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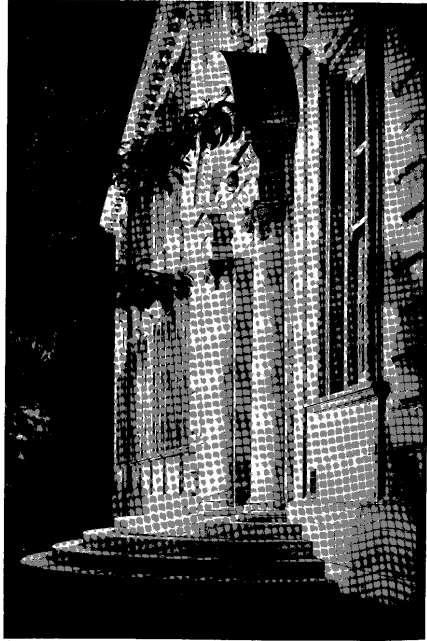
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(Photograph by the Headmaster)

Coronation—June, 1953

School Chronicle

At the beginning of the Summer Term there were 512 boys on the School roll.

We congratulate Mr. J. C. W. Mudd, A.R.C.S., B.Sc., on his appointment as Head Master of Earlswood County Secondary School, Redhill, from September next, and Mr. J. H. Thomas, B.A., on his appointment as Principal of the Arnold-Carlton Institute, Nottingham, as from January, 1954. We also offer our best wishes to Miss E. M. C. Botten for a long and happy retirement. At the end of the Summer Term we shall also be losing Mr. C. J. Colbert, M.A., who is returning to New Zealand, and Mr. W. C. Aitken, who is returning to Scotland.

This term Mr. J. Webb has been School Captain, and L. J. Wilson, Deputy Captain, in succession to R. L. Turvill and C. F. H. Marshall, who left School at Easter. The following have been appointed School Prefects: I. R. Falconer, P. H. Hargrave, D. R. Köhler, J. S. Nelson, P. E. Peters, A. C. Stubblings and C. B. Woodham.

The Dramatic Society's performances of Gogol's comedy, *The Government Inspector*, during Play Week reached the usual high standard and were well received.

Parcels of clothing and a sum of £19 12s.11d. were collected in response to the appeal for help for the victims of the floods in East Anglia.

A School collection was also made for the Alexandra Rose Day Fund.

We congratulate Mr. J. Webb on winning second prize in the German Verse Speaking Competition organized for Schools in the London area by the Modern Languages Association.

The School Choir took part in the Woking Schools' Music Festival held in the School Hall on March 19th.

M. E. Hills and D. Conway played regularly for the Surrey Grammar Schools Soccer XI.

E. S. Jones has played for the Surrey Grammar Schools Under 15 Cricket XI, and P. Long has been selected as Captain of the Woking and District Schools Cricket XI.

During the Easter holidays a party of boys under the leadership of Mr. A. A. Pearson took part in a most successful exchange visit to the homes of pupils of the Leibniz Gymnasium, Disseldorf. The Wayfarers' Coach Tour through Belgium and Germany to Switzerland, returning through France, was no less a success than previous tours. The Annual Hobbies Exhibition was held on May 1st and 2nd.

A photograph of the whole School was taken on May 4th.

On May 22nd Coronation mugs were presented to the School by Mrs. W. J. Green on behalf of the Woking Urban District Council, and Councillor A. D. Campbell addressed the School on "The Significance of the Crown in the British Commonwealth." We are greatly indebted to Mr. E. T. Trotman for floodlighting the School building during Coronation Week. On June 15th the School paid a visit to the Coronation film, *A Queen is Crowned*.

At the Surrey Grammar Schools Sports, held at Molspur Park on June 11th, the junior athletic team tied with Wallington Grammar School for the Junior Cup.

On Sports Day, July 15th, the principal guest was Mr. Mark Pharaoh, the British discus champion, who gave a demonstration and presented the trophies.

The Magazine

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Editorial

In common with many of our contemporaries, rising costs have now caught up on us as well; indeed, they have almost overtaken us. Hence *The Magazine's* reduced size. Regrettable though the decision may seem, we have had to trim our sails in navigating the shoals of a depleted budget. The age is past when an editor was as little concerned with finance as a musketeer with bow and arrow; and, in some ways, this is no misfortune since quality must more than ever be our working norm, the criterion of unerring standard. *Auream quisquis mediocritatem diligit*.

Our principle, then, shall be to encourage only the best in literary performance, ensuring, at the same time, a news service of School activities in keeping with the traditions of a journal of this kind. The appeal we made in the last issue must not go unheeded; the need still remains for meritorious contributions from all parts of the School to create a lively and interesting magazine, a credit to the body it serves and a symbol to the world at large. Along this path we shall continue, seeking the best for our pages and finding, unlike Falstaff, we have a "remedy against this consumption of the purse."

Material for the next issue of *The Magazine* should reach the Editor not later than Friday, January 15th, 1954. All contributions must be written in ink, legibly, on one side of the paper only. Quarto or foolscap sheets are preferred.

Original photographs, printed on glossy paper, will also be considered for publication.

The Editor acknowledges the receipt of numerous contemporaries, including the *Mercers' School Magazine*.

The Swimming Gala takes place on July 23rd in the Woking Swimming Pool.

The School year ends on July 24th. The Autumn Term begins on Wednesday, September 9th.

We very much regret that serious illness has kept Mr. Creaser away for the last month of term.

Miss E. M. C. Botten

To have spent thirty-six years of one's life in the service of education in a small country town is in itself a record of which even the most modest of us might be justly proud. To have spent that period as a woman teacher—much of it as the only woman teacher—in a Boys' Grammar School is an unusual record.

Miss Botten was one of a noble band of young women who came "temporarily" into boys' schools to replace men during the First World War and fortunately for this School she stayed for the rest of her teaching career.

During that period many members of the Staff have come and gone, the School has had five Head Masters, and fathers, themselves taught by Miss Botten, have sent their sons to the School.

Much credit is rightly due to those members of the Staff who are responsible for the outstanding academic successes of Sixth Form boys, but rarely is adequate tribute paid to those who, lower in the School, lay the foundations of future scholarship. This has been Miss Botten's unique contribution in this School.

Modest and self-effacing, with a shy charm all her own, and with a dislike of the limelight and of public praise, Miss Botten has done her best work where it should be done—in the classroom. A sympathetic and inspiring teacher, she set herself in all she undertook a high standard, and demanded such from her pupils. Class distinctions meant nothing to her, for she acknowledged that boys differed from each other only in character and merit. She has worked hard herself, she expected her boys to work hard, and she taught them the value and importance of discipline. A woman of high principles, Miss Botten showed in her relationships a strong sense of justice and fair play, and had a short way with humbug and the less pleasant of schoolboy sins.

Miss Botten has none of the narrowness of outlook which often comes from teaching small boys: this she has avoided by foreign travel and by liberation of the mind which comes from reading inspiring books, especially books of travel, of which she has always been fond. She will never be able to lead an inactive life and will now have time to devote to her delightful home and garden which she loves so much.

Her departure from the School she has served so nobly will leave a gap that will not easily be filled, and her influence will live within the School even when the memory of her good work will have passed with those who knew her.

For it can be said with truth that Miss Botten has performed her duty justly, skillfully and magnanimously.

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"The Government Inspector"

A comedy in three Acts by Nikolai V. Gogol.

Translated and adapted by D. J. Campbell. Produced March, 1953.

It is always a pleasant change to find one of the less frequently acted plays, especially one by a foreign author, chosen for a School production. The play may have weaknesses or difficulties which account for its comparative neglect, but its freshness provides compensation, and actors and producers do not feel bound by a long tradition of excellent productions at whose perfection it is idle to aim, but from whose treatment and technique it is rash to depart.

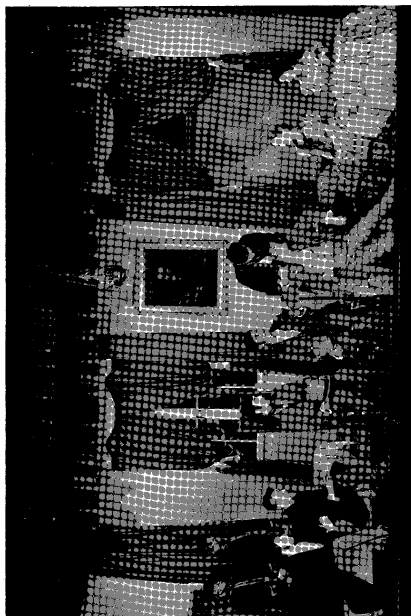
Nikolai Gogol's *The Government Inspector* is classified as a comedy but, although the author strenuously maintained that caricature and farce must in no way enter it, it contains several incidents and elements which, to twentieth century English eyes, may well seem to cross the frontier between comedy and farce. These do, of course, contribute their own type of humour to the play but, if felt to be farcical, they inevitably detract from a truthful portrayal of the laughable or ridiculous in human nature. Farce, by definition, sacrifices credibility of character and action in order to secure a larger measure of humour: the intrusion of farce into comedy, therefore, must shatter the illusion of reality and truth to life, and make it impossible for the producer both to develop consistent characters and give full value to both the comic and the farcical.

Faced with this problem, Mr. Alexander rightly chose to present the play as it is most likely to appear to a modern English audience—as a mixture of comedy and farce—and he left very little at which to cavil. After the explanatory first scene, to which it is hardly possible to impart much speed or movement, a good pace was set and maintained, and the grouping of the actors on the stage, especially in the difficult last scene when so many have to be accommodated, was always skilfully handled. Gestures, too, were purposeful and natural.

Mr. Hardaker's elegant *décor* for the Mayor's room, and the effective use of curtains for the room at the inn, gave the actors an excellent setting, and the staging as a whole was in every way appropriate. The costumes and make-up, the latter under Mr. Eveleigh's supervision, were beyond praise.

The two principal actors, M. J. Childs (Hlestakov) and H. J. Lee (the Mayor), reconciled the conflicting claims of comedy and farce in different ways. Childs gave his vote to consistency, struck an average, and maintained it through thick and thin: he could, therefore, neither show the subtler points and more delicate nuances of comedy nor relax completely into the gay abandon of farce. Nevertheless, his interpretation of the part was vigorous and lively, and he was especially good in his drunk scene. Lee, the more accomplished actor, played comedy as comedy and farce as farce, maintaining a very high standard throughout, though at the inevitable sacrifice, through no fault of his, of consistency of character. His voice and his features were flexible and well controlled.

J. H. Bateman (Anna Andreyevna) again proved himself a female impersonator of more than usual merit, and he was particularly convincing when querulous and domineering, though at times he was querulous in voice without adequate justification in his words. His was a very good attempt at a more than usually difficult female part.



Photograph by Sidney Fowles, A.F.P., A.R.P.S.
"The Government Inspector"—Act II, Sc. 2

D. J. Coward (Sergeant's wife) and I. S. Jones (Locksmith's wife) acquitted themselves very well in smaller feminine roles. J. M. Oliver (School Superintendent), R. L. Turvill (District Judge), D. J. Collyer (Charity Commissioner) and B. V. Moutt (Postmaster) displayed considerable ability in creating distinctive personalities for the officials of the town, and where opportunities for humour were given them they showed themselves fully capable of getting the joke across to the audience. Moutt's revelation of the contents of Hlestakov's letter was a very accomplished piece of comic acting. Some of the most polished work, however, came from J. M. Ensell (Dobchinsky), C. C. B. Chenery (Bobchinsky) and R. C. Gorie (Yosif). The first two were especially good in their timing and made the most of every line, Chenery's facial expressions being excellent. Gorie's confidential address to the audience in his first scene was delivered with the greatest confidence and adroitness, and he, too, very successfully enhanced the humour by the use of an extremely expressive countenance.

In the minor supporting parts a very creditable general standard was attained—no mean feat in a cast numbering almost thirty—and everyone achieved audibility, the *sine qua non* of the actor.

This was, then, a production of which any school could justly be proud, and one which fully maintained the very high standard set by its predecessors. That each of the seven performances went without a hitch is an indication of the skill and teamwork of all behind the scenes. Mention must be made, too, of the hard work and efficiency of the many box-office assistants supervised by Mr. Minney. Play can be mentioned by name, but the thanks and congratulations of the School are due to the whole company of those by whose efforts the week was made so enjoyable and so successful.

G. J. T.

Wayfarers' Foreign Tour

For the annual school journey abroad at Easter this year a tour by motor-coach was again chosen with Switzerland as the main objective. The route lay through Belgium, Germany and France, with overnight halts at Antwerp, Bonn, Freiburg, Zurich, Nancy and Brussels. The Swiss centre was Sigriswil, a village 600 feet above the Lake of Thun, facing the main mountain range of the Bernese Oberland, where a week was spent.

The group was large, totalling 39 persons in all. As always on these tours time did not allow us to see all we wished to see, but enough impressions remain to whet most appetites for more. The "high spot" of this venture, in a most literal sense, was the trip by mountain railway to the Jungfrauoch and Sphinx Observatory at 11,700 feet. The strange effects of a sudden change of altitude only enhanced the feeling of being in another world, and none of those who went will ever forget the experience. We climbed a lower peak, too, the Niederhorn, in the most comfortable manner possible, by chairlift. This trip also had a quality of unreality about it. Our

enthusiasm on other Swiss excursions was somewhat damped by the weather, but we succeeded in seeing something of Berne, Thun and Montreux, while a group explored the Bettshöfen, an extensive series of caves with rushing water everywhere. There was also a very creditable response to the invitation, given on several occasions by Mr. Thomas, to "come for a walk," and very lovely walks they were. *En route*, the Flanders plain, hitherto only a textbook term to most of the party, became a reality, and we quickly discovered why it looked so green and fertile. Despite the rain, however, we admired the tall cathedral and Flemish architecture of Antwerp—also the wonderful road tunnel under the River Scheidt—and the neon signs of Brussels. The rolling hill country of the Ardennes, with place-names like Bastogne and St. Hubert meant little to the younger members of the party, but much to those of us who remember the German winter offensive of 1944.

Luxemburg was still decorated for the recent royal wedding, and we just had time to look inside the cathedral where the ceremony had taken place.

The German part of the tour occupied three days. Ruined towns look much the same anywhere, and bomb-damaged Köln and Mainz could easily have been London or Coventry. There was plenty left to admire. The Rhine impressed as a majestic, rather than a very beautiful river—or perhaps we are getting *blasé* with overmuch travelling. Other recollections of Germany are of packed churches—even on Easter Monday morning—wonderful motor roads, our best hotel (at Bonn), and closed shops.

We entered Switzerland via Schaffhausen and the Rhine Falls. The latter are more impressive for their width than their height, but are still a wonderful sight. We all liked Zurich very much and would like to return there—with plenty of money to spend!

Finally, a few words of tribute to the party. Much commonsense and resource is called for on a trip of this sort, particularly with such a large group. It was most gratifying to see how well everybody managed. Nobody got lost, nobody was late, nobody got involved in traffic difficulties. All sorts of unusual resting-places were coped with—a four-poster bed excited no comment, nor what seemed to be a complete absence of bedclothes. Experiment soon showed which was the light switch and which the bell, and how the lift worked. Money in four different currencies was expended to the best advantage, mainly by the use of signs. Even a rude awakening at 5 a.m. to a real flaming dawn left this intrepid party unperturbed.

G. H. K. M.

German Exchange

On a morning late in March, our party of twenty-one boys, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Pearson, set off for a three weeks' stay with our German pen-friends in Düsseldorf.

Düsseldorf, a large industrial city standing on the River Rhine, boasts a variety of shops. This amenity, soon discovered by our party, resulted in lighter pockets after only a few days!

We experienced two surprises while in Düsseldorf: the first, when we encountered in one of the smaller streets a shop of F. W. Woolworth and Company, the other our discovery that one of England's most widely used washing powders is actually manufactured in Düsseldorf!

We attended school with our German partners, and were favourably impressed by the short time German boys spend in school. Scholars used to go to school at 8.15 a.m. and to finish for the day at 1 o'clock, but, because during the war so many schools were destroyed, buildings have since been shared on a "shift" system, with one school working from 8.15 a.m. to 1 o'clock and the other from 1.15 p.m. to 6 o'clock. Thus a German boy spends only four and three-quarter hours a day at his studies, whereas an English boy devotes seven to his!

Many of us went to cinemas and theatres in Düsseldorf. Because the films shown were either English or American, we were able to enjoy them even though the sound tracks were in German. We also attended a performance of the play *Minna von Barnhelm*.

We made several excursions, including visits to the Düsseldorf Art and Industry Museums, and to the castle at Schlossburg. But most enjoyable was our journey to Cologne in a magnificent double-decker coach, along the famous Autobahn. Having reached the city the coach was parked under the shadow of the great Gothic cathedral. We went into the building, and were much impressed by the splendour and magnificence of its architecture. As we were walking round the people of Cologne came flocking in to attend a service given by choirs from all over Europe. We stayed to hear a little of the service, and then ascended one of the twin spires of the cathedral. There were 501 steps to the top, but the climb was well worth it, for we were rewarded with a magnificent view.

From Cologne we went to Bonn, where we looked over the modern Parliament House. Later we travelled on to the Drachenfels, a famous mountain in the Siebengebirge. Most of us made the ascent on foot because transport was too dear. This climb, too, was well worth our trouble, for the view of the Rhine and the surrounding countryside below was magnificent.

But all good things must come to an end, and, after three glorious weeks, we set off on the long journey back to England, our minds filled with wonderful memories.

M. J. K. (III).

Hobbies Exhibition

On Friday evening, May 1st, and the next afternoon, the annual Hobbies Exhibition was held in the School Hall, tables having been laid out and partitions swiftly erected to take the exhibits. A yellow kayak at the entrance symbolized the high standard of the exhibition.

The Puppet and Doll section was popular, and, performing with some of his models, one of the exhibitors held the spectators' attention. The model-railway stand, a comparative newcomer to the exhibition, also attracted much attention. Exhibitors had built a track, along which they directed their shining models.

In the centre of the hall I saw an array of aeroplane models of all colours and sizes; there were old and new 'all, tables having been laid out and partitions swiftly erected to take the exhibits. A yellow kayak at the entrance symbolized the high standard of the exhibition.

The exhibition was considered by most who saw it to be one of the best; surely not only a tribute to the boys, but a testimony to Mr. Poulter's organization.

"SPECTATOR."

The Library—A Report

Forty-nine books have been added to the General Library and nine to the Departmental Libraries since the last report was made. This creditable increase has been largely due to the generous gifts of five boys. E. N. Cubitt gave us, when he left last term, *The Fifth Form at St. Dominic's* by T. B. Reed; K. C. Harbon presented a handsome leather-bound copy of Stevenson's *Kidnapped*; and R. C. Goree, A. W. Henderson and J. Bailey have made contributions from their personal libraries. Goree has given us eight books, and Henderson and Bailey six each. We are grateful for all these gifts. New books are, of course, most acceptable, but secondhand copies, in good condition, are always welcome. It is perhaps inevitable that these should chiefly be junior fiction, but it does enable us to devote the bulk of our funds to the more adult sections.

To those Library Monitors who are leaving we would extend all good wishes, and thank them for their services in the past.

D. J. BUTTERWORTH.

Letter to the Editor

The Queen's College,
Oxford.
May 19th, 1953.

DEAR SIR,

OXFORD! "City of dreaming spires" they called her as she lay among the trees, her stonework mellowed by the warm rays of a glowing evening sun. There is an Oxford unchanged since Arnold's time, for undergraduates still play bowls upon the green turf of the quadrangles, or ply their punt-poles on the Cherwell, whilst cricket goes on in the Parks, and there is still the frantic thrill of Bumping Races. Then, too, the Union debates, and the parties, and the bow ties and fancy waistcoats. But, today, the dreaming spires are shaken from their reverie by "double-decker" buses down the "High." Industries have grown up, and, from the backwaters of Cambridge, they now call us the "Latin Quarter of Cowley."

Work is a serious business for undergraduates up on local authority and State awards. Examinations are treated with respect. The regulation academic dress must be worn—a dark suit, black shoes, white shirt and bow tie, with cap and gown. Ladies must wear white blouses with black ties, skirts and stockings. Some outmoded regulations refer to swords for the men, but this is not insisted upon. The traditional way of ending Finals is to drink Champagne upon the steps of the Examination Schools.

Lectures, classes, tutorials and the weekly essay to be read to one's tutor is the old-established recipe of instruction. But new developments are taking place, especially in scientific laboratory work.

Of the twenty-five or so colleges, five are women's, and the university has six or seven thousand members in residence. The oldest colleges date from the twelfth century. Queen's was founded in 1340 by Robert de Eglesfield, Chaplain to Queen Philippa. The Black Prince, Bentham, and Addison came here, whilst Sir Oliver Franks was once our Provost.

Almost every type of activity is covered by university and college clubs; from the large political and sporting organizations to small college societies with but half a dozen members. Acting is still popular, and, of course, the Union. Hot debate will ensue over the proposal soon to be made about admitting ladies to the high privilege of membership. The suggestion has several times been defeated in the past, but may well be accepted now.

Undergraduates' parties are still popular, though not so lavish as in pre-war days. Cars are nearly all "vintage" models or delapidated taxis. Punting on the Cherwell (the "Char") is the most popular of summer leisure pursuits. On May Morning undergraduates climb out of college before dawn to meet on the river by Magdalen Bridge to hear the traditional carol from the tower at 6 a.m. Five minutes later pandemonium is let loose as everybody tries to get up the river simultaneously to find suitable spots at which to take breakfast from picnic baskets placed on the grass.

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The highlight of Trinity Term is "Eights Week" with its gay crowds, coloured oar blades, college flags, Leander scarves—and fiercely contested racing, with the hope of Bump Suppers for the most successful colleges at the end.

These are a few of the highlights of life at Oxford. A very special existence, where life is lived at high tempo. But Oxford, "home of lost causes," wins the hearts of all who stroll among her cloisters.

Yours sincerely,
D. W. Lewis.

The Valley

(Last summer on a cycling tour my brother and I cycled up a mining valley in South Wales.)

We had been warned, and we knew what to expect:
To toil up the valley gazing mournfully
At monstrous misshapen slag-heaps
Towering against a monotonous grey sky;
To see slums where the stench of beer seeps
Into every hovel under the rickety door,
And where the scavenger rat scuttles across the floor;
To jostle through surging masses
Of begrimed Welsh miners who glare
At us like beasts enraged at being confined
Within the oppressive darkness of a pit;
Then, further up the valley, past the noisy towns,
To behold the depressing bleakness
Of the flat-topped stony downs,
Devoid of grass, devoid of any
Beak grandeur—dead.

And some of these we found—
Ugly slag-heaps despoiling the valley,
And slums insidiously sprawling down in the valley;
But always there was the valley,
And always the road clinging to the valley side;
Always the river at the bottom of the valley—
Cold, black water looming up through the wide,
Dark belt of trees at the bottom of the valley;
And always the silence and the sadness
Of the grassy mountain slopes flanking the valley.
—Little obvious beauty, but beneath,
A serene loveliness despite the worst that man can do.
And in the towns we found
Crowding through the streets the friendly sound
Of people content enough to live as they are,
As if, somehow, the calmness of the valley
Had given those living in the valley,
Some of its own peacefulness, an age-worn serenity.
And then, to us, the hills were no longer dead
And foreboding; they were peaceful and comforting.
The naked hills had a grandeur,
And there was rest in the valley.

J. E. (U.VI Arts)

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turrets, leering gargoyles and tiled patterns, and there are large windows of garishly coloured glass, brass fixtures round the door, a bold plaque bearing the proud name, "Albert Villa," and, a whole variety of similar superfluous, proclaiming loudly the uncultivated taste of one who had recently acquired wealth.

The interior makes the same proclamation. The atmosphere is oppressive with heavy ugly furniture covered with antimacassars, thick curtains and drab brown paintwork. On the marble mantelpiece and in every available space stand many knick-knacks, together with a stuffed bird of brilliant hue, a bust of Gladstone and the inevitable aspiderata. The walls are covered with darkly-patterned paper and from them hang, in immense gilt frames, photographs of family gatherings, always with the dignified starch-collared paterfamilias standing beside a seated spouse who is swathed in voluminous black skirts. From the patterned ceiling hangs a gas-lamp, while the floor is covered with a lurid red carpet surrounded by cold brown linoleum. Everything is an introit of dinginess, untidiness, turgidity, yet amazing respectability!

All this may seem fantastic, but then the Victorian era was fantastic. The Industrial Revolution had entirely disrupted the peace and beauty of eighteenth-century England, and had hustled in a new age of change in social order and outlook. There arose the despised bourgeois—the *nouveau riches*, who, distended to florid smugness by material prosperity, satisfied their barbaric tastes by erecting these ill-proportioned and grossly ornate houses as a symbol to the world of England's wealth. By middle Victorian years, not only had architectural taste degenerated, but also that of most other Arts as well. It was a time when the ideals of popular opinion held sway and when the great Romantic Revival in literature had decayed for the most part into sugary sentiment; when the art of Frith and Landseer was fashioned on homely, easily-understood themes; when most new music of any merit came from the Continent; when the Theatre was at a depressingly low ebb.

The eccentricity of the age is heightened when it is considered how supremely austere, how puritanically pious and how militantly moral the Victorian outlook was. Even with all its falseness and hypocrisy, this seems in direct contrast to a people who applauded the bombastic "jingoism" of the aggressive Palmerston or the chauvinism of later years. This nonconformity of Victorian outlook dwindles with the coming of Kipling who was determined to make even imperialism a respectable thing—

"If, drunk with sight of power, we loose
Wild tongues that have not Thee in awe—
Such boastings as the Gentiles use,
Or lesser breeds without the Law—
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget!"

The age is passed, maybe, but its products remain. The Victorian Villa still stands either in faded floridness or "modernized" into the dwelling of the twentieth century—the flat. But, whether changed or not, it still serves today as a memory of that securely prosperous England of a hundred years ago.

R. HARRON (L.VI Arts).

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Nocturne

Dans la douce étreinte des rives assoupies
Le fleuve lisse et gras, calme après la chaleur
De la journée, coulant sous la froide pâleur
Du grand croissant, s'endort, ses tâches accomplies.

Le soleil se couche très loin dans les nuées;
Tout s'enfonce dans un long repos languissant,
Qui n'est violé que par le jour approchant.
Les feuilles se balancent au vent contentées.

L'eau pure et profonde, ridée par une haleine
Caressante, baise les rives, murmurant
D'innombrables mots aux rochers. Tranquillement

Des ombres de la rive regardent, sans haine,
Les saules tristes. Tu es tranquille, ô paysage;
Et tu n'as pas d'ennuis car tu n'as aucun âge.

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

Lines on Prescott's "Conquest of Mexico"

1. Cavalry and Arquebus,
Musketeer and bowman,
Falconet and jagged spear
—many thousand foemen,
Half a thousand armoured men,
Few but ill of omen,
Hurled the Aztec dustward down,
With Tlascalan Yeomen.
2. Castille's banner waving proud,
Flag in stormy weather,
Meshed with screaming Aztec
round,
Nodding plume and feather,
Unprotected soldiery,
Hurled at steel and leather
Sweet in swaths unto their fate
On the bloodstained heather.
3. Once a mighty empire found,
Lord of many places,
Now to slavery has gone,
Land of subject races,
All its pomp and pride has fled,
Now remains but traces,
Fraught with splendour, pride and fear,
Ghosts with many faces.

C. E. (L.VI Arts).

Victorian Villa

THERE it stands—the monstrous monument of a past age! Set among ominously gloomy shrubs of untidy laurel and privet, it faces the world with the same prim complacency of its builders. A severely straight gravel path, flanked by geometrically precise borders of insipid dahlias, leads up to the front door. The architect obviously decided that the building must look impressive, but his attempt to make it so ended in a mighty pseudo-Gothic conglomeration. The harsh red-brick wall bulges with intricate ornamentations in the form of miniature

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God Wot

To love books is wise, to love sport is healthy, but to love gardening is neither wise nor healthy. Like most people I am well able to appreciate the beauties of domestic horticulture provided I play only a passive part in the cultivation of a garden. It is with a view to encouraging this "deckchair" critical attitude that this essay has been written.

Gardeners may be divided into two distinct groups. There are those people—retired schoolmasters, neurotic clergymen, dissipated businessmen—who seek in their gardens escape from worldly strife by struggling against the depredations of stray dogs, homeless cats, and small boys. These (the genuine gardeners, not small boys) are rare and can be dismissed as freaks. The rest labour from a motive totally unconnected with garden-loving, either as a means of losing excessive weight, or of gaining excessive money, or of enhancing local prestige or of preserving domestic bliss. With the younger generation gardening is considered only as a last resort to appease parental wrath, to incur parental favour or to reap parental reward.

Contrary to popular opinion the gardening season starts in the winter. With the garden covered by a six-inch layer of all-concealing snow and the potential crop lessened with each succeeding frost, one can relax, secure in the knowledge that it's as good as anyone's.

With the coming of spring a young man generally has to indulge in a modicum of gardening, wherever else his thoughts may turn, and he is to be seen superficially disturbing the soil with a spade, textbook and deckchair. It is wise to plant most of the plot with extremely delicate plants which cannot possibly survive the winter and which will save both energy and explanation later in the year, when the garden is devoid of cultivated vegetation. Another sound investment is a dozen oak saplings. Tended carefully, these can, with a minimum of effort, provide a permanent crop of lovely acorns.

Later one reaps one's reward. The hosts of golden daffodils, the neatly weeded borders, the gay, healthy flower-beds, the stately splendour of the flowering shrubs, and the fine green lawn—all these are on view at the local park!

In contrast to the preceding months of feverish activity, Autumn is a time of slothful ease—a time of regret for the past, of hope for the future and leaf-sweeping for the present.

T. E. Brown said, "A garden is a lovesome thing," but he was a poet, not a gardener!

"GARDEN RAKE" (U.VI Arts).

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Baby Show

MONDAY St. Anne's decided to have a baby show; that is, Mrs. Maudley, the vicar's wife, decided to have a baby show. And, of course, whatever Mrs. Maudley said, went.

The show was advertised to take place at the end of April; Mrs. Maudley was determined it should be then. April showers or no April showers, for reasons known only to her. The great day having arrived, all the mothers in Monday St. Anne's mobbed the village hall where the show was to be. There, many and varied offspring were dressed in most becoming pink-for-a-girl, blue-for-a-boy woolies—largely home-made articles of indefinite shape and pattern. And what clean, chubby faces and spotless hands the children had!

The contestants had to pay an entrance fee of sixpence each, which, Mrs. Maudley said, would go towards defraying the cost of the prizes. These were to be, first, a play-pen; second, a highchair; and third, a rattle and teething ring.

As for the organization of the show, this was done by a committee of ladies (volunteers!), who, on the great day, sat on the platform at one end of the hall, with Mrs. Maudley occupying a place in the centre of the group; and, from this eminent position, the good lady delivered what she considered to be an inspired oration to the mothers as they were being marshalled into their places. The speech was full of references to "little darlings with angelic faces" and "the innocence of the young child." But, before Mrs. Maudley had finished, some of the "little darlings" had grown restless. To her every remark they wailed "Wanna go 'ome," or "Mum—my," or other observations of the same kind.

Mrs. Maudley carried out the judging alone, visiting each baby in turn and remarking, "Goo, goo," in a bright voice. The most common reaction was a disgusted wrinkling of "angelic faces," and one child, more daring than the others, in his "innocence" hit the lady a resounding whack on the nose with a sticky rattle.

The first prize went to little Prudence Maudley, only child of the Rev. R. H. Maudley and Mrs. Maudley. Whilst the prize-giving was in progress, suddenly, as if at a given signal, every baby except Prudence let out a terrible wail. Anyway, the infants must have considered it a "wail" of a joke because it was not long before they had all burst into fits of gurgling laughter. . . . And, at this juncture, I thought it better to take my leave of the baby show.

C. SANDERS (IVB).

School Cricket, 1953

(April 29th—June 13th)

FIRST XI

- April 29th. v. Tiffin. Home. Won by 61 runs.
Woking, 108 for 3 declared (Walters 56).
Tiffin, 47 (Sibbick 2 for 2).
- May 9th. v. Windsor. Away. Lost by 5 wickets.
Woking, 110 for 9 declared.
Windsor, 111 for 5.
- May 30th. v. Strode's. Away. Match drawn.
Woking, 95 for 8 declared (Merritt 28).
Strode's, 67 for 5 (Hyland 2 for 6).
- June 6th. v. Farnham Grammar School. Home. Won by 29 runs.
Woking, 67 (Webb 23).
Farnham, 38.

FIRST XI AVERAGES

Batting	Inns.	R.	H.S.	N.O.	Ave.
M. P. Walters	4	89	56	0	24.75
A. L. Merritt	3	62	34	0	20.66
M. J. Webb	4	61	23	1	20.33
I. S. Jones	3	40	17*	1	20.00
K. Jones	1	12	12	0	12.00
R. Sibbick	4	32	23	1	10.66
L. B. Fraser	1	10	10*	1	Infantry
A. Elias	3	9	8*	2	3.00
J. E. M. Colloff	3	19	16	0	6.33
D. C. Hutchins	2	9	5	0	4.50
D. G. Brangwyn	1	2	2	0	2.00

Also batted: D. J. Mellersh, I. Tomkins, E. J. Hyland.

* Not out.

Bowling (qual. 3 wkts.)	O.	M.	R.	W.	Ave.
R. Sibbick	7	3	14	3	4.66
E. J. Hyland	28.4	15	40	8	5.00
M. P. Walters	22.4	9	43	7	6.14
A. L. Merritt	17	3	43	3	14.33
D. C. Hutchins	25.3	5	58	4	14.50

Also bowled: D. J. Mellersh, 1—20; K. Jones, 1—4.

Catches:

A. Elias (W.K.), 4; A. L. Merritt, 2; D. J. Mellersh, 1; R. Sibbick, 1; I. Tomkins, 1.

Total runs for, 380; Average runs per wicket for, 12.66.

Total runs against, 263; Average runs per wicket against, 8.77.

Fixtures, 8: matches played, 4; matches won, 2; matches drawn, 1; matches lost, 1.

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SECOND XI

- May 9th. v. Windsor. Home. Match drawn.
Woking, 96 for 8 declared (Jones 36).
Windsor, 47 for 9 (Williamson 3 for 8).
- May 30th. v. Gordon Boys. Home. Won by 73 runs.
Woking, 86 for 8 declared (Hills 26).
Gordon Boys, 17 (Cawsey 4 for 1).
- June 6th. v. Farnham Grammar School. Away. Won by 4 wickets.
Farnham, 39 (Clarke 4 for 6).
Woking, 40 for 6.
- June 13th. v. R. G. S., Guildford. Away Match abandoned, drawn.
Guildford, 71.
Woking, 48 for 3.

UNDER 15 XI

- May 9th. v. Windsor. Won by 2 runs.
Woking, 63 for 9 declared (Long and Buss 14).
Windsor, 61 (Pope 2 for 4).

School Football, 1953

Captain: M. E. Hills; Vice-Captain: M. J. Childs.

Awarded County Colours: M. E. Hills, D. C. Conway.

Awarded School Colours: M. E. Hills, D. C. Conway, C. D. H. Boarer.

Awarded School Half Colours: M. J. Childs, A. Elias, D. G. Fogarty, D. E. Hefferland, D. A. C. Randle, J. Salter, M. P. Walters.

In the following results, the names of goal scorers are given in brackets:

FIRST ELEVEN

- Jan. 31st. v. Farnham (A), 1—4 (Sellicks).
- Feb. 7th. v. Old Wokingians (H), 3—1 (Boarer, Childs, Sellicks).
- Feb. 14th. v. Hinchley Wood (A), 7—0 (Boarer, Brangwyn, Salter, Sellicks 4).
- Feb. 21st. v. Guildford (H), 4—0 (Boarer, Childs, Hills, Sellicks).
- Mar. 14th. v. Hinchley Wood (H), 4—1 (Boarer, Hills, Salter, Sellicks).
- Mar. 18th. v. Reading University 3rd. XI (A), 3—1 (Salter, Sibbick, Tapp).
- Mar. 21st. v. Ottershaw (A), 6—1 (Colloff, Sibbick, Tapp 2, Walters 2).
- Mar. 31st. v. Staff (H), 0—1.

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SUMMARY FOR SEASON.

FIRST ELEVEN

Games Played 19: Won 14, Drawn 1, Lost 4.
Goals For, 57: Goals Against, 21.
Scorers: Sellicks 22, Salter 8, Boarer 6, Walters 5, Hills 4, Childs 3, Tapp 3, Sibbick 2, Brangwyn 2, Colloff 1, Robbins 1.

SECOND ELEVEN

Games Played 11: Won 6, Drawn 2, Lost 3.
Goals For, 46: Goals Against, 27.

UNDER FIFTEEN ELEVEN

Games Played 11: Won 9, Drawn 1, Lost 1.
Goals For, 74: Goals Against, 16.

UNDER FOURTEEN ELEVEN

Games Played 7: Won 3, Drawn 3, Lost 1.
Goals For, 18: Goals Against, 17.

UNDER THIRTEEN ELEVEN

Games Played 2: Won 2.
Goals For, 11: Goals Against, 3.

Surrey County Grammar Schools Athletic Championships

This year, the championships took place on the cinder track of Motspur Park instead of the grass track at Imber Court. It may have been this factor which inspired the juniors to so glorious a win in adverse conditions.

Under the guidance of Mr. Aitken, many young athletes of the School improved their performances considerably both in track and field events. Results of coaching were reflected in the resounding successes of Quarendon in the 220 yards and the Long Jump Under 16 together with the fine efforts of I. S. Jones and other members of the lower School in the Under 14 sprints.

Unfortunately, a weak senior team could not do justice to the undoubted talent existing in this School. In contrast to the thirty-six points accumulated by the juniors, the seniors managed to scrape a mere nine points. However, one may find consolation in the fact that only four seniors boys were able to compete.

At all events, Mr. Smith must have felt more than proud to have been able to present the Junior Cup to the School for the first time since 1944.

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School Boxing

The Spring Term, with its crowded calendar, allowed little opportunity for practices, but, under Mr. Aitken's active supervision, five practices were held towards the latter half of the term, and some new members joined the Boxing Club.

This term, being the "close season," there is no boxing, but I should like to thank Mr. Aitken for his active participation in practices during his brief stay at the School. Faults are much quicker remedied in a boxer if the instructor emphasizes the weakness with a knock-out blow!

R. SIBBICK, *Hon. Secretary.*

House Notes

DRAKE HOUSE.

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

Hopes of winning the House Cup this year must now be very slim. It would need a startling effort in the remaining weeks to gain us victory.

The House offers warmest congratulations to P. H. Hargrave and C. B. Woodham, both of whom have been appointed School Prefects, and to the new House Prefects, D. C. Conway, J. M. Ensell and G. W. Turner. Conway also gained Surrey and School Football Colours.

The House Football result was very disappointing; we were fourth. This failure was not for want of talent, for, besides Conway's distinctions, D. F. Hefferland gained School Half-Colours and R. A. Standing, J. R. Quarndon and C. Reed all played for the Working team. The root cause seems to have been an inexperienced Junior Eleven and a lack of real fighting spirit.

The two spheres in which the House has met with success have been shooting and chess. A. K. Chiles was third in the Ward Cup and A. M. Starford second in the Junior Championship. After long suspense, we won the Armitage Cup, mainly due to a good score by Colson, who also led a very fine team to first place in the Chess Championship. The Hobbies result was deplorable; we were fourth. Despite the hard work of Hargrave, there were not enough entries; for the Hobbies Cup can only be won by a team effort. If the House had made the great effort needed to win the House Cup, there would not have been so many members late this term. Punctuality does not require any particular talent, only a conscious effort. Under the captaincy of Casewy, what looked like a weak Cricket team, acquitted itself surprisingly well, particularly against Raleigh.

The Junior Cricket team has yet to play, but on paper it shows promise. Brangwyn and Colson are respectively the captains of Athletics and Swimming. If they meet with the same disinterestedness that has plagued other captains, there can be no hope of winning the cup

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In Chess, our teams have achieved considerable success, the final position being a close second to Drake. M. E. Hills, who played in the Senior Chess team, also led the Senior Soccer team, which, together with the Juniors, has won the Soccer Cup. Hills has also been appointed a House Prefect, a fitting acknowledgment of his services.

Our position in Hobbies has improved from a bad last to a close second, showing what concentrated effort can achieve. We are also ousting Hawkins from their long-held monopoly of the Work Cup.

After these successes come inglorious reverses. Conduct has proved our downfall. We were last at the end of the Spring Term and last, too, in late points, a failure as disheartening as it was unnecessary; recently, however, the position has shown an improvement which we must maintain.

Our position in Cricket depends largely on the effort of the Juniors, for our Senior team has drawn two matches and lost one. Athletics and Swimming are as yet only in the training stages, but, already, especially in Swimming, those in charge are encountering the apathetic spirit which burdened our House for so long.

We have fought our way to a higher position in the House Championship, but, unless we keep fighting, we shall slide back again. The Summer Term is going to prove one of the biggest struggles, but, with a sustained effort, we shall, at last gain the House Cup.

R. C. GOREE.

RALEIGH HOUSE.

House Masters: Mr. G. H. K. MINNEY, Mr. J. H. THOMAS, Mr. A. A. PEARSON, Mr. D. W. NEWTON, Mr. D. R. GIBLING.
House Captain: D. C. HUTCHINS. *House Secretary:* L. F. WILSON.

The House congratulates Nelson and Stubbings on being appointed School Prefects.

Summer Term is usually the busiest of the year as far as House activities are concerned and this term will be no exception. Unfortunately, at the time of writing, the major sporting competitions have not been completed and a full report is, therefore, impossible.

The House Senior Cricket team has won its three matches, and it is now up to the Juniors to make sure the Cricket Cup is not lost. Athletic practices have been held by Reed but no great enthusiasm has been shown by the House in general.

Swimming practices, under the guidance of Mr. Newton and Richardson, are under way now. By making a good all round effort, not forgetting the points to be won by gaining certificates, we hope to do well.

The House was placed a close third in the Hobbies Cup; this is a reasonable result but a little more effort might have given us a better placing.

It is impossible to provide a report on the Work and Conduct points as no new lists have been posted yet.

During the first half of the Summer Term the House maintained a good standard of punctuality, but, during the past few weeks, the record of certain boys has been poor and our position is not as good as it was.

L. F. WILSON.

[I apologize to Mr. Newton for omitting his name from the list of House Masters in the last issue—Ed.]

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this year. But should there be a really great effort in these spheres as well as in regard to "T" sheets and punctuality, then we may yet be Cock House, for Hawkins cannot enjoy as marked a lead as all that.

But, whatever the result, the House should have learnt from this year's events that it is only team effort that can win the House Cup.

J. M. OLIVER.

HAWKINS HOUSE.

House Masters: Mr. D. J. BUTTERWORTH, Mr. J. C. W. MUDD, Mr. E. H. DAY, Mr. F. H. POULTER, Mr. C. J. COLBERT.
House Captain: M. J. WEBB. *House Secretary:* R. SIBBICK.

HAWKINS again provided another School Captain, M. J. Webb, our newly-elected House Captain. He is also School Cricket Captain. At the same time the house also congratulated I. R. Falconer, P. E. Peters and D. R. Köhler on their promotion to School Prefects. The other House Officials elected this term were: House Secretary, R. Sibbick; House Cricket Captain, A. L. Merritt; House Athletics Captain, C. D. H. Bosser; Swimming Captain, D. G. Nicholls.

Last term we came second to Nelson in the Soccer Cup, rounding off a good season's sport with an exciting game in which the Seniors lost 1-0.

In the House positions at the end of last term we were first, but, since the result was announced, we have come a poor fourth in the Chess Championship, a serious deficit to make up.

Despite the close competition there are far too many "passengers" who only lose House points, or, if they gain one, think nothing more is required of them. There are also too many unnecessary points being lost by a few who should be setting an example. Eighty-five per cent. of the House are still "laurel-resting" and it will be quite useless blaming the officials if we lose the cup for the first time in seven years. If readers think this is harsh judgement look at these easily recollected incidents: four people at an urgent Chess practice, never more than eight boxers at a Boxing practice, three juniors at a Running practice and, more recently, two boys at a Swimming practice, despite sunny weather, and the same number at an Athletics practice. Can it be wondered that Hawkins is fourth on the current "Q" list for work and third for Conduct and late points?

R. SIBBICK.

NELSON HOUSE.

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

NELSON had to change pilots in midstream when the House Captain, C. F. H. Marshall, and the House Secretary, B. V. Moutt, left. Nevertheless, we continue to contest Hawkins's long established position.

The House is indebted to the Housemasters for the gift of a House Bible; this should serve to remind us yet again what we owe to these gentlemen.

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Clubs and Societies

CHRISTIAN UNION.—Our discussion circle has had two interesting terms. In the Spring Term the series on the Letter to the Galatians was broken for Mr. Talbot's excellent talk on the Quakers and for a discussion on COMMUNISM. In the Summer Term we studied the usually neglected subject of "The History of the Church." On May 28th, at a special meeting, Rev. John Lyon of Christian Action spoke to us provocingly on the Colour Bar as he had witnessed it in South Africa.

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

MUSIC CLUB.—Throughout the Spring Term and the first half of the Summer Term, meetings were held, consisting mainly of record programmes introduced by members. Subjects included Mozart, Chopin, Russian composers and the "Troubadours," about which Mr. Redgate gave a very interesting talk. The Club much enjoyed two concerts at the Festival Hall. The first was *Messiah* presented in its original form, and, the second, a performance of Beethoven's great Ninth Symphony.

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

CHESS CLUB.—The crowded School calendar only allowed two inter-School matches in the Spring Term. The team lost against Guildford, 7-1-4 boards, and ended its losing sequence by beating Farnham, 5-3, in the last match of the season.

Drake are to be congratulated on winning the Chess Cup with 36 points from Nelson (33 points).

The state of the Championships at the time of going to press is as follows:

Junior (Final): J. Dunning (Iia) v. C. White (Iia).
Open (Semi-Finals): J. P. Cole (VI Sc.) v. R. I. Sibbick (VI Sc.), J. Light (VI Sc.) v. M. G. Scott (VI Sc.).

R. SIBBICK, *Hon. Secretary.*

RIFLE CLUB.—Shooting has continued this term, with satisfactory attendances. The membership has steadily increased due mainly to the House Competitions. The Club now has an excellent box, presented by Mr. Mellersh, in which to keep its rifles, and the donor is thanked for his generous gift.

The results of the House Competitions are as follows:

WARD CUP.—1st, Dodds (H); 2nd, Mellersh (N); 3rd, Chiles (D).
ARMITAGE CUP.—1st, Drake; 2nd, Hawkins; 3rd, Nelson.
JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.—1st, Skeet (H); 2nd, Lawrence (N); 3rd, Starford (D).

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.—1st, Jennings (R); 2nd, Mellersh (N); 3rd, Fielding (H).

The final House position for Shooting is:
1st, Drake; 2nd, Hawkins; 3rd, Nelson; 4th, Raleigh.

B. J. FIELDING, *Hon. Secretary.*

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JUNIOR INTERESTS CLUB.—The Club's activities have continued to be numerous. The chief fixture this term was a visit to Huntley and Palmer's biscuit factory at Reading, which proved to be extremely interesting.

On most Wednesdays the Club has held meetings. Mrs. Colbert gave a talk on New Zealand and the Maoris, and Mr. Redgate has given illustrated talks on France and India. A talk was also given on the Wayfarers' Swiss Tour by three of the boys who took part. There have been several "quizzes"; stamp, geographical and Coronation quizzes have been set by the treasurer and two general knowledge quizzes were arranged by the Secretary.

At weekends, small parties of boys have been for cycle tours: one tour to Leith Hill, and another to Farnham and Elstead.

It is hoped to visit Hampton Court and Windsor Castle before the end of term.

D. D. CAIRNS, *Hon. Secretary.*

AIR SPOTTERS' CLUB.—The Club's meetings this term have included visits by three members of Staff. Mr. Savage showed a "home-made" film on Croydon Airport, Mr. Newton gave the first of his talks on "Meteorology and Aviation," and Mr. Day spoke on "Anti-Aircraft Weapons."

A special visit to the B.O.A.C. hangars at London Airport is planned for July.

This term it was agreed to extend the upper age limit qualifying for membership of the Club to include boys in the IVth forms. New members are invited to attend any of the Wednesday meetings.

G. T. GRAY, *Hon. Secretary.*

MODEL RAILWAY CLUB.—This term the Club has continued the policy of members combining ideas and helping each other. We had an interesting exhibit at the Hobbies Exhibition which took the form of a working layout. I fear, however, that in spite of our efforts most Friday evenings were devoted to building rather than to running a model railway.

G. E. CARSON, *Hon. Treasurer.*

OLD WOKINGIANS' ASSOCIATION

MEASURES to attract and hold the interest of School-leavers and to bring a higher membership generally were discussed at the annual meeting of the Old Wokingians' Association. First move will be for members of the Executive Committee to meet this year's leavers on July 21st, and it is hoped that they will make known their views and what they expect from the Association.

Among other suggestions to be investigated by the Committee are that three Saturday meetings of the Association should be held during the Autumn Term, and that a dining and discussion group to meet once a month might be formed.

This is going to be a testing year in the history of the Association and the Committee appeal to all Old Boys to rally round and help to instil new life into the organization. Is it enough to make a periodical visit to the School for the biennial reunion? For the modest subscription of 5s. you can be kept informed of Old Boys' affairs and a further 5s. a year will bring you a copy of this magazine. Why not join and swell the ranks of the 120 members? If you prefer, you may now pay a life membership subscription of five guineas, and the banker's order system still operates.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. W. White) or the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. H. M. Searle) would be pleased to hear from new members.

Congratulations to the Football Club on being reinstated in Division I of the Old Boys' League after they had finished at the bottom of the table last season. This means that all footballers who join them will be able to play against the leading Old Boys' teams in the South. And the Club would like to have enough players to form a second XI. Another item of sporting news is that a tennis tournament is being arranged, probably for Saturday, August 1st.

An Old Boy to be appointed to a high position in Woking is Gordon E. Maxwell, who has been elected President of Woking Rotary Club. Maxwell was at the School during the 1914-18 War.

D. G. SWATMAN.