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Dedicated to Roan Boys who have served their King and Country.

Proudly we chronicle our noble sons
 Who fought for England's hard-won victory.
 They kept the promise of our honoured song:
 They had "new foes to fight," and "in the air
 And in the depths, wherever men should be,"
 In all the Continents they played their part,
 Untiring, loyal, counting not the cost.
 Many their deeds of valour resolute,
 Though unrecorded oft, on those vexed plains
 Of desert Africa, on France's coast,
 In Burmese jungle, on the troubled deep,
 Beneath the boundless canopy of Space.
 To others glory hardly less, who fought
 With nimble brain and scientific skill,
 To fashion weapons new, of dire import,
 And miracles of healing to perform.
 Admiring thanks we yield them all. For those
 Who bravely fell, resigning all they had
 For Honour's sake, no words our mourning hearts may ease.

We will remember them; in future days
 The sons of Roan will ever sing their praise.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

- Andrews, P. E. (28-40), Sgt/Pilot, R.A.F. Killed in flying accident, M. East, 4/44.
- Attenborough, N. G. (33-37), S/Lt. (A), R.N.V.R. Shot down Leghorn, 2/41.
- Banks, R. (33-39), Sgt/Pilot, R.A.F. Killed in action, M. East.
- Beardsley, B. (33-37), Sgt/Pilot, R.A.F. Killed in flying accident, /41.
- Benton, G. E. (26-31), R.N. Lost at sea, 8/41.
- Brooks, R. E. (32-37), L/A.C., R.A.F. Killed in flying accident, 11/40.
- Cables, J. P. M. (26-34), M.N. Missing at sea.
- Caton, E. B. (22-33), Sgt/Pilot, R.A.F. Killed on operation, Sicily, 12/43.
- Chapman, M. A. (30-36), F/O., R.A.F.V.R. Killed in action, 6/43.
- Chapman, R. J. (32-37), Sgt/Nav., R.A.F. Killed in action, 7/43.
- Cotton, R. (27-36), R.A.F. Killed over Tobruk.
- Courtney, I. H. (21-27), F/L., R.A.F.V.R. 11/43.
- Coveney, W. R. (31-37), Sgt/Obs., R.A.F. Killed in action, 4/40.
- Curry, J. H. (35-39), Sgt/Pilot, R.A.F. Shot down over Holland, 7/41.
- Davis, G. R. (32-38), P/O., R.A.F.V.R. Killed during air operations, 4/44.
- Ducker, F. E. R. (18-30), F/O., R.A.F.V.R. Missing.
- Fisher, L. R. (37-39), R.A.F.
- Francis, E. T. (32-37), L/Sgt., R.A. Died as P.O.W., Siam, 5/45.
- Fullagar, T. J. (20-29). Died as P.O.W., Siam.
- Gardiner, T. W. (26-31), Lt., K.O.R. Regt. Died of wounds, Burma, 12/44.
- Giles, G. V. W. (33-38), Sgt., R.A.F. Killed in action, N. Africa, 2/43.
- Hardee, M. D. C. (31-36), Pte., Queen's Own R.W.K. Killed in action at Dunkirk, 5/40.
- Hartweg, J. M. (Staff, 38-39), Lt., French Army. Drowned on active service, 5/40.
- Hills, D. H. (32-37), A/C.1, R.A.F. Died as P.O.W., Java, 11/42.
- Hood, W. F. (33-36), Lt., R.A.
- Hounsell, J. T. (31-39), Flt/Sgt., R.A.F. Presumed killed, 4/43.
- Houston, T. G. S. (26-27), Pte., York and Lancaster Regt. Missing in Norway, 4/40.
- Jackson, L. G. (35-39), Sgt., Queen's Regt. Killed in military accident, 4/43.
- Johnson, V. D. C. (36-40), A/G/W., R.A.F. Died on active service.

- Lane, J. J. (31-40), P/O., R.A.F.V.R. Presumed killed, Italy, 11/44.
- Mackenzie, R. W. M. (30-36), P/O., R.A.F.V.R. Killed on active service, America.
- Moorcock, D. E. (32-38), Staff/Sgt., Army Air Corps. Died of wounds sustained at Arnhem, 9/44.
- Nock, D. H. (15-23), F/L., R.A.F.V.R. Killed in flying accident.
- Parker, L. (27-33), Sgt., Rifle Brigade. Killed in action, Italy, 10/43.
- Ramsay, K. A. (27-31), R.A.F.
- Rickwood, G. A. (29-36), Staff/Sgt., Army Air Corps. Missing at Arnhem, 9/44.
- Shortman, D. J. L. (32-37), Sgt., R.T.C., Died as P.O.W. in Italian Camp.
- Smith, F. J. (32-39), F/O., R.A.F.V.R. Missing over Frankfurt, 9/44.
- Smith, R. B. (35-40), O/s., R.N. Lost in H.M.S. "Firedrake," 12/42.
- Townsend, E. J. (20-28), Capt., Wiltshire Regt. Killed in action, N.W. Europe, 2/45.
- Trew, B. (34-40), Sgt/Eng., R.A.F. Presumed killed, 9/43.
- Walker, R. E. (31-36), F/O., R.A.F.V.R. Missing, Mediterranean.
- Woollett, C. A. (13-16), F/L., R.A.F.V.R. Killed on active service, 6/43.

DISTINCTIONS.

- Beardsley, R. A. (32-37), F/L., R.A.F.V.R. D.F.C.
- Bradgate, N. C. (34-39), P/O., R.A.F.V.R. D.F.C.
- Burns, A. R. D. (22-26), Lt.-Col., R.E. George Medal.
- ✠ Chapman, M. A. (30-36), F/O., R.A.F.
Mentioned twice in Dispatches.
- Cranefield, D. L. (35-42), S/Lt., R.N.V.R.
Mentioned in Dispatches on "D" Day.
- Daniel, N. F. (22-29), Major, R.A. M.B.E.
- Dibben, B. J. C. (35-42), Lt. (A), R.N.V.R.
Mentioned in Dispatches.
- Fair, D. R. R. (28-35), Wing/Commander, R.A.F.
U.S. Army A.F. "Commendation."
Mentioned in Dispatches.
- Foy, P. (23-29), R.A.F. A.F.C.
- Henley, M. W. (31-39), S/Lt. (A), R.N.V.R. D.S.C.
- Hole, J. D. (29-33), F/O., R.A.F. D.F.C. and bar.
- Hunt, L. L. (28-33), F/O., R.A.F. D.F.C.
- Ironside, W. Mattock (-19), Sgt., C.R.A.M.C. M.M.
- Jackson, F. W. (98-02), Major, D.S.O., Formerly Chief of London Fire Brigade. C.B.E.

- Jones, E. C. (14-19), S/Ldr., R.A.F.V.R. M.B.E.
 Lyon, E. R. H. (29-35), Sgt/Pilot, R.A.F.
 Mentioned in Bomber Command Orders.
 Mackenzie, R. M. R. (30-37), Lt., R.N.V.R. D.S.C.
 Norton, J. L. (27-31), S/Ldr., R.A.F.
 Mentioned in Dispatches, as P.O.W.
 Petty, L. P. (29-35), Capt.
 Mentioned in Dispatches, Italy.
 Plant, A. B. (-), Capt. M.C.
 Shave, R. P. W. (27-29), R.F. M.M.
 Sutherland, R. A. (29-35), S/Ldr., R.A.F. D.F.C. and bar.
 Wallace, A. F. (32-38), S/Ldr., R.A.F. D.F.C.
 † Walker, R. E. (31-36), Sgt/Pilot, R.A.F. D.F.M.
 Warner, J. (21-29), Lt., R.N.V.R. D.S.C.
 Wedge, J. F. N. (32-38), Lt., R.N.V.R.
 Mentioned in Dispatches.
 Westmoreland, A. G. (33-39), F/O., R.A.F.V.R. D.F.C.

PRISONERS-OF-WAR.

(* indicates those reported safely returned.)

- Acquier, J. F. (30-37), P/O., R.A.F.
 *Arter, D. (30-35), *Graf Spee* and *Altmark*.
 Carr, G. (26-33), Singapore.
 *Clifton, L. A. (29-34), R.A., Japan (since 3/42).
 *Clout, C. W. (06-13) Major, R.W.K. Regt., Germany.
 *d'Avray, H. A. (29-35), Sgt., N. Rhodesian Regt., Italy.
 Dove, C. B. (31-37), P/O., R.A.F.
 † Francis, E. T. (32-37), L/Sgt., R.A., Siam.
 † Fullagar, T. J. (20-29), Siam.
 Green, R. (29-35), Italy.
 Helmer, F. W. (28-32), Japan.
 † Hills, D. H. (32-37), A.C.1, R.A.F., Java.
 *Hulford, J. (27-35), Germany.
 *Jan Singh, R. (29-35), Germany.
 Littlewood, E. C. (30-36), R.C.S., Malaya.
 *Lyon, E. R. H. (29-35), Sgt/Pilot, R.A.F., Germany.
 *Norton, J. L. (27-31), S/Ldr., R.A.F.
 *Norton, P. S. (20-23), Sgt/Major, Italy.
 Owen, T.E.C. (28-33), 118 Field Regt., R.A., Singapore.
 *Perry, V. G. (30-36), Germany.
 † Shortman, D. J. L. (32-37), Sgt., R.T.C., Italy.
 Smith, F. L. (31-36), Kent Yeomanry, Italy.

We shall be grateful if additions and corrections to these lists are sent to the Editors in time for inclusion in our next issue.

CALENDAR.

1945.	
Dec. 14th	Prize Distribution.
Dec. 20th	Autumn Term ends.
1946.	
Jan. 8th	Spring Term commences.
Feb. 28th	V.E.3.Holiday.
Mar. 1st & 4th	Half-Term Holiday.
April 17th	Spring Term ends.
May 6th	Summer Term commences.
June 5th & 6th	V.J. Holiday.
June 7th—14th	Braithwaite Camping & Half-Term Holiday.
July 29th	Summer Term ends.
	(All dates are inclusive.)

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OCCASIONAL NOTES.

This issue commemorates the final victories which have been celebrated on the memorable days designated (rather after the manner of mathematical formulae) V.E. and V.J. The hope expressed in our last number, that the second great victory would be achieved before we again went to press, has been fulfilled, and we are proud to know that Old Roans have played a worthy part in helping to bring peace to the world.

The Roll of Honour which introduces these pages speaks for itself. We shall be glad to hear of any necessary additions and corrections.

The next Magazine will be published in June; and news of past and recent achievements will be welcomed for inclusion in it.

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A great part of this issue is taken up with notices of the very great changes that have occurred in the School staff. These, together with the Service lists, require so much space that considerable other material has had to be held over.

The School suffers a most severe loss in the retirement in December of the Vice-Master, Mr. G. R. Parker, of whom the late Mr. Potter observed that "no assistant master has ever been more in the eye of the world." We are glad to publish a photograph of Mr. Parker, and, side by side with it, one of Mr. Poyser, who retired in July, 1944. It is appropriate that they should appear together, for most Old Boys will think of these two masters together. The Sixth-form

master, Mr. C. T. Daltry, will be leaving us in the near future; and the resignations of two other masters, Mr. I. T. James and Mr. H. M. Melvin—who have been absent on war service—are also announced. These three gentlemen are all taking up other important appointments, in which they have our good wishes. We have also lost the services of three temporary assistants, Mr. R. G. Martindale, Mrs. W. Bayliss and Miss M. Appleton, who have all served the School well. Mrs. Bayliss, who has been with us since we returned from Wales, teaching English to several forms, including School Certificate candidates, will be especially missed, and deserves an additional expression of thanks. Her departure is to be the more regretted since, among her activities outside the classroom, she has rendered valuable assistance in the production of the Roan Magazine. We congratulate her on her appointment to the staff of Honor Oak School. Fuller notices of appreciation of Messrs. Parker, Daltry, James and Melvin appear below.

The shock occasioned to us all by these losses is mitigated by the return from war service of three old friends—Messrs. E. Durling, G. C. Witten and P. M. Dyke. Three other masters have still to rejoin us—Messrs. F. W. Harris, W. R. Dalzell and J. Thorp. We shall hope to welcome them all next term.

Mr. Durling has been Staff Officer to Air Marshall Sir Patrick H. L. Playfair, K.B.E., C.B., C.V.O., M.C., A.T.C. Commandant for the East. He was also Chairman of the E. Command A.T.C. Sports Control Board. Mr. Witten has been a Technical Instructor in the R.A.O.C., and Mr. Dyke, as our last issue noted, has been a Captain on Active Service in the Middle East and in Italy.

Three newcomers we welcome to the staff are Messrs. C. G. Carpenter, W. W. Johnson and J. B. Beecher. Mr. Carpenter, who is teaching Senior Mathematics, holds the degrees of M.A. (Cambridge) and B.D. (London). He spent some 15 years in India, engaged in Missionary Educational work, and was for some time acting Headmaster of a Government School for European boys. For the last 15 years he has been on the staff of Portsmouth Grammar School. Mr. Johnson is a Fellow of the College of Preceptors, and has held appointments as Music Master at the County School for Boys, Gillingham, and at Wolverton Grammar School, during the past 21 years. He is the author of three books on music and is Chairman of the National Federation of Gramophone Societies. Mr. Beecher is an Old Roan (at School, 1923-30), a B.Sc. with Honours in Physics, who before the war was at Dartford Grammar School. His war service culminated in his appointment, with the rank of Major, as Deputy Assistant Director at the

Ministry of Supply, concerned with the development of new Radar and A.A. weapons. Mr. Beecher took part with distinction in the pre-war productions of the O.R. Dramatic Society.

The principal speaker at our Prize-Giving on December 14th will be Sir Ernest Clark, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., C.B.E. Sir Ernest is an Old Roan, having attended the School during the years 1877 to 1880.

The examination results will be found on a later page. The most notable achievement was the 100% success of Mr. Parker's Fifth, which does appropriate honour to our retiring Vice-Master. Following the University examinations, three valuable awards were announced. The Roan Exhibition was won by W. E. Moss (last year's Editor of this Magazine); the Kent Education Committee awarded a Higher Exhibition, value £60 per annum, to P. G. Parrott; and the Gilbert Foyle Trust made an award of £20 per annum to J. H. Collins.

Among other activities of the term, parties have visited the Greenwich Industrial Exhibition, and the National Maritime Museum, reopened for Trafalgar Day. A party is to see "Henry IV, Part I," at the New Theatre.

We have had many visitors at the School. One of the most welcome was M. Jean Vinay, a former French assistant to whom our last issue referred, who now holds an important educational appointment under the Paris authority. He had an interesting story to tell, of Dunkirk and the Resistance, and asks us to remember him to his old pupils.

Mr. J. Rowcliffe (10-12), whose father was also an Old Roan, sends us an interesting letter, which we propose to print in our next issue. His address is 16 Foxfield Road, Meols, Hoylake, Cheshire, and he hopes that any O.R.'s who find themselves in the Liverpool district will get in touch with him. He has sent a cheque "as a little appreciation of my old school," which is being used to furnish a prize for the Sixth Form.

A Kinsey (40-45), of last year's Parker's Fifth, has had a cartoon accepted by a well-known London magazine.

The School Savings Group, now managed by Mr. Holt, is desirous of enlisting many more members. Thanksgiving week brought in a total of £198 14s.

We have available some back-numbers of the Magazine, and those wishing to fill gaps in their collections should communicate with the Editors. A correspondent asks for a copy of No. 57, which is one we cannot furnish; we should be glad if any Old Roan who has this would let us know.

The Prefects this term are as follows:—

Captain: D. A. Holland.

Vice-Captain: C. Hardingham.

Prefects: J. D. Angell; J. W. Basing; R. J. Cody; N. D. Coe;
J. Davis; P. J. Evans; R. G. Gent; B. F. Harris;
K. M. Horn; D. M. Jones; A. J. Knott, D.P. Merrett;
J. G. Taylor; D. R. Terrey; K. J. Thorne.

Bicycle Prefects: S. Jones; P. J. Warren.

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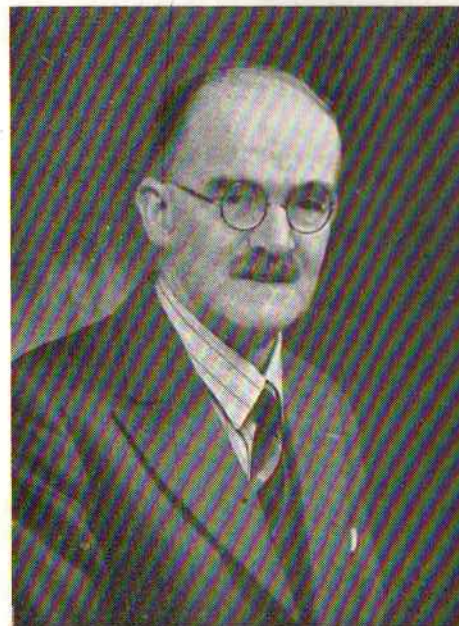
G. R. PARKER, 1898-1945.

Well-merited tributes to Mr. Parker's service to the Roan School are paid in this issue, by his colleagues on the Staff and by Old Roans who were taught by him. I would like to express my deep appreciation of his work as Vice-Master of the School, a post which he has held with great distinction for fifteen years. The qualities and qualifications looked for in a Vice-Master are many and varied and are in fact not standardized from school to school. The duties pertaining to the post are likewise not precisely defined, but are in direct proportion to the abilities and qualifications of the master who fills the post. If I were to enumerate Mr. Parker's many duties and responsibilities it would be clearly seen that he is in the front rank among Vice-Masters in the schools of this country.

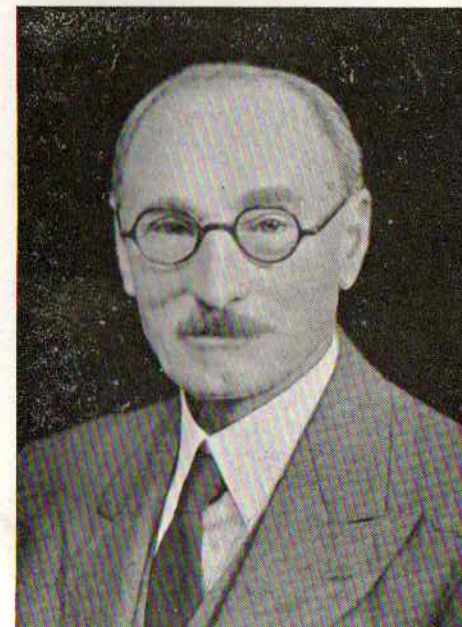
There have been occasions during the past six years when decisions have had to be made often at short notice and frequently on insufficient data. There have been other occasions when improvisations have had to be devised to meet rapidly changing conditions. There have been times when the urgency attaching to a short-term policy has conflicted with the desirability of a long-term policy. In all these circumstances the wise counsel of the Vice-Master based on his clear, unbiased analysis of the facts and consequences has been of incalculable value.

Mr. Parker will not thank us for praising him, but this is an occasion when we must speak so that those who come after will know what manner of man he was. One of our School prayers has a sentence which runs: "Make us truthful, unselfish and strong and so bring us to the ending of the day unashamed and with a quiet mind." These simple, forceful words describe Mr. Parker's character and also express our sincere hopes for his period of retirement.

By the HEADMASTER.



MR. G. R. PARKER.



MR. W. W. POYSER.

When Mr. Parker says good-bye at the close of this term he will complete a period of service unique in the annals of the School, unprecedented in length of time and remarkable in achievement. He has become so much a part of the School that to those closely associated with him it is difficult to imagine how it will fare without him, and more difficult still to conceive how he can be replaced adequately.

He came to the Roan School towards the end of the last century at a time when its government was passing from the age of a Board of Governors and an almost Pontifical Headmaster into that of the modern Secondary School. Among all the many difficulties inseparable from the life of a school growing and expressing itself during changing conditions, Parker became an able, firm and successful teacher of boys, a wise counsellor and friend to his colleagues and an invaluable second-in-command to successive Headmasters. His dominant position in the Masters' Common Room was from the early years of this century unquestioned, and the smooth working of the School during these long years has been largely due to his understanding advice and far-seeing wisdom. Always a hard worker, careful and thorough, everything he attempted received the most careful preparation. Endowed with the Yorkshire characteristic which always refused to admit defeat, he had an uncanny knack of getting down to bed rock in discussion, with a sure insight into the right procedure in any difficulty, and though occasionally suffering fools gladly if he deemed it necessary, could, with a warning lift of his eyebrow, and a few incisive words, effectually silence the blether of the babblers.

Beginning as a Form Master he soon found his right sphere in the Department of Physics of which he became the head, afterwards proceeding naturally to the supervision of the whole of the Science teaching and for the last fifteen years to the position of Vice-Master.

A graduate both in Arts and Science he was well fitted for the responsible work he had to undertake. A Rugby player in his earlier years, and a fine cricketer, he was in charge of the School cricket for many years. The initial founder and the enthusiastic O.C. of the Cadet Corps during the last war, he took a lively interest in every School activity. He was one of the founders of the O.R.A. and always one of its staunchest and most trusted supporters.

With the coming of the war his loyalty to the School kept him at work in difficult circumstances and never perhaps were his ability and conscientious efforts more needed or more valuable.

Outside the School his achievements were no less distinguished. Others have written of his work for education and the teaching profession.

This much I have written, haltingly perhaps and failing to do justice in words to his great qualities, but I know that no one could be more conscious of the debt which I myself and many, many others, both masters and boys, will always owe to the forthright character and sterling worth of G. R. Parker.

W. W. P.

For nine years Mr. G. R. Parker and I were associated in the teaching of Physics, and during this period I had ample opportunity of learning to appreciate his great talent.

Few men have been so fortunate in the choice of a career; schoolmastering was his vocation. All those whom he taught were impressed by his mastery of every aspect of his profession. His care in checking and correcting work, his vigour in exposition and his persistence in recapitulation marked him as one whose principal aim was to ensure a sound basic knowledge of the subject. His own activity was immense, and he expected the same degree of effort from his classes as he himself gave. Slackness and inattention he found inexcusable, and unpunctuality in the production of note-books for inspection very rarely occurred more than once. He had long since realized that mere elegance of exposition on a blackboard is useless unless associated with considerable individual work by the pupil.

I think the quality which most impressed his colleagues was his sense of fairness. As Chairman of the Common Room his judgment on any school matter was always strictly impartial. His colleagues found his characteristically ironical humour most stimulating. He was always sympathetic to the problems of the younger members of the Common Room, but his advice was never offered in a patronizing manner.

As an educationist, Mr. Parker has more than national fame. He worked energetically to improve the conditions of teaching and to raise the standard of the profession. He has travelled extensively to attend important international conferences on education, and he was elected to the French Legion of Honour in recognition of his distinguished services to world education.

If I may end on a personal note, I should like to say that I value his friendship highly and count myself fortunate to have met him.

I.T.J.

Father and son, past and present Roan boys, covering a period of over thirty years, we have had the rare additional bond of having had many of the same masters, and it is with real regret that we learn that Major Gerry Parker, the last of these, is leaving us.

More efficient pens than ours will no doubt express through these pages the pride and homage of the Roan School, and of generations of Roan boys, in his scholastic eminence—but as “Our Major” or as “Gerry,” he will be remembered always by the fellows of our respective years (and the years between) for other qualities also: his scrupulous fairness and sense of justice; his ready encouragement to the fellow who tried hard at work or at play; his personal interest in all our activities in the school or in the field. Such are the qualities that have endeared “Gerry” to us all, Roan men and Roan boys, and for which we shall always remember him with gratitude and affection.

May he enjoy good health and contentment for many years in a well-earned retirement.

C. A. E. H. (13-17).

D. A. H. (38-).

Mr. Parker had been at the School nearly seven years when I joined the Staff in 1904 and almost at once I found him to be one of the wise men of the School, a man to whom you could turn for advice and be sure that you could act upon it, and as the years have passed that reliance upon his sound judgment has become a matter of habit. That does not mean that he was never young, but rather that in work or in play he was a born leader.

He was a splendid athlete in those early days, prominent at both codes of football, a mighty hitter at cricket and a hurricane fast bowler—the terror of the School first XI. In games he showed one quality which was characteristic of the man—he was scrupulously fair; he never bowled dangerously at a batsman and there was never a desire of self-glory about his play. He instituted the annual cricket match between Past and Present boys and he could claim that these meetings led to the formation of the Old Roan Association. After the war of 1914—18, though he had reached the veteran stage and was very busy with other matters, he accepted the captaincy of the O.R.C.C. so that it might aspire to be the senior club which by 1939 it had become.

The boys of 1914-18 remember him best, however, as the O.C. of the Cadet Corps. This, like the A.T.C. of to-day,

grew out of the needs of the time, and that it did such valuable work was due in a very great measure to his leadership.

The years following that war saw the working of a new Education Act and this gave Mr. Parker another great opportunity. His clear brain revelled in all the complexities of this reform and his advice was sought by many, in the School and in the educational world. He began to be prominent in the Councils of Teachers' Associations and was twice Chairman of the Association of Assistant Masters in Secondary Schools. His statesman-like approach to matters interesting to teachers made him popular as an arbitrator and he travelled the length and breadth of England and Wales and even to Northern Ireland and Scotland, often at the week-end, to explain and put the teachers' view and to smooth out difficulties and misunderstandings between teachers and administrators.

Meanwhile he had become interested in the international relations of secondary school teachers and pupils and between 1924 and 1939 he made many journeys abroad to discuss professional and pedagogical questions with foreign teachers. He visited Vienna, Bucharest, the Hague, Brussels, Paris, Rome and other European capitals to attend Educational Congresses, in addition to making several visits to the U.S.A., Canada and, in 1937, to Japan. He organized also similar international meetings in Oxford and London. His services to the cause of international educational relations were fittingly recognized in 1938 by the French Government when the Order of Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur was bestowed upon him. I have dwelt upon this side of his achievements because Mr. Parker seldom or never mentions it himself except to those who work with him. He has this faculty of keeping his different interests completely apart, and to mix them would in his view show an untidy mind.

To the boys of the School during the past fifteen years he is chiefly remembered as a teacher of Mathematics and Physics, and for those disciplinary activities connected with his office of Vice-Master. Senior boys feel grateful for the competent way in which they have been taught, and they recognize the fairness of his treatment of them; that fairness is the thing which all admire in him, even when the results have been unpleasant. His standards of behaviour and assiduity are high, but they are seen to be fixed by his own very great loyalty and love for the Roan School. He is gifted with a remarkably retentive memory, and though it is not strictly true that he remembers not only

the name, but also the initials, of every boy who has passed through his hands from 1898 to the present day there it a very great measure of truth in this report.

It may certainly be said in conclusion that Old Roans and present Roan Boys are justly proud of G.R.P. and they feel that their School's reputation stands higher because of his association with it.

J.W.K.

Space does not allow us to print many tributes to Mr. Parker which Old Roans have sent us from all quarters. We hope to print a selection of these in our next issue.

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C. T. DALTRY.

We have to record with regret that Mr. Daltry will be leaving us at the end of next term after 19 years of valuable service to the School. Mr. Daltry has been Form Master of the Sc. VI Form during that period and he has been responsible for the mathematics teaching in the School since 1932. His interest has not, however, been confined to mathematics. He has had a large share in running the Aristotelian Society, has served as an instructor to the A.T.C., has helped at a number of camps and his ability as a pianist has been of great service to the School music. Many boys who were evacuated to Bexhill will long remember how he looked after them in difficult circumstances at Romanoff.

His mathematical gifts have received recognition outside the School. He has been for some years a chief Examiner for both the London and Northern Universities General School Examinations, he is a prominent member of the Mathematical Association and he is joint author of some successful text books. Now he is going to the Institute of Education to help to train future teachers of mathematics. He takes with him our very best wishes for happiness and success in his new work.

G. R. P.

(The following paragraphs are contributed by the Sixth Form, who naturally regard Mr. Daltry as their own master.)

As members of the School we have known Mr. Daltry for varying lengths of time, but whether we first came into contact with him at Oakover, among the Welsh mountains, or even later during the hectic period of V.1 and V.2, we have come to realize, more and more, his genuine personal interest in the boys he teaches. Not only does he solve their mathe-

mathematical difficulties for them, but also he shows great interest in their future and general welfare and tries to help them in solving any of their other difficulties

Mr. Daltry clearly feels that it is part of his duties as Form-Master of the Sixth Form to see that by the time boys leave the School they are fully prepared in almost every conceivable way for their after-school life, and he tries to communicate to them his own tolerant attitude for other people's views and opinions. Whatever he sets out to do, he does in a most painstaking manner; he will spend considerable time in trying to find a new way of approaching a difficult subject so as to make it clear. It is typical of him that his blackboard diagrams are so colourful that they are dubbed the "Daltry Fantasia." We shall always remember his characteristic wit and assumed cynicism, but above all we shall remember him as an inspired teacher and a real friend of the Sixth Form.

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Mr. Daltry is succeeded as Senior Mathematics Master by Dr. H. Allen, who holds the degrees of M.Sc. and Ph.D. of London University. Dr. Allen was Senior Mathematics Master as Erith County School for four years and has held the post of Sixth-form Mathematics Master at Emanuel School, Wandsworth, for the last thirteen years

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I. T. JAMES.

Mr. James, after a distinguished career at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, joined the School Physics department in 1931, and soon made a name for himself. He worked, at first, in close association with that supreme teacher, "Billy" Mann, and to what he learned from him he added a vigour and intellectual zest that was peculiarly his own.

Looking back, one recalls vividly that firm gesture of adjustment of spectacles preparatory to demolishing the puerile arguments of those who confuse specific gravity with density, or the incompetence of those who fail to illustrate their experiments adequately with pencil and ruler. Yet this was but the superficial manner of one who was at heart a real teacher with enthusiasm for his subject. There can be very few who failed to learn from "Jimmy" James. He was lucid in exposition, a craftsman on a blackboard, and constantly devising alternative experiments to illustrate his lessons. In particular he did great work when, on the departure in 1940

of Mr. Melvin, he took over the teaching of applied Mathematics in the Sixth Form and in a few months set such a pace as succeeding forms have vainly striven to attain.

In 1941 Mr. James was called to serve the Nation through physical research work. For six months he worked, with the Ministry of Supply, on radio aids in defence against aircraft. Afterwards he was employed at the Telecommunications Research Establishment, which was principally engaged in work on "radar" weapons of offence and defence and on navigational aids for the R.A.F.

In October of this year Mr. James returned to Cambridge, being appointed to the important post of Secretary of the Department of Physics, in which he will be closely concerned with work at the famous Cavendish Laboratory. His resignation from the School staff is consequent on this appointment.

Few of the present generation in the School will remember Mr. James, but many Old Roans will remember his lessons, which (as a correspondent observes) were "a feature to be remembered in any time-table . . . One recalls how happy he always seemed in the laboratory, and how cheerfully he reproved us after even the most elementary mistakes had been made with the instruments he loved. One remembers, too, how he encouraged a few of us in the Sixth Form to press on in quaint investigations of our own."

For the senior members of the School, and particularly for non-Science folk, Mr. James will doubtless be remembered equally for his forceful orations at the Aristotelian Society's meetings. Before that august body he discharged the duties of each of its officers in turn with gusto and vigour, was ever a guarantee of a good attendance if his name appeared attached to a motion slip, and was ever a greatly respected and hardly-challenged authority on debating procedure. These and many other services which he had contrived to cram into an all too brief period with us, we shall greatly miss in the future, as we have missed them during the later war years, whilst he has been engaged on work of even greater national importance. He carried with him very sincere good wishes for success, at his post in Cambridge, from the many hundreds who have known him at Roan, and who have been helped by him over the thorny hedges of the lands of Science.

We hope that in his new appointment he will not forget the School. Perhaps we shall see him at some of the Aristotelian Society's social evenings, rising "on a point of order, Mr. President," to recall a precedent from the "good old days."

C.T.D., K.H.W., L.E.T.

H. M. MELVIN.

Mr. Melvin came to the School in 1938 straight from Oxford, where he had concluded a distinguished mathematical career with research into the constitution of the stars.

He soon impressed the Sixth Form with his earnestness and thoroughness. Few could accomplish more in forty-five minutes, and with such clarity and grasp. On the more terrestrial plane of Middle School Mathematics Mr. Melvin took a little longer to find his bearings, but constantly one realized his patience and sympathy. Never, never can I recall any loss of temper, any hasty criticism of wayward or stubborn youth. When evacuation came in 1939 Mr. and Mrs. Melvin were cheerful and willing helpers at Oakover and in Bexhill. Nothing was too much trouble, no task too lowly. In 1940 Mr. Melvin was called to the Ministry of Supply, to serve as an Instructor in advanced mathematical and physical subjects.

Mr. Melvin has now received an appointment as Lecturer in Mathematics at the Northampton Polytechnic, E.C.1. In this, as in his war service, he found congenial interest in work at a higher level than a secondary school can attain. We wish him success in his lecturing, and the joy of discovery in his researches. He leaves a gap that is not easily filled.

C.T.D.

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THE ARTHUR HERBERT HOPE MEMORIAL CAMP

The Roan Magazine of June, 1923, contains the following paragraph:—

"That which struck everyone, from the tiny boy to even the Scoutmaster, was the splendour of the two lofty, clean airy, warm huts, and the beautiful hall, with the most entrancing view beyond that man could wish for. How came these huts into possession of so lucky a company of boys? Why, they were bought, together with the hillside, and erected by the ancient and philanthropic Scoutmaster of the Roan School for Boys."

The "tiny boy," whoever he may have been, has grown up, and the "philanthropic Scoutmaster" has passed to his rest, but the huts, the view and the hillside are still there. Moreover, they are still ours, for us to visit and use whenever we like, provided we lay our plans far enough ahead.

Where are these huts? What hills are these? Let us read some more of the ancient chronicle. "We found ourselves on the Summit . . . we went to Manchester's reservoir . . . three other lakes were seen . . . magnificent waterfall . . ." And there

are some names there, too, "Skiddaw, Thirlmere, Grassmoor, Ullswater, the Bowder Stone, Derwentwater." These are Cumberland names, and in the Lake District our home is the village of Braithwaite.

Mr. Hope—our Headmaster from 1916 to 1930, called "the Antient" by his numberless Scouts and campers—bought forty acres of land, all of it hilly, and erected large, solid, wooden huts on them in which he might camp with anything up to ninety boys whenever School holidays came round, at Easter, Whitsun, Summer and New Year. His campers walked to all the places which legs could reach, and, as there were beauties to be seen still further off, he bought a car and drove them in turns to the distant scenes, in luxury.

When life ended for the founder of the camp, in 1930, three of the School Staff, including Mr. Potter, who had succeeded to the office of Headmaster, decided that the Braithwaite Camp must, somehow, be retained, and they were able to obtain a seven years' lease of the whole site from Mr. Hope's brother who had inherited it. But seven years was not enough. It was thought that a permanent memorial to a remarkable character should be raised and nothing would be more suitable than the camp itself. Representatives of Parents, Old Boys, Staff and Friends formed a Committee, issued an appeal, raised a considerable sum of money, and ultimately bought the huts and fourteen of the acres so badly wanted. The owner's contribution was a handsome one, and took the form of selling to us at a much lower price than he could have obtained in the open market. The new owners were a legally constituted Trust, recognized by the Charity Commissioners. They took possession of their property on 13th December, 1932, and the camp was opened as the "Arthur Herbert Hope Memorial Camp" on Easter Sunday, 1933, by Mr. W. J. Potter.

The Trustees continued to equip the huts with cooking appliances and all that campers needed, and saw to it that full use of the Camp was made during the summer by letting it to other schools when the Roan boys were not there.

At the end of 1936 it had become possible, with the aid of some financial help from the Old Roan Association, to purchase the remaining twenty-six acres, and, by 1938, to erect permanent washhouses and sanitary arrangements.

Parties from schools in the North of England have used it during the war, and some of them have been in charge of O.R.'s who went there first as boys and are now helping others to enjoy a holiday in Lakeland.

The village of Braithwaite lies at the foot of some of the high fells in Northern Lakeland, and our own hill, the Howe,

is part of its north-eastern boundary. Climb the Howe and you have as fine a view as you could wish to see. Skiddaw and Helvellyn, Catbells and Causey, Grisedale Pike rise up around from east to west; Bassenthwaite and Derwentwater lie at your feet. You can if you want—and at one time it was a traditional ambition—walk a hundred miles in a week, and cover a different route each day, ending up unable to decide which was the best of all.

There is more than all this to be said, much more; but O.R.'s who were wise in their generation know it, and some of the present boys will soon be able to discover it for themselves. For it is hoped, nay, more, it is decided, to run a camp there in 1946. Thirty boys will be taken, mostly the younger ones, and there they will learn the camping traditions so firmly built by those who have since scattered all over the world in the service of their country. Braithwaite shall once again see the green cap and hear the Roan School boy's merry shout as he finds the water in the beck so cold.

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FOUNDER'S DAY, 1945.

On July 20th, the School gathered together for our Founder's Day service—the first to be held since our return to London.

Before the war, the ceremony was held each year in St Alphege's Church, Greenwich, where the tomb of John Roan is, but this church has suffered so badly at the hands of the Luftwaffe that it cannot be used, and we were privileged instead, to use the chapel of the Royal Naval College. We are most grateful to the President (Commodore A. W. S. Agar, V.C., D.S.O., R.N.) for allowing this.

This was my first year at the School, and the ceremony impressed me very much.

The college is composed of large white stone buildings. The chapel is beautiful with stained-glass windows and a mosaic floor. Over the altar is a large oil-painting. The roof has a wonderful design in mosaic; the pews are polished oak. The masters in their robes and variously-coloured hoods, and the rows of boys and girls in their green uniforms, made a sight I shall long remember.

The choir was formed by both the Girls' and Boys' Roan Schools. The lesson was read by our Headmaster, Mr. H. W. Gilbert, M.Sc., and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon T. C. Phillips, M.C., M.A., who came from Wales especially for this occasion.

In his address he reminded us of the lessons which hosts and guests alike had learned from our evacuation experiences, and he read to us a most cordial message from the Chairman of the Ammanford U.D.C. He referred also to the part played by our boys, English and Welsh, in bringing about Victory, and together we remembered those who made the supreme

B.W.

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FARMING CAMPS, 1945.

Once again, as in 1944, two Farming Camps were held. One was at Ickham, near Canterbury, on the site used the previous year. The other was in the West Country; originally planned as a fruit-picking camp in the Vale of Evesham, this had to be transferred to the Cotswolds, on account of the failure of the fruit crop. It is hoped that a 1946 Camp will be held on the Evesham site.

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ICKHAM FARMING CAMP.

When the advance party arrived at Ickham on the afternoon of Saturday, the 25th July, we found the site very much as we had left it the previous year, although it was very much overgrown. By the time the school equipment had been unpacked and some of the long grass surrounding the huts burnt down, the K.W.A.C. lorry had appeared, and work was begun in earnest, unloading the bedding and other heavy gear. Work was continued throughout Sunday, and by that evening the camp was ready to receive the main body of its inhabitants.

The senior boys, from the Fifts and Removes, were housed in one of the Nissen huts, which later became known as "Hut 13, Belsen," whilst the Fourths, who constituted the majority, were accommodated in the village hall. After supper we were allocated to our farms, and on Monday morning we began harvesting. Throughout the first week the weather was fine and work was plentiful.

At the week-end, we held the first of our annual cricket matches with the village team. It was a very exciting game, ending in a win for the camp by the narrow margin of eight runs.

The following week the weather was disappointing, and we were consequently unable to do a full week's work.

The majority of the boys were remaining at Ickham for the four weeks, but the few who were returning to London

did so on the prescribed day. Only four new members were to come to camp for the second two weeks. They were summoned to the School, in order to meet the lorry which was to transport them to camp, at 12 noon. Owing to a "technical hitch," the lorry arrived at approximately 3.15 p.m. Meanwhile, the four unfortunate members had brewed a pot of tea, which they drank from a jam jar, a small milk jug and a Household Milk tin.

The long wait endured, they arrived at camp about 6.15 p.m. The first thing was to find something to eat; then to find a bed. These difficulties were soon overcome.

The week began with a reasonable amount of work for everyone; but as it wore on, it became clear that this work would not last. Wednesday was proclaimed V.J. Day, but the camp continued to work, although some fellows who had already been at camp two weeks returned home. In the evening, the camp held a sing-song around a large bonfire.

After this, work began to slacken, and it was solely on account of two accommodating farmers that the majority of the boys were employed—mostly on potato and tomato picking, although some fruit was picked, both during and outside working hours.

At the week-end, many of the boys were fortunate enough to view the Snowdown Colliery, both on top and below the earth.

The Sunday was fixed for our return match with the village cricket team. With a considerably weaker team than before, the camp XI gave Ickham another beating; this time by an innings and six runs.

The fourth week began with still less work to be done, and a considerable quantity of rain. This led to some more of our members returning to London.

On the whole, the camp was a great success, both from the point of view of the farmers and the boys. We had helped the farmers to gather their crops, and had become a trifle more wealthy in the process.

A.K.

J.G.T.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE CAMP.

A party of Roan School senior boys, accompanied by two masters, arrived in Oddington on August 14th, to establish our Gloucestershire Farming Camp. Tents were pitched in a small meadow near Oddington, a village, small, quiet and typical of the Cotswolds. By the meadows lay the village hall, and this was used for meals and recreation, being exceptionally useful on rainy days. It was on the very first day that the campers' isolation was impressed upon them; despite

heavy rain and little possibility of work, some boys went out to make contact with their farmers, and only on their return did the camp realize that the war had finished. That night joyous demonstrations, including a firework display and bonfire, in the meadow, enlivened Oddington's nocturnal stupor.

Although in the West Country, Oddington is not a fruit-producing area, and when work did begin, the majority of the boys were occupied with harvesting. The acute shortage of labour put the volunteers in great demand. So numerous were the farmers' requests for assistance—and these increased during the month—that seldom were more than two boys allowed to work on any one farm. It would seem that the camp is to be congratulated on its endeavours, since expressions of appreciation have recently been received by the School from the War Agricultural Committee. As a whole, the farmers were friendly and co-operative; this judgment might indeed be applied to the whole of the village, particularly the vicar, Rev. A. C. Bentley, who welcomed the camp with most courteous understanding.

The campers' leisure hours, which were often considerable owing to bad weather experienced, were spent mostly in the hut. Here table-tennis was the main diversion, the necessary equipment having been kindly provided by the Headmaster when he paid the camp a short visit. Before long a tournament had been organized, and there were many enthusiastic contestants. The winner was R. Syndercombe, who defeated A. Carr in the finals. There was, also, a series of football matches between the camp and the village; on each occasion, the local team triumphed. On the last two Saturdays, dances were held in the hut, at the request of the local committee, and each one was attended by a number of boys. There were a number of places of interest around Oddington, and these, notably Stratford, Bourton-on-the-Water, Oxford, Chipping Campden, Gloucester and Cheltenham, were visited during week-ends.

Many of the usual camping inconveniences were experienced, but these were only to be expected by those who elected to join the undertaking, and the use of the village hut, furnished with running water and electric light, was an advantage seldom enjoyed in such circumstances. All the food was prepared by the boys themselves, and they were surprisingly successful.

Although nominally held for two fortnightly periods, the camp saw little change in personnel, and the most notable addition to its number after two weeks was that of two more masters, who stayed until camp was broken up. Throughout the month, everyone contributed to a general spirit of goodwill which did much to preserve a pleasant atmosphere and ensure

the success of the camp. This was no mean achievement, for so easily can a rift appear between the mutual sympathies of a number of boys, and the camp officers deserve congratulation on an accomplishment which augurs well for the Harvest Camp planned for 1946.

R. J. C.
J. B.

EXAMINATION SUCCESSES, 1945.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

Higher School Examination:—

- Atkins, A. E. passed in English, French and German.
 Borne, M. C. passed in English, French and History.
 Moss, W. E. passed in English, French (with credit in Oral) and German.
 Carr, A. passed in Geography (subsidiary), Physics and Applied Mathematics.
 Collins, J. H. passed with Inter B.Sc. exemption in Geography, Physics, Pure Mathematics and Applied Mathematics.
 Lunn, F. N. passed in Physics, Chemistry, Pure Mathematics and Applied Mathematics (subsidiary).
 Moore, J. G. passed in Physics, Chemistry (subsidiary), Pure Mathematics, and Applied Mathematics.
 Parrott, P. G. passed with Inter B.Sc. exemption in Physics, Chemistry, Pure Mathematics and Applied Mathematics.
 Wright, D. W. passed with Inter B.Sc. exemption in Physics, Chemistry, Pure Mathematics and Applied Mathematics.

General School Examination with Matriculation exemption:—

- Allison, B. H.; Blackhall, K. A. J.; Buckle, R. D.; Chapman, L. F.;
 Cody, R. J.; Coe, N. D.; Crowley, K. H.; Ellinor, J. H.; Horn, K. M.;
 Jones, D. A.; Jones, S.; Layson, V. E. C.; Marhoff, F. A.; Merrett,
 D. P.; Nichols, P. N.; Stephen, D.; Taylor, J. G.; Terrey, D. R.;
 Gilham, A. W. S.

General School Examination:—

- Basing, J. W.; Coe, L. H.; Kinsey, A.; McLaren, R. W. S.; Paul,
 A. R.; Tatt, A. P.; Virgo, P. D.; Warren, P. J.; Athey, R. M.;
 Bishop, H. J.; Chapman, K. S.; Drury, P. A.; Snare, K. P.;
 Thompson, N. G.

Matriculation exemption in additional subject:—

- Borne, M. C. (Latin), Moss, W. E. (Latin).

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THE MEMORIAL PRIZES.

The "Memorial Prizes" which are presented at our Annual Prize Distribution may be little more than names to most of the present boys. It seems fitting, therefore, to give some facts very briefly, about those whose lives and deeds are thus annually commemorated.

G. T. Baron ruled the "Fifth Form" as Vice-Master with the usual rod of iron, but wielded it as if it were a conductor's baton, from 1878 to 1900.

C. M. Ridger was Headmaster from 1877 to 1910 and reigned with Victorian dignity in the days when schools stood or fell on their own merits. Ridger saw to it that the Roan School's reputation steadily rose.

A. H. Hope was a later Headmaster (1916—1930) who left his mark. During his fifteen years of office our numbers grew from 360 to 550, making new premises a real necessity. The Sixth Forms became permanent establishments properly catered for. Scouting was started and camping vastly increased.

W. J. Potter was Hope's successor. His whole life was centred in the School. He left us so recently that only the youngest O.R.'s will not remember him, and all the others dating back to 1895 will sing his praises, for he was Vice-Master after Baron.

F. W. Jennings, an Old Roan, of the London Regiment, was killed in action at the age of 17 in 1918.

Thompson: The brothers Thompson were boys who successively captained Football and Cricket First Elevens. Life for them was invented so that they could play games. They were both sportsmen in every sense and the world of games and players was poorer when they died at an early age.

A. J. Tugwell met his death when he was 15 in a road accident in 1941, and this prize commemorates his cheerful spirit, his thoughtfulness and willingness to help others, and has since been given annually to the boy—a Scout, if one could be found—who has shown something of the same qualities.

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MUSIC NOTES.

The School owes a great deal to Mr. Martindale, whose work for our music was reviewed in our last issue. We are fortunate that his successor, Mr. W. W. Johnson, is maintaining the high standard he set.

One of Mr. Johnson's first tasks has been to revise the Roan Hymn Book. The work is nearing completion, and it is certain that the new collection will be larger than its predecessor. Many old hymns will disappear, but a substantial selection will be added from "Songs of Praise" (already in use). There will be a section for Christmas Carols, and an Appendix containing national hymns, and School songs.

The music time-table is now arranged so as to give nearly every form opportunity for at least one appreciation lesson each week. Already, most boys taking music have a fair acquaintance with the string group of the orchestra. The idea

is to train powers of listening so that a body of concert-goers may be formed which will be able to take advantage of the excellent children's concerts now running in London.

The School Choir will shortly be re-formed, and it is expected that it will sing at the Prize Day ceremony, present a number of new carols, and provide descants and other interesting items at Morning Prayers.

Mr. Winter's Violin Class continues to make good progress: it may well provide a nucleus for the proposed new School Orchestra. Meanwhile, Mr. Witten is making his contribution by stimulating some of the older boys (together with members of the Staff) to form a chamber group of instrumentalists whose rehearsals may be heard before long.

The Concert Preparation Group, open to all boys interested, meets during the lunch-hour on Tuesdays. Music to be heard at forthcoming concerts is played and discussed in order that the performances themselves may be better enjoyed.

A Music Appreciation Society has been organized by the senior boys and has already held a number of meetings on Wednesdays after School. Recitals, given by the boys themselves, are encouraged, music of all types being presented.

In succession to W. E. Moss, D. Gay, of V.b, is now making daily appearances on the stage at Morning Prayers. He has taken over the second piano, but when he is elevated to the "grand" there will be an opportunity for another boy to step into his present shoes.

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THE 21st GREENWICH (ROAN SCHOOL) SCOUT TROOP.

The School Scout Troop has restarted its regular Friday evening meetings which the war had periodically interrupted, and about eighteen of us have done an hour and a half's Scouting in our huts every week this Term. Scouts, as well as Scoutmaster, greatly appreciate the help D. A. Holland is giving as A.S.M. This, in itself, is a revival of tradition, for, in the old days, when Scouts reached the Sixth Form they were sometimes made A.S.M.'s.

We look rather a motley collection, for uniforms are hard to come by. (If any of you old Scouts still have your green scarf tucked away not being used, will you please send it to me for the use of a recruit who cannot buy one?) But we are really beginning to feel ourselves Scouts of the 21st Greenwich Troop, and, soon, we shall all be wearing the Tenderfoot Badge, and some of us the Second Class.

The huts on the School Field suffered from the effects of war, but we are hoping to have the windows replaced and electricity restored before long. The further damage they sustained will have to wait until times are more favourable, but we are still rejoicing to have our own headquarters and are not yet inclined to grumble much.

We send greetings to all old Scouts and assure them that we shall be very glad to see them again and to hear if, and how, their Scout training has been useful to them in recent years.

K. S. B.

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OLD MANUSCRIPT FOUND ON SITE OF TABARD INN.

While a demolition squad were clearing debris from a ruined house in Southwark an interesting scrap of manuscript was found which is thought to have been part of the original draft of Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales." Pending its investigation by London University we give our readers a short extract:

A schoolmaster was there, woning by London Town,
A better wight than he no wher is noon;
In coat of falding and in trousers grey,
He looked as fresh as any flower in May.
To mark him as a scholar of renown,
He wore o'er all an ancient threadbare gown,
Which, judging by the absence of the cloth,
Had been a meal to many a hungry moth.
His jaw was thin; his face was stern and strong;
His look was piercing as he rode along.
His horse was lean and thin as is a rake,
And he was not right fat, I undertake.
Yet through his spectacles his twinkling eyes
Shone as the stars do in the evening skies;
And many a quip and many a crank had he—
"Youth must be served!" was his right merry plea.
His trenchant wit the company all acclaim,
This worthy wight, Daun Poyser was his name.

In Mathematics did he know the rule,
For with Pythagoras had he gone to school,
And Euclid had, they said, by him been taught,
How circles, squares and triangles were wrought.
By cunning Algebra he did profess
To solve the cross-word in the Morning Press,
His lists of marks he added by the score,
By means of subtle logarithmic lore;

His favourite song conveyed the gladsome news
Concerning squares on the hypotenuse,
As, when the light had gone at close of day,
By Geometry he steered his homeward way.
When playing bridge his winning, we believe,
Was not by taking cards from up his sleeve,
But by a way no scientist may impugn,
Of reckoning the phases of the moon.
But well he knew how to instruct the youth
In Maths., and many other things, in sooth;
And though a thing were passing hard to grip,
He'd designate it as an easy "snip."

He'd sometimes try to make his colleagues see
That boys were not now what they used to be;
And that the Lord, despite of all his pains,
Was now forgetting to include the brains.

His mind, indeed, was deep and very shrewd,
And well he knew each schoolboy's changing mood;
Though cunning should on eagle's pinions soar
He'd heard the story many times before,
And in reflective mood he would exclaim . . .
"Now let me see! your father said the same,
And this indeed must be a family quip
Because your grandfather invented it . . .
That was in Eastney Street . . . upon my word!
When he first came to Mr. Parker's Third! . . .
A better youth than you, I do maintain,
So don't you let me see you here again!"

Whilom he governed in a manner meet,
At Narkover, that Ancient Learned seat;
And there he lectured on Ballistic Lore—
On ancient engines used in early war.
He warned his students that they should beware,
Of using base elastic's twisted snare;
The soundness of his tactics did appear,
In striking hard across the enemy's rear;
Yet he was pious and did all excel
In ringing of the Ancient Ticehurst "Bell" . . .

(Unfortunately at this stage the manuscript is so badly
damaged as to be illegible.)

A pageant fair upon the lofty stage
He set each year, in honour of the age
When Shakespeare wrote: on Fancy's golden thread,
We followed where the Master's footsteps led—

From England's Court to Belmont's leafy strand,
From Venice to Illyria's pleasant land,
From Blackheath to the "vasty fields of France,"
To see sweet comedy or fell mischance.
Though actors, plays and settings were extolled,
His was the mind that governed and controlled;
And, by a subtle exercise of art,

He led the boys to fill an actor's part.
Though neither Fame nor Fortune came his way,
But toil laborious, each and every day,
Yet hard he worked—and did not count the cost,
For mankind gained the prize that he had lost—
He did not seek himself the world's acclaim,
But found requitment in his scholars' fame.

(Discovered by G.C.W.)

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SMALL BEGINNINGS.

At first a tiny acorn lay,
Embedded in the golden clay,
And to the sun, exceeding slow,
A tiny shoot began to grow;
It climbed aloft, this sapling green,
And in the park appeared to preen
Itself before the other trees,
When grandly, but with massive ease,
It rose above their leafy bowers,
Till there, the oak majestic towers.
It says to all: "I'll have you know,
Such trees from little acorns grow."

K.L. Rem. A.

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THOUGHTS ABOUT THE SCHOOL ON V.J. DAY.

(A Collaboration, by our Staff of Learned Poets).

Said Old John Roan, in Charles's troublous reign:
"With what I have, I do, hereby, ordain
A school shall rise in Greenwich, so its youth,
Shall grow in pious knowledge of the truth."

In Greenwich soil he set a sapling straight,
His parting gift to mankind, and his state;
And as it grew into a mighty tree,

It kept a watch o'er England's history.
 It heard the strident notes of war's alarms,
 When Royalist and Roundhead rushed to arms;
 It saw the English Commons take the helm,
 And, through stout Cromwell's voice, direct the realm;
 It saw the folly, pageantry, and pride,
 In which the bigotry of Stuarts died;
 Led by such men as Wolfe it saw our land
 Beyond the seas extend a brother's hand.
 It saw Ambition fall and pay its due,
 Upon the fateful field of Waterloo.
 Though three long centuries of sun and rain,
 Of wind and tempest, flood and hurricane,
 Had seen the wreck of many a famous state,
 The tree had grown in stature and in weight;
 By now its trunk and boughs were thick and sound,
 Fed by its healthy roots deep in the ground.

Then came the German tyrant from the East,
 His boast, a world in chains, to grace his feast;
 To save its fruits from greedy war's despoil,
 The tree must leave its sacred native soil;
 And as an exile many years must bide,
 By Southern sea and Western Amman's tide,
 At Stonegate, Ticehurst, Pickforde and Whiligh,
 By Flimwell's fields—beside the shores of Rye,
 At trim Bexhill; transplanted thence anew,
 In Ammanford and Llandebie it grew.
 The "Welfare," Romanoff—such names will be
 Enwoven in its ancient history.

Though twice transplanted from its native rest,
 The sturdy Tree has proudly stood the test;
 This legacy to us from Old John Roan,
 Now grows and flourishes again at home.

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THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

Committee: J. W. BASING, R. J. CODY, N. D. COE, D. A. JONES,
 C. HARDINGHAM, D. A. HOLLAND.

The number of members of the committee was increased at the beginning of this term from five to seven. Also, this term, the library is open for members of the School in the Shell forms and upwards on three days each week—Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays—to cater for a considerable increase in the numbers using the library.

Now that the re-arrangement of books is nearly completed, it should be possible to finish the complete catalogue fairly soon. There have been few additions to the library recently, but the committee would welcome suggestions for new books. Any gifts of books would also be gratefully accepted. There is a demand amongst the junior boys for fiction books—of the "William" and "Biggles" type, especially—and also for modern books on general and scientific topics.

If anyone has a book in his possession which belongs to the School Library and is overdue, the committee would appreciate its return.

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THE ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY.

AUTUMN TERM, 1945.

Officers: President - - - Mr. K. J. THORNE.

Hon. Treasurer - - - Mr. P. EVANS.

Hon. Secretary - - - Mr. R. ABBOTT.

Committee:

THE OFFICERS and MESSRS. J. D. ANGELL and D. A. JONES.

The Society extends a hearty welcome to Mr. Witten on his return to the Roan School after serving a period of time in H.M. Forces. We are sure his return will prove a considerable asset to the Society in the future.

We send our best wishes to Messrs. Daltry, Melvin and James, who are leaving the Staff after having done much for the Society.

The Society opened its new session with a certain lack of enthusiasm. This, however, was soon remedied, and the members have now attained a high standard of speaking in debates, and discussions, whilst they have given exceptional factual knowledge to their fellow-members at a recent "Brains Trust." Events to come in the near future include a paper entitled "New Thoughts on Belsen," to be given by Mr. Winter, who has shown keen interest in the Society. There will, moreover, be an end-of-term social, on Tuesday, December 18th, an event to which members look forward with appreciation.

The President wishes all future officers the best of success in their terms of office.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

July 7th, 1945.

This year's Annual Athletic Sports—the 34th—were held at the School Field on the pre-arranged date; fortunately, it was not necessary to repeat last year's postponement or change of track. Although we were very grateful then to be able to use the L.C.C. track at Charlton, it was very pleasant to be back on our own field this year, after so long an absence from it. Also, as if to celebrate our return, we were able to have a programme of events printed. This was a custom that naturally had lapsed since the outbreak of war, as had the presentation of cups and medals. This year, Mrs. Gilbert kindly consented to present the cups and medals. The presentations were made in front of the damaged pavilion, after the stewards—who worked very hard that day—had calculated carefully the final results.

Throughout the day, the weather remained very fine and some of the competitors were obviously out to break records. In the 100 yards (under 12) race, a record was broken by C. E. Trew, of Blake, whose time was 13.1 seconds, improving on the previous record by 0.3 of a second. Also, E. S. Bates, of Wolfe, very nearly reached record-breaking heights (or should it be "lengths"?) by jumping 19ft. 11½ins. in the Long Jump (Open)—the standing record being 19ft. 11½ins. Enthusiasm was not the prerogative of the winners only, however; great enthusiasm was shown by nearly all the competitors, and it is certain that this enthusiasm contributed greatly to the success of the day.

The Hurdles were re-introduced this year; circumstances have made it impossible to include these events since 1940, and the standard attained was encouraging.

Space does not allow us to print the full results; we give the Championship winners and Victores Ludorum only, as follows:—

Senior Championship:	1. Raleigh; 2. Wolfe and Drake.
Intermediate Championship:	1. Wolfe; 2. Rodney; 3. Raleigh.
Junior Championship:	1. Blake; 2. Rodney; 3. Wolfe.
Combined Championship:	1. Blake and Wolfe; 3. Raleigh.
Victor Ludorum (Senior):	Bates, E. S. (W).
Victor Ludorum (Intermediate):	Trew, A. J. (B).
Victor Ludorum (Junior):	Law, A. J. (Ro).

FOOTBALL, 1945-46.

Captain and Secretary: P. J. EVANS. *Vice-Captain:* A. J. KNOTT.

This season the 1st, 2nd and u/14 XI's have before them a large number of fixtures. At the time of going to press the 1st XI have played five matches, the 2nd XI two, and u/14 XI one. The season started well for the 1st XI, with a win over a moderately strong Old Boys' XI. The next two games were lost; for the first we had no excuse, but the second was due to the definite superiority of a much older team. Our last game was won only because the whole team pulled together in the latter part of the game—a habit we must practise. Mr. Milne is still advising us, and we are sure that under his care we can make this a victorious season.

1st XI results are:—

Sept. 29th	v. Old Boys' XI	Home	Won	...	4—0
Oct. 6th	v. Sidcup County	Away	Lost	...	4—1
Oct. 13th	v. Old Colfeians	Away	Lost	...	5—2
Nov. 3rd	v. King's College 2nd XI	Home	Won	...	5—2
Nov. 17th	v. S.E. London Technical	Away	Won	...	6—1
Nov. 24th	v. H.M.S. Worcester	Home			

The standing members of the team are Thorne, Knott, Davis, Horn, Merrett, Sullivan, J., Dawtry, Cody, Basing, Evans, E., Dodge and Evans, P.

The 2nd XI have won both of their matches by a substantial margin against teams of equal standard.

2nd XI results are:—

Oct. 6th	v Sidcup County	Home	Won	...	7—1
Nov. 3rd	v King's College 3rd XI	Home	Won	...	7—1

The team is captained by Coe, other players being Cutting (vice-capt.), Dolder, Neame, Borrett, Cook, Trew, Dyckhoff, Marshall, Johnson, Dobson, Jones, Lane and Billings.

The U/14 XI have played only one game to date, which they won comfortably.

Result.

Oct. 6th	v Sidcup County	Away	Won	...	4—1
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The team was as follows:—Brittain, Hutchinson, Barrett, Hudson, Wheeler (captain), Pizzey, Claridge, Dawes, Brown, Cook, Baxter.

Junior House football has started, and most teams have played four games.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING

Captain: D. A. HOLLAND.

Once again the running season is with us. Training runs take place every Thursday afternoon after school from the Gymnasium. It is to be hoped that as many people as possible will take advantage of the facilities, not only to ensure a record-breaking run for our first post-war race, but so that we may select strong School teams. We hope to have several fixtures against other schools in the New Year. As soon as possible a fixture list will be posted on the School Notice Board, so that those interested can give us their welcome support.

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HOUSE NOTES.

BLAKE.

Captain: C. HARDINGHAM. *Vice-Captain:* R. G. GENT.

After losing one vice-captain, E. A. Trew, to the Navy in the middle of the Summer Term, we were unfortunate in having to say farewell to our captain, J. G. Moore, at the end of the same term. Moore, who was a vice-captain of the School last year, was captain of Blake House for two years, and under his able leadership Blake has risen to a high place in School activities. We were sorry to see him go, and we all wish him the best of luck in the future.

In the last Athletic Sports, Blake put up a good fight for the Combined Championship, but only succeeded in tying with Wolfe for first place. This is the third time in succession that we have won the Combined Championship. We won the Junior Championship quite easily, and our team, captained by D. A. Baxter, won the Junior Relay Race. C. E. Trew broke the record for the 100 yards (under 12) event by 0.3 seconds, making the present record 13.1 seconds. Probably the best performance was made by A. J. Trew, who, by his efforts became Intermediate Victor Ludorum.

We also won the Junior Cricket Shield last season, and the senior team reached the finals in the "knock-out" cricket competition.

This list of successes makes very pleasant reading, but Blake is not yet right on top and to retain even the present position will require much hard work. The cross-country practice runs are being held every Thursday after school now and as many as possible should try to join in these, since a little training in advance, even by someone who considers himself to be a poor runner, may mean the difference between victory

and failure in the actual race. The majority of the members of the house have been showing great enthusiasm, but there are a few—and their own consciences should tell them who they are—who have not been troubling themselves unduly. Last year's juniors deserve a word of praise for their achievements and it is up to them, and the rest of the members of the house also, to put Blake at the top and keep up the traditions and high standards set by their predecessors ever since School House (as Blake House was then) was first formed.

COLLINGWOOD.

Captain: A. P. TATT. *Vice-Captains:* J. H. MARSHALL,
A. F. JOHNSON.

Since the publication of the last Notes, the house has not recorded any outstanding successes; but there is every hope that when the next issue goes to press, the results in the forthcoming cross-country race will balance this.

However, the Junior house cricket team has had a good season, having won six games out of seven played, and finishing second in the competition, being beaten by Blake by only one run. The team was under the able captaincy of Wheeler, who also was a regular member of the School "Under 14" XI, and played once in the 1st XI; McMillan also played in the "Under 14" XI.

In the "knock-out" cricket competition, the house was unfortunate in losing the first match to Nelson, but again by the very small margin of two runs.

The house did not do very well in the School Sports, being seventh, but we hope to do better this year. However, the achievement of last year's captain, Lunn, is worthy of mention, as he won the Open 100 yards, 220 yards and 440 yards.

The Junior house football team has started this season rather badly, owing to the greater part of the team being composed of newcomers to the house who are rather small and inexperienced, although not lacking in enthusiasm.

In the future, the house must endeavour to improve this record, and this can only be done by keenness and enthusiasm, and by united efforts from all members. For this reason it is hoped that a large number of Collingwood representatives will participate in the fast approaching cross-country. Even though a member may think he stands little chance of winning, his presence in the race may make all the difference in the long run.

DRAKE.

Captain: J. DAVIS. Vice-Captains: R. CODY, J. BASING.

It is with very great pleasure that we welcome to the house Mr. Beecher and Mr. Carpenter, who joined us this term; and we hope that their association with us will be both long and happy. The end of last term saw the departure of many of our more prominent senior members, including the former captain, D. Sadler, and it now rests upon the efforts of the house to decide whether, or not, we shall be able to equal the high standard of performance attained in the last two years.

Last summer brought no great success to the house. The junior cricket team were second in their competition, while the seniors were beaten in the first round by the eventual winners, Raleigh. At one period in the match, though, due to some excellent bowling by Sadler and Kinsey, it did seem that we were destined for the second round. Representing the house in School cricket XI's were Kinsey and Sadler (1st XI), Collins, Basing and Virgo (2nd XI), and Dawtry and Towells (Junior XI).

The athletic sports produced unexpectedly poor results, for we were placed sixth in the combined championship. In fact, the saving grace on this occasion was the achievement of the senior Drake competitors in finishing second in their events.

Football is with us again, and it is pleasing to see that five boys from this house, Davis, Cody, Basing, Sullivan and Dawtry, are members of the School first XI, while Neame and Dawes are in the second and junior XI's. The results of our junior team matches leave much to be desired, for, out of four games played, three have been lost.

The next sporting events in which Drake will participate are the cross-country runs. Last year we won the senior competition and we were second in the intermediate. To equal this feat we require a greater number of entries, and it is imperative that all opportunities for practice are taken.

GRENVILLE.

Owing to the illness of the Captain, D. Gay, these House Notes have to be held over to the next issue.

NELSON.

Captain: D. A. HOLLAND. Vice-Captains: K. HORN, J. A. TAYLOR.

This term is a sad one for Nelson House, for it is with deep feelings that we have to bid Mr. G. R. Parker good-bye. Mr. Parker has always been a Nelson House Master—from the time when the house was formed—and has always kept his

heart and soul in the house. We shall indeed miss his firm but friendly "conscription" into sports events. Mr. Parker's untiring efforts in house matters cannot be adequately expressed on paper; we can only convey on behalf of the house our very best wishes and sincerest thanks for all he has done for us.

We are, however, very glad to welcome back another staunch friend and supporter, Mr. Witten, who has just returned from the Army.

Our efforts in the School Sports this year did not meet with overmuch success. We were placed fifth in the junior championship, fourth in the intermediate and fifth in the senior, our position in the combined championship being fourth. We would like to thank, however, all those members who were to the fore on Sports Day, particularly Copus, Dodge, Holland, Horn and Beagley. We thank also all those who tried, but were not quite successful.

We are now well into the football season, and so far our junior team has met with considerable success and are to be heartily thanked and congratulated. They have played three matches, drawing one and winning two. Keep it up, Nelson! It is to be hoped that the seniors will follow the example set by these juniors.

We also appeal to all Nelsonians for their strongest support in the coming cross-country season. May we gently remind them that training runs have now started, and that training counts for a lot? We hope to excel more this year than we did last. We close with this appeal, to all members, both junior and senior, to do their utmost in support of the house.

RALEIGH.

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

Many events have taken place since the last publication of House Notes. Our greatest achievement was in the Athletic Sports, in which the seniors triumphed on the field and retained the Senior Athletic Shield for the second year in succession. Thorne again won the Open Discus and came second in the Long Jump. Evans, P., came second in the Shot and 440 yards, and third in the Discus and Hurdles, all Open. The intermediates were not so successful, except for Evans, E., who won the Shot, Discus and Long-Jump, all "under 16." Now for the juniors; again we have to report failure in their case. They showed no keenness as a whole; there were several individuals who were very keen, but, as we all know, everyone must pull his full weight if the house is to triumph. There are nine months before the next athletics meetings, and we

hope that by that time, the juniors and intermediates will make up their minds to get the house out of the rut it is in, with regard to junior athletics.

The final positions were as follows:—

Seniors 1st; Intermediates 3rd; Juniors 8th.
In the combined championship Raleigh was placed third.

The 1945-46 football season has started, and Junior House Football has commenced. So far the junior team have played four games, won two and lost two; these results, even though the competition is not yet finished, are better than those obtained at the close of the last season, when out of seven games we only won one. Keep it up! Senior House football has not yet started, but we are sure that the team chosen will hold its own against all comers. The team will be very representative; four members play for the School 1st XI—Thorne, Evans, E., Merrett and Evans, P.; in the School 2nd XI we have Dobson and Dyckhoff.

The cross-country run is now looming in front of us, and we hope that all house members will attend the practices. Last year we entered only senior and junior teams, both of which were rather unsuccessful. This year we must do our best to have three teams running, all of which must try to bring Raleigh's name in the first three, if not on top.

A big effort is needed to put Raleigh in its proper place—on top—and it can only be achieved by a determined effort by every one concerned. What about it, Raleigh? How about making victory year a victorious year for your House?

RODNEY.

Captain: D. A. JONES. *Vice-Captain:* P. F. LANE.

It was indeed little short of a tragedy for Rodney when we learned that Mr. Daltry would be leaving us at Easter. I am sure all Old Rodneians will be sorry to hear that Rodney will be losing one who inspired us through success and failure, who kindled and kept alive the right house spirit, who was interested in every activity in which the house took part. His association with Rodney was a long and happy one and the house is going to miss that familiar, friendly figure, at every house-meeting, welcoming new members and giving all members an idea of the real Rodney. I am sure all Rodneians, whether they left the School many years ago, or are still here, will join with me in wishing Mr. Daltry, "all the best" for the future and in thanking him for his services to the house.

We have also suffered another setback this year—the leaving of Wright, last year's School captain, who had led the "dark blues" through two very difficult years in the house's history.

Now to better news! We are very pleased to welcome back, as Rodney's new chief house-master, Mr. Dyke, who left five years ago to join the Forces. Few of us remember Mr. Dyke, so I would like to say that as a house-master he was one of the best, for he took keen interest in all house activities.

Now a welcome to all new boys to the house. In giving this welcome we hope all of you, like your predecessors, will do your utmost to make Rodney a great house.

In the last house-notes we had few successes to report, but things are changing for the better.

Firstly, to cricket; the junior team played well and finished third in the league; the senior team did better than expected and survived to the semi-finals, when we were knocked out by Blake. Rodney was represented in all the School teams by Wright and Jones (1st XI), Wymer (2nd XI), and Parker (Junior XI).

Secondly, to the Athletic Sports held in July—the junior and intermediate boys must be congratulated on their fine performance, for they came second in both championships. Special note must be made of Law, the junior Victor Ludorum, who contributed much to the position of the juniors. Owing to the fact that the seniors lack both numbers and spirit, they were seventh!

Now to football, where the junior XI is making Rodney a house to be proud of; they have, in five matches, scored thirty-seven goals against two, winning every match. This is a fine effort; keep it up, juniors!

And so much for our successes and failures. Rodney can look forward to the future with satisfaction if everyone pulls his weight. Cross-country practice runs have started, and we should like to see Rodney boys outnumber the boys of any other house in these runs.

Through depleted numbers Rodney has not been classed as one of the best houses for three years now. This time is too long! We have the numbers now, and there is no reason why, if all the boys in Rodney, whether juniors, intermediates or seniors, pull their weight in all—yes, all—house activities, Rodney should not take up its old position, which it vacated five years ago, as the best house in the School.

WOLFE.

Captain: N. D. COE. *Vice-Captain:* S. C. BATES.

Firstly, we would like to say how sorry we were to lose Mr. Martindale, and how glad we are to welcome in his place Mr. Johnson.

In last year's sports we tied with Blake for first place. The credit for this must largely go to E. S. Bates, who won five events and was placed second in a sixth, and was last year's senior Victor Ludorum.

During the cricket season our Junior XI did not win a single match! This was a very poor effort and shows lack of enthusiasm amongst the juniors. We were represented in the 1st XI by E. S. Bates and in the 2nd XI by N. D. Coe and S. C. Bates.

In the present football season we have another tale of defeat for our Junior XI, under the captaincy of Godfrey. They have again lost every match. This is due to poor attendance and a gross lack of effort, the defeats having been disastrous in nature.

With the ending of the Summer term we have lost most of our senior members and are left with only one in the Sixth Form and five in the Fifth. In spite of this, Cutting plays for the 1st XI and Coe, Syndercombe, and Lennox in the 2nd XI. With so few seniors prospects for repeating our success of winning the Senior Football Shield look rather grim.

It is doubtful whether we shall be able to enter a Senior cross-country team, but the juniors must avail themselves of the facilities for practise if success is to be achieved.

In conclusion, we should like to add that with concerted effort, 1946 will see us on top, in our rightful position.

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OLD ROAN ASSOCIATION NOTES.

President: Mr. T. Holt, Roan School, S.E.3.

Treasurer: Mr. W. A. Allen, Hillside, Coltishall, Norfolk.

Secretary: Mr. W. J. R. Bullers, 77 Coleraine Road, S.E.3.

Assistant Treasurer and Press Correspondent: Mr. T. Holt.

Assistant Secretary: Mr. G. H. Chamberlain,
16 Spencer Gardens, S.E.9.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Now the war is over many O.R.'s are returning to this country. Several of them have already visited the School and it has been good to see them again and to hear of their doings.

Soon the time will come when it will be possible to re-start some of the O.R. activities. Football enthusiasts should note the appeal made by R. W. Pearman in this issue. I should be glad to hear from O.R.'s interested in cricket with a view to re-starting the cricket section next year. There must be some gear stored away somewhere and any information regarding such would be most welcome.

During the term I was pleased to see, among many others, J. C. Bacon (32-36). He mentioned that the Pavilion was in a bad state and would probably have to be rebuilt entirely. He hoped something would be done soon to provide a worthy War Memorial and he left behind a cheque for ten pounds—a noble gesture.

This issue of the Magazine is dedicated to Old Roans who have served their country in the war. A Roll of Honour, together with lists of Prisoners-of-War and of Distinctions gained will be found on pages 86, 87, 88. A list of members On Active Service follows this message.

These records are by no means complete, and O.R.'s are asked to help by sending particulars along to me, at the School, to W. J. Bullers, the Secretary, or to the Editors.

The Social evening, on Friday, November 30th, promises to be a memorable occasion. It will be the first real "get together" since the last O.R. Dinner, held in December, 1939. On this occasion it is proposed to honour four O.R.'s who between them, have served the School for a period of 160 years. Messrs. Parker, Poyser, Kirby and Allen are known to thousands of O.R.'s, and it is fitting that the Association should pay this well-earned tribute. Each one has held the office of President and their interest in O.R. affairs has been of long standing.

"Tubby" Allen—cherubic, cheerful, and the guardian of O.R. finances—put School swimming on the map and through his inspired teaching in geography gave many boys an interest in world affairs. Mr. Kirby—nominally retired—still haunts the School corridors and class-rooms during three days of the week. He maintains that calm serenity which has ever been one of his characteristics. We are very proud of our Roan historian. What can one say of "Poy"? His keen sense of humour and rather acid wit are known to many O.R.'s. His bark was often worse than his bite, and he almost succeeded in persuading many small boys that mathematics was one of the most interesting subjects in the curriculum. My mind goes back to that period in September, 1939, when he ruled over a family of 45 persons in the big house, Oakover, at Ticehurst. Could we manage bacon for breakfast? After mature consideration and counting how much 45 times 7/- amounted to

he finished up in the cellar of the local grocery store choosing his own particular cut of bacon. Of his benevolent rule in Rye and Llandebie we all have happy memories. What he told the Town Clerk of Rye is not for publication. Now he threatens to become the champion bowler of Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Parker has served the School for nearly 48 years. Elsewhere in this issue are tributes which speak of his sterling work. He has continued in harness some years after the usual retiring age and the Roan School will always remember, with especial gratitude, how many of the difficulties associated with the years of evacuation were smoothed out by Mr. Parker's skill and patience. As President of the Association I should like to refer to his great interest in Association affairs. His sage advice and knowledge of procedure have often guided us in committee and general meetings. I am always impressed by the evident desire shown by O.R.'s at general meetings to have a chat with G.R.P. Their respect for him is very apparent. I recall the time when he captained the O.R. cricket team. This period was one of the most successful in the history of the club. As a fast-medium bowler he must have been rather devastating in his younger days. His setting of the field was a masterpiece. I know a few O.R.'s who had a great desire to field in the slips, but Parker said, "Third man"—and behold, it was so. In the field of education his work has been outstanding. How he has found time for his many activities is a mystery to us all. May he, in company with Messrs. Poyser, Kirby and Allen, have a long and happy period of retirement.

I wish O.R.'s everywhere the very best of luck and safe returns to those on Service.

Many O.R.'s write in concerning blazers, ties and badges. Under present conditions ties and badges can be ruled out. The last badges were sold some years ago and for ties we should require a stock of coupons and this is not obtainable.

FOOTBALL SECTION.

Owing to lack of sufficient support, it was deemed inadvisable to start up the Club this year.

It is hoped to arrange a match with the School in the Spring Term, on Saturday, March 2nd, and all interested members are asked to send particulars to R. W. Pearman, 149 Herbert Road, S.E.18.

Members who are likely to be available next season are asked to communicate with the above, so that a meeting can be arranged to discuss the future of the Club.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE.

Bacon, H. W. (19-28), S/Ldr., R.A.F.

Bacon, J. C. (32-36), F/Lt., R.A.F.

Baker, R. (—36), Sgt., Middle East.

Bartlett, J. R. (25-30), Capt., 15th Punjab Regiment.

At present on leave in England.

Bennett, D. A. (38-42), whose home is now at Morecombe, has joined the Services.

Bennett, W. H. (35-40), Flt./Sgt., R.A.F. (Transport Command), East Africa. He has been in numerous countries; among other achievements he took part in the landing in Southern France, and flew with the plane taking the first partisans to Sofia.

Berry, S. C. (36-40), Petty Officer, R.N.

Bishop, H. J. D. (38-45), O.C.T.U., R.M.

Brewer, V. J. H. (29-35), R.N. (s/b attendant).

Bulpitt, H. A. (25-31), S/Lt., R.N.R., Far East.

Burns, A. R. D. (22-26), Lt.-Col., R.E.

Has been Assistant Director of Transportation at Madras Port. Awarded the GEORGE MEDAL for services performed when S.S. "Langibby Castle" was torpedoed in early 1942, on his outward journey to India. He has now returned to England, on demobilization.

Burton, B. (40-43), o/Coder, R.N.

Butler, A. T. (18-24), Sgt., R.A.F.

Care, R. A. (24-27), Gnr., R.A., S.E.A.C.

Coates, J. W. (25-30), F/O, R.A.F.V.R.

Collier, R. J. L. (24-27), B.O.A.C. pilot.

Collins, J. B. (35-40), R.N. Invalided out.

Coombe, D. H. (39-44), R.N. (ship's writer).

Dunmore, W. H. (32-38), Cpl., R.A.F.

Has served over five years, mainly in the Orkneys and the Far East, in Control Rooms. He has taken part in a number of dramatic performances.

Eastoe, C. V. (25-32), R.N.

Eldridge, F. C. (35-40), Lt., K. African Rifles, E. Africa—writes an interesting letter describing his experiences since leaving England in December 1941.

Eley, S. J. S. (23-28), Capt., R.A.P.C.

Elliott, E. R. (33-39), R.A.F.V.R., Egypt.

Gibbs, J. S. (22-29), Capt., an experienced parachutist, served with Tito's partisans for a year before V.E. Day.

Harman, H.M. (22-25), B.O.A.C. pilot (transferred from R.A.F.)

Harper, A. J. (26-32), P/O, R.A.F.V.R., N. Africa.

Harper, W. W. (30-38), R.E., Invalided out.

Now a qualified Surveyor—P.A.S.I., A.A.I., A.A.B.S.S.

Husthwaite, G. P. (32-37), R.A.F., Nigeria.

James, C. B. W. (37-41), R.E.M.E., Italy.

Jenkyns, R. B. (33-38), Lt., R.N.

Jones, E. C. (14-19), S/Ldr., R.A.F.V.R., Aden.

Jones, G. S. (17-21), Major, R.A.O.C.

Jones, R. A. (18-25), Captain, R.A.O.C.

The above are three brothers.

Jordan, A. T. (33-37), R.C.S.

Jordan, L. C. (33-39), R.A.C., Italy (since invasion).

Keating, D. N. (32-40), F/O, R.A.F.V.R. (aircrew).

Lane, E. S. (11-13), Lt., R.N.V.R.

Served for over three years in the Army in the 1914 war. In this war, after serving as a Sergeant in the Special Constabulary, 1939-42, took a commission in the R.N.V.R. (Special Branch), to serve in H.M. Sea Transport Service. After 11 months in Iceland, acted as Stores Officer at No. 2 Port for the Invasion operation.

Since October, 1944, has been stationed in Ostend and Antwerp; as Senior Personnel Officer at Ostend, he remarks that "it is possible that Old Roans have passed through my hands on their way to and from the B.L.A."

Lee, H. F. (27-36), Sgt., R.A.F., for 5 years. Invalided out.

Long, J. A. (32-37), R.A.F., Nigeria.

Lovell, J. V. (27-30), Sgt./Pilot, R.A.F.V.R.

Trained, S. Africa; served Middle East & Persian Gulf.

Lyne, M. G. (34-39), Lt.(E), R.N.V.R.

Maynard, C. T. (36-40), O.C.T.U.

Mortimer, A. F. (36-41), R.N.

Mulholland, S. T. (17-20), Major, R.A.

Naylor, R. de M. (28-36), Cpl., R.A.F., India.

O'Donovan, J. F. (38-39), Sgt., Field Security, Italy.

Panther, H. M. (22-27), Major, R.A.O.C.

At a sports meeting last summer Major Panther won the Officer's race, while at another meeting

Malpas, A. (32-38), L/Cpl., formerly at the same station, as reported in Mag. No. 91, but since sent abroad, "won several events in great style."

Paul, R. P. J. (29-36), Major, R.E., S.E.A.C.

Joined up in 1940; served on Transportation staff of B.L.A., from before "D" Day. Now responsible for S.W. Pacific islands.

Perks, L. (37-38), Lt., R.C.S.

Preston, A. J. (38-43), L/Cpl., R.C.S.—in training, preparatory to O.C.T.U.

Pullon, J. E. A. (27-32), Capt., Pioneer Corps, Italy.

Ratcliffe, K. S. (21-27), Capt., R.C.S., Germany and Denmark.

Ratcliffe, T. A. (27-34), Lt., R.N.V.R.

Sanders, L. (28-31), R.E.M.E.

Scott, H. A. (28-33), H.A.C.

Served in N. African and Italian campaigns; was wounded on the day when Rome fell.

Smith, A. E. (37-42), R.E.

Smith, S. (29-35), 2/Lt., R.A.P.C., India.

Thomas, C. H. (22-26), Capt., R.A., Lübeck.

Trist, E. A. (27-34), Commissioned Schoolmaster, R.N.

Turner, R. C. (36-43), A.C.2, R.A.F., writes a racy letter describing a return journey to the U.S.A.; sent to be trained as air-crew, his party was sent home after V.J. Day. He "came away with the feelings of a man who has been permitted to get a glimpse of Paradise"—and is now in Manchester.

Vickers, J. F. (34-42), S/Lt., R.N.V.R.

Vickers, F. R. (36-43), O/S., R.N.

Walker, R. T. (37-42), R.N., Italy.

Walpole, L. W. (34-39), L/A.C., R.A.F., Lübeck.

Walter, C. (31-35), Sgt., R.A.F., India.

In his spare time has produced several amateur plays; it will be remembered that he was Electrician to the pre-war O.R.D.S.

Weir, A. G. (36-42), L/Rad. Mec., R.N., Ceylon.

Winter, G. E. (31-37), R.A.C.

PROMOTIONS.

Brewer, H. C. (-) W/Officer, R.A.F.

Carter, H. (33-39), F/O., R.A.F.V.R.

Catchesides, W. (31-36), Lt., R.A., India.

Davies, W. D. (37-42), Midshipman (A), R.N.V.R.

Hoare, R. G. (40-42), Midshipman, R.N.V.R.

McIntosh, D. C. (34-39), Capt., Scinde Horse, India.

Mitchell, R. H. (35-39), Petty Officer (Stores), R.N., Far East.

Tunbridge, G. D. T. (02-06), Lt./Commander, R.N.R.

NEWS OF OLD ROANS.

(Not in the Services.)

Aldrick, T. C. (16-21), on leaving school went to Australia, where he first spent several years as an Instructor in an Agricultural High School, and then studied theology, gaining scholarships to Ridley College, Melbourne, and Moore College, Sydney. He is now working as a tutor, while preparing to take a degree, with a view to entering the Ministry.

Day, Geoffrey (-), Singapore, January, '41. Escaped to Australia; married 1944, in Australia; now in New Guinea.

Goldsmith, K. L. G. (29-38), is now M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P., and M.R.C.S., and holds the post of Deputy Superintendent at the S. Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth.

Green, B. (30-39), L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., after holding appointments at St. Andrew's Hospital, Bow, and at the Miller Hospital, is now Assistant Medical Officer at Middleton-in-Wharfedale Sanatorium, near Ilkley.

Lemmy, E. (07-12), was a Civilian Internee at St. Denis, near Paris, from 1940 to 1944. He has now returned to his home at Chalons-sur-Saône, and resumed his employment at an engineering works.

Oppen, C. J. (19-26), has been appointed Director of Education in Mauritius. One member of the teaching staff under his direction will be Barnwell, P. J. (23-31), who has been in the island since 1938. Both these O.R.'s have visited the School this term, and we are glad to hear that they have also been able to contact each other before sailing.

Witcher, C. R. (-), C.B.E., Chairman of the Commissioners for the Port of Rangoon, has returned safely to Burma.

Re Hills, D. H. (32-37): As recorded elsewhere, Hills died as a P.O.W. in Japanese hands. We are asked by his parents to appeal for any information about him that might be of assistance to them.

BIRTHS.

Beckwith, J. A. C. (22-27): on 30th July, 1945, to Lee (née Clark), wife of J. A. C. Beckwith, 30 Goodhart Way, West Wickham, Kent, a son—Philip Charles.

Thorp, J. (Staff): on July 22nd, 1945, at Salisbury, to Kathleen (née Peckham) wife of Capt. J. Thorp, S.E.A.C., a brother (David) for John.

MARRIAGES.

Harper, W. W. (30-38), to Joyce Vivienne Mary Day, on 16th February, 1945, at Gloucester.

Mason, W. H. (31-39), to Joan Newbury, on 18th November, 1944, at St. George's Church, Blackheath.

Dunmore, W. H. (32-38), to Margaret Langstaffe, W.A.A.F., on August 28th, 1945, at Leeds.

White, P. A. (33-38), to Janet Mackinson, on June 17th, 1942, at Newton Mearns, Glasgow.

DEATHS.

Brown, A. J. (15-23). Died in St. Alphege's Hospital, on 5th May, 1945, aged 39.

Salter, Dr. Alfred (-). Died in Guy's Hospital, of which he was a graduate, on 24th August, 1945, aged 72.

Dr. Salter was a former Socialist M.P. for W. Bermondsey, 1922-23 and 1924-45, and a member of the L.C.C., 1905-10. An advocate of total abstinence, he once declared that he had seen many M.P.'s drunk in the House, and added that no party was exempt from that failing.

Frankling, G. F. (07-11). Died on 2nd November, 1944.

Masham, S. R. (82-88). Died on 14th May, 1945, at Farnborough, Kent, aged 73.

NEW MEMBERS.

LIFE.

Bacon, J. C. (32-36); Bishop, R. E. D. (36-43); Burns, A. R. D. (20-25); Catchsides, W. (31-36); Ellis, R. H. (27-37); Holbrook, N. E. (35-40); James, E. C. (-); Lovatt, T. E. (30-38); Matthews, S. A. (13-18); Mitchell, R. H. (35-39); Ratcliffe, T. A. (27-34); Scott, H. A. (28-33).

TRANSFERRED LIFE.

Bartlett, J. R. (26-30); Beecher, J. B. (23-30); Bird, R. T. (35-39); Bradgate, N. C. (34-39); Croucher, D. V. (30-35); Ducken, B. J. (33-40); Elliot, E. R. (33-39); Henry, R. A. (28-33); Jan Singh, R. C. (29-35); Jenkyns, R. B. (33-38); Parker, G. P. (23-32); Suckling, J. H. (24-28); Thurgood, D. C. (32-33); Wheeler, K. H. (32-40); Whitaker, E. A. (33-40); White, D. J. B. (28-36); Young, R. A. (38-43).

ORDINARY.

Bates, E. S. (42-45); Bishop, H. J. D. (38-45); Blackhall, K. A. J. (40-45); Borne, M. C. (36-45); Buckle, R. D. (40-45); Carter, H. (33-39); Chapman, L. F. (38-45); Coe, L. H. (40-45); Collins, J. H. (38-45); Coombe, D. H. (39-44); Ellinor, J. H. (40-45); Kinsey, A. (40-45); Lunn, F. N. (38-45); Moore, J. G. (37-45); Moss, W. E. (39-45); Nichols, P. R. N. (40-50); O'Donovan, J. F. (38-39); Parrott, P. G. (38-45); Paul, A. R. (40-45); Pretty, R. (38-45); Snare, K. P. (39-45); Stephen, D. (40-45); Sullivan, D. (38-45); Trew, E. A. (38-45); Virgo, P. D. (40-45); Warlum, D. (40-45); Wright, D. W. (38-45); Yerbury, D. F. (43-45).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 1945.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the School on Friday, 8th June, 1945, the President, Mr. T. Holt, presiding over a representative gathering of Old Roans.

After the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting had been read and confirmed, the Secretary, Mr. W. J. R. Bullers, made a report on the progress of the Association during the past year. He said he knew he was voicing the feelings of all when he said how pleased they were to see that the School had escaped any serious damage during the war, and that the Staff had also been free from personal injury during the very trying time since the last General Meeting.

They had, unfortunately, to deplore the loss of several Old Roans, both on Active Service and at home from enemy action; amongst these was Harald Berry, who was at School from

1882 to 1886, and who was President of the Association in 1926, and R. B. Calder (1910-14) who at the last Annual General Meeting had been elected Auditor. There were many others who had given their lives for their Country, and whose names were appearing in the Magazine; to their relatives we extended our heartfelt sympathy.

Owing to the war the activities of the Association had naturally been curtailed, but with the advent of peace the Association could look forward to resuming its normal life. During the years of war, membership had been maintained—in fact, slightly increased—in spite of the difficulty of keeping contact with a large number of members who had changed their address without notifying the officers.

The Treasurer, Mr. W. A. Allen, who was not able to be present, sent a written report disclosing a very satisfactory financial position, and the Balance Sheet was unanimously adopted. Mr. Allen remarked on the slow response to appeals for the Potter Memorial Fund, and it was agreed that this should be brought to the notice of members by a suitable insertion in the Magazine. The main business of the evening was, as usual, the election of a new President. Mr. Parker proposed that, as activities had been so restricted during Mr. T. Holt's year of office, he be re-elected for another year; amidst great acclamation Mr. Holt was re-elected.

The Officers and Committee were re-elected, two vacant places on the Committee being filled by Messrs. R. W. Pearman and D. J. B. White.

Messrs. C. T. Daltry and A. D. Hewlett were elected Auditors.

The business side of the meeting being concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair, the rest of the evening was spent partaking refreshments and exchanging reminiscences.

JOHN ROAN SCHOOL LODGE. NO. 5085.

Secretary: W. Bro. W. J. R. Bullers.

At the Fifteenth Installation Meeting of the Lodge, held at the Freemasons' Hall, on 29th September, 1945, W. Bro. Alfred Arthur Robinson was installed as Master for the ensuing year in the presence of a goodly number of members and visitors.

W. Bro. Robinson, who was at the School from 1889 to 1893, has been connected with Greenwich all his life, as partner in the well-known firm of Messrs. C. A. Robinson & Co. Ltd.

The next meetings of the Lodge are on 26th February, 23rd April and 22nd October. W. Bro. Robinson extends a very hearty welcome to any Old Roan Freemason who can find it convenient to attend.

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