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CALENDAR.

Term ends Thursday, December 21st, 1944.
 Spring Term begins Wednesday, January 10th, 1945.
 Spring Term ends Wednesday, March 28th.
 Half Term, February 19th and 20th.
 Summer Term begins Wednesday, April 18th.

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EDITORIAL.

This issue of the "Roan Magazine" is not altogether a happy one. As is to be feared in war-time, it contains a distressingly long obituary. Further, it is sadly notable because it marks the end of an epoch.

Mr. W. W. Poyser, who has been Editor since the Magazine was established in March, 1912, has retired from the School Staff, and, in bidding him farewell on behalf of all who have been associated with the school in the 42 years of his service, we are conscious of the shortcomings under which all his successors must labour.

Under Mr. Poyser's Editorship 90 issues were published. The pages have been numbered consecutively from the first, and altogether 2,489 pages have appeared. As a symbol of the achievement, we are letting that number stand unchallenged, and this page is number 1 of a new series.

The affairs of the Magazine are now in the hands of a Committee, under the Chairmanship of the Headmaster. The other members are the Vice-Master, a representative of the Staff, a representative of the O.R.A., and an Editor and Assistant Editor chosen from the Sixth Forms.

This year's Editor is W. E. Moss, and the Assistant Editor is C. Hardingham.

While the Committee will consider sympathetically any suggestions sent in for the improvement of the Magazine, no startling change in policy is proposed. The aim will be that expressed by the prayer quoted on occasion by the Headmaster: "to maintain and strengthen all that is best in our traditions". We take it to be our function to chronicle the life of the school in a worthy style, augmenting this by a selection of original articles contributed by past and present members of the school.

Articles written by boys now in the school will be preferred above all others.

After some debate, we have decided to continue the distinctive cover-design, which embodies the old School colours, rather than making a change suggested by some, to employ the more familiar Lincoln green.

For the duration of the war, we shall content ourselves with two issues in the year. The next number is scheduled to appear in May or June. "Copy" will be eagerly looked for, and we hope to have a better volume from which to make our selection than has been the case this term, when quantity has been greater than quality.

All contributions or correspondence should be addressed to The Editors, at The Roan School, Maze Hill, S.E.3.

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THE ROAN SCHOOL CARRIES ON.

BY THE HEADMASTER.

Our editors have stated that this issue of the Magazine cannot be a happy one as we have to record the retirement of two of our most valued masters. Able tributes have been paid to Mr. Poyser and Mr. Barratt by those who knew them best. I can say in all sincerity that as teachers of their subjects they were in the first class, that they were tireless in their devotion to the Roan School

and that as colleagues they were men whom it was a pleasure and an inspiration to know.

We have not had a smooth passage since we have been back at Maze Hill. Apart from the difficulties of starting the School in its own buildings after they had been in military occupation for three years, we had the problem of assimilating many boys who had never attended the School during the whole of their school life. Thanks to the efforts of the Staff and the boys themselves and their parents this transition period passed without undue difficulty. Most of our School activities were resumed, as the pages of this issue show, but many are still in abeyance. We remember in this connection the School Play, the Old Roan Dramatic Society, the Old Roan Sports Clubs, dinners and socials, the Braithwaite Camp, the Swimming Gala, the School Orchestra, the Inter-School Sports at Herne Hill, and many others too numerous to mention, which all helped to make up the full school life which one associates with the English secondary school. These activities and probably many others we hope to resume when conditions allow.

Elsewhere in this issue mention has been made of the bombing of the school on March 1st and our ordeal during the period of the flying bombs. On both occasions one saw a fine exhibition of team work between the Governors, staff, parents and boys in a combined effort to maintain the work of the school while giving all possible attention to the safety of the boys. The work of the candidates for University examinations undertaken under most trying conditions is worthy of special mention.

We now embark on a new School year, our second in our own buildings under war time conditions. We can do so with a feeling of confidence that, no matter what obstacles we may have to face, we shall by our combined efforts be able to surmount them.

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OCCASIONAL NOTES.

Since our return to Maze Hill there have been many changes in the Staff, and the new School year adds four more to the list.

On our return in 1943 we welcomed Mesdames Bayliss, Saywell, Grant and Williams, and Mr. Martindale. Of these only the first two ladies and Mr. Martindale are still with us, Miss Grant having gone to the Roan School for Girls, and Miss Williams to Oxford University.

This year we extend a hearty welcome to Miss E. M. Morton, who is in charge of the 2nd Form; Mr. J. M. Hendrie, who succeeds Mr. Poyser; Mr. C. H. Lock, teaching Geography, Mathematics and Art; Mr. H. N. Winter, who is taking Mr. Mills' place, teaching French and German, and Miss M. Seeley. We are also pleased to have Mr. Kirby with us again, now helping with the Latin.

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Last year when P. Williams was Captain of the school, it was decided to appoint two Vice-captains—J. B. Hill and C. J. Stimpson. This principle is being continued, and this year's Captain is D. W. Wright, while the Vice-captains are J. G. Moore and P. G. Parrott.

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A number of innovations have taken place at the morning Assembly; this year, for the first time, we had a Harvest Festival Service. Mention must also be made of the appearance of piano duettists on this and on other occasions, but were they really R. and L.? Another innovation has been the singing of hymns to unusual tunes, but one day this experiment failed!

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To use the approved formula, we are now able to state that the school was hit by bombs in March. Thanks to the exertions of a party consisting of members of the Staff and VIth Forms, directed by Mr. Hammond, the building was in use within a few days.

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The school field was damaged during one of the early flying-bomb attacks, when the principal casualty was the River Quaggy.

Although the school itself suffered no damage from flying-bombs, one member of the Staff and several of the boys were "bombed-out", and very many of us suffered from "blast".

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We have been glad to welcome at the School, since our return from evacuation, a number of distinguished visitors, including many Old Roans. Lists of our visitors are kept by the Headmaster and by the Sixth Form, and these have been used in compiling the notices at the end of this issue.

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It was generally regretted that our annual Founder's Day Service had to be cancelled this year, for the first time since it was instituted in 1929. We regretted it the more since many of us

were looking forward to listening again to our old friend, The Rev. T. C. Phillips, of Ammanford, whom we congratulate on becoming a Canon of Brecon.

We should like to take the opportunity of thanking Canon Phillips for the kindly interest he continues to show in the School. We have often had cause to be grateful to the clergy, and there are two other gentlemen in particular to whom we would now pay tribute.

Canon W. T. Money, for 35 years Vicar of St. Peter's, Greenwich, and a Governor of the School from 1910 to 1928, has just retired, and we send him the best wishes of the School on this occasion. We all owe a special debt to Canon Money, since he was largely instrumental in obtaining the site of our present buildings. He has helped the School in many ways; he has seldom missed our Prize-givings and other functions, he dedicated our War Memorial, he introduced scouting to Greenwich (he is still Commissioner), and was a founder of the John Roan Lodge of Freemasonry.

Our newest clerical friend is The Rev. J. Langton Waite, Vicar of St. John's, Blackheath, in whose parish the school stands. He has interested himself in the school's life; he was prompt to offer his help when we were bombed; and his interest in athletics is such that we are inviting him to act as Referee at our next Sports.

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Three members of the Staff left us at the end of the Summer term. Articles in appreciation of their work for the school are printed below.

We send our best wishes to all three gentlemen. In the case of Mr. Poyser and Mr. Barratt the decision to retire was not taken until the holidays had begun, and we were therefore unable to take any formal farewell; we hope they will accept this notice as evidence of our esteem.

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W. W. POYSER.

One of the last remaining links with the school in East St., afterwards re-christened Eastney St., has been broken by the retirement of Mr. Poyser. He joined the staff in 1902 and has given most excellent service to the Roan School for practically the whole of his professional career. Well equipped for his task, he

was one of the old-style form masters who could teach several subjects and who, in this age of specialisation, have become much fewer in number. Their value to a school is very great and their disappearance is beginning to be regretted.

Many generations of Roan boys passed through his hands and learned to appreciate and admire his qualities and to recognise that in him they had a real friend. No boy ever took liberties with him but all soon found that behind his forthright manner and sometimes mordant wit there lay a genuine interest in their welfare. One had only to see him at an Old Roan gathering to realise the sincere affection in which he was held and the mutual pleasure which resulted from his meeting with old pupils.

During his long service there was scarcely any school activity in which he did not take a share. For many years he organised the school swimming, he was head of Drake House for 32 years, he took part in the founding of the Old Roan Association and was President in 1928, he was the first editor of the School Magazine and was approaching his hundredth issue, he was Lieutenant and Quartermaster in the Cadet Corps and supplied and fed a number of Camps, he produced a number of plays both for the School and for the Old Roan Dramatic Society, of which he was President, and the list might be extended.

After the School was evacuated in 1939 it had to be divided, and Mr. Poyser took charge of the Junior School at Rye. For a year he had the unenviable task of fitting his charge into the organisation of another school and of coping with all the problems of billeting and supervision in co-operation with not too sympathetic or helpful local officials. On re-evacuation to South Wales in 1940 the School had still to be divided and Mr. Poyser carried on the Junior School in the Memorial Hall at Llandeibie for nearly two years longer. His popularity in the village was evidence of the tact and ability with which he carried out his duty.

Although he reached retiring age some time ago he had consented to stay on to help the School in the difficult circumstances resulting from staff shortage and other war-time handicaps. But Fate has recently dealt him some hard blows and he felt last term that he could no longer endure the strain. It is the sincere hope of us all that a period of rest and care may restore him to full health and enable him long to enjoy the leisure which he has so well earned.

G.R.P.

T. H. BARRATT.

Mr. Barratt's retirement, after 24 years of service, has been necessitated by a breakdown in his health. He was severely wounded in the last war, and illness has dogged him ever since; indeed he had on two occasions to take sick leave from his duties. It is probable that he has suffered more than any of us from the privations of war-time and evacuation; yet he was an example to us all in the way he "kept going". We hope that his retirement will bring him better fortune.

Mr. Barratt will be remembered by his colleagues and pupils on many accounts, and with gratitude. He was a most thorough and conscientious teacher, who took immense trouble in every part of his work. He is a scholar of distinction, as is shown by his having earned the M.A. degree of London, in 1905. He was always willing and generous in helping the School. In recent years he gave up a great deal of time to the Library and the Savings Group; and he used to perform numberless duties which involved much work but no limelight. He was an indefatigable auditor, recorder and Press correspondent; in particular, many of the accounts in this Magazine of Sports, Days and Prizegivings came from his pen. He did much to smooth the difficulties of evacuation.

Mr. Barratt's greatest virtue is probably his unfailing cheerfulness. It was a tonic to work with him, and his quiet, sometimes lugubrious, humour has been a mainstay of our Common-room. He will be sadly missed and can never be replaced.

S.J.M.

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S. R. MILLS.

In some ways I have been more closely associated with Mr. Mills than with any other of the masters during the last eighteen years—and even before, for our lives had already run on parallel lines for some long time before we became colleagues. Yet, in spite of this long friendship, he still often surprises me by bringing out from his apparently illimitable repertoire some hitherto unsuspected ability.

He had remarkable virtues, which he hid, and unexpected talents, which he employed so unostentatiously that some people may never even have noticed them. He had such patience that

I can scarcely recall an occasion when his temper was ruffled. Even when, for the benefit of a camp of thirty boys, he struggled with the officials of a foreign railway staff, and, in desperation, consigned them to a destination to which railway tickets are not issued, he did so with a little smile and entirely without venom.

What the School Scout Troop owed to "Silas" between 1930 and 1939 no one will ever adequately record. But dozens of old Scouts will never forget his instruction and example, and his readily offered help. He lives the Scout laws as completely as anyone I have known.

His scholarship was of a high order, most appreciated amongst the boys perhaps by the Sixth Form. His desire to widen and deepen his field of knowledge made him embark, a year before the war, on the very intricate work required for the degree of M.A. in Education. He accomplished his object but at some cost to his health, and, under war-time conditions, he has not fully recovered his old "verve". The peace of the suburbs of Rye and Llandilo had an attraction for him greater than the glamour of London, and it was to get back to the country that he took his departure to Exeter.

The Roan School has been fortunate to have kept Mr. Mills for so long. It is only fair that the pleasure and privilege of knowing him should now pass elsewhere, but we shall (we do) miss him, and our best wishes go with him. K.S.B.

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OBITUARY.

Mrs. POYSER.

We regret to record the death, following an operation, of Mrs. W. W. Poyser, which occurred at Bromley, on May 27th. Many boys who were evacuated with the school came to know her well, and all will join in our expression of sympathy with Mr. Poyser in his bereavement.

A. J. SMITH.

A. J. Smith, known to his friends as Tony, joined the School in September, 1937, as a member of Nelson House. Although he did not make his mark on the sports field he more than held his own in the form room, and in 1938 he was awarded a Christ's Hospital scholarship which owing to domestic reasons he was

unable to take up. He was a boy of sterling character and conscientious endeavour who was determined to bring credit to the school—in fact he hoped that perhaps one day he would have the privilege of returning to the School as a member of its staff. This was not to be, however, for a return of an illness from which he had suffered on evacuation necessitated a major operation, which although successful as a surgical operation did not prevent his death on April 24th in Lewisham Hospital. The funeral took place on Saturday, April 29th, at Plumstead Cemetery, when the School was represented by Mr. Parker, Mr. Peters and a section of the A.T.C. under the command of F/O. T. Holt. Tony was a School Prefect, Hon. Treasurer of the Aristotelian Society and a corporal in the A.T.C. He was a loyal member of the Science Sixth Form who by his willingness to help at all times did more than his share to make the evacuation of the School agreeable in spite of the inconveniences.

P. E. ANDREWS.

Peter Andrews (1928-1940) was a boy of such outstanding attainments and personality that his passing calls for a special notice. Since news was received of his death, in an aircraft accident in the Middle East, on April 12th last, many old friends have written in appreciation of his sterling character, and the following paragraphs incorporate several tributes received.

His life seemed to be an embodiment of the precept, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might". He was interested in everything around him; he had mature intellectual powers, and was always prepared to take infinite trouble to ensure the success of anything he undertook. As Captain of Nelson, and as a senior member of the Evacuation party and of our first harvest camps, he showed that he had the gift of a leadership which inspired others, allied with an unruffled temper and unfailing courtesy.

His greatest interest was in botanical studies, and he made good use of the opportunities that came to him while training to be a pilot in S. Africa, where he made an interesting collection of specimens and was commended by the staff of the Kimberley museum. He will be remembered especially, also, for his prowess as an actor and as an athlete, and as a writer of promising verse.

That he could feel, and express his feelings, may be seen from an article he wrote for the issue of this Magazine, dated December, 1939. Writing of the village of Ticehurst on the day of the declaration of war, he thought it "not surprising that the

sight of the memorial to those who left the pleasant and useful pursuits of this village to die in the World War, 1914-1919, should move us deeply. . . . How will it all end?" To re-read those words now must move us all deeply.

We may sum up Peter Andrews in the words of a contemporary (P.R.), who writes:

"By his example, we of his year had much to thank him for. As well as being an able athlete, he was a brilliant botanist. His performances in the School productions of Shakespeare were superb, particularly in "Henry V." These few lines cannot do him justice, but he was a sincere friend and a gentleman".

A TRAGEDY OF FRANCE.

We must all feel an intense sympathy for the French people, who have suffered so much more acutely than we can fully realise from the ravages of a war fought on, as well as over, their own soil. Most of all at this time are the people of Belfort to be pitied, and I feel that a brief account of the sufferings of one Belfort family, with which the Roan School has a connection, should appear in this Magazine.

Jean Hartweg was our French assistant for the year 1938-39. He would have remained with us for a further year, but for the war which engulfed us all. Some of us came to know Jean so well that it is difficult to believe that our friendship was of such short duration. He was the best of fellows, and his work in our school was worthy of him.

In the summer of 1939 two of Jean's colleagues were privileged to visit his family's home, and to meet his parents and his six brothers and sisters. We shall remember that visit with emotion made the deeper by the news of what has since befallen.

Last year the Red Cross sent us two messages from Jean's brother Pierre, with the heavy tidings that Jean, who at the time of Dunkirk was a Lieutenant at Orleans, had died of wounds, and that one other brother was a prisoner of war, while another brother and a sister had been killed at Belfort—perhaps by our bombing. This July came a further message, from the surviving sister, to notify us that Pierre has since died in a camp in Germany. One shudders to think what that may mean. Thus, of a family of seven children, only three are now alive, and one of them is a prisoner in the enemy's hands.

I feel sure that the generation of boys who knew Jean—mainly themselves, now in the Forces—will remember him with

proud affection; and other readers will no doubt share our sympathy for the victims of so poignant a story, which—alas—is not yet finished.

S.J.M.

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LONDON UNIVERSITY RESULTS.

The following degree results were obtained by boys of the Roan School who left in 1942. White, Bow, Emms and Howse were awarded State Bursaries in 1942 and Brooks obtained an L.C.C. Senior Teachers' Scholarship:—

White, T. T.	B.Sc. 1st Class Honours in Physics.
Bow, L. L.	B.Sc. 2nd Class Honours in Physics.
Emms, E. T.	B.Sc. 2nd Class Honours in Physics.
Howse, E. A.	B.Sc. 2nd Class Honours in Physics.
Brooks, W. H. F.	Pass in Mathematics and Physics.

Higher School Examination:—

Hill, J. B.	Passed with Inter B.Sc. exemption in Geography, Physics, Pure and Applied Mathematics. He was also awarded a Surrey Major Scholarship.
Jenne, H. J.	Passed with Inter B.Sc. exemption in Physics, Chemistry, Pure and Applied Mathematics. He has also been awarded a State Bursary at the City and Guilds, University of London, of value — all fees paid and £90 p.a.
Pitt, R. J.	Passed in Geography, Physics, Applied Mathematics, and Pure Mathematics (subsidiary).
Reading, J. H.	Passed with 1st M.B. exemption in Physics, Chemistry, Botany and Zoology.
Stimpson, C. J.	Passed with Inter B.Sc. exemption in Geography, Physics, Pure and Applied Mathematics. He has also been awarded an L.C.C. Senior Teachers' Scholarship.
Williams, P.	Passed with Inter B.Sc. exemption in Geography, Physics, Pure and Applied Mathematics. He has also been awarded an L.C.C. Senior Teachers' Scholarship.

General School Certificate with London Matriculation exemption:—

Cheeseman, A. R.	Davis, J.	Earl, J. J.	Gent, R. G.
Hardingham, C.	Holland, D. A.	Mogford, J. A.	Reddie, C. D.
Richards, F. H.	Siggers, R. W.	Trew, E. A.	Trott, L. J.
Dobson, P. A.	Jenner, A. E.	Lovett, A. S.	Moore, W. G.

General School Certificate:—

Davies, P. R.	Dolder, J. A.	Harris, B. F.	Hopkins, D. A.
Lee, L. G.	Low, M. M.	Maund, J. V.	Purves, P. S.
Shave, A. E.	Small, J. C.	Turner, J. E.	Baker, J. J.
Barber, R. C.	Foreman, R. W.	Hazlewood, A. G.	Nicholson, K. D.
Phillips, G. C.	Rampley, A. S.	Thorne, K. J.	

The Roan Exhibition for 1944 was awarded to C. J. Stimpson, tenable for 3 years at Manchester University.

THE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

On Friday, May 5th, 1944, the sixty-sixth Annual Prize Distribution was held in the School Hall with Councillor H. W. H. Icough, Chairman of the Governors, once again in the chair. On the platform were also the following:—representing the Governors of the Roan School—Mesdames Hildrith, Godfree, Palmer, Hiland, Gollogly, and Jones, Mr. Jaques, Mr. Drakley, Mr. Shambrook; Mr. Brissenden, H.M. Inspector, Mr. Dannatt, Rev. Canon Money, M.A., Miss Barnsdale—Head Mistress, Roan School for Girls, Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. Parker.

In addition to the speeches, some songs were rendered very capably by the junior forms, conducted by Mr. Martindale; and a popular innovation was the performance by the Sixth Forms of songs round the piano.

In his address, the Chairman remarked that the Governors had not wanted the boys to return to Greenwich, but, since so many had done so voluntarily, it had been decided that the school would re-open at Maze Hill. Since that re-opening the school building had been damaged by bombs but had been forced to close for only a very short period. He expressed the hope that soon the boys would be able to work without any fear of air-raids.

The Headmaster commenced his Report by referring to past assemblies, both on evacuation and in the School Hall, including the last Prize Distribution in the School Hall, in December, 1938, remarking that only a few boys who had been present in 1938 would be present still in 1944. He also recalled the assembly of 750 parents at the time of the Munich crisis, the final assembly in the Hall before evacuation, and that assembly the following day in the playground when the Chairman and Mr. Batchelor had said farewell to the departing school. Then the assemblies on Ticehurst Village Green and the move to Bexhill and Rye, followed by the events on the Continent leading up to Dunkirk, and the move to South Wales, where the Seniors were in Ammanford and the Juniors in Llandeibie for some time, under Mr. Poyser.

Mr. Gilbert mentioned the difficulties of billeting and school accommodation and the struggle to obtain possession of the school building in Maze Hill prior to the return from South Wales. He said that these difficulties had been surmounted through the willing co-operation of the Governors, Staff, parents and boys, in true Roan School style, since not only had they been surmounted but the Roan School standard of work had been maintained. He quoted

the General School Examination results for 1943, which compared quite favourably with those of 1939, pointing out, however, that only 32 had entered in 1943 compared with 68 in 1939. The Higher School Examination results had also been good and the Headmaster mentioned the State Bursaries gained on the 1943 Examination, and the two Open Exhibitions at Cambridge.

Sport was the next subject that Mr. Gilbert dwelt on. He said that organised games had been held regularly each week and also House competitions had been arranged, while school matches had been played. The annual Athletic Sports had not been missed any year and three of the four Inter-School Athletic Sports held in Wales had been won by us.

Mr. Gilbert next turned to the service rendered to the community by the school, in the form of the A.T.C. and Farming Camps, mentioning some of the activities of the former and asking the Chairman to testify to their smartness. He spoke of the previous four Farming Camps and their success, and of the intention to hold one again this year.

To close, Mr. Gilbert referred to the Education Bill and the effect it might have on the Roan School. Then he thanked the Governors, and also the Staff, permanent and temporary, for their help in the war-time difficulties.

During his Report the Headmaster noted the very interesting fact that the Vice-master, Mr. G. R. Parker, had been with the school for 46 years, while Mr. W. W. Poyser had served for 43 years, and congratulated both gentlemen on their long service.

After the Distribution of Prizes and Certificates, a Vote of Thanks was proposed by the Captain of the School, P. Williams, and seconded by one of the Vice-captains, C. J. Stimpson.

The School Song, "Here's to Old John Roan", and the National Anthem were sung to conclude a very memorable day in the School's history.

LIST OF PRIZE AND CERTIFICATE WINNERS.

SECOND FORM.—*Prize:* Cook, A. *Certificates:* Hearn, B., Jordan, D.

THIRD FORM.—*Prizes:* Hudson, A. A., Read, J. E. *Certificates:* Parker, R. A., Jackson, J. A., Downs, J. W.

SHELL FORM.—*Prizes:* Cook, P. H., Laing, J. D. *Certificates:* Johnson, A. F., Marshall, J. H., Brookman, A. K.

FOURTH FORM.—*Prizes:* Jones, D. A., Marhoff, F. A. *Certificates:* Nichols, P. N., Coe, N. H., Basing, J. W.

- REMOVE LATIN.—Prizes: Hardingham, C., Cheeseman, A. R.
Certificates: Harris, B. F., Davis, J., Trott, L. J.
- REMOVE GERMAN.—Prizes: Siggers, R. W., Turner, J. E.
Certificates: Purves, P. S., Holland, D. A., Mogford, J. A.
- MR. POYSER'S FIFTH.—Parrott, P. G. ("Baron Memorial" Prize);
 Wright, D. W. ("Baron Memorial" Prize); Moss, W. E.
 (Examination Prize); Borne, M. C. (Examination Prize).
- MR. PARKER'S FIFTH.—Prizes: Moore, J. G. (Examination Prize);
 Lunn, F. N. (Examination Prize); Sullivan, D. (Examina-
 tion Prize).
- SIXTH FORM.—Prizes: Hales, J. D. (Roan Exhibition tenable at St.
 Catharine's College, Cambridge; "Hope Memorial" Prize
 for History). Turner, R. C. ("Ridger Memorial" Prize);
 Homewood, D. E. ("Jennings Memorial" Prize); Pearce,
 S. C. ("Potter Memorial" Prize for Chemistry); Gerhold,
 D. A. (Examination Prize); Bishop, R. E. D. (Examination
 Prize).
- "THOMPSON MEMORIAL" PRIZES.—Cricket: Stimpson, C. J.
 Football: England, L.
- "TONY TUGWELL MEMORIAL" PRIZE. Perry, P. L.
- "ALAN THOMPSON MEMORIAL" PRIZE. Williams P.
- "TONY SMITH MEMORIAL" PRIZE. Hill, J. B.

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HARVEST CAMPS, 1944.

The series of successful Harvest Camps held in and since 1940 was worthily continued this year, when two camps were organised, bringing our total of war-time camps to seven.

As originally planned, both camps were to be in Kent, but the circumstances prevailing in July caused the cancellation of what would have been our second venture at Eynsford, and the party concerned was transferred to Oxfordshire. The other camp was able to carry out its programme in Kent.

Reports of the camps follow. The general organisation of both was in the hands of Mr. Binnie, who gave up his entire holiday to the work, and has earned the hearty thanks of all.

OXFORD CAMP.

The news of the transfer of the Eynsford party to Oxfordshire was received with certain misgivings by some of the 1943 campers,

who feared that nothing could equal the "luxury" camp of the previous year. None the less, the new area proved a most successful field of endeavour.

On Thursday, August 15th, the majority of the campers arrived, by devious means, at the chosen site, at Cuxham, to find that the tents and kitchen had already been erected. The site was a most suitable one, being in a sheltered meadow just off the main road. Water was provided—and many kindnesses extended to us—at the farmhouse near by, and our thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Nixey. After a substantial meal, blankets and ground-sheets were distributed, positions and tents were fought for, and the indignant turkeys were chased from the newly-discovered store tent.

Work began the next morning, and breakfast was served early, although one sixth-former rather exaggerated when he said that it was the first occasion on which he had eaten breakfast and seen the rise of dawn at the same time. Almost all the boys were employed on neighbouring farms, and in most cases a full day's work was done. On the Saturday and Sunday time was found to explore Cuxham itself. It could hardly be called a village, consisting of one main road around which clustered rose-covered thatched cottages. One building became extremely popular, and on most nights almost all the campers could be found outside its doors. On the Sunday many went to Benson, which was near by, and enjoyed a swim in the Thames.

The weather was at first very hot, and our services were in great demand in the district, where, on most of the farms, the main occupation was harvesting. Unfortunately, the weather changed completely at the end of a week, and we had rain almost every day until the end of the first fortnight.

During this time we were visited by the Headmaster, who was pleased to see us working hard whenever the weather permitted.

The catering staff worked wonders under great difficulties, and with an erratic oven. The greatest culinary achievement, certain savouries, will not soon be forgotten.

The second fortnight brought a decrease in our numbers, and no improvement in the weather. There was a fair amount of work to be done, and on the few fine days a rush was made to get as much of the harvest in as possible. When the weather was too bad for this, the farmers produced some delightful tasks. In particular, innumerable sheds were discovered to be in need of cleaning. When there was no work at all we remained in our tents, playing snap and patience, while some enjoyed themselves on a neighbouring haystack. The fags coped admirably with the extra work

entailed by the rain, directed by a certain gentleman in a brown boiler-suit, whose porridge was particularly well-known.

So the fortnight continued, with occasional spells of sunshine to brighten it up, and work finished on Thursday, September 7th. The next day the equipment was packed up for another year.

In conclusion I should like to thank, on behalf of all campers, the members of the staff who took so much trouble to organise, at such short notice, one of the most successful camps yet held.

W.E.M.

KENT CAMP.

Situated on the edge of a football field at the side of the village, the Ickham Camp had been built by the Army, so that it was comfortably convenient. There were several Nissen huts, one of which was used solely as a dining hall, and a well-appointed cook-house and wash-house had also been constructed. The boys' sleeping quarters were in the Village Hall; the beds were surprisingly comfortable, with the straw mattresses provided—though the whole affair was pitifully easy to tip over, especially with the owner inside.

It was to this pleasant settlement that the boys returned each evening, after a full day devoted to the picturesque, but wearing, jobs of harvesting.

We had many diversions. The camp included a number of cricket enthusiasts, who borrowed two lawn-mowers from friends in the village, and, with the aid of a roller and buckets of water, made quite a good pitch on the camp field. One day there was a grand match with the Ickham C.C.; although we lost this, a good time was had by all—especially when Ickham knocked the ball into an orchard.

During the second half, work was interrupted by rain for a few days, and many harvesters took this opportunity to explore Canterbury. The Cathedral, of course, was most visited; but expeditions into the murky northern suburbs unveiled a number of book-stores, whose owners became increasingly hostile to those who rummaged for an hour—and bought a threepenny magazine.

Another feature of the camp was a melodrama, which was acted with more energy than skill; Messrs. Basing, Coe and Cody shone especially in this respect.

Much of the harvesting work finished in three weeks, and then many boys were employed on cabbages; because of the wet weather, too, little corn was taken in, but the work of "shocking" had to continue, as high winds and beating rain undid in the night the work of the previous day.

The district is a grand one for cycling. There are many charming villages, with strikingly fine, old houses. The sea, within easy reach, was another great attraction, and some enjoyable hours were spent at various resorts, including those in the Isle of Thanet, whose beaches had just been opened.

Finally, we wish to thank the kind people of Ickham; and all the staff and their wives, for the admirable management and fair and efficient organisation of the camp.

M.C.B.
P.G.P.

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THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

October 7th, 1944.

Our 33rd Annual Sports were to have been held on Saturday, July 8th, but they were postponed indefinitely, since, although flying bombs had been known to make people run faster than they had ever run before, it was thought that they might have a rather detrimental effect on a formal Sports Day. As conditions had improved considerably by the beginning of the Autumn Term it was decided that the Sports could now be held. Only those boys who were in the school the previous year were eligible to enter, and the ages on the Stag List for that year were used. House-captains experienced great difficulty in trying to contact boys who had left the school and in explaining to others the conditions of entry. It was a case of "Were you at school last year? and if so, what was your age last July 31st.?" Further difficulties were raised by the fact that the School Field would not be ready for use in time, so arrangements had to be made to use the L.C.C. track at Charlton Park. Despite these and other difficulties, including the fact that hardly anyone had had any practice, a fairly successful Sports Day was held. The outstanding performance was that of the Intermediate Victor Ludorum, E. S. Bates, who won six events and succeeded in putting the shot a distance of 37 ft. 9 ins. This distance has only once been surpassed at the School Sports. C.H.

The full results were as follows:—

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| 1. 100 yds. U/12. | 1, Hooke, R. F. (W); 2, Crayk, K. A. (C);
3, Pound, R. C. (Ra). 15½s. |
| 2. 100 yds. U/12½. | 1, Law, A. J. (Ro); 2, Cook, C. T. (Gr);
3, Johnson, G. S. (N). 14¾s. |
| 3. 100 yds. U/13. | 1, Baxter, A. D. (B); 2, Dawes, D. R. (D);
3, Hutchinson, C. D. (Gr). 15s. |

4. 100 yds. U/13½. 1, Billings, A. R. (Gr); 2, Atter, L. H. (C); 3, Dawtrey, D. A. (D). 13 7/10s.
5. 100 yds. U/14. 1, Lowen, G. T. (Gr); 2, Jessop, F. B. (B); 3, Laing, J. D. (N). 14s.
6. 100 yds. U/15. 1, Jones, K. B. (W); 2, Bates, S. C. (W); 3, Dodge, D. P. (N). 12 9/10s.
7. 100 yds. U/16. 1, Bates, E. (W); 2, Burrows, A. (C); 3, Kinsey, A. (D). 12 1/5s.
8. 100 yds. Open. 1, Collins, J. H. (D); 2, Lunn, F. N. (C); 3, Trew, E. A. (B). 12 2/5s.
9. Shot U/16. 1, Bates, E. (W); 2, Burrows, A. (C); 3, Paul, A. (B). 37' 9". [38' 7" Record (1938); otherwise best distance recorded.]
10. Shot Open. 1, Richards, F. H. (N); 2, Hawes, G. (N); 3, Evans, P. J. (Ra). 30' 10½".
11. Long Jump. U/14. 1, Cooper, M. G. (B); 2, Billings, A. R. (Gr); 3, Atter, L. H. (C). 14' 1½".
12. Long Jump. U/16. 1, Bates, E. (W); 2, Paul, A. (B); 3, Horn, K. M. (N). 17' 1".
13. Long Jump Open. 1, Thorne, K. J. (Ra); 2, Collins, J. H. (D); 3, Trew, E. A. (B). 16' 4".
- 14—17. 220 yds. Heats.
18. Form II Race (not scoring in Championships). 1, Hankinson, R. K. (Gr); 2, Mathews, G. S. (W); 3, Hewitt, J. (Gr).
19. 440 yds. Open. 1, Evans, P. J. (Ra); 2, Moore, J. G. (B); 3, Merrett, D. P. (Ra). 61 2/5s.
20. Discus. U/16. 1, Bates, E. (W); 2, Burrows, A. (C); 3, Hayler, E. A. (B). 95' 5".
21. Discus. Open. 1, Thorne, K. J. (Ra); 2, Evans, P. J. (Ra); 3, Hopkins, D. A. (B). 76' 2½".
22. High Jump. U/14. 1, Laing, J. D. (N); 2, Cooper, M. G. (B); 3, Cook, C. T. (Gr). 4' 6".
23. High Jump. U/16. 1, Bates, E. (W); 2, Horn, K. M. (N); 3, Taylor, J. G. (N). 4' 9".
24. High Jump Open. 1, Trew, E. A. (B); 2, Thorne, K. J. (Ra); 3, Siggers, R. W. (N). 5' 0".
25. 220 yds. U/13. 1, Law, A. J. (Ro); 2, Cook, C. T. (Gr); 3, Baxter, A. D. (B). 32 3/10s.
26. 220 yds. U/14. 1=Billings, A. R. (Gr) & Lowen G. T. (Gr); 3, Jessop, F. B. (B). 31½ s.
27. 220 yds. U/16. 1, Bates, E. (W); 2, Kinsey, A. (D); 3, Horn, K. M. (N). 27 1/5s.

28. 220 yds. Open. 1, Collins, J. H. (D); 2, Trew, E. A. (B); 3, Lunn, F. N. (C). 27½s.
29. One Mile Open. 1, Lee, L. G. (C); 2, Paul A. (B); 3, Holland, D. A. (N). 5m. 22½s.
30. Junior Relay. 1, Drake; 2, Nelson; 3, Grenville. 1m. 40½s.
31. Sack Race U/12. (Not scoring in Championships). 1, Williams, A. (Ro); 2, Crayk, K. A. (C); 3, Rodell, K. L. (Ro).
32. Intermediate Relay. 1, Drake; 2, Blake; 3, Nelson. 1m. 56 3/10s.
33. 880 yds. Open. 1, Evans, P. J. (Ra); 2, Low, M. M. (Ra); 3, Holland, D. A. (N). 2m. 31 1/5s.
34. 880 yds. U/16. 1, Lee, L. G. (C); 2, Paul, A. (B); 3, Virgo, P. D. (D). 2m. 32s.
35. Senior Relay. 1, Nelson; 2, Raleigh. 1m. 58 4/5s.

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS.

Senior.	pts.	Intermediate.	pts.	Junior.	pts.	Combined.	pts.
1. Ra	48	1. W	46	1. Gr	42	1. B	68
2. N	28	2. =D & B	20	2. B	24	2. N	62
3. B	24	4. C	18	3. =D & N	18	3. D	54
4. D	16	5. N	16	5. Ro	12	4. W	52
5. C	12			6. C	10	5. Ra	50
				7. W	6	6. Gr	42
				8. Ra	2	7. C	40
						8. Ro	12

VICTORES LUDORUM.

Senior: Evans, P. J. (Ra).
 Intermediate: Bates E. (W).
 Junior: Billings, A. R. (Gr).

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ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY.

"I take all knowledge to be my province."—BACON.

"Homo sum; humani nihil a me alienum puto."—TERENCE.

Officers: President: - Mr. W. E. MOSS.
 Hon. Treasurer: - Mr. A. E. ATKINS.
 Hon. Secretary: - Mr. M. C. BORNE.

During the Autumn term the Society has met every Tuesday with considerable success, and the new members have taken a

lively interest in the proceedings. The first meeting, under the Presidency of Mr. Moore, was held to appoint a new Secretary, this having been delayed through enemy action during last term. So far, we have heard a discussion called, "What I like and Why" (a popular type of meeting instituted by Mr. P. Williams), a debate on the motion "That more co-education is desirable in this country", proposed and seconded by Messrs. Wedge and Hawes, and opposed by the Hon. Treasurer and Mr. Moore, and a discussion on the subject, "That this House has no confidence in the present Government", which was opened by the Hon. Secretary.

On November 6th the House enjoyed a paper by Mr. Berry, and two weeks later, for the first time in its history, it was addressed by ladies—Mrs. W. Bayliss and Miss R. Saywell. This was the occasion of the staff debate, and the other speakers were Messrs. Milne and Winter.

The Headmaster will give a paper on Education at the last Ordinary General Meeting of the term. The social meeting will take place on the evening of December 15th.

This term's Associate Members have been elected from the two Fifth Forms and it is hoped that they will support the Society and attend meetings regularly.

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LIBRARY NOTES.

Committee:

Chairman: Mr. W. PEDDIE.

M. C. BORNE, J. G. MOORE, W. E. MOSS, D. W. WRIGHT.

This committee, formed in September, has met regularly on Mondays and Fridays. The library has been open on these days for the members of the Shell forms upwards. A revision of the catalogue is now being undertaken and it is also hoped that many new books will be obtained in the immediate future. The committee would be pleased to receive gifts of books, or suggestions for new books for the library.

W.E.M.

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FOOTBALL, 1943-44.

Our chief difficulty last winter was in obtaining suitable fixtures. We were able to arrange matches with only one of our

peace-time opponents—Bromley County—and played, not including our last game, against an Old Boys' XI, only 5 sides. This was because a number of S.E. London Schools were still evacuated, and the position this winter may not be greatly improved.

However, despite this difficulty, together with the fact that, the pavilion having been damaged, catering was well-nigh impossible, the School was able at the close of the season to show a favourable record, having won six and drawn three of the 12 games played.

The results were as follows:—

1943.

Oct. 16	v	2nd West Kent Boys' Brigade ...	Home	Won	...	7-0
Nov. 13	v	Brockley Jun. Tech. School ...	Home	Drew	...	1-1
Dec. 11	v	Brockley Jun. Tech. School ...	Away	Lost	...	1-3
Dec. 18	v	2nd West Kent Boys' Brigade ...	Away	Drew	...	2-2

1944.

Jan. 15	v	2nd West Kent Boys' Brigade ...	Away	Won	...	5-1
Jan. 19	v	Borough Polytechnic ...	Away	Drew	...	2-2
Jan. 22	v	2nd West Kent Boys' Brigade ...	Home	Won	...	9-1
Feb. 5	v	Bromley County School ...	Home	Lost	...	0-4
Mar. 11	v	Bromley County School ...	Away	Won	...	1-0
Mar. 18	v	Gorman Rovers ...	Home	Won	...	4 0
Mar. 29	v	Borough Polytechnic ...	Away	Won	...	2-1
Apr. 12	v	Roan O.B. XI ...	Home	Lost	...	4-7

And the figures for the season:—

Played.	Goals.				
	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	For.	Against.
12	6	3	3	38	22

Sadler was the leading goalscorer, with 16, followed by Evans, who scored 9 times, and Trew, with 6.

Besides the three above-named, Atkins, Barber, Collins, Dobson, Hayler, Hill, Pitt, Purves, Richards, Stimpson, Williams (capt.) and Yerbury were called upon to represent the School; colours were awarded to Barber, Evans, Richards, Sadler, Stimpson and Trew—Atkins, Hill and Williams being old caps.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Milne, who refereed all our home games.

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Competition for the Junior House Shield was so keen that at the close the champions—Wolfe House—led Drake by only a single point, and the issue was undecided until the final games had been played.

The top positions are shown below:—

	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Goals.		Points.
					For.	Against.	
Wolfe House	7	4	2	1	33	14	10
Drake „	7	4	1	2	28	13	9
Grenville „	7	4	1	2	26	17	9
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The customary Senior House Knock-Out Competition was won this year by Drake, who deservedly beat Nelson in the final by six goals to three. Drake and Nelson have held the leading interests in this competition for the past three seasons; each house has won once, and last year the Drake-Nelson "combine" was victorious. Drake should once again prove too good for any one else next year.

P.W.

A report of the 1944-45 season will appear in our next issue.

THE ASHWORTH CUP.

This Cup, for all-round distinction in games, and for public spirit, has been awarded, for a second year, to P. Williams (Nelson).

CRICKET.

A full fixture list was compiled—far more games being contemplated than during any summer since 1939—consisting of regular games for 1st, 2nd and Junior XI. The season was unexpectedly curtailed in the middle of June, for reasons only too well known; but, of those games that had already been played, the results were disastrous:

The 1st XI won the first and the last (against an O.R. XI) of their eight games; the 2nd XI lost four matches before winning on two occasions; but the Juniors were successful in not one of their six outings, their last game being drawn.

One criticism may be levelled at almost all players; that is, the lack of determination, particularly in batting, and often in fielding. Facilities for practice were not good, it should, in all fairness, be admitted. Indeed, the ability of Mr. Bradley (who, during the past 12 months, has devoted a very great deal of his spare time to us) to conjure up, week after week, such fine

wickets on a table that had, for four long years, been sadly neglected, was a constant source of admiration to all who played; but there was, nevertheless, that decided lack of "grit" all round. Batting, it has already been said, was the weakness. Not once could the 1st XI put together a hundred. The best effort—and, indeed, the best game by far—scored 87 in reply to Latymer's total of 103. The School were left an hour and a quarter in which to score the necessary runs, and a dashing 18 not out by seventh-wicket-down Sadler brought victory almost within our grasp; the final wicket fell in the last over! The highest individual score was 22 by Williams in the opening match, but perhaps the best feats were Stimpson's 19 out of 41 (v. Selhurst) and 17 not out scored out of 39 by Jones (v. Bec School)—this was, incidentally, his first game. Stimpson was the outstanding bowler, and, by varying his pace and fighting the ball cleverly, regularly returned a fine average. He claimed 35 wickets in 8 games, and was ably supported by Evans, Pitt, and, on occasion, Sadler.

The 1st XI results were as follows:—

1944.

May 6	v	Plaistow Boys' Club (Bromley)	Home	Won	...	56—17
May 13	v	Bromley County School	Away	Lost	...	26—103—8
May 20	v	Latymer Upper School	Away	Lost	...	103—87
May 27	v	Selhurst Grammar School	Home	Lost	...	77—41
June 3	v	Bromley County School	Home	Lost	...	44—16
June 10	v	Bec School	Away	Lost	...	39—76
June 17	v	Beckenham & Penge Co. School	Home	Lost	...	54—61—6
July 15	v	Roan O.B. XI	Home	Won	...	38—48

In each case the first total is that of the side batting first.

The 1st XI was chosen from: Evans, Jones, Kinsey, Merrett, Paul, Pitt, Potter, Richards, Sadler, Stimpson, Taylor, Thorne, Trew and Williams (capt.). Stimpson and Williams are old caps; Evans and Pitt were awarded colours for this summer.

Circumstances rendered it impossible to complete the Junior House Competition; at the time of its suspension Drake and Rodney were both unbeaten.

In conclusion we extend our thanks to Mr. Holt for umpiring some of the School's home matches, to Ougham, who proved so able and versatile a scorer, and, on behalf of all School cricketers—and footballers, too—to Mr. Bradley for his untiring energy. He made our cricket possible, and we are grateful.

P.W.

CROSS COUNTRY.

The fifth Cross-Country season of the war saw our return to Greenwich Park. Two alterations were made to the pre-war courses. For the first time, a separate Intermediate Race was held, and to cater for this a new course, midway in length between the two others, was devised. The age limits were made to correspond with the three age groups in the Athletic Sports. The other alteration, necessitated by the presence of some allotments in the Park, made the courses slightly longer than they would have been normally.

Practice runs commenced half-way through the Autumn term. Some keenness was shown, mostly amongst the Juniors, for this somewhat exhausting sport. We hope to see greater keenness in the season now opening, when arrangements will be similar.

The Junior and Intermediate Races were held on Monday, February 14th. The Juniors started just after 3 p.m., and the Intermediates followed ten minutes later, when the Juniors had had time to cover most of the course. The Senior Race was held the following Thursday.

The Junior event was a victory for Collingwood (79 points), followed by Blake (101) and Grenville (127). The first six home were: 1 Crayk (C); 2 Rolington (C); 3 Billings (Gr); 4 Ansett (G); 5 Cooper (B); 6 Hole (N).

Crayk's effort is worthy of note, since he was a member of the second form. His time was 13 mins. 29 secs.

In the Intermediate race, Collingwood and Drake tied for first place with 48 points each, the third place being filled by Nelson with 82 points.

The winner was Lee (C), who was followed by: 2 Paul, A. (B); 3 Basing (D); 4 Marshall (C); 5 Virgo (D); 6 Merrett (Ra). Lee's time was 19 mins. $2\frac{3}{10}$ secs.

Blake was victorious in the Senior event with 30 points. Drake came next with 43, and Wolfe third with 67 points.

The first six positions were filled by: 1 Moore (B); 2 Baker (N); 3 Lee (C); 4 Atkins (W); 5 Stubbersfield (B); 6 Collins (D). Moore finished the course in 23 mins. $0\frac{3}{10}$ secs.

The season did not end there. Before the Inter-House races a team from the School met a team from the Imperial College of Science, captained by D. Gerhold, an old boy of the School, who had won our senior cross-country race the year before.

The race was a decided victory for the School team. Gerhold was the individual winner, with Moore second and Mr. Mitchell

third. We competed in two inter-School races, in which fifteen schools competed. One (organised by Blackheath Harriers) was held at Hayes, and the other (South London Harriers') at Banstead. In both we were beaten, yet not disgraced.

On the strength of these performances Running Colours were awarded to Moore (Capt.), Baker, Lee and Atkins.

J.G.M.

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HOUSE NOTES.

[The officials named are those appointed in September; the notes often refer to officials and events of the year 1943-44.]

NELSON.

Captain: G. HAWES; *Vice-captains:* R. W. SIGGERS, A. CARR.

It was with profound regret that we learnt, upon our return to School after the Easter Holidays, that Tony Smith—vice-captain of Nelson House—had passed away in hospital after an illness lasting some months. I would take this opportunity of conveying to his family, on behalf of you all, our deepest sympathy.

This has not been a successful year for Nelson and it is far more difficult to account for failures than to record achievements.

The Junior House football team—led by Potter, who also captained the School Juniors—proved inconsistent and finished in the middle of the table; Richards, Stimpson and Williams played regularly for the 1st XI. We won none of the Cross Country Shields, but were placed 3rd in the Intermediate, and Baker was second in the Senior event. The Junior House Cricket Competition was suspended in mid-term, when Nelson had suffered two reverses, despite the fact that we could field—on paper—a strong side. The School 1st XI claimed the services of no fewer than five members of the House: Potter, Richards, Stimpson, Taylor and Williams. It was rather unfortunate that no Senior Knock-Out Competition was held! We should also, I feel sure, have made our presence felt had it been possible to arrange a swimming gala. I hope that all Nelsonians were out in front on Sports Day which, when these words appear in print, will have been held.

May 1945 be Nelson's year!

P.W.

Nelson has suffered a great loss with the leaving of P. Williams, the School captain; nevertheless we hope the present members will make good this loss by renewed efforts. Our junior eleven has not obtained very good results as yet, but it is

hoped that they will improve in the future. The house is to be congratulated on coming second in the Sports, the result of a good house spirit and excellent team work. First and second places were obtained in the Senior Shot by Richards and Hawes respectively, and a gallant effort was made by Holland in the mile and 880 yards. It is every member's duty to see that this standard of efficiency is maintained throughout the school year.

G.H.

GRENVILLE.

Captain: R. C. BARBER; *Vice-captain:* A. E. JENNER.

Last season (1943-44) the Junior House football team was most successful and although we were unable to win the challenge shield, we were well in the running. The House had two members of the School football 1st XI, Barber and Purves, but owing to the dearth of senior members we were not so successful in our senior football as the juniors, and we were defeated in the first round of the Senior House Football "Knock-Out" Competition.

In the cross-country runs the House was unable to distinguish itself as a whole, but Billings made a very fine effort and attained the third position in the junior run.

The sports, which were held in October 1944, were not very successful for Grenville as a whole, but once more the junior members of the House made a gallant effort and came out on top of the junior division. We are pleased to record that Billings, one of our members, is this year's junior "Victor Ludorum".

The Junior House Football XI, captained by Lang, has made an excellent start and has to date lost none of its matches; we see no reason why, if they all pull together as they did last year, they should not win the Junior Football Competition Shield. The seniors are still sadly lacking in numbers, but we think that if they combine their efforts they might be able to do better than we did last year, although we have lost one of last year's stars, Purves.

Looking into the future we hope that the House will try a little harder in the cross-country runs this coming year than they did last. Plenty of practice is what we need, and this is easily possible if we go to a little trouble.

BLAKE.

Captain: J. G. MOORE; *Vice-captains:* C. HARDINGHAM, E. A. TREW.

During the past twelve months, there has been nothing but success to chronicle.

First the congratulations of the House must be extended to four of its members upon their promotion to N.C.O.'s in the School A.T.C. Flight.

Trew becomes Flight/Sergeant, Hardingham and Gent, Sergeants, and Harris, Acting/Corporal. It is worthy of note that of five N.C.O.'s in the Flight, four come from Blake.

Our first success in the realm of sport was in the senior cross-country where the House won the event for the second year in succession with a clear margin of thirteen points to spare. The winning team consisted of (1) Moore, (5) Stubbersfield, (7) D. Paul, (17) Hazlewood.

We were placed second in the Juniors' event, Cooper finishing fifth. Another commendable performance was that of A. Paul, who was second in the Intermediate race.

In the Sports the success was repeated, the House winning the Combined Championship, as in the Senior Cross-Country, for the second time running.

The football, this year, has been a marked improvement upon that of the previous season. Out of the four matches played to date, Blake has won three and drawn the other.

Amongst the seniors, there has been no House football, though Trew and Hayler have both played for the first eleven.

A final word: Cross Country practice runs are now being held every week. Every member of Blake should do his utmost to train preparatory to the races. We have won the senior event twice in succession; let us go all out to win it again this year and perform the "hat-trick".

In parting, the House should remember that though it has been successful during the past twelve months, that offers no excuse for slacking, but only harder application to the activities to maintain its high standard and to put it right at the top.

RODNEY.

Captain: D. W. WRIGHT.

It was with sincere regret that we said good-bye to Mr. Mills on his being appointed to the Staff of the Hele's School, Exeter. He had been Rodney's Housemaster for many years and had always taken a keen interest in every aspect of House activities. He will be greatly missed; but we wish him every success and happiness in his new post.

The first year back at Greenwich has not proved unsuccessful for our House. The Junior Cricket Team did extremely well until Axis intervention brought the season to an untimely close; they had

won every match played and seemed well set for the shield. The Seniors, though still sadly lacking in numbers, had hoped to field a fairly strong side, for the House had been represented in the various School XIs. by Jones, Wright, Moore and Parker.

So far this term our Junior Football Team has not excelled itself. While its performance is slightly better than that of last year's team there is still room for considerable improvement.

It must be borne in mind that the Cross-Country races take place next term, and if any measure of success is to be achieved we must train hard during the coming weeks.

It is pleasing to note that during "Salute the Soldier" week Rodney members contributed £118 15s. 6d. This large sum was gained, not so much by any large individual contributions, as by the co-ordinated efforts of almost every boy in the House. Congratulations, Rodney; a concerted effort at last!

In conclusion let us hope that the year 1945 will prove a victorious one for the Allies and Rodney.

RALEIGH.

Captain: P. J. EVANS. *Vice-captain:* K. J. THORNE.

The House has reached its traditional high standard only in the Senior class; we depend on the Juniors to arouse themselves and pull their weight in the new season.

In the 1943-44 season, bad attendance by the junior members of the House resulted in our junior footballers being found at the bottom of the championship list, having won only one game out of seven. The Senior football team had—and deserved—better luck, reaching the semi-finals of the knock-out competition after defeating Grenville, the score being 9—1. Unluckily we were defeated by Nelson in the semi-finals. In the Cross-Country races the Senior team came fifth, but the Juniors and Intermediates were both last! The Juniors put up a better show at cricket, winning both their games. There was no Senior House cricket owing to the circumstances prevailing towards the close of last term.

This season, after a certain amount of bullying, attendances have been better amongst the juniors, who in the football competition have won one game, drawn one and lost one. Merrett and Evans P. have played for the School's 1st XI at football, and Merrett, Thorne and Evans P. have played for the School's 1st XI at cricket.

The junior members of the House again let us down in the long-delayed Sports. Except for a few boys, such as Evans E., Battisson, Merrett and Morrison, the Juniors took no active part

in the sports. With a little more help from the Juniors, the House could easily have obtained one of the first three positions in the Combined Championship, for the number of points obtained by the Seniors alone was twenty under the total obtained by the combined sports champions! Achievements by K. Thorne, who won the open Discus and Long Jump and was second in the High Jump, and also by P. Evans, who won the Open 440 and 880 yards, was second in the Discus and third in the Shot, enabled Raleigh to win the Senior Championship by a large margin. P. Evans was Senior Victor Ludorum.

WOLFE.

Captains: A. E. ATKINS, W. E. MOSS.

Firstly, we would like to say how sorry we all were to hear of the retirement of Mr. Barratt, our senior Housemaster. His connection was a long, happy and successful one, and we hope that he will soon be restored to health. We are pleased to see with us again, Mr. Kirby, who is better known to the older members of the House.

Last year, under the captaincy of N. Coe, our Junior team won the Junior Challenge Shield. Well done! Our results this season, however, have not been so encouraging. Only with good team-work can we succeed.

In this year's sports we won the Intermediate Shield. The credit for this goes largely to E. S. Bates, who won six events, and is this year's Intermediate Victor Ludorum. It is to be hoped that members will take advantage of the facilities for Cross-Country practice, so that this year we may put up a better performance than we did last year.

Only with combined and strenuous efforts can we be successful.

DRAKE.

Captain: D. E. SADLER; *Vice-captains:* M. C. BORNE, P. G. PARROTT.

First, we send our best wishes on his retirement to Mr. Poyser, who was our Senior House-master.

Drake has been successful in a number of events this year, an encouraging achievement made possible by considerable general activity

Early in the year the House was well placed in the Intermediate and Senior Cross-Country Runs. We tied for the first place in the Intermediate, and won second place in the Senior. The best individual performances came from Basing and Virgo,

who were 3rd and 5th in the Intermediate, and from Collins and Basing, 6th and 8th in the Senior.

At the end of that term the Senior Football Knock-Out Competition took place; Drake won this outright by beating Nelson 6—3 in the final. The Juniors were second in their competition.

Only a little cricket was played, in which the Junior XI was successful, for it won both its matches. The rest of the competition, and the Senior competition, were curtailed by enemy action.

The Sports, postponed from the summer term, were held in the autumn term, and Drake made a good show, being 3rd. Several members of the House did exceptionally well, these being Collins, Basing and Kinsey. The Junior and Intermediate relays were won by the House, but the Senior team was unfortunate in dropping out of their race.

No important events have taken place since the Sports, but the House should do well in forthcoming events. It is clear that the success of a House depends upon each boy, so Drake's success next year should be certain, if every member plays his part with enthusiasm.

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AT LONDON UNIVERSITY.

Amidst the valorous deeds of "serving" Old Roans might I be so daring as to say—or rather write—a few words on behalf of another class of Old Boy whose various members are quietly pursuing their allotted tasks in this war-time Britain of ours? I refer to those of us who, in bomb-scarred London, are humbly trying to apply that greatest of all Roan Commandments "Work hard and Play hard" to the innumerable demands that College and post-College life make on one.

Dwelling very briefly on the academic aspect, T. White, W. H. F. Brooks, E. T. Emms, L. Bow and E. Howse obtained their "degrees" in June of this year, the first-named being one of eight at Imperial College to gain a First Class Honours Degree in Physics. Others of us are struggling towards this goal, hoping eventually, of course, to put the ball in the net!

In the realm of sport W. H. F. Brooks has represented Imperial College at football and tennis, whilst D. Gerhold has run for London University. It may be remarked here that a happy link between Present and Past has been established by arranging Sports fixtures in two instances between the School

and Boro' Polytechnic and Imperial College. The latter took the form of a Cross-Country run. As a result of the totally unexpected outcome of this the next encounter is being eagerly looked forward to by both sides.

Service to the community has always ranked high in the record of "Old Roans", and we, in our time, have numbered among us members of the Senior Training Corps (ex-O.T.C.) complete with Certs. "A" and "B", a regular galaxy of Air Raid Wardens, and members of that much despised profession—firewatching.

That happy spirit of comradeship bred in those of us reared under the shadow of the "Welfare" is well exemplified in the scene that could be witnessed at a Kensington British Restaurant any lunch time, when at one time *seven* "Old Roans" would be seen in solemn conclave. Perhaps I could draw to a close on this note by welcoming into the fold two visiting Service members, P. Perry—valiantly helping to repair our shattered homesteads—and A. McGregor—on a special course—and our three "Freshers", J. B. Hill, P. Williams and H. Jenne.

In conclusion, may I send—on behalf of all London Old Roans—sincere greetings to Staff and Boys, with every good wish for Christmas and the Coming Year?

D.G.

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ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

GREECE.

The sound of marching feet is heard,
As British troops march on;
Already freed are many lands,
From which the foe is gone.
Immortal Athens now is free,
City of lasting fame:
In days when Britain was not known
Great men from Athens came.
Aeschylus, Plato, Homer, lived
In Greece long years ago,
Demosthenes, Pythagoras,
The poetess Sappho.
Statesmen, poets, playwrights too
Came from this famous place,
And now in war it has its part
To play, that brave Greek race.

K.S.P.

A TANGLED TALE.

[By a Shell Form boy, indignant because his pronunciation of Greek names had been criticised.]

A Greek who lived by selling cockles—
His name, I think, was Themistocles—
Went in the middle of the night
To see his daughter Aphrodite.
She had for passion ample cause
Because her husband, Menelaus,
Had managed, scoundrel, to elope
With her old bridesmaid, Penelope;
She'd had to make disastrous terms
With a harsh money-lender, Hermes,
And, in a cottage in the hills,
(Owned by her cousin, one Achilles)
Now had her home. Some friends besides,
Including all the Hesperides,
Had come to give her their advice—
The chief of these was Laodice.
When told of Aphrodite's affairs,
Incited by the war-god Ares,
Our hero clenched his fists and teeth
And rushed to send beyond the Lethe
That villain vile. In desp'rate tone
He shrieked, "I go to Persephone!"

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THE DOODLE-BUG.

Like a purposeless brain
Is a pilotless 'plane,
With no target its aim, it goes droning :
It rumbles through space
With expressionless face,
Just screeching and grunting and groaning.
It fouls all it meets
In bye-ways and streets,
Leaves everything broken and dented ;
It's no good at all ;
It just "rides for a fall"—
The foulest thing ever invented.

It's the devil's own toy,
Which is meant to destroy
The beauty of God's own creation,
But, when it has burst,
With death it is cursed—
The "Doodle-Bug's" true destination.

W.T.M.

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THE POPLAR.

The stately poplar high it stands
Proudly before the wind,
And with its boughs like upraised hands
It sways and creaks and bends.
In Spring when things awaken,
The small leaves bud and grow,
And only the blackish boughs remember
Last year's snow.

G.W.B.

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"D" DAY.

The day of Liberation had arrived :
Our landing-barges swarmed upon the beach
Of France, and tanks ran up the sands with men,
Their guns all hurling lead at squads of Huns
Who held the Western Wall. The Navy's guns
Were barking loud and clear, to help our troops
To gain that vital ground. The German ships
Lay underneath the surface of the sea.
An Allied Air Armada overhead
Came zooming ; with them, gliders, packed with men,
Or, marvellous to tell, with heavy tanks.
At zero hour the sky was filled with dots
Which blossomed out like daisies, white and round.
The Maquis, armed with German guns and bombs,
Gave valiant help, to clear their land of Huns.
From this the rats who conquered France retreat,
And fear the death they know that they must meet.

J.M.

A.T.C. NOTES.

Variety being, as everyone knows, the Spice of Life, a serious attempt was made on the return to London to vary the training programme as much as possible. The increased facilities available at Greenwich enabled this to be done. Mr. Gilbert kindly permitted the Flight to use the disused Dark Room as an office, and this made possible the use of equipment that had been previously inaccessible. Soon after the beginning of the Autumn term lectures were in full swing and attempts were made to augment the "common round" of Morse, Navigation and Aircraft Recognition. Again the increased size of the "Parade Ground" made an hour of foot drill pass much less monotonously.

One pleasant feature of the programme was the increase in the number of flights in Service aircraft available for Cadets (we are glad to place on record the fact that air-sickness was not prevalent among 996!)

Much interest has been shown in the Flight by London Command, who have sent a number of representatives to watch training in progress.

Public appearances of the Flight included participation in two "Salute the Soldier Week" parades, and a Church Parade, in company with the Greenwich Wing, to mark the anniversary of the founding of the A.T.C. On each occasion 996 did much to enhance its reputation for smartness.

The Flight was distressed to hear, at the end of the Easter vacation of the death of Corporal A. J. Smith, whose keenness and efficiency had done much to ensure the smooth running of the Flight Office.

A Guard of Honour attended the funeral.

At the end of the Summer Term, the Flight was unfortunate in losing the majority of its members, a large number of whom were proficient cadets, i.e., entitled to the rank of Leading Cadet. We have been fortunate, however, to have a number of new recruits who certainly make up in enthusiasm what they may lack in experience. Already, some of them are showing promise, and good results are expected from the Proficiency Examination at the end of this term.

Most cadets are showing great interest in their work and it is hoped that instruction can be even more varied in the future. The two sergeants are to receive Gliding instruction in the near future and probably other proficient cadets will be able to receive similar

instruction at some future date—providing of course, that the gliders are returned in one piece to the instructors by the first representatives of 996 Flight to handle these aircraft! (It is immaterial whether the sergeants are returned in one piece or not; it is the gliders that matter).

A short time ago an old boy, Flying Officer A. S. Berry, of the R.A.F., visited us and gave us an impromptu talk on "Radar"—Radio-Location—and one or two general things, and though the information he could give us was necessarily curtailed for security reasons, it was generally agreed that his talk had been very interesting—and amusing.

At various times we have had information of ex-members of the Flight, and other Old Roans, now serving in His Majesty's Forces and we wish them every success in the coming year.

A visit from the London Commandant, A.T.C., is expected early in the Spring Term and we hope to keep up the reputation of 996 (Roan, Blackheath) Flight on that occasion.

Since the appearance of the last Roan Magazine, one of our officers has been promoted and we must therefore congratulate Flying Officer Berry.

The N.C.O's this year are all new, with the exception of the Flight/Sergeant who was a corporal for a part of last year, but they are striving to maintain the standard reached by their predecessors. They are Flight/Sergeant Trew, Sergeants Gent and Hardingham and Corporals Pretty and Harris.

996 Flight continues to flourish, remembering not only the A.T.C. motto, "Venture; Adventure", but also the School and R.A.F. mottoes, "Honore et Labore" and "Per Ardua ad Astra" respectively.

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OLD ROAN ASSOCIATION NOTES.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT.

To all Old Roans, wherever you may be, I wish to send Greetings on behalf of the Old Roan Association. During the last twelve

months many Old Boys, chiefly in the Services, have called in at School to see us. We, the Headmaster and Staff are always glad to see you. I shall be glad to hear from any Old Boy, and will endeavour to let him have a letter giving some details about the School, Staff and Association activities. Early next year I hope we shall be able to arrange another meeting in the School Hall—it may be a Victory celebration.

Hundreds of Old Boys will feel that the School has lost two devoted Masters by the retirement of Mr. Poyser and Mr. Barratt. "Poy" was President of the O.R.A. 1927-8 and had been Editor of the Magazine since its inception. His "My Son" will be remembered by many. We wish them well. Now, you Old Boys, write in and let us know what you are doing. Good Luck and a speedy return!

KILLED OR MISSING ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Andrews, P. E. (28-40), Sgt., R.A.F. (See separate notice).
Banks, R. (33-39), Sgt., R.A.F. Killed in action, Middle East.
Chapman, M. A. (30-36) F/O. R.A.F. Missing 6/43.
Chapman, R. J. (32-37) Sgt./Nav. R.A.F. Killed in action 7/43.
Fisher, L. R. (37-39), R.A.F.
Hood, W. F. (33-36), Lt., R.A. Killed in action, Italy, 31/8/44.
Hounsell, J. T. (31-39), R.A.F. Presumed killed: 4/43.
Parker, L. (27-33), Sgt. Killed in action, Italy, 3/10/43.

He enlisted in March, 1940, left England six months later, and was in action with Wavell's army early in 1941. He served throughout the N. African campaign, in the Rifle Brigade attached to the 7th Armoured Division ("Desert Rats"), and took part in the Victory Parades at Tripoli and Tunis. His C.O. has paid tribute to his bravery and perpetual cheerfulness even in the worst circumstances.

Smith, F. J. (32-39), F/O., R.A.F. 9/44.
Trew, B. (34-40) Sgt./Eng. R.A.F. Presumed killed 9/43.
Lane, J. J. (31-40), P/O., R.A.F. Presumed killed, Italy, 11/44.

PRISONERS OF WAR.

Acquier, J. F. (30-37), P/O., R.A.F.
Norton, P.S. (20-23).
Perry, V. G. (30-36).

DEATHS.

We regret to announce the death by enemy action on November 25th of Mr. R. B. Calder (1910-14). Mr. Calder was elected joint auditor to the O.R. Association at the last Annual

General Meeting. He was a life member of the Association and a member of the John Roan School Lodge.

Ducker, R. S. (15-26), Colonial Educ. Service. Died as a result of burns, Nigeria.

Thompson, A. F. (37-42). 29/4/43.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Abbott, H. C. S. (34-39) F.A.A., Trinidad.
Aggett, W. J. P. (30-40), Lt., R.A. (L.A.A.).
Arnould, R. H. C. (35-40) R.C.S., India.
Ashford, D. J. (32-39), F/Sgt., Fighter Command.
Trained in U.S.A., served in England and N. Africa.
Ferry duties ('44).
Auerbach, U. R. (39-42), Royal Welch Fusiliers ('43).
(Swansea University, '42-43.)
Baker, A. H. (21-27), Cpl., R.T.C.
Beecher, J. B. (23-30) Major, R.A.
Bird, R. T. (35-39) R.N. Submarines.
Bishop, J. H. V. (34-40) R.A.F., Training, S. Rhodesia.
Bishop, R. E. D. (36-43), Midshipman, R.N.V.R.
Blackhall, R. C. J. (37-40) R.A.F.
Brewer, H. C. J. (33-38) R.A.F., F/Sgt. Instructor, N. Ireland.
Buckle, F. E. (34-39), R. Corps of Signals.
Buckle, R. P. (36-41), R.A.F. Short Course, Southampton Univ. (43-44).
Carter, H. (33-39), F/O., R.A.F.
Catchsides, W. F. (31-36). India.
Chapman, A. B. (31-38), Admiralty Asst. Arm. S.O.
Chapman, D. A. (34-39) R.C.S.
Chapman, G. R. (32-39), R.A.F., Belfast Univ. A.S.
Connor, J. A. W. (27-33), Staff Sergt., R.E.
(Volunteered, March '40; has served in Persia, Iraq and Italy.)
Cooper, R. (26-32) Cpl. R.A.F.
Cowie, H. J. (26-33) F/Lt. R.A.F. (Met.) Italy.
Crane, P. (36-39), F/Sgt., Coastal Command—Ceylon.
Cutts, D. A. (), Lt., Middlesex Regt.
Dabbs, P. R. ((32-39) Lt. R.A.
Dibben, B. J. C. (35-42), S/Lt. (A), R.N.V.R. Trained Canada.
Davis, P. E. (31-36), Lt., R.A.S.C.
Davies, W. D. (37-42), R.N., Edinburgh Univ.
Downs, A. W. (34-39), R.A.F., Training, Florida.
Downs, E. J. (32-39), F/O., R.A.F.
Downs, L. G. (31-36), Devonshire Regt. (O.C.T.U.).

Ducker, B. (33-40), P/O., R.A.F. Trained Canada.
 Ducker, C. (17-28), Lt.-Col. on Lt. Mcuntbatten's Staff.
 Durban, D. (36-39) S/Lt. (A) R.N.V.R., Instructor, Trinidad.
 Eldridge, D. C. E. (27-34), R.A.S.C.
 Eldridge, H. W. (25-29), F/Sgt., R.A.F.
 Ellis, R. H. (27-37), Capt., R.A. (L.A.A.).
 Evans, C. K. (35-40), Royal Corps of Signals.
 Fillmore, A. J. (37-41), F/Sgt., R.A.F. Trained Rhodesia; now proceeding to operational duty in the Far East.
 Floyd, E. (27-34). Invalided from Army.
 Ford, F. A. (29-34), Lt., R.N. Joined R.N. Dec., 1940.
 Navigation officer on a minesweeper, Mediterranean.
 Frost, C. (30-36), R.E.M.E.
 Frost, M. (27-32), Sgt., Italy.
 Gill, P. H. (36-42), R.A.F. S. Africa.
 Glover, W. J. (30-37), Paym. S/Lt., R.N.V.R.
 Gobbett, G. (32-36) F.A.A.
 Gooch, A.F. (30-35) 2/Lt. R.A.
 Harris, D. R. (37-42), Radar Operator, R.A.F.
 Hatcher, P. A. (35-40) R.N.
 Henley, M. W. (31-39), S/Lt. (A), R.N.V.R. Joined F.A.A. 1941.
 Hewitt, J. (38-40), R.A.F. (u/t).
 Hoare, R. G. (40-42), R. N., Edinburgh Univ. (43-4).
 Hole, S. (31-35), R.A.M.C., Hospital Ship.
 Holland, P. E. (33-39) India.
 Hooper, K. (34-42), S/Lt. (A), R.N.
 Jones, G. F. (37-41), F/O. (Nav.) R.A.F., Middle East.
 On Reconnaissance work in the Aegean.
 Kaberry, G. P. (32-39) R.A.C.
 Drove his tank from Caen to Holland.
 Kempton, R. J. (34-40), Sgt., Gliders. Returned safely from Holland, after posting as missing.
 Kennedy, D. G. (37-39), mines.
 Kenzie, R. R. (36-41), R.A.F.
 Killinger, L. A. (35-39), R.A.F. (u/t).
 Laywood, K. J. (15-22), R.N.
 Lyne, A. (35-39), R.A.F. (a/g).
 Lyne, M. G. (34-39), S/Lt., R.N.
 Malpas, A. (32-38) Cpl.
 Panther, H. W. (22-27) Major
 Ross, H. A. G. (14-19) Lieut.
 Thorne, A. J. (15-17)

} All at one R.A.O.C. Depot
 { in the Midlands.

Mason, W. H. (31-39), L/A.C., R.A.F. Servicing Commandos.
 McGregor, A. M. (36-43), Midshipman (Special Duties), R.N.V.R.
 Melcher, A. C. (39-41), Sgt./Eng., R.A.F.
 McIntosh, D. C. (34-39), Indian Army.
 Norris, R. K. (33-40), F/O., R.A.F. Instructor, Canada and England.
 Overy, D. (34-39) R.A.F. (u/t).
 Parker, E. (27-33), Queen's Royal Regt. Wounded in Burma.
 Served in N. African campaign.
 Payne, R. J. (34-39) R.A.F.V.R., S. Africa.
 Peckham, D. H. (21-30), Lt., R.A.
 Perry, P. L. (40-43), R.A.F. Edinburgh Univ. (43-4).
 Pullen, A. W. (37-42). S. Africa.
 Putwain, D. (34-39) R.N.
 Rickwood, G. (29-36), Glider Pilot.
 A Territorial in Searchlight, '37, Called up, Aug. '39,
 Volunteered for Glider Regt. '42, "Wings" Oct., '43.
 Seal, R. W. (34-39), Cpl., R.A.O.C.
 Shute, F. E. (32-38) Cpl. R.A.F.
 Served in Malta and at home.
 Smith, J. (33-38) R.C.S.
 Smith, W. A. (33-38) R.N.
 Spearing, E. S. (35-41), S/Lt. (A), R.N. (Pilot).
 Spinks, E. W. (27-31) F/O., R.A.F., Canada.
 Stearn, R. W. (21-27), Cpl., R.A.F.
 Thomas, G. (35-40) R.A.F. (u/t).
 Thorne, H. M. (16-20) Major, R.A.O.C., Middle East.
 Trafford, L. E. (27-37), Sgt., R.A.F.V.R. (Met.). In Egypt since '41.
 Turner, R. C. (36-43), R.A.F., Cambridge Univ., 1943-44.
 Wardell, C. P. (27-32) British Red Cross. M. East.
 Walker, R. T. (37-42), W/T Mech., R.N. Formerly H.G., A.A., Blackheath.
 Watling, J. C. (36-41), W/T Mech., R.A.F.
 Weir, A. G. (36-42) R.N., Newcastle Univ.
 Wells, H. V. (34-39), P/O., R.A.F.V.R.
 White, P. A. (33-39) R.A.S.C., Italy.
 Williams, B. J. (37-42), F.A.A., Oxford Univ.
 Wills, A. J. (26-33) H.M. Minesweeper.
 Woollard, R. J. (23-31), Craftsman, R.E.M.E.

PROMOTIONS.

- Bartlett, K. (32-37), Lieut., R.A.
 Bishop, R. F. (28-37), Lieut., Indian Army.
 Dalzell, W. R. (Staff), F/O., R.A.F.
 Dyke, P. M. (Staff), Capt., The Queen's Royal Regt., Italy.
 England, L. (39-43) S/Lt. R.N.
 Hanreck, R. G. (29-37) Capt. R.C.S.
 Harris, F. W. (Staff), Lt.-Colonel, R.A.
 Mander, J. A. H. (Staff, 36-39), Major, A.E.C., India.
 Thorp, J. (Staff) Capt. R.C.S.
 Turner, S. (29-35), Major, R.E., India.
 Twitchett, F. J. (32-37) F/Lt. R.A.F.
 Wedge, J. F. N. (32-38) Lt. R.N.V.R.
 Wheeler, K. H. (32-40) Lt. Royal Fusiliers.
 Served from El Alamein to Mareth, where he was wounded.
 Wilcox, R. (32-39), F/O., R.A.F.
 Woolley, G. (28-34), Capt., on Staff of Chief Inspector of Armaments.

DISTINCTIONS.

Craneheld, D. L. (35-42), S/Lt., R.N.V.R.

Mentioned in Dispatches on "D" Day.

Chapman, M. A. (30-36). F/O. R.A.F.

Mentioned in dispatches. Since presumed killed.

Foy, P. (23-29), A.F.C.

Hole, J. D. (29-33), F/O., D.F.C. with bar. Served in Malta, N. Africa and Italy.

Hunt, L. L. (28-33), F/O., D.F.C.

Has had a varied career in the A.A.C. (34-38) and the R.A.F. (commissioned '42) in Europe and the Far East. More recently he has been engaged in landing troops inside enemy territory in Burma.

Plant, A. B. (), Capt., M.C.

Warner, J. (21-29), Lt., R.N.V.R., D.S.C.

This award was for "courage, leadership and resource in operations against the enemy in Burma." His craft was sunk, and although wounded he led a party through hostile country, and was engaged in a successful action with enemy light forces.

NEWS OF OLD ROANS.

(Not in the Services).

FARRELL, R. W. ('81—84) celebrated his golden wedding in July. Mr. Farrell has a long record of public service, having been a prominent Councillor of Lewisham and of Worthing—where he has lived since retiring from business in 1930. At Worthing he has done much to improve the educational services, and is Vice-chairman of the Education Committee.

FISHER, B. ('24—32). In a letter, now over a year old, writes from Addis Ababa of how some sort of medical service was re-established in Ethiopia. He was transferred to the Education Dept., but at the time of writing most of his efforts were being engaged in grappling with the terrible conditions and with disease in many forms.

MILLS, S. R. ('16—29 and Staff '26—44) has been appointed to the staff of Hele's School, Exeter. (See separate notice).

MULLEY, H.E. () architect, has written briefly recalling the old school.

ROBERTS, R. H. W. (1906—11). Canon Roberts, who has been Diocesan Missioner of Guildford Diocese since 1936, and Canon of Guildford since 1937, joined the Royal Army Chaplains' Department on the outbreak of war.

He went to France in October, '39, to organise the Chaplains' School at G.H.Q. Shortly afterwards he was taken ill, and invalided home.

Since 1940 he has been serving in this country as Senior Chaplain to the Forces. He has recently been appointed Canon Residentiary and Chancellor of Truro Cathedral for which purpose he has been released from his army duties. He has also been appointed Diocesan Director of Religious Education, Director of Ordination Training and Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Truro. His address will be Benson House, Truro, where he will always be glad to welcome any old Roans who happen to be visiting Cornwall.

SMITH, AUSTIN, born 1891, was recently appointed Joint General Manager of the Woolwich Equitable Building Society. He served in the last war in the Queen's Westminster Rifles, Dorchester Regt. and the R.F.C., was awarded the D.F.C., became Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute, joined the Woolwich Equitable 1925, became assistant Secretary 1928 and Assistant Manager 1929.

STICKLAND, C. A. ('33—40) has proceeded to the degrees of B.Sc., A.R.C.S. (Cl. II). He is now a Research Assistant at Imperial College.

TRAFFORD, P. A. ('28—38) is now M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., and L.R.C.P., and is Resident House Surgeon at Woking War Hospital. He had the distinction of having an article on an unusual surgical case published in "The Lancet" of 29 July last.

POTTER, C. H. ('15—21) has been appointed to the Staff of Rugby School.

THE REV. R. F. RENDELL (1884—87) has retired from his position as Vicar of Brightlingsea, and is living in Clacton. Some of us will remember his Founder's Day address in 1937.

RADFORD, F. G. ('16—18) has travelled abroad on Medical Research work, and at one time was on the staff of the Royal Herbert Hospital. Now at the Pathological Department, Tilbury Hospital.

ROUGHTON, A. D. (1907—10) Captain in the Canadian Army, writes with news of having met F/O Spinks, O.R., in Vancouver.

FRANKLIN, G. F., who was at the School from 1909 to 1916, and, following a distinguished academic career, is now Headmaster of Lincoln School, recently sent back the Prefect's Badge which he held as Captain of the School, and which he was allowed to retain when he left to join the Army. The Badge is to be awarded each year to the School Captain.

BIRTHS.

ALLEN, P. F. A. ('20—26). On Oct. 3rd 1944, to Margaret (née Price) wife of P. F. A. Allen at 11 Park Lane, Penwortham, Preston, a son—John Frederick.

BECKWORTH, J. A. C. ('22—27). On 24th August, 1944, to Lee (née Clark), wife of J. A. C. Beckwith, 30 Goodhart Way, West Wickham, Kent, a son—Richard James.

NORTH, G. H. ('29—34). On 24th Sept., 1944, to Nancy, wife of Sgt. G. H. North, a daughter—Margaret Elizabeth.

MARRIAGES.

ALLEN, P. F. A. ('20—26) to Margaret E. Price on November 13th 1943 at St. Mary's Church, Penwortham, Preston, whilst on short leave from Persia where he had been since April, 1937.

DURBAN, J. D. ('33—37) to Sheila Brown, W.R.N.S., of Chislehurst, at Our Lady of Grace, Charlton, on 4th March, 1943.

GLOVER, W. J. ('30—37) to Joyce Bingham, on 13th July 1940, at St. Nicholas' Church, Great Yarmouth.

RATCLIFFE, T. A., Sub /Lt., to Elizabeth Jane Simeon, Sub. A.T.S., only daughter of Sir John W. Barrington Simeon, Bart., and of the late Lady Simeon of Swainston, I.O.W. (*Times*, July 20th, 1943.)

WHEELER, K. H. ('32—40) Lt., Royal Fusiliers, to Constance Mary Bruce, at St. Mary the Virgin, Guildford, on 11th November, 1944.

TRAFFORD, P. A., M.B., B.S., (1928—38). On 8th July, 1944 at St. Dunstan's Church, Woking, to Josephine Hanglin, S.R.N.

NEW MEMBERS.

ORDINARY.

Ashford, D. J. (32-39); Baker, J. J. (39-44); Brooks, K. (34-39); Carpenter, A. G. (24-30); Coxhead, B. (36-40); Dann, P. K. (39-44); Dobson, P. A. (39-44); Drennan, R. S. (36-40); Dudgeon, W. E. (39-44); Foreman, R. W. (39-44); Haggett, N. L. (37-41); Hazlewood, A. G. (37-44); Hill, J. B. A. (38-44); Hill, L. K. (25-33); Hoare, R. G. (40-43); James, C. B. W. (37-41); Jenne, H. J. (37-44); Kidman, S. L. (38-44); Lyne, A. (35-39); Maynard, C. (—); Moore, W. G. (39-44); Moyes, D. J. (37-44); Nicholson, K. D. (39-44); Ougham, D. J. (39-44); Peddie, D. W. (32-39); Peddie, M. P. (37-44); Pitt, R. J. (38-44); Rampley, A. S. (41-44); Reading, J. H. (38-44); Richards, F. H. (39-44); Sadler, B. E. (38-44); Sellors, C. T. (33-40); Stimpson, C. J. (38-44); Vickers, F. R. (36-43); Williams, J. (39-41); Williams, P. (38-44); Winter, P. W. (38-39).

LIFE.

Aggett, W. J. P. (30-39); Bristow, L. F. (33-38); Davies, N. J. (32-39); Ellis, R. L. (25-34); Marsh, P. A. (38-43); Merrett, F. B. (26-30); Nearn, C. W. (14-18); Paul, D. F. (39-44); Radford, F. G. (16-18); Rolfe, C. D. (36-42); Roughton, A. D. (06-11); Spinks, E. W. (27-31); Stemp, H. (38-44); Stickland, C. A. (33-40).

TRANSFERRED LIFE.

Bennett, R. F. (35-40); Bryson, A. J. (28-35); Corderey, F. A. (05-11); Durban, J. D. (33-37); Fortune, K. E. (22-27); Goldsmith, K. (29-38); Gooch, A. (30-35); Hinde, A. F. (34-43); Moore, M. D. (34-41); Nottage, R. J. (29-34); Palmer, S. A. (26-30); Peckham, D. H. (20-30); Pierce, S. L. (32-39); Tugwell, A. G. (35-41); Twitchett, F. J. (32-37); Vickers, J. F. (32-42); White, P. A. (33-38).

GENERAL MEETING.

A General Meeting of the Association—the first since February, 1939—was held in the School Hall on Saturday, May 20th 1944, fifty members being present, with the retiring President, Mr. C. H. Lyon, in the Chair. The Secretary gave a report on the progress of the O.R.A. during five years of war, and submitted the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Mr. Allen, who was unable to be present. The Balance Sheet, which was unanimously adopted, is printed below.

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O.R.A. BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 31ST, 1943.

To Revenue— 404 at 2/-	£ s d 40 8 0	Balance, 1943 Receipts	£ s d 432 2 0
		From Revenue—85 at 1/-	17 12 6
		Interest—Post Office	4 5 0
		Hope Memorial Fund	9 1 0
		Balance from Revenue	2 0 0
Balance, Dec. 31st, 1943	406 16 6		36 4 0
	£501 4 6		£501 4 6
To Revenue— 85 at 3/6 9 at 2/- 21 at 1/-	£ s d 14 17 6 18 0 0 1 1 0	Balance, 1942 Receipts	£ s d 94 12 8
Balance, Dec. 31st 1943	102 5 5	Balance from Revenue	16 16 6
	£119 1 11		7 12 9
To Life Members—85 at 1/- Interest—Post Office Hope Memorial Fund Postage Stationery Sundries Badges Balance to O.M. Ditto to L.M.	£ s d 4 5 0 9 1 0 2 0 0 1 17 4 1 14 4 5 0 0 11 1 1 7 12 9 36 4 0	By Life Members—404 at 2/- Ordinary Members—85 at 3/6 9 at 2/- 21 at 1/- Interest—Post Office Hope Memorial Fund	£ s d 40 8 0 14 17 6 18 0 0 1 1 0 9 1 0 2 0 0
	£68 5 6		£68 5 6

Life Members Ordinary Members Entertainment Fund	£ s d 460 16 0 102 5 5 17 16 8	Stock—Entertainment Stationery Badges President's Collar P.O. Deposit Hope Memorial Loan Bank Balance Cash	£ s d 18 2 3 2 0 0 2 0 0 373 9 3 100 0 0 83 7 2 1 14 11
	£580 18 7		£580 18 7
Jan. 1st. Balances Savings Bank Current Account Cash in hand Contributions— I.A.A.M. Per Bank Per Treasurer Interest	£ s d 81 11 10 9 4 10 9 2 7 44 0 0 6 11 6 5 19 0 2 0 9	Disbursements— A.P.C. Postage and Cheques Balances, Dec. 31st, 1943— Savings Bank Current Account Cheque in hand, paid in Jan. 28/44	£ s d 62 15 0 7 8 83 12 7 9 16 4 1 19 0
	£158 10 6		£158 10 6
Dec. 31st 1943— Total Receipts	£ s d 74 14 7	Expenditure— P.M. Prize, 1942 Secretary's Expenses Balance, 31st Dec., 1944	£ s d £1 4 6 5 5 1 9 11 73 4 8
	£74 14 7		£74 14 7
Additional Receipts in 1944 to May 3rd		£32 19s. 1d.	
Balance in hand, May 3rd, 1944		£107 13s. 8d.	

W. A. ALLEN,
Hon. Treasurer.

The meeting then proceeded to elect a President for the ensuing year and, amid great acclamation, Mr. T. Holt was declared President.

The Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected.

All the members of the Committee having served their term of office, the meeting proceeded to elect nine members as follows:—

Messrs. H. Berry, J. W. Berry, Clout, Lister, Loryman, Radford, Stickland, Tomkins and P. Trafford.

Messrs. Calder and Hewlett were elected as Auditors.

Mr. C. H. Lyon then invested Mr. Holt with the President's Collar and in a few well chosen words welcomed the new President to which Mr. Holt suitably replied.

OLD ROAN BENEVOLENT FUND.

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1948.

Although subscriptions during the year came in very slowly we have by the generous contribution made by the Incorporated Association of Assistant Masters towards the help given to our old friend and colleague Mr. Corderey, I am glad to say been able to continue our help to him until the end.

The Fund now stands in as good a position as it ever did and we had at the end of 1948 a balance of £83-12-7 in the Savings Bank, £9-16-4 in the current account with £1-19-0 in hand, which has since been paid into the current account, making a total of £95-7-11. Since the end of the year we have had what for us is a windfall in the form of a cheque for £10 from one of our members which together with cheques for £1-1-0 from each of two others raises this total to date to £117-9-11.

Although at present we have no claims on the Fund I feel that with conditions such as they are we should try to build up this Fund as high as possible so that we may in our humble way be in a position to render assistance in any case of extreme distress amongst our Old School Friends.

What, as treasurer to this Fund, I should like to see, is such a sum invested as would produce an interest able in itself to give substantial help where needed.

JOHN ROAN SCHOOL LODGE.

Since the last Magazine was published the Lodge has held four meetings, the last being on September 30th, when a large number of Brethren and visitors were present to see Worshipful Bro. P. R. H. Ramsey installed as Master for the ensuing year.

IF YOU KNOW AN OLD BOY WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF OUR ASSOCIATION GET HIM TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING—

Old Roan Association

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT OR RE-ENROLMENT

Name.....

Address.....

Years at School..... from..... to.....

Remarks (State whether keen on joining Sports Clubs, assisting in Social Events, etc.).

Date.....

N.B.—The attached Subscription Form or Bankers' Order should be enclosed with this Form and sent to the Secretary, 77 Coleraine Road, Blackheath, S.E.3

SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Enclosed is..... for..... as Subscription to the O.R.A. for—

Life Membership	...	£1 15 0	
Ordinary Membership	3 6	per annum	{ for the year ending
Under 18 Membership	2 0	„	{ Dec. 31st, 19

BANKERS' ORDER

Name of Society: OLD ROAN ASSOCIATION.

Name of Bankers: MESSRS. BARCLAY, Westcombe Park, S.E.3

To..... (Name of Bankers)

Please pay to the Bankers of the above Society—

(a) The sum of Thirty-five Shillings only.

(b) The sum of Three Shillings and Sixpence on receipt of this Order, and a further sum of Three Shillings and Sixpence on the First day of January in each year, and debit the same to my Account.

(Please strike out either (a) or (b) and initial same.)

Signature.....

Address.....

Date.....

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affix
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Stamp

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Light and Dark Blue and Green. (In the new Blazer Cloth, which is much superior to flannel, the colours being woven throughout).

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