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## EDITORIAL

ON June 12th the centenary of Thomas Arnold was celebrated. We cannot but feel the great debt all schools owe to this great reformer and we wish to pay homage to the memory of a great man who stands out as the most heroic figure in English educational reform. We cannot persuade ourselves, however, that modern education is perfect; and though this organ should not be the vehicle for expressions of personal opinion, we feel we express the opinion of all when saying that basic reform is needed in the present educational system.

Public schools have a great part to play in the life of the community, and it is each boy's duty to see he plays his part adequately. The urgency of war has brought a certain indifferent view of education to some members of the school; they are conscious of their proximity to military service, and of the capricious sport of fate with life, and consequently neglect their school-work. Yet let them remember these words of Plato: "If a man neglects education he walks lame to the end of his life, and returns imperfect and good for nothing to the world below."

## NOTES AND NEWS

WE congratulate:

C. A. Mayou on being elected to a Minor Scholarship for Classics at St. John's College, Cambridge.

B. N. MacNeil Watson on being elected to a Minor Scholarship for Classics at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

D. Lewis on being elected to an Exhibition for Mathematics at St. John's College, Cambridge.

A. M. Fine on being elected to the 'Phi Beta Kappa' Society, U.S.A.

R. G. Britt on being appointed Begley Student at the Royal College of Surgeons, London.

B. H. McGowan on winning the Hammond Debating Trophy.

R.S.M. W. Moore on receiving a certificate of commendation from the Commander-in-Chief, Home Forces, in recognition of his work with the Home Guard. Sergeant-Major Moore is Zone Sergeant-Major and Inspector of Training, Birmingham Home Guard.

Sir Richard Hopkins has been appointed Permanent Secretary to the Treasury and Head of the Civil Service.

Air Vice-Marshal R. H. M. S. Saundby has been made a Companion of the Bath.

A. W. Ibbotson has been appointed Director-General, Civil Defence, India.

Alderman C. S. Bache, J.P., has been given the freedom of the Borough of West Bromwich.

The following Prefects left last term:

G. A. STARK (1935-42); Captain of the School and General Secretary, 1941-42; Prefect, 1940-41-42; Vice-Captain of Rugby Football, 1941-42; School 1st XV Colours, 1940-41-42; School 2nd XV Colours, 1940-41-42; Captain of Cricket, 1942; Vice-Captain of Cricket, 1941; School 1st XI Colours, 1940-41-42; School Cricket Blazer, 1940; School 2nd XI Colours, 1939-40-41-42; Captain of Fives, 1941-42; School Fives Colours, 1941-42; House Captain of Rugby Football, 1940-41-42; House Captain of Cricket, 1941; House Captain of Fives, 1940-41-42; Editor of THE CHRONICLE, 1940-41; Sub-Editor of THE CHRONICLE, 1939-40; House Secretary, 1940-41-42.

Indian Cadet College, Bangalore. Roberts'. M. H. LEE (1936-42); Prefect, 1940-41-42; Captain of Rugby Football, 1941-42; Secretary of Rugby Football, 1941; School 1st XV Colours, 1940-42-42; School 2nd XV Colours, 1939-40-41-42; Secretary of Cricket, 1941; School 1st XI Colours, 1941; School Cricket Blazer, 1940; School 2nd XI Colours, 1940-41; Captain of Shooting, 1941-42; Secretary of Shooting, 1941; School Shooting Colours, 1939-40-41-42; Bisley, 1939; House Captain of Cricket, 1940-41; House Captain of Shooting, 1941; Comptroller of the Cot Fund, 1940-41; Senior Sergeant in J.T.C., 1941-42.

Indian Cadet College, Bangalore. Leeds'. G. A. J. PITT (1934-42); Prefect, 1941-42; House Captain of Fives, 1941-42; House Company Commander, 1941; Senior C.S.M. in J.T.C., 1941-42.

Indian Cadet College, Bangalore. Leeds'.

The following have been appointed Prefects since the last issue:

J. R. CROWTHER.

B. E. SWINGLER.

B. A. WIGMORE.

We congratulate W. M. Jollans, B. A. Wigmore, R. L. Edwards, and J. H. Poole on being awarded their 1st XV Colours; and K. T. C. McKenzie, M. N. Molesworth,



C. F. Figures, J. J. Holland, A. Hurrell, L. L. Turner, M. H. Whetton on being awarded their 2nd XV Colours.

Also P. R. Langham, C. F. Figures, R. W. F. Penny and M. G. FitzGerald on being awarded their School Cricket Colours, 1942; and G. A. Pell, B. A. Wigmore, J. H. Poole, D. J. Birch, P. A. Kavanagh on being awarded their School Cricket Blazers, 1942; and G. A. Pell, B. A. Wigmore, D. J. Birch, J. D. Dunkerley, M. N. Molesworth on being re-awarded their 2nd XI Colours, 1942; and J. H. Poole, P. A. Kavanagh, R. L. Edwards, B. L. Owen, J. H. Pugh, A. Hurrell on being awarded their 2nd XI Colours, 1942.

Also K. T. C. McKenzie and D. K. McGowan on being re-awarded their School Swimming Colours, 1942; and Br. O. Bailey, J. K. Hodgskin-Brown, A. T. Churchman, and B. Bailey on being awarded their School Swimming Colours, 1942.

Also B. A. Wigmore on being awarded his School Fives Colours, 1941-42.

Also B. Bailey on being awarded his School Shooting Colours, 1942.

Also W. M. Jollans, A. Hurrell, and D. J. Reese on being awarded their School Chess Colours, 1942.

The School has received for the Natural History Museum a very valuable collection of birds and big game heads. This collection, which was part of the late Major Cartland's collection, was generously given by Mr. E. Rayns, to whom the School tenders its very grateful thanks.

The Librarian wishes to thank Capt. A. W. Street for his presentation of an early edition of Gibbons' *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*; also A. E. Leeds, Esq., and P. Cuthbertson for their generous gift of books.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of many contemporaries.

## OBITUARY

### Dr. W. R. Jordan

Dr. Walter Ross Jordan, Governor of the School, and twice Bailiff of the Foundation, has died at the age of seventy-eight. He was well-known for his activities in the city. He was one of the founders of the Old Edwardians' Association and its senior Vice-President. His interest in all the activities of the Association was unflagging, and its development owes much to his unremitting and enthusiastic work.

### Dr. G. W. Craig

By the death of Dr. G. W. Craig the School has lost a loyal friend and an indefatigable chronicler. He had an unrivalled knowledge of K.E.S. antiquities, and delighted in wrestling with the many problems presented by our history; at the time of his death he was compiling a book on the School's history.

### Alderman J. F. W. Binns

Joseph Frederick William Binns, Governor of the School, died in February at the age of seventy-nine. He was well known in Staffordshire, being Chairman of the Water Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Staffordshire Standing Joint Committee, and Vice-Chairman of the Staffordshire Education Committee. He was also a Freeman of the City of London and Managing Director of Frederick Selby and Co., Ltd. We extend our sympathy to his relatives.

### Sir A. D. Hall

Sir A. D. Hall, the agricultural specialist who died recently, was formerly a science master at this School. He was appointed here on the same day as Dr. Baker—aged with us—in 1888.

### Mr. D. Jenkins

We regret to announce the death of Douglas Jenkins at the age of fifty-two. After leaving the School he joined the Indian Army and retired in 1922 with the rank of Captain. After reading for the Bar he was 'called' in 1923. He was well-known as one of the most active barristers practising on the Midland Circuit. We extend our sympathy to his wife and daughter.

### Mr. H. Eaden

Harold Eaden died in April at the age of sixty-four. He was well-known as an advocate of great ability.

## SPEECH DAY

On Tuesday, 9th December, 1941, Speech Day was held for the second time in the Library. Mr. C. R. Morris, the Head Master, distributed the prizes. Again it was not possible for the masters, prize-winners and sixth forms to attend. As Speech Day was the first occasion on which the School, rather than those members of it present, had met the Head Master, the day had a special significance.

The Acting Head Master, Commander A. Langley, said that the year's scholastic achievements were exceptionally good. He also commented on the decline of knowledge in the School owing to the loss of masters and the call of outside activities on the available time, and concluded by thanking his colleagues and the boys for the assistance during the year.

The Bailiff of the Foundation, Professor L. P. Gamgee, then introduced the Head Master. He remarked that the previous three Head Masters had all come from Trinity College, Cambridge; but we had now gone to Oxford, to Balliol, for their successor. In asking Mr. Morris to speak, Professor Gamgee said he thought the Governors had found, in him, a worthy successor to his great predecessors.

Mr. Morris thanked the School for its welcome, and said he already felt at home



# 1ST XI, 1941

BACK ROW: D. J. BIRCH, M. N. MOLESWORTH, M. G. FITZGERALD, B. A. WIGMORE, R. W. F. PENNY,  
J. D. DUNKERLEY, G. A. PELL

FRONT ROW: P. R. LANGHAM, G. A. STARK, R. E. KIRBY (*Captain*), M. H. LEE, C. F. FIGURES.





1ST XV, 1941-42.

BACK ROW: D. K. McGOWAN, P. R. LANGHAM, B. H. McGOWAN, R. L. EDWARDS, B. A. WIGMORE,  
J. H. POOLE, M. G. FITZGERALD, C. J. PORTEOUS, R. W. F. PENNY.

CENTRE ROW: C. A. B. BETTS, G. A. STARK, M. H. LEE (*Captain*), D. J. REESE, W. M. JOLLANS.

BOTTOM ROW: J. D. DUNKERLEY, K. T. C. MCKENZIE.

# WAR SERVICE RECORD

We print below the fourth instalment of the Record. The compilers, H. Metcalf (of the Old Edwardians' Association, 67a, New Street) and F. J. Williams (of the School) again appeal to all our readers to look for errors and omissions, for information of which they will be most grateful. The accuracy and completeness of the final Record will, to a great extent, depend on the co-operation of all who see these lists.

Name.	Left School.	Rank.	Service or Regiment.
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## HONOURS

Saundby, R. H. M. S.,	COMPANION OF THE BATH		
M.C., D.F.C., A.F.C. ..	1915	Air Vice-Marshal ..	R.A.F.

## MILITARY CROSS

Barber, F. R. .. ..	1936	Lieut. ..	R.A.
Holden, G. K. F. ...	1935	Capt. ..	R.A.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

(For gallantry, fortitude and resolution during Battle of Crete)

Bence, R. I. .. ..	—	Surgeon-Lieut. ..	R.N.
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## COMMANDER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Jones, C. C. .. ..	1906	Brigadier ..	Late R.A.M.C.
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## CASUALTIES

### KILLED IN ACTION

Bendall, D. J. .. ..	1932	Sergeant ..	R.A.F.V.R.
Vokes, A. F. .. ..	1935	Flight-Lieut. ..	R.A.F.

### KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Brozyna, H. L. .. ..	1927	Major ..	R.E.
Cosham, B. C. .. ..	1938	Pilot-Officer ..	R.A.F.
Kydd, I. M. .. ..	1936	— ..	R.A.F.
Neville-Jones, R. ...	1929	Major ..	R.A.M.C.
O'Donnell, E. C. ...	1937	Sergeant ..	R.A.F.

### MISSING : PRESUMED KILLED

Horsley, E. P. .. ..	1938	A.B. ..	R.N.
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### MISSING

Smith, H. W. .. ..	1929	O.S. ..	R.N.
Wood, K. S. .. ..	1915	Sub. Lieut. ..	R.N.V.R.

### DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Coldicutt, C. U. .. ..	1918	Major ..	Indian Army.
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### ON ACTIVE SERVICE

Abbott, J. R. .. ..	1937	Lieut. ..	R.E.
Allen, A. J. .. ..	1938	Cadet ..	O.C.T.U.
Andrews, W. J. .. ..	1936	L/Sergeant ..	R.A.
Arthur, P. R. .. ..	1933	— ..	—
Assinder, A. C. F. ...	1904	Captain ..	R.A.O.C.
Baker, E. S. .. ..	1928	Second Lieut. ..	Northants Yeomanry.
Baker, W. J. .. ..	1931	— ..	—
Ballance, H. M. .. ..	1940	L/Bombardier ..	R.H.A.
Bills, K. W. .. ..	1930	Second Lieut. ..	R.A.S.C.
Blasdale, — .. ..	—	Cadet ..	O.C.T.U. (R.C.S.)
Bowles, F. J. .. ..	1933	I.A.C. ..	R.A.F.
Braddock, A. C. .. ..	1938	Cadet ..	O.C.T.U.
Brown, J. G. .. ..	1931	Captain ..	R.A.S.C.
Burgess, T. C. .. ..	—	Asst. Flying Officer ..	R.A.F.V.R.

Master.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Left School.</i>	<i>Rank.</i>	<i>Service or Regiment.</i>
Chapman, H. R.	1933	Lieut.	R.A.M.C.
Clarke, P. E.	1940	Sergeant (Pilot)	R.A.F.
Clarkson, E. R.	1939	Cadet	O.C.T.U. (R.A.C.).
Cleese, A. D. G.	1909	Major	R.A.S.C.
Cleese, E. K. J.	1916	Major	
Cleese, W. E. G.	1913	Lieut.	R.A.S.C.
Cooke, M. E.	1934	Lieut.	R. Warwickshire Regt.
Cooper, R. M.	Asst. Master.	Lieut.	R.N.V.R.
Cope, J. J.	1925	Sgn. Squadron Ldr.	R.A.F.
Coultas, D. M.	1939	—	R.A.
Craddock, J. G.	1934	Surgeon Lieut.	R.N.V.R.
Cripps, A. J.	1934	Second Lieut.	R.A.S.C.
Davies, A. W. M.	1939	—	R.A.M.C.
Dawkins, D. G.	1935	Second Lieut.	R.A.S.C.
de Mestre, D.	1933	Second Lieut.	R. Tank Regiment.
Dent, N.	1933	Lieut.	S. Staffs. Regiment.
Denton, R. F.	1928	Sergeant	R.A.O.C.
Dicks, J. G.	1924	L/Bombardier	R.A.
Dixon, N. H.	1920	Lieut.-Colonel	S. Staffs. Regiment.
Drew, J.	1936	Second Lieut.	R.A.
Dugdale-Bradley, M. K. M.	1934	L/Bombardier	R.A.
Duncan, A. M.	1938	L/Bombardier	R.A.
Dunkerley, M. R.	1940	Cadet	O.C.T.U. (Indian Army).
Dunn, A. M.	1935	Second Lieut.	R. Tank Regiment.
Dyer, J. C.	1938	Corporal	—
Edmonds, B. C.	1936	Private	R.A.O.C.
Eley, C. A. E.	1917	—	R.N.
Evans, R. H.	1939	Cadet	O.C.T.U. (R.A.C.).
Farr, E. W.	1937	Second Lieut.	R.A.
Fawdrey, J. W., M.C.	1915	Major	Indian Army.
Findlay, G. McK.	1932	Paymaster-Lieut.	R.N.
Flynn, J. B.	1918	—	R.A.F.
Foster, G. E.	—	A/C 2	R.A.F.
Fowler, B. W.	1935	Leading Signaller	R.N.
Francis, L. B.	1916	Major	R.A.
Franklin, D.	1938	O.S.	R.N.
Furse, C. H. S.	1916	Pilot Officer	R.A.F.
Gardner, K. F.	1932	Second Lieut.	Royal Corps of Signals.
Geiger, J.	1938	Radio Officer	—
Gelling, G. R.	1929	—	—
George, J. P.	1934	L/Bombardier	R.A.
Glover, P. A.	1936	L/Bombardier	R.A.
Graham, A. J.	1940	Cadet	Royal Military School.
Green, E. E.	1930	Trooper	R.A.C.
Grice, J. B.	—	Captain	R.A.S.C.
Groves, F. W.	1938	O.S.	R.N.
Guest, The Rev. H. R., M.C.	1914	C.F.	—
Hale, J. G.	—	Second Lieut.	R.A.S.C.
Harlow, L. C. J.	1933	Second Lieut.	R.I.A.S.C.
Harris, I. H.	1939	Cadet	O.C.T.U. (R.A.C.).
Hart, O. S.	1931	Captain	R.A.M.C.
Harvey, P.	1938	Pilot Officer	R.A.F.
Hayes, J. F.	1938	—	R.A.F.
Henman, D. C.	1940	O.S.	R.N.
Hinchley, B. T.	1938	A/C.2	R.A.F.
Hitchman, P. H.	1936	Private	—
Huband, N. L.	1940	Cadet	R.A.F.
Hughes, H. G. D.	1937	A/C.1	R.A.F.
Hunt, C. M. J.	1927	Gunner	R.A.
Ireland, G. R.	1938	Sub-Lieut.	R.N.V.R.



<i>Name.</i>	<i>Left School.</i>	<i>Rank.</i>	<i>Service or Regiment.</i>
Jackson, J. P.	1915	Lieut.	Pioneer Corps.
James, E. A.	1917	Lieut.-Colonel	R.C.S.
Johnson, T. W. M.	1916	Lieut.-Colonel	R.A.
Kirkby, R. N.	1925	—	R.A.F.
Kydd, G. R. M.	1938	O.S.	R.N.
Leaney, The Rev. A. R. C.	1928	C.F.	—
Lee, M. H.	1942	Cadet	O.C.T.U. (Indian Army).
Lines, S. H.	1930	Lieut.	S. Staffs. Regiment.
Ludlow, N. C.	—	Signalman	Royal Corps of Signals.
Madden, A. N.	1941	Cadet	O.C.T.U. (Indian Army).
Mann, E. J.	1924	Surgeon-Lieut.	R.N.V.R.
Marsh, W. E.	1928	Lieut.	Worcestershire Regiment.
Merrick, F. B.	—	Second Lieut.	Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Miles, P. J.	1938	—	R.A.
Moffett, R. S.	1938	Second Lieut.	King's Dragoon Guards.
Morgan, V. J.	1923	Sergeant	R.A.F.
Morley, A. P.	1917	Wing-Commander	R.A.F.
Morris, F. R.	1931	Gunner	R.A.
Mountford, G. F.	1927	Sapper	R.E.
Newman, K.	1925	Gunner	R.A.
Paling, K. A.	1939	L.A.C.	R.A.F.
Parsons, F. B.	—	Cadet	O.C.T.U.
Phillips, P. E.	1933	Second Lieut.	Royal Northumberland Fusiliers.
Pitt, G. A. J.	1942	Cadet	O.C.T.U. (Indian Army).
Podestà, T. A.	1940	Second Lieut.	R.I.A.S.C.
Price, L. R.	1927	Sub-Lieut.	R.N.V.R.
Rayment, J. R.	1929	Captain	Northants Regiment.
Richards, G. A.	1921	Private	Intelligence Corps.
Robinson, S. H., M.C.	1908	Lieut.	R.A.
Sadler, J. J. G.	1940	Second Lieut.	Leicestershire Regiment.
Septon, J. d'A.	1940	Cadet	R.A.F.
Simkin, F. W.	1940	Cadet	O.C.T.U. (R.A.C.).
Smith, F.	1924	Lieut.-Colonel	R.A.M.C.
Smith, J. P. B.	1934	—	—
Solomon, L.	1926	—	—
Speller, D. W.	1923	Private	Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Sperry-Jones, G.	1933	Captain	Army Dental Corps.
Stark, G. A.	1942	Cadet	O.C.T.U. (Indian Army).
Symmonds, A. G.	1934	Corporal	R.A.S.C.
Taylor, G. I. A.	1940	Second Lieut.	Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Thompson, A. F.	1936	Sergeant	R.A.P.C.
Tiptaft, J. L.	1929	Lieut.	S. Staffs. Yeomanry.
Treen, G. S.	1923	Captain	R.A.S.C.
Twiss, W. T.	1938	Second Lieut.	R. Tank Regiment.
Vallance, A. T. F.	1938	—	—
Wall, G. N.	1931	Second Lieut.	Royal Warwickshire Regiment.
Wall, R. H.	1935	—	R.A.P.C.
Warrilow, G. H.	1939	Cadet	O.C.T.U. (R.A.C.).
Westwood, H. W.	1924	Captain	R.E.
White, S. J.	1938	Cadet	O.C.T.U. (R.A.C.).
Williams, A. C.	1940	Second Lieut.	R.E.
Williams, E. L.	1937	Second Lieut.	R.E.
Williams, J. W.	1935	Second Lieut.	R.A.
Williams, S. A. G.	1917	Captain	R.A.
Wormald, K.	1931	Second Lieut.	—

# **FOOD PRODUCTION** **Statement of Account, 1941**

## RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Dining Hall (per Miss O'Connell) :			
34-cwts. 3-qrs. 15-lbs. of			
potatoes at 8s. 6d. per cwt. . .	14	16	2

£14 16 2

27th January, 1942.

## EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Parker, Winder and Achurch			
(Tools) . . . . .	5	5	
Seed Potatoes . . . . .	0	13	
R. A. Morris :			
Seed Potatoes . . . . .	2	14	
Fertilizer . . . . .	1	8	
Hane (Sacks) . . . . .	0	6	
Simpsons (Sacks) . . . . .	0	10	
Davies and Co. (Cartage) . . . . .	0	10	
Balance . . . . .	3	8	1

£14 16

H. W. BALLANCE

# **KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL CLUB**

## **Statement of Accounts for Year, April 1st, 1941, to March 31st, 1942**

### INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Governors' Grant to School Club	210	0	0
Income from Levett Trust . . . . .	10	10	0
Income from Heath Trust . . . . .	10	17	0
Old Boys' Permanent Contributory Fund . . . . .	9	5	6
Honorary Members' Subscriptions . . . . .	37	15	6
Boys' Subscriptions . . . . .	267	16	0
By Sale of Books . . . . .	18	0	6
	<u>£564</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>

(Signed) J. C. ROBERTS, *Treasurer.*  
A. HURRELL, *Sub-Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,  
D. LEWIS, *Auditor.*

Receipts for year ending March 31st, 1942 . . . . .	564	4	6
Balance brought forward, April 1st, 1941 . . . . .	7	5	7½

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Expenditure for year ending March 31st, 1942 . . . . .	555	17	11
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Balance carried forward, April 1st, 1942 . . . . .	£15	12	2½
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### EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Football . . . . .	40	18	1
Cricket . . . . .	93	4	
CHRONICLE . . . . .	66	13	1
Athletics . . . . .	2	16	
Swimming . . . . .	8	16	
Fives . . . . .	4	15	1
Printing . . . . .	4	16	
Postage and Telephone . . . . .	3	13	
Musical Society . . . . .	5	5	
Sundries . . . . .	5	11	
Bank Charges . . . . .	0	10	
Ground Committee :			
Upkeep . . . . .	62	7	
Fuel and Water . . . . .	52	14	
Wages and Insurance . . . . .	203	12	

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in Birmingham. In his address he emphasized the need for energy, adaptability and strength of mind. Versatility was the essential need of democracy, and education must provide this adaptability and the strength of will which the struggle demanded. He concluded by saying that if the war emphasized these three necessities they must not fail to be of less importance after the war.

Alderman J. Byng Kenrick next congratulated the School on being established in its home. He spoke of the School's relationship with the local government authority and as representative of that body he welcomed the Head Master. The ceremony was concluded by singing the School Song, restoring one of the more venerable traditions of the occasion.

Next Speech Day, it is hoped, will be held in the completed Big School. Thus will come the end of the School's weary journey through the wilderness and we anticipate with pleasure the feelings of joy and the pride which may be ours next October.

B.E.S.

## THE SCHOOL AT WAR

To a school whose main strength and glory for over a century has been its distinguished academic achievement, the war has come as both a threat and an opportunity. The threat is obvious: a year in borrowed country quarters, another year back at home under fire, the absence of more than a third of its masters on war service—it is idle to pretend that these are without effect. The opportunity is equally real; and the following notes are an attempt to record the ways in which it is being used. They are based on details for which I am indebted to the masters responsible for organizing the activities mentioned. I offer apologies in advance to any reader who may feel that too much space has been given to this and too little to that; the number of words devoted to a particular activity does not imply any judgment on its comparative importance; and any opinions expressed commit no one but myself.

The war's influence on the life of the School was probably first reflected in the O.T.C. (as it was then called). For the Corps, at any rate, our Repton year was a great boon, with the increased opportunities it brought for field training. Since our return the Contingent (now re-named the Junior Training Corps) has continued to expand in numbers and in the scope and intensity of its training. Its present strength is 260 cadets, over eighty of whom hold full Certificate A (so prized by O.C.T.U. aspirants), besides forty-four who have so far passed the individual section of the examination. The number of officers which the Contingent has supplied to the Army

(to say nothing of the other Services) is considerable; they have gone not only to infantry regiments, but to R.A.C., R.A., R.E., Royal Marines, and Indian Army. Nearer home the Corps is making itself felt in the Home Guard; one specialist section of a local battalion is composed entirely of cadets from the Contingent. Most cadets are under age for the Home Guard, and already over fifty of these are in the newly-formed National Cadet Force—most of them, it seems, as N.C.O.'s or under-officers (several have already been given the Lord Lieutenant's commission). In the coming holidays the Contingent is to organize and conduct, with the warm support of the War Office, a comprehensive course for potential officers from Cadet Force units, the instructors being found from our own N.C.O.'s. As J.T. Corps parades encroach on School time to the extent of less than two hours a week, it is clear that the standard of training achieved is largely due to the keenness shown by N.C.O.'s and Certificate A candidates at extra parades after School, and to the regular Army courses attended during School holidays by, so far, twelve N.C.O.'s.

For boys whose aspirations are definitely for the R.A.F. there is now a School Flight of the Air Training Corps. Though not as yet comparable in size with its elder brother (it is not yet two years old), it is a lusty youngster, and has already well outgrown its official establishment of fifty. Training, as befits an organization designed mainly to supply future air crews, is both thorough and ambitious. The Flight is already equipped with an aeroplane (known to initiates as an airframe), aero-engine and Morse signalling apparatus. In addition to their routine training, the cadets have seen the R.A.F. at work during their visits to local aerodromes, where some have taken their maiden flight. One cadet, indeed, claims to have piloted a plane at 4,000 feet; but his claim is as yet unconfirmed in official circles. During the coming holidays the Flight will do a week's camp in quarters at a local aerodrome.

Though Scout training is not, of course, narrowly related to military needs, the war has had its own effect on the School Troop—mainly in increasing the Troop's difficulties. Most boys, on reaching the required age, now inevitably wish to join J.T. Corps or A.T.C., with the result that the Rover Crew has disappeared and there are very few Scouts over fifteen; this small cadre of leaders has now to be spread among a greatly increased intake, for the Troop now accepts all who apply for enrolment, and the number of applicants has greatly increased. But, although its officer strength too, is depleted, the Troop has adapted itself to serving war-time needs most usefully. The relevance of its Morse and first-aid training is obvious; next year it is hoped to satisfy a widespread demand for Air



Scout work. In addition, individual Scouts are doing a variety of services, such as assembling indoor air-raid shelters for local householders and assisting with the training of other Scout Troops which have lost their leaders. Twice a week on half-holidays the Troop supplies a squad of six to unload crates of supplies and make up parcels at Birmingham's Red Cross Packing Centre. We are informed by Mr. Whitcomb, the Manager of the Centre, that their help is much appreciated.

Not least among the Scouts' many good works is that they have provided most of the cooks for the Farming Camps run by the School throughout the summer holidays of 1940 and 1941. Theirs is work which calls not only for skill but for patience, and willingness to work long hours. Last summer's Camp on Mr. G. A. Nott's farm at Newnham Bridge was fully reported in the CHRONICLE, so a few words only must suffice here. The Camp was attended by more than 100 boys and masters, its average size being about forty. For eight weeks, until October 4th, the campers were employed in tending and harvesting a variety of crops. There can be no doubt of the Camp's usefulness to the nation and to the farmer (Mr. Nott has already expressed the hope that the School's annual visits to Newnham will go on after the war). Furthermore, though much of the work is hard and some is tedious (acute disappointment awaits any camper who expects a mere good time), the Camp is a happy one, and there is no lack of volunteers. Indeed, applications for this year's Camp are already well in excess of the accommodation available. The importance attached by the Ministry of Food to work of this kind is shown by the fact that this year's Camp will be entitled to a special scale of rations, as well as to priority in obtaining unrationed foods.

But the earth brings forth fruit in Birmingham as well as in Newnham, and since Easter, 1941, we have been growing food for ourselves on about a quarter of an acre in the School Field. The one and three-quarter's tons of potatoes grown last year were most useful in supplementing other sources of supply at School lunches, the proceeds being used in repayment for tools already bought and in purchase of fertilizers and seed for this year's crop, which includes beans, carrots and cabbages, besides potatoes, and which will again find a ready market in the School kitchen. The bulk of the work has been done in the Easter holidays by a small but faithful band of volunteers, whose efforts are perhaps not sufficiently recognized and certainly not sufficiently imitated.

The School has 'gone to it' also on the industrial front. Throughout last holidays about thirty boys worked in local factories under a Ministry of Labour scheme, some being directly concerned with production, and all with war needs. The scheme will

again operate during the summer holiday when, in spite of the claims of the Farming Camp and the Cadet Force Training Course, over fifty boys will be employed. We are glad to note here the great help given by them with these arrangements by Miss Stua Miller, of the L.E.A. Juvenile Employment Bureau.

Naturally, it is the senior boys who are mainly involved in all these activities. It is the sixth form which supplies three boys every night as part of the official School Fire Guard; it is from the sixth form that ten boys are now doing part-time clerical work for the Ministry of Labour. But in giving and saving even the youngest can help. Here the School has undertaken particular responsibilities; for many years Edwardians have maintained, through regular weekly collections, a cot bearing the name of the School, in the Birmingham Children's Hospital. This work, of course, continues; since January, 1941, there has been added to it weekly collections for the Red Cross. These, which in the first term realized £14, have now assumed the proportions of a campaign, especially in the junior forms. Last term more than £100 was collected. The weekly collections are supplemented by the proceeds of auctions and competitions, and a forthcoming exhibition of School antiquities is expected to raise a good sum. But our target is for a term, and for this the basis must be of weekly contributions from each form.

Since just after the outbreak of war the School has had its own National Savings Group. This has throughout been regarded as a channel for boys' own savings, not those of their parents, and the aim has been to maintain a steadily mounting level of regular savings. So far, in addition to gifts to the School Cot and the Red Cross, the School has put well over £1,000 in the War Savings—money which there is every reason to believe will "stay put."

Finally, although every boy can find some way of helping the community through the School, the School does not monopolize his time or his public spirit. Some months ago the Head Master instructed his representatives to keep a record of the services rendered to the community by members of each form in their out-of-school life. These records make interesting—often amusing—reading; they show that for many boys what used to be called the problem of the right use of leisure has found a simple solution. The jobs done range from A.R.P. to lighting fires, from help with the Salvage Campaign to snow clearance for an elderly neighbour. It is to be hoped that habits of service learnt in war will persist in peace.

All told, the School's part in the war something of which we need not be ashamed. But the telling is intended as a stimulus, not a sedative; it remains true of the School as of the nation that too much is being done for too many by too few. The



any who still believe that victory is inevitable without their help, may be warned that without them the struggle may be so long that the fruits of victory will wither before they can be gathered, and the hands of the victors grow too weak to grasp them. Let us work together, not merely to win, but to shorten the conflict.

F.J.W.

## CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of K.E.S. CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,

I beg leave to occupy a portion of your valuable space on a matter affecting every boy passing through the School. It would appear that the House system was introduced about the turn of the century without permanent designations being allotted. During the intervening period names have succeeded names and a great chance to add the true House tradition to the School's other notable traditions has been missed. Let us retain the present colours: blue, green, red and yellow, and name each House *impersonally*. I would venture to suggest that not one boy in ten at present in the School could name the Houses extant during my own time, 1923-27. May I ask the appropriate committee to give earnest consideration to this matter?

Yours truly,

H. L. COZENS.

## CAMBRIDGE LETTER

To the Editor of K.E.S. CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,

Once again your Cambridge correspondent is writing to you from the last ditch of reaction to tell you the latest distorted facts about O.E.'s in residence.

J. D. Edmonston, that venerable old gentleman, has now grown so decrepit that he has to hobble round with a stick, but that equally aged gentleman, D. E. Cullington, though normally quiet and unobtrusive, on Sunday mornings becomes a rampaging fireman. The unwary visitor to H. G. Hereward's rooms is likely to get badly mauled by the automatic closing device fitted to the door, then to trip over the twenty feet of rubber tubing attached to the gas poker, and finally to be frightened away simply by the automatically-switched-on radio. P. H. P. Hopkins' ingenuity extends to the adulteration of milk with chemicals, to prevent it going sour—politeness prevents one from audibly preferring sour milk.

J. K. Oxenham makes holes in his ceiling while dancing the Highland Fling with an umbrella, accompanied on an oboe, but C. C. Tootill plays the trumpet, reminding his hearers that 'It doesn't smell, anyway.' H. C. Hart borrowed a book on dancing immediately on coming up, and has been

working hard all the year. It was R. E. Kirby, however, who won a bottle of wine in an elimination dance.

H. M. James is said to work 19½ hours a day, and to go into a trance on alternate Thursdays. R. F. G. Jones is rumoured to exist, but J. B. Bird has definitely been seen in the street on at least one occasion. K. G. Davies wears a red tie with horses on it, which is taken to mean that he believes in Communism for the lower animals as well as for man. People go to great lengths to avoid the shattering experience of being greeted by J. R. Myhill in the street, and in a similar way L. G. R. Wand has become an aggressively typical undergraduate. J. A. Newth has converted his rooms into a labour exchange, whence he despatches stooges to work on the land.

The Tudor Club has not been very flourishing this year, due, no doubt, to the extensive war-work which its members are forced to do, but it is still in existence, and it is likely to carry on next year.

Yours sincerely,

CANTABRIGIENSIS.

## BIRMINGHAM LETTER

To the Editor of K.E.S. CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,

The end of the year finds the number of Old Edwardians at Birmingham University somewhat reduced, and many more will be joining the forces before we reassemble in October. But Edwardians still play a vital part in the University's diverse activities.

The fall in numbers is especially noticeable at Edmund Street in the Law and Arts Faculties. S.T.C. parades have brought even the hard-working P. W. Edwards to the tearoom at Edgbaston, while Home Guard duties also tear him from his labours. D. M. Coultas gained his degree before being called to the R.A., and J. C. Pettyfer, who left at the same time, finds big guns a more absorbing study than Racine. W. V. Holgreaves, having achieved some measure of social fame in his short stay, was called up a few weeks before his examinations; but F. O. Hooley still remains to devote his attention to the Spanish Circle, and O. W. Davis drinks coffee in the Union.

In the Law Faculty K. Creedy-Smith is a shining light in B.U.D.S. productions, and, like R. I. A. Smith, is in his final year. B. C. Kentish employs the summer months in trying to keep fit for the rugger season; while K. M. Young swims for the university and R. W. Evans has played cricket with success; and B. D. Bush, a new-comer, aspires to oratory.

At Edgbaston there are still many Old Edwardians. J. T. A. George and J. C. Fulford work during the summer that they may devote their energies to the more serious business of rugger in the winter



months; P. Brown and R. Astley find time to play squash. J. S. Wignore and H. M. Rodger are still enthusiastic swimmers, whereas M. J. Rowbottom and R. A. F. Jack find athletics more to their taste. J. M. Hill is much feared by S.T.C. recruits, and M. J. Roper-Hall and R. J. Hamblin are also prominent in the military sphere. P. G. Bevan and D. H. Goose are less feared and less enthusiastic members of the S.T.C. M. L. Fellowes obviously enjoys life, whether on miner's excursions or playing cricket. D. H. Goose has proved successful at taking wickets and taking out teeth. K. P. Brown has developed a powerful rhetoric which he uses to good effect in the Commerce Conference, where H. A. Woltmann appears from time to time. G. Hoyle still patronizes the Barber Institute, but T. H. Varcoe prefers the Union. R. K. Taylor has been unfortunately featured in "Crax," while D. F. Perkins has developed a passion for bridge.

There are many others whose names are omitted because we lack the necessary space or because they lead respectable lives. Those who come to Birmingham University in October may rest assured that they will receive a warm welcome from the Old Edwardians already here.

Yours sincerely,

BIRMINGHAMIENSIS.

## OLD EDWARDIAN'S LETTER

To the Editor of K.E.S. CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,

You will have noticed, no doubt, that the Old Edwardians' Association has lost two members almost impossible to replace: Walter Jordan and George Craig. Let me here pay them inadequate tribute. W. R. Jordan (1882), who was in his seventy-eighth year, was one of the few survivors of the first O.E. Football XV. For a great many years he was an invaluable Chairman of Committee. You know, of course, that he had long been a very loyal and hard-working Governor, twice holding office as Bailiff. You may or may not have met him in his not infrequent and always useful appearances at the School's Open Debate. But nobody who has not seen him in the Club itself, where he was regular in attendance till his last illness, can assess properly the quiet, effective work he did in setting the tone for generation after generation of boys coming up from School. An upright man, a gentleman, self-effacing yet never shirking responsibility, "W.R." meant a tremendous lot to the Association and the School.

George Craig (1898), a younger man, was not so well-known personally. He had for a long time, though, been one of the Editors of the O.E. GAZETTE; and his knowledge of the comings and goings of Old Boys of all generations was extensive.

In particular, he kept us in touch with Birmingham activities through his contact at the Old Library and the Graduates' Club. On School antiquities he was unequalled and it is known that he had gone far towards the completion of a history of the School.

*De hac hactenus.* Let me turn to more cheerful themes. At the Annual General Meeting the new Head Master was elected by acclamation, President of the Association. In a very kind letter accepting office and returning thanks, Mr. Morris says that he hopes often to come and see the Old Boys and to keep in touch with them and the traditions of the School. He will be welcome both as our Head Master and for his own sake.

Commander Langley was good enough to take the chair for us at this Annual General Meeting. The Association, very grateful for all the service he has done it, joins him with the Rev. C. H. Heath, who also *animus naturaliter Edwardiensis*, as Vice-President, even though, to his education and to Heath's, the School only contributed let us say, a post-graduate course.

I expect you will have taken cognizance elsewhere of the fact that Sir Richard Hopkins is now official Head of the Civil Service—does that make him the second or the third greatest man in the country?—and that R. H. M. S. Saundby (1914) is an Air Vice-Marshal. Saundby, though a member, is not often to be seen. Hopkins on the other hand, has worked tremendously hard to make the London Old Edwardians Association the flourishing body it is. Take my tip, sir, and, if ever you get the chance, attend a dinner of the London O.E.'s. Once you have got over the shock of dining and wining with so many eminent men you will enjoy yourself.

Little space is left for record of our day-by-day activities; which is perhaps as well for the war has hit us hard. The permanent population of the rooms in New Street has grown smaller and administration is no easier though the Hon. Registrar, E. R. Bickley still smiles through. On the other hand we are happy often to see Old Boys on leave—the caterpillar of the private, the pupa of the O.C.T.U., the butterfly in his first Service tunic. Alternatively, we meet them as able-bodied seamen, as candidates for commissions, and then as sub-lieutenants complete with stripe. There are also quiet youngsters in mufti who blow in and let us casually that they have been flying Beaufighters.

Seriously, I do think the pleasant New Street rooms serve a useful purpose as a meeting-place for men on leave. We keep a list of those on leave, with their dates and addresses and telephone numbers.

Before term ends those leaving will be invited to join the Association. We hope all will decide to do so. Except for the initial "token" subscription, you will not be worried during the war—though we shall



not refuse contributions from those with whom the pay offices deal generously. You will ensure a *pied-à terre* in Birmingham where you will always be welcome and often meet your contemporaries; and you will be getting ready for the day when you are to take over the happy if not always easy task of running the Association.

May I commend the example of the three, including the School Captain, who left suddenly for India in the middle of term—but not too suddenly to join the Association and even, in at least one case, to expend coupons on the old school tie?

OLD EDWARDIAN.

67A, NEW STREET.

## GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

ONE of the most striking aspects of the School's activities this year is the comparative normality which has been achieved. In fact, as far as the School is concerned, this year has been very much more peaceful than those immediately preceding it. We are now firmly ensconced in the new buildings and as we proudly watch Big School nearing completion we feel that we have a real home at last. Perhaps it is not too much to hope that our travels, if not our troubles, are ended, and if that is so we look forward to a period of steady progress in the life of the School.

It is true that we have not gained this year our usual scholastic success, but there seems no reason to believe that this marks anything more than a temporary regression in the standard of learning. Nevertheless, a certain dislocation is made unavoidable by the loss of almost half our permanent staff. Those members who remain and the temporary members deserve our thanks for the way in which they have carried on the work of the School.

In other spheres, however, the School has achieved more, than its customary success. The societies suffered particularly during the first two years of the war, and it is satisfying to note that all but one are now active. Support from the School, especially in the case of the Debating Societies, has been definitely encouraging.

The School is playing a worthy part in the nation's war effort and its activities in this direction are fully recorded elsewhere in the CHRONICLE.

Meanwhile, School sport has continued with better results on the whole than we expected. The Rugby team was appreciably better than in the previous year, although the matches in the Christmas Term yielded only three victories, while we were beaten four times and one game was drawn. It was unfortunate that the weather hampered football so seriously during the Easter Term; for although the standard of play at the beginning was not high it improved

considerably towards the end of the season. The forwards played well throughout, but their heeling from set scrums was sometimes painfully slow. The back division, which suffered from frequent alteration at the beginning, showed much better co-ordination later; nevertheless, it was still rather unsteady in defence, while its attack often lacked confidence.

The Cricket team is the best we have had for some years, and has only been beaten once; its four victories, together with two drawn games and one tie, are a very good record in view of the difficulties. There is no shortage of bowlers of almost every type and whose standard is as good, if not better than usual. This year's success, however, is largely due to the fact that the batting is, for the first time in many years, worthy of the bowling. The School has had several very capable batsmen, and its strength is increased by the unusual competence of those batsmen who would ordinarily be called the 'tail.' It was unlucky that the School's great effort to beat the Old Edwardians should have ended in a draw when only six runs were needed for victory.

Swimming has enjoyed what is almost certainly its best season in the School's history. Never before has the team had ten matches in one season, and it is highly creditable that of the nine already held seven should have been won and only one lost. The team is strong in every direction, and is particularly proud of its relay. It is pleasing to note that most of our victories have been against schools of no slight reputation in the world of swimming. Both the Cricket and Swimming teams are comparatively young, and we may perhaps hope for further success next year.

Shooting has continued in its own quiet way, and a fair number of matches have been won. It was unfortunate that the *Country Life* Competition coincided with one of the VIII's 'off days.' As usual, the weather and other activities have curtailed Fives, but House matches and one School match have been played. Although Chess has remained dormant we are glad to see that P.T. has been revived, and that a display is to be given at the Gymkhana. The Athletics programme, postponed from the Easter Term, has been organized during the first weeks of July.

Less full of incident than its predecessors, this year has been, I think, in general, successful. And not a little of this success is due to Commander Langley, who deserves our most grateful thanks for all he has done as Acting Head Master. He tells us that Mr. Morris will probably be able to take up office permanently next term, and I am sure the School will want to join in wishing good luck to our new Head Master.

B. H. MCGOWAN,

*Captain of the School and General Secretary.*



## THE BROMSGROVE MATCH

OWING to lack of space it is impossible to include a report of the annual match against Bromsgrove School. It was played on Thursday, December 18th, 1941, in thick fog: the School lost, the score being 20-5.

## CRICKET REPORT

THE School has had its best season for some years, and Cricket as a whole has flourished. Up to date the 1st XI has played eight matches, won four, lost one, drawn two, and tied one. This pleasing state of affairs is due, we feel, to the keenness of every individual, and to the work of Mr. E. J. Smith, the Warwickshire and England wicket-keeper and batsman, who has taken up the post of School Cricket Coach. The batting, nevertheless, remains the most disappointing factor. At the beginning of the season it appeared that many people would score freely, but of late the recognized batsmen have shown a tendency to succumb easily leaving it to others; luckily, those lower down the list have only once failed us.

The bowling, however, is a different tale. Although only Pell amongst the slower bowlers can be relied upon to keep a length, the performances of C. F. Figures in recent matches have been excellent. But the attack is not always backed up by impeccable fielding, and this fault seems to pervade the entire School.

The 2nd XI, also minus batsmen who can make runs, have won two out of their five matches; while the 3rd XI, in much the same predicament, has lost three out of four. The Under 14 XI, meanwhile, has won its only match comfortably, and is a strong side, presaging well for the future.

To those masters who have given their services as umpires, etc., we offer our sincere thanks, especially to Messrs. A. E. Leeds, M. A. Porter and J. D. Copland. Finally, we are deeply grateful to Mr. Hearne, who has provided a series of excellent wickets; to Mr. Smith who has had a great hand in the revival of School Cricket: and to the many and various voluntary scorers, especially P. Cuthbertson, who has served the 1st XI quietly and efficiently.

P. R. LANGHAM,

*Captain of Cricket.*

### SUMMARY OF RESULTS.

			<i>Runs For.</i>	<i>Runs Against.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
9/5/42.	Home.	A. E. Leeds, Esq.'s, XI....	102 for 9 (dec.)	103 for 7	<i>Lost.</i>
16/5/42.	Home.	A Civil Service XI .....	129 for 7 (dec.)	123	<i>Won.</i>
30/5/42.	Home.	Denstone College.....	39 for 6	101 for 3 (dec.)	<i>Drawn.</i>
3/6/42.	Home.	Ratcliffe College .....	106 for 5	105	<i>Won.</i>
6/6/42.	Home.	Birmingham University ..	53 for 7	52	<i>Won.</i>
13/6/42.	Away.	Wyggeston School .....	96	96	<i>Tied.</i>
20/6/42.	Home.	An R.A.F. XI .....	81	72	<i>Won.</i>
27/6/42.	Home.	Old Edwardians .....	165 for 7	170	<i>Drawn.</i>
4/7/42.	Home.	R.A.F., Stafford .....			
11/6/42.	Away.	Warwick School .....			

### SCHOOL v. DENSTONE COLLEGE.

*Played at Eastern Road, May 30th, 1942. Drawn.*

On a saturated pitch the School bowlers could not get wickets, but kept the runs down well. Rain prevented a resumption for some time after lunch, but Denstone's declaration came too late to force a decision. As in the match last year, the batsmen could offer little resistance to the clever bowling of C. E. Gilbert.

#### Scores:

<i>DENSTONE COLLEGE.</i>		<i>SCHOOL.</i>	
D. J. Curry, c Poole, b Figures.....	5	P. R. Langham, b Gilbert.....	
D. A. A. Beardsmore, st Wigmore, b Pell .....	38	G. A. Pell, lbw, b Gilbert.....	
R. W. Ladbury, not out.....	34	M. N. Molesworth, b Good.....	
C. E. Gilbert, c and b Penny.....	8	R. W. F. Penny, b Gilbert.....	
Streatfield, not out.....	6	C. F. Figures, c King, b Gilbert.....	
J. W. King, Marles, Davies, Taylor, Good and Edwards did not bat.		M. G. FitzGerald, lbw b Edwards .....	
Extras .....	10	J. H. Poole, not out .....	
		B. A. Wigmore, not out.....	
		J. D. Dunkerley, P. A. Kavanagh and D. J. Birch did not bat.	
		Extras .....	
TOTAL (for 3, declared).....	101	TOTAL (for 6 wickets).....	3

### SCHOOL v. RATCLIFFE COLLEGE.

*Played at Eastern Road, June 3rd, 1942. Won by 5 wickets.*

R. W. F. Penny bowled well from the start, and four wickets fell for 19. Strong hitting by Bone, and stolid defence by Ludden, however, took Ratcliffe's score higher, and the



proved difficult to dislodge. The School opening pair put on 42 for the first wicket, and although Penny was soon dismissed, the other batsmen played themselves in well, and the visitors' total was passed with five wickets down. The School batted on to score 124 for 6 wickets.

RATCLIFFE COLLEGE.		SCHOOL.	
Ludden, not out.....	25	C. F. Figures, st Loughlin, b Cooper (B.)	16
Lang, lbw b Pell.....	0	P. A. Kavanagh, c Maloney (M.), b Bankart	33
Maloney (M.), b Penny.....	5	G. A. Pell, run out.....	16
Maloney (B.), b Penny.....	0	R. W. F. Penny, c Loughlin, b Bone ..	0
Bankart, b Penny.....	8	P. R. Langham, c Loughlin, b Watts..	22
Reynolds, st Wigmore, b Figures.....	7	M. G. FitzGerald, b Bone .....	17
Bone, c Molesworth, b Birch.....	24	J. H. Poole, not out.....	5
Cooper (P.), b Birch.....	1	B. A. Wigmore, not out .....	9
Loughlin, c Molesworth, b Penny.....	9	M. N. Molesworth, J. D. Dunkerley and D. J. Birch did not bat.	
Watts, b Penny .....	14	Extras .....	6
Cooper (B.), b Pell.....	3		
Extras .....	9		
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>TOTAL (for 6 wickets).....</b>	<b>124</b>

#### SCHOOL v. BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY.

*Played at Eastern Road, June 6th, 1942. Won by 3 wickets.*

From the School's point of view this was the most successful match of the season. The visitors started well, but collapsed before the attack of Figures and Birch, and were all out for 52. Although the School started shakily, the batting proved exceptionally determined, both Penny and FitzGerald refusing to be flustered. Dunkerley hit well later in the innings.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY.		SCHOOL.	
Sumner, b Figures .....	14	C. F. Figures, c Fellowes, b Gardiner..	1
Davey, b Penny.....	9	P. A. Kavanagh, b Gardiner.....	0
Dawson, st Wigmore, b Birch.....	9	G. A. Pell, c Davey, b Sumner.....	6
Jones, b Figures.....	5	R. W. F. Penny, b Sumner .....	18
Robinson, b Figures .....	5	P. R. Langham, lbw b Gardiner.....	0
Finlay, lbw b Birch .....	2	B. A. Wigmore, b Sumner.....	2
Fellowes, b Figures .....	1	M. G. FitzGerald, c Davey, b Hill.....	21
Hill, st Wigmore, b Birch.....	3	J. H. Poole, c Finlay, b Sumner.....	9
Ingram, not out ....	0	M. N. Molesworth, b Gardiner.....	4
Gardiner, lbw b Birch .....	0	J. Dunkerley, lbw b Hill.....	16
Goose, b Figures.....	2	D. J. Birch, not out .....	6
Extras .....	4	Extras .....	9
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>92</b>

C. F. Figures took 5 wickets for 27 runs;  
D. J. Birch took 4 wickets for 7 runs.

Sumner took 4 wickets for 19 runs; Gardiner took 4 wickets for 21 runs.

#### SCHOOL v. WYGGESTON G.S.

*Played at Leicester, June 13th, 1942. Tie.*

WYGGESTON.		SCHOOL.	
Whitwell, c Penny, b Figures.....	1	C. F. Figures, b Tahany.....	18
Moore, b FitzGerald .....	21	P. A. Kavanagh, c Rice, b Tahany....	12
Rice, b Penny.....	0	G. A. Pell, c Rice, b London.....	18
Sutherland, c Wigmore, b Penny.....	10	R. W. F. Penny, c Rice, b London....	2
Parkins, c Penny, b Figures .....	2	P. R. Langham, b English .....	10
English, c and b Figures .....	0	M. G. FitzGerald, lbw b Cole .....	2
Robertson, c Pell, b Figures.....	0	J. H. Poole, not out .....	8
Simpson, b Birch .....	16	B. A. Wigmore, b English.....	8
London, not out .....	17	J. D. Dunkerley, c Simpson, b Cole...	1
Cole, lbw b Birch .....	0	M. N. Molesworth, b London .....	0
Tahany, c Pell, b Figures.....	6	D. J. Birch, b London .....	2
Extras .....	23	Extras .....	15
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>96</b>

# SCHOOL v. R.A.F. XI.

*Played at Eastern Road, June 20th, 1942. Won by 9 Runs.*

## Scores :

### SCHOOL.

C. F. Figures, b Wright.....	16
P. A. Kavanagh, lbw b Wright .....	6
G. A. Pell, c Dobson, b Wright.....	2
R. W. F. Penny, c and b Wright.....	4
P. R. Langham, b Wright.....	4
M. G. FitzGerald, b Wright.....	2
B. A. Wigmore, lbw b Course .....	11
J. H. Poole, b Wright .....	25
J. D. Dunkerley, lbw b Course.....	1
R. L. Edwards, b Wright.....	3
D. J. Birch, not out .....	0
Extras .....	7
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>81</b>

Wright took 8 wickets for 34 runs.

### R.A.F. XI.

Course, b Edwards.....	1
Smith, c FitzGerald, b Figures.....	24
Coombes, c Edwards, b Figures .....	2
Slate, c Kavanagh, b Figures .....	1
Morgan, c Wigmore, b Figures.....	1
Potton, b Figures .....	1
Wright, lbw b Figures .....	3
Martin, b Figures .....	1
France, b Figures .....	1
Dobson, not out .....	1
Duff, c Kavanagh, b Figures .....	1
Extras .....	1
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>71</b>

C. F. Figures took 9 wickets for 22 runs

# SCHOOL v. OLD EDWARDIANS.

*Played at Eastern Road, June 27th, 1942. Drawn.*

The School lost the toss, and S. J. Sumner and P. D. A. Alabaster, opening for the visitors on a hard wicket, had 41 on the board before the latter was bowled. Three more wickets fell fairly quickly, but E. F. Twiss and J. Evans came together for a partnership which dashed any abortive hopes the School might have had. Twiss, in particular, drove with great skill taking 21 off a single over from C. F. Figures. R. W. F. Penny, brought on at the pavilion end for a second spell, however, had Twiss caught at the wicket after an innings which included eight 4's, and bowled Evans and N. A. Wijeyekoon with successive balls. E. E. R. Whitehouse and J. M. Coley resisted for a short time, but the innings closed at 170.

Disaster faced the School when C. F. Figures played on with the score at 3 and when Poole was bowled at 31, but Kavanagh and R. W. F. Penny put on 53 before the former was unluckily run out for a 26 which included shots all round the wicket. P. R. Langham did not stay, but M. G. FitzGerald played well, and Penny was continuing to score very quickly until he was well caught in the deep. The clock now began to catch up on the School, and when Owen came in a scramble for runs ensued. In the last over 13 runs were needed for victory, and although FitzGerald made a valiant effort to hit a six on the last ball to win the match, he mistimed the delivery and was bowled.

The School total is the highest made against the Old Edwardians for several years, and although the result was highly disappointing, fielding lapses gave away runs which proved very difficult to get later on.

## Scores :

### OLD EDWARDIANS.

S. J. Sumner, lbw b Pell .....	36
P. D. A. Alabaster, b Figures .....	22
L. B. Rawson, lbw b Figures .....	3
M. L. Fellowes, b Figures.....	8
S. Baker, c FitzGerald, b Pell.....	2
E. F. Twiss, c Wigmore, b Penny .....	46
J. Evans, b Penny .....	30
E. E. R. Whitehouse, c Langham, b Birch .....	7
N. A. Wijeyekoon, b Penny.....	0
J. M. Coley, not out .....	12
A. C. Muffett, b Penny.....	0
Extras .....	4
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>170</b>

R. W. F. Penny took 4 wickets for 37 runs.

### SCHOOL.

C. F. Figures, b Rawson .....	1
P. A. Kavanagh, run out .....	1
J. H. Poole, b Rawson.....	1
R. W. F. Penny, c Evans, b Coley.....	1
P. R. Langham, c Muffett, b Coley.....	1
M. G. FitzGerald, b Rawson.....	1
B. A. Wigmore, b Sumner .....	1
B. L. Owen, not out .....	1
G. A. Pell, M. N. Molesworth and D. J. Birch did not bat.	1
Extras .....	1
<b>TOTAL (for 7 wickets) .....</b>	<b>10</b>



## CRICKET CHARACTERS

P. R. LANGHAM (1942). *Captain*. A batsman who, although capable of high scores, has had a disappointing season because of a tendency to make mistakes in the early part of his innings. His fielding is keen and reliable. As a captain he has made up in enthusiasm what he lacked in experience, and under his leadership the team has shown a marked improvement. (*Captain of Leeds'*) C.F.F.

C. F. FIGURES (1942). *Vice-Captain and Secretary*. An exceptionally good all-rounder whose medium-paced bowling has, in recent matches, been outstanding. He turns the ball both ways, has pace off the pitch, and always keeps a good length. He opens the innings well, for although he has few scoring strokes, his defence is good, and he is content to let runs come. A fine fielder in the gulley or in the deep, and a helpful and efficient official. (*Copland's*)

R. W. F. PENNY (1942). A competent all-rounder, whose fast off-breaks often cause a minor collapse at the beginning of the innings, but who sacrifices length to speed. As a batsman, he should restrain himself for the first few overs, but when set he has a powerful cut and a strong drive. An excellent field, but should learn to control his throw-in. (*Copland's*)

M. G. FITZGERALD (1942). A left-handed bat, who has played useful innings when runs were needed, but whose defence is often broken early on. Must learn not to trot his runs. Bowls off-breaks just short of a length, which makes him easy to play but difficult to hit. A sound fielder anywhere. (*Captain of Copland's*)

\*G. A. PELL. A young player, whose spin bowling has often proved the mainstay of the attack. He keeps an excellent length, but should concentrate on hitting the stumps rather than bowling for slip catches. A stylish batsman, whose first mistake is all too often fatal. A poor runner between wickets, but safe in the field. (*Leeds'*)

\*B. A. WIGMORE. A temperamental wicket-keeper, who at times is very good, as against the University, but who often allows too many byes through his weakness on the leg-side. As a batsman he scores if he stays, his hook being particularly good, but he regularly fails to stay. (*Dunt's*)

\*J. H. POOLE. A batsman with a wooden style, who can drive and hook powerfully. His defence is precarious, but generally proves successful, and has several times aided the School innings considerably. He shows praiseworthy keenness both on and off the field. (*Leeds'*)

\*D. J. BIRCH. A slow left-arm bowler, who can be very deceptive, but whose length is often erratic. If he can learn to flight the ball he should be very good. Can bat a little, but is sluggish off the mark and ponderously slow in the field. (*Captain of Dunt's*)

\*P. A. KAVANAGH. An exceptionally keen young player who started the season at No. 10 but who has since opened with Figures and played several plucky innings. He is somewhat handicapped by his size, but should control a tendency to hook too early. A good fielder anywhere, with a safe pair of hands close to the wicket, and a good throw. (*Dunt's*)

†J. D. DUNKERLEY. A left-hander with a powerful hook, which he exploits a little too often, and is thus frequently out l.b.w. He also drives well when set, but his defence needs much improvement. A capable, quick-footed fielder in any position, with a good throw-in from the deep. (*Leeds'*)

†M. N. MOLESWORTH. The most disappointing player on the side. His stroke-play is often faultless, but he frequently fails to make contact. Is exceptionally weak on the leg-side, but his fielding in the deep is good, and he judges and takes a catch well. (*Captain of Roberts'*)

Also played: †R. L. EDWARDS, †A. HURRELL, †J. H. PUGH, †B. L. OWEN.

\*Denotes School Cricket Blazer.

†Denotes 2nd XI Colours.

## RUGGER PROSPECTS

With three Colours and six other members of last season's team staying on, prospects for next season are promising. The team should be especially stronger than in previous years outside the scrum, as six of last season's backs are returning next term.

D. J. REESE,  
*Captain of Rugger.*

## SWIMMING REPORT, 1942

### House Swimming

A similar programme to that of last year has been carried out, and, as before, two rounds of House matches have been swum. Each House has produced three teams, and the standard of swimming has been, if anything, a little higher than before. This is very satisfactory in view of the continued difficulty of practice. The Diving and Plunging Competition has lapsed owing to lack of time. The Standards system has been continued, and last year's total has already been exceeded. Far more boys have this year tried, and succeeded, in gaining Standards, and this is a most encouraging sign, since it denotes not only better swimming, but a considerably widening interest.

In all branches of swimming Mr. Kay has been, as before, energetic and helpful; to him and to Mr. Ounsted, who has deputized for Mr. Kay on various occasions, we offer our most grateful thanks.



## School Swimming

School swimming has indeed flourished this year, and last season's promise has been amply fulfilled. The standard of the team has improved infinitely, and the results are the most successful for many years past. Neither has the improvement been only in quality; this year's programme includes ten fixtures, an unprecedented number and as many of the 1st XI Cricket fixtures. Indeed, as far as can be ascertained, this is the best year the School has ever had: although the Team was unbeaten in 1923 and 1924, only three matches were swum in each of those years. Out of the nine teams we have already opposed, only one has managed to beat us, and we have succeeded in defeating seven; two of our matches were won by a very large margin. Our only Club-match, with Birmingham University, ended in a tie. One match, with Warwick School, remains to be swum.

The Team is very well balanced, and is almost without a weak link. Although no member has been unbeaten, the Team has at least one potential winner in each of the customary six events; while the number of occasions on which the School has gained both first and second places shows that the second strings are by no means passengers. It is due to the joint efforts of K. T. C. McKenzie and A. T. Churchman that only one 50-yards race has been lost in a 1st Team match.

We were, of course, lucky to have five regular members of last year's team still available, but its strength has been immeasurably increased by its new members. Two of these, J. K. Hodgskin-Brown and Br. O. Bailey, deserve special note. The former is certainly the School's best long-distance swimmer since the days of N. M. Pooler. His fastest times so far—2-mins. 43 $\frac{3}{4}$ -secs. for 200 yards and 35 $\frac{3}{4}$ -secs. for 50 yards Back Stroke—are amazingly good for one of his age and stature. He has won twelve out of fifteen events. Br. O. Bailey specializes in Breast Stroke and Diving, at both of which he is very good indeed, his diving being particularly beautiful to watch. Although only 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  he has swum 100 yards Breast Stroke in 87-secs. He has won ten events. Without these two the Team could hardly have achieved this year's success.

Nevertheless, it is the Relay race which proves the ultimate value of a team as a team, and the School has conclusively proved its strength in this direction. The Relay team which has only been beaten twice has swum as follows: K. T. C. McKenzie, B. Bailey or D. W. Meredith, B. H. McGowan, J. K. Hodgskin-Brown, A. T. Churchman, D. K. McGowan.

These results are all the more satisfactory since the School is, of course, without baths of its own and cannot even hire baths for matches. For this reason all the School matches have been away fixtures, although

we were fortunately able to act as hosts to Denstone at Burton; and we are indebted to our opponents for extending again their hospitality towards us. The School is also still without a professional coach; while this does not seem to have affected the 1st Team, our juniors, some of whom show promise, are not receiving the experienced coaching they deserve. Therefore, they must realize that the reputation of the Team in future years depends on their individual keenness and the amount of training that they put in now.

Results of matches have been as follows:

SCHOOL v. BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY.

Saturday, May 23rd. Home. Match Tied.

Considering the School lacked two regular members of the Team we did very well to draw with the University.

Winners: 50 Yards Free Style—Churchman (K.E.S.), 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ -secs.; 100 Yards Free Style—Rodger (University); 200 Yards Free Style—Hodgskin-Brown (K.E.S.), 2-mins. 43 $\frac{3}{4}$ -secs.; 50 Yards Back Stroke—Hodgskin-Brown (K.E.S.), 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ -secs.; 5 Yards Breast Stroke—Bailey, Br. O. (K.E.S.), 40-secs.; Dive—Bailey, Br. O. (K.E.S.), an Wilkinson (University), æq.; Relay (6×5 yards)—University.

Result: K.E.S., 24 points; University 24 points.

Team: K. T. C. McKenzie; B. Bailey, Br. O. Bailey, J. R. Crowther, A. T. Churchman, J. K. Hodgskin-Brown, C. E. Hereward, A. Hurrell; B. H. McGowan.

SCHOOL v. SHREWSBURY SCHOOL. Wednesday, May 27th. Away. Won.

The School showed a very marked superiority in all directions, and not only won four out of five events, but also gained four second places.

Winners: 47 Yards Free Style—Churchman (K.E.S.), 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ -secs.; 94 Yards Free Style—Cooper (Shrewsbury), 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ -secs. 188 Yards Free Style—Hodgskin-Brown (K.E.S.), 2-mins. 33 $\frac{3}{4}$ -secs.; 47 Yards Breast Stroke—Bailey, Br. O. (K.E.S.), 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ -secs.; Dive—Bailey, Br. O. (K.E.S.), 71-secs.; Relay (6×47)—K.E.S.

Result: K.E.S., 32 points; Shrewsbury 9 points.

Team: K. T. C. McKenzie; D. K. McGowan, B. Bailey, Br. O. Bailey, J. K. Hodgskin-Brown, A. T. Churchman, J. R. Crowther; B. H. McGowan.

SCHOOL v. BURTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Tuesday, June 2nd. Away. Won.

The School thoroughly avenged its two previous failures at Burton and caused the School its first defeat in any swimming match for seven years. Burton have for many years been Midland Champions.

Winners: 50 Yards Free Style—K. T. C. McKenzie (K.E.S.), 30-secs.; 100 Yards Free Style—D. K. McGowan (K.E.S.), 71-secs.; 200 Yards Free Style—Choyce



(Burton), 2-mins. 36½-secs.; 50 Yards Back Stroke—J. K. Hodgskin-Brown (K.E.S.), 40-secs.; 100 Yards Breast Stroke—Berry (Burton), 86-secs.; Dive—Br. O. Bailey (K.E.S.); Relay (6×50)—K.E.S. Result: K.E.S., 28 points; Burton, 20 points.

Team: K. T. C. McKenzie; D. K. McGowan, Br. O. Bailey, J. K. Hodgskin-Brown, B. Bailey, A. T. Churchman, J. R. Crowther; B. H. McGowan.

After the match Br. O. Bailey and J. K. Hodgskin-Brown were awarded School Swimming Colours, 1942.

SCHOOL v. BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL. Won. RUGBY SCHOOL. Won.

Thursday, June 11th. At Rugby.

The Team did very well to win this triangular match, especially as both our opponents had teams of ten while we had the usual team of eight. As at Burton, victory was gained by a very fine Relay on which the whole team may be congratulated.

Winners: 50 Yards Free Style—Aughton (Bedford Modern), 29-secs.; 100 Yards Free Style—D. K. McGowan (K.E.S.), 71½-secs.; 200 Yards Free Style—Aughton (Bedford Modern), 2-mins. 30-secs.; 50 Yards Back Stroke—J. K. Hodgskin-Brown (K.E.S.), 39-secs.; 100 Yards Breast Stroke—Br. O. Bailey (K.E.S.), 88½-secs.; Dive—Br. O. Bailey (K.E.S.); Relay (6×200-ft.)—1, K.E.S.; 2, Rugby; 3, Bedford Modern.

Result: K.E.S., 111½ points; Bedford Modern School, 103 points; Rugby School, 69½ points.

Team: K. T. C. McKenzie; D. K. McGowan, Br. O. Bailey, J. K. Hodgskin-Brown, B. Bailey, A. T. Churchman, J. R. Crowther; B. H. McGowan.

SCHOOL v. REPTON SCHOOL. Tuesday, June 16th. Away. Won.

The School avenged further defeats of the last two years at Repton, where another very good Relay made our victory decisive. Repton still had six of last year's successful team swimming.

Winners: 100 Feet Free Style—A. T. Churchman (K.E.S.), 19½-secs.; 100 Yards Free Style—P. M. Nicholson (Repton), 69½-secs.; 200 Yards Free Style—J. K. Hodgskin-Brown (K.E.S.), 2-mins. 49½-secs.; 100 Feet Back Stroke—J. K. Hodgskin-Brown (K.E.S.), 23½-secs.; Dive—Graham (Repton); Relay (6×200-ft.)—K.E.S.

Result: K.E.S., 24½ points; Repton, 12½ points.

Team: K. T. C. McKenzie; D. K. McGowan, Br. O. Bailey, J. K. Hodgskin-Brown, A. T. Churchman, D. W. Meredith, C. E. Hereward; B. H. McGowan.

After the match A. T. Churchman was awarded School Swimming Colours, 1942.

"A" TEAM v. SOLIHULL SCHOOL I. Thursday, June 18th. Away. Won.

Our "A" Team of six men may well be

congratulated on beating Solihull's 1st Team of eight men. The 110 yards and the Back Stroke were won by J. K. Hodgskin-Brown, and the Breast Stroke by Br. O. Bailey. The deciding factor as usual was the Relay.

Result: K.E.S. "A", 23 points; Solihull, 18 points.

Team: Br. O. Bailey (Captain), J. K. Hodgskin-Brown, A. T. Churchman; D. W. Meredith, C. E. Hereward, J. R. Crowther.

SCHOOL v. TRENT COLLEGE. Tuesday, June 23rd. Away. Lost.

Trent were definitely the better team as their brilliant Relay time shows, and they had seven of last year's eight swimming; but the School suffered from bad luck in at least two events and from the method of starting, which gave Trent a not inconsiderable advantage. All the times were very good indeed.

Winners: 50 Yards Free Style—K. T. C. McKenzie (K.E.S.), 29½-secs.; 100 Yards Free Style—Wright (Trent), 67½-secs.; 200 Yards Free Style—J. K. Hodgskin-Brown (K.E.S.), 2-mins. 45½-secs.; 50 Yards Back Stroke—Bates (Trent), 35½-secs.; 100 Yards Breast Stroke—Knight (Trent), 86½-secs.; Dive—Wright (Trent); Relay (6×50 yards)—Trent, 3-mins. 5½-secs.

Result: K.E.S., 19 points; Trent College, 29 points.

Team: K. T. C. McKenzie; D. K. McGowan, Br. O. Bailey, A. T. Churchman, D. W. Meredith, A. St. J. Holbrook; B. H. McGowan.

SCHOOL v. DENSTONE COLLEGE. Thursday, June 25th. At Burton. Won.

The School suitably avenged various Cricket and Rugger defeats of the last two years by soundly beating Denstone College. In four of the events the School gained the first two places, and in the only event which Denstone won the School came a very close second. The Relay was won by almost 50 yards.

Winners: 50 Yards Free Style—A. T. Churchman (K.E.S.), 30-secs.; 100 Yards Free Style—D. J. Curry (Denstone); 200 Yards Free Style—J. K. Hodgskin-Brown (K.E.S.), 2-min. 49-secs.; 50 Yards Back Stroke—J. K. Hodgskin-Brown (K.E.S.), 40½-secs.; 100 Yards Breast Stroke—Br. O. Bailey (K.E.S.), 89½-secs.; Dive—Br. O. Bailey (K.E.S.); Relay (6×50 yards)—K.E.S.

Result: K.E.S., 37 points; Denstone College, 11 points.

Team: K. T. C. McKenzie; D. K. McGowan, Br. O. Bailey, J. K. Hodgskin-Brown, A. T. Churchman, B. Bailey, D. W. Meredith, A. St. J. Holbrook; B. H. McGowan.

After the match B. Bailey was awarded School Swimming Colours, 1942.

B. H. McGOWAN,  
Captain of Swimming.



## FIVES REPORT

SCHOOL Fives is showing a slight but definite improvement this year, mainly owing to the fact that greater keenness is being shown by all concerned. We have been unfortunate in playing only one School match this year, against Repton in the Spring Term, which we lost by seven games to one. There has been the usual round of House Senior Fives, while Junior Fives accompanied by the customary enthusiasm is taking place this term. The School team has been taken from G. A. Stark, D. J. Reese, J. H. Pugh, K. M. Hudson, P. R. Langham, and B. A. Wigmore, though we were unlucky to lose the services of G. A. Stark at Easter.

We are indebted to Mr. E. V. Smith for his valuable assistance and continued interest in Fives.

B. A. WIGMORE,  
*Captain of Fives.*

## ATHLETICS

OWING to the very bad weather during most of the Easter Term it was decided to postpone Athletics until the end of the Summer Term. The Athletic Sports are to take place on July 16th and 18th.

This will necessitate practising during the examinations, but the enthusiasm shown by many members of the School should help to make the Sports a success.

J. R. CROWTHER,  
*Captain of Athletics.*

## P.T.

DURING the last three years P.T. has been interfered with more than any other School activity, partly by the war and partly by ill-luck. The former made any attempt at war-time P.T. impossible until the beginning of this term, and the latter caused us to lose the very valuable services of Mr. Moore when the term was only a few weeks old. Fortunately, however, we were able to obtain the help of Mr. Munro, Chief P.T. Instructor of Birmingham University, who has managed to produce at least a semblance of a P.T. team from a group of sixteen inexperienced volunteers.

Practice has been very difficult, owing to examinations and the many extra school activities, but members of the team have always attended the regular twice-weekly classes whenever possible. The display which it is hoped to hold at the Gymkhana will of necessity therefore be short and of a simple nature.

Finally, we sincerely thank Messrs. Munro and Moore for their invaluable assistance, and wish the latter a speedy recovery from his rather serious arm injury.

C. A. B. BETTS,  
*P.T. Leader.*

## SCOUT REPORT

THE reorganization of the junior scouts into three troops announced in the last report has worked well, and will be continued next year. Programmes for the Thursday parades have been arranged by the Court of Honour of the troops and have been varied and interesting. During the Summer Term most of the work has been out of doors. On Mondays we concentrated mainly on Morse during the Easter Term, and on Fire Aid during the Summer Term, with the result that in both these important activities the standard of efficiency of the old scouts was considerably raised. The Turner and Simpson Shield for Morse signallist was retained by the School team with a very good score. The team entered for the Junior Ambulance Competition was more successful than last year, being fourth out of thirteen competitors. The Senior team, apart from one unfortunate mishap, did very well. Their demonstration in gas masks of the treatment of a broken leg was most efficient. As a result of two first aid tests at School nine ambulance badges were obtained. Other scouts, though otherwise qualified, could not get their badge through not yet being fourteen years old.

Throughout the two terms and the Easter Holidays scouts have done valuable national service at the Red Cross Prisoner of War Parcel Packing Centre at the Town Hall. There are now twenty-four national service badges in the troop.

A party of sixty-three scouts attended Harborne Parish Church for the Annual St. George's Day Service. During the service the Scout Law was given by R. F. V. Tanner and D. W. Meredith read one of the passages given by the representatives of the bodies present.

We had an interesting Field Day at the Lickey Hills during the Easter Term and another is arranged for the end of July. Fifty scouts will also take part in the Division Wide Game on July 11th. Several of the older scouts will assist with the cooking at the Farm Camp; but on more there can be no Scout Camp.

M.A.P.

## THE LIBRARY

NOT unnaturally the issues have been low this term, though some days they were exceptionally high for the Summer Term. The absence of C. J. Porteous was a serious blow, but the small band of librarians worked hard and efficiently.

B.E.S.,  
p.p. C. J. PORTEOUS,  
*Librarian.*

## DEBATING SOCIETY

DURING the Easter Term three debates were held, and the session was wound up admirably by the revival of the Joint Debates.



with the Girls' School. The Society continued its revolutionary tradition by rejecting motions upholding retribution and constitutional monarchy, and at the Joint Debate it provided a high proportion of the speakers. Mr. Williams unfortunately had to relinquish the chair at the beginning of the term, and our deep thanks are due to him for his energy in support of the Society, as also to Mr. Kay, his successor.

Owing to the paper shortage there are no Debating Characters, but B. H. McGowan has won the Debating Trophy, and has been well backed up by C. J. Porteous, E. S. Waterson, R. D. Harrison, B. E. Swinger, and a number of back-benchers who promise well for next year. However, although attendances are often gratifying, too many people attend debates to listen and not to be listened to.

Our thanks are due to Miss Mielkė for taking the chair at the Joint Debate, and to the Arts and Crafts Society for their series of posters.

### Joint Debate

The Joint Debate was held on Friday, March 27th, in the Girls' Building. The Chairman, Miss Mielkė, welcomed the School party, and called upon P. R. Langham to propose the motion: "That this House maintains that family influences are bad influences."

He thought that the eradication of selfishness was the main task of the reconstruction, and said that the family could never accomplish the work without aid.

B. H. McGowan, opposing the motion, outlined the grim consequences of the alternatives to family life—State control and the boarding school. The proposer had substituted nothing for parental influence. Miss D. Boucher, seconding the proposer, emphasized the narrowing influence of the family, but Miss J. Naughton, seconding the opposer, thought family influences were natural ones.

On the motion being thrown open to the House, G. Darby asserted that family influences could only be removed by eliminating the family, and Miss M. Spencer thought hate was fostered by home conditions. R. D. Harrison said parents without children would become idle, and was followed by Miss S. Blackwell, who appeared class-conscious. B. E. Swinger pinned his faith on psychology, while R. M. Freeman said boarding schools were little more than prisons.

M. P. Banton, P. J. Brecknell, A. Hurrell, Miss P. Jacobs, A. T. Tolley, R. L. Edwards, C. J. Porteous, D. J. Reese, and W. M. Jollans also spoke.

After the openers had summed-up, the motion was declared defeated by an overwhelming majority, and the meeting was adjourned.

P. R. LANGHAM,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

## JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

As is customary there have been no meetings this term, but five were held last term. These were quite successful, although the attendance at the last two was not as good as usual. The motions to be debated were: "This House believes in Astrology"; "This House thinks the CHRONICLE should cater more for the Lower School"; "This House objects to trial by Jury"; and "This House thinks there should be no Free Press in War-time." The first was lost by 17 votes, the second by 16, the third by 13, and the last by 18.

The fifth meeting took the form of a Brains Trust. This was the first time it had been tried, and it was found to be a great success.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Dunt for his untiring efforts as Chairman, and to the Arts and Crafts Society for their posters.

I. C. DOCKER, *Hon. Secretary.*

## MUSICAL SOCIETY

MEETINGS of the Society have been held throughout the year, and the Joint Orchestra has rehearsed regularly.

A Piano Recital was given by Miss Blount on December 9th, in the Girls' School, and was very well attended. A collection was made for the benefit of the Red Cross.

The concert which we hoped to produce at the end of the Christmas Term did not materialize, but two short lunch-hour concerts were given, one on December 10th, in the Music Room, and the other on December 12th, in the Library. At the former P. J. Higgins and J. R. Crowther played the Golden Sonata for two violins, by Purcell, and at the latter Captain Williams played piano works by Brahms and Debussy.

A concert was produced at the Girls' School on March 5th, at which the Orchestra played and several members of the School contributed solos. A similar concert is being arranged for the end of the Summer Term, and we hope it will be well supported.

Our thanks are due to Miss Clark, of the Girls' School, for the direction of the Joint Orchestra.

J. R. CROWTHER, *Hon. Secretary.*

## SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

ONLY one meeting of the Society has been held this year. This took the form of a lecture on Antarctic Exploration by Dr. Priestley, Vice-Chancellor of Birmingham University.

The lecturer spoke of some of the trials and triumphs of Antarctic endeavour, and the excellent set of photographs which accompanied the lecture showed Dr. Priestley to be a man of no small experience.

A large audience showed their appreciation of this interesting and informative lecture.

J. R. CROWTHER, *Hon. Secretary.*



## PHILATELIC SOCIETY

THE Society has continued to enjoy a successful season despite war-time conditions, and three more meetings have been held; these consisted of talks given by members, followed by general discussions.

On June 1st and 3rd an auction sale of foreign stamps given by members of the Staff and School realized £10 1s. 0d. for the Red Cross.

Thanks are due to Mr. Dunt for taking the chair at the meetings; to Major Lambert for acting as auctioneer at the sale; and to the Arts and Crafts Society for their posters throughout the year.

D. LEWIS, *Hon. Secretary.*

## J.T.C. REPORT

At the beginning of the term the J.T.C. was reorganized into three companies: "A" Company, consisting of Certificate "A" holders and candidates; "B" Company, of second-year cadets; and "C" Company, of recruits. The training for the senior platoon was of an advanced nature, while the remainder continued with normal work until half-term, when the Corps split up into House Companies and began training for the competition to be held at the end of the term.

"X" and "Y" Platoons, the advanced training parades which are held after school hours, have been handicapped by the examinations, but nevertheless a small band of stalwarts has been over an assault course, cleared a house, thrown grenades with vigour, drilled with efficiency, and cleaned rifles with patience. The assault course was lent to us by the Birmingham University S.T.C., who also kindly invited a party of cadets to attend a general course lasting for a week during the Easter Holidays. Our representatives received a very satisfactory report at the end of the course.

The Annual Inspection took place in fine weather on Thursday, May 28th, on the School Field. The salute was taken by Colonel Bullock, Garrison Commander, Birmingham, who later saw training in progress. His report was very favourable. The Band was up to its usual high standard. Older members of the Corps were pleased to see Captain Jackson, a former O.C., among the inspecting officer's party.

"A" Certificate is to be held on July 22nd and 24th, and we hope, in confidence, for a high proportion of success. P.T. has at last started again, while the Gymkhana, which is to be held on July 25th, promises to be a spectacular show. Several of the senior N.C.O.'s will attend "Junior Leader" courses during the Summer Holidays.

Finally, the Corps wishes to express its gratitude to the Edgbaston Golf Club for the use of the Golf Course; and to the R.A.

for the use of the temporary buildings. The officers and R.S.M. Moore the contingent owes a great debt; the time and energy they have devoted to creating an efficient Corps are immeasurable.

P. R. LANGHAM,  
*Company Sergeant-Major*

## A.T.C. REPORT

THE School Flight has now been in existence for more than a year, and numbers exceed establishment. Equipment, too, has increased, notably by the arrival of Blackburn B2 trainer aircraft.

Voluntary Sunday morning classes in navigation have been held this term in addition to the normal week-day parades. In the past six months parties have visited a local aero works, where the assembly of modern bomber was closely watched; R.A.F. Flying Training Station, where few cadets were given "flips" in open, trainer aircraft; and an Operational Training Unit of which nothing may be said.

On June 8th the Flight was officially inspected for the first time by Flight Lieutenant Hayward, D.F.C. Other visitors have included Old Boys now serving in the R.A.F., and Lieut. Buckley, R.N.V.R., who, in a short talk gave some first-hand accounts of flying with the F.A.A. over the sea and over Dunkirk.

Twenty cadets are entered for the Proficiency Certificate Examination this term. In future, a certain standard of swimming and athletics will be demanded.

It is hoped that fifty cadets from the Flight will spend a week of the Summer Holidays at an A.T.C. Camp; the site will be an aerodrome and a number of good flights are anticipated.

The Flight offers its thanks to Mr. E. J. Smith for his assistance in the instruction of navigation and Morse.

The N.C.O.'s roll is as follows:

Flight-Sergeant P. Cuthbertson.  
Sergeant B. H. Burgess.  
Sergeant L. V. Johnson.  
Corporal H. T. Newman.  
Corporal J. F. N. Collins.  
Corporal F. B. Buckley.  
Corporal K. A. Cowan.

B.H.B.,

p.p. P. CUTHBERTSON,  
*Flight Sergeant*

## RED CROSS COLLECTION

FROM September, 1941, to March, 1942, the School contributed £62 1s. 8d. to the Red Cross.

This term the Red Cross and Cot Field collections have been combined and will be paid each year for the support of the School Cot and the remainder will go to the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and John Fund.



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## EDITORIAL

We must salute the School teams on their increased prosperity and success; but our salutation shall not be unconditional. We dislike the inclusive worship of that jealous god, Sport, and regret we cannot point to similar success in the field of scholarship. To this end we have striven to maintain in the CHRONICLE a means by which the School can record not only its deeds but its thoughts; our allowance should not be utilized to the detriment of literary expression. The issue we offer is not outstanding in its literary aspirations, but if encouraged and a response can be evoked we know that there exists in the School a body of people who could assist the CHRONICLE in this direction; to them we appeal!

## NOTES AND NEWS

We congratulate:

C. A. Mayou on being awarded a City of Birmingham Major Scholarship.

D. J. Oakland on being awarded a Warwickshire County Major Scholarship.

N. V. L. Hill, M. G. FitzGerald, G. R. Badger on being awarded Birmingham University Entrance Scholarships.

D. J. Oakland on being awarded Sands-Cox Memorial Scholarship at Birmingham University.

Mr. A. E. Leeds on being promoted Lieutenant.

G. A. Stark on winning the Bache Memorial Cup.

G. A. Stark on winning the Dale Memorial Medal.

The following Prefects left last term:

ALLEN (1935-42); Prefect, 1941-42; School 2nd XV Colours, 1941-42; Secretary of Chess, 1942; School Chess Colours, 1941-42; House Captain of Chess, 1940-41-42.

*Trinity College, Cambridge. Roberts'.*

A. B. BETTS (1936-42); Prefect, 1941-42; Vice-Captain of Rugby Football, 1942; School 1st XV Colours, 1941-42; School 2nd XV Colours, 1940-41-42; P.T. Leader, 1941-42; House Captain of Rugby Football, 1941-42; House P.T. Leader, 1941-42; C.S.M. in J.T.C., 1941-42; House Secretary, 1941-42.

*Pembroke College, Cambridge. Dunt's.*

P. CUTHBERTSON (1934-42); Prefect, 1941-42; School 2nd XV Colours, 1940-41-42; House Captain of Shooting, 1940-41-42; Comptroller of Cot Fund, 1941-42; Recorder of School Club, 1941-42; Flight Sergeant in A.T.C., 1941-42; House Secretary, 1942. *Roberts'.*

A. HURRELL (1936-42); Prefect, 1941-42; School 2nd XV Colours, 1941-42; School 2nd XI Colours, 1942; School Athletics Colours, 1942; School Chess Colours, 1942; Sub-Treasurer of School Club, 1941-42; Troop Leader in Scout Troop, 1941-42.

*St. John's College, Cambridge. Leeds'.*

W. M. JOLLANS (1935-42); Prefect, 1941-42; School 1st XV Colours, 1941-42; School 2nd XV Colours, 1940-41-42; School Chess Colours, 1942; House Captain of Rugby Football, 1941-42.

*St. John's College, Cambridge. Copland's.*

M. N. MOLESWORTH (1938-42); Prefect, 1941-42; School 2nd XV Colours, 1941-42; School Cricket Blazer, 1942; School 2nd XI Colours, 1941-42; House Captain of Rugby Football, 1941-42; House Captain of Cricket, 1942.

*Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. Roberts'.*

B. S. C. QUINT (1937-42); Prefect, 1941-42; Vice-Captain of Shooting, 1942; Secretary of Shooting, 1941-42; School Shooting Colours, 1940-41-42; House Captain of Athletics, 1941-42; House Captain of Shooting, 1941-42; C.S.M. in J.T.C., 1941-42.

*Loughborough College. Dunt's.*

J. R. CROWTHER (1936-42); Prefect, 1942; Captain of Athletics, 1941-42; School Athletics Colours, 1942; House Captain of Swimming, 1941-42; House Captain of Athletics, 1940-41-42; Secretary of Musical Society, 1941-42; Secretary of Scientific Society, 1941-42.

*Birmingham University. Roberts'.*

The following are Prefects for this year:

B. H. MCGOWAN; Captain of the School and General Secretary; Captain of Swimming; Secretary of the Dramatic Society; C.S.M. in J.T.C.; Secretary of Mr. Leeds' House.

P. R. LANGHAM; Captain of Cricket; C.S.M. in J.T.C.



- C. F. FIGURES; Vice-Captain of Cricket.  
 K. T. C. MCKENZIE; Vice-Captain of Swimming.  
 C. J. PORTEOUS; Captain of Athletics; Librarian; Secretary of Mr. Copland's House.  
 D. J. REESE; Captain of Rugby Football; Secretary of Fives; Secretary of Chess.  
 B. E. SWINGLER; Secretary of Literary Society; Editor of the CHRONICLE; Secretary of Mr. Roberts' House.  
 B. A. WIGMORE; Captain of Fives; Vice-Captain and Secretary of Rugby Football; Secretary of Mr. Dunt's House.  
 B. BAILEY; Vice-Captain of Shooting; Secretary of Arts and Crafts Society.  
 F. B. BUCKLEY; Sub-Treasurer of the School Club; Secretary of the Photographic Society.  
 J. J. HOLLAND; Recorder of the School Club.  
 R. W. F. PENNY; Secretary of Cricket; P.T. Leader; C.S.M. in J.T.C.  
 J. H. POOLE; Secretary of Athletics.  
 M. SHOCK; Sub-Editor of the CHRONICLE.  
 M. H. BAILEY.  
 H. D. SCORER; Secretary of the Scientific Society; Flight-Sergeant in A.T.C.  
 L. L. TURNER; Secretary of Shooting.  
 M. H. WHETTON; C.S.M. in J.T.C.

We congratulate B. A. Wigmore and J. H. Poole on being re-awarded their 1st XV Colours; and K. T. C. McKenzie, J. D. Dunkerley, D. K. McGowan, B. H. McGowan, P. R. Langham, R. W. F. Penny, G. L. Arnold on being awarded their 1st XV Colours; and J. D. Dunkerley, C. F. Figures, J. J. Holland, P. R. Langham, B. H. McGowan, D. K. McGowan, K. T. C. McKenzie, R. W. F. Penny, C. J. Porteous, L. L. Turner, M. H. Whetton on being re-awarded their 2nd XV Colours; and G. L. Arnold, F. B. Buckley, P. Tarmey, J. C. Dark, J. H. Pugh, P. W. Welch, M. H. Bailey on being awarded their 2nd XV Colours.

Also J. R. Crowther, C. J. Porteous, J. H. Poole, A. Hurrell, R. W. F. Penny for season 1941-42, and B. H. McGowan for 1942-43 on being awarded their School Athletics Colours.

On November 10th a Joint Social was held in the buildings of the Girls' School, by kind permission of Dr. Smith. About 125 senior members of the two Schools attended, and the profit of £3 15s. 6d. was given to the *Birmingham Mail* Christmas Tree Fund.

The Editors wish to express their appreciation of the assistance which P. Cuthbertson, Esq., gave them in preparing the copy for Press.

## THE HEAD MASTER

OUR Head Master, Mr. C. R. Morris, M.A., has not yet been able to join us. In August the Bailiff received a letter from Mr. Lyttelton, Minister of Production, stating that the work of Mr. Morris was of so national importance and his knowledge of the channels of American production of the materials so useful that—much as we regretted the necessity of making such a decision—he was compelled to retain Mr. Morris while his services remained so essential.

## OBITUARY

### Mr. T. Oliver Lee

THOMAS OLIVER LEE, who died in July at the age of 66, was a member of the Board of Governors, and formerly Bailiff. A solicitor by profession, he took an active part in hospital administration, and was Life Governor of Birmingham University. He was no less distinguished in other fields of public service, and his death leaves a gap which it will be difficult to fill.

### Dr. A. P. Newton

It is with regret that we announce the death of Dr. A. P. Newton, C.B.E., D.Lit., F.S.A., formerly Rhodes Professor of Imperial History at King's College, London, and latterly Emeritus Professor. He had a distinguished academic career, for since 1924 he had been Vice-President of the Historical Association, and he was Vice-President of the Royal Historical Society. Dr. Newton will be specially remembered for his valuable work as joint editor of the *Cambridge History of the British Empire*.

### Mr. W. S. Edwards

Walter Samuel Edwards died at the end of August in his seventy-sixth year. He was well-known in Birmingham as a magistrate and for his work for the Birmingham Midland Eye Hospital, as Chairman of the Management Committee, to which he gave ungrudging service. He leaves a son and a daughter to whom we extend our sympathies.

## CADET FORCE OFFICERS' COURSE 15th-22nd August

WHEN the Army Cadet Force underwent its considerable expansion early this year the War Office appealed to the J.T.C. to give it every possible assistance. The Corps, which had already provided many ready-made officers and N.C.O.s, immediately responded by arranging a six-day course during the summer holidays, for officers of the A.C.F. Its object was to equip students to take War Certificate A Individually to which end an examination was arranged at the end of the week.



The temporary buildings on the Bristol Road were placed at our disposal by Central Midlands District, and used as sleeping quarters and for indoor lectures. Most of the training was carried out in the open, for only on one day was the weather unkind. The ground in the vicinity of the temporary buildings provided endless scope for training; the tarmac, for instance, was an ideal parade ground surface, and the golf course, for the use of which we are grateful to the Edgbaston Club, catered for most kinds of tactical work. For training stores the Corps was practically self-sufficient and everything was used from the sand-table to the aim-correctors; the only items beyond our resources were the more advanced infantry platoon weapons, used in a demonstration, and these were borrowed from the University S.T.C.

The course, with Major Lambert as Commandant, was staffed entirely by personnel of the J.T.C., the administration being in the hands of the officers, and the instruction in the hands of the N.C.O.'s and R.S.M. Moore. Catering, such a vital factor, was attended to by Miss O'Connell and her staff, who generously gave up part of their holiday to do the cooking; they turned out meals of a consistently high standard, and their work was fully appreciated by everyone. In addition to their ministrations a Y.M.C.A. Mobile Canteen attended every evening. The cleaning, etc., of the buildings was performed by Pioneer Corps men, under the eagle eye of the Adjutant, Captain Williams.

Training, under the supervision of Mr. Leeds, was organized into thirty-five one-hour periods, designed to cover the whole certificate A individual syllabus. The instructors worked in pairs or threes, taking alternate periods. It would be invidious to mention any one instructor as outstanding, or all maintained a remarkably high standard. Especial praise is, however, due to the stalwart bunch of junior N.C.O.'s who acted as fatigue men; they did a dull and inconspicuous, but very essential job, cheerfully and efficiently. The course was attended by seventy-two students of all ages, and varying in rank from major to corporal. Although mostly lacking in up-to-date experience, they were fine subjects for instruction, receptive and usually quick to assimilate. They were working under difficulties, for the course was, of necessity, somewhat condensed, and the variety and extent of the subjects (aircraft recognition, for example, was completely new to many students) were a trifle confusing to the complete amateur. The crucial point was naturally the relations between student and instructor, owing to the disparity in age on the one hand and experience on the other; the first lessons were approached with some trepidation, which proved, however, quite

groundless. Give and take on both sides resulted in the instructors being on the best of terms with the students, and this point has been emphasized in the many appreciative letters since received. The students have also presented a cup to the Corps for its best instructor (awarded this year to Sergeant Penny) to mark the occasion of this experiment, for it is the first such course to be held in the country; several similar ones are, however, being organized by various units and, at the request of the War Office, advice and information gained from experience have been sent to them.

Visitors to the course included representatives of the War Office, Western Command, the Central Midlands District, and also the Colonel Commandant of the Warwickshire Cadet Brigade. They were all pleased and impressed by what they saw, and the War Office report was excellent. The success of the course is best expressed though by its results. Sixty-nine of the students took the examination, and sixty-seven obtained War Certificate A Individual. In addition, we are confident that they have taken back to their units some knowledge of modern methods of instruction and respect for K.E.S. Junior Training Corps.

M.H.W.

## FOG

Like a grey-green cloak it comes creeping,  
Crawling over housetops high;  
Oozing into doorways, sneaking in through  
windows,

Everywhere it can lie.

I can see monsters amid the gloom,  
Gliding their slippery ways;  
No gleam from the Pole Star, no glittering  
from Helios,  
Merging nights into days.

Dark deeds are done in the smothering pall,  
Never seeing daylight clear;  
The thud of a bludgeon, wielded by the Evil  
One,

So far and yet so near.

It seems as if Mars does send these shrouds  
To cover up his deeds;  
These things he is doing, shielded by liberty,  
To satisfy his needs.

Oh! will you, Phaethon, disobey your  
parent

Only this once more?

Fear not the thunderbolts, you can evade  
them,

Defy firm Zeus's law,

Some day I know fog will vanish,  
Fleeing this world of ours

When this earth is an Arcady, and life is a  
rhapsody,

And even Hades grows flowers.

G.B.A.



## NEWNHAM BRIDGE, 1942

In the tradition of the two previous years the School Farm Camp was once more held at Newnham Bridge. The camp began on August 1st, and some excitement was occasioned by the late arrival of a high percentage of the advance party. The main party arrived on the following Monday, and agricultural work commenced on the next day. Mr. Nott and Mr. Stubbins succeeded in providing work of infinite variety; hay-making, fruit-picking, potato lifting, wood sawing and helping in the hop yard all came within the scope of our activities. As in the previous year a group "of intellectual giants" wrestled with the manifold problems of supplying the needs of near a thousand hop pickers.

Life under canvas was made easier by favourable weather. This and the excellent cooking contributed to the general good health of the camp. We enjoyed three games with Tenbury Cricket Club, and also played football with K.E.S., Stourbridge; bathing was again popular and bridge was the main occupation in the evenings. The accounts showed a balance of £120—a satisfactory result considering the many comforts enjoyed. The Red Cross and Baden-Powell Fund both received contributions paid from the earnings of boys and staff.

It cannot be doubted that in all aspects the camp was enjoyable; not only was it a pleasant form of national service, but town-dwellers were given an opportunity to rid themselves of their insularity and to appreciate the problems, hopes and outlook of country dwellers. We welcome this opportunity and hope that the scheme shall not perish with the conclusion of the war. Perhaps we all have at the back of our minds when we regard Newnham in retrospect Cowper's words, "God made the country, and man made the town."

B.E.S.

## ADVICE TO ASPIRING RECRUITS

Now if you be a raw recruit,  
Just joined the J.T.C., to boot,  
And if you'd like to learn the route  
That leads to higher types:  
A C.S.M. or Sergeant, say,  
With great advantage, then you may  
Digest this poem and learn the way  
To win yourself some stripes.

Each Wednesday your buttons take  
And polish them until you ache,  
By this you know you ought to make  
Them very, very bright.  
Your belt now place upon the floor,  
Apply your blanco till you're sore,  
And then put on a little more,  
It teaches you to fight.

On Thursday morn you rub your head,  
What! six o'clock, get out of bed?  
You wash and then when you have fed  
For hours you brush your boots.  
Your uniform you buckle on,  
It's nine o'clock, you must be gone  
To join the raw recruits.

Now during the parade you will  
Be taught such things as army drill,  
You'll slope and order arms until  
You feel like dropping dead.  
But don't do this because you know  
Once dead you cannot shout and so  
You'd never be an N.C.O.  
Or so I hear 'tis said.

And so, recruit, you know what's what,  
How quick promotion can be got;  
How to escape from being shot.

But in a word or two  
My last advice to you, recruit:  
If officer should cross your route  
Please do remember to salute—  
Whatever else you do.

N.S.S.

## THE WEEK

I was reading a little Latin the other day when I came across one of those awkward Latin dates, and as I wrestled with that Kalends and Ides, I wished heartily that the Romans had possessed some sensible way of naming the days, some convenient institution like the week. It was then quite suddenly I realized what a blessing the week was; yet I had always taken it for granted and had indeed no notion why or how it came into existence. Even superficial reflection showed me that it was something quite artificial, not a natural cycle like month or year, which were marked out for early man by the movements of the sun and moon.

I remembered that the Jews had a Sabbath (Sabbath) every seven days, and the Romans a market day (Nundinae) every eight, and to some extent a week can be said to exist where such a cycle of recurrence is found. But it was only a rudimentary form of week, not at all the same as our week. Ours has names for every day of these names are either the Latin or Teutonic names for the seven planets: Sun, Moon, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn in that order. But now the question arises why had the planets been connected with the week-days, and also why had this particular order been adopted, since the normal arrangement according to their supposed distance from the earth is as follows: Moon, Mercury, Venus, Sun, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn.

To answer that, I had to delve into astrology. It seems that according to astrological lore every hour of every



had a planet to watch over it, the first hour falling to Saturn, the second to Jupiter, and so on down the list. The first hour of the day was the 'regent,' and gave the day its name. Starting with Saturn's day (because this corresponded with the Jewish Sabbath and was probably the first day to be recognized as such) and assigning one hour to the planets in succession, we find that the twenty-fifth hour—i.e., the first hour of the next day—is the Sun's day, the forty-ninth the Moon's day, and so on; thus we find the normal week order.

The next problem was to decide how the planetary week spread over Europe in countries which had certainly known nothing of it. This would have been a simple problem had the Roman Government ever given the week its official sanction; unfortunately, all it did was reform the calendar. What then had supplied the driving force to bring about this change? At first it might appear to be astrology, but astrology was interested in hours rather than days, and in any case belief in astrology was never strong enough to effect such a revolution as this; astrology had not even a day lore of its own.

Christianity alone seems responsible for the impetus. Large numbers of Christians were Jews, and when they came to set up regular meetings they found the Sabbath unsuitable and chose Sunday because it was the day of the Resurrection; hence the name Lord's Day, dimanche, domenica (Italian). Friday also took on a special significance as the day of the Passion. Thus the hard kernel of the new week was formed and the astrological ideas of the time quickly crystallized. It will be seen then that, while the planetary week of the astrologers prepared the soil, it was Christianity that planted the vital seed and nourished it into a healthy existence.

F.O.

### I AM ALONE

I AM alone: that is the thought  
Which has assailed me. You, my world,  
Can exist entirely through my eyes.  
No separate existence thine,  
But domination by a will,  
As Whose strength is such that it controls  
The puny destinies and fates  
Of those poor creatures I conceive.  
My power, once utter and complete,  
Creates a mad and lustful world;  
But I alone can deal the final stroke  
With Of death, the final blow of all,  
At which an end is made at last  
To diabolic power,  
To every petty quarrel, fear and hate.  
There rests one moment. I can make you  
—  
For when I close my eyes oblivion  
Descends upon you all, serene and pure.  
I move my gaze: a vision flickers thus;

I am great Solomon, to order and command;  
But what of ordered beauty I have seen  
Is outweighed far by scenes of filth and vice.  
My petty world exists to test my life;  
To make for that perfection in mankind  
Which long has been sought after, ne'er  
achieved;

The choice is mine, what use I make of it.  
Why should I waste my time and power  
On a mere figment? Unanswered yet.  
But still I write this; approbation  
Remains a glorious thing, despite  
It come from those whose thoughts are mine.  
The world, the sun, the stars: they are not,  
Save through my own distorted vision.  
And yet you scurry to and fro, to form  
The fearsome pattern of futility.

K.P.T.

### ORIENTAL CULTURE

In this present age of progress and invention there is a tendency among art critics to forget the ancient majesty of the East, with its vast store of legend, poem and philosophy. The civilization of the Asiatic races is a good deal older and more dignified than our own, and the most casual observer cannot fail to be moved by its sound wisdom and cultural beauty.

This culture shines out through all their artistic works, whether they be literary, architectural, or theological. The Taj Mahal at Agra, with its glistening marble domes and slender minarets, has always been looked upon with a mixture of awe and admiration, while the multitudes of shrines and temples scattered throughout the Orient invariably possess this beautiful exotic flavour. This wondrous quality has the additional charm of being appreciated by both esoteric and exoteric travellers.

The literature of India and China is largely to be found in the sacred books of Hinduism and Buddhism. Of the former by far the greatest treasure house is the Vedas. This word is the term applied to the divine unwritten knowledge imagined to have issued like breath from the self-existent being called Brahma, and thought to be in itself self-existent. The Vedas are subdivided into the Mantras, which are prayers and hymns; the Brahmana, or ritualistic precept and illustration written in prose; and the Upanishads, a mystical or secret doctrine appended by the aforesaid Brahmana and written in prose and occasional verse. The Buddhist canons are rather similar and all these books are well worth intelligent perusal.

Perhaps the best source of Indian philosophy is through the Upanishads and Bhagavad-Gita, which represents the Eclectic school of philosophic thought. The real author of the latter is unknown, nor is it known when the work was inserted in the



Mahabharate, in which poem it lies inlaid like a pearl, contributing, with other numerous episodes, to the tessellated character of that immense epic. The essence of Oriental philosophy, however, seems to be bound up in the following dictum, which one may take to be the soul of modern Hinduism to-day: "All this, Universe indeed is Brahma," from him does it proceed, into him is it dissolved; in him it breathes. So let everyone adore him calmly." B.D.E.

### AN OLD FRIEND

I SEE before me the fire-balls of his eyes,  
Like dying embers in the midst of night,  
Fleeing as souls departing from the dead.  
He will surmount the chasm of our dusk,  
Alighting on the steps that glory holds,  
And unto heaven he will come—restored.  
He will be raised into eternity,  
Above the earth and temporality;  
And from the suffering that this world does know

Shall he ascend beyond the woes of earth,  
Into a place where Beauty flowers serene,  
Where Truth is Truth, forever Truth to be.  
Yet now look back upon this naked earth,  
With blood and hate, asperity and grief;  
Surely 'tis all possessed with nought—'tis dearth.

The world is not so dark and drab and dreary,  
So vain, so profitless; a stagnant germ.  
There lies a hand behind this chaos, a mind,  
An aim, an end, a purpose full of hope,  
Touching the fringes of the Absolute.

A.S.

### JOSEF HOLBROOKE

It had been a long time since England could boast a composer. Two hundred years, in fact, had passed since Purcell's day, and during the whole of that time England had lain fallow. Unfortunately, onlookers had taken this lying fallow for sterility, and the tradition had grown up that England was an unmusical country. But suddenly, to the incredulity and astonishment of "those who knew," the dormant countryside began to awaken, the apparently sterile soil began to prove itself astonishingly fertile; and a school of English composers appeared, equal, if not superior, to any contemporaries on the Continent.

First came Elgar, and no one in England appreciated his genius. People had forgotten the sound of true English music. His idiom was strange, and the academic gentlemen at home could not sense his talent through this shroud. Only the enthusiasm of Richard Strauss and Richter brought Elgar recognition. Now he is popular.

But Elgar's followers were not so fortunate. The critics said, "A great English composer is an impossibility" (they made exception in favour of Elgar, of course, and that was enough). And when Josef Holbrooke, greatest of English composers appeared before the public, they still looked the other way.

And what is it that the English public rejecting? What is Josef Holbrooke's music like? More so than Elgar's it is the English music. Great, sounding phrases full of a new freshness and assuredness come from an orchestra perfectly understood. Often exquisitely tender, this music is so without any trace of cloying foreign sentimentality. The great, cool, clear air of the open spaces; the fiery elements of energy of Nature; the wonderful contentment of England's green, sweet-smelling fields, speak in it. Holbrooke's music is more than just his own style. The inspired stuff we are always hearing and being told is English music is nothing of the kind; true spirit breathes in Holbrooke's music. But the listener must be prepared to give himself to it, to overcome his initial strangeness; then will he experience a thrill from no other music. Holbrooke, there is doubt, will ultimately be recognized and called "genius" with the greatest.

A.H.P.W.

### NATURAL DREAM

In the valley of the mites  
Is a genius who writes,  
And when evil childish voices  
Wake me starting in the night,  
In the valley there are voices;  
Voices, thin, and shrill, and slight.  
Ah! the merry children sleeping  
In their beds as cold as ice,  
How I love their goodly keeping,  
And the merry mothers weeping,  
And when evil's in the air,  
It is better to be sleeping,  
For the voices bright and rare  
Do not care for starlit peeping.

A.H.P.W.

### CYNICISM

Most of us are quite wrong about cynicism. There are two presentations of it—one springs from conviction; the other springs from affectation. We who interpret sigh at the disrepute brought up the former by the latter.

Cynicism in the exhibitionist manner is result of a life free from care; cynicism arising from frustration is a synonym expressed disillusionment. The true cynic is dominated wholly by his belief the fool employs it as a vehicle for



centred self-expression. It is either a dogma or a fad, a matter of extremes. The true cynic is never happy; the disciple of adopted cynicism is always happy in the exposition of his cleverness.

Mr. G. K. Chesterton has said that there is no bigot like the atheist; similarly, there is no bigot like the cynic. His creed is a form of defeatism, incurred by suspicion and mistrust of human motives. He acknowledges himself powerless except as a destructive critic; he is negative and uncreative.

Yesterday I asked a man, "What would you do if someone gave you a million pounds?" His answer is typical. "I would find out if it had been stolen."

In its more advanced stages cynicism becomes no more than applied intolerance; this has attached to it an unpleasant reputation which it need not deserve. But it is a sad commentary on our civilization that experience so often induces a cynical outlook. Yet it is so; when this war is ended it is not the revolutionaries we must fear; but the silent, unconscious cynic, who knows that his world will never serve him well.

K.P.T.

## THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA

### From the Spanish

With creaking keels the waters cleaving,  
And whistling winds their light sails heaving,  
Throughout long nights, by storms oppressed,  
Manned by scant crews, who scarce dare hope  
for rest,

Across the hitherto uncharted seas,  
Journey three caravels. Frail venturers  
these,

Their native shores thus leaving far behind  
For others, which perchance they may not  
find,

With one poor scholar as their only guide,  
These few roughmen, in many a hazard tried,  
Who, placing all at stake, would nothing lose,  
Who fear no loss when they adventure choose.  
None knows what is their goal, nor where it  
lies.

Of rowers and dreamers this strange enter-  
prise

Goes on its way, white foam on either hand,  
Seeking of the broad sea some strange new  
land.

They scruple not their Spanish blood to shed  
On distant strands, by parching sun baked  
red,

Conquering the Indian in heroic fight,  
Bringing, as did God, a new world to light.

To this Americo gave his own name,  
And its conception brought Columbus fame.

But they who gave their strength, who  
rowed and fought

Forever stay forgotten, gaining nought.

E.G.

## A.T.C. CAMP

DURING the summer holidays, forty-two members of the School Flight attended a week's camp at a Midland aerodrome. Though several times visits to different aerodromes have been arranged, this was the first opportunity of spending more than a day on a R.A.F. station.

We were quartered in tents for the first half of the week, then, when a day's rain made them unserviceable, in a hut. Meals, which were good, though lacking in details like salt and sugar, were served in one of the dining halls.

Naturally everyone was keen to fly, and fortunately both weather for the first four days and pilots were favourable, so that every cadet had at least one flight. These were usually "circuits and bumps," as they are descriptively termed, landing and take-off practice for pilots completing their training. Most people enjoyed the first circuit, but far less felt so fit after six or seven. A few more fortunate cadets were taken as far as the coast, which proved to be a most interesting trip.

Some of us were able to pilot an "aircraft," the Link Trainer, which we did with varying success. There seem to be several things which require doing simultaneously, and the Link gives a most realistic representation of a spin if not properly handled.

During the week several hours were spent in the Armoury, where we examined three types of machine-guns and various ammunition, and in the range for some instruction on the rifle. A number of cadets tried working a power-operated gun-turret used for training air gunners. On another day we were shown over a bomber, and given a talk on dinghies and abandonment of the aircraft, which was completed in a visit to the Parachute Department.

But life at camp was not, as may have been gathered, a continual sideshow. A considerable time was spent in "station duties"; this all-embracing activity included salvage-sorting, window cleaning, and floor scrubbing. There was also some foot drill and physical training, which were both rather more strenuous than we were used to, but they were enjoyed. Finally, reveille at six, half-an-hour before the rest of the station, and guard duty, night and day, served to remind us that we were not merely on holiday.

Apart from the official time-table permission was granted for cadets to visit the Central Tower, which we all did in turn. Tours of the meteorological and signals sections were arranged for cadets whose interests lay in those directions. Indeed, the whole station was open to us, except, of course, the operations rooms. We did,



however, enter this once, under the guidance of the Station C.O., who presented our proficiency certificates, but only then because it was raining outside, where we had paraded.

Our gratitude is due both to our own officers and to the R.A.F. personnel, who did everything they could to make the camp the success it was. It is hoped that this will prove to be the first of a series of annual A.T.C. camps.

E.W.H.

## RELATIVITY

Two happenings which may seem to me  
To happen simultaneously  
To someone else, provided he  
Is moving relative to me,  
May very often seem to be  
Not happening simultaneously  
But at a different time from me :  
And that is relativity.

N.S.S.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL REPORT

THE School has, this season, one of the best all-round XV's that it has had for many years. The forwards have in every case, except against very heavy Army XV's, been better than the opponents, while the defence of both forwards and backs has been sound. The back division is as a whole very fast, but unfortunately only in one or two games have they really got into their stride. The XV has so far been fortunate in having many matches, although the usual fixtures against Ratcliffe College and Trent College have proved impossible owing to transport difficulties. Several games have been played against Service XV's, some of whom have won by sheer weight and speed, but in every case the School has put up a very good show against much more experienced opponents. Indeed, the better the opposition the better has the School team played. The record against other schools has been good; Bedford Modern School, Cotton College, Solihull School and Warwick School have been beaten, while the game against Denstone was lost by that narrowest of margins—a drop-goal. Matches against "The Parasites" and an R.A.F. XV remain to be played this term, while everyone is looking forward eagerly to playing Bromsgrove at the commencement of the Christmas holidays.

The Second XV has to date played only three matches, one of which was won, one drawn and one narrowly lost. The Third XV has been unfortunate in having had all its matches cancelled so far. The two Colts XV's (under 15 and under 14) have many very promising players, but these teams have suffered from lack of practice consequent upon a depleted squad and shortage of pitches.

In conclusion, I should like to thank all those masters who have given assistance in refereeing and especially to Mr. Copland, Mr. Leeds and Mr. Metcalfe for their unstinted help and advice with the School XV's. Also should I like to thank all those parents who have so willingly and splendidly helped the secretary to supply teas under difficult circumstances.

D. J. REESE,

*Captain of XV*

## RESULTS OF MATCHES

### FIRST XV

October	3—v. Nomads R.F.C. ....	Home.	Won	11
"	7—v. Bedford Modern School .....	Away.	Won.	16
"	8—v. An R.A. XV .....	Home.	Lost.	19
"	10—v. R.A.F., Stafford .....	Home.	Won.	35
"	15—v. An R.A. XV .....	Home.	Lost.	6
"	17—v. Nomads, R.F.C. ....	Home.	Won.	12
"	24—v. Birmingham University II .....	Home.	Lost.	5
"	28—v. Cotton College .....	Home.	Won.	10
"	31—v. Denstone College .....	Home.	Lost.	8
November	7—v. Solihull School .....	Away.	Won.	17
"	14—v. R.A.F., Hednesford .....	Home.	Lost.	10
"	21—v. Warwick School .....	Away.	Won.	22

### SECOND XV

October	17—v. K.E.G.S., Camp Hill .....	Home.	Drawn.	6
November	14—v. Stratford G.S.I. ....	Away.	Lost.	3
"	21—v. Warwick School .....	Home.	Won.	20

### COLTS XV

November	7—v. Solihull School .....	Away.	Lost.	8
"	21—v. Warwick School .....	Away.	Lost.	6

### " UNDER 14 " XV

October	17—v. K.E.G.S., Camp Hill .....	Away.	Lost.	0
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## Rugger Characters

D. J. REESE, *Captain* (1941-42-43). One of the finest wing forwards the School has produced. He is extremely energetic, and has also filled the position of fly-half with some success. He is always prominent in forward rushes, where his speed coupled with excellent dribbling makes him hard to stop. He smotheres the opposing halves well, though sometimes beaten by a fly-half's swerve. He leads the pack really efficiently and under his captaincy the team has shown more promise than for many years. (*Copland's*).—B.A.W.

B. A. WIGMORE, *Vice-Captain and Secretary* (1941-42-43). A full-back whose positioning has been vastly improved with experience. He handles, kicks and tackles well. At the beginning of the season he was, perhaps, over-confident, but has been really good in recent matches. He has a useful and very accurate, though not powerful, place-kick. He has been an efficient secretary. (*Captain of Dunt's*.)

J. H. POOLE (1941-42-43). A player who has all the qualifications necessary for a very fine three-quarter. He has weight, a safe and crashing tackle, and is easily the fastest member of the team. He is a bulwark in defence and at times devastating in attack, while he is still improving rapidly. He also has a powerful place-kick and has converted several tries from difficult angles. (*Leeds'*.)

K. T. C. MCKENZIE (1942-43). Despite lack of weight he is one of the best back-row forwards the School has produced for many seasons. He is literally everywhere—at the head of forward rushes, with the three-quarters in attack; he has also been a great help to the backs in defence. His tackling is always hard and he drops on exceedingly well. When called upon to do so he has led the forwards very well indeed. (*Captain of Leeds'*.)

J. D. DUNKERLEY (1942-43). A small, wiry scrum-half, whose passes are improving both in length and accuracy. His defence behind the scrum is very good indeed. Fast off the mark, he is difficult to stop and has scored several individual tries from the base of the scrum. (*Leeds'*.)

D. K. MCGOWAN (1942-43). A good hooker, who is also prominent in the loose, especially in line-outs, where he jumps well. When in possession of the ball he always runs hard. (*Leeds'*.)

B. H. MCGOWAN (1942-43). A three-quarter who makes up for lack of speed by hard running. Having overcome a desire to run across he has been prominent in recent matches. His tackling is good but he still cannot kick. (*Leeds'*.)

P. R. LANGHAM (1942-43). An experienced front-row forward who works steadily in the

loose and tight. Having lost a costly tendency to knock back from line-outs he now combines well in the normal "take." (*Leeds'*.)

R. W. F. PENNY (1942-43). A fast elusive outside who perhaps shows more suitability for fly-half than anyone else. He has played there and on the wing. He has a very good punt and drop-kick, but his tackling is unsound, while he should run harder. (*Copland's*.)

G. L. ARNOLD (1942-43). A very young second-row forward who is especially good at crashing through loose scrums. At present he tends to hang on to the ball too long, but should be very good with more experience. (*Roberts'*.)

C. J. PORTEOUS. A tall fast wing three-quarter, who runs hard with determination and has a good tackle. Outstanding during the first few games, he has unfortunately been unable to play since owing to illness. This has caused a gap in the team that has been difficult to fill. (*Captain of Copland's*.)

F. B. BUCKLEY. A very tall, powerfully built forward, whose height is useful in line-outs. He has only played rugger for two seasons, and thus is very inexperienced, but he learns quickly and is improving rapidly. (*Roberts'*.)

C. F. FIGURES. A centre three-quarter who, although small, is fairly fast and elusive and frequently cuts through well. His handling is now good, but although he is not afraid to go low his tackling is rather uncertain. He has a powerful and accurate place kick. (*Copland's*.)

J. J. HOLLAND. A fast, but light, wing forward, whose dribbling is good. He breaks quickly and is always up with the play, but he tries to anticipate too much and seldom tackles. His handling is poor. (*Copland's*.)

L. L. TURNER. A tall, heavy, front-row forward, who shoves hard and catches cleanly in the line-outs. He makes frequent marks. More fire and vigour would vastly improve his play. (*Captain of Roberts'*.)

M. H. WHETTON. A second-row forward who consistently plays hard and vigorously in the thick of the scrum, but who is seldom conspicuous. He and Arnold have made a good solid basis for the tight scrums. (*Roberts'*)

Also played: J. H. PUGH, J. C. DARK, M. H. BAILEY, K. M. HUDSON, P. TARMÉY, P. W. WELCH, and J. N. JACKSON.

## SCHOOL v. BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL.

Played on October 7th at Rugby.

We again played Bedford Modern at Rugby owing to the kindness of Rugby School.

The game in the first half was scrappy; the School forwards failed to combine well,



and wild passing among the backs gave Bedford several openings. The scoring began when the Bedford fly-half intercepted well and ran through to score. The try was converted. Later he intercepted again, but was chased and tackled by Dark. The School were now settling down, and drew level with a try by Dunkerley, converted by B. A. Wigmore. Just before half-time a fine movement in which many forwards and backs participated swept almost the full length of the field before being halted. After half-time the School established a superiority; the forwards began to combine well and shoved Bedford's heavier pack, while the backs were handling and running better. Further tries were scored by McGowan and J. H. Poole, who both beat their opposite number and the full-back, and by Dunkerley, who forced his way over near the corner flag after a quick heel from a scrum near the Bedford line. J. H. Poole converted McGowan's try.

*Result: Won 16-5.*

#### SCHOOL v. COTTON COLLEGE.

*Played on October 28th at Eastern Road.*

Owing to Cotton's late arrival only twenty minutes' play each way was possible.

The School started badly; Cotton kicked high ahead and, following hard, were able to tackle B. A. Wigmore and to dribble on to score owing to the slackness of the School in not getting back in defence. The School now played harder, and J. D. Dunkerley exploited the "blind" side well to enable J. H. Poole to force his way over the line. With the School still pressing a further try resulted on the "blind" side after a quick heel from a tight scrum. Both tries were very well converted by J. H. Poole. The second half was very even. The School came the closest to scoring when a good three-quarter movement sent Penny down the wing to pass inside to J. H. Poole, who kicked ahead over the Cotton goal line, but was unfortunate to be beaten by the bounce of the ball.

*Result: Won 10-5.*

#### SCHOOL v. DENSTONE COLLEGE.

*Played on November 2nd at Eastern Road.*

The Denstone three-quarters soon proved that they were fast, but hard tackling, judicious kicking and vigorous play from the forwards kept most of the play in the Denstone half. Soon, however, the Denstone three-quarters combined well for their left wing to score. The try was converted. The School responded well, and J. D. Dunkerley forced his way over the line from the base of the scrum. J. H. Poole converted. The School forwards remained on top but failed to score, while hard tackling prevented the Denstone three-quarters from breaking through. The School three-quarters

while tackling well could do little against the very fast Denstone defence. Early in the second half Denstone were awarded drop-goal and later their fly-half cut straight through to enable his left-centre to score. This was the only real lapse by the School defence. The School forwards now attacked strongly in rushes, and Penny, helping one of these, dribbled nearly fifty yards to score. The rest of the game was hard fought but no further score resulted.

In this game the forwards, led by K. T. McKenzie, played magnificently, while the defence of the whole team was very good indeed.

*Result: Lost 8-12.*

### CRICKET PROSPECTS

WITH two colours and seven regular members of last year's XI still remaining prospective for next season are bright. Both batting and bowling should profit by coaching, the practice of an intensive nature will be necessary if a really high standard is to be reached. The Easter holidays should be used by all prospective members of School team as an opportunity to get and keep fit.

P. R. LANGHAM

C. F. FIGURES

### REPORT ON THE SWIMMING SPORTS

THE Annual Swimming Sports were held on July 25th, 1942, in Kent Street Baths. The cups and trophies were distributed by Dr. Mary Winfield. In order to clarify an anomalous situation it has been decided to establish or confirm school records for standard events in the Open, Intermediate and Junior classes. For this reason we present results of all races in which records were established as well as of Open events.

*Open 50 Yards, Free Style.*—1, D. McGowan and A. T. Churchman, 29½-secs.

*100 Yards, Free Style.*—1, D. McGowan; 2, J. K. Hodgskin-Brown; 3, D. W. Meredith. Time, 71½-secs.

*200 Yards, Free Style.*—1, J. K. Hodgskin-Brown; 2, D. K. McGowan; 3, B. McGowan. Time, 2-mins. 44½-secs. (Record.)

*50 Yards Back Stroke.*—1, J. K. Hodgskin-Brown; 2, D. K. McGowan; 3, B. McGowan. Time, 36½-secs. (Record.)

*100 Yards, Breast Stroke.*—1, Br. Bailey; 2, B. H. McGowan; 3, A. St. Holbrook. Time, 90-secs.

*Dive.*—1, B. H. McGowan; 2, J. Hodgskin-Brown; 3, D. W. Meredith.



## INTERMEDIATE. (Under 16½)

50 Yards, Free Style.—1, D. K. McGowan; 2, G. A. Mansfield. Time, 30-secs. (Record.)  
100 Yards, Free Style.—1, D. K. McGowan; 2, N. A. Bates; 3, G. A. Mansfield. Time, 71½-secs. (Record.)

## JUNIOR (Under 15)

50 Yards, Free Style.—1, Br. O. Bailey; 2, G. A. Mansfield; 3, M. A. Collins. Time, 32½-secs. (Record.)  
50 Yards Back Style.—1, N. A. Bates; 2, Br. O. Bailey; 3, G. A. Mansfield. Time, 41½-secs. (Record.)

House Junior Relay (Scarf II).—1, Copland's; 2, Leeds'; 3, Roberts'.

House Second Relay (Scarf I).—1, Leeds'; 2, Roberts'; 3, Copland's.

House First Team Relay (Philip's).—1, Leeds'; 2, Roberts'; 3, Dunt's.

Cup for Junior Champion.—Br. O. Bailey, 22 points.

Senior Champion (Carr Cup).—J. K. Hodgskin-Brown, 26 points.

Allday Shield (Term Competition).—1, Leeds', 164 points; 2, Roberts', 104½ points; 3, Copland's, 85.4 points; 4, Dunt's, 74.8 points.

Jacot Cup (Cock House at Sports).—1, Leeds, 136½ points; 2, Roberts', 73 points; 3, Copland's, 42½ points; 4, Dunt's, 42 points.

B. H. McGOWAN,

Captain of Swimming.

## ETON FIVES REPORT

IN spite of all the difficulties arising out of war-time conditions, Fives still carries on. Shortage of balls and gloves has created a new and immediate problem which we have so far managed to overcome by practising severe economy.

This term we are hoping to complete two rounds of House matches, but as long as our courts are uncovered we are very much at the mercy of the weather. The standard of play is still improving, while enthusiasm for the game has by no means decreased. Many of the younger players show a considerable amount of promise, though, as usual, all the best Fives players also play rugger, and in consequence suffer from lack of practice.

The School Team, comprised of D. J. Reese, K. M. Hudson, J. H. Pugh and B. A. Wigmore, has not as yet played any matches; a match against Repton has been arranged for later in the term, and next term we hope to play several School games.

Finally, I should like to express our thanks to Mr. Smith for his unfailing interest and help in such a trying period for Fives.

B. A. WIGMORE,

Captain of Fives.

## ATHLETICS

### Sports

THE Sports were held on Saturday, July 18th, several events having been run off on previous days. With bright weather during the preceding fortnight enthusiasm ran high, particularly in the middle and lower schools; a fact which amply compensated for the seniors' disadvantage in having simultaneous examinations. Doubling past year's totals, the grand number of 904 standards was obtained—breaking all records. In events preceding the sports, J. H. Poole ran a fine 220 yards, breaking the record previously established in 1888 by A. W. Charles by three-fifths of a second, his time being 23½-secs. The record for the Intermediate 220 yards was also broken by B. B. Woodward with a time of 25½-secs. A. Hurrell was unfortunate not to break the half-mile record, his time being 2-mins. 9-secs.—three-fifths of a second short. Weather broke for Saturday, however, marring the early half of the afternoon, in view of which performances were good. The best event of the day was the Senior Team Race, won by Copland's with a foot to spare. Dr. M. S. Smith, Head Mistress of King Edward's High School for Girls, visiting the School for the first time since her appointment, presented the trophies. Our thanks are especially due to Mr. Leeds for his organization of the sports and to Mr. Hearne for his work at the ground.

## SHOOTING REPORT

EXAMINATION pressure at the end of the Summer Term was responsible for obstacles which prevented the shooting of King George V Competition during that term. Consequently this term the VIII practices and matches have been restricted in order to allow for the completion of that competition.

During October a side-by-side match was shot with an Artillery Battery. Result: K.E.S., 249; Battery, 195. Won. One other postal match has been fired. Result: K.E.S., 577; Dulwich College, 703; St. Paul's, 615. Lost. Five other postal matches have been arranged for later in the term.

The VIII was represented by J. M. Bowes, B. Bailey, Turner, Bingham, Harris, Thornton, Bird, Dark. Phillips has also shot.

No House matches have been fired during this term, but they will be shot during the Easter Term.

Our most sincere thanks are due to Mr. Leeds, Major Lambert, and Mr. Ballance for enduring with great patience many trials, not the least of which being an VIII without a scope.

J. M. BOWES,

Captain of Shooting.



Results were as follows:

### OPEN

100 Yards.—1, J. H. Poole (L.); 2, J. R. Crowther (R.); 3, B. S. C. Quint (D.). Time, 11-secs.

\*220 Yards.—1, J. H. Poole (L.); 2, R. W. F. Penny (C.); 3, J. R. Crowther (R.). Time, 23½-secs. (Record.)

440 Yards.—1, J. H. Poole (L.); 2, R. W. F. Penny (C.); 3, A. Hurrell (L.). Time, 57½-secs.

\*Half-mile.—1, A. Hurrell (L.); 2, B. H. McGowan (L.); 3, R. L. Edwards (L.). Time, 2-mins. 9-secs.

Mile.—1, A. Hurrell (L.); 2, B. H. McGowan (L.); 3, J. G. Grew (C.). Time, 5-mins. 6½-secs.

120 Yards (Hurdles).—1, J. D. Dunkerley (L.). (All others disqualified.) Time, 18½-secs.

\*Long Jump.—1, A. Hurrell (L.); 2, J. H. Poole (L.); 3, J. D. Dunkerley (L.). Distance, 18-ft. 2-ins.

High Jump.—1, R. L. Edwards (L.); 2, B. S. C. Quint (D.); 3, A. Hurrell (L.). Height, 4-ft. 11½-ins.

Discus.—1, R. W. F. Penny (C.); 2, C. J. Porteous (C.); 3, D. K. McGowan (L.). Distance, 102-ft. 1-in.

\*Javelin.—1, C. F. Figures (C.); 2, P. R. Langham (L.); 3, A. Hurrell (L.). Distance, 134-ft.

Weight.—1, R. W. F. Penny (C.); 2, C. A. B. Betts (D.); 3, J. H. Poole (L.). Distance, 33-ft. 9-ins.

### INTERMEDIATE

100 Yards.—1, J. H. Pugh (C.); 2, B. B. Woodward (L.); 3, P. O. Kendrick (R.). Time, 11½-secs.

\*220 Yards.—1, B. B. Woodward (L.); 2, J. H. Pugh (C.); 3, A. W. Luckman (D.). Time, 25½-secs. (Record.)

440 Yards.—1, J. H. Pugh (C.); 2, B. B. Woodward (L.); 3, F. B. Buckley (R.). Time, 60½-secs.

\*Half-mile.—1, J. D. Smallwood (L.); 2, J. E. York (L.); 3, K. S. Makin (L.). Time, 2-mins. 28½-secs.

120 Yards (Hurdles).—1, K. S. Makin (L.); 2, J. D. Smallwood (L.). Time, 20-secs.

Long Jump.—1, B. B. Woodward (L.); 2, P. O. Kendrick (R.); 3, F. B. Buckley (R.). Distance, 16-ft. 0½-ins.

\*High Jump.—1, K. S. Makin (L.); 2, M. Morrison (R.); 3, A. W. Luckman (D.). Height, 4-ft. 6-ins.

\*Discus.—1, J. D. Smallwood (L.); 2, J. H. Pugh (C.); 3, P. O. Kendrick (R.). Distance, 75-ft. 1-in.

Javelin.—1, K. S. Makin (L.); 2, J. H. Pugh (C.); 3, F. B. Buckley (R.). Distance, 122-ft. 10-ins.

\*Weight.—1, F. B. Buckley (R.); 2, D. G. Bird (D.); 3, J. H. Pugh (C.). Distance, 35-ft. 11-ins.

### JUNIOR

100 Yards.—1, W. G. Tomlinson (R.); 2, W. D. Treadwell (L.); 3, J. G. Pardoe (R.). Time, 13-secs.

220 Yards.—1, W. G. Tomlinson (R.); 2, A. J. Jacombs (D.); 3, W. D. Treadwell (L.). Time, 29½-secs.

\*Long Jump.—1, M. V. Simpson (C.); 2, W. G. Tomlinson (R.); 3, M. G. Spencer (L.). Distance, 14-ft. 1-in.

\*High Jump.—1, M. V. Simpson (C.); 2, T. R. Reese (C.); 3, J. G. Pardoe (L.). Height, 3-ft. 11-ins.

Cricket Ball.—1, M. V. Simpson (C.); 2, T. R. Reese (C.); 3, A. J. Jacombs (L.). Distance, 177-ft. 9-ins.

### UNDER 12½

\*80 Yards.—1, P. B. Jackson (L.); 2, B. M. Cooper (L.); 3, C. F. C. Oerton (L.).

100 Yards.—1, P. B. Jackson (L.); 2, B. M. Cooper (L.); 3, H. G. Mitchell (L.). Time, 13½-secs.

220 Yards.—1, P. B. Jackson (L.); 2, B. M. Cooper (L.); 3, A. E. H. Turner (L.). Time, 31½-secs.

\*Long Jump.—1, P. B. Jackson (L.); 2, A. E. H. Turner (R.); 3, æq., H. G. Mitchell (C.). B. M. Cooper (L.). Distance, 13-ft. 1½-ins.

\*Cricket Ball.—1, B. M. Cooper (L.); 2, J. A. Morgan (D.); 3, A. E. H. Turner (R.). Distance, 158-ft. 9½-ins.

Senior Team Race (8×220).—1, Copland's, 2, Leeds'; 3, Roberts'. Time, 3-mins. 30½-secs.

Junior Team Race (6×220).—1, Dunt's, 2, Leeds'; 3, Copland's. Time, 3-mins. 2½-secs.

Under 12½ Championship.—P. B. Jackson (L.), 26 points.

Junior Championship.—M. V. Simpson (C.), 18 points.

Intermediate Championship.—J. H. Poole (C.), 36 points.

Open Championship.—J. H. Poole (C.), 38 points. Runner-up: A. Hurrell (L.), 37 points.

John Urry Memorial Cup (for Standards).—Leeds', 268 points.

Milton Trophy (House Championship).—Leeds', 433½ points. Runners-up: Copland's, 327½ points.

After the Sports, J. H. Poole, A. Hurrell, R. W. F. Penny and C. J. Porteous were awarded their School Athletics Colours for 1941-42.

\*Denotes event run before the Saturday



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*Back Row:* B. L. OWEN, G. A. PELL, D. J. BIRCH, M. N. MOLESWORTH, J. H. POOLE, P. A. KAVANAGH,  
J. D. DUNKERLEY.  
*Front Row:* M. G. FITZGERALD, C. F. FIGURES, P. R. LANGHAM (Captain), R. W. F. PENNY,  
B. A. WIGMORE.



## School v. Two Searchlight Battery Teams.

On the evening of Friday, October 16th, the School ran its first match for several years—a triangular one—in which we competed against two searchlight battery teams stationed in the temporary buildings. The match was run in pumps to conform with the Army, and there had been no opportunity for practice in the midst of rugby, so that times were slow and performances in the field events were especially affected. Nevertheless, all events were hotly contested. Hard running by Poole, McGowan, and Penny enabled the School to take first place in each track event, and it was particularly gratifying that both the quarter and half-mile team races were also won. With points being 3, 2 and 1 for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively, School tied for first place at 39½ points with Battery A, Battery B being third at 7 points. There was a good attendance of members of the School and the Army.

Results were as follows:

100 Yards.—1, J. H. Poole; 2, Battery A; 3, Battery A.

220 Yards.—1, J. H. Poole; 2, Battery A; 3, Battery A.

440 Yards.—1, R. W. F. Penny; 2, Battery A; 3, æq., C. J. Porteous and Battery A.

880 Yards.—1, B. H. McGowan; 2, Battery A; 3, Battery A.

1 Mile.—1, B. H. McGowan; 2, Battery B; 3, Battery A.

High Jump.—1, Battery A; 2, Battery A; 3, Battery B.

Long Jump.—1, Battery A; 2, J. H. Poole; 3, Battery B.

Discus.—1, C. F. Figures; 2, R. W. F. Penny; 3, Battery B.

Weight.—1, Battery A; 2, Battery A; 3, R. W. F. Penny.

Cricket Ball.—1, Battery A; 2, Battery B; 3, Battery A.

440 Yards Team Race.—1, K.E.S.; 2, Battery A.

880 Yards Team Race.—1, K.E.S.; 2, Battery A.

The team was: J. H. Poole, R. W. F. Penny, B. H. McGowan, C. F. Figures, J. J. Holland, D. J. Reese, L. L. Turner, J. C. Dark, J. D. Dunkerley, M. Morrison and C. J. Porteous.

After the match B. H. McGowan was awarded School Athletics Colours for 1942.

## Prospects

We hope to hold several matches next term and there is every chance of doing well in the majority of events, with J. H. Poole's great speed, R. W. F. Penny's all-round ability, and a fair supporting team. There are certain blanks, however, which must be

filled, notably in the mile and half-mile, as B. H. McGowan is leaving us, and also in the high jump.

C. J. PORTEOUS,  
*Captain of Athletics.*

## P.T. REPORT

VOLUNTARY physical training classes have been held this term in preparation for the Inter-House Competition (Carriss Cup) to be held in the spring. As the majority of the competitors are young and, though enthusiastic, inexperienced, much practice is essential to bring the standard up to its former high level. It is also proposed to hold the individual championship for the Wilson-Browne Cup in the coming year. This will be the first time for at least six years.

Thanks are due to R.S.M. Moore for his instruction and unfailing good humour.

R. W. F. PENNY,  
*P.T. Leader.*

## LITERARY SOCIETY

THE appeal of the Society is always limited, yet the attendances this term have been small; those people who have attended, however, have constituted keen and appreciative audiences. Three meetings have been held this term; at the first, Mr. G. A. Sheldon read a scholarly paper on J. B. Priestley and his personal associations with that author. At the second meeting Rev. G. Porteous talked on Vincent Van Gogh, and made this meeting novel not only by its informal nature, but by the fact that it was suitably illustrated by prints of the artist's work. Finally, at the third meeting, Professor R. Pascal spoke on the Novel in Soviet Russia, and not only did he succeed in making that peculiar form of Soviet literature clear, but he also communicated to the Society in a lucid manner an appreciation of Soviet culture which is the background to all its literature.

The last meeting this term will be play readings, when it is hoped to read plays of a suitable and festive nature. To the Chairman, Mr. Ounsted, sufficient thanks cannot be paid for his untiring help and enthusiasm; we are also grateful to the Arts and Crafts Society for their admirable posters.

B. E. SWINGLER,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

## DEBATING SOCIETY

THE Society has continued to prosper this term. Although speeches have never risen to a high level, they have been consistently good. We have no outstanding orator, but



the promise of several members gives hope of better times. In spite of other attractions the attendances have on the whole been good, and the interest shown by the younger members of the School augurs well for the future, but the Society continues to be the battling ground for the History and Classical Sixths.

Three debates have been held this term. At the first the House defeated a motion that "This House is alarmed at the hold of the Press on the public." The second meeting had the motion that "This House objects to religious teaching in schools"; and the third that "Full mobilization is harmful to post-war democracy."

Our thanks are due to Mr. Kay, and to the Arts and Crafts Society for a series of excellent posters.

E. S. WATERSON,

*Hon. Secretary.*

### Debating Characters

E. S. WATERSON; (*Secretary*) has cultivated a forceful and unhurried delivery, and usually argues cogently and coherently. He might keep his eyes up and remember that obvious personal conviction is not argument.

F.L.K.

P. J. BRECKNELL has ability, but is inclined to irrelevancy, due, probably, to his disinclination to use notes. He favours the impressively long pause.

B. E. SWINGLER has improved considerably. His delivery is good and forceful but he tends to illogical reasoning.

J. J. HOLLAND is extremely sincere, but he must learn to bring more force to his arguments.

R. D. HARRISON is ponderous and hesitant, although his ideas show some forethought.

R. F. W. TANNER is too concerned with his own ideology than with convincing the House.

### MUSICAL SOCIETY

THE Musical Society is steadily increasing in popularity, and its activities are extending.

A joint concert was held in the Girls' School in July, when the joint orchestra performed and P. J. Higgins, J. O. Yard and D. J. Reese from the School contributed solo items.

This term the Society is very much alive. Regular musical gatherings are being held during Wednesday lunch hours, at which there is a steady attendance of between thirty and forty. Members of the School or staff give instructive programmes of gramophone records ranging from the

strictly classical to the latest jazz, while two occasions members of the Society have given pianoforte recitals. In November enjoyed the hospitality of the Girls' School at an excellent flute and oboe concert.

The joint orchestra is again practising regularly this term, and will play at another joint musical at the end of the term.

The School organ has been installed, but unfortunately, is not yet in use. It is hoped that when the organ is used the School organists will be prepared to play for prayer.

In conclusion, I should like to thank Mr. Kay, whose energy and enthusiasm helping to make this term such a fruitful for the Society.

D. J. R.,

*P. J. HIGGINS,*

*Hon. Secretary.*

### DRAMATIC SOCIETY

THIS term for the first time the School has a permanent stage with proper dramatic facilities, and we intend to make full use of the opportunities thus provided.

The Society is still handicapped by a lack of experienced actors and by the limited amount of time available for rehearsals. We are therefore compelled, for the present to limit our activities to the production of one-act plays, two of which will be staged at the end of this term. The senior members of the Society are producing Harold Brighouse's "Below Ground," while a cast of younger boys are taking part in "The Grand Cham's Diamond," by A. Moorhouse. We are hoping to give several performances of these, one for the members of the School and one for a limited number of friends of the School.

Our most grateful thanks are due to Greenway for his unfailing energy, with enthusiasm; to Miss Brown for her help in taking rehearsals; and to the Arts and Crafts Society for their willing co-operation.

B. H. MCGOWAN,

*Hon. Secretary.*

### SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

THERE has been one meeting of the Society so far this term, the second being in the week in November.

At the first meeting two films were shown it being the first time that films had been shown to members of the School at a Society meeting. They were called "Transference of Power" and "Airscreen" and both were very good. The attendance was very good, and a tribute to Mr. Kay who obtained the films.



At the second meeting a film entitled "Wings over Everest" will be shown. It deals with the Houston Expedition which made the first flight over Mount Everest on 3rd April, 1933.

H. D. SCORER,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

### PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

THE Photographic Society held one meeting this term on Wednesday, November 11th, when Mr. Hall showed a film, "How Talkies Talk," which he had kindly obtained for the meeting. The film was shown on the School's new cine projector, which includes sound apparatus, and was accompanied by an explanatory talk by Mr. Hall. It gave a fairly elementary explanation of the reproduction of sound in cinema projection, and was greatly appreciated by the fairly large audience.

Prospects for the future are not bright. War-time difficulties as regards supplies of materials tend to hamper the activities of the Society, but it is hoped to continue the termly meetings.

F. B. BUCKLEY,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

### ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

THE Society has held one meeting this term, at which W. G. Lambert spoke on "Local Archaeology." A second meeting is proposed for later this term. The meeting was well attended, although there is a sad lack of interest on the part of members of the sixth forms. We extend our thanks to the Chairman, Mr. Dunt, for his continued interest in our efforts, and to Mr. Ballance for the use of his room and epidiascope.

E. S. WATSON,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

### PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Two meetings have been held this term. The first was held on October 16th, when two talks were given: J. J. Pearce on "The U.S.A." and A. F. Young on "The New Issues of the British Empire." The second was held on the 20th November, when W. Whiteley gave a talk on "Egypt," and A. F. Young on "British Possessions in the Pacific."

Our thanks are due to Mr. Dunt for taking the chair at both meetings and also to the Arts and Crafts Society for their fine posters.

A. F. YOUNG,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

### JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

WE began the term with very few of last year's members left, and an entirely new committee. However, the Society has met with great enthusiasm, and we are quickly gathering a large membership and efficient speakers.

We have held two debates this term, the attendance being over forty at each, and we hope to hold three more. The motions were: "This House approves of compulsory youth training both now and after the war," which was won by five votes; and "This House approves of the present examination system," "Disapproves of the Sunday cinema," and "Prefers town living to country living."

We sincerely thank Mr. Dunt for his able support and guidance as Chairman and President of the Society.

D. G. BEVAN,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

### CHRISTIAN UNION

THE Society has been re-started this term, and we hope to have regular meetings throughout the year. Two meetings have been held this term, at which the speakers came from the Birmingham University Christian Union.

Thanks are due to the Arts and Crafts Society for their posters.

A. P. VOGT,  
*Acting Hon. Secretary.*

### SCOUT REPORT

WITH nearly 100 recruits at the beginning of the term numbers have gone up to over 180, so that we now have more scouts than in our year at Repton. Those over fourteen are in one of the three senior patrols and the rest are divided into three junior troops, each of six patrols.

Despite the large numbers good progress has been made in all troops. Several of the recruits have passed their second class this term, and there are now over forty second classes in the group. First class work has gone well, and eleven scouts completed their first class badge this term—a record number. The biggest difficulty has been to make opportunities for testing the varied badge work.

At the block parades on Mondays, besides instruction for second and first class, groups of scouts have taken up aircraft recognition



and navigation ; we are very grateful to the School A.T.C. for the help it has given in this connection.

One of the senior patrols had an enjoyable week-end camp during October.

More indoor shelters have been erected and work at the Red Cross packing centre has continued on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons throughout the term.

At the end of the term, instead of a wide game, we held an inter-patrol competition covering all branches of scouting, and a very enjoyable "Camp Fire."

We still suffer from the serious shortage of uniform, and are always glad to buy back from old scouts any parts of their uniform that they can spare.

*Troop Leaders :* R. F. W. Tanner (Senior), R. D. Harrison (Mitre), G. C. Britton (Woodlanders), J. L. Corbett (Park Vale).

### J.T.C. REPORT

At the beginning of the term the contingent was again reorganized into four companies, and normal training resumed. "A" Company, under its training officer, Captain Williams, is working for Certificate "A," Section Leading; while "B" and "C" Companies, under Mr. Leeds, are bent on obtaining Certificate "A," Individual. R.S.M. Moore is in charge of the recruits in "D" Company, who are fast acquiring the elements of drill, weapon training, and fieldcraft.

Lieut. -Col. J. L. C. White, R.A., visited the Corps on November 2nd, and gave an interesting and witty talk on the Army as a career. A Church Parade was held on November 15th, at which the service was taken and the address given by Canon Blofeld, a Governor of the School. The band, under Sergeant Bailey, acquitted itself well. A number of A.B.C.A. publications have been added to the Library, which, under the capable care of Corporal Morgan, is functioning smoothly. Major Hodson visited the unit on November 12th to award the Cadet Officers' Cup to C.S.M. R. W. F. Penny. A Field Day will be held on December 2nd.

It only remains to thank the Edgbaston Golf Club for the continued use of the golf course, and also the R.A. and our many other benefactors. It is not possible to thank our officers and R.S.M. Moore sufficiently; we can only wonder at their keenness, efficiency and capacity for hard work.

P. R. LANGHAM,  
*Company Sergeant-Major.*

### A.T.C. REPORT

THE School Flight has now settled down to new year's work after the long summer break, during which several cadets left the Flight. This leaves the Flight about six strong. The N.C.O.'s are helping the officers more this year by performing some of the jobs which, previous to this term, had been done by the officers. Equipment has now become plentiful and among the latest acquisitions are two of the latest type course and speed computers.

During the summer holidays about forty members of the Flight availed themselves of the great privilege of being allowed to spend a week at an R.A.F. Station. This privilege is not generally appreciated. The R.A.F. are busy enough with their normal routine, yet they allowed some thousand cadets to spend a week at a station throughout the summer months. Not only this, but they also gave instruction and flights, and were always willing to answer any question put to them. (A detailed report of this appears elsewhere in the "W" issue.)

Our parades are held on Monday and Thursday mornings, there being additional Morse parades for "B" Flight during the lunch hour and in the evenings. "A" Flight also has Aldis lamp practice as well as lectures on the principles of flight.

As can be seen from the previous paragraph, the Flight this year consists of two sections: "A" Flight mainly consists of cadets who have obtained the Proficiency Certificate Part 1, and are working for the Second Part. The instruction consists of anti-gas, administration, meteorology, navigation, and Morse amongst other subjects. "B" Flight are working for Proficiency Certificate Part 1, and the instruction consists mainly of navigation, Morse and calculations.

We are grateful to the Commanding Officer of the Birmingham University Squadron for giving us the services of Sergeant Davies every Thursday morning. Sergeant Davies is instructing us in Morse and armaments.

We are also grateful to Mr. E. V. Smith for his help as an Instructor to the Flight and look forward to the day when he is granted his commission in the R.A.F.V.

H. D. SCORER,  
*Flight Sergeant.*

### RED CROSS COLLECTION

THE collection for the Red Cross and Fund during the Summer Term was £107 19s. 5d. This was good, but it is hoped that the School will exceed this sum next term.