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CALENDAR.

July	3rd	Athletic Sports.
	15th—30th	Second Dutch Tour.
	16th	Founder's Day.
	20th	Swimming Sports.
	22nd	Summer Term ends.
	22nd—29th	Scout Camp.
	24th	Old Boys' and Parents' Day.
	26th	Ickham Camp begins.
September	8th	Autumn Term begins.
December	17th	Autumn Term ends.

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OCCASIONAL NOTES.

There have been two important staff changes since our last issue, and two further changes are pending.

In January we welcomed Mr. J. F. Davies, and in April Mr. A. H. Hopwood. A note on Mr. Davies' career was in the last Magazine. Mr. Hopwood succeeds Mr. J. F. Hazell, one Old Roan succeeding another.

Mr. Hazell joined the staff in September, 1946, and has done valuable work in Mathematics and Physics. Most valuable was the service he rendered in filling the gap in the senior Physics teaching between Mr. Beecher's departure and Mr. Davies' arrival. While he was thus engaged, Mr. Hazell's own work was covered by Mr. H. V. Corradine, whom we were sorry to lose in December. Mr. Hazell did useful work, also, on the sports

field, especially in cricket. We shall miss him, and we send him our best wishes in his appointment at the Royal Aeronautical Establishment at Farnborough, Hants.

Mr. Hopwood was at the Roan School from 1923 to 1929, and was vice-captain of cricket and a member of the 1st XI football team. After three years at University College, London, he obtained the B.Sc. (Special) degree in Mathematics, and later the Teachers' Diploma at the Institute of Education. After his service with the R.A.F. as a Meteorological Officer, he returned to the Modern School, Welling. He plays regularly for the Old Roan 1st XI cricket team.

Mr. F. White leaves us this summer, to take up an appointment in New Zealand. We shall miss him very much, for, though he has been with us for only one school year, he has endeared himself by his genial manner and by the enthusiastic way in which he has entered into all our activities. Mr. White has made a decided contribution to the cultural life of the School. He organised the Model Parliament with great success, and he has done valuable work with the Aristotelian Society. His ability both as an actor and as a producer was most welcome in our dramatic activities. We offer him our very best wishes in his emigration.

We shall shortly have a double association with New Zealand. We hope to keep in touch with Mr. White, and also with Mr. F. Reid, a New Zealander who was with us, teaching English in the junior forms, during the second half of the Spring Term. Mr. Reid has been spending a year working in schools in England, and has made many friends. We are proposing an interchange of magazines with his home school, the Dunedin Academy.

Mr. B. W. Fenton, B.A. (London) will join the Staff next term in place of Mr. White. Mr. Fenton was at University College from 1937 to 1939 and returned there in 1946 after serving with the R.A. at home and overseas.

He obtained the honours degree in English in 1947 and has since been at the Institute of Education. Mr. Fenton has had extensive experience in playing and organising football, cricket and athletics, both at the University and in the Forces.

To allow for an increase in the work in Science and Mathematics, Mr. H. J. Hawkins, B.Sc., has been appointed for the September term. Mr. Hawkins obtained the degree of B.Sc. (Special) in Physics, with Pure Mathematics subsidiary, at University College, London, in 1941. After serving as an Experimental Officer at the Anti-Submarine Establishment he was appointed to Colfe's Grammar School in 1946.

We are asked by Mr. Beecher to publish a disclaimer of what he calls a "line" shot on his behalf by one of our editorial staff. He was inadvertently described in our last issue as having "eventually become school captain." This was not the case, distinguished though his career as a boy doubtless was.

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Since just before Christmas the school buildings have been undergoing repair and redecoration. The amount of work entailed has shown how serious and extensive was the damage done by the bombs which fell on March 1st, 1944. Many ceilings, including that of the hall, have been replastered, woodwork has been repaired and replaced, and exterior brickwork repairs have been undertaken. The tarmac of the playground has been entirely renewed. A good deal of the work has had to be done during school hours, and the trials of certain forms, temporarily without doors or "borrowed lights" to their classrooms, and sandwiched between two vigorously-voiced masters, with a motor-roller just outside the windows, may be imagined. Fortunately, the cold spell of last year was not repeated. We rejoice now to have our building restored almost to its original beauty. Outside painting and window repairs are to follow during the summer holiday.

For the successful carrying out of all this work, credit is due to the builders, who have been most thoughtful, and, above all, to Mr. Hammond, who has remained unruffled, though his work was sorely dislocated.

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Three boys were entered for the March examinations of the Associated Board and all obtained high pass marks:—

P. Lawrence and C. Cook in Grade IV violin.

R. Bishop in Grade I violin.

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We welcome the appointment to the Board of Governors of an Old Roan, Mr. W. F. Mills (02-07).

To mark this happy occasion, Mr. Mills has presented to the school a handsome silver Challenge Cup, which is to be awarded annually to the Champion House in the new all-round competition.

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It was a pleasure to receive a visit this term from Lieut.-Col. F. W. Harris, a distinguished former master, now engaged in educational work in Germany. An account of his experiences appeared in the last Magazine. Mr. Harris was able to supplement this when, at the Headmaster's invitation, he spoke to the school at the morning assembly on May 11th. He told us something of the life of the present-day German schoolboy, whose lot is, however, made easier by the parcels which are being sent out

from English schools. Cast-off clothing is particularly appreciated, and Mr. Winter renews his appeal for material for the packages he sends from time to time to Mr. Harris.

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The Savings Group reports a total of deposits for the Spring Term of £149 and for the Summer Term of £26. Form Va maintained their lead in both terms.

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Our recent appeal for early issues of the *Roan Magazine* has met with some response, for which we are most grateful. One particularly generous donor is Mr. A. D. Hewlett (14-21) of Dover. The school library still requires a copy of each of the following issues—Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11 and 15.

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Another appeal is made for photographs and photographic groups of interest to past and present Roan boys. Mr. Holt is anxious to exhibit a comprehensive collection of these, to hang along the upper corridor of the school. Any Old Roans or friends who can contribute are asked, where possible, to name the people who appear.

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THE UNVEILING OF THE WAR MEMORIAL.

The ceremony of unveiling the Memorial Tablet in honour of Old Roans who fell in the War was carried out with appropriate dignity on Sunday, April 25th. The service was short, simple and bright: there was no note of despondency, the thoughts uppermost in the minds of those present being of pride in the heroic achievements of the fallen and of the solemn responsibility of our generation. Our feelings were in keeping with the challenge which the dead seem to speak from the tablet—McCrae's words: "To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high."

A large gathering of relatives and friends was assembled in the School Hall at 3 o'clock that Sunday afternoon. The tablet had been fixed for the ceremony on the back wall of the stage: it has since been set up in its permanent place in the entrance hall. Our illustration shows how admirable is the design and craftsmanship of the plaque, in bronze and enamel, the work of Messrs. James Hill and Company.

The sixty-seven names on the memorial are representative of all the Services, the Merchant Navy, the Fire Service and the French Army; it commemorates gallant deaths on the high seas, in the air, in prison camps, and in all the famous theatres of war—Dunkirk, Norway, Tobruk, Italy, Arnhem, Normandy, Germany and the Far East.

The ceremony of dedication was performed by the Rev. Canon W. T. Money, M.A., H.C.F. In his address he recalled that he had carried out a similar function when the memorial "Old Boys killed in the 1914-18 War was unveiled. He appreciated the honour bestowed on him for the second time. His own connection with the Roan School, and that of his family, was a very long one, and he had known many of those now commemorated, as a Governor, as Scout Commissioner, and through the John Roan Lodge. He spoke of some of the deeds done by the noble dead, and gave details also of the war service of other Old Roans, who earned altogether fifty-five decorations and distinctions. An inspiring and sympathetic address was concluded by quoting Rupert Brooke's "Blow out, you Bugles."

The Memorial Tablet was unveiled by Mr. G. R. Parker, B.A., B.Sc., Chevalier of the Legion of Honour; as a master at the School from 1898 to 1945, he knew every Old Boy named, and nobody else could have been so suitable a choice to perform this duty.

In the service, Canon Money was assisted by two Old Roan clergymen, the Rev. D. L. Francis and the Rev. G. H. Isaacson, and the lesson (The Wisdom of Solomon, Chapter III) was read by the Headmaster. The hymns sung were "O God our Help," "O Valiant Hearts" and "For all the Saints." The School Orchestra accompanied the singing, and drums and bugles were provided by the Territorial Regiment at Holly Hedge House. The service concluded with The Last Post, the Reveille and the National Anthem.

An important and effective part of the Memorial is the planting of flowering trees, one for each of the fallen, along the front of the School. These were all planted and labelled in preparation for the ceremony, and relatives and friends were able to visit these living monuments after the ceremony. The weather was bright and warm. Trees associated with friends have, as far as possible, been planted together, and those commemorating the 23 Scouts are in one group.

The largest part of the Memorial scheme remains to be carried out. This is the erection of the additional room in the Pavilion on the School Field, when this is rebuilt. To provide for this, the Headmaster and the O.R.A. are still appealing for donations to the Fund. Their appeal, together with plans for the rebuilding, is printed on pages of this Magazine.

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As Secretary of the Old Roan War Memorial Sub-Committee, I should like to thank the Vice-Master, Mr. Holt, and the Treasurer, Mr. Pye, for the sterling work they have done. Mr. Mitchell also deserves our best thanks for his untiring efforts to

see that the list of fallen was correct and complete. The planting of the memorial trees was done by our two groundsmen, Mr. Bradley and Mr. Carter, and we thank them for their help.

H.W.G.

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THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

The sixty-seven names on the revised Roll of Honour can be read on our illustration of the Memorial Tablet.

The careers of those named have been checked by the Service Departments. In the course of revision the following corrections and additions to the lists previously published in this Magazine were made. In the case of corrections the complete entry is given; additions are distinguished by an asterisk:—

Banks, R. J. (33-39), F/Sgt.-Pilot, R.A.F., presumed killed in action, Middle East, 12/43.

*Chalklin, E. A. (33-38), Private, R.A.O.C., accidentally drowned, 8/42.

*Chapman, R. B. W. (33-38), A.C.2, R.A.F., died, 11/41.

Cockerell, L. H. (27-33), Able Seaman, R.N., lost in H.M.S. "Dasher," 3/43.

*Erwin, J. F. (24-29), F/O., R.A.F.V.R., killed in air operations, 8/43.

Fisher, L. R. (37-39), Sgt., R.A.F., death presumed, 9/43.

†Fullagar, T. J. (20-29), Craftsman, R.E.M.E., died as P.O.W., Siam, 9/43.

Hood, W. F. (33-36), Lt., R.A., killed in action, Italy, 8/44.

Jessett, R. (21-28), W/Cdr., R.A.F. We are glad to say that the report of this officer's death is incorrect; he is still serving, after a distinguished career, including the Spanish Civil War and the Battle of Britain.

Storey, P. R. (28-35), L/Cpl. R.F., killed in action, Italy, —/44.

Turner, H. E. (19-23), Coder, R.N., lost at sea, 1/42.

Wiessner, C. F. H. (21-32), F/Lt., R.A.F.V.R., killed, 12/43.

In the following two cases, the Service Departments have no information, and the two O.R.'s concerned have therefore not been named on the plaque. We shall be grateful for any information that readers may have about them, and hope that the assumption that they are safe and well will prove correct:—

Johnson, V. D. C. (36-40), R.A.F.

Peploe, R. (23-26), R.N.

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We still have available a number of copies of issue No. 94 of the Magazine, which contains the O.R. Service List as then known. Corrections have been published in subsequent issues. We shall be glad to send a copy of No. 94 to any O.R. or friend who sends a donation to the War Memorial Fund.

OBITUARY.

AUSTIN, Leslie William Goulding: We deeply regret to announce the death of Leslie William Goulding Austin. Austin's death occurred at the end of the Spring Term, and was the result of a road accident. Austin joined the Roan School only in September, 1947. He was in III Alpha Form. He was a quiet but popular boy, and took part in all the normal activities of his friends and contemporaries. We tender our most sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Austin in their bereavement.

MR. W. E. ASHWORTH.

The sudden death of Mr. W. E. Ashworth—briefly reported in our last issue—robs the School of one of its great personalities. He died on November 18th, sitting in his arm-chair at home—a quiet and painless death ending a life of intense activity, quite as he would have wished.

Mr. Ashworth came to the School in 1917, and retired in December, 1938. He returned to us, as an athletic "Mr. Chips," when his successor, Mr. Dyke, was called up, and was with us at Bexhill and Ammanford, until he finally retired in 1942. But he was never far from us in spirit, and was often to be seen at School functions; during 1947 he attended the Herne Hill Sports and our own Sports, acting as a judge on both occasions. He will be sadly missed at those meetings this year.

Walter Ashworth came from a rather remote Yorkshire village. He used to tell how his interests in Physical Education began when, as a small boy, he surreptitiously attended Gymnastic Classes in a nearby town. Such forms of recreation were not approved by his parents, but when, having taken part in a boxing contest, he carried home with his medal the unmistakable marks of the conflict, his parents, after a good thrashing, realised his enthusiasm and supported him. From then onwards his progress was swift, through local and county gymnastic championships, until in 1908 he was selected as a member of the British Gymnastic Team in the Olympic Games. It was at these Games that he began to admire the Swedish style of gymnastics which he shortly afterwards began to teach.

When he came to the Roan School he was shown what then did duty as the "gymnasium." His impressions of this place make a story in themselves, which can be told by many who knew him at the time. In his own words, "Bai! Aw nearly packed oop and went whum again!" However, he stayed, and no school was ever more fortunate in obtaining, and retaining, such services. In his school work, he strove for, and obtained, a consistently high standard of physical prowess. Latterly he grew old in years, but never in his outlook or in the interpretation of his subject. The tradition he had established remained after his

"retirement," as did his interest in the School. Nothing pleased him more than to help with our Gymnastic Displays, Competitions and Sports Meetings; the boys were still "his" boys, and he gloried in their successes and sympathised in their failures.

It was characteristic that he preferred his retirement in 1938 to be marked by the institution of the Ashworth Cup for annual competition, rather than by any personal gift.

No better example could be found of the success of his teaching of a clean and healthy life than his own personal physique. At a Gymnastic Display in 1946—when he was 73—he insisted on standing on his hands, following this with the remark, "I always do this on my birthday, and when I can't do it I'll know I'm getting old." He never grew old; and so long as "Gym" is taught and practised at the Roan School he never will—for in it is perpetuated the life, character and teaching of W. E. Ashworth.

P.M.D., T.H.

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Mr. Ashworth was widely known and loved outside the School. One of his most valuable activities, in connection with the Maze Hill Boys' Club, is referred to in the following note contributed by Mr. P. B. Dannatt, the School Surveyor:—

When, about 1920, I asked Mr. Ashworth whether he could help me to find a P.T. instructor for the Club, he at once offered to come himself, and this was the beginning of a long and happy co-operation. A year or two later a summer camp was mooted, and here again Mr. Ashworth came to our aid; his powers of organisation and knowledge of boys made it possible to take a large party to camp every year from 1922 onwards, except during the war.

Mr. Ashworth was a pioneer in boys' camps. In 1937 he celebrated his Golden Jubilee, having camped with boys every year for half-a-century, and a camp on the Yorkshire coast which, as a youth, he helped to start is still run for the benefit of the boys of his beloved Halifax.

Old Boys of the Maze Hill Club often refer to the great benefit they received in gymnastic class and camp. It was a good thing for many boys in South-East London when Mr. Hope brought "Ashie" down from Yorkshire, not only for their physical well-being, but also for the strong moral influence he exerted during their impressionable years.

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MR. H. W. PHILLIPS.

We regret to announce also the death of Mr. H. W. Phillips, the donor of the Phillips and Parker Memorial cups, and a very good friend of the school. Mr. Phillips died in Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, early in the year.

SCHOOL OFFICERS, Summer, 1948

Captain of the School: J. D. Laing.

Vice-Captain: P. H. Cook.

School Prefects: A. K. Brookman, J. W. Cody, D. T. Cogger, P. V. Donnison, M. Franks, B. Hounsell, C. D. Hutchinson, S. Jones, G. Lodge, B. H. Livett, K. Loveday, J. R. Rawstron, R. A. Red, I. N. Saunders, A. P. Tatt, A. J. Trew, R. H. Williamson, D. W. Willshire, D. F. Brookland, B. J. Feasey, J. Read, K. A. Reggler. *Bicycle Prefects:* R. J. Ettling, P. S. Stass.

Captain of Cricket: J. A. Wheeler.

Vice-Captain: A. R. Towells.

Hon. Treasurer: M. C. Franks.

Hon. Secretary: D. A. Baxter.

Captain of Athletics: A. J. Trew.

Hon. Secretary: K. Loveday.

Tennis Club.—Chairman: R. E. Pischinger.

Hon. Treasurer: A. J. Trew.

Hon. Secretary: M. Franks.

House Captains: Blake-Rodney: R. A. Red, A. J. Trew. Collingwood-Wolfe: A. P. Tatt. Drake-Raleigh: D. W. Willshire. Grenville-Nelson: P. H. Cook, J. D. Laing.

Aristotelian Society.—President: R. H. Williamson.

Hon. Treasurer: H. Holloway.

Hon. Secretary: J. W. Cody.

Scientific Society.—Chairman: Mr. G. W. Hall.

Hon. Secretary: D. W. Willshire.

Chess Club.—Chairman: Mr. S. Beale.

Hon. Secretary: H. Holloway.

Committee: P. H. Cook, P. V. Donnison.

Library Committee.—President: Mr. W. Peddie.

Chairman: R. Lodge.

Hon. Secretary: I. N. Saunders.

Model Parliament.—Speaker: Mr. F. White.

Editors of the Roan Magazine: A. K. Brookman and J. W. Cody.

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VALETE: SPRING AND SUMMER, 1948.

MODERN SIXTH.

J. W. Basing: Captain of the School, Captain of Football, Captain of Cross-country, Joint-Captain of Drake-Raleigh House, President of the Aristotelian Society, Football and Athletic Colours; entered the School, September, 1940.

D. R. Cutting: School Prefect, Vice-Captain of Football, Football Colours, Joint-Captain of Collingwood-Wolfe House, Athletic Colours; entered the School, September, 1944.

MIDDLE AND LOWER SCHOOL.

VA—A. T. Cook; V—G. S. Johnson; V. ALPHA—M. H. Goodman; A. J. Law, Athletic Colours; S. G. Marsh, J. M. Moore, A. Turley.

R. ALPHA—A. C. Butcher; D. H. Clover; F. L. Franklin; R. G. Hawkins; A. W. O'Shea; M. J. White.

IV.—A. P. Soan

Sh. ALPHA.—N. W. Folley.

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THE PRIZE DISTRIBUTION, 1947.

Present at the Seventieth Prize Distribution of the Roan School, held in the Hall on December 12th, were:—

The Rt. Hon. George Tomlinson, P.C., M.P., Minister of Education, the guest of honour; the Mayor of Greenwich (Councillor Mrs. J. Gollogly, J.P.); Alderman J. Reeves, M.P.; the Chairman of the Governors (Councillor H. W. H. Icough) and Mrs. Icough; Mr. H. W. Gilbert, M.Sc. (Headmaster) and Mrs. Gilbert; Mrs. Jones, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Jaques, Mrs. Godfree, Mrs. Hilldrith, Mrs. Greenwood, Mrs. Carter, Mr. Toynbee, Mrs. Kennedy (Governors), Miss Falconer, H.M.I., Dr. Mallett, Vice-Adm. Sir Patrick Brind, Dr. Hughes, Mr. Burdon, Mr. H. R. King, M.A., Mr. P. B. Dannatt, Mr. J. F. White, Miss M. E. Barnsdale, M.A.

The Chairman of the Governors, in his opening address, welcomed the Minister of Education, and expressed the School's pleasure in having so distinguished a personage to present the prizes. He spoke with gratification of the signs that the School, after the unsettled period of war-time, was returning to pre-war standards in many of its activities. There was cause for just pride in our traditions, and for confident hope for our future. In conclusion, Mr. Icough spoke of the record of Old Boys in the War, and especially of those to whose memory the Roan War Memorial was to be erected.

The Headmaster's report, which followed, included a brief survey of the improvements which had taken place in recent years. The School had now equalled its pre-war numbers. After summarising our examination results, he spoke of the proposed modification and renaming of these examinations, which, he said, had been the subject of much hopeful specula-

tion among the boys. It was to be hoped that in future examinations "would be our servants, and not our masters," and that, with the wide choice of general activities which now existed, boys' school lives would not be dominated by the examination bogey. In contrast to this was the picture of life in a French school given in a letter from our recent pupil, Jean Rossano, which the Headmaster read aloud. It will be remembered that this letter appeared in the last issue of the Magazine. On the subject of out-of-school activities, Mr. Gilbert commended the achievements of the athletics and football teams and of the various school societies; he added that, despite the many recent changes in staff, and other drawbacks, the masters deserved credit for sterling work.

There was insufficient time for the usual method of distributing the prizes, and as each boy was called he received all his awards collectively from Mr. Tomlinson. There was special applause for those whose "bag" was considerable.

Attention should be drawn to two new prizes now presented for the first time, and to one old prize whose presentation had a special poignancy. These were the Dr. Rossano Prize for French, the Peter Andrews Prize for Biology, and the Ashworth Cup, in honour of our beloved physical training master whose death had recently occurred.

In an expectant hush, the Minister of Education expressed his pleasure in attending the prize-giving of a grammar school with traditions and individual qualities. He would, he said, speak to the boys on the importance of little things—one of the most valuable of the lessons which life had taught him.

Humorously he recalled his desire, as "a young M.P. in a hurry," to abolish formality and tradition, and told of his conversion, after a short time, to an appreciation of all that is meant by "the legacy of the past." He mentioned the traditional Parliamentary ceremonies which he had come to value as "illustrating the democratic basis of the Constitution"; continuing to illustrate his theme, he spoke of how he had recently been amazed by the accuracy of a young navigator who planned the Transatlantic flight he had taken, and remarked how much depended on a little calculation. An amusing story followed about his planting a plum-stone in his early youth; the tree which grew from it, having accompanied the family when it moved, was eventually taken down because it blocked the neighbour's view.

Later in the evening, Mr. Tomlinson, able to override Council regulations—for, as he remarked, "I happen to be the boss"—gave the School a special holiday.

A vote of thanks to the Minister was proposed by Councillor Bruce and seconded by Councillor Mrs. Carter. J. D. Laing

proposed a vote of thanks, on behalf of the boys of the School, to the Chairman and Governors, and this was seconded by P. H. Cook.

Other speakers, including the Mayor, thanked Mr. Tomlinson for his valuable address, and congratulated the School on the achievements of the year.

An admirable musical programme was provided by the School Choir and Orchestra. We remember with particular pleasure the Choir's singing, unaccompanied, of "Our Blessed Lady's Lullaby," the Orchestra's performance of two movements from the Roan Suite, and the combined rendering, by Choir and Orchestra, of Eric Thiman's "Hymn for King and Nation." The Roan Suite is especially notable, being the work of our Music Master, Mr. W. Trotman: the Pastorale was entitled "Greenwich Park" and featured a cuckoo (played by a professorial clarinet), while the March was named "The Heath."

J.W.C.

The list of Prize and Certificate winners follows:—

PREPARATORY FORM.

Prizes: Rumble, T.; Tomley, D. J.

Certificates: 1, White, P. J.; 2, Proctor, B. J.; 3, Layson, J. J.

THIRD A.

Prizes: Meekums, G.; Pink, M.

Certificates: 1, Boon, P. C.; 2, Denyer, R. G.; 3, Jacobsen, J. E.; Avery, D. F.

THIRD.

Prizes: Wybourn, L. J.; Mussett, A. E.

Certificates: 1, Parkhouse, R. M.; 2, Brading, E.; 3, Noakes, R. A.

THIRD ALPHA.

Prizes: Buck, J. A.; Reed, J. V.

Certificates: 1, Dress, R.; 2, Champion, D. Y.; 3, Stebbing, P. J.

SHELL A.

Prizes: Pead, P. J.; Bowden, C.

Certificates: 1, Lodge, R. A.; 2, Buckland, A.; 3, Bowkett, J. A.

SHELL B.

Prizes: Burgess, A. D.; Chamberlain, K.

Certificates: 1, Leigh, D. H.; 2, Edwards, L. E.; 3, Hamblen, D.

SHELL C.

Prize: McConnell, J. I.

Certificates: 1, Orr, I.; 2, Luck, M. J.; 3, Austin, C. D.

FOURTH A.

Prizes: Priest, D. B.; Walker, P.

Certificates: 1, Brown, P. L.; 2, Mitchell, R. J.; 3, Brown, A. L.; McSoley, H.

FOURTH B.

Prizes: Jacobs, R. V.; Courtney, R. J.

Certificates: 1, Perry, L. E.; 2, Masson, J. R.; 3, Brady, D. L.

FOURTH C.

Prize: Hawkins, R. G.

Certificates: 1, Bailey, P. J.; 2, Dress, W.; 3, Bonney, J. P.

REMOVE A.

Prizes: Crampton, R. A.; Inman, D.

Certificates: 1, Pocock, R. F.; 2, King, A. R.; 3, Breach, G. E.

REMOVE B.

Prizes: Cripps, J. A.; Chandler, A.

Certificates: 1, Cramp, W. A.; 2, Newman, P.; 3, Pound, K. S.

REMOVE C.

Prize: Phillips, B. M.

Certificates: 1, Ashley, B. M.; 2, Hodges, P.; 3, Startup, G.

FIFTH FORMS.

Franks, M. C. (Baron Memorial Prize); Trew, A. (Baron Memorial Prize); Showler, A. J. (Examination Prize); Cody, J. W. (Examination Prize); Hedgecock, G. A. (Examination Prize).

SIXTH FORMS.

Brookman, A. K. (Roan Exhibition of £50 for 3 years); Williamson, R. H. (Jennings Memorial Prize); Terrey, D. R. (Potter Memorial Prize for Chemistry); Knott, A. J. (Hope Memorial Prize for Latin); Cody, R. J. (Ridger Memorial Prize for French); Taylor, J. G. (Rowcliffe Prize for Geography).

THOMPSON MEMORIAL PRIZES.

Cricket: Dawtry, D. A.

Football: Horn, K. M.

SPOKEN ENGLISH PRIZES.

Senior: Knott, A. J.

Junior: Pound, K. S.

HUMPHREY MEMORIAL PRIZES.

Senior: Pound, K. S.; Mercer, R. H.

Junior: Curnick, P.

DURLING MEMORIAL PRIZE.

Basing, J. W.

DR. ROSSANO PRIZE FOR FRENCH.

Cody, R. J.

CAPTAIN STALLARD'S PRIZES.

1, Burton, J. F.; 2, Paris, K.; 3, Towells, A. R.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON: HIGHER SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

Basing, J. W. (with Inter B.A. exemption); Cody, R. J. (with Inter B.A. exemption); Coe, N. D.; Horn, K. M.; Knott, A. J. (with Inter B.A. exemption); Brookman, A. K. (with Inter B.Sc. exemption); Jones, D. A. (with Inter B.Sc. exemption); Marhoff, F. A.; Merrett, D. P.; Taylor, J. G. (with Inter B.Sc. exemption); Terrey, D. R. (with Inter B.Sc. exemption); Warren, P. J.; Williamson, R. H. (with Inter B.Sc. exemption).

GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION WITH MATRICULATION EXEMPTION.

Ashwörth, H.; Cutting, D. R.; Feasey, B. J.; Hudson, A. A.; Monahan, E. P.; Showler, A. J.; Billings, A. R.; Davison, R. C.; Cody, J. W.; Dobson, M. W.; Franks, M. C.; Hutchinson, C. D.; Parnell, E. W.; Stass, P. S.; Borrett, T. J.; Cogger, D. T.; Ettling, R. J.; Hatton, T. R.; Loveday, K.; Read, J. E.; Trew, A. J.; Martin, A. P.; Cooper, M. G.; Evenden, R.; Hedgecock, G. A.; Lowe, M.; Red, R. A.; Arundell, V. C.; Towells, A. R.

GENERAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

Dixon, L. J.; Jackson, J. A.; Parker, R. A.; Brookland, D. F.; Price, B. W.; Drewe, P.; Jessop, F. B.; Reggler, K. A.; Click, P.; Carr, G.; Morley, R. C.; Webb, G. G.; Holmes, J. S.; Dockerill, T. H.; Olive, R. M.; Woolbridge, R. C.; Meston, D. S.

DEGREE RESULTS OBTAINED BY OLD BOYS.

London University: Jones, G. F. (First-class honours, B.Sc.; Special in Geography); Loosemore, W. D. (First-class honours, B.Sc.; Special in Physics); Bishop, K. F. (Second-class honours, B.Sc.; Special in Physics); Wright, D. W. (Second-class honours, B.Sc.; General); Collins, J. H. (Second-class honours, B.Sc.; General); Hill, J. B. (B.Sc.; General in Mathematics and Physics); Williams, P. (B.Sc.; General in Mathematics and Physics).

Manchester University: Stimpson, C. J. (B.Sc.; Honours in Mathematics and Physics).

Oxford University: O'Donovan, J. F., B.A. (Second-class honours, French and Spanish).

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"CAPTAIN FLINT'S TREASURE."

The School Dramatic Society, whose productions were necessarily curtailed during the war and the immediate post-war period, has now fully revived. It will be remembered that last year it presented three House Plays; this year we have enjoyed the first full-length production since 1939, whose undoubted success augurs well for the future.

Presented on March 18th, 19th and 20th, in aid of the War Memorial Fund, which benefited by some £100, this was a very ambitious production indeed, since it involved the writing of the script as well as the training of a large company, most of whom had never acted before an audience, and much difficult stage work.

The play was a new adaptation of the boys' classic, "Treasure Island," written by a team under Mr. Witten, and entitled "Captain Flint's Treasure." While it followed Stevenson faithfully in all essentials, it was a free version of the story, with a number of original touches. It was so written as to centre round Jim Hawkins rather than Long John Silver—as, indeed, Stevenson must have intended. The complex nature of the plot required a somewhat lengthy production, with five different settings, and playing for over two and a half hours; the quality of the play, and of the acting, was, however, such that the interest of the audience never flagged. Each scene appeared a complete unit, and it was apparent that every detail of the production had been carefully thought out.

As Producer, Mr. Poyser has been succeeded by Mr. Berry, who has, of course, many successful O.R.D.S. productions behind him. It was characteristic of him to take on a task at which many would have boggled and to bring it to a successful issue. But one man cannot make a show of this kind, and Mr. Berry was the first to pay tribute to his many helpers and to declare the play a triumph of team-work—a verdict with which all will agree.

In the cast and behind the scenes no fewer than 104 boys were directly concerned—as well as many members of the staff, notable among whom were Mr. Pye and Mr. Witten. The décor and costumes, as well as the stage-management, lighting and make-up, were all done by boys—and a very good job they made, in all respects. It was the first time that boys have handled the make-up, and this effort deserves special commendation.

Of the actors, two were by general consent acclaimed as outstanding. They were A. L. Brown, whose performance as Jim was a *tour de force*, and D. A. Baxter, who cleverly "doubled" Blind Pew and Ben Gunn. Brown, at the age of 14, successfully carried through the vital task of linking together the episodes of the story, doing so with restraint and without dominating the scene at any time. He was delightfully spontaneous, natural and unaffected—an affected Jim would be insufferable—and showed initiative and stage-sense to a marked degree. His speech throughout was notably clear and he had just the right air of wide-eyed innocence. Baxter gave an intensely dramatic reading of Pew and, in great contrast, a spirited portrayal of Ben Gunn, whose part gave full scope to his energies; he carried it off with a devastating lack of inhibition—rather to the detriment of the others' speeches in the final scene. There were faults in his performance—he forgot his age as Pew and could not resist the temptation to overact as Gunn—but there was great merit in his acting, and he deserved the special applause he was given.

As Long John, J. D. Laing gave a creditable performance in a very difficult part. He managed his crutch and concealed his "missing" leg most adroitly. He was at his best in the later scenes, especially the scene of the "black spot," in which he showed real dramatic power. S. Jones discharged another difficult part, that of Captain Billy Bones, quite effectively. He portrayed Bones as a languid Cambrian drunkard, mellow rather than sinister; his reading was marred by slightly inappropriate inflections. His weakness, and Long John's, was a lack of the full-blooded spirit of the old buccaneer. Our timbers were not shivered and our blood remained unfrozen.

However, if the two principal villains lacked this quality, the atmosphere of wickedness was by no means absent from the play. The gang of Flint's old crew were as sinister as one could wish; indeed, perhaps, collectively, they deserve the highest praise of all the cast. Most notable were K. Loveday, as the avenging Black Dog—a perfect little sketch—P. H. Cook, as George Merry—whose antagonism to Silver was carefully worked up and, especially in the later stages, heightened considerably the dramatic interest—K. A. Reggler, as "Red Cap" O'Brien, S. E. Emery, as Job Anderson, and B. D. Whitefield,

as Israel Hands. Reggler's acting was of high quality, though his part was small; his movements away from Captain Smollett in the mutiny scene expressed the tension much better than words could have done. Whitefield did particularly well in his scene on the "Hispaniola" with Jim, and added colour to the production both on and off the stage—for off-stage he appeared in the orchestra, in full costume.

The three leaders of the expedition were well portrayed. Squire Trelawney was taken by G. A. Lodge, who succeeded in doing what few of the cast could compass, projecting himself into the character of an older man, and maintaining appropriate speech, gait and gesture. He had just the right air of pompousness. One felt, however, that the character would have been enhanced by the addition of a touch of snuff-taking. His was perhaps the best piece of character-acting. Captain Smollett, played by J. F. Bruce, was a commanding figure; he achieved an effortless but effective style of acting, and when he was on the stage the action always moved swiftly. This was particularly evident on the ship and in the first stockade scene. M. K. Yeomans was also successful as Dr. Livesey, his bearing and diction being appropriate to the part. He was erect and authoritative, but perhaps a little too precise, and sudden in gesture.

The one woman character, Mrs. Hawkins, was taken with marked success by D. Inman, who was equally good in intonation, gesture and appearance.

One of the pleasing features of the performance was the way in which the actors in minor roles played their parts. D. T. Cogger's portrayal of Dick in the Apple Barrel scene was first-rate: he left the audience in no doubt about the power of Silver's flattery. J. A. Wheeler gave a short but most moving portrait of the old gamekeeper, and K. S. Pound with a few words and a few steps told us all we needed to know about the complete footman. The contribution of P. V. Donnison suggested that he could have handled most of the principal roles, had he been called upon to do so. It would be possible to mention good work by all the cast, who worked together so well. It was apparent that all had taken the greatest pains to be perfect in word and action.

In addition to those already mentioned, the following took part:—J. F. Burton, C. E. Bush, D. R. Cutting, C. D. Hutchinson, R. P. Jeffkins, A. W. King, R. H. Mercer, T. A. Russell, J. G. Smart and B. D. Trafford.

The grouping of the actors on the stage must be mentioned. At the vital moments the audience were aware of the artistic pictures made by the grouping of the characters. The shapes changed as one after another moved into the dominating position on the stage, but the effect was always pleasing without striving for effect—and this is the test of good production. The

fight in the stockade was notably successful; it is always difficult to avoid unintentional humour in stage fighting, but this fight was most realistically carried out. A word of further praise should be given to the "corpses" who at various times lay on the stage, remaining convincingly "dead."

Three scenes were particularly memorable—the meeting of Jim and Ben Gunn, the fight between Jim and Hands, and the giving of the "black spot" to Silver. In all Jim shone—perhaps most in the first, which was a hard test of restraint. The "black spot" scene was a triumph. Lighting was effectively used to indicate dawn and to bring Silver slowly into focus for what was to be "his" scene. The dramatic climax of the discovery that the "spot" was cut from a Bible was well handled, and Silver showed skill in regaining his mutinous crew's confidence. The buccaneers were at the top of their form.

Of the settings, which were all outstanding in design and colour, the most notable was that of the "Hispaniola," with the shrouds up which Jim climbed to escape Hands. The cannon added an effective touch—even though, unlike most of the properties, it was not made in our workshops.

It remains to mention the very successful sound effects, which were a greatly admired feature. In the "Hispaniola" scenes, apart from the cannon, we heard chains, chafing ropes and other nautical sounds, and a chorus of Fourth-form seagulls completed the effect. At the "Admiral Benbow" we heard a fine succession of horse-beats. Above all, Silver's parrot was well impersonated (if that be the word) by J. A. Wheeler; apart from "Pieces of Eight!" his repertoire was extensive and peculiar.

The orchestra added much to the pleasure of the evening, playing, with its customary competence, a "Nautical Overture," a "Shanty Fancy" and Bach's "Suite for Strings."

We must reserve the last word of thanks to the "Founder of the Feast." The highest praise that we can give the play is to suggest that, had Robert Louis Stevenson seen his story thus brought to life, he would have been pleased. "Treasure Island" is the more admirable because, unlike so much fiction, its plot is probable and it presents a wide range of subtle and interesting characters. It was a pleasure to feel, as our play progressed, that its speeches had originally come from the pen of one of the finest of the masters of English prose.

M.W.W.

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'TWTIXT KINN AND HOW.

Cumberland's mountains and lakes are as beautiful as ever and as alluring. Within twenty-four hours of reaching Braith-

waite, panting Roan boys have swarmed over our own How and on to deceptive Kinn. How many generations of campers have looked at this hill behind the camp and sallied forth to reach its top only to find that greater heights lie just behind? Taunted by the voiceless slopes they breast four summits and then behold Grisedale Pike rising beyond in a challenging point. That conquest, however, requires more time and preparation. Grisedale resents it if you try to climb his rocky slopes in gym shoes; and the order has gone forth that his ascent may be attempted only by organised, or experienced, parties. And so the novice returns to camp down the steep sides of his first mountain.

Before many days have passed he has acquired a knowledge not only of the names and heights of a dozen or more familiar fells but the desire to climb a record number of them. So he enters the "qualifying" rounds and probably becomes eligible for such exciting expeditions as those to Scafell Pike and Great Gable.

The forty-one boys who went to the Hope Memorial Camp this Whitsun did most of the usual things, and did them at least as well as ever, but they did at least one which had never been done before. The Workington Iron and Steel Co. invited us to visit their works, and the resulting expedition was most interesting. It deserves an account of its own, for there is no space here to describe the wonders of molten iron pouring from a blast furnace or of an ingot of red hot steel being rolled into a railway line.

A coach trip—the Eight Lakes Tour—was broken by a sail on Windermere in a launch. Those unable to get into the coach were energetic and climbed Helvellyn from Patterdale on the Striding Edge route, finding it much the most interesting route. (This was one of "Hall's Horrors".) Those who, on other days, preferred a climb of a thousand feet to one approaching the three thousand-foot level, were gently led on one of "Binnie's Easy Days," but sometimes declared that the title was deceptive!

The hardened campers of old may raise an eyebrow to read that all our cooking was done for us by a cook. "Fags" had nothing to do but potatoes and sweeping. Of course, it was luxury—and we enjoyed it. (The cook is already engaged for next Whitsun.)

The fortnight ended too soon, as usual. We returned to school Lakeland enthusiasts. And lastly must be recorded another great marvel—we had five minutes' rain during the daytime and about half an hour's when we were in bed. No wonder we returned sunburnt and no wonder someone had a score of twenty-one "tops".

K.S.B.

THE FIRST DUTCH TOUR.

If you had been out and about at 6.30 on the morning of May 12, you might have seen 16 Roan School boys pushing strangely-loaded brand new bicycles towards Blackheath Station. As you left school at 3.35 the same afternoon, you might have pictured us pushing northward along the Belgian coast on the "wrong" side of the road, making for the Dutch frontier, our bicycles standing up for the first time to the unwonted strain of the rough cobbled roads. It was dark when we finally passed the Dutch customs at SLUIS, where we spent our first night abroad.

Next morning, after crossing the Scheldt estuary to Flushing by ferry, we cycled through WALCHEREN to BERGEN OP ZOOM, and on Friday continued via busy ROTTERDAM to THE HAGUE.

From the outset we had divided into fast and slow parties; occasionally from the latter a "Cocks' party" was detached. Each evening saw a reunion and the exchange of experiences.

At THE HAGUE and SCHEVENINGEN we encountered the Whitsun crowds. The hostel was filled to overflowing with an international crowd of young people from half a dozen lands. The vivacity of the evening "camp fires," and the ease with which these continentals get worked up into song and dance were new to us. Many friendships were formed.

After the sedate capital city we felt more at home in bustling AMSTERDAM. We enjoyed its maze of waterways, its fascinating shops and markets, its tempting eating-houses. We left Amsterdam the richer by an experience, but much the poorer in pocket.

Our road now led from the populous maze of great towns into the bleak, wind-swept North. The next night was spent in a lonely hostel on the edge of the North Sea, where the flashing of lighthouses from the distant islands could be seen across dark, empty expanses. We thought of Amsterdam and enjoyed the contrast.

Next day we cycled across the great dyke, 20 miles long, which separates the North Sea from the Zuyder Zee, and so to HEEG in the Frisian lakes, where our hostel was a boating station on the Hegermeer. Our host was persuaded to take the whole party out for an afternoon's yachting, which was great fun.

We were now southward bound and two days' cycling across the polders brought us to a town of undying memory, ARNHEM. The hostel here was crowded, and once again we enjoyed the continental crowd at song and play. We were everywhere treated with very great kindness, but nowhere more so than at Arnhem.

The ride from here to BERGEN OP ZOOM, a distance of about 110 miles, was to be helped out by a generous call on the Dutch railway. Be it recorded that a party of 7 boys chose to cycle the whole distance and that they arrived at the Bergen hostel before the train party.

Our circuit of Holland was now complete. One last interesting day in Brussels, a good crossing, and we were back in Dover. Here a Customs officer asked sedately: "How much money are you bringing into England?" Our first boy answered equally sedately: "Fourpence-hape'ny."

"DE REIZIGER."

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THE NEED FOR UNIVERSAL SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION.

When we consider the range and influence of the scientific discoveries that have been made in the last century, the prospect of the next thousand years, or even the next hundred, far exceeds the wildest flight of the imagination. Yet, unless some strange and fatal force of which we have no experience comes into power, man will still be living, working, playing, studying the past, and planning the future in the dim world of to-morrow.

It is very hard for us to realise, living as we do in a mechanised age, that only a hundred years ago it was a fortnight's hard travel by coach from Penzance to Aberdeen, and even communication between neighbouring villages was slow and difficult. To-day, steam and electric trains have replaced the coaches, and elegant ferro-concrete flats and houses, the crowded tenements, whose foundations were laid early in the industrial revolution.

Strange as it may seem, these discoveries which have so revolutionised our lives are taken for granted as everyday and commonplace things. Few people, for example, speculate on why a kettle of water boils when it is left on the gas ring; the mental association of kettle, gas and steam is so familiar as to be beyond consideration. If the water were to freeze occasionally instead of boiling, we should probably be shaken out of our complacency. It was, however, a mere kettle that led James Watt to the invention of his steam engine, which played such an important part in our early industrial life.

Consequently, as a nation, we tend to notice only sensational discoveries and their application to life. Fewer people, for example, know of the great work that has been done in improving Public Health, than of the advances in atomic physics in the last four years. There are two reasons for this: scientific applications play such an integral part in our lives that the

average person accepts without curiosity the comforts and conveniences that are derived from scientific research; the dissemination of scientific knowledge to the ordinary man is more by way of sensational magazines and newspapers than by authoritative books which give a wider view of its significance. It seems clear that if society is to advance to a happier state, we must learn to use new discoveries intelligently, and this can only be done if the bulk of the people understand the simple basic principles underlying them. A wide understanding of the provinces of scientific investigation, its methods, its facts, and the speculations which may one day yield up the laws governing the physical universe, is essential to the individual in constructing a personal philosophy of living, and to lead a satisfactory physical life. Only when this happy state of knowledge is universal, and people are attempting to live a truly scientific existence, will ignorance, shortages of food and goods, with their attendants war and mass murder be finally a thing of the past.

It has been calculated that the earth is approximately eighteen hundred million years old, and that life has existed on it for about five hundred million years. Types approximating to man have been recognised only during the last million years, and of this period history only provides a record of seven to eight thousand. During this time, by means of scientific investigation and mechanical invention, man has learned to harness natural energy and to lift himself above the level of the other animals. The vast societies which inhabit the world to-day have been possible only by man's ability to recognise, study and finally turn to his advantage the laws embodied in science. This great advance has in the past been due only to a fraction of the population. Now, more than at any other time, the youth of the world has its chance to train in schools, technical institutes and universities. With the wealth of scientific genius that is being created it may well be in time that the universe will yield all its secrets, even that of life, and that at last the "land of milk and honey" of the ancients will be attained.

D. T. C.

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FOOTBALL: 1947-48.

The standard of football throughout the past season has for the most part been high; but, with the exception of the 1st XI, the play has been rather inconsistent. The teams benefited by frequent practice and by some good coaching from Mr. Webster, the F.A. coach. As compared with last year's brilliant successes, the present XI's have not appeared to do well, but, as the results show, their strength has been above average.

The 1st XI was selected from a handful of individualists and welded into a spirited team, confident in their abilities, who played constructive, clean football. Considering the stronger opposition with which the 1st XI were faced this year, the results are excellent. Only four losses were recorded in nineteen games: Bromley and Sloane were the only school teams to defeat us; Dulwich Hamlet provided strong opposition, and the Old Boys atoned for their defeat of last year.

A few words, in conclusion, about the team as individuals:—

Our captain, Basing, showed himself, with few exceptions, to be a safe "keeper" with clear judgment and much daring. He will be difficult to replace. Our backs, Copus and Laing, made a fine defence. Copus, a hard, strong tackler, was unfortunate in breaking his wrist in the game against the Old Boys. Laing, though a little slow on recovery, was very careful, and had a good right-footed kick and a safe head. Denham, at right-half, developed well during the season, and used his head to advantage. Wheeler, at left-half, a polished player in most respects, was not quite fast enough. Both he and Denham distributed the ball cleverly to the forwards. Baxter, who changed to centre-half in the later stages of the season, played a steady game, and made good clearances with both feet. On the wings Trew (C.), right, and McInnes, left, were not so thrustful as their predecessors. They both put the ball in the centre well, and were not afraid to shoot from difficult positions. Both inside forwards, Trew (A.), right, and Franks, left, were hard workers, with good ball control, and kept the wing men and centre-forward well fed. Cutting, as the spearhead, despite his individualism, had a good shot and pounced on opportunities. The team's "shooting boots" were mainly on Cutting (23 goals) and Trew (A.) (16 goals), the two-footed forwards.

The lack of success of this year's 2nd XI is partly due to the unavoidable number of team changes made from game to game. There was not that persistence, combination and team spirit to which last year's team owe their success. Parsons figured prominently at centre-forward for the 2nd and 3rd XI's, and was the highest goal scorer for each team. In defence, the captain, Willshire, and Hutchinson also deserve mention.

The 3rd XI did well in the six games played, as the results show.

After a disappointing start, the under 14 XI improved, but they never really sparkled. Gurr played confidently at centre-forward, and proved the most successful goal scorer.

The results up to November 15th appeared in the last issue of the Magazine. The remainder of the results are:—

1st XI.

Nov. 22nd	v. Shoreditch College 1st XI	A Won 6—1
" 29th	v. Bromley County 1st XI	H Lost 2—4

Dec. 6th	v. Sidcup County 1st XI	H Won 5—0
" 13th	v. St. Olave's 1st XI	A Won 2—1
" 20th	v. Old Roan Res. XI	H Lost 2—6
Jan. 10th	v. St. Olave's 1st XI	H Drew 3—3
" 17th	v. Erith County 1st XI	A Won 8—0
" 24th	v. Archbishop Tenison's 1st XI	H Drew 3—3
Feb. 14th	v. King's College 2nd XI	H Won 3—1
" 28th	v. Woolwich Polytechnic 1st XI	H Drew 1—1
Mar. 13th	v. Erith County 1st XI	H Won 13—0
" 17th	v. Woolwich Polytechnic 1st XI	A Won 2—0
" 27th	v. Old Roan Res. XI	H Drew 1—1

Played 19, won 10, drawn 5, lost 4, goals for 73, against 41.

Goal scorers: Cutting 23, Trew, A. 16, McInnes 7, Trew, C. 6, Baxter 5, Franks 4, Gurr 3, Wheeler 3, Denham 1, Pizzey 1.

2nd XI.

Nov. 29th	v. Bromley County 2nd XI	A Lost 1—3
Dec. 6th	v. Sidcup County 2nd XI	A Drew 2—2
" 13th	v. St. Olave's 2nd XI	H Drew 3—3
" 20th	v. Old Roan "A" XI	H Lost 1—3
Jan. 10th	v. George Green's 1st XI	A Won 3—2
" 17th	v. Erith County 2nd XI	H Won 5—1
" 31st	v. Alleyn's 2nd XI	H Lost 3—4
Feb. 14th	v. Addey & Stanhope 2nd XI	A Lost 2—3
Mar. 13th	v. Erith County 2nd XI	A Won 4—1
" 27th	v. Old Roan "A" XI	H Won 5—3

Played 18, won 6, drawn 4, lost 8, goals for 41, against 48.

Goal scorers: Parsons 10, Cook 7, Dawes 5, Bowles 6.

3rd XI.

Nov. 22nd	v. S.E. London Tech. Inst.	H Won 1—0
" 29th	v. Bromley County 3rd XI	H Won 4—3
Jan. 31st	v. Alleyn's 3rd XI	A Drew 4—4
Feb. 28th	v. S.E. London Tech. Inst.	H Lost 0—1

Played 6, won 3, drawn 1, lost 2, goals for 13, against 13.

Goal scorers: Parsons 5.

Under 14 XI.

Nov. 29th	v. Bromley County	A Lost 1—4
Dec. 6th	v. Sidcup County	H Lost 1—7
Jan. 10th	v. George Green's	H Won 5—0
" 17th	v. Erith County	A Lost 1—2
Feb. 14th	v. Addey & Stanhope	H Drew 1—1
" 28th	v. Gordon School	H Won 4—0
Mar. 13th	v. Erith County	H Won 6—0
" 20th	v. Gordon School	H Lost 1—4

Played 13, won 5, drawn 2, lost 6, goals for 30, against 46.

1st XI: Basing, Copus, Laing, Denham, Baxter, Wheeler, Trew, C., Trew, A., Cutting, Franks, McInnes.

2nd XI: Brittan, Willshire, Moss, Russell, Hutchinson, Ettling, Cook, Parsons, Dawes, Bowles, Kenward, Turley, Newman.

3rd XI: Barrett, Stocking, Cavey, Breach, Williams, Bailes, O'Shea, Ashley, Wagstaff, Huntley, Beadle.

Under 14 XI: Bryant, Davis, Chamberlain, Platten, Breach, Gainey, Mathews, Carr, V., Gurr, Cornish, Wright.

A.J.T.

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ATHLETICS, 1947-48.

The cross-country season gave us little to enthuse over. A display of mediocrity persisted throughout in matches against Sidcup, Shooter's Hill and Beckenham, and we were unable to compete in the inter-school races organised by Blackheath, S.L.H. and Highgate. We feel, however, that prospects for next year are brighter. We have some promising juniors, as was shown by the fact that new records were set up by the winners of both Junior and Intermediate School Championships. D. Garland's effort in breaking the 12-year-old Junior record was particularly encouraging, his time being 11 mins. 56 secs. J. Owen was the Intermediate champion, and J. W. Basing won the Senior event.

With the change in the House system, new team-scoring arrangements were introduced in the School races, maximum team entries, in accordance with A.A.A. rules, superseding the old "mob-match" rule. Houses were permitted to enter a second team in any race, and the achievement of Collingwood-Wolfe, who did this in all three events, deserves special note. It should also be recorded that Blake-Rodney scored most "standard" points in all events, and were never below second place.

The Senior Championship was won by Blake-Rodney, with Grenville-Nelson second; the Intermediate by Collingwood-Wolfe, with Blake-Rodney second; the Junior by Drake-Raleigh, with Blake-Rodney second.

The most important event in the track season was the South London Grammar Schools' Sports, this year held at the White City. The School team was not quite as strong as last year's winning team and, considering the greatly improved standard of inter-school athletics, did well to come second to St. Olave's Grammar School. It is notable that, with eleven schools competing, we were placed in all but two of the events. Perhaps the most promising performance was that of the Junior Relay Team (B. Davis, R. Stanley, E. Sampson and H. Newman), who won

their event after an exciting race. The under 16 team was in effect under 15, so that, once again, our prospects for next year are good.

The full results appear below:—

Events 1—6 were decided on May 24th, and the remainder on May 27th.

Event 1.—High Jump (Open):

1st. Malone (K), 2nd. Watmore (O), 3rd. Pearson (T), 4th Jones (M) and Budd (R), 6th. Nicholls (C).

Winner's Height: 5ft. 5in., **Record.**

Event 2.—High Jump (Under 16):

1st. Lack (T), 2nd. Casey (O), 3rd. Lloyd (A), 4th. Gowans (S), 5th. Cooper (M), 6th. Trew, C. (R).

Winner's Height: 5ft. 1in.

Event 3.—High Jump (Under 14):

1st. Hampton (B), 2nd. Davis (R), 3rd. Manser (C), 4th. Osborne (H), 5th. Qusted (W), 6th. (Shaw (A)).

Winner's Height: 4ft. 5ins.

Event 4.—Long Jump (Open):

1st. Malone (K), 2nd. Jones (M), 3rd. Trew, A. (R), 4th. Wallen (A), 5th. Sawyer (B), 6th. Lyon (W).

Winner's Distance: 19ft. 11½ins.

Event 5.—Long Jump (Under 16):

1st. Casey (O), 2nd. Hughes (C), 3rd. Williams (T), 4th. Gowans (S), 5th. Wright (M), 6th. Mitchell (B).

Winner's Distance: 17ft. 6½ins.

Event 6.—Long Jump (Under 14):

1st. Robbins (T), 2nd. Dodimead (W), 3rd. Bate (A), 4th. Rose (K), 5th. Davis (R), 6th. Long (B).

Winner's Distance: 15ft. 4ins.

Event 11.—Mile Relay (2 x 880 yds.) (Under 16):

1st. C (Loscombe and Sanders), 2nd. M, 3rd. T, 4th. H, 5th. R, 6th. B.

Time: 4 mins. 12.5 secs., **Record.**

Event 12.—Putting the Weight (12lbs.):

1st. Budd (R), 2nd. Cannon (C), 3rd. Len (W), 4th. Sly (B), 5th. Devos (H), 6th. Austin (M).

Winner's Distance: 37ft. 11ins.

Event 16.—100 Yards (Under 16):

1st. Tomkys (S), 2nd. Baker (O), 3rd. Winterton (T), 4th. Hughes (C), 5th. Andrews (R), 6th. McGlashan (K).

Time: 11.1 secs.

Event 17.—Mile Team Relay:

1st. C (Hayday and Miles), 2nd. O, 3rd. A, 4th. H, 5th. S, 6th. K.

Time: 4 mins. 50.7 secs.

Event 18.—Mile Relay (2 x 880 yds.) (Under 16):

1st. M (De'Ath and Morrison), 2nd. O, 3rd. C, 4th. R, 5th. S, 6th. T.

Time: 4 mins. 37.3 secs.

Event 19.—100 Yards (Open):

1st. Sexton (M), 2nd. Northam (O), 3rd. Berry (W), 4th. Wallen (A), 5th. Trew, A. (R), 6th. Atter (H).

Time: 10.3 secs., **Record.**

Event 20.—Throwing the Discus (15 kilo):

1st. Cannon (C), 2nd. Budd (R), 3rd. MacLennan (M), 4th. Watmore (O), 5th. Blake (B), 6th. Brown (S).

Winner's Distance: 118ft. 3½ins.

Event 21.—100 Yards (Under 14):

1st. Sutton (A), 2nd. Davis (R), 3rd. Moss (H), 4th. Veal (M), 5th. Goodwin (O), 6th. Roberts (B).

Time: 11.8 secs.

Event 22.—Hurdles:

1st. Jones (M), 2nd. Hardingham (W), 3rd. Evans (O), 4th. Durden (C), 5th. Trew, A. (R), 6th. Standing (H).

Time: 16.8 secs.

Event 23.—Relay (4 x 220 yds.) (Under 16):

1st. O, 2nd. W, 3rd. K, 4th. R, 5th. C, 6th. M. Time: 1 min. 44.8 secs.

Event 24.—Relay (220, 110, 110, 220 yds.) (Under 14):

1st. R, 2nd. H, 3rd. O, 4th. B, 5th. M. Time: 1 min. 23.8 secs.

Event 25.—Relay (220, 220, 440, 440 yds.) (Open):1st. K, 2nd. M, 3rd. O, 4th. R, 5th. C, 6th. S.
Time: 2 mins. 38.6 secs., **Equalled Record.****TEAM RESULTS.**

(1) St. Olave's (O) .. 95 points	(6) Wandsworth (W) 37 points
(2) Roan (R) .. 78½ "	(7) Brockley (H) .. 35 "
(3) Whitgift Middle (M) 71½ "	(8) Tenison's (T) .. 31 "
(4) Beckenham (C) .. 61 "	(9) Battersea (A) .. 27 "
(5) Shooters Hill (K) 49 "	(10) Bec (B) .. 25 "
	(11) Sloane (S) .. 19 "

We have had two matches with leading amateur clubs, losing to Blackheath H. by 31 to 23 points, and to Cambridge H. by the narrow margin of 23 to 22 points. A match against Shooters Hill School resulted in an easy win for us by 55 to 29 points. The School Senior Relay Team (A. Trew, K. Loveday, P. Newman, G. Baker, J. Bruce) were placed first in the Colfe's medley relay, and second in the Beckenham sprint relay, and have several more fixtures. K. Loveday, running in an invitation 440 yards at Erith came second to Bell of Rochester. He also won the S.E. London area 880 yards. A. Trew was second, in good time, in the area hurdles. The shot-putting and discus-throwing of G. Budd, the middle-distance running of Loveday, and the sprinting of A. Trew were the outstanding Senior performances. The best Intermediate and Juniors were C. Trew, C. Andrews, and B. Davis, K. Loveday and A. Trew figure prominently for Blackheath H., and G. Budd for Cambridge H., and are all competing in the Southern Counties and A.A.A. Championships. Colours have been awarded to P. Newman, C. Trew and C. Andrews, the other leading members of the team being old Colours. Colours for cross-country were awarded to D. R. Cutting and J. Owen.

A.J.T., K.L.

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CRICKET, 1948.

The cricket season, up to the time of going to press, has been encouraging. The 1st XI has played five games and won four, and the 2nd XI has played six and won five. The general standard of play has been good; outstanding for his batting is J. A. Wheeler, the Captain.

Results of matches up to June 5th are printed below; the full results for the season will appear in the December issue.

1st XI.

May 1st v. Selhurst	A Won 144—4; 123
May 8th v. Faraday Hse. Elec. Co.	H Won 146—6; 44



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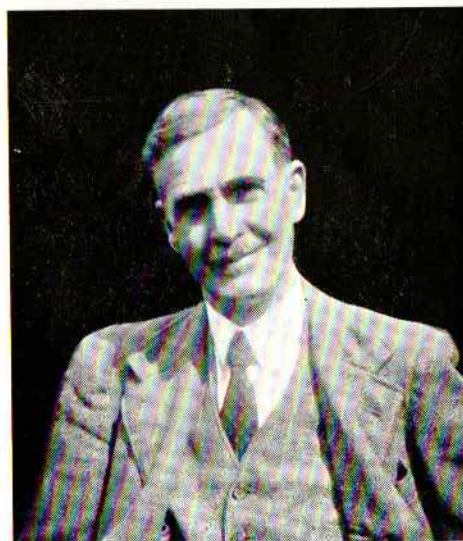


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MR. W. A. ALLEN



MR. J. W. KIRBY

May 15th	v. St. Olave's	A	Lost	120; 123
May 22nd	v. Erith	A	Won	47-7; 44
June 5th	v. Erith	H	Won	132-5; 47
2nd XI.				
April 24th	v. George Green's 1st XI	H	Won	135-9; 16
May 1st	v. Selhurst	H	Won	69-9; 29
May 8th	v. Addey & Stan. 1st XI	A	Won	60; 33
May 15th	v. St. Olave's	H	Won	113-9; 31
May 22nd	v. Erith	H	Lost	34; 37
June 5th	v. Erith	A	Won	107-7; 106-8
3rd XI.				
May 1st	v. Selhurst	H	Won	82; 36
May 15th	v. Old Roan	H	Lost	137; 67
May 22nd	v. Addey & Stan. 2nd XI	H	Won	104-7; 31
Junior XI.				
April 24th	v. George Green's u/14½	H	Won	73; 16
May 1st	v. Selhurst	A	Won	52; 26
May 8th	v. Addey & Stanhope.	H	Won	45; 43
May 15th	v. St. Olave's	A	Won	48; 25
May 22nd	v. Erith	A	Lost	26; 27-6
June 5th	v. Sidcup	H	Lost	18; 40

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TABLE TENNIS.

Table Tennis has now been in progress at school for some considerable time, and a general improvement in the standard of play has been reached. The School singles championship was this year won by Showler, who beat Baxter in the final. No doubles championship was held. Two matches have been arranged with Woolwich Polytechnic and it is hoped to obtain more fixtures. An inter-house championship will in all probability begin next term.

A.J.T.

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THE SCOUT TROOP.

Now numbering twenty-five, the Troop is increasing in Scouting knowledge. All have passed their Tenderfoot, most their Second Class and some are well on the way to being First Class Scouts. A few proficiency badges are also to be noticed on the right or left arm.

In the recent Whitsun holidays nine campers spent the week-end at Downe and, no doubt, learnt a good deal by practical

experience. Others were at Braithwaite learning their way over fell and mountain, and acquiring the art of living together as members of a community.

A week's summer camp under canvas, near Lamberhurst, Kent, will be the climax of our year's Scouting, and in September we are hoping to invite parents and friends to come to our Headquarters—now repaired—to see us in action.

We are indeed a fortunate Group, with a meeting place the envy of others, and with Patrol Leaders and Seconds who are keen enough to radiate a feeling of enthusiasm throughout the Troop so that we nearly always record 100 per cent. attendances. Patrol competitions are so keenly contested that the S.M. has to be very critical and hard-hearted in order to decide on the winner.

In return for our good fortune we are able to record some small services we have done. Our huts have been used as dressing rooms since the Cottage was condemned, and we were glad to have the honour of being in attendance on the day the Memorial Tablet was unveiled, for the purpose of guiding friends and relatives to the trees named after O.R.'s who gave their lives in the war. Over twenty of these were past members of the Troop and their trees are grouped together.

The interest shown by Old Scouts is very encouraging and the uniforms some of them have unearthed and sent along have often eased a difficult situation and enabled another young enthusiast to be fittingly dressed.

Scouting's fortieth year is now being celebrated. We are thirty-two years old. Mindful of the traditions age bequeathes we try to be worthy successors to those who wore the green scarf years before us.

K.S.B.

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THE ARISTOTELIAN SOCIETY.

The Society has devoted most of its time, in the last two terms, to discussion.

At the beginning of the Spring Term, when Mr. Witten surrendered the Hon. Secretaryship to Mr. H. Holloway, two specially interesting discussions were held to consider "the inadequacy of all existing forms of political parties" and "the existence of supernatural phenomena." On both occasions the members terminated the discussion reluctantly and with the feeling that they could have gone on through the night; however, other engagements and obligations, apart from possible opposition from Mr. Hammond, prevented this.

Both discussions were dominated by the forceful and somewhat sinister personality of the new Hon. Secretary. In the

first he insisted that the only hope for humanity lay in the eventual abolition of all government, on the grounds that "all power tends to corrupt." This happy state must, however, be preceded by Communist dictatorship, which would prepare the people. Such a solution was vigorously attacked, Mr. Beale and Mr. White especially advocating sweetness and right. The second discussion tried to be philosophical, but degenerated somewhat into consideration of what happened when the Hon. Secretary was thrown from his bicycle, enjoying, on his own showing, a remarkable experience!

Another evening in the Spring Term was devoted to a paper by Mr. Beale on "Why I am a Highbrow." Once again Mr. Beale proved himself a master of debate. Many members attacked points in his argument, but made no headway against an impenetrable defence. This spirited apology for the intellectual life was most refreshing.

A successful meeting was shared by Mr. Holloway and Mr. White. The former spoke on Youth Hostels, cycling and hitch-hiking. Mr. White briefly indicated some of the main elements in Aristotelian philosophy and suggested that Aristotle is chiefly interesting to our own Society for the universality of his interests. He is the antithesis of the modern specialist.

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THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

Because of the short Spring Term, only five meetings of the Society were held then—four at which papers were read, and one for general business. At the beginning of the term, the Society was pleased to welcome several new members, notably Mr. Davies, the new Senior Physics Master. At the first meeting, a paper on "Vitamins" was given by Mr. B. H. Livett, who gave a comprehensive survey of their history and development, concluding with a general comment on how necessary vitamins are to health.

At the next meeting some new features were introduced: two short papers, instead of the usual full-length one, were contributed by Messrs. Brookman and Williamson. Mr. Brookman introduced an entertaining type of paper, the biography of a famous engineer. Speaking of Brunel, he made effective use of the epidiascope—which, it should be remembered, is at the disposal of members giving lectures. Mr. Williamson spoke on "Thermo-Electricity"; his paper was divided into two sections, the first giving a concise account of the principles involved, while the second explained lucidly the applications of those principles to industry.

At the last two meetings of the term, the Society welcomed guest speakers. The first of these was Mr. A. H. Hall, an industrial research chemist, who spoke on "Chemico-Therapy"—which is concerned with the relation of chemistry to medicine. Mr. Hall began with an historical account of this branch of chemistry, and then gave a detailed account of the drugs used, and of the results secured, by the most modern methods. He paid particular attention to the drugs, such as sulphanomide, sulphanilamide and streptomycin, which have been discovered and developed to combat deadly diseases.

Our other guest was the very distinguished Old Roan, Dr. M. Phillips, F.R.I.C., co-discoverer, with Dr. Ewins, of "M. and B. 693". The Headmaster was a welcome visitor at this meeting. Dr. Phillips did not give a title to his paper, but "The Philosophy of a Scientist" would be appropriate. He advised the members not to specialise in any particular branch of science, but to cultivate a very broad outlook, not only studying sciences, but maintaining also a steady interest in the arts. Dr. Phillips deplored those whose immediate aim was security, and urged members to realise that the barriers between the branches of science are purely artificial.

This paper was received with great interest, especially by the senior members, and Dr. Phillips was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

Two meetings were held early in the Summer Term. The first, at which light refreshments were available, was to hear a paper entitled "Comets" by Mr. Franks. This most interesting and technical paper caused much controversy. Mr. Franks, however, had no difficulty in disposing of his critics. At the other meeting two papers were heard, "Water" by Mr. Showler and "Hymenoptera" by Mr. Burton.

Mr. Showler gave an account of the storage and purification of water, telling members of the importance of the supply of fresh water to our cities. He also read a number of statistics concerning the consumption, delivery, and loss due to leakage of water.

Mr. Burton gave an interesting account of the remarkable life and social habits of these small insects. Some of the facts concerning this form of life which Mr. Burton told of were comparative to human social life, and members were very keen to inquire further into the subject.

There was a final business meeting on May 10th, at which the officers for the next session were elected.

The Society now obtains several scientific periodicals, which are placed in the School library at the disposal of members.

CHESS CLUB NOTES.

The membership of the Chess Club has grown considerably during the year, the latest statistics showing 105 members. To cope with the flood of players we have borrowed or purchased 26 sets and boards, and three rooms have been used for the club's meetings on Friday evenings and every lunch-hour.

In the London Secondary Schools Chess League our team was placed 21st out of 23 teams competing. We played against a number of strong sides, and most of the matches were lost by narrow margins. We shall profit from our experiences in our first season of league chess and we hope to assert ourselves more next year.

The top three in the Ladder Competition were P. H. Cook, H. Holloway and G. A. Lodge. We have also held two Knock-out Competitions. The Senior Open Competition, with its entry of 64, gave much useful information for the selection of next year's team, and it is to be noted that some of this year's team were eliminated early by promising younger players. The winner was our match-captain, H. Holloway, who defeated P. H. Cook in the final. In the final of the Junior Championship P. Franks beat J. Barry.

House matches were played in the form of a league, in which the closeness of the results is notable: 1, Grenville-Nelson, 10½ games; 2, (equal), Raleigh-Drake, Collingwood-Wolfe, 10 each; 4, Blake-Rodney, 5½. Blake-Rodney have the consolation that they have many of the best younger players.

One of our best achievements of the year was the drawing of a match with Blackheath Chess Club, 3½—3½. Blackheath are an experienced adult team who compete for the Lewis Cup, and the School's No. 1 player, Holloway, was playing No. 5 for Blackheath.

Next year many of our present match-players will be leaving and the team will need strengthening. We must look to the players who gave us surprises and jolts in the Knock-out Competitions, for on these our future success will depend.

H.H.

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THE NEW HOUSE SCHEME.

An important change in the House System was introduced in January, following meetings of Senior House-masters during the Autumn Term.

There are now four houses only, the eight with which Old Roans are familiar having been amalgamated on a house-colour basis—Blake and Rodney (blue), Wolfe and Collingwood (yellow), Nelson and Grenville (red), Raleigh and Drake (green).

The original system was instituted in 1912, when the school was divided into six houses; two others, Collingwood and Grenville, were added in 1917. The eight houses have since continued, except that in 1942-3 the evacuated school was so small that a temporary amalgamation of pairs was made.

In recent years several developments have made the eight-house system less satisfactory. In 1937 the Intermediate Division in Athletics was introduced, and this was extended to the Cross-Country in 1944. The effect was to make Senior teams hard to raise. The Inter-House Plays were commenced in 1935, and in 1946 competitions in Debating and Spoken English were instituted.

The additional contests have been found almost impracticable with eight houses, since a house of some 65 boys cannot raise the requisite teams, and, if they were possible, the contests would be unduly protracted. This is the main reason for the change now made.

The advantages of the new scheme are already apparent. It has become possible to organise the Physical Training Competition and the afternoon games periods on an inter-house (rather than inter-form) basis. There have been difficulties because the boys in each year are not equally divided among the houses, but this will be remedied in the future.

House Colours will now be awarded and each house is to have its notice-board and to record its successes on a panel in the Hall. Photographs of winning teams will also be displayed.

A comprehensive inter-house competition is being instituted, which will determine the Champion House each year. For this the new Mills Cup, to which reference is made in "Occasional Notes," will be awarded.

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HOUSE NOTES.

BLAKE-RODNEY.

These are the first notes since the two houses were combined, and we are glad to say that already we have achieved a large measure of success. Our record is, indeed, very heartening.

The house had a very successful football season and, in finishing second, in the Inter-Form Competition, gave Nelson-Grenville a very hard fight. The Remove and Third Form teams did particularly well, each gaining the maximum number of points. Three of our members—Baxter, A. Trew and C. Trew—played in the School 1st XI. No fewer than five members—Brittan, Ettling, Parsons, Russell and Williams—appeared in the 2nd XI, and we were also represented in the 3rd and Under 15 XI's.

The number of entries in the cross-country races was very disappointing, but the results achieved were very good. With more enthusiasm throughout the house they might have been even better. In the senior race we were placed first, while both our intermediates and juniors were second in their races. Our outstanding senior was Russell (second), Williams (third) being the best intermediate, and Sampson (fourth) the best junior. Among those who ran in various School teams were Russell, Ettling, Andrews, C. Trew and Sampson.

The Roan team which did so well at the Inter-School Sports at the White City contained a large percentage of members of this house, in fact, nearly half the running members came from Blake-Rodney—a fact which augurs well for the coming Athletic Sports. Our representatives were Andrews, Baker, Brittan, Holmes, Russell, Sampson and the Trew brothers.

At the time of writing we are at the head of the Inter-Form House Cricket Championship table, and seem quite likely to remain there. That the house is well stocked with cricketers is proved by the fact that six of our members have played in the School 1st XI. They are Barrett, Baxter, Brittan, Scott, A. Trew and C. Trew, whilst Brown and Ettling play regularly for the 2nd XI. Barrett has had the honour of being chosen to play for the London Schools' Under 16 XI.

In the successful School Play Baxter gave a very fine performance indeed.

The Blake-Rodney Chess team did not have a very successful season and finished fourth. Their best display was a drawn match against Raleigh-Drake.

Among coming events are the House Debates. There are, we know, many born arguers in the house—we won't mention any names—who, we feel sure, would do very well in this sphere.

Other future events are the Spoken English Competition and the Athletic Sports. We hope that many of our members will enter for both of these events.

The results this year have been very pleasing, but we still would like many more boys to take part in at least one of the house activities. There are activities for every taste—sporting or not—being held throughout the year. Our juniors, in particular, must remember that our present seniors—who have contributed much to the success of the house—will leave in a year or so. We shall be looking, therefore, to the juniors to take their place, and a very big effort will be needed to maintain our position.

COLLINGWOOD-WOLFE.

One effect of the combination of houses is apparent in the result of the cross-country, where our juniors made the largest entry. The intermediates ran very well; our best individual

runner, R. V. Jacobs, finished fourth in 18 mins. 56 secs. Our senior team also ran vigorously with D. R. Cutting finishing in sixth place.

About a dozen of our boys helped in the School Play, "Captain Flint's Treasure"; several of them played important characters, and others helped behind the scenes, contributing to the success of the play.

Chess this term has been very promising. In the Knock-out matches, four of the eight quarter-finalists were from our house and one of these reached the semi-finals but was unfortunately beaten. Thompson deserves special mention for this effort.

The results were:—

v. Grenville-Nelson	2½ points.
v. Blake-Rodney	5½ points.
v. Drake-Raleigh	2 points.

In the final result Collingwood-Wolfe tied for second place with Drake-Raleigh, both gaining 10 points.

Inter-House football has been played by all forms with varying results. Franks, Wheeler, McInnes, Pizzey and Cutting played for the School 1st XI, which was most successful.

Contestants for the Table Tennis Championship did very well, with D. R. Cutting reaching the semi-final.

Although the White City Sports is not specifically a house event it should be mentioned that Collingwood-Wolfe boys contributed to the success of the School team. Loveday and Newman did very well in the quarter and half-mile relays, and Budd was first in putting-the shot and second in throwing-the-discus.

Turning our thoughts to future events, the most important is the Spoken English Competition which will be held a little later in the term. We are entering full teams and hope that they will be on top form. The Inter-House Debates will be starting soon and five debaters are needed for each team.

We are looking forward to some good matches in the present cricket season, and the fact that the finalist in last year's Knock-out matches were provided by Wolfe and Collingwood indicates a strong combined team.

A tennis club has been started this term with R. E. Pischinger as Captain. We hope that with practice on the courts on the School field they will become new competitors for our house.

Finally, there are the Athletic Sports which will be held in July. There is no lack of talent in these activities and we are looking forward to very large entries and to the success of Collingwood-Wolfe House.

DRAKE-RALEIGH.

In place of Mr. Hazell, whom we regretted losing, the house this term welcomes Mr. Hopwood.

House football last season proved disappointing. The house was placed fourth with nine points; the Shells, however, did well in obtaining three out of four points.

The cricket this term has shown an improvement. In the Cross-country races we entered three teams; the juniors, excelling themselves, were placed first, D. Garland winning the race in record time; the intermediate and senior teams did not put up so good a performance, but J. W. Basing, as the individual winner of the Senior event, was outstanding.

Drake-Raleigh were second (equal) in the School Chess Tournament with ten points. H. Holloway, the School chess champion, is first board of the School team, which also includes Brown and Dudley.

Members of the house took full part in the production of the School Play. In the Spoken English and Debating Competitions this term it is hoped that the high standard formerly achieved by our houses individually will be maintained this year.

On the cold morning of Friday, February 20th, a party of some thirty older members of the house, accompanied by Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Peddie, made a pleasant journey by coach to Cambridge. A tour of some of the famous old colleges under the guidance of Mr. Carpenter lasted until lunch-time, and conducted in the brisk air, with the wintry sun glittering intermittently on frosty spire and snow-swept lawn, it was very pleasant.

The quiet warmth of the magnificent set of rooms in Christ's College, where the party had lunch, was greatly welcome after the cold drizzle which had set in over Cambridge late in the morning, but when the weather cleared everyone spent an enjoyable afternoon watching, by the River Cam, the inter-college Lent boat races.

A very good tea in the restaurant on King's Parade, the winter sunset over the darkening colleges, and the fast journey home concluded a very pleasant day.

GRENVILLE-NELSON.

In these notes—the first since the combination of the houses—we have to record many successes and a few failures.

We are proud to furnish the School Captain and Vice-Captain, and can claim that in all respects our members have pulled their weight in School affairs. In the School Play we were represented by J. D. Laing and G. A. Lodge, both of whom took leading roles; many others helped the production in various ways.

In the Senior Cross-country, we came second to Blake-Rodney, losing by only a few points; Easter ran very well and

finished third. In the intermediate race we supplied the first two home, J. Owen establishing a new record, but finished third in the team result. In the junior race we fielded two teams, who finished third and fifth.

The house was well represented in the School football XI's: Laing, Denham and Copus were in the 1st, Turley, P. Cook, T. Cook and Hutchinson in the 2nd, and Donnison captain of the 3rd. The Junior Inter-House Competition was disappointing for us, as we finished third.

We should be able to field a strong team in the Cricket Competition this term. In the School teams we have Laing (1st XI), Donnison, Lodge, Phillips and Copus (2nd XI); Wright is bowling well for the Under 14 XI.

In the Chess Competition, held at the end of last term, the house did well, winning by a narrow margin. The scores were: v. Collingwood-Wolfe, 3½; v. Drake-Raleigh, 3; v. Blake-Rodney, 4. The results may be due to the experience of our first three boards, P. Cook, P. Donnison and G. A. Lodge, who are members of the School team.

In the Table Tennis Competition, in the spring term, we provided the winner, Showler, who won the final in five sets. In the weekly Junior Gymnastics contest we have maintained a high position, being first and second throughout the term. We hope to gain a good place in the Spoken English Competition and in the House Debates.

We look forward with confidence to a future as successful as the records of our constituent houses.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT.

I should like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation of the honour conferred upon me last February at the Annual General Meeting when the members of the Association elected me as President. As you will realise, the measure of the success of an Association such as ours depends largely on co-operation by those whose duty it is to act together in the best interests of the Association. Over many years the Committee has worked together smoothly and I know I shall have their loyal support during my period of office.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the School on February 27th, 1948, fifty members being present.

The Secretary, Mr. R. W. Seal, reported that there had been a slight improvement in membership, there now being 577 Life members and 213 Ordinary members, but that 150 of the former were out of touch. The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. W. A. Allen, reported a continued fight against a loss on the year's working. Current income was still insufficient to meet expenses. He also made a strong appeal for contributions to the Potter Memorial Fund, which, he felt, should be an appropriate measure of the very high esteem in which the late headmaster was held. The fund stood at £176 9s. 11d. at present. (We refer readers to Mr. Allen's appeal in this Magazine.)

Mr. H. H. Pye, the retiring President, informed the meeting of the Committee's decision that an honorarium of £25 per annum be paid to the Secretary, as it was felt that the work entailed (amounting to an average of ten hours a week) deserved some financial recognition from the Association.

Mr. L. W. Loryman, a Committee member of many years' standing, was proposed by the Headmaster, Mr. H. W. Gilbert, as President for the ensuing year, and was elected unanimously. Mr. Loryman expressed his appreciation of the honour, and paid tribute to the work of Mr. Pye, who had been a strong President in a very difficult year for the Association.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer were unanimously re-elected. Messrs. Hewlett and Daltry had both tendered their resignations as Hon. Auditors, and Messrs. H. Townsend and Beckwith were elected to fill the vacancies created.

It was proposed that the design of the Association tie be altered, since the present one tended to be confused with those of the Royal Corps of Signals and several other bodies. After a prolonged discussion a committee was appointed to investigate the matter and to submit a new design for approval at the next Annual General Meeting.

Mr. H. W. Gilbert reported on the work of the War Memorial Committee, which is dealt with elsewhere in this Magazine.

It was reported that a meeting of the Tennis Club was to be held shortly.

It was agreed that a dinner should be held this year.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. H. H. Pye.

OLD ROAN PERSONALITIES—IV.

Alfred Wareing.

Roan School (1887-1891). "The originator of the Repertory Theatre."

Mr. J. W. Kirby writes: "I had the pleasure of meeting a few days ago Miss Winifred Isaac, who is editing the biography of Alfred Wareing. She wanted to ask me questions about his school, for it seems that Wareing's schooldays had left a deep impression and the friendships formed there remained among his happiest memories. 'I am a poor man in the pecuniary sense, but my memory of my old school is very rich,' he wrote, in a chatty letter to the editor of the School Magazine, some fifteen years ago. He was born on Blackheath Hill, where his parents kept a stationer's shop, and this probably explains how Henry Richardson, the printer, of Church Street, who published a History of Greenwich in 1834, began to take an interest in him. Richardson, who was born in 1811 and lived into the twentieth century, certainly helped to develop Wareing's love of books and the theatre, for among his treasured possessions was a curious book which Richardson presented to him on his twenty-first birthday. He had put the book together himself, taking as the basis an old eighteenth century critique of Shakespeare and interleaving it with illustrations from old

books and periodicals. He added an introduction and notes in his own handwriting. Richardson would then be nearly 90 years of age!

"Wareing went into the book trade, on leaving school in December, 1891, with W. H. Smith and Sons, but at the age of 18 he had already turned to the stage as a profession and was soon gaining experience with Frank Benson, Alexander, Forbes-Robertson, Tree and other great actors of the day. But he was something more than an actor and I had no idea until I talked with Miss Isaac what a famous man Alfred Wareing really was. The repertory system which now covers the whole country owes its inception to him. He did his best work in Glasgow and I was shown several cartoons of him there, drawn about 1909, while he was running the repertory theatre. One in particular showed him with James Bridie, the playwright. Neil Munro, the novelist, author of, among other works, 'John Splendid,' and the well-known dramatist, producer and actor-manager, Granville-Barker.

"Wareing's latter years were spent, appropriately enough, at Stratford-on-Avon, as librarian of the Memorial Theatre, and later as Borough Librarian. It is good to know that the Old Roan Association did not overlook his abilities, for they invited him to be their chief guest at the annual dinner some fifteen years ago. *The Stratford-on-Avon Herald* gave a long account of his life and achievements at the time of his death in April, 1942, and a short summary of this was published in the Roan Magazine, No. 89, September, 1942. It is hoped that some of those who knew him at school may see this notice and send along any memories they may have of him to the editors, who will pass them on to his biographer."

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V.—"Tubby" Allen.

It will give great pleasure to many O.R.'s to see this characteristic "snap" of W. A. Allen ("Tubby"), Geography Master at the Roan and Treasurer of the Association for a period of over 21 years. In his day he was a fearless back at soccer—a terror to the opposition. A "hardy East-Anglian" by birth, he apparently never wore a hat, and always seemed to be in rude health. When other unfortunates were shivering with cold he strode along with jacket open and that foul pipe of his alight. He still enjoys his smoke—for all I know it may still be the same "old stinker". On a recent visit to Norfolk I had the great pleasure of seeing "Tubby" at his home in Coltishall. He is the great man of the village. There is scarcely any activity there in which he does not play a very active part. I recall the obvious pleasure with which he pointed to a beautiful brick fireplace in his drawing room. "This," he said, "is my Old

Roan fireplace." Some years ago the Association honoured "Tubby" along with Messrs. Parker, Poyser and Kirby, and thus he acquired his fireplace. It is good to think that when the cold, damp mists steal over his beloved Broads "Tubby" is sitting with his feet up and toasting his toes in front of this lovely memento of happy days at Roan. The Association is proud of "Tubby" and we all send him our very best wishes in his rather busy life as a retired Dominie.

T. H.

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We are proud also to publish a photograph of Mr. Kirby, who will be the subject of a future article in this series. We hope, also, to make the *Portrait Gallery* a regular feature.

NEWS OF OLD ROANS.

J. W. Basing, Captain of the School, from September to March, is now in the Royal Hampshire Regiment at Bulford Camp, Wilts.

Carr, G. (26-33), mentioned in the Services List, was married in 1946, and is now partner in an electrical manufacturing firm at St. Leonards.

N. D. Coe (40-47), is in Intelligence at Trieste, and writes a racy description of some hair-raising experiences he has had.

R. L. Pearman, B.Sc., A.R.C.S., A.R.I.C. (31-37), is now in Malaya, where he is a chemist in the Joint Department of Chemistry of Singapore and the Malayan Union.

P. A. Reed (32-40) is now "demobbed" after service in the R.A.F. as a Medical Officer in a troopship and later at the Air Ministry.

Douglas Peddie (29-39) took his inter B.Sc. at Birkbeck College and is now studying zoology, botany and geography for final B.Sc., a change from being chief "Buffer" of a floating dock, which was the dizzy height he reached while in the R.N. His brother "Buzz" (35-44) also specialises in the slightly different—last heard of in foreign parts (Tripoli) as a Corporal, Royal Engineers, employed as Deputy Military Foreman of Works. He writes a vivid description of a visit to Memphis Magna, a famous Roman ruin.

K. H. Wheeler (32-40) is still at King's, where he was quite a power in the rowing world until appendicitis set him back. We should imagine that rowing fifteen miles these days is easy compared with the celebrated "Plodder" efforts of earlier years over a mile at the sports.

Rev. D. L. Francis (12-15), home after 22 years (in New Zealand and the Solomons), is doing deputation work for

the Melanesian Mission. He is anxious to trace a contemporary of his at school, Frank Jackson, who joined a bank on leaving Roan. Ivan Francis, his brother (13-19), is living in Whangarei, North Auckland, N.Z., where he is Inspector for the whole North Auckland district for the Colonial Mutual Insurance Company.

R. C. Jan Singh (29-35) is at the R.O.F., Leeds.

Reginald R. Watson (41-46) is now a Sergeant Instructor in the R.A.E.C.

W. R. Cretchley (02-06) writes from the Military College of Science, which is now near Swindon. Old members of the School 3rd Cricket XI may wonder if the matting wickets went from Woolwich with the College; **Brian North** (31-36), went to the M.C.S. after leaving the School, may be grateful for those matting games now he is in the Near East, where he is still an ardent player.

K. McKenzie (31-36) may be found in Blackheath under the sign of "Raggity Ann," where he is dealing in toys.

J. H. Hill (35-40) has passed the intermediate Auctioneers' exam., and is a Licensee of the Chartered Institute of Auctioneers and Estate Agents.

A. D. Hewlett (14-21) is now Divisional Education Officer for Dover, Deal and District.

C. J. Stimpson (36-44) is at present an Instructor Sub-Lieutenant, Royal Navy, aboard H.M.S. St. Vincent.

Hedley C. Walter (-94) is a Governor of Brentwood Secondary School and County High School.

J. B. A. Hill (36-44) is a Signals Officer at Seremban, Malaya.

R. P. G. May (37-42) is at the College of St. Mark and St. John, Chelsea.

H. C. Shearman (13-16) is a Director of a chain of firms distributing minerals, chemicals, dyes and pigments, with headquarters at Tavistock. He recalls his schooldays with pleasure and writes affectionately of the masters of those days, notably Messrs. Amesbury, Parker, Kirby and Titley.

F. J. Twitchett (32-37) has signed on for a further period with the R.A.F. Now a Flight-Lieutenant, he is with the Flying Training Command, a somewhat quieter occupation than he had in the Battle of Britain.

Eric Downs (32-37), too, is reported to be flying on with the R.A.F.

Alan Hazlewood (37-44) is a Radar Mechanic (Ground) instructing W.R.A.F. reserves at Sutton-on-Hull. He tells us that

Peter Barrett (38-45) and **Peter Heath** (38-44) are with the R.A.F. at Yatesbury.

K. L. G. Goldsmith, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. (29-38) is a pathologist at Westminster Hospital, after service in the R.A.F.

Dennis Webb was an Ordinary Telegraphist in H.M.S. Battleaxe with **P. L. Wedge** (38-45). The latter, now "demobbed," met **Oborn** in Portsmouth Dockyard. He said he was at the School around 1907, as far as he can remember, and asked to be remembered to old contemporaries. H.M. Customs and Excise now boasts at least three Old Roans. Besides **Leo Trafford** (27-37), who has been there since 1937, **E. A. Wright** (31-38) and **S. C. Berry** (34-39), have recently transferred to that branch of the Civil Service.

Lieut. (E) S. C. Wiltshire, D.S.C., R.N. (12-16) sent a Christmas card from H.M.S. Ausonia.

A farewell presentation was made on March 31st at the Home Office to **W. Wilson**, C.B.E., O.B.E. (1900-1906), an Assistant Secretary, on the occasion of his retirement from the Civil Service. A large number of his colleagues were present to hear Sir Alexander Maxwell, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., the Permanent Under-Secretary of State, pay tribute to Mr. Wilson's work as Establishment Officer and to his sterling qualities as a man.

Any news of Old Roans is of interest to those who were at school with them, and the Magazine Correspondent welcomes information, which may be sent direct or via the Secretary. He hopes to be at the Old Boys' match, where arrangements are being made to have a central point at which the older Old Roans may meet their old schoolfellows.

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DISTINCTION.

Hounsell, E. H. (05-08): Awarded the M.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List. He entered the Civil Service on leaving the School and is now on the staff of the Inland Revenue at Llandudno.

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BIRTHS.

Barnwell: On March 17th, 1948, at Floreal, Mauritius, to Marjorie (née Hale), wife of P. J. Barnwell (23-31), a daughter.

Dalzell: On March 30th, 1948, at Bedford, to Mary (née Wells), wife of W. Ronald Dalzell (Staff, 37-47), a son (Julian).

Hazlewood: On June 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Hazlewood (32-38), a son (Geoffrey David).

Hopwood (23-29; Staff): On November 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hopwood, a daughter (Jacqueline Frances).

Moore: On June 10th, 1947, at Woking, to Megan, wife of M. D. Moore (34-41), a daughter (Elizabeth Helen).

Putwain: On May 7th, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Putwain (36-40), a daughter (Sally Ann).

Richards: On January 23rd, 1948, at Bexhill, to Gwendoline, wife of J. D. Richards (36-41), a son.

Robinson: On April 4th, 1948, to Winifred, wife of A. G. Robinson (26-32), a son (Frederick Albert).

Seal: On April 12th, 1948, at Worcester Park, Surrey, to Eileen, wife of Ronald W. Seal (34-39), a daughter (Kay).

Sefton, (Staff): On May 15th, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sefton, a daughter (Sylvia Patricia).

Stow: On January 11th, 1948, at Maidstone, to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stow (31-39), a son (William Eustace).

Trafford: On December 23rd, 1947, at 77th British Military Hospital, Wuppertal, Germany, to Josephine, wife of Major P. A. Trafford, R.A.M.C. (28-38), a sister for Anthony (Jane Frances).

Wilcox: On November 2nd, 1946, to Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Wilcox (23-32), a daughter (Angela Mary).

MARRIAGES.

Allen, B. L. (24-30), at St. John's Church, Coltishall, to Dorothy Vera Buck, of Coltishall, on May 1st, 1948.

Henderson, P. (30-37), on April 24th, 1948.

DEATHS.

Benjamin, H. W. (07-11).

Berry, George Oscar (79-85): on January 25th, 1948, from heart failure after bronchitis, aged 77.

Coe, Dr. Dennis H. (): On December 13th, 1947, from diabetes, aged 38. Dr. Coe had been pathologist at King's College Hospital up to the time of his death.

Main, Hugh (77-81): On March 1st, 1948, aged 81. After a distinguished career with Tate & Lyle, during which time he gained the B.Sc., retiring as Director of Research. He was also a Fellow of the Royal Entomological Society and of the Zoological Society, and a member of the Royal Photographic Society.

Wilson, A. du B. (78-84): At Worthing, aged 80.

SERVICES LIST.

The following alterations and corrections have been reported:—

Arter, D. W. (30-35): "Graf Spee" and "Altmark"; Finnish International Brigade, February-July, 1941; awarded Finnish Service Medal; parachute-jumping Instructor, R.A.F., 42-46.

Carr, G. (26-33): S/Ldr., R.A.F.V.R., Radar Specialist. Mentioned in Dispatches twice. Served in Far East; taken P.O.W. in Java. Acted as wireless monitor.

Kearn, G. (28-37) Major, R.E.M.E.: As Captain, went to France soon after D-Day in command of a mobile workshop. Mentioned in despatches during operations in Germany. Now in India.

Wilkins: Mentioned in despatches.

As amendments continue to be received, the publication of the final list is held over.

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UNIVERSITY NOTES.

The School is represented at the Universities of Cambridge, London and Manchester. Our correspondents have sent in the following notes; further information on the doings of O.R.'s at the Universities will be welcome, and should be addressed to the Magazine Correspondent.

At CAMBRIDGE we are represented by **A. Hyde** (31-38), who is on the staff of Fitzwilliam House, and by **R. C. Turner** (36-43), who is a History Scholar at Peterhouse, and finding life very busy.

At LONDON our correspondent reports: At the moment of writing this first of the new post-war series of notes, some of us are engaged in the pleasant pastime of "finals"—particularly pleasant after a gap of five years or so!

Those so passing their time are **E. J. Hooke** (34-41) in Geography, **D. N. Keating** (32-40) in History, and **K. H. Wheeler** (32-40) in Modern Languages—all of King's.

Meanwhile we have kindly words of encouragement from such stout lads as **D. W. Wright** and **J. H. Collins** (both 38-45), who are now enjoying a fat and prosperous post-graduate year to fulfil the University regulations, having sailed through B.Sc. at Chelsea Polytechnic last year. Also at King's are **A. E. Jobbins** (35-42) and **H. W. Eagle** (22-23), with the time of their tribulation still far ahead. **E. W. Dibblin** (35-42) is also staggering through "finals" this year; he is taking B.Sc. (Engineering) at Northampton Polytechnic. **D. W. Peddie** (31-39), at Birkbeck, having passed Inter-B.Sc. is preparing to take "finals" in 1949. **D. A.**

Jones (40-47) is in his first year at University College. **C. A. Stickland** (33-40), with a whole host of letters after his name already, is absorbed heart and soul in the pleasant study of lunatic psychology. Meanwhile, as ever, Messrs. **C. T. Daltry** (Staff, 27-46) and **D. J. B. White** (28-36) stand, calm and unmoved, on the staff—the former at the Institute of Education and the latter at University College—quite unmoved by the trials and tribulations of student life.

At MANCHESTER our sole representative now is **A. M. F. K. etc. McGregor** (36-43), who is leading a very busy life, reading English, acting (recently he was the Grave-digger in a very successful "Hamlet"), producing Sheridan for the M.U. English Society, writing revue and dramatic criticism.

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FOOTBALL SECTION.

Hon. Secretary: **V. E. BROOKER**, 15, Manor Lane Terrace, Lewisham, S.E.13.

In all respects the 1947/8 season has been an eminently successful one. A great increase in membership enabled us to run three XI's throughout the season and on one occasion we managed a 4th XI.

With such reserve strength it could be expected that we should have a good season from a playing point of view, and so it was. The 1st XI won the League Championship of Division I of the Old Boys' League, to gain promotion to the Senior Division, their rightful place. The Reserve XI, fourth in their League, reached the semi-final of the Junior Old Boys' League Cup, in which their defeat, 3—2, was all against the run of the play. But in cup competitions there is no second chance. The 3rd XI, after a bad start, did very well to finish fourth in their League. Congratulations to all.

No small part in these successes was played by our new members from the extremely successful School teams of 1946/7, some of whom have already joined the 1st XI. We look forward to further talent from this source so that the future years will see an increasingly energetic and successful Football Section.

Our heartiest thanks are due to Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Holt for the facilities granted us at the School Field. An occasional extra pitch made available to us in times when there appears to be a general shortage of sports grounds, and when away games are very difficult to find, enabled us to keep a full fixture list. A total of 85 games were played, of which 40 were at home. But steps are being taken to create another soccer pitch at the back of the Quaggy, and with the continued help of the School our fixture troubles will be eased, and we should be able to provide games for a fourth eleven—perhaps a fifth.

Any lad just leaving school, any Old Roan just leaving the Services, or any Old Roan wishing to enjoy a game of soccer should contact the Hon. Secretary at the above address.

Finally, we must record our appreciation of the great work done by Mr. and Mrs. Bradley in providing that welcome tea so necessary to round off an afternoon's football.

Many thanks to all our members for a grand season, and "Roll on the next!"—when we hope they'll all be with us again.

Results.

	1947	1st XI.	Grnd.	Rslt.	Score.
Oct.	4	v. Epsom Old Boys	L A.	Won	5-0
	11	v. North-West Polytechnic	F A.	Lost	3-4
	18	v. Old Fincunians	C A.	Won	5-2
	25	v. Old Alpertonians	L A.	Won	5-0
Nov.	1	v. Old Tenisonians	L A.	Won	3-2
	15	v. Old Minchendenians	C A.	Won	1-0
	22	v. Old Hornseyans	L A.	Won	5-0
	29	v. Maori Club	C* A.	Lost	4-6
Dec.	6	v. London Polytechnic	F A.	Won	3-0
	13	v. Old Uffingtonians	L A.	Won	4-2
	20	v. Old Uffingtonians	L H.	Won	4-1
	27	v. Old Kingsburians	L A.	Won	4-3
	1948				
Jan.	3	v. Old Isleworthians	C H.	Lost	2-5
	17	v. Old Barkabbeyans	L H.	Lost	2-4
	24	v. Bexleyheath S.C.	F A.	Lost	4-11
Feb.	7	v. Enfield Old Grammarians	L H.	Won	6-1
	14	v. Enfield Old Grammarians	L A.	Drew	0-0
	28	v. Old Tenisonians	L H.	Won	4-2
Mar.	6	v. Goldsmiths' College	F A.	Won	4-2
	13	v. Bexleyheath S.C.	F A.	Drew	4-4
	20	v. Old Hornseyans	L H.	Won	4-0
	27	v. Old Alpertonians	L H.	Won	2-1
April	3	v. Epsom Old Boys	L H.	Won	5-1
	10	v. Old Kingsburians	L H.	Won	6-0
	17	v. Old Meadonians	L H.	Won	9-1
	24	v. Old Barkabbeyans	L H.	Lost	0-2
May	1	v. Old Meadonians	L H.	Won	9-1

L.—Old Boys' League, Division I.

C*—A.F.A. Surrey Senior Cup.

C.—Old Boys' League, Senior Cup.

F.—Friendly.

SUMMARY.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
League Matches	18	15	1	2	77	21
All Matches	27	19	2	6	107	55

2nd XI SUMMARY.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
League Matches	14	5	2	7	24	32
All Matches	28	12	7	9	74	57

3rd XI SUMMARY.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
League Matches	14	6	1	7	37	35
All Matches	29	15	2	12	95	71

OLD ROAN TENNIS CLUB.

Efforts are now being made to reform the Old Roan Tennis Club. Whilst some little time must elapse before the courts are restored to their former condition and all the gear replaced, it is now possible for the Club to resume its activities. Quite a number of old members have rejoined and the Secretary (Mr. A. N. Golder, 81, Wellmeadow Road, Lewisham, S.E.13), will be pleased to forward particulars to all Old Roans and friends who are interested.

JOHN ROAN SCHOOL LODGE, 5085.

Secretary: W. J. R. BULLERS, P.M., 77, Coleraine Road, Blackheath, S.E.3.

The Lodge continues to hold some very happy meetings. The number of visitors who are always present is very gratifying.

At the April meeting, Bro. David Ross was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and he will be installed on October 28th.

The Ladies' Night takes place on Saturday, October 9th, at Pyne's Restaurant. All members of the Lodge will receive full details in due course, but please put the date in your diary.

THE O.R.A. TIE.

The Committee has decided that, in order to avoid confusion with certain other designs, it is desirable to alter slightly the O.R.A. tie. This will probably take some months.

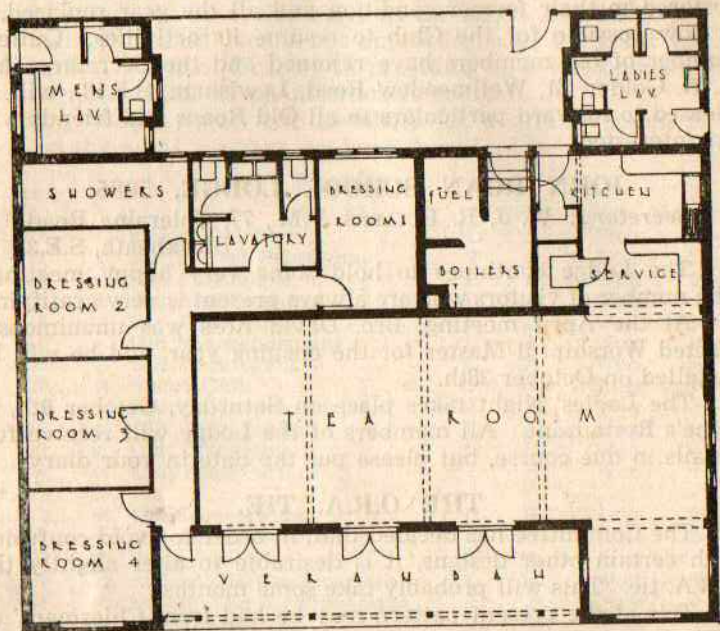
Ties of the present pattern may be had from Chiesmans' or Miller's.

Further information will be published as soon as it is available.

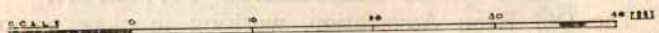
THE WAR MEMORIAL PAVILION.

The Old Roan Association, working in close co-operation with the School, has now accomplished two of the projects associated with the War Memorial. The tablet has been unveiled and is now erected in its final position in the entrance hall of the School, and the memorial trees have been planted in the School grounds. We must now concentrate on the provision of additional accommodation in the School Pavilion so as to provide a memorial which will be worthy of the Old Roans who made the supreme sacrifice. Negotiations for the rebuilding of the Pavilion are now proceeding and Mr. Alan D. Reid, the Architect, has kindly drawn two plans which are published overleaf. The first shows the Pavilion as it was originally; the second shows the additional accommodation, including the provision of a Memorial Room which we hope to include when the building is rebuilt. It will be observed that the Tea Room has been enlarged and that the Memorial Room is separated

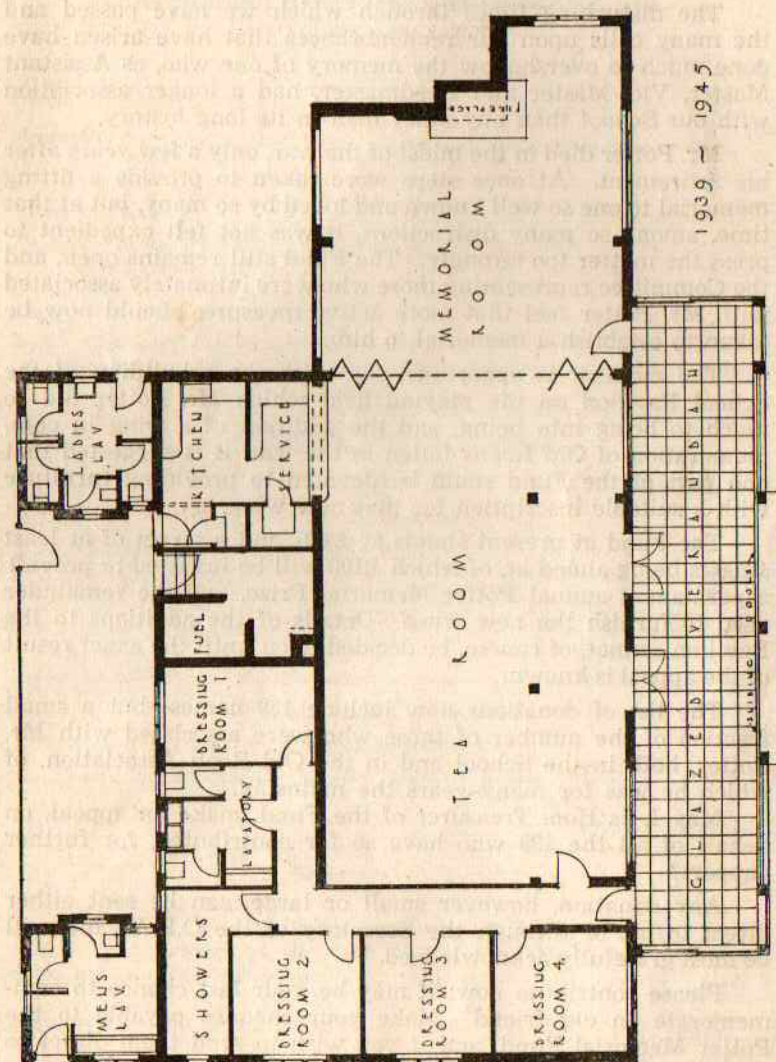
from the Tea Room by folding doors so that one large room will be available for social functions. The verandah, which is to be glazed, is much larger than the original one.



1914 ~ 1918



After giving full consideration to the matter the Committee of the Old Roan Association has decided to adopt this scheme, and they feel confident that the proposal will appeal to all members of the Association and to parents and friends of the School. The Architect estimates that the cost of the addition will be about £2,800, to include furniture and equipment and a redesigned heating system. We have in hand, after allowing for the trees and tablet and other expenses such as postage and printing, approximately £1,200. We must therefore fix a target of £1,600 to be raised by appeals and by special efforts of the Old Roan Association and the School. Contributions to the War Memorial Fund are earnestly requested from all Old Roans, parents and friends of the School. These should be sent to Mr. H. H. Pye, Treasurer, Old Roan War Memorial Fund, at the School, Maze Hill, S.E.3.



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LEST WE FORGET.

The disturbing times through which we have passed and the many calls upon our remembrances that have arisen have done much to overshadow the memory of one who, as Assistant Master, Vice-Master and Headmaster, had a longer association with our School than any other man in its long history.

Mr. Potter died in the midst of the war, only a few years after his retirement. At once steps were taken to provide a fitting memorial to one so well known and loved by so many, but at that time, among so many distractions, it was not felt expedient to press the matter too strongly. The Fund still remains open, and the Committee representing those who were intimately associated with Mr. Potter feel that more active measures should now be taken to establish a memorial to him.

The moment is opportune, for, with the rebuilding of the School Pavilion on the playing field which Mr. Potter did so much to bring into being, and the addition of a wing in commemoration of Old Roans fallen in the war, it is suggested that one part of the Fund could be devoted to providing furniture with a suitable inscription for that new wing.

The Fund at present stands at £180, and a target of at least £200 is being aimed at, of which £100 will be invested to provide a permanent annual Potter Memorial Prize, and the remainder used to furnish the new wing. Details of the additions to the Pavilion cannot, of course, be decided upon until the exact result of the appeal is known.

The list of donations now include 139 names—but a small fraction of the number of those who were associated with Mr. Potter, both in the School and in the Old Roan Association, of which he was for many years the mainstay.

May I, as Hon. Treasurer of the Fund, make an appeal, on behalf of all the 139 who have so far contributed, for further support?

Any donation, however small or large, can be sent either direct to me or through the Secretary of the O.R.A., and will be most gratefully acknowledged.

Please contribute now; it may be your last chance to commemorate an old friend. Make your cheques payable to the Potter Memorial Fund, and if you wish to send them direct to me my address is "Hillside," Coltishall, Norfolk.

W. A. ALLEN.

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

Old Roan Association

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT OR RE-ENROLMENT

Name

Address

Years at School from to

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

Date

N.B.—The attached Subscription Form or Bankers' Order should be enclosed with this Form and sent to the Secretary, 21 Donnington Road, Worcester Park, Surrey.

SUBSCRIPTION FORM

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

Life Membership ... £2 10

Ordinary Membership 5 0 per annum } for the year ending
31st Dec., 19

Boy leaving School after } for the year ending
1st July, for the current year 2 6 ,, } 31st Dec., 19

BANKERS' ORDER

Name of Society: OLD ROAN ASSOCIATION.

Name of Bankers: MESSRS. BARCLAYS BANK LTD., Westcombe
Park, S.E.3

To (Name of Bankers)

..... Branch Address

Please pay to the Bankers of the above Society—

The sum of Five Shillings on receipt of this order, and a further sum of five shillings on the First day of January in each year, and debit the same to my Account.

Signature

Address

Date

Please
affix
Twopenny
Stamp

ROAN MEMORIAL (1939—1945) FUND

Enclosed is for £..... as a $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{First} \\ \text{further} \end{array} \right\}$
donation to the above fund.

Signature Address

Date

POTTER MEMORIAL FUND

Enclosed is for £..... as a donation to
the above fund.

Signature Address

Date

O.R.A. BENEVOLENT FUND

Enclosed is for £..... as a donation to
the above fund.

Signature Address

Date

OLD BOYS' AND PARENTS' DAY

on July 24th, at 2.30 p.m., on the
SCHOOL FIELD.

The main feature will be the
CRICKET MATCH

between a School and Masters' XI and the Old Boys' 1st XI.

Amongst other interesting items will be a
PHYSICAL TRAINING DISPLAY
by the School.

TEAS will be provided, and during the interval there will
be MUSIC by a section of the School Orchestra.

Over one thousand Old Boys, parents and boys enjoyed last
year's event. Please make a great effort to be present
this year.

Charge for admission and to enclosure 2s. 6d.

Charge for admission only 1s.

All proceeds will go towards the War Memorial Fund.