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Editorial

Not content with having compelled an editorial comment on its misbehaviour during the Summer Term, the weather, after having apparently turned over a new leaf in the early autumn, has reverted to its undisciplined excesses and has done its best to give the time-worn epithet "antediluvian" a modern ring.

Meteorological caprice, however, is not the only memorable item of the term. On September 22nd the School reached the fortieth anniversary of its opening, and as one of the advantages of being a comparatively young foundation we were able, when we celebrated the occasion at morning assembly, to have the pleasure of the company of Mr. Gordon Maxwell, one of the original pupils in 1914. During the years that have passed since its first opening the School has built up a record and tradition of which we may well be proud. We should take pride, however, not in ourselves but in the achievements of our predecessors—headmasters, staff and boys. For the present generation this anniversary should be a reminder that the School's good name is now entrusted to our keeping, and that we have our share of the responsibility for what will be the feelings of our successors when, on a similar occasion, they look back on the School's history. The School has much to give to those who come to it, either as staff or as pupils; it will give most generously to those who most generously devote to it their talents and endeavours, and "justly, skilfully and magnanimously" make their contribution to its life.

Material for the next issue of *The Magazine* should reach the Editor not later than Monday, May 9th, 1955. 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 Rambler* and *Windsorian*.

School Chronicle

At the beginning of the September Term there were 506 boys in the School.

The School was glad to learn of the appointment of Mr. A. D. Campbell, B.Sc., L.C.P., formerly Second Master, as Vice-Chairman of the Governors.

Four new masters joined the permanent staff of the School in September, two of them being additional appointments: Mr. J. G. Moore, M.A. (English), Mr. K. L. J. Fudge, B.Sc. (Biology and General Science), Mr. D. G. Hilliam, B.A. (English and French), and Mr. A. Potts, B.Sc. (Chemistry and General Science). Monsieur A. Genist and Herr W. Winter have taken up duties as French and German Assistants for the current year, and Mr. J. Howgego, B.A., has been with us for a term for teaching practice in Modern Languages.

Mr. G. H. Minney, who had been away on sick leave since soon after Easter, returned to School in January. In his absence we have been grateful for the temporary service of Mr. R. S. Nickalls, B.A.

The School Captain this year is P. T. Hammond, and the Deputy Captain N. H. Smith. The School Prefects are: R. Harbon, J. S. Nelson, D. B. Price, N. E. Thomas, E. B. Wigham. *Appointed September, 1954:* L. J. S. Bradbury, C. C. B. Cheney, G. L. Davis, C. Elliott, D. J. Eborington, L. B. Fraser, L. Free, F. J. Green, B. C. Hankin, J. D. Hatch, M. J. Laird, J. Light, R. A. Lemon, J. R. Quarendon, G. M. Robbins, M. J. Rosewell, D. A. Tunnell, B. E. Woodham.

Congratulations to the many boys who won the awards listed below: *University Scholarships:* F. B. Walter (School Captain, 1951-2), Scholarship in Chemical Engineering at St. John's College, Cambridge, D. B. Price, Open Exhibition in History at St. John's College, Cambridge. *State Scholarships:* J. M. Ensell, B. C. Hankin, M. E. Head, D. B. Price. *Surrey Major Scholarships:* J. P. Cole, P. J. Colson, D. W. Gough, J. G. Hargrave, J. Light, D. J. Mellersh, J. S. Nelson, D. G. Nicholls, J. M. Oliver and B. S. Robins. *Surrey Agricultural Scholarships:* R. Sibbick, C. B. Woodham. *Senior Exhibition:* G. H. Wright. *Intermediate Art Award:* A. Simpson.

In the General Certificate of Education Examination of 1954, 38 boys (including three Lower VI boys) sat for Advanced Level subjects and obtained an aggregate of 94 passes at this level, including nine distinctions.

The 95 candidates from the four Vth forms obtained 341 passes at Ordinary Level.

Bronze Medallions for life-saving were won by all the twelve boys from the School who were entered for the test.

During the summer holidays, the second School trek, of fifteen masters and boys, journeyed on foot round the Bernese Oberland, camping at fifteen different places. A School party visited North Wales for a week's youth-hostelling walking tour in the Snowdon area. These two holiday parties held a joint Reunion, with a display of lantern slides, in the School Hall on October 29th.

The School Library is now housed in the more spacious accommodation provided by the conversion of the former engineering

After the School Choir had sung Edward Bairstow's arrangement of "The King of Love," D. B. Price delivered an extract from the speech with which he had won the Declamation Trophy. His subject was "Magnanimity in politics is not seldom the truest wisdom."

Mr. Hugh Lyon then distributed the prizes and gave his address. He reminded us that in the Bible we are told to love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. He urged us to train our minds not simply to absorb knowledge but also to recognize it and know how to use it. We must cultivate keen brains, capable of distinguishing knowledge from half-knowledge. About the soul, Mr. Lyon said that we must learn to appreciate beauty and avoid becoming too utilitarian. Heart and strength must also be considered. We must try to be kindly, to help our fellows, and avoid the "couldn't care less" attitude. He congratulated the School on its flourishing state, and encouraged all boys to try to stay at school for as long as possible and thus "suck the orange dry."

"Non Nobis Domine" by Roger Quilter was then sung, after which Mr. A. D. Campbell proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Lyon. The motion was seconded by the School Captain, P. T. Hammond.

M.J.R.

"Magnanimity in Politics is not seldom the Truest Wisdom"

(The following is an extract from D. B. Price's winning entry for the Declamation Trophy.)

The foreign minister must not confuse magnanimity with inept and ineffective goodwill, for his must rather be the position of justice and dignity. Courageous consistency might have deterred Hitler. But instead he met with a disastrous willingness to sacrifice dignity and honour for a quiet life. Instead of confronting the wolf, the people in the sledge tried to appease it with one another's flesh. We have to face the fact that the only way to deal with a cynical, unscrupulous power is to do a little plotting on our own part. That is what N.A.T.O. amounts to. When, however, we are dealing with a people rather than a too powerful ruler, magnanimity and generosity must be the rule. This is particularly true in the treatment of a defeated foe. At the General Election after the First World War there were two slogans: "Hang the Kaiser" and "Make Germany pay." To the lasting shame of the Allies they adopted the second policy. The guilt for the war was pinned on the people of Germany; Germany lost her colonies, her coal and iron deposits, her navy and most of her army, and in five years paid thousands of millions of pounds in compensation. Small wonder that the infant Weimar Republic reared amid such deprivations grew up into the monster of the Nazi Reich. No such mistake was made in the treatment of France after the Napoleonic Wars, and France ceased to be an outstandingly aggressive power. Wars cannot be prosecuted without rousing furious, exaggerated passions, without letting loose the dogs of war, the violent streaks in human nature. But

workshop into a library. During the Autumn Term the School has been undergoing a complete renewal of the electric wiring system.

The Rifle Club has felt compelled, for economic reasons, to suspend activities. A new Natural History Club has been started.

At Speech Day on Friday, November 26th, the chief guest was Mr. Hugh Lyon, M.C., M.A., formerly Headmaster of Rugby School and now Secretary of the Public Schools' Employment Bureau.

The combined choirs of the two Woking Grammar Schools, supported by a section of the Guildford Municipal Orchestra, gave a most successful performance of Handel's "Messiah" in the School Hall on December 4th.

The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was held on December 21st and the collection of £10 13s.9d. was sent to the National Institute for the Blind. The School has also contributed to the Joint Children's Homes Appeal, the Earl Haig Poppy Day Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the Woking, Camberley and Bagshot Tuberculosis Care Committee.

The Old Wokingians' Association Reunion and School Service will be held on Saturday and Sunday, February 12th and 13th.

School Play Week will be the week beginning March 7th, and the play chosen is George Bernard Shaw's "St. Joan."

The last day of the Spring Term is Thursday, April 7th. Summer Term begins on Monday, May 2nd, and ends on Friday, July 22nd.

The Annual Hobbies Exhibition will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 6th and 7th.

Speech Day, 1954

SPEECH DAY this year was held on Friday, November 26th. The Rev. F. A. Woodard took the Chair, and the School was honoured by the presence of Hugh Lyon, Esq., M.C., M.A., formerly the Headmaster of Rugby. The proceedings started in the traditional manner with the singing of the School Song, Henry Butler's "Lift up your Hearts!" The Rev. F. A. Woodard, in a short opening speech, then called upon the Headmaster to give his report.

The Headmaster began by drawing attention to the fact that on September 22nd, 1954, the School had reached its fortieth anniversary. He went on to speak of the School's everyday activities, and congratulated Drake House on at last robbing Hawkins of the House Cup. He then referred to the exceptionally good academic achievements of the year—thirteen Surrey Major and four State Scholarships—and to the successes in sports. Seven new records had been set up on Sports Day, and three boys had been awarded Surrey Colours for football. The Headmaster then commented on the growing popularity of School travel parties, four of which had been arranged during the year. He said that the School could be proud of its fortieth year, but that a good share of the credit belonged to the earlier generations of boys and staff who had established the foundations for a sound tradition.

when the dogs have done their service they must be chained up in their kennels; humanity and moderation must take their place.

Similarly, an Empire cannot be held together without some measure of magnanimity. The people of a colony are at the mercy of the imperial government, and if that government is selfish, tyrannical or corrupt the colony can protest only in rebellion. A little magnanimity might have saved for England her thirteen American colonies with all their incredible potentialities. Still, the American catastrophe had many happy effects: it was a story with so clear a moral that later English imperialism generally avoided comparable blunders. We were not driven out of Canada, Australia and New Zealand in exciting little wars, but are still closely associated with those states in that extraordinary but effective political anomaly, the Commonwealth. In the same way, Atlee and Mountbatten declined to oust Britain's welcome in India, and so revived Indian goodwill towards Britain that India and Pakistan are still in the Commonwealth. It is easy to write racy editorials about "scuttling" out of our "great Empires," but it is hard to retain the loyalty of a diverse and world-wide association of peoples. Bitter experience in Ireland and America has condemned diehard imperialism. In America it upset the unity of the English-speaking peoples, in Ireland it upset the unity of the British Isles. And in South Africa the situation was redeemed only by the splendid magnanimity of Campbell-Bannerman's peace with the Boers after the Boer War, which has retained South Africa's loyalty to the British crown for at least half a century. The prime duty of a power with the heavy responsibility of acting as guardian to a subject people is to that people and their happiness.

In home affairs magnanimity can take many diverse forms. Disputes between employers and employees must be reconciled. National well-being must be promoted even in the most obscure ways. We might call Edwin Chadwick, the great 19th century sanitary enthusiast, a genius of magnanimity for his "infinite capacity for making drains." Above all, the right of the individual to his daily bread, to justice, to freedom of religious and political faith, must be secured.

Magnanimity is charity—the third and greatest Christian virtue—translated into politics. Not always, but not seldom, it is the truest wisdom. It is the narrow-minded blockheads, dressed in too great and too prolonged authority, that spill most of the blots on to the page of history.

"The Messiah"

THE close of the Autumn Term saw one of those occasions which give such particular satisfaction to all whose interest in the School is not confined to the classroom. The choirs of the two Grammar Schools combined to give a performance of Handel's "Messiah," supported by a section of the Guildford Municipal Orchestra, leader Patricia Cassidy. The soloists were Joan Naylor, Nora Carstairs, Joseph Howgego and William Brayley.

It was gratifying to have amongst the soloists one closely connected with the School, and Mr. Howgego is to be warmly commended on his contribution to the success of the evening. Mr. Brayley brought to the bass solos the appropriate power and resonance, whilst the singing of Miss Naylor and Miss Carstairs was delightful throughout. I was particularly impressed by Miss Naylor's "I Know that my Redeemer Liveth," and the beautiful contralto aria, "He was Despised," sung by Miss Carstairs with simple and unaffected sincerity, was deeply moving.

Yet, to an audience composed mainly of parents and those closely connected with the two Schools, the main point of interest was the choral work. This was a triumph for all concerned. It was abundantly obvious that long and painstaking preparation was responsible for the delicate precision of "For unto us a Child is born," the touching gravity of "Surely He hath Borne our Grievs," the powerful impact of "Hallelujah" and the measured grandeur of "Worthy is the Lamb" with its stirring climax which brought the performance to a fitting conclusion.

The choir was admirably sustained and supported by the orchestra and the organ, played by Mr. Donald Turner. The continuo of Miss Wendy Hurrell was a tribute to her skill as an instrumentalist—sympathetic and unobtrusive, yet making its own particular and vital contribution to the general texture and design.

The girls, boys and members of Staff of both Schools who gave so readily of their time and energies to the necessary preparations are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts. Some took an active part in the choral work; others, notably Mr. Root and Mr. Pearson, undertook the more mundane, but nevertheless essential, business arrangements. Yet the one person, above all others, on whom rested responsibility for the artistic merit of the performance was Mr. Wilson, whose unflagging hard work over a long period must have been amply rewarded by the rapt attention of a large audience who made up for the ban on applause during the performance—and how we longed to applaud!—by enthusiasm at the end. To him, and to all who worked with him, we offer sincere congratulations and thanks for a truly delightful evening.

R.H.

The Bernese Oberland Trek, 1954

The Bernese Oberland provides much scope for an ambitious expedition, but it has a notorious reputation for bad weather. This weather seemed to pursue us on our way round, for we would arrive at a place which had enjoyed good weather for some weeks, and then the rain would begin to come down. Wet "fags" became a standing joke among us.

The plan when we set out was to travel round the Oberland, and our route would be roughly in the shape of a rectangle. We left camp in high spirits at the beginning of the first day's trekking, in bright sunshine—later in the day we crawled into Mürren in the pouring rain. A few days later we experienced two of our most glorious achievements. The first was the ascent of the Hochtürli, a pass which many



THE SWISS TREK PARTY CROSSING THE LÖTSCHEN GLACIER DURING THE ASCENT TO THE LÖTSCHENPASS (The rescued man is second in the file)



THE WELSH WALKING PARTY AT LLYN PADARN

of us will never forget. For over three hours we slogged up a steep incline, bending almost double and carrying a 40-lb. pack. Tough though it was, it was with a feeling of pride that we walked to the hut on the pass, where we fortified ourselves with lemon tea, the drink that I am sure anyone who has been to Switzerland will come to like. I am ashamed to say that we spent an hour here relaxing, before setting out on the journey down to Kandersteg. That night, owing to the unforeseen ordeal of the Hochtürli, we had an extra camp at the Oeschinensee. Much of the next day we spent lazing in the sun on the shores of this beautiful lake, in which some of us had the opportunity of bathing.

Our next adventure concerns the photograph in this Magazine, showing Mr. Howgego leading the way up to the Lötschen Pass. The unfortunate stranger at second place had just had a harrowing experience. He had fallen into a crevasse where, but for our assistance, he might well have died. He had fallen in, probably, through over-confidence, having, it seemed, crossed the pass eight times before. He felt rather humiliated at being rescued by a mere school party, and an English one at that.

One of the best excursions was an exciting trip taken over the tail-end of the Great Aletsch Glacier, the longest glacier in Europe. The party spent a good hour over the crossing, simply because we had to find our own route, and it fell to the Headmaster as leader to thread the way through the maze of crevasses. This made a thrilling expedition, and to crown it all the party, forsaking the tradition of true trekkers, descended to the valley by a Luftseilbahn (aerial cable railway).

Our luck with the weather completely deserted us in the next few days in the Rhône Valley, and we had continual rain on our next excursions and treks. Trekking in the rain, if "character-building," is not at all enjoyable, but we kept cheerful by singing songs. Just below the Grimsel Pass, time and circumstances compelled us to bivouac by the roadside, and at 4.15 a.m. the early-rising fags found it very cold indeed.

As we trekked down the long Haslital to Meiringen, we were soon in the sunshine again. More rain, and then a superb sunny morning for the trek to Grindelwald, which took us up through the lush and picturesque meadows of Rosenluis, with tall, dark pines on the slopes above. We were pleased to read in the paper that about this time Sherpa Tensing was staying there, to study Swiss ice methods.

Grindelwald: three days' rain and drizzle, and then away in the damp over the Kleine Scheidegg to Wengen. The time to leave was fast approaching. Our last beautiful view was at Wengen, when the snow-clad Jungfrau, standing out against a background of blue sky, was tinted pink by the rays of the setting sun—a fitting end to the trek. We all went to bed that night happy, but yet a little sad at leaving this land of mountains, valleys and rushing rivers that we had come to know and love.

As we left Interlaken, it was with a sense of pride in a thing finished and well done. We had done something worthwhile, unaided, and it was an achievement. This kind of holiday breeds good companionship and tolerance. Above all it teaches one that the strength of a chain depends, in every circumstance, on that of its weakest link.

G.I.D.

Wayfarers' Walking Tour, North Wales, 1954

A PARTY of twelve boys, led by Mr. C. J. R. Wilson, spent the first week of the summer holidays on a walking tour in North Wales. Accommodation was in four different Youth Hostels in the Snowdon area.

Expeditions of this kind had taken place in the past, but had lapsed for several years. Revival was considered worth while as many boys were unable to participate in the Warfarers' Coach Tour or the Swiss Trek.

This year's party was unfortunate in the weather conditions it met; in fact, the longest periods of fine weather were during the train journeys in both directions. Yet wet and blistered feet, and the cold and somewhat primitive conditions in two of the hostels, did little to diminish the enthusiasm of the party. Higher peaks have been climbed, but none with such a sense of achievement as was enjoyed after Snowdon had been "conquered" in a furious rainstorm that caused less doughty school parties to languish at its foot. Possibly Captain Scott found conditions rather bleak in his sphere of operations, but never so chill as the pump-water at Cae Dafydd. The challenge of the elements and the porridge of the hostels were alike met with disdain, if not contempt. The memories for each of us will be varied; but all will recall bent backs and unbending boots, evening "surgery," sandwich-cutting, lunches by five-barred gates or on wet rocks, torn capes and sock-washing.

All in all, it was a thoroughly enjoyable holiday which catered admirably for the most spirit of adventure in every member of the party. Some are already looking forward to Mr. Wilson's next "conducted tour"—in the Lake District next August. It can be, one hopes warmly, recommended.

The University Letter

Nottingham.
December, 1954.

DEAR SIR,

Wherever you may come from and whatever you may do now, you must surely at one time have read with a thrill of the deeds of Robin Hood. Perhaps for you, as for me, this was your first introduction to Nottingham. You may later have heard in your History class of Nottingham's connections with Richard III and Charles I. Perhaps you ride a bicycle made by Raleigh, smoke a cigarette manufactured by Players, or take an aspirin produced by Boots—do any of these and you have have an immediate link with Nottingham. But for me, Mr. Editor, and for many other Old Boys of the School, Nottingham means more than this: it means the University, the place where we have spent, or are spending, three of the best and fullest years of our lives. Unlike many other provincial Universities, the "red brick" Universities tucked away in a dirty corner of some industrial city,

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For a University is not merely a place of learning—far less is it merely a place of teaching—but is above all a training of character and mind. It trains you to be able to think and make decisions, and to have confidence in a decision once it is made. If with this in mind you throw yourself body and soul into the life it offers, you will find that not only are the years spent at a university fruitful and profitable ones, but also intensely enjoyable; in fact, they are perhaps truly "the happiest days of your life."

Yours sincerely,

A. J. BRACKIN.

My Visit to America

At last the great day arrived, and by lunch time I was at the R.A.F. Station at Uxbridge, one of twenty-five A.T.C. cadets selected to visit the U.S.A.

The next two days were spent in getting to know one another, briefing, and generally settling down, and then, with half an hour's notice, we were off to London Airport where we boarded a U.S.N. Skymaster. After an uneventful journey via the Azores, we arrived in Washington in time for breakfast.

During the next four days, with temperatures around 100° F., we visited the Capitol, the Smithsonian Institute, the Washington Memorial, the National Airport, the Warner Cinerama and, by steamer, Mount Vernon. We met the Commissioner of Washington, and on the last evening we were entertained at an open-air dinner and dance attended by Nurse Genevieve, the heroine of *Dan, Brown, Flu*.

Leaving the heat behind, we flew by troop transport to Boston, where again a full programme had been arranged, the highlights of which were meeting the Mayor and the Governor of Boston, clambering over Sabre 5 and Scorpion jet fighters (with all the secret parts covered up), going by steamer to Providence town, touring many buildings of interest, and attending the Mayor's luncheon and the Boston Aero Club dinner. Everyone was most kind; and we were often stopped in the street for a friendly greeting, and during our limited free time most of us were entertained in private homes.

The last three days of our stay in America were spent in New York, where we stayed in the world-famous Waldorf Astoria hotel. Again we were greeted by the Mayor of the city. Then we toured the United Nations Building (saw a top league baseball game (who said cricket was slow?)), attended a wonderful musical show at the Rockefeller Centre, went to the top of the Empire State building, 102 storeys high, had a night trip by steamer up the river, and finally were given a seven-course farewell dinner.

Leaving New York about midday we flew via Newfoundland to London Airport, arriving on August 12th after a wonderful and memorable trip.

G. S. TURNER (formerly U.V.I. Science).

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Nottingham can point with pride to its fine white building some two or three miles out of town, dominating a park and tranquil lake. This senior building dates only from 1928, and its construction and site owe much to the far-sighted generosity of Jesse Boot, 1st Baro Trent. This edifice, however, was not left long in its loneliness, and to-day buildings appear, if not exactly overnight, at least with reasonable promptitude. A fourth Hall of Residence was completed and occupied in 1951, the Engineering Section in 1952-3, and this year the new building for Biology has come into use. The Portland Building, now under construction and due for completion in a year or eighteen months, will rival in four-storied splendour the dazzling whiteness of the main building. This whiteness is offset by the green surroundings—the colour green and Nottingham seem to go together—and from the University windows we can look out and down across the Park, the playing-fields of the University, and away to a line of poplars on the horizon.

As elsewhere, you will find at Nottingham societies to cater for every taste, from the most general topics—Debating, Ballroom Dancing—to the most sectional—Welsh, Pharmaceutical—in addition to opportunities for sport ranging from Lacrosse to Fencing and from Judo to Cross-Country. The Dramatic Society regularly produces plays, an Old Wokingian having been the star of the productions for a number of years, and last year, for the first time, the French Department produced two French plays with another Old Wokingian in the title rôle of one of them. Rare indeed is the week-end when there is "nothing on" at the University, be it a dance, a play or a concert. The town, too, provides opportunities for entertainment with the very fine Playhouse Theatre Repertory Company and a cinema specializing in high-class films. The Students' Union produces a scientific and a literary magazine—"Survey" and "The Gong"—and once a fortnight its own newspaper, "The Gongster," containing a panorama of University news. Annual events of interest include a Lake Battle, a Beer Race—which counts yet another Old Wokingian among its past victors—and the Carnival, when the University invades the town for a cheerful week.

A feature of life in a University is the Halls of Residence, of which Nottingham possesses four, two for men and two for women. Here students, independent in their own rooms, can invite guests for a discussion over a cup of tea or coffee, a discussion which may vary in topic from modern philosophies to tactics for next week's football match. Here you meet and get to know people from all over the country and from abroad, people from all social classes, and here you learn to respect their views as they learn to respect yours. In Hall, as in the University generally, rules and regulations are few, and are based mainly on the precept of "Courtesy and Consideration."

With all this entertainment students still seem to find time to work reasonably if not regularly. Any Science student will tell you that he is by far the most hard-working person in the University, for does he not have to do practical work in the laboratory as well as attend lectures? To this the Arts student will reply by pointing out just how everything he was told to do he would never even get any sleep! And so the argument continues; each of them has his studies directed—the one perhaps a little more than the other—but each is left largely to his own resources in deciding when and how to tackle his work.

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The White City, October 13th, 1954

The 5,000 Metres

A few days before the date of this race a very kind friend of the School, Mr. Poate, brought a ticket for the Meeting to be put at the disposal of a pupil interested in Athletics. I was delighted to have the ticket offered to me, and was more than eager to obey Mr. Poate's injunction to pay particular attention to the race in which Chris Chataway was competing. It is of this event that I am going to give a description.

The four runners, Chataway, Driver, Kuts and Okorokov stand motionless on the red track, waiting for the starter's gun. The packed stadium is hushed, all eagerly waiting to see a keen and exciting race. The gun fires! They're off! The four runners leap forward, a small tight bunch of figures in white and red vests. They sort themselves out on the first bend and Kuts goes into the lead, closely followed by Chataway, Driver and the other Russian. They keep this order for over a mile, when the time is 4 mins. 29.4 secs. I thought that this time was very fast, for many first-class miles are won in similar times, yet these men intended to keep up this pace for another two miles!

In the fifth of the twelve laps Kuts puts in a burst to try to shake Chataway off, a manoeuvre which he adopted against Chataway and Zatopek at Berne earlier in the year, but Chataway is not going to be tricked again. He keeps right behind the Russian and is determined not to let him get away. By now Kuts and Chataway are well out in front of Driver who, in turn, is pulling away from Okorokov.

In the seventh lap Kuts tries to trick Chataway by sprinting for a few yards and then slowing down to a comparative dawdle, tactics which I feel sure Chataway would also have used had he been in the lead. Chataway keeps close behind, and Kuts, looking as strong as ever, passes the two miles mark in 8 mins. 54.6 secs. This suggests that the final time may be a very fast one, and everybody becomes even more excited. We all nearly shout ourselves hoarse each time the athletes pass us.

Kuts now is beginning to tire; he rolls slightly as he runs, but still he keeps gamely out in front. With only one lap to go he is still in the lead. All of us are on our feet, chanting out Chataway's name and sending up cheer after cheer as he passes us.

With one hundred yards to go Kuts still leads, with Chataway close behind him. Fifty yards to go, and Chataway is coming up on the outside, inch by inch. The crowd is going mad with excitement. Thirty yards to go, twenty yards, and Chataway is making a tremendous effort. He passes Kuts, Kuts can't stay with him. He's passed the tape. He's won.

He runs on into a barrage of flashing cameras. A few moments later he emerges, his face very pale. He is being assisted by Dr. Roger Bannister and masseur Mick May. Then the time is announced: 13 mins. 51.6 secs. A new world record! The biggest cheer of the evening goes up, for the man who has helped others to world fame has now at last obtained a world record himself. Kuts' time is now announced, and we learn that at the three miles' mark he too had made a world record. This is surely one of the greatest races of all time.

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My own feelings after the race are much the same as everyone else's. We all feel very glad that it should be a British athlete who should create this new record on English soil, and I am very grateful to Mr. Poate for enabling me to be present at such an exciting and famous occasion.

J.S.E. (VR).

Brightening up the Mag.

This Magazine seems oblivious of the development of modern journalism. As we finger its sober pages, we might suppose that Lord Northcliffe had received no questions for which to provide "Answers," and that it was "The Times" which so presented the news of the world as to command a seven-million circulation. How can our Magazine match its age, catch up with the splendid march of journalism?

First, the cautious printing of the cover must be replaced by a photograph of the kind which lends dignity to the front page of "Weekend Mail" and "Reveille"—those epitomes of the sublimity of democratic taste. The Editorial must consist of short main clauses, concluding alternately with exclamation marks and question marks; it must represent the will and the needs of "the boy in the street," whose overwhelming intelligence is clearly beyond dispute. "Cross-houses" must provide a column of damaging gossip about the public and private lives of House Masters and officials. At least half the Magazine must be devoted to strip cartoons, which could be made at once instructive and entertaining if they illustrated Shakespeare's plays and included omissions from Blackie's Plain Text. Further, the Magazine should reject letters from Old Boys at the universities in favour of letters from those of the School's sons who have done something really interesting: a letter from an Old Boy in prison would be a real scoop. At a later stage, "Junior School Mag." should be produced for distribution among local primary school children, to enlist the younger generation behind the banner of modern journalism.

In these plans lies the formula for success. We cannot afford to languish in the outworn values of Victorianism; we must make the simplicity and candour of the present day our own, and the Magazine will quickly become a sound business proposition.

D.B.P. (U.VI Arts).

The Age of the Excessive

In the past there have occurred periods which present an appearance of unity in that they are characterized by a certain way of thought, or by a theme which runs through their history. Thus, the years from 1714 to 1789 may be called the Age of Reason; those from 1789 to 1914 the Age of Revolution. What name will future generations give to the era in which we live? Will it be for them the Age of Science, or the Age of Conflict? I myself incline to neither of these. Rather I suggest the Age of the Excessive. For that, indeed, is the dominant

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France . . . a stack of grey rocks still in a
Shimmering shivering dawn of blue and green,
And the bundling of baggage and bikes,
Passports and labels, flurry and fluster
Onto the cobbles where stand strange
Buses and trains and people.
A man in blue-checked linen trousers
Grins and sells us a long warm loaf,
And we breakfast on beans and sand.
On the beach, where men in berets stare
At us as though we were sea-monsters.

Dinard . . . speaking to Michel in the darkness
Of the empty half-ruined mill, completely
Bereft of keeper and water and comfort.
I remember his face half-illuminated by the candle
And the rickety room dark and garlic-smelling,
The stinking cat and scratch of mice,
And the rain dripping in at the broken window.

Vannes in the sunlight . . .
Boats swing, gulls glide in the harbour
And old women in black with lace caps
Trundle with loaves. Men bump with bicycles
And the air buzzes with the new day.
The portly proprietor stands in sandals and
Striped apron gilded in the doorway of
Café de L'Océan whose flea-less comforts
Had been ours last night.

And the scenes flicker faster . . .
The rustic one-man circus glowing in that
Blue Quiberon night. Quimper's twin steeples
Lancing the sky. Tréguier's cathedral
Planted in a market of colour.
St. Malo's gay fête on our parting day.
The turmoil of travelling—the klaxon,
Hot roads, the punctures, and that one
Breathless bus-ride down to Quimperlé.
The Huegoat schoolroom and kindly warden,
The dwarf's quizzical eyebrows,
The artist who looked like Toulouse-Lautrec,
The drunken sailor, the bombastic Dane—
A host of brief friends and a nightmare
Of changing scenes—moors, mountains
And fishing-harbours . . . the kaleidoscope
Glitters and fades. . . .

R.H. (U.VI Arts).

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impression produced by the years since the outbreak of the Great War: the excessive clamour for revenge on Germany which followed it; the excessive frivolity of the 'twenties; the excessive nationalism preached by Hitler and Mussolini; the excessive prestige which science now enjoys. View the world around us. Its guiding principle is the excessive, and the extraordinary thing is that it is the excessive *per se*. Take, for example, the advertisements that sprawl across our morning papers or, stuck to tall hoardings, block out the sky. "Superb . . . unsurpassed . . . unique . . . unequalled. . . !" they shout—and nobody takes any notice. They vie with one another in claims of absurd magnitude, and yet they awake no more interest in the consumer than did the modest, genteel advertisements of our grandfather's day. "Recommended by the medical profession," or "Used by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, H.I.H. Archduke Ferdinand of Austria, and many others of royalty and nobility," were the boldest assertions that they made.

Then there is the cinema. To-day technical progress has gone so far that it is only a matter of time before there are presented to us such marvels as "Magnorama; cosmophonie, stereochronie, polydimensional, on a full-size multiploptical screen." What is the purpose of these advancements in ingenuity, I ask? To promote greater realism, is the instant reply. But can anyone of sensitivity doubt that some flickering, ill-defined, silent picture such as "Intolerance," "Gold Rush" or "Battleship Potemkin" is infinitely more real than some abomination in 3-D? No; the sole reason why people go to see films in cinemas equipped with these latest devices is that they like to be deafened by sound hurled at them from all quarters of the cinema, and to be dazzled by a panorama of garish brilliance; that, in short, they love the excessive. Smaller wonder that the musical genre evolved during this century is what it is. A Bach fugue expresses equivoque and deliberation, a Beethoven symphony the surge of new, vital ideals; any piece of jazz a childish excess of sentiment. What state of mind have we reached when music which is either trite or little more than the barbaric frenzies in the African jungle that were its origin is more congenial to us than the expression in musical terms of a civilized mind enjoying the deepest insight into the spiritual realities of existence?

Time alone can tell whether this penchant for the excessive is but a phase in man's outlook or a permanent development in his way of thought. I think of it as the first, corresponding to adolescence in human life. A sense of moderation and due proportion will come only when our civilization has reached maturity.

P.T.H. (U.VI Arts).

Brittany, 1954

In Southampton . . . and a sprinkling of lights
Flickers and dashes in the darkness of
Crickling oily water and drab dim buildings.
Around drifts the chatter and babble of cranes
And engines and people—a steaming, bubbling
Elof of colour and warmth. But out there
A drapery of grey banks blends and blurs
And the wind sighs and stretches from the sea.

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Los Toros

AFTER a fortnight's cycle ride through France the four of us descended the Massif Central into Carcassonne, having had a magnificent view of the mighty Pyrenees mountains through which we were to ride in order to reach the high and secluded state of Andorra. A few miles before the capital we reached the loftiest point of our journey, 7,000 feet above sea level. Above sea level. Another two days' hard riding over poor roads and under a scorching sun and we reached Barcelona, where is one of the four major bull-rings of the country, the others being in Seville, Madrid and Valencia.

We spent a day in the city, wandering up the Rambla and shopping in the Pasado del Gracia and Calle Pelayo, where we bought tickets for the next day's bull-fight meeting.

On Sunday we visited the extraordinary Sagrada Familia and the two cathedrals, outside one of which someone was singing a rowdy song which was a great contrast to the solemnity of the scene. In the cool of the evening we took a tram to the bull-ring and eventually, after being jostled in the large crowd, we managed to find our places on the narrow, tiered benches.

Promptly at the stated time a fanfare was sounded and the combatants marched in procession round the sandy arena in their splendid and colourful uniforms. The ring was cleared, and amid a hushed silence a bull charged furiously in. The first move was made by the banderilleros, who goned the animal with their capes but never ventured far from the safety of the protecting barriers. After this, to the sound of another fanfare, two picadors rode in on heavily padded horses. The banderilleros now made the bull run at the horses' armoured flanks, and in this position the picador was able to lance the bull in the neck; the object of this stroke was to sever a muscle and make the animal keep its head lowered. In spite of this wounding the bleeding creature was often able to upset the horse, throwing its rider to the ground. When the picadors had retired the bull was further teased by the banderilleros with their "muletas," and three of them each inserted two gaily-coloured darts with barbed points—banderillas—into the creature's neck while it raced at them.

At this juncture the matador entered to the cheers of the crowd, with a sword in the folds of his red cloak. Before delivering the death-blow he played the bull in a most daring fashion; he then poised himself with his sword while the bull rushed on to it; the stiff carcass was dragged out by four horses, and a further animal of a total of six galloped in.

To the uninitiated the bull-fight may seem, at first sight, a cruel and wanton pastime, but one must realize that it is a sport born of the torrid sun and hot blood of Spain and Mexico; it is not given to those nurtured in the gentle tradition of the R.S.P.C.A. to understand or enjoy it immediately. The first reaction of Franklin, the great American matador, to the business was one of disgust, but he soon felt compelled to become a bull-fighter; indeed, there can be few who would not eventually be captivated by the beauty and magic realized in the sandy arena—beauty and magic never to be caught in the slushy, mechanical entertainments of the more civilized world.

Our tour next took us across the neck of Spain, and a few days later we reached a village near Pamplona where a fiesta was in progress, and a small bull was being baited in the village square by some young

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men. There was public dancing, and the fiesta ended with bulls chasing through the partially cleared street.

At this point, being impeded by strong winds, we took the train to San Sebastian; from here we pedalled to Angoulême where we caught the train home.

M.B.-B. } (U.V.I. Science).
B.E.W. }

Cricket

The season began with a practice match at the end of the Easter holidays, as a result of which we confidently opened the fixtures with a decisive victory against Farnborough by six wickets.

However, the promise was not maintained, and some disappointing results followed which, combined with the poor weather, did not improve the team's spirit. One of the biggest disappointments was the cancellation of the Charterhouse match, but the team did enjoy its visit owing to the courtesy with which they were shown round this famous school.

Throughout the season the Captain, J. H. M. Colloff, did a sound job and kept a keen eye on his men in the field. R. Sibbick, with his great-hearted bowling and big hitting, was a tower of strength to the side, and he was well supported by Fraser, Turner and Hyland. In batting, Webb was much more adventuresome and obviously enjoyed himself, and Long's sound technique earned his several good scores.

The parents' games at the end of the season are always looked forward to by the staff and boys, and these fixtures were thoroughly enjoyed by everybody concerned.

F.H.P.

1ST XI RESULTS.

- June 26th. v. Guildford R.G.S. Away. Won by 80 runs.
Woking, 109 for 6 declared (Fraser, 28; J. R. Bateman, 24 not out).
Guildford, 29 (Turner, 5 for 11; Sibbick, 5 for 15).
- July 3rd. v. Camberley G.S. Away. Match drawn.
Woking, 109 for 4 declared (Sibbick, 30 not out).
Camberley, 84 for 6.
- July 7th. v. A Horsell XI. Home. Lost by 6 runs.
Horsell, 58 for 9.
Woking, 52 for 3 (Colloff, 21 not out).
- July 10th. v. A Parents' XI. Home. Won by 15 runs.
Woking, 112 for 6 declared (Long, 52).
Parents, 97 (Hyland, 6 for 22).
- July 14th. v. A Horsell XI. Home. Lost by 33 runs.
Horsell, 114 for 4.
Woking, 81 for 9.

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for the third successive year, and K. J. Coleman (D) was runner-up. G. E. Potts (N) was Junior Champion with F. Gadd (N) runner-up. The Wessex Cup, presented this year by Mr. I. H. Burnett, an Old Boy, to be awarded to the winner of the 880 Yards, was won by A. W. Johnson (D).

The School had varied successes in inter-school events this year. At the Surrey Grammar School Sports at Motts Park, D. J. Sellicks was first in the Open Shot Putt and third in the Discus. Our only other points winner was I. S. Jones who was 6th in the Under 16 220 Yards. The School entered a small team in the Woking District School Sports with outstanding success. J. R. Elliott (Under 15 Hurdles), F. Gadd (Under 15 100 Yards), I. S. Jones (Under 15 220 Yards), and J. S. Orridge (Under 15 Shot Putt) all won their events, and G. E. Potts (Under 14 100 Yards) and J. S. Orridge (Under 15 High Jump) both gained second places.

Sellicks, Jones, Gadd, Elliott and Orridge represented Woking in the Surrey Schools' Sports. Sellicks won the Senior Shot Putt, and went on to distinguish himself further at the All England Sports by gaining 6th place in the final.

J.R.Q.

CROSS COUNTRY.

The School Cross Country team has had only a moderately successful season, owing mainly to the loss of last year's Captain, M. G. Scott, and of R. G. Gunner and J. S. Ewens. Two fixtures have been held in the Autumn Term, the first being narrowly lost to Guildford over the Pewley Downs course. The second was the Inter-Grammar Schools Cross Country Relay of 4 by two miles, and we were gratified in being placed 10th as this was the first time that the School had entered for this race, held at Esher. In the Guildford match R. Clout (3rd), R. E. Hillman (4th), A. B. Drewitt (5th) and D. O. N. James (9th) were our first four men home. In the Inter-Schools match our senior team was A. B. Drewitt, J. S. Ewens, R. E. Hillman and D. O. N. James, the junior team being B. F. Wilhelm, F. Gadd, M. J. Sheppard and G. E. Potts.

A. B. DREWITT.

Swimming

This year saw the introduction of a new system at the Gala, the division of the School into three sections instead of the previous two. The length of some of the races was also changed. The results were as follows:

- JUNIOR—UNDER 14.
30 Yards Breast Stroke: I. C. Taylor (D).
30 Yards Back Stroke: G. D. Sizzev (N).
60 Yards Free Style: I. C. Taylor (D).
Diving: A. Dickson (N).
1st Form 30 Yards Free Style: D. J. L. Hesse (R).
Junior Championship: I. C. Taylor (D).

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July 15th. v. Old Wokingians. Home. Lost by 45 runs.
Old Wokingians, 114 for 9 declared (Hyland, 6 for 32).
Woking, 69.

July 21st. v. A Staff XI. Home. Match drawn.
Woking, 130 for 5 declared (Long, 46).
Staff, 91 for 8.

1ST XI AVERAGES.

Batting	Inns.	Runs	H.S.	N.O.	Avg.
P. Long	11	182	52	0	16.5
L. B. Fraser	10	106	29	2	13.2
J. W. Webb	7	26	3	3	3.4
M. J. Webb	11	128	29	0	11.6

Bowling	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
G. S. Turner	68	14	54	15	3.6
R. Sibbick	52.2	20	144	23	6.2
E. J. Hyland	53.6	12	152	20	7.6

Fixtures: Played 12, Won 4, Drawn 2, Lost 5, Abandoned 1.

2ND XI RESULT.

June 26th. v. Guildford R.G.S. Home. Won by 11 runs.
Woking, 72 (Clark, 40).
Guildford, 61 (Kennedy, 4 for 15).

2ND XI AVERAGES.

B. J. Clark was the most successful batsman, with an average of 13.8. M. B. Kennedy took 9 wickets, B. J. Clark 20, and P. J. Searl 7, their respective averages being 4.7, 7.1 and 11.9 runs per wicket.

UNDER 15 RESULT.

June 26th. v. Guildford R.G.S. Away. Won by 8 wickets.
Guildford, 37 (Buss, 5 for 12).
Woking, 39 for 2 (Buss, 18 not out; Skeet, 12).

Athletics

The School Athletic Sports this year were again marked by notable performances, and eight records were broken. D. J. Sellicks (N) was again outstanding, being responsible for two new records. His performances were 20ft. 7ins. in the Long Jump and 53.7 secs. in the 440 Yards. Other individual records went to J. R. Quarendon (D) in the Senior Javelin, with 143ft. 4ins.; J. S. Orridge (H) with 39ft. 11ins. in the Junior Shot, and I. C. Taylor (D) with 27.6 secs. in the Under 15 220 Yards. Three of the four relay records were broken, the Junior 4 x 220 Yards by Drake in 53 secs., and the Junior and Senior 4 x 220 Yards by Nelson in 1 min. 51.4 secs. and 1 min. 42 secs., respectively. The House Cup went to Drake with 7½ points. Nelson was runner-up with 6½ points, and Raleigh and Hawkins tied for third place with 30 points each. D. J. Sellicks was Senior Champion

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INTERMEDIATE—14-16 YEARS.

- 60 Yards Breast Stroke: D. R. Hawkins (H).
60 Yards Back Stroke: T. J. Blackman (R).
90 Yards Free Style: T. J. Blackman (R).
Diving: T. J. Blackman (R).
Intermediate Championship: T. J. Blackman (R).

SENIOR—OVER 16.

- 60 Yards Breast Stroke: N. E. Thomas (H).
60 Yards Back Stroke: D. G. Nicholls (H).
90 Yards Free Style: D. G. Nicholls (H).
Diving: J. V. M. Birkett (H).
Senior Championship: D. G. Nicholls (H).

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- 440 Yards: D. G. Nicholls (H).

RELAYS.

- Junior Medley 3 x 30 Yards: Drake.
Junior Free Style 4 x 30 Yards: Drake.
Intermediate Medley 3 x 30 Yards: Hawkins.
Intermediate Free Style: 4 x 30 Yards: Drake.
Senior Medley 3 x 60 Yards: Hawkins.
Senior Free Style 4 x 60 Yards: Drake.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP.

- 1st, Hawkins, 78½ pts. 2nd, Drake, 74½ pts. 3rd, Raleigh, 62 pts.
4th, Nelson, 48½ pts.

J.B.

Football

1ST XI CHARACTERS.

- W. F. CHUDLEY (goalkeeper). A stylish and sound goalkeeper, he shows his true worth in keen, hard-fought matches.
- M. J. KELLY (right-back). A good stopper and a hard tackler. His clearances are inclined to suffer under pressure.
- J. R. BATEMAN (left-back). His distribution of the ball is very effective, and his shrewd passes set many a movement into action.
- A. W. HENDERSON (right-half). His determination, fitness and irrepresible vigour make him invaluable. He is inclined to wander out of position.
- R. A. LEMON (centre-half). His ability to use his head, height and weight has made him a steady pivot for the team.
- M. J. ROSEWELL (left-half). An energetic and capable defender whose conscientious and efficient captaincy has contributed largely to the team's successes.
- J. R. QUARENDON (outside-right). His speed makes him a most effective winger. His shooting and his centres are always dangerous.

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J. W. POPE (inside-right). What he lacks in skill he makes up for in hard work and continual determination.

D. A. WALKER (centre-forward). A temperamental player. When in form he can be brilliant and can head and shoot with accuracy.

K. J. COLEMAN (inside-left). The true footballer of the team. His footwork, body-swerve and bursts of speed have shattered many a defence.

L. B. FRASER (outside-left). His speed on the wing is invaluable to the attack, but he should try to centre the ball when he has the opportunity.

R. A. BILLINGSBY. Has filled both forward and defence positions, and has shown himself to be more at home in the defence.

M. J. GOODYEAR. Has played on both wings and has never let the team down. His speed makes him dangerous.

1ST XI RESULTS.

Sept. 18th. v. Strode's School. Home. Lost 0-7.

Oct. 2nd. v. Godalming G.S. Away. Won 3-1 (Dongworth 2, own goal 1).

Oct. 20th. v. Reading University 3rd XI. Away. Won 4-1 (Walker 2, Coleman 2).

Nov. 6th. v. Camberley G.S. Away. Won 7-5 (Coleman 2, Billingsby 2, Pope, Fraser, Quarendon).

Nov. 20th. v. Dorking G.S. Home. Lost 1-5 (Pope).

2ND XI RESULTS.

Sept. 18th. v. Strode's School. Away. Won 4-1 (Walliker 4).

Oct. 2nd. v. Godalming G.S. Home. Drawn 3-3 (I. S. Jones 2, Clarke).

Nov. 6th. v. Camberley G.S. Away. Won 7-2 (Bradbury 2, Walliker 2, Rowett, Davis, Clarke).

Nov. 20th. v. Dorking G.S. Home. Won 7-0 (Clarke 2, Walliker 2, I. S. Jones, Rosewell, Dongworth).

"A" XI RESULTS.

Oct. 9th. v. Hinchley Wood Commercial School. Away. Lost 1-2 (Edwards).

Oct. 20th. v. Guildford Junior Technical School. Away. Lost 3-4 (Clarke 2, Pope).

UNDER 15 XI RESULTS.

Sept. 18th. v. Strode's School. Home. Won 8-3 (Potts 3, Davies 3, Blackman, Chivers).

Sept. 25th. v. Northmead School. Away. Won 7-2 (Potts 5, Baxter, Wilhelmy).

Oct. 2nd. v. Godalming G.S. Home. Won 10-1 (Potts 5, Baxter, Buss, Chivers, Pink, Wilhelmy).

Dec. 4th. v. Northmead School. Home. Drawn 3-3 (Blackman 2, Potts).

UNDER 14 XI RESULTS.

Sept. 25th. v. Northmead School. Away. Won 17-0.

Oct. 9th. v. Northmead School. Home. Won 8-3.

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Clubs and Societies

MODEL RAILWAY CLUB.

At the beginning of the year it was proposed that our Club should combine with the Aero-Modellers to form a joint Hobbies Club. This, however, was rejected, and it was decided to try to keep going as separate groups. The Model Railway Club has not had any meetings this term, owing to the other engagements of members on Club nights; next term, however, we hope to have some exhibitions, demonstration lay-outs, competitions, etc.

R. L. BATEMAN, *Hon. Secretary.*

CHESS CLUB.

This year, with sixty-seven paid-up members and regular attendances of forty or fifty each week, we have a larger active membership than any other School Society. Three new sets have been bought to relieve the shortage, and it also seems that we need a larger room.

The classification of "minor activity" which was allotted to us this term has had one happy result in that the reduction of the number of House Matches has allowed more time for Club activities such as the "ladder."

The School Chess Team, under the captaincy of J. S. Nelson, has completed eight fixtures. It is hoped that the increase in the number of fixtures will provide a basis for the awarding of Colours. It is notable that Chess is the one activity where a School team plays a senior club having players of county standard.

The Club thanks Messrs. Lucas, Maberly and Tallack for supervising matches, and Mrs. Vesey and Mr. Kirk for their help with home fixtures.

So far in the House Matches Drake has drawn with Raleigh, and Nelson has beaten Hawkins.

SCHOOL MATCH RESULTS.

- v. Farnham C.G.S. Drawn 3-3.
- v. Godalming C.G.S. Drawn 6-6.
- v. Ottershaw School. Won 6-2.
- v. Godalming Town C.C. Lost 3-8.
- v. Guildford R.G.S. Lost 5-7.
- v. Staff. Won 8-4.
- v. Old Wokingians. Lost 5-6.
- v. Tiffin's School. Lost 2-3.

J. LIGHT, *Hon. Secretary.*

LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The membership of the Society this year is 113, which must constitute a record.

There have been six meetings this term; they have been held fortnightly. The Arts and Science sections of the Society have also held meetings every alternate fortnight. The attendance at meetings has been relatively high, but the presence of more members of the Fifth Forms is desirable.

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Library Notes

It is with great pleasure that we record that the Library has been moved to larger premises. It is now housed in what was the Engineering Workshop. All the benches and apparatus were removed, of course, and the room was redecorated. Parts of the floor were raised and the rest reground. The lighting of the room, like the rest of the School, has benefited from the rewiring. No new shelving was provided, but the old bookcases and shelving appear to greater advantage in their new home. Two large tables have been obtained from elsewhere in the School, and E. Cranston has improved their appearance by cleaning and repolishing their surfaces. Twelve new chairs have been received recently. The alterations were completed by the end of September, and the new Library has been in use for most of the term. The new arrangement is not ideal, and much of the furnishing is obviously makeshift, but it does represent a great improvement. Some of the sections are overcrowded, but it is possible to examine the books in comfort now. Moreover, the Library can now begin to develop its other services, and perhaps play a greater part in the general life of the School.

Many new books have been received since the last report. Our annual grant is very inadequate for a School of this size, but it does provide for a steady increase. This has been supplemented by a few generous gifts, which we hereby acknowledge with grateful thanks. D. G. Brangwyn gave us *The Oxford Book of German Prose* by H. G. Fiedler; D. R. Jennings *British Mountaineers* by F. S. Smythe; and E. J. Hyland *Cheshire, V.C.* by Russell Braddon. Mr. J. Webb gave us eleven books in all: six books of fiction, three Peileans on diverse topics, *Butterflies and Moths of the Wayside* and *Woodland* by W. J. Stokoe, and *Friedrich Schiller's Drama: Theory and Practice* by E. L. Stahl. We have also received the following gifts from private collections: Mr. C. J. R. Wilson, eight books; A. Sibbick, six; J. A. Cottrell, two; J. K. Owens, five; D. F. Whale, four; L. J. S. Bradbury, five; and A. W. Henderson, five. This was Henderson's second contribution; he gave us six books last year. We are very grateful for these additions. We must see that they are not negated by careless treatment or loss.

Space does not permit a lengthy review of the other new books, but mention is made of the following to show that they are varied and not lacking in interest: two books on the Royal Tour; two books on the M.C.C. Tour to the West Indies; Philip Street's *Whipnade*; Paul Brickhill's *Life of Douglas Bader*; a new Geoffrey Trease; and two new Phoenix publications—*The Story of the World's Police* and *The World's Great Bridges*.

D. J. BUTTERWORTH.

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The Society has been unable to obtain a visiting speaker this term, but the prospects for next year are good and it is expected to entertain at least one and perhaps two prominent speakers.

There have been two debates this term, both of which were well supported. In addition, Mr. Fudge gave a talk about his holiday in Iceland, and there was also a geographical film show. The term also included the Society's Annual Tea, which is always an enjoyable and light-hearted affair.

L. J. S. BRADBURY, *Hon. Secretary.*

MUSIC CLUB.

The Club had a busy and interesting term, although membership, except from the Sixth Forms has been rather disappointing. At our fortnightly meetings members have listened to records, including a programme of Handel's neglected arias, and to a recital of Bach's organ music by Mr. Hilliam. They have puzzled over the varied and lively questions in D. Whale's "Musical Quiz." Our Chairman, Mr. Redgate, spoke on "The Music of the Troubadours," and at the end of term an informal concert was held. Members have attended orchestral concerts at Guildford. Our only regret must be that more do not take advantage of the facilities offered by the Club.

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

WOODWORK CLUB.

ACTIVITIES began with a keen interest this term, with membership increasing owing to the influx from the third forms. At the first meeting the officials of the preceding year were re-elected.

Now that a lathe has been installed many interesting models are being made, and members have already begun their conscientious work on their exhibits for the Hobbies Exhibition in May. Models that have been made this term range from budgeter nesting boxes to coffee tables, table lamps and bookcases.

G. D. ROWETT, *Hon. Secretary.*

CHRISTIAN UNION.

We have held some ten meetings this term, and they have been moderately attended. Our series of talks and discussions was centred on the theme "Peter—The Life of a Christian," and it has proved most helpful. Other features of our Friday meetings have been an interesting talk by the Rev. Michael Brettell on "Christian Youth Work" and filmstrip-aided talks on the lives of Albert Schweitzer and John Wesley. The success of this type of visual aid will no doubt occasion its further use during the year. In addition, following up last term's series on "Church Unity," we have been visiting some of the denominational churches of the district.

At the Annual General Meeting this term many new officials were elected, owing to the loss, at the end of last term, of many of our stalwarts. D. B. Price became Chairman, and "newly-conscripted" were F. J. Green as Secretary, G. R. A. Hall as Treasurer, and P. T. Hammond and C. Gloster as Committee members.

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During the term some members of the Committee met the Rev. Lawrey, Travelling Secretary of the Inter-School Christian Fellowship, to which we are affiliated. He promised to speak to us next term, and, inspired by his suggestions, we hope to embark next term on a programme which will be more attractive to the School as a whole, rather than restricting our activities to those of a "Sixth Form Theological Debating Society" nature!

We are continually glad to have the helpful interest of the various members of the Staff who grace our meetings, especially our Vice-Presidents, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Bowles.

F. J. GREEN, *Hon. Secretary.*

AEROMODELLING CLUB.

The Club was re-formed again this term under the direction of Mr. Poulter, and meetings have been held fortnightly in the drawing office. "The Aeromodeller" is bought and articles in it are discussed. Since it is not possible to build models at School boys bring their own models to show to others and to be discussed. New members are always welcome, especially from the middle and lower School.

J. RICHARDSON, *Hon. Secretary.*

BOXING CLUB.

SOMEWHAT reluctantly it was at length decided that it would be impracticable to hold the usual inter-House tournament at the end of this term. The amount of talent in the Club has been greatly diminished owing to the number of boxers who left the School during the past year, and although there has been an extremely healthy increase in the number of junior members this, unfortunately, has not made up for losses among the seniors. However, thanks to the interest and guidance of Mr. Lloyd, we are looking forward to a promising show next year, realizing that it is the juniors who will be responsible for the future of the Club. Meanwhile, all we can hopefully say to everyone is, "Box on!"

E. B. WIGGAM, *Hon. Secretary.*

BIRD AND NATURAL HISTORY CLUB.

The Club was formed early in the term, when about thirty boys were enrolled as members. A very interesting talk on the Stockholm Island Bird Observatory was given by Mr. Gibling, and records of bird song have been played by Mr. Maberly. A quiz was arranged by the Secretary, and the members succeeded in answering most of the questions correctly.

The aim of the Club is to gather information about the birds of West Surrey, and to encourage the study of natural history as a whole. The Club has a good library of nature books, and outings to study natural history in the neighbourhood are being planned for the near future.

R. W. POLHILL, *Hon. Secretary.*

HAWKINS HOUSE.

House Masters: Mr. D. J. BUTTERWORTH, Mr. F. H. POULTER, Mr. A. B. MABERLY, Mr. C. D. SKUSE, Mr. K. L. G. FUDGE, Mr. A. POTTS.

House Captain: N. E. THOMAS. *House Secretary:* N. H. SMITH.

At the beginning of term the House welcomed Mr. Fudge and Mr. Potts. We hope that their stay with Hawkins will be a long and enjoyable one.

We congratulate P. T. Hammond on his appointment as School Captain and C. C. B. Chenery, B. C. Hankin, M. J. Laird and G. M. Robbins on their appointment as School Prefects.

Captains of House activities elected this term are: Soccer and Cross Country, M. R. Dongworth; Soccer Vice-Captain, M. J. Goodyear; Chess, A. B. Drewitt; Boxing, J. S. Orridge; Shooting, B. R. Skeet; Hobbies, D. F. Whale.

The Soccer teams have met with varied results. Both Seniors and Juniors lost to Drake 2-5 and 0-5, respectively, but did well against Nelson, the Seniors winning 7-1 and the Juniors drawing 4-4. At the moment we are lying third in the Soccer Championship, but there is still time to improve on this. The following have represented the House at Soccer: Seniors: W. J. Lacey, G. D. Rowett, B. R. Skeet, M. H. Pethwick, M. J. Goodyear, B. Snelling, D. G. Turner, D. Barker, M. R. Dongworth, M. J. Ransome, B. J. Clark. Juniors: K. Davies, D. E. Bitt, D. E. Neill, S. W. Heap, J. P. Barnett, G. A. Male, G. E. Meyer, B. J. Rendell (Capt.), M. J. Gathercole, R. K. Ward, B. A. Simmons.

In spite of the hopes of our Chess Captain we lost our only Chess Match this term against Nelson by 31 boards to 47. The team on this occasion was M. J. Laird, A. B. Drewitt, B. J. Clark, J. S. W. Dunning, C. White, P. Nix, G. M. Robbins and J. Busby.

In Boxing, greatly encouraged by J. S. Orridge, we have mustered fifteen members at a boxing practice. However, still more are required if a tournament is to be held this year.

At the end of the first half of the term we were leading in Work, but only by a very small margin. In both Conduct and Lateness we were a very bad fourth, mainly because boys persist in throwing away points through carelessness.

After losing the House Cup for the first time in eight years we are taking things far too easily. To regain our position at the top many members must change the apathetic attitude which they seem to have adopted, and start pulling their weight.

The House Masters and officials join in wishing everyone a prosperous and successful New Year.

N. H. SMITH.

(The House congratulates N. H. Smith on his appointment as Deputy School Captain.—D.J.B.)

RIFLE CLUB.

At the beginning of the term it was decided that the Club's rifles were no longer in a fit condition to warrant their further use without a thorough overhaul. The Club was faced with two alternatives: to continue activities, but at a much higher cost, or to store the equipment until the state of the finances would allow a resumption of operations. For this reason, an Extraordinary General Meeting was held on October 22nd, Mr. Eveleigh taking the chair. B. E. Woodham proposed: "That in view of the economic impossibility of continuing the Rifle Club, the Club should be kept in abeyance and the rifles kept in store until such time or opportunity arises when it should be able to continue on a stable financial basis." Mr. Root suggested that these words be added: "And that if the Club has not renewed activities after one year, viz. by September, 1955, the assets of the Club be realized." The proposer agreed to the addition of these words, and in this amended form the motion was carried.

B.E.W.

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. D. G. HILLIAM.

House Captain: D. B. PRICE. *House Secretary:* C. ELLIOTT.

AFTER an eight years' struggle Drake has at last won the House Cup. A dinner was held on December 10th to celebrate this event. Games, a film and a stage entertainment took up much of the evening, but the highlight of the occasion was the meal and the toasts which succeeded it. The toast to "The School" was responded to by the Headmaster in an exceedingly witty speech. The next toast, to "The House," was proposed by Mr. Eveleigh, who congratulated the House on its success, but affirmed that the tradition of Drake was to make good men rather than to earn points, the truth of this being borne out by D. B. Price when he proposed "The Guests" and read out a letter sent by B. J. Lewis, a former Captain of the House, from Los Angeles, in which he expressed his satisfaction at the House's victory and his regret at not being able to attend the party.

In this first term of the school year Drake must now win the last senior football match if it is to gain the Football Cup. At half-term we were second in Work, and we have drawn our first chess match. Our position in Conduct is low, and it is here that an effort must be made.

Next term will be critical in the House Competition. The Football, Chess and Hobbies Competitions will be completed, and a determined effort must be made in each. But it is in the Conduct and Work competitions that the final effort must be made, not merely by a few, but by every individual in the House. With this individual effort we may win the House Cup: without it we must fail.

C. ELLIOTT.

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: R. A. LEMON. *House Secretary:* L. B. FRASER.

R. A. LEMON, L. Free, D. A. Tunnell and L. B. Fraser have been appointed School Prefects this term.

The progress of the House this term has been reasonably satisfactory. The Junior Soccer team has lost both to Raleigh and to Drake, but the Senior team, after losing narrowly to Raleigh, had a good 4-2 win against Drake in a hard-fought match. Both teams are, however, very keen both in practice and on the field, and we hope for better results next term. The following have played for the House: Seniors: Watkins, Kennedy, Ewens, Pope, Lemon (Capt.), Mellersh, Walliker, Fotts, Edwards, Willhelmy, Cranston, Fraser. Juniors: Holthouse, Knowles, Pike, Turner, Harris, Sims, Watt, Pearce, Botwright, Dickson (Capt.), Gunner, Yeomans.

Our positions in Chess and Lateness are so far encouraging. The chess team beat Hawkins by 41-31 in their first match, and we are so far first equal in the Lateness competition. The following have represented the House in chess: Hawkins (Capt.), Bateman, Tunnell, Pope, Mayer, Mellersh, Stockdale, Polhill, Buxey and McDonald.

Our achievement in Work and Conduct for the first half of the term is not quiet so pleasing. The positions of third and second respectively can, I am sure, be improved. If we hope to be Cock House this year an improvement, particularly in Work, is essential, as this competition carries more points than any other.

The House has lost a very faithful supporter in J. S. Ewens, who left School during the term. We would like to thank him for all he has done for us in the past, and wish him every success for the future.

Two events that will become increasingly important next term are the Cross-Country and the Hobbies Exhibition. It is encouraging to note that five out of eight of the School Cross Country team are Nelson boys. Both of these events depend on mass effort by every member of the House, and if every individual plays his part to the best of his ability success must surely come our way, both in these events and in the general House competition.

L. B. FRASER.

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:* E. B. WIGGAM.

The long absence of Mr. Minney is still felt throughout the House and in all its activities, but we look forward hopefully to welcoming him back among us next term. In the meantime we offer our thanks to Mr. Pearson who has so ably filled the rôle of senior Housemaster.

A good start was made to the year with the winning of the L.N.A. Cup; while under the efficient leadership of Rosewell and the active guidance of Mr. Newton the House so far occupies second position in the House Soccer Championship, with the remaining match against

Drake, the leaders, to be played next term. We congratulate Rosewell on his election as School Football Captain.

Unfortunately neither Wigham nor Lillierapp has been very keenly supported at the Boxing and Cross-Country practices respectively, but there is no House Boxing Tournament this term and the Cross-Country has been postponed to next term, so there is still time for plenty of practice.

The results of the half-term form lists were rather varied, Raleigh coming first in Conduct, a commendable, if somewhat surprising, result, but last in Work, a less praiseworthy achievement. In Chess we are extremely grateful for the interest taken by Mr. Bowles; aided by the Chess Captain, Harding, he has organized an internal House Tournament. This has not yet been completed, but it has met with great enthusiasm among the chess players of the House. In the Chess Championship Raleigh is lying second.

We look forward with interest to the publication of the end-of-term form lists and the final positions, hoping that the general trend may be continued, and that Raleigh may at last oust itself from a far too well-worn groove. The enthusiastic interest of the members of Staff has been greatly appreciated, and we thank them for their help and guidance throughout the term.

We wish all the members of the House every success in the New Year.

E. B. WIGHAM.

Old Wokingians' Association

PLANS are being made for the holding of the Reunion on the weekend of February 12th/13th, and it is hoped that Old Boys will book the date and make a real effort to get along to renew old acquaintances.

As the Soccer Match with the School has been arranged for March, the Executive Committee are looking into the possibility of having a rifle shooting match with the School in its place on the Saturday afternoon. Our Secretary, Mr. P. Readings, 12a Chertsey Road, Woking, will be pleased to hear from anybody wishing to take part.

In the evening there will be an excellent entertainment, refreshments and, of course, an opportunity for the exchange of reminiscences.

Then, on the Sunday, we will join with the School and the Parents' Association in a combined service in the School.

Full details of the Reunion Week-end will be coming round to you early in the New Year, so please return them promptly to aid the organizers.

Many of us have been pleased to welcome home on leave from the Gold Coast this summer F. E. B. Clarke, who was at the School from 1920 to 1925. Clarke is now Deputy Director (Postal and Accounting Services) in the Department of Posts and Telecommunications in the G.P.O. at Accra. He went to the Gold Coast in 1941 and, apart from a year in Sierra Leone, has been there ever since.

There was a goodly number of Old Boys at the School Speech Day on November 26th, when they saw E. J. Hyland receive the Association's Prize.

D. G. SWATMAN.

Parents' Association

AT the Annual General Meeting on October 8th, Mr. M. M. W. Webb handed over the Chairmanship to Mr. F. G. Colson. The Vice-Chairman elected at the meeting was Mr. R. A. Elliott, who will succeed as Chairman at the end of Mr. Colson's year of office.

After the business of the Annual General Meeting had been concluded the members of the Association heard an address given by Mr. I. P. Alexander, M.A., the Senior English Master, who took as his subject "Reading Makeeth a Full Man." His talk will long be remembered by those who heard it, and in response to many requests the text will shortly be printed so that it may reach an even wider audience. The Association is very glad to record its warmest thanks to Mr. Alexander.

On November 6th a very pleasant Whist Drive was held in the School Hall, attended by nearly seventy players.

On November 12th we invited all our members to attend a most interesting lecture given in the Girls' Grammar School by Lady Simon of Wythenshawe on "The failure to implement the 1944 Education Act."

These functions have been well attended, and we are glad to record that the membership of the Association this year has reached a record figure.

The most important function of the year—the Reunion—was held on January 22nd, 1955. All the members who came enjoyed the games and dancing, the supper and the company. We again charged only 4s., and how the Ladies' Committee, under its Chairman, Mrs. Fielding, managed to produce the excellent supper out of the portion of the 4s. that the Executive Committee was able to spare, only the members of the Ladies' Committee know. We are most grateful to them.

To those who have hesitated to come in the past we say, "Do come along in future."

H. CREASER, *Hon. Secretary.*