fall within a reasonable radius of the Metropolis. Many of the colleges are small in size and specialized in approach, and it is generally agreed that, to a large extent, the University revolves around the two oldest establishments of King's and University Colleges, situated near the Strand and Tottenham Court Road respectively. Incidentally, some of the buildings of University College figured prominently in the film "Doctor in the House."

For the happy-go-lucky student whose ambitions soar no higher than a second-class degree, London University offers many important advantages: no other University town contains so many theatres, cinemas or other places where a student's desires may be satisfied, whilst on the occasional warm summer's day the London student is able to relax serenely at Lords or the Oval. However, as is to be

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Literary Contributions

THE THAMES AT NIGHT.

The day had been warm with a promise of spring, and a haze hung over the black water. The moon was bright and caught the small ripples, casting a twinkling, silver path from bank to bank. Large white masses of froth piled up on the trailing branches of trees and bushes, and the steady drone of the weir broke the silence of the night. The only movement apart from the swirling of the water was made by a water-fowl which had not settled for the night. Then a phantom-like object glided out of the darkness into the moonlight, and the graceful outline of a swan could be discerned. As night grew, the moon sought a hiding-place behind a pillowy bank of clouds, and it seemed a sign for everything to rest until the sun of dawn should come to begin another day. Everything was dark and tranquil, but the weir droned monotonously on, and the river swirled ceaselessly, the river which never rests.

A. W. EDWARDS (IVA).

THE DAWN CHORUS.

As the grey light of dawn replaces darkness the mellow notes of the first blackbird carry through the calm air. Then the song-thrush tines up, and his fine voice is more sharp, and he sings his notes several times, as if to make sure they are right.

The robin's song is clear and carrying as the cocks dispute their territories. The cheeky sparrow begins to chirp in the ivy on the old house. The great tit chimes his bell, as if to let you know that it's time to get up.

Then, perhaps, the blackbird gives the alarm when he sees a bird-hunting cat. More birds join in: the blue-tit scolds; the wren gives a solemn recital; the jay jeers while stealing peas from the kitchen garden; the moorhen mother calls her chicks to her side; the swifts scream as they fly, interweaving, in the sky.

More and more birds join in, and the chaffinch sings his pretty song. The chorus rises to its climax and then gradually dies away as the birds hunt for food and water.

R. W. POLHILL (IIA).

A VISIT TO VENICE.

I THINK the best day of my holidays was one in Italy with the School coach-party. We were staying in Desenzano del Garda, a small town on Lake Garda, and it was the day we went to Venice. For this trip a 7.30 a.m. breakfast was necessary, as the journey ahead was a long one. It was a fine day, and we started at about 8.15 a.m. on the first stage of our journey.

The scenery was rather drab and dull at first, but as we neared Milan the hustle and bustle of a very industrial town provided plenty of interest. When we reached Venice we went about a mile through the town until we arrived at the water-bus station. All the party paid their fares and we boarded the bus. A man, a rather rough and sea-faring type on the pier, cast off, and the most peculiar 'bus ride of my life had begun. On the way many gondolas were seen creeping down the small

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side-alleys, and going at a surprising rate on the main waterways. After about a quarter of an hour we came into the Grand Canal, sparkling majestically in the bright and glowing sun. The Grand Canal is very wide, and traffic is numerous, so some precautions have to be taken. The problems, however, are overcome by the unusual use of traffic lights on a waterway. We stopped at many places on the way, but at last we reached St. Mark's Square.

When on dry land again, we started to explore. As we landed two grand monuments were in the foreground, and to the Doges, the rulers of Venice, whose palace is on the right, these pillars meant bad luck if they walked between them. Ahead we now saw a very high bell-tower, which after lunch some of our party went up in order to admire the brilliant view. Pigeons in their thousands help to keep the beautiful and majestic St. Mark's Square alive and bustling.

Many shops and statues are all round the square, and the famous Venetian glass-makers were well represented. We went to see the glittering and delicate little glass animals being made. Many alleys and side-roads in a maze of shops lead to the house in which we saw the skilled artists working at the glass and forming the graceful and elegant animals.

After this visit we had lunch and then went round St. Mark's Cathedral, a large and stately building just by the Doges' Palace. Many tapestries and frescoes decorate the walls and ceiling, and they give a gleaming effect to the Cathedral. High over the crowd, mounted over the doors, are the bronze horses which Nero gave to one of the Doges nearly two thousand years ago.

Now we had two hours to ourselves, and I walked along the picturesque waterfront to see the Bridge of Sighs. In the old days it was said that anyone crossing this bridge to the prison never came back.

Just off the mainland is a very small island named San Giorgio, on which there are about twelve buildings and very few people. As we gazed at the island a loud siren was heard a little way away, and in came a great liner, the "Europa," with her new streamlined funnel gleaming in the blazing and brilliant sun, and looking a perfect picture against a cloudless sky.

Only too soon our excursion was over and we took our last glimpse of Venice. I knew I had been to a place I would never forget.

T. JANSON (IB).

THE AGENT PROVOCATEUR.

She is the secret agent of that mysterious underworld
Of aspidochelons and lace curtains.
There, shackled in her self-created sphere of dusty chintz
And spine-chilling brown linoleum,
She peers and spies and listens.
Though she sleeps now in her wicker chair,
Her dreams are still detecting and spioning
Into the shadowy secrets of her neighbours' lives,
And that fat white face, uncrinkled, stores
All the wicked commonplaces of Mrs. Jones next door.
Sometimes she stealthily creeps in her
Back-yard auditorium and exchanges confidences,

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Their cry is a sharp bark, though this is very rarely heard except when they are attacked. At all other times a snuffle or a deep, throaty grunt is all the noise they make.
Mating takes place in the autumn, and the young are born in the following February or March. There are two or three cubs in each litter and, if taken when very young, a badger makes a delightful pet.

G. D. ROWETT (IVA).

PEACE.

When all the world can live as one,
As brothers 'neath a common sun,
And East meet West without a gun,
Then we'll have Peace;
When jealous fear is felt by none,
Then we'll have Peace.

When every land and creed abhors
The lack of good and righteous laws,
And people have a common cause,
Then we'll have Peace;
When leaders are opposed to wars,
Then we'll have Peace.

When over many a distant land
The powers that be can understand
Each other, and go hand in hand,
Then we'll have Peace;
A peace that's firm and strong and grand,
A lasting Peace.

A. W. J. (LVI Arts).

A STORMY NIGHT.

I.

The night grew hot and oppressive and not a star showed through the dark, heavy clouds. Then came a flicker of light followed by a rumble of thunder. Then, as the air became cooler, a driving fork of lightning broke the darkness and was followed by a thunder-clap that seemed to split the heavens.

Now the artillery of the skies began its bombardment in earnest. The "heavies" shook every fibre in the two travellers' bodies, the eighteen-pounders cracked their eardrums, and the machine-guns rattled away over the distant hills. Yellow light leapt through the clouds as the aerial mines exploded. To and fro above them raged this battle of the gods. At times it seemed to be passing over, and then it returned with a violence that sent the two travellers cowering against a wall.

Then the first rain fell—slow, heavy drops that rebounded from the pavement. A cold wind struck them, and without further warning the bottom fell from the sky and a solid sheet of water fell on the parched

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Disguised in secret codes about the weather.

With her fellow-spies, her double-crossing allies;
And there over the chicken-runs and privet hedges she
Breathes her terrible findings and is shocked anew
Into moralizing with Papal solemnity.
Her other occupations are the Pools and the Baptist Chapel
Where she eagerly drinks in the Gospel according to
The Gossips; then, returning to her china-dogged cloister,
She will reveal inside her sinister, sterile soul,
And the fantasies of her morbid imagination
Flicker wickedly into the dusty drabness
As she drinks a toast in tea to the Goddess of Espionage.

R. C. HARBON (U.VI Arts).

THE BADGER.

This inoffensive creature will fight bravely and savagely when attacked, and this strong, natural, protective instinct probably led to the old-time sport of badger-baiting.

Badgers dig their sets in some natural mound or under the roots of a tree. Often the locality where badgers are found has been a home for many centuries, for they are conservative creatures and successive generations prefer to add another chamber to the one in which they were born rather than find a new place for a home. Their sets are models of tidiness; their bedding is frequently changed, and sometimes you can see it laid out in the open being aired. Unlike the fox, the badger is a very clean animal, and will build itself a lavatory separate from its living accommodation. Nor will you ever find the entrance of its home littered with old bones, feathers and decaying matter, which are a distinctive feature of a fox's lair.

A badger will always eat where it kills. In the main, its diet consists of frogs, snails, beetles, rats, mice, young rabbits and even fungus. These it ferrets out with its long snout. Old badgers occasionally kill chickens, though this is a very rare occurrence, and a badger will never kill lambs as some farmers would have us believe. Badgers are very fond of honey, and are never better pleased than when they find a wild bees' nest, which they quickly dig out with their sharp claws. Other delicacies which they prize are young wasp grubs and the white bulbs of bluebells.

Badgers are even more difficult to observe than foxes, and many people have never seen one. This is partly due to their nocturnal nature, though they are much more common than would at first be apparent. The best time of the year to study badgers is in the summer—late June or early July—when the nights are short and they emerge from their sets to look for food while it is still light.

They have unmistakable markings. Their long, sleek heads are white with broad, black stripes running from the ears towards the tip of the nose. The legs are black, while the low, squat body and broad, stumpy tail are covered in a greysish hair. It is this hair that is used for making shaving brushes. Their average length is about three feet, and they grow to between twenty-five and forty pounds in weight.

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street. The rain sounded like bullets on the corrugated-iron roofs. It came down so fast that the drains could not clear the roadway of water, and a miniature torrent rushed down the street.

Then the rain gradually eased off until it was quite fine again. The air was fresh and cool, and the stars began to reemerge in the sky. Then the moon came out with all its ghostly brilliance.

J. B. HICKS (IIA).

II.

We had had a glorious day cycling through the country and were a few miles from home when we noticed the sky turning grey: it appeared as if storm-clouds were gathering. It was evening, but much darker than usual, and we realized that we would have to shelter sooner or later. We knew of no place except a desolate house, reputed to be haunted, and this was about three miles further on.

By now rain was beginning to fall quite heavily, and we had no other choice than to shelter there. The rain pelted down as we pedalled furiously up the over-grown drive. Long arms of bramble tore at our drenched clothes. The house looked grim and forbidding as a flash of lightning lit it up. We were tempted to retreat, but a crash of thunder urged us on.

The front door swung drunkenly on its rusty hinges as we almost fell into the hall in our haste to shelter. Another flash of lightning revealed a wide staircase and several doors gaping into empty rooms. Thunder seemed to roll round the walls; we decided to try the front room, and were just going through the doorway when, with a terrific crash, the ceiling caved in and we were almost buried under the debris, but being so near the doorway we managed to leap clear into the hall, almost choked by the dust, but otherwise unhurt.

Outside, rain seemed to be flooding the garden as lightning flashes were reflected in the water. The storm raged on for an hour or so, but gradually abated, and rain was still falling steadily when we made a dash for home. The thunder was rumbling in the distance, but we felt much safer away from that lonely, old, deserted house, which obviously would not stand the strain of many more storms like the one we had just experienced.

K. W. RAMSDEN (IIA).

BILD.

Der Baum ragt in die weissen Wolken empor. Auf dem allerhöchsten Zweige schwingt ein zartes, braunes Blatt. Es bewegt sich im Winde hin und her, wie ein Geschöpf im Todeskampf; es zittert, es zucht, es wird schwächer, ruhig und leise. Tot fällt es nieder, sanft in des Windes mächtigen Armen.

Wunderlich schön und langsam gleitet es lautlos durch die Luft, wie ein angenehmer Gedanke aus der Leere.

Es hängt in der Luft wie ein verlorener Schmetterling, dann fällt es auf den ruhigen Fluss.

Kein Blatt mehr, kein braunes, kleines Blatt! Wie eine spanische Galeere jetzt, mit gelben Segeln, fährst du königlich und stolz durch der Sonne Strahlen hin.

O, dass ich mitkommen könnte! Unmöglich doch ist's, da ich mich nicht verändern kann, wie du, glückliches Blättchen.

M. J. WEBB (U.VI Arts).

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Football, 1953-54

1ST XI RESULTS.

- Feb. 20th. v. Guildford Grammar School. Home. Won 4-2 (Colloff 2, Sellicks, Benstead).
 Feb. 27th. v. Dorking Grammar School. Away. Won 6-1 (Sellicks 2, Quarendon, Colloff, Benstead, own goal).
 March 3rd. v. Reading University 2nd XI. Home. Won 5-0 (Sellicks 2, Colloff 2, Quarendon).
 March 13th. v. Hinchley Wood Commercial School. Home. Won 7-1 (Sellicks 3, Freeman 2, Colloff, Jones).
 March 20th. v. Ottershaw School. Home. Won 4-1 (Sellicks 3, Jones).
 March 27th. v. Bisley School. Away. Won 11-0 (Chudley 2, Sellicks 2, Henderson 2, Benstead 2, Jones, Colloff, Quarendon).
 April 3rd. v. Godalming Grammar School. Home. Won 5-0 (Quarendon 2, Sellicks, Colloff, own goal).
 April 7th. v. The Staff. Home. Won 4-1 (Palmer 3, Jones).
 Record for 1953-54: Played 19, Won 13, Lost 5, Drawn 1. Goals for 82, Against 33.
 Goal-scorers, 1953-54: Sellicks 23, Colloff 17, Benstead 11, Quarendon 9.

1ST XI CHARACTERS.

- K. R. PALMER** (goalkeeper). Originally first choice as goalkeeper, he played many good games.
W. F. CHUDLEY (goalkeeper). Secured his place in the team in the latter half of the season, and never let the side down.
R. A. STANDING (right-back). A stylish full-back. Has done well in his first season in the 1st XI.
R. SIBICK (left-back). Has played equally well at full-back and half-back. Strong and resolute in the tackle, he has proved a full 90-minutes player.
A. W. HENDERSON (right-half). Diminutive but determined, he has shown consistent form throughout the season.
B. S. ROBINSON (centre-half). A tower of strength in defence, he has dominated the centre of the field in most matches.
D. G. BRANGWYN (left-half). Captain. He has found his best position at wing-half. On the field he has set a good example to his team.
J. R. QUARENDON (outside-right). One of the speediest players in the team, he has led many a defence a merry dance.
J. E. BENSTEAD (inside-right). A brilliant ball-player, he has provided his colleagues with numerous openings. Has represented the Surrey Senior Schools.

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UNDER 15 XI

- May 15th. v. Windsor G. S. Away. Lost by 18 runs. Windsor, 60 (Buss, 4 for 16; P. Davies, 4 for 14). Woking, 42 (Ransome, 13).
 May 22nd. v. Bisley. Away. Won by 6 wickets. Bisley, 37 (Buss, 4 for 12; Wilhelmy, 3 for 4). Woking, 39 for 4 (Buss, 18 not out; Ransome, 21 not out).
 May 29th. v. Strode's. Away. Lost by 5 wickets. Woking, 21. Strode's, 22 for 5.
 June 19th. v. Ottershaw. Away. Won by 3 wickets. Ottershaw, 57 (Buss, 3 for 24; Elliott, 2 for 3; Davies, 2 for 6). Woking, 58 for 7 (Claydon, 17; Buss, 15).

OTHER MATCHES.

- May 22nd. "A" XI v. Bisley. Lost by 1 wicket. Woking, 64. Bisley, 65 for 9.
 May 22nd. Under 14 v. Bisley. Away. Lost by 10 wickets. Woking, 28. Bisley, 29 for no wicket.
 May 22nd. Under 13 v. Bisley. Away. Lost by 4 wickets. Woking, 31. Bisley, 32 for 6.

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D. J. SELICKS (centre-forward). Combining speed and weight, he has scored a number of goals this season. Obtained his County Colours.
C. REED (inside-left). He has proved a scheming inside-forward and has used his head more on the field than in the classroom.
J. E. M. COLLOFF (outside-left). Scored numerous goals by moving in to the centre at the opportune moments. Has represented Surrey.

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Cricket Results

1ST XI.

- May 8th. v. Farnborough G. S. Home. Won by 6 wickets. Farnborough, 37. Woking, 38 for 4.
 May 12th. v. Tiffin G. S. Away. Match abandoned. Woking, 46. Tiffin, 18 for 1.
 May 15th. v. Windsor G. S. Home. Won by 77 runs. Woking, 125 for 7 declared. Windsor, 48.
 May 22nd. v. Hampton G. S. Away. Lost by 64 runs. Hampton, 100 for 9 declared. Woking, 36.
 June 19th. v. Ottershaw. Home. Lost by 7 wickets. Woking, 54. Ottershaw, 55 for 3.

2ND XI.

- May 8th. v. Farnborough G. S. Away. Won by 2 wickets. Farnborough, 68 (B. Clark, 6 for 23; D. J. Mellersh, 3 for 16). Woking, 70 for 8 (J. R. Bateman, 25; C. Robinson, 14 not out).
 May 12th. v. Tiffin G. S. Away. Match abandoned. Woking, 77 for 9 (D. J. Mellersh, 6 for 22; Searl, 2 for 17).
 May 15th. v. Windsor G. S. Away. Match drawn. Woking, 92 for 7 declared (B. Clark, 18. R. Mellersh, 13). Windsor, 71 for 6 (B. Clark, 3 for 22; D. A. Walker, 2 for 12).
 May 22nd. v. Hampton G. S. Home. Lost by 87 runs. Hampton, 161 for 9 declared (Knott, 2 for 7; D. A. Walker, 2 for 23). Woking, 74 (R. Mellersh, 20; Knott, 18 not out).
 May 29th. v. Strode's School. Away. Lost by 3 runs. Strode's, 53 (B. Clark, 4 for 22; Searl, 2 for 8). Woking, 50 (B. Clark, 13; J. R. Bateman, 10; C. Robinson, 10 not out).
 June 19th. v. Ottershaw. Away. Match drawn. Ottershaw, 86. Woking, 54 for 6.

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Athletics

The School has competed in two athletics meetings this term. Sending a small Junior team to the Woking and District Sports on June 2nd, the School did well to finish runners-up in the Under 15 age group. Individual performances were:—

UNDER 15.

- 220 yards: 1st, I. S. Jones, 26 secs.
 100 yards: 1st, F. Gadd, 11.4 secs.
 Shot Put: 1st, J. S. Orridge, 35ft. 5ins.
 80 yards Hurdles: 1st, J. R. Elliott, 11.6 secs.
 High Jump: 2nd, J. S. Orridge, 4ft. 9ins.

UNDER 14.

- 100 yards: 2nd, G. E. Potts.

Our only successes at the Surrey Grammar Schools' Sports at Motspur Park on June 10th came from D. J. Sellicks (10 points) and I. S. Jones (1 point). Sellicks won the shot putt with a new record distance of 44ft. 4ins, and was third in the discus with 126ft., beating the previous record by almost 9ft. Jones was 6th in the 220 yards Under 16 final.

I. S. Jones, J. R. Elliott, F. Gadd, J. S. Orridge, G. E. Potts, K. J. Coleman, J. Ewens, J. R. Quarendon and D. J. Sellicks were selected to represent Woking District in the Surrey Schools' Sports held at Motspur Park on June 26th.

The School athletics team this term was D. J. Sellicks, D. G. Brangwyn, J. R. Quarendon, J. S. Ewens, A. W. Johnson, A. B. Drewitt, K. J. Coleman, I. S. Jones, R. E. Hillman, G. E. Potts, F. Gadd, J. R. Elliott, C. H. Phillips, J. C. Pratt, F. P. Male, F. A. Sale, K. J. Baxter, J. S. Orridge, K. J. Chivers and A. R. Gilpin.

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House Notes

DRAKE HOUSE.

House Masters: Mr. L. G. EVELEIGH, Mr. I. P. ALEXANDER, Mr. H. L. SAVAGE, Mr. C. E. LUCAS, Mr. R. J. OTTER, Mr. J. LLOYD.
House Captain: P. J. COLSON. *House Secretary:* J. M. OLIVER.

The performance of the House this year has varied from indifferent to good. We were third in Hobbies, but M. J. Smith must be congratulated on gaining the Junior Championship, the first time a Drake boy has done so for many years. Despite the fact that we had five 1st XI members, we were only second in Football. This was due to the element of luck which enters into all sport, and possibly to a lack of really first-rate enthusiasm. The Seniors drew all their Cricket matches, and the final positions must now rest with the Juniors, under the guidance of K. S. Jones. First place was gained in the Shooting, under Woodham's captaincy, a sport in which the House continues to show brilliance. Cole's captaincy finally won for us again the Chess Cup, after a hard fight with Raleigh; unfortunately seven members of the team are leaving this year.

J. Bailey and J. Quarendon are the captains of Swimming and Athletics respectively. The House has undoubted talent in these spheres, and if both these boys receive the support they deserve the House could put up a creditable performance.

It is in the Work and Conduct competitions that the House's inherent weakness is best seen, a weakness which has thwarted its endeavours so many times for the past ten years. The House continually comes just a few points below the leaders on each successive sheet, but as there are five sheets in the year these small deficits add up to a considerable total. This is not fully recognized. Again and again the House puts up a reasonable performance, but it is just a little below the required standard: a two-vigorous enthusiasm could make the difference. Everything cannot be left to the few brilliant individuals and the captains: the House Cup can be won only by a House, not a small section of it. The House does possess some unquestionable talent, but until that talent receives enthusiastic support high hopes will not materialize.

J. M. OLIVER.

HAWKINS HOUSE.

House Masters: Mr. D. J. BUTTERWORTH, Mr. F. H. FOULTER, Mr. A. B. MABERLY, Mr. C. D. SKUSE, Mr. L. NOSKIEWICZ.
House Captain: M. J. WEBB. *House Secretary:* R. SIBBICK.

Last term the House bade farewell to Mr. E. H. Day, who left to take up a post in South London. The House conveyed its best wishes to Mr. Day, whose enthusiastic support will be missed, especially in Boxing. The competition for the House Cup still remains very keen. At Work we have fallen by the wayside and were placed third in the current "Q" List. We are just holding our own in Conduct. Any effort to improve these positions will be of no avail, however, unless certain members of the House stop losing points unnecessarily for lateness.

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reflected the lack of enthusiasm in the House for this activity. Our late position could be much better and also a great deal worse. Prospects in Cricket and Athletics are reasonably good, but Swimming remains a doubtful factor, though given the necessary enthusiasm we should be able to do better than last year.

We can be Cook House; we can very easily come second or third in the House Competition. Last year we took the easier, less creditable, path. Having learned from experience, every member of the House should devote himself to proving that Nelson House can achieve, can grasp, the prize we have clutched at for so long.

R. C. GOREE.

RALEIGH HOUSE.

House Masters: Mr. G. H. K. MINNEY, Mr. A. A. PEARSON, Mr. D. W. NEWTON, Mr. D. R. GIBLING, Mr. G. J. TALBOT, Mr. J. H. BOWLES.
House Captain: J. S. NELSON. *House Secretary:* B. S. ROBINS.

At the end of the Spring Term Raleigh were fourth in the House Competition, owing, in the main, to our very bad results in both Work and Conduct. This year we have lost most of the boys who regularly lost large numbers of points, yet we still cannot rise above the bottom position. Obviously a much greater effort must be made day by day by each individual member of the House, particularly in Conduct, which plays such a large part in deciding the final House positions.

The sporting activities of the Summer Term are now well under way, and practices are being held in Swimming, Athletics and Cricket. In the Hobbies and Shooting competitions we did very badly, in both cases because of the lack of enthusiasm. The boys who did participate were very successful, but they lacked the backing of the entire House. We can, however, be pleased with our result in the Chess Championship, in which we were only just defeated by Drake.

The House wishes all its Senior boys every success in the coming public examinations. We also wish Mr. Minney a speedy return to good health.

B. S. ROBINS.

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When it is recalled that we have had only three weeks with a clean sheet for lateness during the whole year, it is not to be wondered at that Hawkins has lost more House points than the other Houses put together.

At Soccer Hawkins finally tied with Drake for second place to Raleigh, mainly owing to both teams beating Nelson.

The Chess team finished a mediocre third, but at least it was a definite improvement on last year's performance, and it is up to the younger members to learn to play and maintain the improvement.

B. L. Bowbrick was appointed Shooting Captain, and under his leadership the House gained second and third places in the Ward Cup, third place in the Piteairn Cup, and second and third places in the Junior Championships. There was some confusion in the Armitage Cup competition when, after many postponements, Hawkins came a poor fourth with a weakened team.

We lost the Hobbies Cup to Nelson this year. Had the House supported Webb by putting in more entries—especially from the Juniors—we should surely have won.

The House congratulates J. E. M. Colloff on his election as School Cricket Captain. Webb is Vice-Captain, and Captain of House Cricket, and under his leadership Hawkins has regained the Cricket Cup. The Juniors—led by Ransome—had two convincing wins against Nelson and Raleigh, and tied with Drake at the wonderful score of twelve runs each! The Seniors, despite the two-hour limit which tended to lead to tip-and-run methods, did find enough time to beat a weakened Raleigh team, but drew the other two matches.

Webb, Colloff, Long and Sibbick have represented the School in the Cricket 1st XI; Clarke, Nix and Snelling have played for the 2nd XI. In the Under 15 XI we have been represented by Buss, Ransome and Skeet.

D. G. Nicholls continues as Swimming Captain, and Hawkins should regain the Swimming Cup if certain members of the House make an attempt to obtain swimming certificates, lack of which cost us the Cup last year although we gained most points in the Gala itself.

Athletics, under N. E. Thomas, has not yet really begun to flourish, but it is hoped that after the examinations every member will pull his weight in the Competition and certainly improve on the fourth position that we occupied last year.

R. SIBBICK.

NELSON HOUSE.

House Masters: Mr. J. W. GRAY, Mr. H. CREASER, Mr. C. J. R. WILSON, Mr. A. D. REDGATE, Mr. R. ROOT, Mr. J. C. TALLACK.
House Captain: D. J. SELICKS. *House Secretary:* R. C. GOREE.

At this time in the School Year it is always difficult to arrive at a fair estimation of the positions in the House Cup competition, but it appears that we are in about the same position as at this time last year—within striking distance, but not easy reach, of the House Cup.

We made a similar poor start in Work and Conduct, but have now pulled up to a much better position. We have won the Hobbies Cup, but have lost the Football Cup. The U.N.A. Cup, the Cross-Country Cup and the Boxing Cup are ours. Our performance at Shooting

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Clubs and Societies

CHRISTIAN UNION.

The Club welcomes Mr. J. H. Bowles as a new Vice-President. Meetings have been held weekly during most of the Easter and Summer Terms, and membership has remained quite high. In the Easter Term we studied a series of passages on "The Person of Christ," taken from St. John's Gospel. This term a series on "The Church—Its Divisions and the Question of Unity" took the form of talks by members on their churches, with a full discussion on the topic at the end of term. The Club has had two visiting speakers. The Rev. Clifford Macquire of the Fellowship of Reconciliation spoke on "Christian Pacifism" and the Bishop of Gambia, the Right Rev. Roderic Coote, revisited his old school to address us on his work in Gambia. The Club is losing many of its stalwarts this term, including its Chairman, J. M. Oliver, its Treasurer, R. Sibbick, and D. Nicholls and M. Head of the Committee.

D. B. PRICE, *Hon. Secretary.*

MUSIC CLUB.

The Club held fortnightly meetings in the Easter Term. They were varied in nature, including, for instance, a most instructive illustrated talk on "The Clarinet" by D. Whake. The financial state of the Club was found so promising that records to the value of £2 have been bought and played. The main meeting of the term was the Annual Concert with the Girls' School Music Club, at which members of both clubs presented an enjoyable programme to an audience which half-filled the School Hall. In general, however, numbers have been disappointing, and next term's Committee will have as its first task to bring more of the School's music lovers into the Club. To this year's Committee and to Mr. Redgate thanks are due for a year in which the Club has played an important part in the musical life of the School.

D. B. PRICE, *Hon. Secretary.*

RIFLE CLUB.

ONLY one Cup remained to be competed for this term: this was the Armitage Team Cup. The final results of all the shooting competitions were as follows:—

PITCAIRN CUP.—1st, G. S. Turner (D) and D. J. Mellersh (N); 3rd, B. R. Skeet (H) and G. M. Roberts (R).

WARD CUP.—1st, A. M. Starford (D); 2nd, B. J. Fielding (H); 3rd, K. G. Davies (H).

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.—1st, A. K. Chiles (D); 2nd, J. M. Bemister (D); 3rd, M. Byron-Brown (N) and G. F. Devoll (R).

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.—1st, G. M. Roberts (R); 2nd, K. J. Davies (H); 3rd, B. R. Skeet (H).

ARMITAGE CUP.—1st, Drake; 2nd, Nelson; 3rd, Raleigh; 4th, Hawkins.
FINAL POSITIONS, 1953-54.—1st, Drake, 45 points; 2nd, Hawkins, 18 points; 3rd, Nelson, 17 points; 4th, Raleigh, 16 points.

D. MELLERSH, *Hon. Secretary.*

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BOXING CLUB.

SOME few years ago the Club's activities began to expand: inter-school tournaments became more numerous; individuals began again to win glory for themselves and the Club in schoolboy championships, as they had done in the Club's early days; young boys came in their dozens to the Club evenings, fired with enthusiasm. The reason for this sudden renewed interest in Boxing was the inspiring keenness of Mr. E. H. Day; but he has now left us.

Before he left, however, Mr. Day asked me to give his best wishes for success to the Club, and to ensure that it would maintain its position as one of the most prosperous clubs in the School. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Day, on behalf of the Club, and of wishing him well in the future.

This being the Summer Term, there has been little Boxing, but the Club is looking forward to next term.

M. J. WEBB, *Hon. Secretary.*

LANGUAGE SOCIETY.

THE Language Society, like most other School clubs and societies, has not held meetings during this term. It is expected that the Society will resume its activities in the autumn, provided that it receives adequate support.

M. J. WEBB, *Hon. Secretary.*

OLD WOKINGIANS' ASSOCIATION.

DESPITE all appeals, there was a poor attendance at the Annual Meeting in April and the important decision on whether to continue actively or not was taken on a small vote. For two hours the meeting discussed the Committee's recommendation that a caretaker committee should be elected to manage the affairs of the Association, which should suspend activities until such time as interest was shown in its revival. Finally, the resolution was defeated by seven votes to four.

Consequently, the Executive Committee have since met and talked over all the suggestions put forward at the Annual Meeting, and Old Boys should be receiving shortly a circular setting out the Committee's plans for the coming year.

Membership is down to 63, and those who feel that more should be done as an Association must realize that unless more members join there will be no funds available for arranging events.

A. J. Stringer has taken over the chairmanship of the Executive Committee and D. A. Padmore has been elected to the vice-chair. P. Readings succeeds A. W. White as Hon. Secretary, and no tribute is too high for the service that Arthur has given to the Association through a difficult period. H. M. Searle continues as Hon. Treasurer.

D. G. SWATMAN.