



# OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS' CLUB.

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This Club was formed in December, 1909, with the following objects :

1. To promote social intercourse among former Members of the School by organising meetings at suitable places and times.
2. By printing and circulating a Register of the names and addresses of all Members of the Club, to keep Members in touch with one another.
3. To arrange matters connected with Athletics, such as Cricket, and Football Matches, and School Sports.
4. Generally to maintain the connection between the School and its past Members.

“Old Boys” are invited to become Members immediately on leaving School. The subscription is 5s. annually, or on payment of £3 3s. 0d. an Old Boy becomes a Life Member of the Club.

Old Boys' Colours may be obtained from Messrs. Peace, Ballantyne & Goodwin, Ltd., or Messrs. Hull, Loosley & Pearce, Ltd., High Wycombe. The tie may also be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

The Annual Meeting is usually held in December. It is hoped that Old Boys will assemble in large numbers on such occasions as the School Sports and the Old Boys' Cricket and Football Matches, the Annual Dinner and the Annual Dance.

All who wish to join should apply to

MR. P. L. JONES,

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## SCHOOL NOTES.

### Governors.

Mr. Thomas Christie, M.A. (Oxon.), formerly for thirty-two years a master at Rossall and Vice-Principal for some years, died recently in Torquay. On his retirement he came to live in High Wycombe with his sisters, who were on the Music Staff at Wycombe Abbey. He was appointed a Governor of the Royal Grammar School in 1917 by the County Council and with his expert knowledge gave valuable service until his removal to Devonshire a few years later.

### Staff.

Dr. Thomas Stearns Eliot, who was on the Staff in 1915, has been elected to an Honorary Fellowship at Magdalene College, Cambridge.

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Mr. C. A. Osborne, B.A., and Mr. R. Walker, B.Sc., both of Reading University, did their teaching practice at the School during the Easter Term, for their Diplomas in Education of Reading University.

### General.

We have to record the death of one of our number, K. A. F. Ridgley. He was a member of IV Modern and had been at the School for two years. Although of a quiet and studious nature, he was very popular among his fellows. Unfortunately his poor health never allowed him to join in many activities. The School very much regrets his death and extends its sympathy to his parents.

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R. W. Mitchell, who gained his Entrance Examination to Sandhurst, has been appointed to No. 5 Company and is thoroughly enjoying his work.

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A very successful and well attended Parents' Meeting was held in the School Hall on March 26th, 1939. Most of the time was taken up in private and informal discussions between Parents and Staff. The Headmaster also outlined schemes for the erection of the new pavilion and called for further suggestions from parents and their co-operation in bringing some scheme to maturity.

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The School Concert, held on Tuesday, March 28th, was most enjoyable, and showed a very high standard of musical proficiency in the School. Mr. Bailey is to be congratulated on his efforts,

The "Academy Players" gave a dramatic performance in the School Hall on March 15th, scenes from "Julius Caesar," "Henry IV." and "Macbeth" being acted. The whole School attended and seemed to enjoy the entertainment thoroughly.

On February 14th a very instructive lecture on the "Sudan" was given to the senior School by Captain Blunt.

On Saturday evening, February 18th, a Concert arranged by Mr. G. Frederick Bailey was given in the School Hall by four of his piano pupils, two violin pupils of Miss Nancy Taylor, an orchestra of forty performers and a section of the School Choir.

The pianists played the solo part in movements from standard Concertos, accompanied by the orchestra, and the two violinists played solos of a similarly advanced character.

All the soloists, three of whom, Bass, G., Bunce and Stevens, D. W., are Royal Grammar School boys, played from memory, and are to be congratulated upon possessing the standard of musical and technical ability necessary for the performance of such difficult works.

The fourteen boys from the School Choir sang musically, with good tone, and their first two songs were accompanied by the orchestra.

The orchestra, which was conducted by Mr. Bailey, was comprised of members of the High Wycombe Orchestral Society and the South Bucks School of Music Orchestras and several instrumentalists from London.

The programme was as follows:—

PIANOFORTE CONCERTO IN A MAJOR—FIRST MOVEMENT—ALLEGRO	...	Mozart.
JOHN BUNCE.		
ARIA	... .. "Come unto Him" ( <i>Messiah</i> )	... .. Handel.
	... .. "Alleluja!"	... .. Mozart.
SECTION OF THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL CHOIR.		
VIOLIN SOLO	... .. "Romance in A minor"	... .. Max Bruch.
DENNIS STEVENS.		
PIANOFORTE CONCERTO IN C MINOR—LAST MOVEMENT—RONDO		Beethoven.
ALVIN LIPSKI.		
INTERVAL.		
PIANOFORTE CONCERTO IN B FLAT MINOR—FIRST MOVEMENT	...	Tschai <sup>k</sup> owsky.
GEOFFREY BASS.		
SONGS	... .. "Mists before the sunrise fly"	... .. Arne,
	... .. <i>arr. as a two-part song by Geoffrey Shaw.</i>	
	... .. "Sea Fever"	... .. John Ireland.
SECTION OF THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL CHOIR.		
VIOLIN SOLO	... .. "Havenaise"	... .. Saint-Saens,
DONALD LIPSKI.		

*Programme—(continued)*

HUNGARIAN FANTASIA FOR PIANO AND ORCHESTRA ... .. *Liszt.*  
JOAN BOARDMAN, L.R.A.M.

SECTION OF THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL CHOIR :—

E. Reseigh.	C. Mitchell.	G. Hayden.
G. Rendell.	J. Jones.	D. Bulpett.
R. Smith.	B. Tilney.	J. Brooks.
D. Orchard.	N. Timpson.	D. Birch.
D. Aldridge.	J. Clay.	

J. M. Bunce, our twelve years' old pianist, has added further to his musical achievements. In the London Musical Festival this March, he repeated his success of last year by again winning his age class for piano solo, against a large number of competitors. He was also fourth in the class for violin solos, aged 11 to 13. In the Reading and District Branch of the same Festival in February, he was awarded the Cup for the highest marks in any piano class under 14.

In the recent Berks, Bucks & Oxon Musical Festival, D. W. Stevens and G. Bass gained considerable praise from the adjudicator, Mr. Sydney Robjohns, when he awarded them first prize in the class for duet for piano and any other instrument. They were asked to perform this work—Romance in A minor by Max Bruch—at the final Concert of the Festival in the Town Hall on the Saturday evening.

Congratulations to Disraeli on winning the Rugby Cup and to Queens for the Association Cup! A word must be said of Kings Rugby side, which was a most effective fifteen and only lost after a very hard struggle with Disraeli. The game was one of the best seen recently on the School field.

A new course was used for the first time this year in the Senior Cross Country Race. It was felt that the old course was too hilly, and imposed too great a strain on a growing boy. The new course goes out from the School through "Kings Wood" to Tylers Green, and winds back by "Fifteen Ways," "Kings Wood" and "Totteridge." Bartlett won the race fairly easily from Evans i. who also ran very well. Elliott, C. B. won the Colts race in an excellent time.

The Games Committee has been composed as follows :—  
*President* : the Headmaster ; *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer* : Mr. H. G. Brand ; *Rugby Football Captain* : P. Thorne ; *Vice-*

*Captain* : J. P. Lord ; *Association Football Captain* : J. P. Lord ;  
*Vice-Captain* : P. Thorne ; *Committee* : Mr. P. L. Jones, Mr.  
J. A. McQueen, Mr. W. N. Bicknell, Mr. S. Morgan, Mr. C. M.  
Haworth, B. E. Ruck, D. A. Dickson, P. A. D. Evans, F. E. Timp-  
son, R. H. Wilson, T. G. Wilks.

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Prefects during the Easter term were :—P. Thorne (*Senior Prefect and Captain of the School*), R. N. Giles, E. J. Lovell, E. S. Johnson, F. E. Timpson, C. W. J. Miles, P. A. D. Evans, C. J. Bridger, R. H. Hazell, F. W. D. Haynes, F. H. Collins, J. F. Stanners, D. W. Stevens, R. A. Lear, B. W. Smith, R. J. Gomm, I. Q. Whittall, J. K. Prior, D. A. Dickson, J. P. Lord, T. G. Wilks, R. Grant, A. D. Moore, E. J. L. Robertson, P. W. Ward, R. H. Wilson, F. P. Winter Taylor, D. R. Witney, M. H. Yeomans.

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1st XV. Rugby Football Colours in the Easter term have been :—P. Thorne, J. P. Lord, R. J. Gomm, D. A. Dickson, B. E. Ruck, P. E. Harris and P. A. Hands.

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2nd XV. Rugby Football Colours have been :—Lear, Hazell, Lovell, Whittall, Jones, D. J. D., Harding i, Perfect, J. G., Wilson, Miles, Castle, Clark, P. T.

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Rugby Stockings have been :—Wilks, Hammond, Evans i, Gardner, Hole, Kingham, Ramage, Hughes, J., Abbott i.

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1st XI. Association Football Colours during the Easter term have been :—J. P. Lord, P. Thorne, F. E. Timpson, J. A. Hughes.

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2nd XI. Association Football Colours have been :—Dickson, D. A., Jones, D., Mines and West.

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Association Football Stockings have been :—Wilson, Clark, P. T., Smith, L. H., Robertson and Mugliston.

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1st XI. Cricket Colours returning are :—P. Thorne, F. E. Timpson, J. A. Hughes.

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2nd XI. Cricket Colours returning are :—Hazell, Witney, Mugliston, Lord i, Wilson.

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P. Thorne has been elected Captain of Cricket with F. E. Timpson as Vice-Captain.

The following boys left during or at the end of the First term, 1939 :—

Auty, D., Vc., entered 1935<sup>2</sup>, placed II.  
Gardner, J., VM., entered 1936<sup>3</sup>, placed IIIU(M).  
Golothan, D. W., IVc., entered 1939<sup>1</sup>, placed IVc.  
Gomm, R. J., VI., Prefect, Oxf. Sch. Cert., 1st XV., 1st XI. Association, entered 1933<sup>3</sup>, placed III(L)(A).  
Hewson, R. P., VU(M), entered 1936<sup>3</sup>, placed IVM.  
Kingham, D. T. G., VI., Oxf. Sch. Cert., entered 1934<sup>3</sup>, placed III(L)(A).  
Lunnon, W., VI., Oxf. Sch. Cert., entered 1934<sup>3</sup>, placed III(L)(A).  
MacGregor, N., IIIU(A), entered 1937<sup>3</sup>, placed III(L)(B).  
Morgan, P. J., III(L)(A), entered 1937<sup>3</sup>, placed II.  
Peatey, K. J., VI., Oxf. Sch. Cert., Matric. Exemption, entered 1934<sup>3</sup>, placed III(L)(A).  
Ridgley, K. A. F., IVM, entered 1936<sup>3</sup>, placed III(L)(c).  
Smith, G. F., IVM, entered 1936<sup>3</sup>, placed III(L)(A).  
Smith, W. R., IVc, entered 1936<sup>3</sup>, placed III(L)(A).  
Viccars, P. R., Oxf. Sch. Cert., Matric. Exemption, entered 1933<sup>3</sup>, placed III(L)(B).  
Weston, D. A., III(L)(c), entered 1938<sup>3</sup>, placed III(L)(c).  
Wickham, J. J., Vc., entered 1935<sup>3</sup>, placed III(L)(A).  
Wood, R. A., VI., Oxf. Sch. Cert., Matric. Exemption, 1st XI. Association, entered 1933<sup>3</sup>, placed III(L)(A).

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The following boys entered in the Second term, 1939 :—

Davis, R. A., placed II.	Leeser, H. A. B., placed IVA.
Bailey, E. L., placed II.	Schutz, D. H. E., placed IVM.
Brindley, P. St. J., placed II.	Stacey, A. G., placed II.
Burrow, L. B., placed II.	Stevenson, J., placed II.
Canham, R. E. F., placed IVA.	Warren, J. W., placed II.
Child, G. C., placed II.	Suessmann, C., placed II.
Joynson, D. F., placed II.	Suessmann, F., placed II.
Leeser, A. M. E., placed II.	

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Numbers during the Easter term were 433 ; of this number 28 were boarders.

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## SCHOOL CONCERT.

The Annual Concert was held in the School Hall on the evening of March 28th. The profits, as usual, were given to the Youens V.C. Memorial Fund.

The School Orchestra opened with a spirited rendering of Haydn's "Overture in D major." The syncopation, which was an important feature of the main theme, was clearly and precisely interpreted.

The next item was massed singing from three of the lower Forms, with accompaniment from the strings. The beautiful "Non nobis, Domine," by Roger Quilter, was tastefully sung, and was, perhaps, the most successful choral item of the concert. Accompaniment by two brass instruments gave a decided body to the tone. The piece which followed "I vow to thee my country" was of a similar character, and very popular. "The Campbells are coming," which ended the item, was certainly a great contrast, though perhaps a not altogether successful one.

Next, two Brahms's waltzes were played as piano duets by Miller and Kelly. The first was a "legato" piece with an elegant main theme; the second a quicker and more rhythmical study.

A capable performance was given by Everett and Stanners in of a "Valse" by Danela, in the form of a violin duet.

The Junior Choir, although only a small one, possessed a purity and clarity of tone which more than made up for its lack of numbers. It gave a very graceful rendering of the "Londondery Air," and a song by Schubert.

Bunce's rendering of a Mozart Concerto in A major was undoubtedly the finest performance of the evening. His technique was immense, and for musicianship and clarity of interpretation he was alike unequalled. The School can count itself lucky in possessing such a musical genius; when we remember he is only thirteen, we can confidently predict a brilliant future for him. As an encore he gave a short "Bouree" by Bach.

After the interval, the Orchestra opened with Schubert's famous "Marche Militaire" No. 1. The main body of the orchestra played with great gusto, and some rather novel percussion effects were introduced.

The Senior Choir sang first a charming song by the old Elizabethan composer, Thomas Arne. It required very delicate handling, and full justice was done to the effective "pianissimo" passages. The hearty and majestic "Vikings' Song" by Coleridge-Taylor, provided a pleasing contrast.

Bass, who accompanied all the choirs, was of great assistance to the singers, more so, perhaps, than was the general impression, so quiet and unobtrusive was his playing.

The next item was a piano duet by Goodearl and Dickson, who played Percy Grainger's well-known "Country Gardens." They gave the piece a very pleasant and lively rendering.

D. W. Stevens next gave two of Brahms's "Hungarian Dances" arranged for violin solo. He played very well, and his enormous bows were highly popular with the audience.

The penultimate item, a two-part song, was sung by a section of the trebles from the School Choir and a bass chorus from the upper Forms.

The Concert ended with a piano solo by Geoffrey Bass, who played two pieces by Sinding and Grainger respectively. He gave his usual calm and polished performance, and his technique was as good as ever. As an encore, Bass played Chopin's "Polonaise in A."

The production of the Concert and the training of the player was the work of Mr. G. F. Bailey, L.R.A.M. and Miss Nancy Taylor, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M., and the instrumentalists were all pupils of theirs. Our heartiest thanks are due to them for an evening's splendid entertainment.

The full programme was as follows:—

PART I.

OVERTURE IN D MAJOR	... ..	Haydn.
	SCHOOL ORCHESTRA	
SONGS ...	(a) Non Nobis, Domine ... ..	Quilter.
	(b) I vow to thee my Country (with descant)	Trad. Irish Air, arr. Vine.
	(c) The Campbells are coming (with descant)	arr. Geoffrey Shaw.
	LOWER FORMS (with School Orchestra).	
DUETS FOR TWO PIANOS	... Waltz in E major ... ..	Brahms.
	Waltz in B minor ... ..	
	E. MILLER AND F. KELLY.	
VIOLIN DUET ...	... Valse ... ..	Dancla.
	A. EVERETT AND G. STANNERS.	
	Piano—C. MITCHELL.	
SONGS ...	(a) In Derry Vale (with descant) ... ..	arr. Geoffrey Shaw.
	(b) The Trout ... ..	Schubert.
	JUNIOR CHOIR.	
PIANOFORTE CONCERTO IN A MAJOR—1st Movement—Allegro	... ..	Mozart.
	J. M. BUNCE.	
	(The Orchestral accompaniment was played on a second piano).	

PART II.

ORCHESTRAL ... ..	Marche Militaire ... ..	Schubert.
	SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.	

*Programme—(continued)*

TWO-PART SONGS	(a) Mists before the sunrise fly	Arne, arr. Geoffrey Shaw.
	(b) Viking Song	Coleridge-Taylor.
SENIOR CHOIR.		
DUET FOR TWO PIANOS	Country Gardens	Grainger.
L. A. DICKSON AND K. GOODEARL.		
VIOLIN SOLOS	Two Hungarian Dances	Brahms-Hubay.
	No. 3 in F. No. 1 in G minor.	
D. W. STEVENS.		
SONG	The Admiral's Broom	Bevan.
BASS CHORUS WITH SECTION OF SCHOOL CHOIR.		
PIANO SOLOS	Rustles of Spring	Sinding.
	Shepherd's Hey	Grainger.
G. BASS.		



**PLAY AND CONCERT FUND. Spring Term, 1939.**

	£	s.	d.
Amount collected	20	12	6
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<b>Expenses :</b>	£	s.	d.
Mr. Howard Radleigh	6	6	0
Mr. John Longuire (Adjudicator)	1	5	0
Academy Players	8	8	0
Captain Blount	2	10	0
Mr. Bailey	1	10	0
Balance carried forward	13	6	0
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	£20	12	6



**THE BOXING COMPETITION.**

The twenty-second Annual Boxing Competition was held in the School Hall on Tuesday, 21st March. A large audience of parents, friends and boys was present and witnessed an exhibition of high standard and great keenness. The entries this year easily broke all records and many closely contested bouts had taken place in previous weeks in the preliminary rounds. On the programme were the final bouts of the nine weights of the competition.

The officials were : Referee, S. E. Hands, Esq. ; Judges, F. Adams, Esq., N. Harrow, Esq., S. Morgan, Esq. ; Time-keeper, H. G. Brand, Esq. ; M.C., C. E. C. Eastman, Esq.

The House Challenge Cup was won by Disraeli, scoring 15 points. Kings scored 8 points, Arnisons 5 and Queens 1.

D. A. Dickson went up to receive the House Cup for Disraeli from R. P. Clarke, Esq., M.A., B.C.L., Governor of the School. The Senior Cup was awarded to J. P. Lord and the Junior Trophy to D. W. Barnett.

At the conclusion of the bouts, Mr. Hands announced the awards and in expressing his pleasure at being present again, considered the standard of the boxing to be good. He was pleased to hear of the very large number of entries this year. Mr. Clarke then proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hands for his kindness in officiating and to Mr. Adams, Mr. Harrow and Mr. Morgan for acting as judges. He recommended boxing as a first-rate exercise and urged its beneficial effect on the development of character, in stressing courage, determination and self-control. The Headmaster thanked Mr. Clarke and expressed the pleasure of the School at the presence of one of the Governors, and endorsed the thanks accorded to the officials.

The events decided were as follows :—

#### HAIR WEIGH.

T. R. BRISTOW *v.* J. M. EVANS.

These competitors, the most diminutive, gave an excellent start to the display. Both boys were very keen and had a surprising variety of blows. They revealed almost equal skill in attack and defence, though Evans was the more resourceful and was given the verdict.

#### FEATHER WEIGHT.

B. V. HARLEY *v.* D. I. LORD.

These competitors fought a very evenly contested bout. Lord impressed with a very orthodox style, making good use of his straight left. Harley, however, displayed pretty footwork and a good knowledge of ringcraft, though Lord, fighting very calmly right to the end of the bout, was declared the winner.

#### LEAF WEIGHT.

D. W. BARNETT *v.* R. D. BIRCH.

Barnett from the start took the offensive in this bout, and with both hands commenced to pile up a considerable lead by the end of the first round. Birch, on the other hand, was very game and at the beginning of the next two rounds, gave a good account of himself. Birch inclined to turn his back on his opponents in his efforts to avoid the determined onslaughts and Barnett took these opportunities to deliver some well-timed blows which earned valuable points. Barnett was the winner and on this fight was declared to be the Junior Champion.

#### PAPER WEIGHT.

T. E. A. LORD *v.* G. W. STEVENS.

This bout began slowly but soon warmed up and some good exchanges were made. Both boxers were inclined to keep their distance and their attacks for this reason seemed to lack force and effect. Lord's defence combined with good use of his left hand, made him slightly superior and he won the fight.

### BANTAM WEIGHT.

R. J. LEE *v.* S. H. LEWIS.

This was a close fight in which both contestants were keen and, in the main, on the offensive. There was little enough to choose between them in the first two rounds, but in the third, Lee, making good use of his greater height and slightly longer reach, pressed his advantage to win the fight.

### WELTER WEIGHT.

A. W. BALDWIN *v.* S. J. RAMAGE.

Both these competitors displayed a good deal of enthusiasm and initiative. Ramage was suffering from an eye swollen from a previous bout and his nose was soon causing him some inconvenience, but he fought very pluckily against a slightly taller opponent. Baldwin made good use of his long reach and fought very calmly. This, combined with his straight hitting, gave him the decision.

### LIGHT WEIGHT.

A. R. HARRIS *v.* J. A. HUGHES.

This was a very keen bout, in which the spectators saw some of the best boxing of the afternoon. Harris was extremely vigorous and forced the pace at the beginning of the rounds. Hughes, on the other hand, showed plenty of initiative, but by saving energy by well placed blows in defence was left at the end of each round with an opportunity to turn on the offensive, and his rallies here won him the fight.

### MIDDLE WEIGHT.

P. E. HARRIS *v.* J. P. LORD.

From the point of view of skill in boxing, this was probably the most interesting bout to watch. Lord was well up to the standard expected of him in attack and scored with blows to the body as often as to the head. He was hitting hard and Harris showed a good deal of pluck besides skill in defending himself. He often caught Lord off his guard, too, and used his strong left to advantage. In defence Lord was bending rather low and this handicapped his recovery when Harris followed up. Lord was the stronger and the more experienced boxer and although Harris gave a good account of himself, there was no doubt about the result. On this contest, Lord was awarded the Senior Challenge Cup.

The following is the list of competitors in the various weights :

- HAIR : Flitney, Everitt, Harris, R. G., Ward, M. J., Bates, Lidgley, J. H., Leeds, Evans, J. M., Peasley, Andrews, Hall, Rippington, Brown, J. H., Robertson, I., Martin, Collins iii, Rance, Bristow, Berry, A. J., Clift, Green, P. J.
- FEATHER : Harley, Scott, B., Wright, J. T., Raven, Pocock ii, Couling, Stallwood, Clarke, D. J., Williams, P. N. P., Gomme, N., Cooley, Down, Gay, Bulpett, Catling, Thwaites, Bass, Coles, Hope, R. S., Allman, Youers, Hayward, Bonsey, Ashby, Jenkins, Sutton, Stewart, Lord, D. I., Mackrill, Hayden, Newell.
- LEAF : Munro, Ford, Peacock, Weston, Brooks, Hands, J., Bunce, P. J., Lee, G. J., Shillabeer, Aylward, Edwards, Turner, R. P., Harding, E. E., Evans, J. M., Birch, R. D., Hunt, Haynes, J. E., Barnett ii, Francis, Humphrey, Clay, Chisholm, Bailey, Heather, Horner, Wickham, J. J., Ambrose, Child, Youngman, Bolton King.

- PAPER : Mansbridge, McQueen iii, Miller, K. J., Rayner ii, Carter, Butler Bradley, Scally, Thorne, B. J., Parry, Lucas, Stevens. G. W., Ballard, Auty ii, Downing, Green, D., Rumble, Van de Winckel, Morley, Lord, T. E. A., Gurney, Scott, Reseigh, Scott ii, Cosgrove, Vaughan.
- BANTAM : Birch, A. J., Haley, Terry, Lewis, Birch, R. D., Rendell, Tibbles, Vinden ii, Ridgley, Smith, R., Trenfield, Palmer, Fairnington, Pocock i, Trendell, Young, Hanks, Alderman, Lee, R. J., Eales Giggs, Perfect, G. D., Unwin i, Peatey, Muckley, Goodman, Taylor, H. F.
- WELTER : Harman, Collins i, Gladwell ii, Publicover, Ashby, Auty i, Beal, Aldridge, Clark, C. H., Vincent, Baldwin, Stanners ii, Bews, Wickham i, Perrin, Ramage, Ward i, Carr.
- LIGHT : Whiting, Newton, Gardner, Mines, Hope i, Hole, Thompson, Perfect i, Merriman, Williams i, Hammond, Harris, A. R., Perfect ii, Hughes i, Walker, L. G., Golothan, McQueen i, Harris, D. G., Wilcock.
- MIDDLE : Harris, P. E., Lord, J. P., Castle, Clark, P. T., Youens, Holmes, Lever.
- HEAVY : Grimsdell, Dickson, D. A., Turner, J. R., Hands i, Lake.



## CROSS COUNTRY RACES.

The Cross Country Races were held this year on Tuesday, February 21st. The Senior event was decided on a new course through King's Wood, Fifteen Ways, Tylers Green and Totteridge. The time taken was 28 mins. 18 4/5 secs., which was better than expected considering the muddy conditions prevailing. Bartlett ran a clever race, making full use of the flat parts of the course to improve his position, and was an easy winner from Evans, P. A. D. The House race was won by Queens.

The following gained points for their respective Houses :—

<i>Queens :</i>	<i>Arnison :</i>	<i>Kings :</i>	<i>Disraeli :</i>
7 Stevenson i	5 Wilson i	1 Bartlett	2 Evans
8 Jones, D.	9 Scott i	3 Lord, J. P.	4 Kingham
10 Hughes, B. K.	11 Gomm	6 Turner, J.	12 Dickson, D. A.
13 Collins i	14 Timpson i	21 Robertson, E.	19 Mines
15 Thorne i	18 Clark, A. J.	23 Smith, B. W.	22 Gardner
16 Ruck	20 Salter i	25 Ward	26 Piercey
69 points	77 points	79 points	85 points

In the Colts race, Elliott, C. B., was successful in 23 mins. 54 secs., thus beating his time of the previous year, when he also won this race, by just over 2 mins. Disraeli House won the contest for the fourth year in succession.

The following gained points for their respective Houses :—

<i>Disraeli :</i>	<i>Kings :</i>	<i>Arnison :</i>	<i>Queens :</i>
3 Barlow	1 Elliott, C. B.	6 Timpson ii	2 Perfect, G. D.
5 Bunkhall	4 Moore, R. B.	7 Smith, W. R.	14 Palmer, F. E. S.
7 Mugliston	13 Jones, J. C.	10 Priest, L.	15 Merryman
9 How	17 King, A. R.	21 Giggs	16 Carr
11 Stanners ii	20 Unwin	25 Turner, R. E.	26 Collins ii
12 Harris, D. G.	24 North, P. J.	31 Wickens	28 Hopkins
47 points	79 points	100 points	101 points

The Junior race was won by Clark, C. H., in the excellent time of 16 mins. 45 secs. Disraeli won the House competition by a big margin.

The following gained points for their respective Houses :—

<i>Disraeli :</i>	<i>Kings :</i>	<i>Arnison :</i>	<i>Queens :</i>
1 Clark, C.	10 Devenish	2 Hunt, E.	14 Kelly
4 McQueen iii	11 Perfect, F.	3 Thorne, B.	17 Stevenson ii
6 Evans, J.	12 Birch ii	5 Bedwell	18 Bradley
7 Youers	21 Gay	28 Stevens, G. W.	20 Haley
8 Vaughan	22 Coles	30 Berry, A. J.	23 Grace
9 Harrington	24 Clarke	36 Long	25 Fleury
35 points	100 points	104 points	117 points

In the race which was instituted last year for boys under 12 years of age, the time taken was 12 minutes.

The following gained points for their respective Houses :—

<i>Kings :</i>	<i>Arnison :</i>	<i>Queens :</i>	<i>Disraeli :</i>
1 Youngman	3 Gurney	8 Haley	2 Evans, J.
4 Coles	5 Miller	9 Bonsey	10 McQueen
6 Martin, J.	11 Raven	14 Rogers	15 Harris
7 Birch	12 Stallwood	18 Munro	21 Scott
16 Shillabeer	13 Terry	19 Martin, R.	23 Lord
26 Saunders	17 Harley	20 Everitt	29 Weston
60 points	61 points	88 points	100 points

The following is a complete list of competitors in the order in which they finished in their respective races :—

SENIORS : 1, Bartlett ; 2, Evans i ; 3, Lord, J. P. ; 4, Kingham ; 5, Wilson i ; 6, Turner, J. R. ; 7, Stevenson i ; 8, Jones, D. ; 9, Scott i ; 10, Hughes, B. K. ; 11, Gomm ; 12, Dickson, D. A. ; 13, Collins i ; 14, Timpson i ; 15, Thorne ; 16, Ruck ; 17, Lovell ; 18, Clark, A. J. ; 19, Mines ; 20, Salter i ; 21, Robertson, E. ; 22, Gardner ; 23, Smith, B. W. ; 24, Lear ; 25, Ward ; 26, Piercey ; 27, McQueen i ; 28, Harris, A. R. ; 29, Rose ; 30, Grimsdell ; 31, Barnett i ; 32, Hole i ; 33, Elliott, M. H. G. ; 34, Hazell ; 35, Hughes, J. A. ; 36, West ; 37, Viccars ; 38, Saw ; 39, Dean i ; 40, Hole ; 41, Ramage ; 42, White, S. A. J. ; 43, Gibson ; 44, Clarke, P. J. ; 45, Haynes ; 46, Castle.

COLTS : 1, Elliott, C. B. ; 2, Perfect, G. D. ; 3, Barlow ; 4, Moore, R. B. ; 5, Bunkhall ; 6, Timpson i ; 7, Mugliston ; 8, Smith, W. R. ; 9, How ; 10, Priest, L. ; 11, Stanners ii ; 12, Harris, D. G. ; 13, Jones, J. C. ; 14, Palmer, F. E. S. ; 15, Merriman ; 16, Carr ; 17, King, A. R. ; 18, Birch, B. E. J. ; 19, Bowden, W. H. ; 20, Unwin ; 21, Giggs ; 22, Eales ; 23, McQueen ii ; 24, North, P. J. ; 25, Turner, R. E. ; 26, Collins ii ; 27, Barnard ; 28, Hopkins ; 29, Vincent ; 30, Birks ; 31, Wickens ; 31, Dickson, L. A. ; 33, Walker ; 34, Goodburn ; 35, Lewis ; 36, Hunt, P. E. ; 37, Lever ; 38, Newton, Wickham ii ; 40, Rendell ; 41, Gould ; 42, Golothan ; 43, Whiting ; 44, Croxson i ; 45, Smith, L. H.

JUNIORS : 1, Clark, C. H. ; 2, Hunt, E. M. H. ; 3, Thorne, B. J. ; 4, McQueen iii ; 5, Bedwell ; 6, Evans, J. M. ; 7, Youers ; 8, Vaughan ; 9, Harrington ; 10, Devenish ; 11, Perfect, F. G. ; 12, Birch ii ; 13, Hanks ; 14, Kelly ; 15, Berry, A. K., Peasley ; 17, Stevenson ii ; 18, Bradley ; 19, Butler ; 20, Harley ; 21, Gay ; 22, Coles ; 23, Grace ; 24, Clarke ; 25, Fleury ; 26, Cox ; 27, Lord, T. E. A. ; 28, Stevens, G. W. ; 29, King, D. M. ; 30, Berry, A. J. ; 31, Peatey ; 32, Wheelband ; 33, Heather ; 34, Bailey ; 35, Latham ; 36, Long ; 37, Shillabeer ; 38, Mitchell ; 39, Wright ; 40, Ridgley ; 41, Hands ; 4 Higgins ; 43, Alderman ; 44, Canneaux ; 45, Taylor, G. ; 46, Stewart ; 47, Ripington.

JUNIOR BUILDING : 1, Youngman ; 2, Evans, J. M. ; 3, Gurney ; 4, Coles ; 5, Miller ; 6, Martin, J. ; 7, Birch ; 8, Haley ; 9, Bonsey ; 10, McQueen ; 11, Raven ; 12, Stallwood ; 13, Terry ; 14, Rogers ; 15 Morris ; 16, Shillabeer ; 17, Horley ; 18, Munro ; 19, Martin, R. ; 20, Everitt ; 21, Scott ; 22, Thwaites ; 23, Lord ; 24, Scally ; 25, Hughes ; 26, Saunders, R. D. ; 27, Van de Winckel ; 28, Cooley ; 29, Weston ; 30, Lee ; 31, Surridge ; 32, Goodwin ; 33, Collins ; 34, Morgan ; 35, Gomme ; 36, Wheelband ; 37, Leeds ; 38, Ford ; 39, Muckley ; 40, Gritton, Mason ; 42, Cooling ; 43, Page, N. ; 44, Flitney ; 45, Croxson ; 46, Clift ; 47, Lee ; 48, Brooks ; 49, Turner ; 50, Morley.



## HOUSE NOTES.

### ARNISON HOUSE

At the start of the Easter Term we found ourselves under a great handicap because several of our best players in the senior school had left during the holidays. This difficulty soon became apparent, for our Rugby team, despite the energetic captaincy of Gomm, lost all three league matches. We were further handicapped, too, by Gomm's leaving at the end of the term. Those who played for our 1st XV. were : Gomm, Miles, Moore, A. D., Suckling i, Timpson i, Wilson, Hole, Hope i, Salter i, Scott i, Youens, Castle, Elliot, E. M., Harris, McQueen, Lake, Priest, L., Smith, W. R.

For the Soccer knock-out competition we found a well-balanced side, and in the semi-final we held Disraeli to a draw and then defeated them 3—2 in the replay. In the final, however,



we lost the replay which was necessary against Queens, in very poor conditions, 4—1. Those who played for the XI. were : Miles, Timpson i, Wilson, Hole, Scott i, Elliott, M. H., Harris i, Gamester, Timpson ii, Smith, L. H., Smith, W. R., Bedwell.

We must congratulate Harris, P. E., Stevens, G. W., Lee and Harley on reaching the finals of the Boxing Competition ; Lee is especially to be complimented on his defeat of a boy very much his senior.

Of the early Sports events the Cross-Country races were the most successful from our point of view, for all teams gained a place. The teams and positions were as follows :—

Senior : Wilson, Scott i, Gomm, Timpson, Clark i, Salter, 2nd.

Colts : Timpson ii, Smith, W. R., Priest i, Giggs, Turner ii, Wickens, 3rd.

Junior : Hunt ii, Thorne, Bedwell, Stevens, Berry, Long, 3rd.

Junior Building : Gurney, Miller, Raven, Stallwood, Terry, Harley, 2nd.

In the open Mile and Half-mile we were not so successful. Our best representatives were : Wilson, Harris, Smith, W. R. and Salter i.

In view of the fact that we were not particularly successful at sport during the term, it was pleasing to note that we headed the Class Lists.

F. E. TIMPSON.

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### DISRAELI HOUSE.

The House can look back on the Easter term with great satisfaction. We won both the Senior and Colts Cups for Rigger. The following played for the House in the Senior XV. : D. Dickson, Whittall, Hughes, J. R., Mines, Evans i, Mugliston, Clark, P. T., Haynes, Gardner, Noble, Winter Taylor, Hands, Kingham, Bunkhall and Bowden. Much of our success was due to the excellent kicking of Mines and Whittall's speed. We hope to see the latter in the School first team next season.

During the season Dickson, Hands, Haynes, Gardner, Clark and Kingham played for the School first fifteen.

We also did well in Cross Country races. We were the winners of the Junior and Colts races, the latter for the fourth consecutive year. Clark, C. H., is to be congratulated on winning the Junior Cup. In the Junior race our six boys were placed in the first nine home. We have an excellent nucleus for next year's Colts and Senior events. Congratulations to Evans in coming second in the senior race for the second time !

For the fourth consecutive year we have won the House Boxing Cup, although in 1936 and 1938 we shared it with Arnisons. Barnett ii won the Junior Championship. Well done, Barnett ! All our finalists won their fights, except those matched with other members of our House. While on the subject of Boxing, we give our heartiest congratulations to J. P. Lord, captain of Kings House, who won the Senior Championship for the third year running.

Our soccer team which looked very formidable on paper lost to Arnison after playing a draw in the first match. It is hoped that the forwards will be able to have more shooting practice next year. Hopes of winning the Athletic Cup next term are very high as we have already obtained a number of points from the Cross Country races and the Mile Open, in which we came second.

In conclusion we urge members to continue the " team spirit " and general keenness for sport and work that has existed in the past, as it is only by these that we can hope to do well in the future.

D. A. DICKSON.

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## KINGS HOUSE.

Kings House has done extremely well this term. The keenness shown in all branches of the School's activity was very noticeable and very much appreciated.

Our first competition was for the Rugby Cups. For this two fifteens were chosen and both played extremely well. The second fifteen must be specially congratulated, for in the first two games they won by a very large margin without conceding a single point. Both teams eventually reached the finals but unfortunately lost, the first fifteen to Disraeli after a drawn game and the second fifteen to Disraeli also. Those who played were : Holmes, Elliott, C. B., Perfect, J. G., Yeomans, Smith, B. W., Lord, J. P., Bartlett, Hazell, Ramage, Turner, J. R., Harding i, Lunnon, Lever, Moore, R. B., Ward, Wilks, Crutchfield, Whiting, North, Clark, Harris, A. R., Crayfound, Gladwell ii, Aldridge, Grimsdell, Perfect ii, Freeth, Hampton, Gladwell i, Beale and Newton.

In the Soccer competition, the House was not so successful, losing to Queens, the eventual winners of the Cup, after a drawn game. The team was : Robertson, Hazell, Lunnon, Turner, J. R., Wilks, Yeomans, Perfect i, Baldwin, Lord, Ramage, Smith, B. W.

We also won the Senior Cross Country. The team with positions was : Bartlett, 1st ; Lord, 3rd ; Turner, J. R., 6th ; Robertson, 21st ; Smith, B. W., 23rd ; Ward, 25th.

Kings were second in the Colts Cross Country ; Elliott must be heartily congratulated on winning the race for the second successive year. The team in order of finishing was : Elliott, C. B., Moore, Jones, J. C., King, A. R., Unwin i, North i.

We were again second in the Junior Race, the team being : Devenish, Perfect iii, Birch i, Gay, Coles, Clarke, D. J.

The House won the Junior Building Cross Country, Youngman being the individual winner. The team was : Youngman, Coles, Martin, Birch, Shillabeer and Saunders.

Kings won both the One Mile Open and the Half-mile Open, Bartlett winning the former and gaining second place in the latter. Those who qualified were : Bartlett, Lord, Elliott and Yeomans, in the Mile ; and Bartlett, Elliott and Lord in the Half-mile.

In the Half-mile Colts, Elliott, C. B., finished first, and the House was second.

The next Open Competition was the Boxing. The entry was quite good and consequently the House was well represented in the Finals. Those who reached the finals were : Bristow, T. W., Birch, R. D., Baldwin, Ramage, Harris, A. R. and Lord, J. P. We did not, however, carry off the House Cup as expected, but Lord, J. P. won the Senior Cup for the third successive year.

So ended quite a successful term as far as Kings were concerned, and the successes which we have gained have been won mainly through the keenness of those taking part. It is, therefore, essential for this keenness to be maintained and further successes will come our way.

J. P. LORD.

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## QUEENS HOUSE.

We regret very much having lost the Rugger House Cup, which has been in our possession for two years now. In spite of strenuous training we could not field a sufficiently big team this year. One of our most promising outsides left the School at the beginning of the term and for two of the matches we had to field three players from our 2nd XV., who fared even worse than we did. Disraeli beat us 12—3 and Kings 6—0, but we had our revenge on Arnison. Fielding our full team we beat them 40 points to nil. Thorne, Ruck and Lovell continued to represent the School 1st XV. at Rugby Football, and Thorne, Jones and West were regular members of the School Soccer team. Having lost the Rugby Cup we gave up all hopes of success on the Football field, until we unexpectedly beat Kings 3—2 in the replay of the 1st House Soccer

Cup-tie. There followed a draw with Arnison House in the Final and when the replay was held we secured the Soccer Cup for the first time for Queens, beating our opponents by 4 goals to 1.

In the Cross Country races the Seniors put up a very creditable show and carried off the team race, but in the other three races apart from isolated individual successes, the House ran badly, scoring two thirds and a fourth. This side of athletic events must be improved before next year, as indeed must the House boxing. We suffered this year the disgrace of scoring "one" point in the Boxing competition. This was not because we cannot box—it was simply a matter of general indifference to the sport. Members of the House must banish their reputation for being "yellow."

We close our notes by reminding the more studiously inclined of our members that at the close of this term the grand reckoning of "Class Lists" is due. The Work Cup will always feel "at home" in our house. We have had it twice already, Queens, so let us have it again!

P. THORNE.



### O.T.C. NOTES.

This past term has been an uneventful one in the matter of public occasions, but nevertheless a very useful term's work has been done. The Sgt. Instructor has been away on sick leave since Christmas, but much as we missed his valuable help, his absence served to throw the weight of the training programme on the cadet commanders, even more than usual, and this was a good thing. We have since heard that Sgt. Alvin is even more seriously ill than was at first anticipated. The whole Contingent joins in wishing him a speedy and complete recovery. During the term Sgt. Alvin has been awarded the Imperial Service Medal, for long service with good conduct in the Royal Fusiliers. All will wish to extend to him their heartiest congratulations.

Weekly N.C.O. meetings were revived this term and on Thursday parades cadets carried out the main part of the instruction. Both Platoon Commanders and Section Commanders have done well in this respect and the hard work put in will bear good fruit in the final training next term before the Annual Inspection. Their results, in the steadiness, discipline, turn-out and efficiency of their units, are the more laudable when we consider the very large number of recruits that they have had to contend with this year. But a word, too, must be said of the recruits themselves, who by their enthusiasm and energy have done as

much as we expected of them in the past two terms. In the accelerated course of training which we now pursue, this is saying a good deal for them.

After half-term, the platoons marched in turn to the local Territorial Barracks to fire their annual musketry course. This was rather more hurried this year, since the training programme only allowed of the minimum of time being spent on it. This is a pity, and a very good reason why we hope as soon as possible to erect our own range on the School premises, so that valuable time may be saved, and shooting may be carried out at times other than Thursdays. Many cadets appeared voluntarily for evening practices and this enthusiasm accounts in the main for the large number of cadets who have qualified. The classifications will be concluded at the beginning of next term. In the meantime, the following cadets have qualified up to date:—

#### 1st CLASS SHOTS :

Holmes, 116.	Goodburn, 94.
D. A. Dickson, 111.	Youens, 94.
Vinden, 102.	L. A. Dickson, 92.
Whittall, 100.	Penberthy, 92.
Thorne, P., 94.	Grover, 92.
Lidgley, 94.	Giggs, 90.

#### 2ND CLASS SHOTS :

Castle, 88.	Wilks, 70.
Cosgrove, 86.	Haynes, 70.
Evans, 85.	Hammond, 68.
Becket, 85.	Jones, 67.
Grant, 83.	Rayner, 67.
Moore, 79.	Ramage, 67.
Bowden, 77.	Birks, 67.
Hands, 76.	Harris, P. E., 65.
Noble, 76.	King, 63.
Ruck, 75.	Warren, 63.
Hope, 72.	Lord, 62.
Lever, 72.	Barnett, 62.
Harding, 71.	Harris, A. R., 61.
Gladwell ii, 70.	Carr, 61.
	Prior, 61.

The Section Competition has been continued this term. Marks were awarded weekly for turn-out as a result of the inspection which forms the first part of the ceremonial parade.

The results as far as the end of March are as follows :—

No. 1 PLATOON.	No. 1 Section	....	....	2
	" 2 "	....	....	6
	" 3 "	....	....	6
No. 2 PLATOON :	" 5 "	....	....	0
	" 6 "	....	....	0
	" 7 "	....	....	7
No. 3 PLATOON :	" 9 "	....	....	4
	" 10 "	....	....	0
	" 11 "	....	....	3
No. 4 PLATOON :	" 13 "	....	....	11
	" 14 "	....	....	8
	" 15 "	....	....	7

For the most outstanding enthusiasm in the Contingent this term, the Band perhaps wins the prize. They had been previously organised into a separate platoon and this term increased to greater strength, they set about constant practice at lunch times, at first in the privacy of the Gymnasium and later, when weather permitted, on the Parade Ground. From the beginning of term, items of new equipment had arrived for them, and this was completed at half-term by the arrival of new instruments. There are 23 members of the Corps of Drums as it is now called and they are arranged as follows :—

DRUMMERS, 1st :	Castle, Hope, Dickson, L. A., Craven.
2nd :	Whittall, Beechey, Grover, Youens, Noble, Haynes, Lever.
BUGLERS :	Harding, Rayner i, Penberthy, Gladwell ii, Barnett, Kelly, Reseigh, Vinden, Lewis, Gladwell i, Trendell, Lake.

The Corps of Drums are now equipped with 8 Guards pattern Side Drums, 1 Tenor Drum, 1 Narrow Gauge Bass Drum and 12 Bugles. For ceremonial parades, all members have been fitted up with white buff belts, green dress cords, brass arm badges and white lanyards. The drummers also wear white buff drum carriages, leg aprons and drag ropes and the bass and tenor drummers have large white sheepskin chest aprons. This band is now a very worthy one for the Contingent. Playing, too, has improved very considerably. The repertoire is limited, but with many recruit members, it was thought better to aim at a high standard in a few pieces. The band paraded first in full ceremonial order on Thursday, 29th March, when they led the Contingent in a National Service recruiting march through High Wycombe. They will, of course, take a prominent part in any future public appearances of the Contingent.

During the last week of February, about 20 N.C.O.'s. and Senior Cadets volunteered to assist the local A.R.P. organisation in the completion of their efforts to measure and fit gas masks. A letter of thanks for these services was received from the Chief Constable of High Wycombe. The performance of such a task is just another which we hope directs O.T.C. training in particular to the development of responsible leadership.

Certificate "A" classes have met with almost monotonous regularity this term. For instruction purposes, the Officer Commanding was in charge of the written part of the examination and Mr. Pattinson the Practical. In the absence of text books, since none are yet available on the new organisation, it was necessary to have frequent lessons after school. The written class met four times each week and the practical twice, so that as far as instruction went the syllabus was well covered, and we feel the candidates were well fitted to give a good account of themselves. We look forward keenly to the full results published in May. The written papers were taken on Tuesday, March 7th, and the Practical Examination conducted by two officers of the Royal Fusiliers on March 9th. 9 of the 11 candidates were successful in the Practical Test. In this connection, our congratulations are extended to:—

Cadets T. H. Castle, D. A. Dickson, J. H. B. Gladwell, P. Hammond, F. T. Holmes, J. K. Prior, D. J. Scott, I. Q. Whittall, J. M. Youens.

The following promotions were announced this term and took effect from 1st January, 1939.

Cpl. P. Thorne to be Sgt. and Senior N.C.O.

L/Cpl. P. A. Evans to be Cpl.

In the matter of promotions, it may be said that it is the considered policy of the Staff to look upon Certificate "A" as the first qualification for promotion except in very rare cases, so that it behoves every cadet to negotiate this obstacle as soon as possible after his sixteenth birthday. By insisting on this, we hope soon to build up such a reserve of holders of Certificate "A" that we shall have more than enough to meet the demand for unit commanders. In this case we should be able to establish a Post Certificate "A" Class carrying out more complicated military studies in such subjects as Intelligence or Machine Gun.

Meanwhile unit commanders are beginning to realise that the uniform parade on Thursday plays a relatively small part in the week's training. Only by keeping in contact with the boys under their command throughout the week, by private practices and meetings, can the traditional efficiency of the Contingent be maintained.

The Annual Inspection has been fixed for Thursday, 22nd June, 1939, and will be carried out by Brigadier Muirhead, Officer Commanding, 162nd Infantry Brigade, T.A.

Annual Camp this year is at Tidworth Park and will be held from 31st July until 9th August. The School Contingent will consist of 2 officers, 1 Sgt. Instructor and 50 cadets.

C.E.C.F.



## THE O.T.C. AND THE MILITARY TRAINING BILL.

In view of the new system of Militia Training in this country, it seems expedient to review the situation of the Officers' Training Corps and its benefits to boys. In this article it is hoped that the position will be made quite clear for boys and parents.

The scheme proposed, and about to be enacted, involves full-time training as a militiaman for the period of six months during the twenty-first year of all men passed as fit by a Medical Officer. In certain cases where hardship would occur by this arrangement, it will be possible for boys to anticipate or postpone their military training, so that boys serving apprenticeships or studying at universities will be able to carry out their military training either before or after their civilian obligations. The exact position at the moment is that the military authorities are hoping that boys in these exceptional cases will tend to postpone rather than to anticipate their training, since they feel that boys of 18 (the present minimum age for militiamen) will be handicapped in training with others of over 20.

It is clear, too, at this point that the Military Training Bill will have no effect at all on those boys who select full-time careers in any one of the Fighting Forces. A boy who leaves School for an Aircraft Apprenticeship in the Royal Air Force, for service as a private soldier or as an officer in the Regular Army, or for a permanent position in the Royal Navy is automatically freed from his obligations under the Military Training Bill.

One other general point should be made before describing the period of training itself. It is the intention of the Government and the Military Authorities to make the service and the training in every way democratic. Every boy will receive the same opportunity and the same training, and upon his merits, demonstrated during this training, will he earn promotion and distinction.



At the first interview at a local Employment Exchange, the militiaman will be given some choice in the Service in which he is to serve, and in the particular branch of that service. Although, in the very first instance, there may be disappointments to men appointed to services for which they did not apply, the Authorities say that this is not likely to reoccur and is only caused by the fact that they have been forced on this first occasion to conscript men into services not yet complete under the previous voluntary scheme. In future, they maintain that a free choice will be allowed in almost every case.

Now follows a description of the period of training itself, and details are given for one of the vast majority of militiamen who will be posted to the Army. The boy will first be drafted to the Depot of the regiment that he has elected to join. There he will be equipped with military uniform and equipment, and will be issued with a standard set of civilian clothes. He will be interviewed by the Commanding Officer and be squadded according to age, education and previous military experience. Then for two months, he will be trained in the same way as a present day Regular Army recruit, in the elements of drill, weapon training and discipline. During this first two months re-squadding will take place at frequent intervals, so that at the end of this period, boys of like aptitude and ability are together. At this point, the militiamen are graded and posted for future training. The specialists, selected either because of their civilian calling or by ability shown in training, will be drafted for the second two months to the specialist Corps of the Army, to which they will later be fully posted. The majority, however, will be sent on to the Battalions of their regiments and there they will train for two months in the applied principles of soldiering. During this second period of two months, constant resquadding will be taking place in an effort to pick out the leaders and the better boys. Finally, for the last two months, the best boys will be drafted to special "Leader Classes," while the remainder will serve a final two months in the rank of private soldier. In other words, an effort will be made to give the militiaman practice in his last two months of training in the actual position that he will fill in the Army in the event of a national emergency. The "Leader Classes" will be specially trained in leading and instruction so that they will furnish the future officers and N.C.O's. of the Army. Furthermore, in special cases, opportunities will be given for militiamen to carry on their training, at the Government's expense, and pass out as fully commissioned officers in the Regular Army.

Now for a moment to discover what the demand will be for officers, that is to say what the demand will be for men produced by the "Leaders Classes." The future Militia Army alone will consist of 200,000 men, of whom 80,000 will be for Anti-Aircraft Defence duties and 120,000 will provide a Field Army. For this force alone, and this discounts the Regular Army and the Territorial Army, the demand for officers is reckoned by the War Office to exceed 5,000 officers. With the other two armies, the total requirements will be somewhere in the region of 10,000 officers. Thus it can easily be seen that the "Leaders Classes" will be large groups and the chances of a militiaman becoming an officer are good, providing he can show himself worthy in the short period of six months training.

So much for the period of Militia training and now to consider the future position of the O.T.C.'s. in relation to these new circumstances. The position seems to be quite clear. Boys will be interviewed by the Officers Commanding their Depots on joining for their Militia duty. There they will be introduced by an attestation card which tells of their previous record and their previous military history. It is certain that the boy with O.T.C. experience, or better still, with Certificate "A," will make a very favourable impression on the man whose duty it will be to watch out for likely leaders in the batch of militiamen serving under him. After this, it is equally apparent surely, that the boy who has served in the O.T.C. will be at a very great advantage in coming to the front as a leader and as a better soldier than his comrade who is coming to khaki and to military duty for the first time in his life. The boy with Certificate "A" in particular, with its tests of leadership and knowledge of soldiering, will have a flying start over the others. This is even more the case since the time spent under the eye of the judges is so brief and the opportunities of shining are therefore so rare.

The duty of the O.T.C. is therefore more than ever to train boys in the elements of soldiering with a view to encouraging leadership, confidence and ability to teach and instruct others. In this new Act, O.T.C.'s. will lose the privilege that they previously enjoyed in so far as holders of Certificate "A" used to be already in a position qualifying them to hold commissions in the Army. In the future this privilege will be taken away and Certificate "A" is to be regarded as only the first step in the direction of a commission. But surely, too, the work of the O.T.C. has never been in a position to earn a more immediate reward for the time and energies expended. In general, it appears that the part of education that deals with the fostering of leadership and

command, confidence and determination, is likely to come into its own in our national life and it may well be that the nation, no less than the individual, will be richer for it. In the meantime, the O.T.C. must stand on its merits and we look forward to our efforts being justified by the selection of a large number of our cadets for "Leaders Classes" in front of other boys.

C.E.C.E.



## SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

The Society's winter programme opened with a lantern lecture by Mr. A. Armitage, M.Sc., on "Founders of Modern Astronomy," in which he dealt with the observers and observatories of the 17th century. Introducing his subject by references to Galileo and Copernicus, our lecturer went on to describe the work of Hevelius of Dantzic, Huyghens, Gascoigne, Cassini and others and the instruments and observatories of Uraniborg and Greenwich, illustrating his remarks with slides from many rare and little known works. Mr. Armitage is a leading authority on this branch of the history of Science, and has recently written what is undoubtedly the standard work on the life of Copernicus.

On Tuesday, 25th October, and the following Tuesday, visits were paid to South Kensington. The first museum visited was the new Geological Museum where the party was well looked after by a highly efficient guide-lecturer whose remarks and stories infused great interest into the subjects with which he dealt. Photographs, specimens, maps and models were shown to illustrate geological processes and their effects upon the scenery of the British Isles. The visit on the succeeding Tuesday to the Natural History Museum was equally successful, with another highly competent guide to point out the significance of the sections devoted to the entomological, botanical and zoological collections and to stir the imagination by describing the lives and habits of the exhibits in the Whale Hall and the Reptile Gallery.

The Society paid its first visit to the Chinnor Cement Works on Tuesday, 29th November, where a comprehensive inspection gave members an intimate knowledge of the manufacture of high grade Portland cement. After the mixing process, the liquid "slurry" passes into giant rotary kilns at 1,000 degrees Centigrade for burning, thereafter being ground and then stored in an enormous concrete silo. The packing plant, automatically filling bags with the correct weight of cement, proved of great interest.

Mr. Gordon Russell's lecture on Monday, 30th January, on "Design in Everyday Things" was devoted chiefly to furniture for reasons which, as the lecturer said, his audience would appreciate, his own interests as head of the well-known firm of designers being closely allied with the town's staple industry. He made clear his plea for consideration of the harmony of simple beauty with utility by showing an excellent series of lantern slides.

A return to a purely scientific subject was made by Mr. Walker's lecture on the 13th of February on "Insectivorous Plants." Outlining the nitrogen cycle and processes of nutrition, the lecturer pointed out that certain plants, located in swampy districts and lacking certain essential mineral salts from the soil, had peculiar methods of making up the deficiency by feeding upon insects. A close-up study with slides of the ability of the sundew and the bladderwort to capture their prey was followed by the even more fascinating devices of the pitcher-plant. Mr. Walker's talk was received with much appreciation.

During March, three local visits were made by members of the Society; to the Telephone Exchange, Messrs. Broom and Wade's and Messrs. Ernest Turner's, on the 8th, 14th, and 21st respectively. Members in the senior school always find much of interest in these inspetiocns, which should prove of considerable assistance to those who realise that one day they will be confronted with the problem of what type of employment they are going to seek. The insight thus provided ought to be helpful in making the right decision.



## PARENTS' SERVICE.

The Parents' Service was held in the School Hall on Sunday, March 26th, 1939. The order of service was as follows:—

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA : Minuet from "Samson" ... .. *Handel.*  
 HYMN : "All glory, laud and honour."  
 PRAYERS.  
 PSALM 121 : "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help."  
 LESSON, read by E. S. Johnson.  
 ARIA : "Come unto Him" (Messiah) ... .. *Handel.*  
       "Alleluia" (by section of School Choir) ... .. *Mozart.*  
 HYMN : "Blessed are the pure in heart."  
 ADDRESS by the HEADMASTER.  
 HYMN : "Onward, Christian soldiers."  
 BENEDICTION.  
 SCHOOL ORCHESTRA : "Gavotte from Suite in D" ... .. *Bach.*

A collection for the Waifs & Strays Society amounted to £2 12s. 7d.

The Headmaster preached from passages telling of the beginning and end of Christ's life, which indicated the spirit in the whole of his teaching.

Before Christ, Jewish education had been for the upper class only and Jewish religion for the privileged few. Christ's Gospel, on the other hand, was for even the poorest, who had suffered years of oppression and captivity. To symbolise this, He collected poor fishermen as His disciples.

He came to teach sympathy, understanding and service and to show that deed was more important than word. At twelve He was teaching the teachers, putting Himself in their place and seeing their point of view ; He had patience to understand the Scribes and Pharisees. He had sympathy with the sick and bereaved ; He saw the scrap of decency in the rich young ruler and understood the centurion. When Christ's disciples made mistakes He saw their good intentions. His doctrine was to turn the other cheek, to give the cloak also. If He saw wrong, He put it right, but not by aggression.

The Headmaster then turned to Jesus' desire to serve. Service for others was the greatest opportunity to do good in the world and the greatest sign of progress.

Education, which had always been a great aid to the church, had progressed unboundedly in the last hundred years. Before that time, it had been almost entirely in the hands of the Church and only the rich had benefited by it. Since, it had been the greatest force in levelling, and sharing the good things of this world. The person of intellect and desire to work had the opportunity to rise, in whatever place he was born. Education had done much to abolish class distinction. But, continued the Headmaster, greater education should mean greater opportunity for service, not opportunity to earn more for self and for selfish enjoyment. Man must be willing to give in return for what he received. Education and service must progress together. He felt that they usually did so, and that people who started from the bottom did realise their duties and appreciate their good fortune.

He was, however, often disappointed with the attitude of boys in School. The various activities in the School did not support each other ; prefects did not realise their responsibilities ; nor did small boys give the seniors their support. Masters who voluntarily sacrificed their spare time did not receive an equal sacrifice from the boys. A big institution was like the Christian world ; it could not succeed unless all its members were willing

to give. Parents, too, could do their share ; they must realise that the School did not exist for their boy only or for what he was going to gain materially from the School. They must show sympathy and see the points of view of the School and the Staff as well as their own. The Headmaster did believe progress was being made and prejudices of all kinds were being abolished.

Finally the Headmaster spoke of the present state of the world and of how at times it caused bewilderment and made man question the reality of progress. But the greater one's responsibilities, the greater were one's hopes. The ideal of service remained though our bodies might be destroyed. Christ died, but His truth remained, and would survive in spite of wars. It was the spirit of understanding and sympathy which had brought us to the measure of sanity we had attained. In no previous epoch had such restraint and sanity been shown. It could be seen in a small way in School by the kindness shown to boys from other countries. The spirit of sympathy and service was growing and it was the duty of all to see that it continued to grow.



## ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

### 1st XI. Matches.

1939	Opponents	Ground	Goals		Result
			F	A	
Mar. 4	—O.W.A.F.C. (2nd XI.)	... Home ...	0	6	... Lost
.. 7	—Masters' XI. ...	... Home ...	0	5	... Lost
.. 11	—Amersham G.S. ...	... Away ...	5	1	... Won
.. 18	—O.W.A.F.C. (2nd XI.)	... Home ...	6	4	... Won
.. 25	—Old Boys ...	... Home ...	3	4	... Lost

### House Cup Matches (1st XI's.)

Arnison	v. Disraeli	... 2—2	Replay 3—2	... Won by Arnison.
Queens	v. Kings	... 0—0	.. 3—2	... Won by Queens.
<i>Final :</i>				
Arnison	v. Queens'	... 4—4	.. 4—1	... Won by Queens.

### Review of the Season.

As the Association season was so short, it was difficult to obtain the necessary practice before starting the matches. After losing to the Old Boys 2nd XI. by 6 goals to nil, the School, with more experience, then beat a strengthened Old Boys 2nd XI. by 6 goals to 4. It was satisfying to see the School side show ex-

cellent form in their only inter-school game ; they beat Amersham G.S., who had played " soccer " all through the winter, by 5 goal to 1.

A very good game was played with the Old Boys 1st XI., when the School, with the inclusion of three Masters, held the strong Old Boys team, which is playing together throughout the season, to the close result of 3—4. We were pleased to see A. E. Mines (Bob) captaining the Old Boys ; he was School Captain in the season 1926-27 when P. W. Stacey, also from Downley, scored a record number of goals.

The House matches were very evenly contested, as each game ended in a draw, necessitating replays. In the Final, Queens drew with Arnison and in the replay Queens won by 4 goals to 1.

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### Characters of the Team.

\*J. P. LORD (*Captain*), centre forward. Can play equally well at half back. Has good footwork and is very quick on the ball. Has captained the team well.

\*P. THORNE (*Vice-Captain*), right back. Has a strong kick and is very fast when necessary.

F. E. TIMPSON (centre-half). Has filled this arduous position with success. Shows good footwork. Has been awarded his colours.

J. A. HUGHES (inside-left). Combines well and has good footwork. Shoots well at times. Has been awarded his colours.

DICKSON, D. A. (right-half). A keen player and hard worker. Has improved steadily.

JONES, D. (inside-right). Shows good footwork and combines well. Though a light-weight, has scored many goals.

MINES (left-half). Has good footwork and plays a steady game. Feeds his forwards well.

WEST (goalkeeper). Has developed into a fairly safe custodian.

WILSON (outside-right). A useful player as a forward or half-back. Played very well against Amersham.

CLARK, P. T. (right-back). A keen worker and combines well. Must learn to clear with a first-time kick.

SMITH, L. H. (outside-left). A very promising young player. A natural footballer.

\* Signifies " Old Colour."

R.G.S. 1ST XI. v. AMERSHAM, G.S. 1st XI. (Away). March 11th, 1939.

The School won the toss and chose to play downhill. The School forwards combined well, but the Amersham right-wing was very dangerous on one or two occasions. The School opened the scoring in a brilliant fashion from a strong clearance by Thorne; Smith on the left wing centred for Wilson to cut in from the right and score with a fine volley. From then onwards, the School team dominated the game, and the first half ended with the School leading 3—0 through goals added by Jones and Mugliston. Soon after the resumption, Mugliston again scored to increase the School's already substantial lead. Amersham then attacked and fully deserved the goal which they scored from close quarters and which gave West in goal no chance. Wilson then scored again and the School had won very comfortably by 5 goals to 1.

Team: West; P. Thorne, Dickson; Clark, P. T., Mines, Timpson i; J. P. Lord, Wilson, Jones, Mugliston, Smith, J. H.

R.G.S. 1ST XI. v. OLD BOYS' 2ND XI. (Home) March 18th, 1939.

The Old Boys kicked off, and for some time neither team held any advantage. From a strong clearance, however, Wilson dribbled along the right wing and scored a good goal with a shot from a difficult angle. The Old Boys, however, soon equalised through a well deserved goal scored by Sharpe. The School took the lead again when Lord scored. The Old Boys replied with a goal from Griffin, scored with a fine shot after a brilliant solo effort. The next goal came in a rather unexpected manner, when Wilson scored his second goal direct from a corner kick. This left the score at half-time as 3—2 in the School's favour. Soon after resuming, Griffin once more made the scores level. Hughes next scored a goal for the School, his shot being deflected by Welch. The Old Boys fought back well and again equalised when Redgate scored. Towards the finish, however, it became apparent that the School would last the better, and Jones and Wilson scored to make the game safe for the School with the score 6—4.

Team: West; P. Thorne, Dickson; Clark, Timpson i, Mines; Wilson, Mines, J. P. Lord, Hughes, Smith, L. H.

R.G.S. 1ST XI. v. OLD BOYS' 1ST XI. (Home). March 25th, 1939.

For this match the School was strengthened by the inclusion of Mr. Roberts at right-back, Mr. Hood at centre-half and Mr. Bicknell at inside-right. The Old Boys fielded a strong team, and their forwards combined exceptionally well, and kept the School on the defence for very long periods. After some very even play, the Old Boys scored through Griffin, but the School attacked strongly and equalised. However, the Old Boys went ahead and at half time the score was 2—1 in their favour through a further goal scored by Griffin. Early in the second half, the Old Boys increased their lead by goals scored by Curtiss and Darville. This made the score 4—1. Then, however, the School fought back strongly and brought the score to 4—3.

Team: West; Mr. Roberts, P. Thorne; Timpson, Mr. Hood, Dickson i; Wilson, Mr. Bicknell, J. P. Lord, Hughes i, Jones i.





## RUGBY FOOTBALL.

### 1st XV. Matches.

1939	Opponents	Ground	Points		Result
			F	A	
Jan. 10	—Public Schools XV. ...	Home ...	11	3	... Won
.. 21	—No. 1 R.A.F., Halton ...	Away ...	11	25	... Lost
Feb. 4	—Windsor County School ...	Away ...	11	11	... Draw
.. 11	—Old Boys ...	Home ...	3	13	... Lost
.. 18	—Lord Williams's School, Thame ...	Home ...	23	6	... Won
.. 25	—Old Redingensians "B" ...	Home ...	0	14	... Lost

### Colts XV. Matches.

1939	Opponents	Ground	Points		Result
			F	A	
Feb. 4	—Windsor County School ...	Home ...	21	3	... Won
.. 18	—Lord Williams's School, Thame ...	Away ...	6	8	... Lost

### House Matches.

- Round 1. Kings beat Queens by 6 points to nil.  
Disraeli beat Arnison by 15 points to 3.
- Round 2. Kings beat Arnison by 15 points to nil.  
Disraeli beat Queens by 12 points to 3.
- Round 3. Queens beat Arnison by 40 points to nil.  
Kings and Disraeli drew 3 points all.  
Replay: Disraeli beat Kings by 11 points to 3.

### Order of Merit.

#### 1st House XV.

- 1st, Disraeli.
- 2nd, Kings.
- 3rd, Queens.
- 4th, Arnison.

#### 2nd House XV.

- 1st, Disraeli.
- 2nd, Kings.
- 3rd, Queens.
- 4th, Arnison.

### Review of the Season.

The Rugby season had many pleasing features. After a successful Autumn term a few matches were played after Christmas, when experiments were made to find talent for the next season. The School is now benefiting by the longer Rugby season and boys are showing a greater knowledge of the game. The Old Boys' match, as the Old Boys unanimously agreed, was one of the best for many years; the School were playing entirely without Masters against a very skilled and experienced side, composed of the best players who have left during the past four years. The

School's tackling especially surprised their seniors for its speed and accuracy, and it was only the extra weight of their opponents that won them the game. Their opponents were the first to admit it. The School played very well in the inter-school games, easily winning one and drawing the other away from home. If the School had not been handicapped by playing only fourteen men against Halton, another victory would probably have been won ; many times during the match the School led and the score of 11—25 was very flattering to their opponents. The Redingensians won on a very wet day owing to their much greater weight.

The House matches were very closely contested. All four Houses turned out capable and well trained sides, Disraeli and Kings proving the strongest. The Cup is now awarded on a league instead of a knock-out competition. By the third series of matches the championship rested between Disraeli and Kings. Some really excellent Rugby was seen in the first meeting between these two Houses, and it ended in a draw of 3 points each. In the replay Disraeli won by 11 points to 3 after a very stern battle. Both sides deserve every praise as there was little to choose between them. A Colts competition was no longer held and the Colts Cup was now awarded to the champions of the league for 2nd House XV's. As in the senior league Disraeli were winners with Kings as runners-up.

Finally a word must be said of the players in the School XV. Of the outsiders great credit is due to P. Thorne, a very able player and Captain, who will be at School next year, and R. J. Gomm, who must be one of the best scrum workers and tacklers the School has ever had. D. A. Dickson made steady improvement as a full back, and in some of the later games hardly made a mistake. A line of young three-quarters, Perfect, J. G., Wilson, Castle and Miles showed promise. The forwards were a hard-working pack, which in addition to the brilliant winger J. P. Lord, the Vice-Capt., contained B. E. Ruck, P. Hands, P. E. Harris, all towers of strength and many promising recruits including Hammond and Kingham.

The following played for the 1st XV. : P. Thorne (Captain), J. P. Lord (Vice-Captain), R. J. Gomm, D. A. Dickson, B. E. Ruck, P. E. Harris, P. Hands, all 1st XV. Colours ; Harding i, Lovell, Lear, Hazell, Haynes, Perfect, J. G., Wilson, Miles, Castle, Whittall, Clark, P. T., all 2nd XV. Colours ; Hammond, Gardner and Kingham.

R.G.S. 1ST XV. v. WINDSOR C.S. 1st XV. (Away). February 4th, 1939.

The School kicked off into a slight breeze. The forwards backed the kick up well, and by dint of pressing strongly, forced a scrum five yards out from the Windsor try-line. A clean heel resulted in a try from Gomm, who cleverly sold his opposite number a neat dummy. However, the kick failed. Windsor then pressed into the School's twenty-five and from a loose heel scored a try, which was not converted. From the kick off the ball was carried well into Windsor's half, but owing to defective heeling the backs were cramped and made but little progress until Gomm ran from Windsor's ten yard line and dived over in the corner, only to have his effort disallowed. A few moments later, however, Gomm again flung himself over the line for a try, which was this time converted. Half-time came with Windsor attacking, but with the score 8—3 in the School's favour.

Soon after play restarted the Windsor backs penetrated the School's defence and scored another unconverted try. Wycombe pressed strongly and from a back movement the play was carried to within a few feet of the Windsor line. Again the slow heeling of the forwards began to cramp the backs, who might have done better to be deeper and keep closer together. Suddenly a Windsor back snatched up a loose ball and forced his way over for a try, which was converted, making the score 8—11 in our opponents' favour. The rest of the game was taken up by an end-to-end struggle. Again and again the backs on both sides got within feet of the line, only to be tackled. With two minutes to go the Wycombe forwards caught the ball from a line-out and without any delay it was passed along the back line to Wilson, who snatching an opportunity raced through to be tackled only a yard from the line. Thorne who was following him, picked up the loose ball and scored a try in the corner. The kick, upon which depended the issue of the game, dropped a foot below the bar and whistle went for no-side.

Result : Draw, 11 points to 11.

R.G.S. 1ST XV. v. OLD BOYS' XV. (Home). February 11th, 1939.

The School fielded a side composed only of boys and from the beginning to the end of the game played a most determined game. Everyone on the side tackled hard and safely and though the Old Boys combined well, no movement made much headway before it was broken up. Eventually Law kicked a fine penalty goal for the Old Boys. The extra weight of the Old Boys' scrum began to tell and a severe strain was imposed on the School's defence, in breaking up repeated attacks from their opponents' continued heeling from the scrum. Just before half-time Stevens made good headway down the middle to give Norman the opportunity to race over. Law converted with a fine kick.

The School pressed strongly in the second half and many times came very near to scoring. After the School had converted a penalty, the Old Boys' weight again began to tell and they scored another try which Law again converted. A fast and exciting game, which was notable for the extremely sporting spirit in which hard knocks were given and taken, ended in a win for the Old Boys by 13 points to 3.



## OLD BOYS' CLUB.

### Births.

N. BECKFORD (1919—1925).—On May 24th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. N. Beckford, a son.

A. H. FISHER (1920—1926).—On April 27th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Fisher, a son.

C. B. HOUSDEN (1917—1922).—On May 3rd, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Housden, a son.

A. C. KLEIN (1916—1924).—On May 28th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Klein, a daughter.

F. JEWELL (1924—1927).—On April 18th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. F. Jewell, a son.

F. LATCHFORD (1919—1926).—On May 29th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. F. Latchford, a daughter.

F. PAYNE (1913—1918).—On April 10th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. F. Payne, a daughter.

S. W. SHARPE (1915—1919).—On June 6th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Sharpe, a son.

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### Marriages.

BOORMAN—MACKINLAY.—At Laleham-on-Thames, on March 14th, 1939, A. G. Boorman (1916—1922) to Miss G. L. Mackinlay.

WALLER—BATT.—At Shiplake, 1939, C. A. Waller (1922—1929) to Miss B. M. Batt.

WALTER—KING.—At High Wycombe on May 29th, 1939 J. F. Walter (1923—1927) to Miss M. E. King.

CURTIS—BIGSWORTH.—At Beaconsfield, on June 10th, 1939, A. G. Curtis (1924—1930) to Miss M. E. Bigsworth.

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### Death.

R. BRUNTON.—On May 30th, 1939, in London, aged 19 years.

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### Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Red Lion Lounge just before the Annual Dinner on Wednesday, February 15th, the President, Mr. Arnison, being in the chair. After the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting had been read and confirmed, the Hon. Secretary presented the statement of accounts for the year 1937-38.

The Club, he said, was financially quite strong. Twenty-one new members had joined during the year, including four new Life Members. The Annual Dance of the Club was generally considered to be one of the best dances of the season. The Rugger Club continued its successful career, while the Soccer Club, though at present in a somewhat low financial position, looked to the future with hope and courage.

While the number who had promised to attend the Dinner that evening was nearly a record, it was felt that the occasion could still be much improved if Old Boys only realised what a pleasant, informal evening it always was and if those who intended to be present made a greater effort to canvass their contemporaries at the Old School.

The officers of the Club for the following year were elected as follows:—*President*: G. W. Arnison, Esq.; *Vice-Presidents*: Messrs. W. J. Bartle, A. J. Clarke, W. H. Healey, P. C. Raffety, E. R. Tucker and Colonel L. L. C. Reynolds; *Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*: Mr. P. L. Jones; *Assistant Hon. Secretary and Treasurer*: Mr. J. C. Nutt; *Games Secretary*: Mr. H. G. Brand; *Assistant Games Secretary (Rugger)*: E. G. Barnes; *Assistant Games Secretary (Soccer)*: R. A. Aldridge; *Committee*: R. F. Emery, S. E. Hands, G. F. Horley, G. H. Hunt, A. E. Janes, T. C. K. Knowles, J. W. K. Taylor, N. H. Theed, S. T. Theed and L. F. Watkins.

### Statement of Accounts for year ended 31st December, 1938.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
Balance in Bank on December 31st, 1937	....	47	9	7
From Subscriptions (92)	....	34	2	0
Arrears (3)	....		15	0
Dance Profits (2)	....		9	13
Interest on £275 3½% War Stock	....		9	12
Deposit Account and Interest	....		15	0
		£116	12	3
EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
To 3½% War Stock	....	52	6	1
Cheque Book	....		4	2
Printing, Stamps, Advertising, etc.	....		6	16
Magazines	....		20	6
Loss on Annual Dinner	....		4	4
Balance in Bank, 31st December, 1938	....		32	15
		£116	12	3

## Annual Dinner.

The Annual Dinner of the Club was held on Wednesday, February 15th, at the Red Lion Hotel, High Wycombe. The number of Old Boys who had promised to attend would have been too great for the Wellington Room, and the engagement of the Georgian Room greatly added to the evening's enjoyment. Many more Old Boys would attend this necessary function of the Club if they only knew how very informal and enjoyable it is. Quite a number were present at the request of former friends, and the pleasure of the re-union was obvious.

The guest of honour was Alderman W. H. Healey, J.P., C.A., the Chairman of the Governors. Mr. Arnison presided, and the Mayor (Councillor A. C. White) and the Deputy Mayor (Alderman O. Haines) were among the guests.

Mr. Tucker, before giving the toast of the guest of honour, referred to the many successes of the School and to the activities of the Staff who were energetic enough to put out their own XV. against the School. He mentioned the new extensions which had been opened by Lord Hugh Cecil in September; the improvements and enlargements would be a revelation to any Old Boy when visiting his old School, where he would always be cordially welcomed.

Of the guest of honour, Alderman Healey, Mr. Tucker said "He is a man who has reached the top of the tree in almost every way. If he had devoted his life to the advancement of his own interests he would have been one of the wealthiest men in these parts. He is a man, however, who feels he can be satisfied with enough and he has devoted his life, instead, to public work."

Mr. Tucker also referred to the work of the Mayor and of the Deputy Mayor. With Alderman Healey, he said they were typical of the men who took part in the public life of High Wycombe.

Mr. Tucker concluded his speech by asking for the support of all Old Boys who had sons, nephews and wards coming along. It would be worth their while, he said, to remember that their Old School could offer just the same chances as better known schools.

Alderman Healey, responding to the toast, said that it was an indication of the affection the Old Boys had for the School that the Old Wycombiensians Rigger Club had offered a cup for competition among present boys. He also referred to the fact that at present fifteen boys of the School were students at universities.

"The Governors are proud of the continued progress of the School;" declared Alderman Healey, "they are very jealous of its

traditions and of the maintenance of the unique position it holds among the schools of this country. I intend, in common with others, to hang on as long as possible to these traditions."

Alderman Healey concluded his speech with a very strong appeal to those present to make a greater effort to join in the work of local government and to take their part in making things better for their fellow citizens.

Giving the toast of the Old Boys' Club, the Mayor thanked Mr. Arnison for his work during his twenty-eight years as Headmaster, in shaping the characters of many who were now citizens of High Wycombe, a town of very old standing.

Mr. M. M. Gardham responded for the Club in a witty speech. His remarks evoked almost continual laughter and he concluded by praising the spirit that brought them together that evening.

Claude Chandler, the "Unique Entertainer," who had been engaged for the evening, proved a great success, and George Mercer's good tenor voice was much appreciated. The evening would not have been complete without the faithful Will Timms, accompanied by J. C. S. Nutt. Another Old Boy, Gilbert Burch, kindly accompanied the professionals, while C. D. Bates very ably led the community singing.

If Old Boys spread the news of how they enjoyed that evening, it is certain that the number at future dinners will more than fill the spacious Georgian Room.



## OLD BOYS' NOTES AND NEWS.

N. BECKFORD (1919—1925), of Burnham Beeches Swimming Pool, has been successful in passing the examination in Water Technology and Bacteriology at Hackney Institute.

News of LAWRENCE COLLINGWOOD, O.B. (unfortunately the Editor cannot supply his dates) will undoubtedly interest many Old Boys. Born in London 1887, he was chorister at Westminster Abbey in 1896 and sang at the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and at two Coronations. When only fourteen, he played the organ at the Abbey for the first time and subsequently played there nearly every Sunday evening for eighteen months. He was organist at St. Thomas's Hospital at sixteen, won an organ scholarship to Exeter College, Oxford, in 1918, and went to Russia in 1912 to continue his musical studies at the Petersburg Conservatoire. He returned to England in 1918 and received the Carnegie Award the same year. He spent twelve months in the

army with the North Russian Expeditionary Force, joined the Old Vic in 1920, and conducted the first opera at Sadlers' Wells in 1932 (Carmen).

He himself has written piano sonatas, songs, quartets, and concert pieces for piano and orchestra and his most important work to date is his opera "Macbeth," which was performed at Sadlers' Wells in 1934. He is now writing a new opera.

This gifted musician and conductor with the high forehead and ascetic countenance loathes shams, showmanship for its own sake, anything meretricious. He works hard, enjoys an open-air life whenever he can and takes his job with the seriousness of a man who believes in it. He is an asset to English music-making, especially because of his faith in opera in England and what Sadlers Wells can do.

D. J. GREEN (1933—1938) writes to say he is getting on quite well at Ellermans' but admits he misses his friends and the helpful criticism of the Masters. Now he has to find things out for himself.

C. A. GRIFFITHS (1919—1925) is happy in his new headship at Burnham and has already one Old Boy, A. N. C. Johnson, on his staff. He is hoping to get also H. W. Johnson, another Old Boy.

E. H. HUNT (1923—1930) has passed the Final Examination of the Chartered Surveyors' Institute.

A. RICHARDS (1907—1912) has been more than usually busy lately. The Gravesend Grammar School has moved to a most modern building about a mile from its previous one. The move involved many extra activities, including an opening ceremony.

E. H. SAMPSON (1926—1931) is still at Croydon, but is going to the firm's new factory at Welwyn in June. He also intends getting married at Derby in the same month.

The Secretary would be grateful for the present addresses of J. Freeman and J. M. Stanton. He would also be glad to receive the name and address of the Old Boy who asked for special terms to become a life member. The signature was indecipherable to all (about twenty) consulted and no address was enclosed.



### **OLD WYCOMBIENSIANS R.U.F.C., 1938-39.**

The season 1938-39 was the most successful yet experienced by the Club. The first team lost only six matches compared with seven in the previous season. Six losses were sustained against three clubs, Halton, Staines and Slough winning each time they



were met. Many stronger fixtures had been included and the standard of play had definitely improved. Impressive victories were gained against Berkshire Wanderers, Jesus College, Oxford, Aylesbury and the Old Merchant Taylors' Extra Firsts.

Sid Hands was again invaluable as a Captain, both on and off the field, and the same can be said of Horley who, in addition to being a sound full-back, was a most competent team secretary. There is plenty of promising material including Gomm, Yeoman, Fleck, Norman, Mole and Williamson. L. B. Barnes again led the pack very successfully, and amongst the outsides Griffiths and Aitchison deserve special mention; unfortunately they were not always available, but when present their cleverness and combination contributed largely to many of the successes gained. Undoubtedly the strength and prestige of the Club are growing and the day is in sight when three teams can be fielded regularly.

### 1st XV.

1938	Opponents	Ground	Points		Result
			F	A	
Sept. 17	Berkshire Wanderers	... Away ...	13	12	... Won
.. 24	Staines	... Home ...	11	13	... Lost
Oct. 1	Slough	... Away ...	11	19	... Lost
.. 8	C.W.R., London	... Home ...	23	0	... Won
.. 15	Jesus College, Oxford	... Away ...	14	5	... Won
.. 22	Osterley	... Home ...	11	11	... Drawn
.. 29	Old Henleinsians	... Away ...	5	3	... Won
Nov. 5	Old Windsorians	... Home ...	3	3	... Drawn
.. 12	Staines	... Away ...	3	14	... Lost
.. 19	Aylesbury	... Away ...	22	0	... Won
.. 24	Corpus Christi College, Oxford	... Away ...	49	0	... Won
Dec. 3	O.M.T. Ex. 1st	... Home ...	24	6	... Won
.. 10	Slough...	... Home ...	7	11	... Lost
.. 17	Old Henleinsians	... Home ...	5	4	... Won
.. 31	Windsor	... Away ...	8	3	... Won
1939					
Jan. 14	Halton Command	... Away ...	6	24	... Lost
Feb. 4	Chiltern	... Home ...	8	3	... Won
.. 18	London School of Economics	Away ...	6	3	... Won
.. 25	Aylesbury	... Home ...	3	3	... Drawn
Mar. 4	Old Windsorians	... Away ...	19	3	... Won
.. 11	University College Hospital	Away ...	24	0	... Won
.. 25	R.A.F., Halton, App.	... Away ...	0	17	... Lost
Apr. 1	Old Watfordians	... Away ...	11	9	... Won
.. 8	Oxford Nomads	... Home ...	23	3	... Won

Played, 24; Won, 15; Drawn, 3; Lost, 6; Points for, 309; Against, 169.

## "A" XV.

	1938	Opponents	Ground	Points		Result
				F	A	
Sept.	17	No. 2 R.A.F., Halton	... Home ...	0	18	... Lost
"	24	No. 2 R.A.F., Halton	... Away ...	3	38	... Lost
Oct.	1	Old Redingians "B"	... Home ...	22	3	... Won
"	8	G.W.R., London, "A"	... Away ...	15	0	... Won
"	22	Osterley "A"	... Away ...	0	15	... Lost
"	29	Old Henleinsians "A"	... Home ...	22	0	... Won
Nov.	5	Old Windsorians "A"	... Away ...	6	3	... Won
"	12	Culham	... Away ...	3	21	... Lost
"	19	Aylesbury "A"	... Home ...	14	3	... Won
"	26	Berkshire Wanderers Ex. "A"	... Away ...	19	3	... Won
Dec.	3	Reading University "A"	... Home ...	13	3	... Won
"	10	Slough "A"	... Away ...	5	9	... Lost
"	17	Old Henleinsians "A"	... Away ...	3	6	... Lost
"	31	Windsor "B"	... Home ...	8	8	... Drawn
1939						
Jan.	14	No. 2 Wing, Halton	... Home ...	0	6	... Lost
"	21	Old Redingians "B"	... Away ...	6	6	... Drawn
Feb.	4	Chiltern "A"	... Away ...	13	6	... Won
"	11	School	... Home ...	13	3	... Won
"	18	Culham	... Home ...	3	14	... Lost
"	25	Aylesbury "A"	... Away ...	0	18	... Lost
Mar.	11	Slough "A"	... Home ...	3	6	... Lost
"	18	Windsor "B"	... Away ...	3	3	... Drawn
"	25	Berkshire Wanderers Ex. "A"	... Home ...	16	13	... Won
Apr.	8	Old Watfordians "A"	... Home ...	5	11	... Lost

Played, 24; Won, 10; Drawn, 3; Lost, 11; Points for, 195; Against, 216.



## CLASS LISTS.

This List contains the names of the two boys in each Form who are most worthy of praise in the respective subjects :—

FORM :	SCRIPTURE.	MATHEMATICS.	FRENCH.	ENGLISH.
VI. ..	Miles (A) Moore (A)	Giles (D) Ward (K)	Timpson (A) Thorne (Q)	Timpson (A) Thorne (Q)
Vu(m) ..		Holmes (K) Baldwin (K)	Baldwin (K) McQueen (A)	Baldwin (K) Porter (D)
Vu(c) ..		Youens (A) Harding (K)	Whittall (D) Harding (K)	Auty (A) Langford (K)
VA. ..		Hopkins (Q) Wickens (A)	Crutchfield (K) Bugg (A)	Crutchfield (K) Stevenson (Q)
Vm. ..	North (K) Perfect (Q)	Perfect (Q) Becket (D)	North (K) Merriman (Q)	Perfect, G. (Q) Becket (D)
Vc. ..	Harris, D. (D) Berry (Q)	Glenister (A) Stanners (D)	Trendell (D) Berry (Q)	Berry (Q) Stanners (D)
IVA. ..	Jones (K) Priest (A)	Barnard (D) Stone (K)	Priest, L. (A) Rumble (A)	Priest, L. (A) Clark, C. (D)
IVM. ..	Thorne (A) McQueen (D)	Grace (Q) Fales (D)	McQueen (D) Salter (A)	Tapping (K) Salter (A)
IVc. ..	Pocock (D) Cox (K)	Palmer (Q) Birch (Q)	Kelly (Q) Palmer (Q)	Golothan (Q) Cox (K)
IIIu(A)..	Butler (D) Higgins (A)	Goodearl (K) Weedon (Q)	Allman (Q) Rance (Q)	Goodearl (K) Weedon (Q)
IIIu(M)	Baddeley (Q) Tucker (A)	Bowler (Q) Hunt (A)	Mitchell (A) Bowler (Q)	Harrington (D) Lance (D)
IIIu(c)..	Vaughan (D) Wilcock (D)	Vaughan (D) Wilcock (D)	Alderman (D) Wilcock (D)	Hanks (D) Alderman (D)
III(A)..	Mackrill (A) Saunders (K)	Saunders (K) Stevens (D)	Fredericks (D) Peatey (D)	Fredericks (D) Saunders (K)
III(r)..	Manning (K) Page, N. (K)	Scally (Q) Youngman (K)	McQueen (D) Scally (Q)	Everitt (Q) Scally (Q)
III(c)..		Stone (K) Harley (A)	Ginger (A) Newell (A)	Ginger (A) Stone (K)
II. ..	Croxson (Q) Lord (D)	Croxson (Q) Lord (D)		Croxson (Q) Lord (D)
	HISTORY.	GEOGRAPHY.	PHYSICS.	CHEMISTRY.
VI. ..	Hughes (Q) Rose (D)	Bridger (Q) Timpson (A)	Giles (D) Stanners (D)	Miles (A) Collins (Q)
Vu(m) ..	Baldwin (K) McQueen (A)	Porter (D) Holmes (K)		
Vu(c) ..	Perfect (K) Gibson (Q)	Auty (A) Perfect (K)	Perfect (K) Langford (K)	Perfect (K) Walker (Q)
VA. ..	Wickens (A) Rayner (Q)	Mines (D) Mugliston (D)	Crutchfield (K) Stevenson (Q)	Crutchfield (K) Stevenson (Q)
Vm. ..	Grimsdell (K) North (K)	Grimsdell (K) Becket (D)		
Vc. ..	Berry (Q) Noble (D)	Warren (Q) Berry (Q)	Glenister (A) Lidgley (A)	Harris, F. (A) Glenister (A)
IVA. ..	Priest, L. (A) Larkin (K)	Lucas (D) Reseigh (D)	Lucas (D) Priest, L. (A)	Jones (K) Stevenson (Q)
IVM. ..	Grace (Q) Watson (Q)	McQueen (D) Tapping (K)		
IVc. ..	Perfect (K) Palmer (Q)	Kelly (Q) Carr (Q)	Child (K) Barnes (Q)	Child (K) Crayfourd (K)
IIIu(A)..	Butler (D) Goodearl (K)	Higgins (A) Newell (A)	Allman (Q) Higgins (A)	Wintch (A) Lance (Q)
IIIu(M)	Bowler (Q) Lance (D)	Lance (D) Hands (Q)		
IIIu(c)..	Berry (D) Goodman (D)	Lord (D) Hanks (D)	Bradley (Q) Barnes (Q)	Bradlev (Q) Small (Q)
III(A)..	Fredericks (D) Thwaites (A)	Wilson (D) Mackrill (A)		
III(B)..	Page, R. (A)	Scally (Q) Gray (A)		
III(c)..	Bass (D) Stone (K)	Bass (D) Newell (A)		
II. ..	Croxson (Q) Goodchild (K)	Croxson (Q) Lord (D)		

## CLASS LISTS (continued).

FORM :	ART.	PHYSICAL TRAINING.	LATIN.	GREEK.
VI. ..		Wilson (A) Thorne (Q) Castle (A)	Lovell (Q) Robertson (K)	Lovell (Q) Miller (A)
Vu(M) ..	Baldwin (K) Wilks (K)	Baldwin (K)		
Vu(c) ..	Viccars (Q) Auty (A)	Whittall (D) Gladwell (K) Collins ii (Q)	Gibson (Q) Walker (Q) Crutchfield (K)	
VA. ..	Timpson (A) Stevenson (Q)	Mines (D)	Jones (K)	Crutchfield (K) Jones (K)
VM. ..	Newton (K) Lake (A)	Birch (D) Turner, J. (K)		
Vc. ..	Glenister (A) Auty ii (A)	Stanners (D) Lidgley (A)	Glenister (A) Trendell (D)	
IVA. ..	Rumble (A) Rendell (Q)	Rendell (Q) Rumble (A)	Priest, L. (A) Stone (K)	Priest, L. (A) Jones (K)
IVM. ..	Croxson (A) Brown (K)	Lever (K) Cosgrove (D)		
IVc. ..	Carr (Q) Mansbridge (D)	Fleury (Q) Pocock (D)	Golothan (Q) Kelly (Q)	
IIIu(a)..	Endsor (D) Newell (A)	Bristow (K) Devenish (K)	Goodearl (K) Allman (Q)	
IIIu(M)	Baddeley (Q) Redrup (D)	Redrup (D) Hunt (A)		
IIIu(c)..	Bradley (Q) Barnett (D)	Stone (K) Harley (K)	Alderman (D) Wright (A)	
IIIu(a)..	Hayward (K) Berry (A)	Rayner (Q) Bonsey (Q)	Mackrill (A) Fredericks (D)	
IIIu(B)..	Martin, J. (K) Sally (Q)	Haley (Q) Martin, R. (Q)	Sally (Q) Rovers (Q)	
IIIu(c)..	Bass (D) Andrews (A)	Stone (K) Bulpett (K)	Stone (K) Ginger (A)	
II. ..	Harris (D) Lord (D)	Fleet (K) Coles (K)		
	GERMAN.	MANUAL.	ANCIENT HISTORY.	BIOLOGY.
VI. ..	Miles (A) Stanners (D)		Lovell (Q) Johnson (D)	Moore (A) Kingham (D)
				GENERAL SCIENCE.
Vu(M)..	Baldwin (K) Forter (K)	Holmes (K) Dickson (D)		Porter (D) Baldwin (K)
VM. ..	North (K)	Becket (D)		Becket (D)
Vc. ..	Merriman (Q)	Hammond (Q) Warren (Q) Lidgley (A)		Piercy (D)
IVA. ..	Lucas (D) Hunt (A)			
IVM. ..	Bedwell (A) Salter (A)	Eales (D) Lever (K) Carr (Q)		Salter (A) Eales (D)
IVc. ..		Carr (Q) Crayfouard (K)		
IIIu(M)	Dawe (D) Bowler (Q)	Evison (A) Hope (A)		Mitchell (A) Hands (Q)
IIIu(c)..		Barnes (Q) Barnett (D)		
IIIu(a)..				Fredericks (D) Mackrill (A)
IIIu(B)..				Gurney (A) Goodchild (K)
IIIu(c)..				Bass (A) Ginger (A)
			NATURE STUDY.	
II. ..		Croxson (Q) Lord (D)	Lord (D) Croxxon (Q)	

TOTALS : QUEENS, 92 ; DISRAELI, 90 ; KINGS, 85 ; ARNISON, 80.

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