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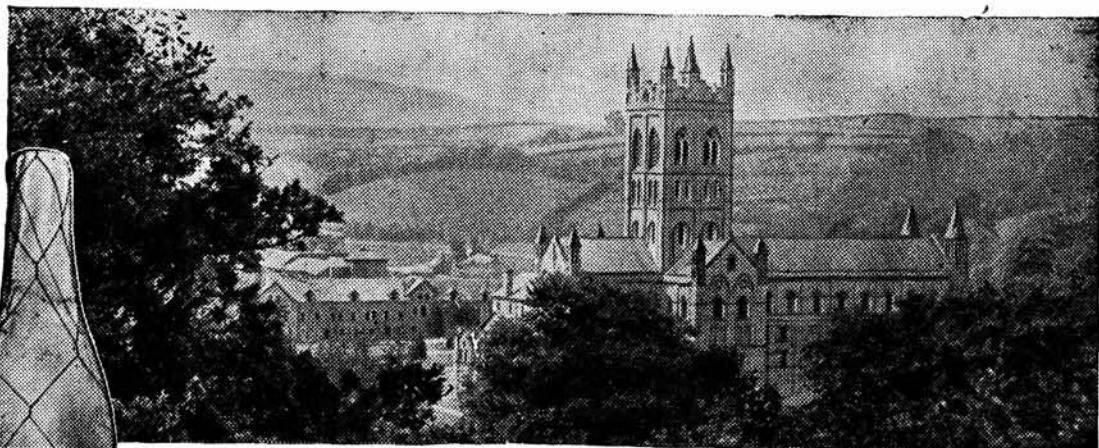
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When our last number went to press everybody was hoping that the long war in Europe was about to end. That hope was, thank God, justified in the event. But few of us then dared to expect that before the next *Georgian* appeared Japan, too, would have surrendered. Yet the unexpected happened; once again the world is at peace, and remembering the dark years, still so short a time ago, we may well say with the Psalmist: "For He was mindful of us in our affliction, and He redeemed us from our enemies: for His mercy endureth for ever."

One of the great pleasures of last term was the steady flow of news about Old Georgians who had been taken prisoner by the Germans and who were at last back in England. We can now look forward to hearing of those whose fate was even worse—our prisoners in Japanese hands. Meanwhile, on behalf of all our prisoners-of-war, a word of thanks is most certainly due to the present boys for all they have done, under Fr. Hugh's leadership, to send gifts and comforts to the captives.

Even the boldest optimist realises that world shortage of essentials must last for some time yet. Paper, for one thing, must remain scarce, and *The Georgian* cannot hope, for the moment, to increase in either size or weight. Some slackening of the present rigid control, however, must gradually come, and with this we hope to creep back to our pre-war standard. Particularly we hope to see again the plentiful illustrations which did so much to make our completed volumes such a full picture of life at St. George's.

As everywhere else, the days just before VE day passed in a nightmare of tension and false rumours. While London, Washington and Moscow tried in vain to make up their minds, school life became a succession of expectant scampers from classroom to wireless set, followed by a frustrated dispersal as the melancholy B.B.C. voice proclaimed: "There is still no official statement . . ." At last the grand news broke, and nearly all the Seniors dashed for the station and (one hoped) home. Many of the Juniors followed on the next morning.

Those who spent their VE holidays at school were happily occupied. There were games, picnics, outings and visits to the cinema. Several river parties were formed, though few really embarked: boats were scarce and very, very dear. After dark a huge bonfire blazed on the hill, answering a rival beacon on the Middlesex bank of the Thames, while ghostly figures danced around and the skies were swept by criss-crossing searchlights. One too familiar sound was heard for the last time: in the afternoon, as the closing words of the Prime Min-

ister's peace broadcast died into silence, local sirens sent out the last "All Clear." This defied an official ruling, but who cared? It was a fitting gesture all the same.

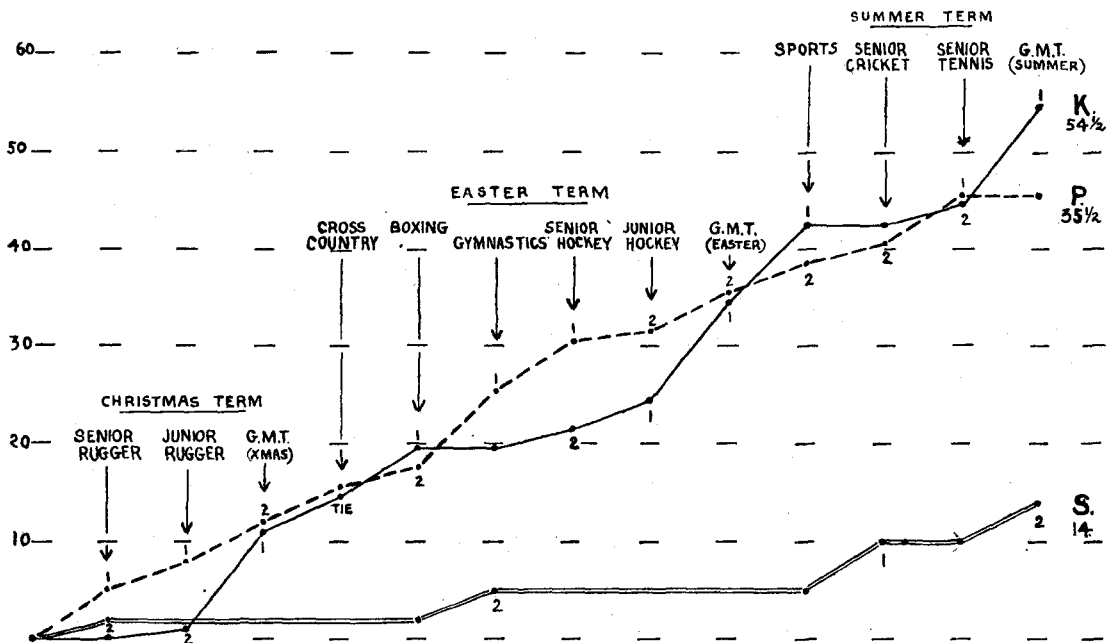
Another feature of VE Day was a determined onslaught by a gang of tough Seniors on the blast-wall which protected the Senior study. It had replaced an earlier rampart of sandbags which succumbed to winter and rough weather. But energy soon died. The bricks were set with cement instead of mortar, and good-will plus dynes, ergs and foot-pounds seemed useless. Perhaps "useless" is an exaggeration; several courses were in fact removed, but flying particles caused such casualties to the very windows which the wall had faithfully shielded in the past that a halt had soon to be called to the destruction.

This summer's Junior gardens were as ingeniously planned and carefully tended as ever. The Housemaster's prize for the best garden went to M. Cheshire, M. Rawlins and J. Versé, the runners-up being A. Daly, M. Moloney and J. Read. The third prize was won by R. Doherty, A. Joyce and A. Vlassopoulos.

John Wilson of the Upper Fifth has achieved the distinction—unique in the history of the College—of being in one school year Captain of Rugger, Hockey and Cricket, Victor Ludorum and winner of the Sportsman's Cup. He also won the Senior Tennis and Batting Cups. Not content with this feat, he has added to his laurels during the holidays by doing well in the Notts Junior Tennis Tournament, where he won the boys' doubles and reached the semi-finals of the boys' singles and the quarter-finals of the mixed doubles. Congratulations!

The Lower Fifth went to London to see the Robert Atkins production of "As You Like It." The weather was that of an English June at its worst and the Open Air Theatre wisely moved indoors, but all enjoyed themselves and subsequent criticism was overwhelmingly favourable.

Speaking of weather, our correspondent "Metoff" sends us this note about the great storm of July 14th: "The nearest attempt at a tropical storm that I have seen in this country." This was the summing-up of one who has spent many years in the tropics. To many (the youthful), a joy: a regular flashing reminiscent of the night sky of the blitz days at their brightest; to many others, rather a terrifying display. We seem to have had some of the best in the country, from roughly 2200 to 2400 hours. During that unforgettable night we had 2.85 inches of rain—a weight of approximately 34,000 tons on the 120 acres of Woburn Park.



COCK HOUSE COMPETITION, 1944-1945.

Congratulations to Mr. Francis, who was ordained sub-deacon by Bishop Brown on May 26th. On the previous day Mr. Kemble received the last two Minor Orders, and Mr. John the first two. Mr. Kemble has the rather sad distinction of being the last candidate to receive orders from Archbishop Amigo before a sudden collapse made it necessary for our Bishop to go to hospital. Fortunately, his health has since improved; may he soon be restored to full activity!

Congratulations also to A. Onraet and J. Willis, who made their first Holy Communion on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

The College is indebted to Mrs. Barton, of Send, for the gift of a magnificent collection of British moths—the fruit of years of search by the late Mr. Barton. The collection is admirably housed in three mahogany cabinets, which have been set up in the White House hall.

Do you understand graphs? If so, the diagram at the head of this page tells you the story of the struggle for the position of Cock House as the year went by: a dogged struggle, in which the lead changed five times. Petre (*broken line*) led from a flying start, piling up a steady succession of firsts and seconds and finishing both Christmas and Easter Terms with a narrow lead, yet always missing that first place in the General Merit Trophy which would have made her position really secure. Disaster followed in the Summer Term, with only a single trophy won (the Senior Tennis Cup) and a complete collapse in the G.M.T.

Kilmorey (*single line*) started poorly, pulled up sharply by winning the Christmas G.M.T., mo-

mentarily passed Petre by winning the Boxing Cup, and then once more fell further and further behind. The Summer Term gave her the lead again; this lead slowly shrank, disappeared after the Tennis Tournament, and was triumphantly re-established with the award (for the seventh term running) of the General Merit Trophy.

Of the feeble efforts of Southcote (*double line*), the less said the better.

For a large part of the Summer Term we were without the services of our Chemistry Master, Mr. Raymund, who was in hospital suffering from gastric trouble. There are, happily, good grounds for hoping that treatment and rest have put things right. The Upper School owes more than it probably realises to the other Science masters, who shared the invalid's work among themselves.

Improvements to the swimming pool, begun some eighteen months ago, are nearing completion. A level lawn has replaced the yews which formerly hemmed the pool in; a dwarf wall of bright Dorset stone encircles the enclosure. Seats are being built into the wall. A new concrete path, also with low walls, leads from cricket-field to pool. In the corner of the enclosure nearest the Junior field, a tiled paddling-pool is under construction. Everything was done by amateur labour: Mr. Dunstan was planner-in-chief, and he and Mr. Kemble the masons, while the unspectacular, though essential, work of clearing, digging and levelling fell mainly to volunteers from the Senior House. Already last term, bathing was more of a delight than ever; next summer, when the work is finished, it will be time to think of rechristening the pool "The Lido."

Another item from the baths. Thanks to regular chlorination, the water stays so clear between changings that diving for coins has become more popular than ever. On the day before the Sports a few odd pence were left on the bottom—whether by accident or by deep design no one knows. Twenty-four hours later they had mysteriously multiplied. The unknown numismatist who scattered the largesse caused much furious diving during the next swimming period, and one group of four Seniors recovered these prizes between them:—

2 threepenny-pieces; 1 twopenny-piece (George III); 26 pennies (3 of them early Georgian); 36 halfpennies (one of them George II); 7 farthings; two coins of unrecorded value, bearing the heads of Louis XVI of France and Rajah Brooke of Sarawak; and various coins marked: 25 centimes, 5 centesimi, 1 cent (Canada), 6 kreuzer (Baden), 1 chenska, 5 kopek, 1 lira. Of course, if anybody is really set on throwing unusual money into the bath, it is worth hinting that English sovereigns and half-sovereigns are rarer still—and they do show up splendidly!

As we went to press we heard with regret of the death of Fr. Malachy, O.F.M. For many years he had been one of our outside confessors, coming over periodically from the Franciscan house at Ascot, and many Georgians, past and present, owe him a real debt which they can discharge only by their prayers. May he rest in peace. We were also deeply sorry to learn of the death, on July 7th, of Mrs. Hoade, of Addlestone, the mother of Reginald ('07) and John Hoade ('13). Long after her two sons had left us Mrs. Hoade kept up her kindly interest in St. George's, and her name appeared in every list of donors to the Sports Prize Fund from its start in 1905 down to this very year. R.I.P.

HOUSE NOTES

SOUTHCOTE

We are last this year—I might almost say: as usual. Naturally, I am disappointed. The ambition of all House Captains is to get the Cock House Trophy before they leave. That was my ambition. Both last year and this, fate has decreed otherwise.

I do not blame Southcote for not winning Sports Trophies; we did our best, and more than once only luck tipped the scale against us. If we did not win, we fought; what grieves me is that for the General Merit Trophy we did not even fight. The blunt statement of the case is that we are last because we lost the G.M.T.—because 10% of Southcote are blatantly indifferent, shallow and selfish.

We did well to win the Cricket Cup. For the second time running, after narrowly beating Kilmorey we have beaten a vastly superior team in the final match. I congratulate the whole team on their fielding on both occasions. I must go further: we won both matches largely through the fine all-round performance of L. NEWMAN. Particularly in our innings against Petre, when nearly every run brought down a wicket, his good innings was vital.

I have been lucky this year. Without doubt, W. J. BROCKMAN has been an excellent prefect: reliable, more than willing, and setting by his enthusiasm an example to the House. Our monitor, B. GODWIN, has done his best with the Juniors.

I thank them both. BALLARD is to be doubly congratulated on his Cricket and Tennis Colours. Congratulations also to CAHILL and ELDRIDGE on winning their Cricket and Tennis colours respectively.

Finally, the best of luck to all Coots who are leaving. Next year I hope that Southcote, under an able leader, will at last wake up, go ahead, and win the silver cock.

VALETE. Three Coots left at Easter: J. Evans, N. Golding and F. O'Connor.

SALVETE. J. Borremans and H. Emberson entered Southcote in April.

A. Honey

PETRE

Petre lost the Cock House Competition through the absolute selfishness of the Juniors. By their indifference to their House's needs they threw away the most prized trophy of the year. For three terms they remained deaf to all appeals. I can only hope that during the coming year they will do their utmost to be of more assistance to their House.

The Seniors have again been a credit to Petre. Their unaided efforts in work and sport nearly enabled us to keep the Cock. I feel confident that next year will well reward their labours.

I thank sincerely my Prefect, E. MOORAT, and my Monitor, A. DALY, for all the support they have given me during the year.

J. MORGAN-EVANS, P. RUNTZ and WILLIAMSON were awarded their Cricket Colours. J. WILSON won the batting cup, and E. MOORAT the bowling cup. BAYNHAM and WILSON won their Tennis Colours. Well-earned congratulations to these, and to all who strove to help their House.

Best of luck in your efforts next year to retain—and regain—the trophies available.

VALETE. V. Lee and S. Toomer left at Easter. SALVE. D. Lawlor joined us after Easter.

B. Carty

KILMOREY

Contrary to all early expectations, you have done what seemed impossible. It was a difficult task, beset with reverses and wearisome trials, but you put your shoulders to the wheel, and if it moved slowly, it moved surely. You see the reward of these efforts and have indeed something to be proud of. The most satisfying feature of our winning the Cock House Trophy is that Juniors and Seniors are equally responsible for this success.

D. BERNON, our Prefect, and M. CHESHIRE, the Junior Monitor, deserve my thanks for helping me in the sometimes difficult task of running a House. G. COUGHLAN is to be congratulated on winning his Cricket Colours and on being runner-up in the Sportsman's Cup.

I have had many anxious moments, but these have passed and I look forward to being again with you next year. If you are as willing and determined as you were last year, then I will have no qualms about the future. You have done it once—go in and do it again. Good luck!

VALETE. Best wishes to W. Haydon and M. Henebrey, who left at Easter.

SALVE. R. Northway entered Kilmorey in April.

M. Hodges

ATHLETIC SPORTS

You can always count on keen competition and smooth-running organisation at our annual sports. You can *nearly* always count on good weather. Add the three together and you have everything needed for a happy afternoon. But 1945 added another ingredient: peace had returned to the Continent, and for the first time for many years we were entertaining our guests free from the shadow of European war.

The prizes were presented by Major J. E. Miller, M.C., R.A.M.C., who had landed at Arnhem with the airborne troops and, though able to escape, had insisted on remaining to tend the wounded. A most suitable choice, since Kilmorey won the shield, and the Major, some twelve years ago, had been successively Monitor, Prefect and Captain of that House.

Fr. Peter, who with Fr. David had been responsible for the afternoon's organisation, amply deserved the cheers given at the end by an enthusiastic assembly.

Programme and Results

High Jump.

- A. Div.—“KENYON” CHALLENGE CUP.
G. Waterer (4ft. 9½in.); 2nd P. Lister and P. Runtz.
B. Div.—K. Corrigan (4ft. 6in.); 2nd M. Cooper; 3rd L. Newman.
C. Div.—“DORÉ” CHALLENGE CUP.
A. Daly (3ft. 11in.); 2nd P. Lohmeyer; 3rd M. Bassadone.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.

- J. Harris (95yds. 1ft. 5in.); 2nd B. Murray; 3rd L. Dewing.

Long Jump.

- A. Div.—“MISS KEAN” CHALLENGE CUP.
J. Wilson (18ft. 3in.); 2nd G. Waterer; 3rd D. Bernon.
B. Div.—J. Harvey (15ft. 8in.); 2nd R. Johnson; 3rd A. Rickets.
C. Div.—P. Lohmeyer (14ft. 2in.); 2nd M. Bassadone; 3rd R. Doherty.

Putting the Weight.

- A. Div.—J. Harris (31ft. 3in.); 2nd A. Honey; 3rd G. Waterer.
C. Div.—J. Cork (24ft. 7in.); 2nd M. Bassadone; 3rd P. Lohmeyer.

100 Yards.

- A. Div.—“ROBERTS” CHALLENGE CUP.
J. Wilson (10 4/5 secs.); 2nd G. Waterer; 3rd L. Dewing.
B. Div.—“WARD” CHALLENGE CUP.
B. Reedy (11 4/5 secs.); 2nd K. Moore; 3rd D. Welsh.
C. Div.—“TINKER” CHALLENGE CUP.
P. Stableforth (13 4/5 secs.); 2nd P. Lohmeyer; 3rd A. Morrissey.
D. Div.—J. Hall (14 secs.); 2nd S. Enthoven; 3rd E. Rougemont.

Wheelbarrow Race.

- A. and B. Divs.—P. Baynham and J. Morgan-Evans; 2nd M. Cooper and C. Lee; 3rd A. Cahill and B. Murray.
C. Div.—P. Lohmeyer and M. Solly; 2nd P. Morgan-Evans and A. Morrissey; 3rd B. Downs and M. Weir.
D. Div.—B. O’Gorman and E. Rougemont; 2nd J. Bird and D. Delany; 3rd R. Padovan and L. Phillips.

220 Yards Handicap.

- B. Div.—“LUCIE-SMITH” CHALLENGE CUP.
B. Reedy (26 1/5 secs.); 2nd A. Rickets; 3rd K. Moore.
B2. Div.—F. Dod; 2nd M. Morgan-Evans; 3rd P. Phillips.
D. Div.—J. Boyle (33 secs.); 2nd J. Hall; 3rd E. Rougemont.
Under 9½ years—H. Van den Broek; 2nd R. Payne; 3rd W. Taylor.

Quarter-mile Handicap.

- A. Div.—“MCMURDIE” CHALLENGE CUP.
L. Dewing (58 2/5 secs.); 2nd J. Wilson; 3rd W. Brockman.
C. Div.—“VAN ZELLER” CHALLENGE CUP.
M. Weir (71 1/5 secs.); 2nd J. Runtz; 3rd M. Cheshire.
Under 12½ years—A. Morrissey; 2nd J. Allan; 3rd P. Stableforth.

Half-mile Handicap.

- A. Div.—F. Livingston (2 min. 17 3/5 secs.); 2nd R. Williamson; 3rd P. Lister.
B. Div.—“THE PRESIDENT’S” CHALLENGE CUP.
K. Moloney (2 min. 30 3/5 secs.); 2nd J. Bulloch; 3rd A. Coleman.

Three-legged Race.

- D. Div.—M. Onraet and E. Thornton; 2nd A. Ashcroft and G. Jackman; 3rd J. Bird and J. Hucklesby.

Cycle Race Handicap.

- A. Div.—One Mile: “BECKETT” CHALLENGE CUP.
J. Harris (3 min. 3 1/5 secs.); 2nd B. Murray; 3rd J. Daborn.
B. Div.—One Mile: “RAYMUND PRINCE” CHALLENGE CUP.
J. Shenton (3 min. 11 1/5 secs.); 2nd A. Pentony; 3rd J. Simpson.
C. Div.—Half-mile: “CORY-WRIGHT” CHALLENGE CUP.
M. Solly (1 min. 36 2/5 secs.); 2nd J. Cork; 3rd C. Batterson.
D. Div.—Half-mile: J. Hall (1 min. 46 1/5 secs.); 2nd D. Hoyland; 3rd D. Montgomery.

Girls’ Race (under 13).

- S. Forer; 2nd M. Butler; 3rd A. Page.

Inter-House Relay Race.

- Seniors** (four 220 yds.)—“FAWCETT” CHALLENGE CUP.
Kilmorey (G. Waterer, R. Levy, K. Moore, B. Reedy—1 min. 46 1/5 secs.); 2nd Southcote; 3rd Petre.

- Juniors** (four 110 yds.)—“KIRKGY” CHALLENGE CUP.
Kilmorey (T. Healy, M. Willis, M. Cheshire, P. Stableforth—62 1/5 secs.); 2nd Petre; 3rd Southcote.

Hurdle Race (120 yds.)—“WARD” CHALLENGE CUP.

- J. Wilson (18 2/5 secs.); 2nd G. Waterer and W. Brockman.

Infants’ 100 Yards Handicap.

- H. Van den Broek; 2nd T. Healy; 3rd D. Montgomery.

One Mile Handicap—“CARNEIRO” CHALLENGE CUP.

- F. Livingston (5 min. 20 1/5 secs.); 2nd P. Lister; 3rd B. Carty.

Flower Pot Race.

- D. Div.—A. Ashcroft; 2nd M. Onraet; 3rd J. Boyle.

Sack Race.

- A. Div.—A. Cadisch.
 B. Div.—M. Morgan-Evans.
 C. Div.—B. Mepham.
 D. Div.—M. Cogswell.

Sack Tournament.

- A. Div.—O. Prendergast.
 B. Div.—J. Harvey.
 C. Div.—R. Mann.
 D. Div.—D. Hodgkinson.

VICTOR LUDORUM—J. WILSON (Petre), 28 points; 2nd G. Waterer (Kilmorey), 26 points.

INTER-HOUSE SPORTS SHIELD—KILMOREY (180 points); 2nd Petre (173); 3rd Southcote (91).

PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS**London University****HIGHER CERTIFICATE—**

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ENDORSEMENT—

W. J. Brockman, who obtained his School Certificate a year ago, has added CREDITS in Chemistry and in Physics.

Scholarships

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INTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS—

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DEBATING SOCIETY

TENTH MEETING, May 3rd.

"That the present system of awarding colours is unsatisfactory and needs revision."

The proposer, B. CARTY, thought that those who had played in only two-thirds of a term's matches should not receive full colours, as they did at present; he advocated the introduction of half-colours. Boxing colours were practically unobtainable, since it was necessary to win fights three years running; they should be awarded on a points system.

I. LAWSON, opposing, admitted that reform was needed in the boxing arrangements, but strongly opposed other innovations. What would be the position of old colours if a new scheme were introduced? And who would set the standard for the award of half-colours?

R. LEVY pointed out the anomalous situation which had arisen during the recent hockey season, when there had been thirteen colours but only eleven team-members. He thought gymnastic colours should be ratified the year after they were awarded.

W. BROCKMAN argued that colours awarded for inclusion in a team were automatically equivalent to colours awarded for skill, since surely inclusion presupposed skill. Raising or lowering the standards on which colours were awarded might cause snobbishness, one way or the other, between old and new colours.

R. FINNIS could not see why anyone should receive colours merely for being in a team. To this, M. COOPER replied that the very fact of his inclusion argued that, as one of the best players in the school, he deserved his colours.

The Rev. H. B. WOODMAN summed up the question: should colours be awarded to every member of the team, or on merit only? He stressed the need for eliminating the human element from judging. Comparison with other schools showed that there was nothing more satisfactory than the present percentage system, which aimed at establishing a fixed standard, not one which would vary from year to year.

The motion was defeated.

ELEVENTH MEETING, May 17th.

"That no country affected by world war has the right to remain neutral."

The proposer, M. COOPER, demonstrated at length that a country's stubborn persistence in neutrality would have a bad effect on its trade, but his argument was unfortunately too involved to be clear. It was natural, he continued, for a nation to support its ally in time of war.

A. HONEY thought no country not directly attacked had any moral obligation beyond striving for peace. If the smaller countries now neutral had declared war on Germany, they would only have added to the responsibilities of the major Allies, since their puny forces, far from assisting the attack on the enemy, could not even have defended their homelands. Switzerland's Red Cross organisation could never have done its magnificent work had that country been at war; in such a case a country had not only the right, but a duty, to stay neutral.

It was inevitable, said G. WATERER, that during a war all neutral countries should have some sympathy, however slight, with one of the combatants, because of common political or religious principles. War

often affected the trade of a neutral as much as that of the belligerents.

B. EVERETT emphasised the right of every country to make its own decision. Neither Switzerland nor Sweden, with their small forces, could conceivably have helped the Allied cause as belligerents. R. LEVY mentioned the part played by neutrals in arranging peace negotiations. While praising the U.S. for the help given to the Allies as a neutral, he censured Turkey for professing neutrality and supplying Germany. M. WINTER thought it wrong that neutral countries should gain by the victory of others, without suffering any loss themselves.

No one, said W. BROCKMAN, could condemn Switzerland, hemmed in by Axis powers, for not joining the Allies, especially since at one time German victory seemed inevitable; and any country which wanted to become one of the United Nations when their victory was assured only gained deserved unpopularity. I. LAWSON thought Eire had no right to remain neutral, however small her forces, because her valuable naval bases would have helped Britain immensely.

The motion was defeated.

TWELFTH MEETING, May 31st.

"That travel is the best education."

Defeated by 30 votes to 16.

THIRTEENTH MEETING, June 21st.

Mr. WATERER moved a vote of censure on the Clerk to the House (Mr. LAST) for being in arrears with the minutes of the previous debate. After a brief discussion, during which the Clerk defended himself, the motion was rejected.

"That coal, water, electricity and transport should be State monopolies."

These essential services, said the proposer, M. WINTER, were at present controlled by numerous small companies which, interested only in profits, would never make badly needed improvements. Standardisation with all its benefits could be effected only by amalgamation. Why should natural resources like coal enrich a few private shareholders?

The only sound basis for industry, declared J. WILSON, was *competition*. Its need was seen even in schools: the falling-off in standards of work generally noticed in the Sixth Form was due largely to the removal of competition, caused by small numbers. The miners in Socialist Australia, though working for the State, struck as often as ours; national railways were run at great loss. State-owned French and German railways were notorious for their frequent mishaps, while on the lines of our private companies a serious accident was most unusual.

B. MURRAY declared that State enterprises would succeed under what he vaguely termed "a good government"; Australia's national industries were mismanaged because of her inferior government. If these public services were united under the control of the State, then they would be smoothly coordinated, very much to the public advantage.

B. REEDY pointed out that at present water rates varied according to the distance of the consumer from the pumping station. If rates were standardised, some people would pay for the benefits received by others—which he considered a bad principle.

Nationalisation, said D. WELSH, meant that profits went back to the public, not to a few shareholders;

it eliminated cut-throat competition and artificial scarcities; it allowed losses incurred through extending essential services to remote districts to be borne by the State as a whole. We had two excellent examples of successful State ownership in Britain: the Post Office and the London Passenger Transport Board, both extremely efficient and economical.

If a private coal-mine, said M. COOPER, suffered any loss, wages were cut and production decreased; in a national mine the deficit would be made up from revenue.

R. LAST attacked the speech of D. Welsh. Experience showed that the only profits made by State undertakings were negative ones. Private firms had to do well or go bankrupt, and instead of drawing subsidies from the public pocket they augmented national revenue through heavy taxation. The unfortunate technicians in nationalised industries would have a free hand—as long as they did what they were told. He agreed that private monopolies were bad, since healthy competition was the basis of all industry, but State monopolies were just as undesirable.

After attacking the Trade Union system, G. WATERER hotly opposed the motion. A State industry was not directly responsible to any shareholders and would make no effort to attain maximum efficiency and minimum expenditure. During the war, the coal and fishing industries, once prosperous, had come under Government control, resulting in a glorious shortage almost incredible in a land built on coal and surrounded by fish.

The motion was defeated almost unanimously.

R. P. Last, *Clerk to the House*

PRIZE DEBATE, July 5th.

After the reading of the minutes the House went into committee to discuss private business. Mr. WELSH asked the Clerk to the House to read the minutes of the meeting before the last, and when he heard that these were not prepared called for a vote of censure on the Clerk. He reminded the House that the Deputy Speaker had asked for this at the last meeting, but the House had refused to give it as they were deceived by glib and plausible promises. The value of these promises was now evident, and the Clerk stood condemned of gross negligence and grave discourtesy to his fellow members. When the proposal was seconded and put to the vote it was once more rejected.

The House then proceeded to the discussion of the first motion:—

“That in the opinion of this House conscription should be a permanent feature of this country’s policy.”

B. MURRAY proposed the motion, pointing out its advantages in lessening unemployment and averting future wars. M. BROADBRIDGE opposed it in a clear and succinct speech on the grounds that the inconveniences, professional and cultural, would be too great and remarked that in the case of Germany conscription had been an incentive to war. M. WINTER, seconding the motion, was convinced of its dire necessity and denied the inconveniences to the individual.

D. WELSH, in the best delivered and most impressive speech of the afternoon, discussed the evils of regimentation, interruption of education and the need for University trained scientists rather than for masses of soldiers. He thought, however, that a large army would be necessary until the expected progress of science had taken place. The motion

was then thrown open to the House and G. WATERER discussed the whole problem at great length, emphasising its importance to the Empire. The Rt. Hon. Member is an excellent speaker who argued shrewdly in favour of conscription but made the mistake of being too dramatic when dealing with small points.

B. REEDY briefly rehearsed arguments already given against the motion and D. ANTOINE favoured conscription involving brief annual training. W. BROCKMAN spoke clearly and vehemently upon the necessity of conscription as a means of self-defence and ridiculed the voluntary and inefficient armies which had won victories in the past with such great difficulty. The Hon. Member’s historical analogies were well drawn.

W. CAHILL was rather undecided, but M. COOPER in a short, well-balanced speech concluded the debate by urging all to vote against the motion.

The motion was defeated by 31 votes to 26.

The second motion was: **“That the Cinema will never produce an original work of fiction worth keeping for fifty years.”**

H. GORDON, proposing the motion, said that a film was not a literary work with a readable script and was, moreover, dependent purely upon changing public tastes. Even in its sources the film had little of original merit. G. BALLARD, opposing, remarked that Shakespeare in catering for his public had created art. He then discussed a few films he had seen and concluded that the youthfulness of the film industry, the tendencies of modern script writers, and the good taste of men like Mr. J. Arthur Rank all led us to expect great, original works in this sphere, provided that the public were receptive and appreciative.

M. HODGES, seconding the motion, had a fair opinion of historical films but revealed himself as disgusted with all others. The Hon. Mem. startled his audience by reference to the “four-dimensional films of the future.” R. FINNIS, seconding the opposition, thought that films were improving and that the present ones would be of interest even when they were old-fashioned, besides proving instructive, socially and historically, to future generations.

The motion was then thrown open to the House, and M. ORTON informed the House that he held a low opinion of any work of fiction and was convinced that the film would soon be replaced entirely by television. R. LEVY thought that not even cartoons were worth keeping and considered that it would be technically impossible to reproduce a film fifty years later.

J. MORGAN-EVANS had no good opinion of any medium of expression which was, like the Cinema, incapable of psychological analysis of the human character. On the other hand, H. DIGBY saw a future for the artistic film, particularly if it contained good music. R. LAST hinted darkly at several meanings in the motion for debate but omitted to provide his speech with any.

N. HUNTER reviewed all the arguments heard and decided that the film industry was too shrewd to provide films which would be successful for a long time, as this was financially undesirable. Unfortunately this otherwise excellent speech was inaudible to the visitors.

The motion was carried by 37 votes to 16. The judges awarded the prize for the best speech of the afternoon to D. Welsh, and the Novices’ Prize (for the best speech by a first-year member) to M. Broadbridge.

H.B.W.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

6th May.

"Phosphorus and its Compounds,"

by Mr. R. Levy.

The lecturer described the detection and preparation of phosphorus and its compounds, and its use in industry. Unfortunately, the subject is too technical to be compressed into a brief report.

—Editor.

27th May.

"Parasites in Man and Animals."

by Mr. B. Carty.

Mr. Carty began with the parasitic worms. The Tape Worm, which may grow to a length of 8 feet, fastens itself to the intestine by hooks. Man receives the organism chiefly through eating raw meat; its effects are rarely fatal. A more dangerous parasite, Echinococcus, was also described. The tropical Guinea Worm, 6 inches long, generally enters the foot of a mammal and rots the tissue, though it may also enter the blood stream and penetrate the head. The Miner's, Round, Whip and Fluke Worms were described.

Lice are of three types: Head, Body and Bird, all promoted by dirt. Like the louse, the flea is a wingless insect, and with both of them the greatest danger lies in their being notorious germ carriers. A delightfully revolting description of the blood-sucking bed-bug followed, accompanied by the assurance that the insect showed considerable activity in its nocturnal raids.

Ticks were next described. It seems that a lighted cigarette is guaranteed to remove such uninvited guests. Mr. Carty's last parasite was a liver fluke—leaflike and disgusting. Probably the ideal lecture: an original subject treated in a non-technical way, easily followed and yet not superficial. The lecturer spoke clearly and had just the touch of diffidence proper to a maiden speaker, which is neither dictatorial confidence nor broken stumbling. Above all, I have never heard questions answered more easily and skilfully and with such happy phrasing.

10th June.

"Bees," by Mr. D. Bernon.

Bee-keeping is a very ancient calling, though originally colonies were not kept but robbed. The structure of *Apis Mellifica* was considered. The Queen Bee, laying up to 5,000 eggs a day, is longer and slenderer than the sterile slaving workers or the blunter bodied drone. The modern hive, generally made up of a brood-chamber and two supers, is fitted with frames in which are ready-made wax foundations. The Queen is confined to the brood-chamber by a zinc excluder which allows only workers to go through. The cells in the supers therefore contain only honey, and are not used for rearing the young.

Winter feeding, handling and hatching were described; while a worker may take 17 or 18 days for full development, the Queen takes only 14. The workers' main tasks were enumerated: assisting the Queen and cleaning the hive, building cells, ventilating and protecting the hive, collecting pollen and honey. Wax for cell-building is secreted by wax scales under the abdomen.

In summer, the hive population may soar to 50,000; the temperature gets unbearable and swarming starts. A few thousand bees, drunk with honey, follow the old Queen to new quarters. Mr. Bernon described their capture and subsequent setting-in, finishing with a few words on honey extraction. After barely 24 hours' notice, the Lecturer was astonishingly well informed, but a well-founded criticism was that more stress might have been laid on the bee as a community insect.

13th June.

Visit to Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs' Aircraft Works.

Our party, which was limited by security regulations to a dozen, was conducted round the works by Mr. Beach, who took us straight down to the machine shop. Here we were struck by the vast diversity of lathes, the drilling, shaping and grinding machines, and all the varied conglomerata of a modern factory.

The size of the different tools, and also the cutting fluid used with them, varies with the work they have to do. So accurate and foolproof are most of these machines that the Company is able to employ 90% unskilled labour to work them. We had the action of the shaping machine explained to us, and then passed through to the assembly shops.

Here from 15 to 20 planes were in various stages of completion—one was being laid while we stood watching. At the far side of the shop men were working on new jigs. We gradually progressed down the line, where, at various stages, fabric, wings, engines and turrets were being added to the framework. The planes under construction were different Marks of the Vickers-Armstrongs Warwick, many of them destined for Air-Sea Rescue Work.

Next we went out to the aerodrome, where a completed machine was having its engines tested. Throughout the time we were at the works we were at liberty to go anywhere and see everything, and our thanks are certainly due to Mr. Beach for making possible an interesting and instructive afternoon.

A. Honey, *Hon. Secretary*

THE PRIZE LIST

"Miss Kean" Apologetics Prizes.

Va—A. SPALDING (84%).

VI—W. J. BROCKMAN (80%).

"Canon Arthur" English Essay Prizes.

II and III—W. J. BULLOCH (III).

IV and Vb—B. REEDY (Vb).

Va and VI—R. LAST (VIa).

"Oswald Turner" Elocution Prizes.

III—M. WILLIS (62½%).

IV—P. PHILLIPS (68½%).

Vb—M. COOPER (66½%).

Va and VI—H. DIGBY and E. GRIMMOND (72½%).

"Thomas Rossiter Kean" Reading Prizes.

Upper Prep.—L. PHILLIPS (85%).

I—P. MORGAN-EVANS (82%).

II—P. STABLEFORTH (87%).

"John Longstaff" Debating Prizes.

1st Year Members—M. BROADBRIDGE.

Best speech of the meeting—D. WELSH.

"Visick" French Essay Prizes.

Vb—K. CORRIGAN (75%).

Va—I. LAWSON (75%).

Scientific Society: Best Lecture.

D. BERNON (Bees).

"Paul Rossiter" Spelling Prizes.

I—P. TALBOT (96%).

II—M. MOLONEY (99%).

"Mrs. Probst" Topical Knowledge Prize.

Va—D. WELSH (92½%).

"Hubert Cowley" Mental Arithmetic Prizes.

Upper Prep.—D. MONTGOMERY (88%).

I—P. TALBOT (86%).

Clothworkers' Company's Drawing Exhibition Prize.

J. M. PETERS (Wireless Set.)

"Claude Harper" Sportsman's Cup.

J. WILSON.

"Peter Fleming" Cup (for runner-up in Sportsman's Cup Competition)—G. COUGHLAN.**General Merit Cups.****Southcote:** G. BALLARD, 145.6 points. (Work, 93.6; Sport, 52).**Petre:** R. DOHERTY, 173.9 points. (Work, 152.9; Sport, 21).**Kilmorey:** M. HODGES, 176.4 points. (Work, 122.4; Sport, 54).**Old Georgians' Prizes (for the runners-up in General Merit).****Southcote:** W. J. BROCKMAN, 125.4 points. (Work, 85.4; Sport, 40).**Petre:** L. DEWING, 135.9 points. (Work, 85.9; Sport, 50).**Kilmorey:** P. LISTER, 149.1 points. (Work, 97.1; Sport, 52).**Senior Batting Cup—J. WILSON (28.5).****Senior Bowling Cup—E. MOORAT (9.22).****Senior Fielding Cup—R. FINNIS.****2nd XI Batting Cup—L. NEWMAN (26).****2nd XI Bowling Cup—H. DIGBY (5.2).****Junior Batting Cup—Not awarded.****Junior Bowling Cup—P. LOHMEYER (3.8).****"John Fisher" Tennis Cup—J. WILSON.****EXCELLENCE PRIZES****Lower Preparatory—B. WOOLLARD (78.4%); J. BAERSELMAN (76.6%).****Upper Preparatory—V. LOBO (80.6%).****Form I—P. TALBOT (85%).****Form II—M. TALBOT (79.6%).****Form III—R. DOHERTY (85.5%).****Form IV—P. PHILLIPS (76.8%).****Form Vb—R. FINNIS (79.6%); K. CORRIGAN (77.7%); M. WINTER (74.3%).****GENERAL PROFICIENCY PRIZES****Lower Preparatory—J. Chaplin, I. Milne, E. Williams.****Upper Preparatory—R. Padovan, J. Murray, T. Frink, P. Van den Broek.****Form I—M. Dodsworth, A. Powell, M. Dawes, J. Alexander, R. Doyle, G. Mooney.****Form II—M. Moloney, P. Stableforth, G. Bryant.****Form III—M. Horrocks, M. Willis, M. Healy, J. Bulloch, J. Butler.****Form IV—A. Ricketts, M. Morgan-Evans, K. Moloney, M. Laycock, P. McHugo, G. Briggs.****Form Vb—M. Broadbridge, E. Hull, L. Newman, N. Hunter, K. Siegfried, H. Gordon.****Form Va—M. Tipper, M. Litchfield, D. Welsh, M. Hodges, J. Parrain, A. Spalding.****Form VI—Biology: A Honey.****ROYAL DRAWING SOCIETY****Honours Certificates****Preparatory Division:** D. Allam, V. Badman, J. Baerselman, D. Beckett, J. Bird, J. Borremans, A. Bowl, J. Chaplin, M. Cogswell, R. Fawcett, M. Hunter, E. Lanfranchi, B. Lynch, J. MacMahon, I. Milne, D. Montgomery, J. Murray, B. Nolan, R. Northway, B. O'Gorman, M. Onraet, L. Phillips, W. Shenton, C. Spuall, F. Stephenson, W. Taylor, M. Twite, P. Van den Broek, C. Wiltshire, and twelve Pass Certificates.**Division I:** J. Alexander, A. Ashcroft, M. Bassadone, J. Boyle, J. Cork, M. Dodsworth, T. Frink, J. Hawley, D. Hoyland, E. Hull, M. Moloney, P. Morgan-Evans, T. Pearse, E. Thornton, R. Waller, D. Welsh, and thirteen Pass Certificates.**Division II:** M. Beese, J. Everett, P. Hawley, E. Hull, A. Joyce, B. Mephram, G. Mooney, M. Talbot, P. Talbot, D. Welsh, and six Pass Certificates.**Division III:** M. Foster, J. M. Peters, D. Welsh, and six Pass Certificates.**Division IV:** J. Daborn, and three Pass Certificates.**Division V:** R. Finnis, E. Hull, N. Hunter, and four Pass Certificates.**Division VI:** D. Eldridge, J. Parrain, and three Pass Certificates.**SENIOR CRICKET**

Although we lost quite a number of matches, the season was most enjoyable. This was mainly due to the keenness of the teams, and there was a marked improvement in standard towards the end of the season, particularly in batting. Fielding was generally good, and the team played as a team.

J. WILSON (*Captain*) batted consistently well. He won the Batting Cup with an average of 28.5 and could be relied upon to get runs when things were difficult.

R. FINNIS (*Committee*) was the best bat in the team. He scored a brilliant century against Egham. In the latter part of the season he gave some very good displays and was always looking for runs.

E. MOORAT (*Committee*) won the Bowling Cup for the third time (64 wickets, average 9.22). He bowled an excellent length throughout the season and was naturally the mainstay of our attack.

The batting of M. HODGES (*Committee*) was disappointing, and he never seemed really comfortable. His fielding was very good.

D. ELDRIDGE bowled very well, taking 37 wickets. His batting was much steadier this year and he scored many useful runs.

In spite of a bad patch in mid-season, G. COUGHLAN batted steadily on the whole. At the end of July he was batting very well indeed. He was a useful bowler and a keen fielder.

R. WILLIAMSON improved strikingly as wicket-keeper and took the ball well on the leg side. G. BALLARD was a steady bat, but lacked confidence in his own ability and consequently scored fewer runs than he should.

A. CAHILL started well but was very disappointing towards the end. He must become more patient, and he will then score freely. P. RUNTZ batted quite promisingly, but his fielding was somewhat below standard.

PERSONALLY, I MUST ADMIT THAT I QUITE ENJOY —



THE RUGGER COMMITTEE,—



FREE ENTERTAINMENT, OR—

J. MORGAN-EVANS successfully solved our Opening Bat problem. He has infinite patience, a good eye, and a good variety of strokes. He should be very good next season.

The 2nd XI had a very successful season, winning 11 and losing 3 matches. DIGBY, NEWMAN and MOORE bowled well throughout the season, and NEWMAN, LITCHFIELD and THORNHILL were all good bats who scored many runs.

B.P.M.

First XI Results

WON

LORD WANDSWORTH COLLEGE 47; St. G.C. 175 for 4 (Eldridge 70, Finnis 66).

BEAUMONT COLLEGE 2nd XI 72; St. G.C. 111 for 9 decl. (Wilson 56).

EMANUEL SCHOOL 2nd XI 67; St. G.C. 191 (Ballard 55 not out).

WIMBLEDON COLLEGE 66; St. G.C. 72.

BEAUMONT COLLEGE 2nd XI 86; St. G.C. 102 for 9 (Moorat 6 for 27).

1ST R.M. SURVEY DEPT. 95; St. G.C. 178 for 5 decl. (Finnis 80).

ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY 85; St. G.C. 151.

DRAWN

TIFFIN BOYS' SCHOOL 121; St. G.C. 92 for 8 (Moorat 6 for 48).

CANESWOOD HILL 91 for 6; St. G.C. 103.

S. B. CAULFIELD'S XI 144 for 4 decl.; St. G.C. 102 for 9.

CHERTSEY C.C. 65 for 8; St. G.C. 167 for 4 decl. (Morgan-Evans 71).

EGHAM C.C. 36 for 3; St. G.C. 190 for 6 decl. (Finnis 118 not out).

HOUSEMASTER'S XI 98 for 9; St. G. C. 121.

LOST

RAYNES PARK COUNTY SCH. 69; St. G.C. 61.

OLD GEORGIANS 106; St. G.C. 97 (Wilson 55, Moorat 5 for 26).

1ST R.M. SURVEY DEPT. 91; St. G.C. 73 (Wilson 50 not out).

CHURCHER'S COLLEGE 135; St. G.C. 100 (Moorat 5 for 49).

VICKERS-ARMSTRONGS 204 for 6 decl.; St. G.C. 72.

KINGSTON GRAMMAR SCH. 125; St. G.C. 96.

JUNIOR CRICKET

The object of any Junior team seems to be to get the other side out as soon as it can. The result is that bowling becomes their main preoccupation. Hence we have developed a number of youthful bowlers who have both length and accuracy. P. LOHMEYER, for example, set an excellent standard by taking 32 wickets for 144 runs.

On the other hand, good batsmen proved scarce, though M. WILLIS has a first-class style and M. SOLLY with a little more patience will prove a really good left-hander. P. LOHMEYER (4th XI Captain), once he has learned to hold his bat correctly, will also be very useful.

As wicket-keeper, A. DALY gave every satisfaction. M. WEIR was an exceptionally good fieldman. Other members of the 4th XI were: M. TALBOT, J. READ, J. RUNTZ and C. STOKER.

D.J.K.

Fourth XI Results: Played 8, Won 4, Lost 4. Runs for, 411; against, 383.

WON

PINK HOUSE 29; Juniors 31 for 7 (Lohmeyer 3 for 6).

KINGSTON GRAMMAR SCH. 55; St. G.C. 85 (Lohmeyer 34, and 4 for 13).

KINGSTON GRAMMAR SCH. 37; St. G.C. 55 (Lohmeyer 32, and 7 for 23).

SALESIAN COLLEGE 23; St. G.C. 106 (Solly 26, M. Talbot 4 for 2).

LOST

PINK HOUSE 74 for 4; Juniors 37.

SALESIAN COLLEGE 66; St. G.C. 61 (M. Willis 26, Weir 4 for 6).

PINK HOUSE 73; Juniors 14 (Lohmeyer 7 for 24).

PINK HOUSE 26; Juniors 22 (Lohmeyer 8 for 8).

Fifth XI. Captain, P. HAWLEY. Played 4, Won 2, Lost 2.

WON

SALESIAN COLLEGE 49; St. G.C. 56 (Fortune 6 for 24).

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NOT THE TENNIS COMMITTEE!

STAINES PREPARATORY SCH. 15; St. G.C. 27 (Morrissey 5 for 3, P. Hawley 2 for 0).

LOST

SALESIAN COLLEGE 79; St. G.C. 46.
SALESIAN COLLEGE 105 for 7; St. G.C. 49.

Inter-House Matches. Petre beat Kilmorey, Kilmorey beat Southcote, and Southcote beat Petre. The series accordingly ended in a draw; the Cricket Cup was not awarded, and no points were scored in the Cock House Competition.

ARMY CADET FORCE

While the usual activities have been got through, the absence of a regular platoon commander was a handicap in the latter part of the term. In the meantime, Lieut. Owen has added this one more task to the many he does for the Cadets.

Early in May a Travelling Wing was held to instruct post-Cert. "A" Cadets in fieldcraft. It was well planned and more than usually interesting.

As usual in the Summer Term, Sports largely filled the agenda. No. 1 Pl. won the Inter-Platoon Sports on May 13th, largely through the efforts of Cdt. P. Baynham, who won all seven junior events. From "D" Coy's point of view, the Inter-Company Sports, held at St. George's on June 19th, were not a great success; although the Seniors were second, the Juniors were easily last. On June 24th, however, No. 1 Pl. entered two relay teams (one senior, one junior) to meet the A.T.C. and Sea Cadets. The Army Cadets walked away with both races. The teams were: *Senior*—Cpls. C. Clancy and P. Runtz, L/Cpl. R. Levy and Cdt. D. Bernon; *Junior*—Cdts. A. Dewing, K. Moloney, K. Moore and B. Reedy.

Several College cadets played in the three Army Cadet cricket matches; sad to relate, we lost all three. Much shooting practice has taken place, and Cdt. K. Corrigan shot his way into the Coy. Shooting Team.

We have had other activities, notably the recruiting march through Walton to the accompaniment of rain and therefore of a mute Battalion Band. July 10th saw our annual inspection; the visiting officer was Col. Rodwell, and remarks were passed on the Company's efficiency and turn-out. On May 31st the College Cadets formed a guard of honour for the Corpus Christi procession; the guard, led by C.Q.M.S. A. Honey, was a more numerous and altogether better drilled body than its counterpart of last year. As I write this, I learn that the next War Cert. "A" Examination will take place early in October.

The cadets have thus come to the end of another School Year, the second for some and the last for some. I think it has been a useful experience, and though at times tedious, an enjoyable one on the whole.

A. Honey, C.Q.M.S.

BRITISH EMPIRE MARKSMAN'S BADGES. *First Cl.:* Cdts. P. Baynham, K. Corrigan, J. Hayward, P. Langan, R. Linklater, B. Reedy. *Second Cl.:* L/Cpl. R. Levy, Cdts. A. Dewing, K. Moore.

PROMOTIONS. Sgt. A. Honey to be C.Q.M.S., w.e.f. July 5th. L/Cpl. C. Clancy to be Cpl., w.e.f. July 5th.

APPOINTMENT. Cdt. R. Levy to be L/Cpl., w.e.f. July 12th.

We regret the loss of the following, who are leaving this term:

C.Q.M.S. A. Honey, who has done very valuable work and has been of immense assistance to the Coy. Quartermaster;

Cpl. C. Clancy, always a fine example of meticulous turn-out;

L/Cpl. E. Grimmond, sub-editor of the Coy. paper, and L/Cpl. W. J. Brockman, the keenest of the College cadets;

Cdts. D. Bernon, J. Chandler and I. Lawson.

D. A. Owen, Lieut.

THE GEORGIAN

OLD BOYS' PAGES

The date of the Past v. Present Rugged fixture is Sunday, November 4th.

BIRTHS

Lieut. **J. N. Martin**, R.N.V.R. ('31)—a son (Jonathan Noel).
 L/Cpl. **L. Whalen** ('34)—a daughter (Marie Elizabeth).
 Capt. **Frank R. Wilds**, R.A. ('21)—a son.

MARRIAGE

On June 4th, at Delhi, with nuptial Mass, Lieut. **Mark Anthony**, R.E. ('30) to Thérèse Barren.

DEATHS

Felix V. Feeny ('93) died on May 12th at the age of 70.

Fl/Lieut. **Peter Hetherwick** ('35) is reported missing, presumed killed, in October 1944. He was 28 years old and had had a brilliant academic career at Cambridge.

Fl/Sergt. **C. A. Longland** ('35), reported missing a year ago, is now known to have lost his life with five of his crew during operations over Germany. He is buried in France.

We have the bare announcement that Pte. **W. A. O'Dowd Egan** ('19) of the Edmonton Regiment (Canada) died on active service in Belgium at the age of 41.

It was a great shock to hear that **Peter Mabey** ('43) had died in a Royal Air Force hospital at the early age of 20. He was a boy of charming personality, but never very robust, and the rigours of Service life undermined his health.

We have only just heard that **André Chalas** ('29) was killed in action on June 15th, 1940, the day before the French Army (in which he was serving) surrendered.

May they rest in peace.

EXAMINATIONS

B.A., London—Rev. **M. Egan**, C.J. ('39).
 B.Sc. Part I—**F. Comerford** ('44); **P. Maguire** ('44); **J. Weissen** ('43).
 Inter-Science—**A. Parfitt** ('44).

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Major **D. H. Sheil-Small**, 8th Gurkha Rifles ('33), for gallant and distinguished service in Burma.

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Fl/Lieut. **A. B. Landells** ('36) of the Pathfinders.
 S/Ldr. **J. A. F. Leaver-Power** ('30).

MENTIONED IN DESPACHES

W/Commander **A. K. Allen**, R.A.F.V.R. ('35).
 Lieut. **D. H. Baynham**, G.M., R.C.S. ('41).
 Major **D. S. McCarthy**, R.E. ('35).
 Air Commodore (*now Air Vice Marshal*) **J. M. Mason**, D.S.C., D.F.C. ('11).
 Lieut. **M. F. V. Poore**, R.N.V.R. ('35).
 Major **R. E. Twelvetees**, 9th Gurkhas ('21).

COMMENDATION (U.S.A.)

Lieut. Cmdr. **E. Wentcher**, U.S. Navy ('32).

SERVICE LISTS: ADDITIONS & CHANGES

Navy and Marines

Dunphy, D. W. Pte., R. Marines.
 Garrett, J. D. Pte., R. Marines.
 Prendergast, B. Pte., R. Marines (*transfer from Parachute Regt.*)

Army

Twelvetees, L. P. Cpl., R.C.S.
 Wiggins, M. J. O. R.A.S.C.

R.A.F.

Jacques, C. N. W/Commander.
 Manington, A. A. AC2.

PROMOTIONS

Navy

S/Lieut. P. Ozzard.
 Lieut. A. R. Barker.
 Lieut. Cmdr. E. Wentcher (*U.S.Navy*).

Army

L/Cpl. L. Forde (Intelligence Corps).
 2/Lieut. P. Drew (R.C.S.).
 Lieut. R. C. Loadman (14th Punjabs).
 Capt. P. B. Leaman (3/4 Gurkha Rifles).
 Major A. S. Hobrow, M.C. (The Queen's); D. S. McCarthy (R.E.); D. H. Sheil-Small, M.C. (8th Gurkha Rifles); J. V. Sippé (R. Scots Fusiliers).
 Lieut.-Col. E. Van Zeller (R. Tank Regt.)

Air

LAC L. J. Appleton.
 Fl/Sgt. R. Ewart.
 " C. Coombs.
 Wt. Off. D. T. Ingram.
 P/O P. M. Brett.
 F/O P. M. Fox; L. J. Lickorish; J. S. Webber.
 Fl/Lieut. A. B. Landells, D.F.C.; D. Varkevisser (*Netherlands Air Force*).
 S/Ldr. J. A. F. Leaver-Power, D.F.C.
 Air Vice Marshal J. M. Mason, D.S.C., D.F.C.

REPATRIATED

Though it will be some time before we have a complete list of returned prisoners-of-war, particularly from the East, we have had already several visits from ex-prisoners, as well as news of others. **G. Vroome** ('40) had, fortunately, only a short time in captivity; he was liberated after three weeks and flew home from Lubeck a week later. **Frank Miller** ('30), who escaped in Italy only to be recaptured after walking 500 miles, is now safely home, though he lost 2½ stones in weight during his imprisonment. His brother **Esmond** ('34) was back in time to distribute the prizes on Sports Day. **Dick Parker** ('29) got back to England on VE Day, and is once more in the Army. **John James** ('37) visited us on his return; he had been force-marched from Silesia to Bavaria and needed three weeks' treatment and special diet before he was fit to leave an English hospital.

P. Scheffers ('41) had been with the Patriot Forces in Yugo-Slavia. When captured, although wearing British uniform he was condemned to death; this was the usual German practice with any allied officer found with the Patriots. Fortunately the sentence was commuted to ten days' solitary confinement, which Peter found more than enough!

Felix Gethen ('33) was a leading spirit on a Catholic Action Committee formed to organise Catholic life in Stalag IVB at a time when they were without a chaplain. A full account from his pen appeared in the *Catholic Herald*, and he later promoted an excellent exhibition of Catholic Wall Magazines at the Church Artists' Agency in Westminster. The circular gave this summary of the work:—

"It was agreed to produce a newspaper. *Pax* was adapted as its title and, after a great many initial difficulties, a start was made. The centre page of the first edition was confiscated by the Germans, who objected to an article on 'The Vatican and Peace'. It was impossible to circulate a mutilated edition and a fresh beginning had to be made. The artist worked on top of a three-tiered bed, very often in a bad light, sometimes with water dripping on his work. At least 200 people were in the hut, all occupying themselves in other ways. Cold frequently held up production. The script was done under similar conditions."

FROM ALL QUARTERS

Thanks to a visit from **Jack Allen** ('33), we know at last what the Claims Commission in Damascus does. If a British dispatch rider runs over a Syrian peasant's sheep or an army truck backs into the wall of a mosque, the owners file a petition for colossal damages and the C.C. gets down to the job of investigating the claim. Jack has had to negotiate with all sorts of people, from Archbishops to nomads, and this has often meant dining with Bedouin chiefs—a task, he tells us, requiring an elastic and un-critical stomach. The severe winter of Damascus shook him badly after his years in Malta. When demobilised he will return to his work as solicitor.

Alec Lickorish ('32) was in the news as one of the two officers who arrested William Joyce near the Danish frontier on May 28th. He was then stationed at Flensburg as a Field Press Censor. His brother **Leonard** ('39) was involved in a motor accident on his way home on leave at the end of May, but was reported to be making good progress in hospital.

Another invalid is **J. K. Sanders** ('42). After a short time in the Royal Armoured Corps he joined the Parachute Regiment and was dropped on the East bank of the Rhine in the big airborne crossing. After a period in Germany he was taken ill and was sent, very conveniently, to Botleys Hospital at Chertsey. He is now convalescing well in an Englefield Green nursing home and is able to visit his parents often.

A. L. Sandy ('34), by a touching coincidence, buried **Robert Antognoli** ('39), without knowing that he was doing this last service for a fellow O.G. "On August 8th, 1944 my Battery suffered a number of casualties, and that evening I buried them at La Caine, Calvados. Gunner R. Antognoli, belonging to another battery of my regiment and killed on the same day, was one of those I buried. Later, I saw his name in the 'Killed in Action' columns of the O.G.A. report. I have written this because it might be of some small comfort to his family to

know that another O.G. laid his body to rest, said some prayers and saluted the grave."

After a long interval we had a visit from **H. Hemus** ('40). Originally in the Parachute Regt., he landed with the 1st Army in Tunisia and was wounded near Bizerta—a machine-gun bullet in the left hand. Later, he spent 18 months with the R.A.F., guarding airborne equipment near Tunis. Then he was posted to the E. Surreys and after fighting in Italy, mainly near Spezia, volunteered for the Lovat's Scouts: *the* regiment of the Army, he insists, formed exclusively of "A 1 plus" men. Here he was trained in ski work, using a 70 lb. pack—not a tranquil job if ropes are used, since the fall of one man means the fall of everybody. Another art he learned was making snow-holes; a trench ten feet deep is roofed with ice-blocks and the inhabitants then dig a passage out. The interior is surprisingly warm and comfortable, and you can cook food inside without causing the walls to melt. After fighting in the last hill battles before the Italian plains, he went back to Taranto with a trainload of German prisoners and was then sent North again, through Venice to Austria. After VE Day he was busy rounding up S.S. men who were trying to slip back to Germany; on one occasion he took six prisoners while deer-stalking. After a further journey through Luxembourg and Germany he was given 28 days' leave and a very welcome allowance of 20 gallons of petrol.

Salvo, the weekly news magazine of the 88 L.A.A. Regt., R.A., appears every Tuesday at the price of one penny. It consists of some 20 typescript pages and is largely the work of Sgt. **A. Enfield** ('30). The contents are as varied as can be: explanation of current questions, lessons in German, sports items, poems and cartoons, geographical and historical articles, and (of course) jokes. Many of the last are too topical for the outsider to grasp, though anyone in the Services will appreciate the paragraph which runs: "THE MEDICAL OFFICER DENIES that he is brutal during typhus inoculations. He has never quite overcome his early training with a pneumatic drill whilst with Messrs. McAlpine, and begs all men to bear with him." Alfred is not, however, thinking of journalism as a career. He does a good deal of genealogical work in his spare time, has a growing collection of charters and old documents, and is writing a history of the Tristram family. Tracing family trees attracts him strongly as a livelihood after demobilisation.

Though nominally a gunner in the R.A., **J. B. Denson** ('39) is attached to the Languages Branch of the Intelligence Corps. Operational demand for European languages having ceased, he is studying Chinese with a view to civil administration and liaison. Naturally, he finds the living conditions and the working hours in London a great improvement on the cramped barrack-room atmosphere of his R.A. life.

And now for India, where cadets and newly-commissioned officers continue to increase the O.G. numbers. **P. Harnetty** ('44) is doing his training at Dehra Dun Military Academy. **K. Murphy** ('42) has been fighting a jungle fire caused by a mortar shell. "I spent one night with the lads trying to check it, but it was far too big for us. Everything was bone-dry with the heat and the fire roared through everything. By the grace of God it rained heavily on the third day, and that alone put an end to it."

While waiting for a vacancy in the Signals course, **R. Loadsmen** ('43) was appointed Sports and P.T. Officer to his battalion. "In my capacity of Sports Officer I hack (or, to be soberly accurate, cause to be hacked) sports grounds out of the jungle. Having made a hockey pitch and cleared the former football field of undergrowth, I am starting, with the aid of large quantities of gelignite, to clear the ground for a rugger pitch in readiness for the monsoon."

Now that the security black-out has been lifted **I. Mendel** ('37) is able to write (in May) from SEAC and give some news of his work. He had been for some weeks in the 26th Indian Infantry Division (Combined Operations). "This division was the first to enter Rangoon. Elements of the Battalion were with the forward Brigade; the rest of the Battalion were in reserve, and I was with them. We were meant to follow up, but the operation went so well that we were not needed. For the last few weeks we have been living on the beach and treating life as a holiday. We live completely out of tins or on dehydrated food and take one vitamin tablet a day." A month later Ian wrote of his preparations for civil life. "I went up to Delhi for interview, passed the Board, and was given an immediate posting to Civil Affairs, Malaya. Contrary to what most people think, we are still in the Army, and I am at present Staff Captain to the head of our group. To be transferred to the Colonial Service I have to pass another Board."

D. H. Sheil-Small ('33), of the 4/8 Gurkha Rifles, also wrote from SEAC. "My Battalion took part in the last Burma operation, marching and fighting a distance of some 800 miles through every type of country imaginable, from the really thick jungle to the open arid plains of Central Burma. These are just like desert and give plenty of opportunity to co-operate with tanks. After crossing the Irawaddy I was fortunate enough to be awarded the M.C.; I had been promoted Major before our advance. However, about ten days after we had pulled out to rest I succumbed to a breakdown and was flown out of Burma to a base hospital where I am recovering. The Medical Board down-graded me to Category B and I was granted 28 days' sick leave—very welcome after a year in Burma! I shall go to the hills for a rest, possibly to Cashmir."

Compared with the Army dossier, news of the R.A.F. is scanty. **A. B. Landells** ('36), now that Pathfinders are no longer needed, is ferrying heavy bombers between England and Alexandria. **J. S. Webber** ('41) is also in Transport Command; he was expecting to go to India in the early Autumn but the Japanese collapse may have changed things. **M. Bubb** ('43) is doing his University Short Course at Christ's College, Cambridge. Though he finds spare time scarce, he has kept up his tennis and has got into the University team, being awarded his half-blue. He expects to go to Cranwell on leaving Cambridge.

David Wickins ('36) visited us during the term, complete with naval uniform and a magnificent beard. After fighting (in Abyssinia) as a Staff Sergeant in the South African Scottish, he contracted dysentery and was discharged. However, he secured a commission in the South African Navy, saw service in the Pacific, and has since commanded an M.T.B. in home waters in the campaign against E-boats.

A. Alcock ('37) has been for some months acting as Third Officer in the Anglo-American Oil Co.'s

tanker "Chesapeake." He has not yet found time to sit for his second mate's ticket. **Peter Priestley** ('43) has only one more year to do at the Naval College, Pangbourne. He is already thinking of applying to a shipping line for his further training and hopes to get into tankers. **J. J. Triay** and **R. Bostock** ('44) have finished their first year in the Training Ship "Conway" and are finding, naturally, that life becomes more privileged with increasing seniority.

After a long period training future sailors in H.M.S. "Lizard," **Peter Rossiter** ('40) has left for the East via the U.S.A. in H.M.S. "Mull of Galloway." We quote his vivid summary of the first stage of his voyage:—

"The arrival at New York was memorable. As we had some American wounded on board, the Red Cross sent out a motor-yacht, on the upper deck of which was a brass band. The yacht piloted us to our berth. All the ships in port played tuneless, but nevertheless happy and gratifying, melodies for the wounded on their sirens and whistles. The doughboys themselves nearly went silly when they saw the Statue of Liberty, which, by the way, is well up the river.

"Some days later I had to take a draft of ratings to Vancouver. Though the journey was interesting, I think Canada's road and rail communications very poor. At Vancouver I was whisked away and on board here in time for lunch. My work consists of several jobs besides my gunnery department: I am keeping watches, mail officer, and boat officer. I also give a hand to the fo'c'sle officer.

"I managed to get to Mass one Sunday and also to have Mass on board for the men one weekday evening. Today we had Sunday divisions and prayers; we R.C.s fell out with the other 'fancy religions', as I once heard the order given. We had our own prayer meeting, conducted by the bullet-headed, far-from-reverend Rossiter!"

We had a visit from a former Captain of the School when **E. Wentcher** ('32), now a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy, called in on leave. Joining up early in 1942, he was trained at first in the Naval Intelligence at Chicago and then worked with amphibious landing craft at Long Beach, N.Y. Until just after D Day he was in the administration at Teignmouth and Salcombe. Slapton Sands made a good replica of the Normandy beaches, and night after night the American troops rehearsed in their landing craft the operations planned for the French coast. Wentcher was destined for an attack on Lorient, but General Patton's advance was too fast for this, so he went instead to Brest where he had charge of a construction battalion (sailors and engineers) of 460 men. Using divers, landing craft and unlimited dynamite, he cleared the port of mines and wrecks while the Army repaired the quays. After working for a time with the French Navy he was able to hand over operational control to them, and went on to Cherbourg as executive officer. In May, 1945 he received command of a West Coast Liaison Group with the French Forces to speed up the capture or surrender of the pocket ports at Bordeaux, La Pallice and Lorient. His work at Brest (where, in the words of the official citation, "independent action was necessary, due to the isolated location of your command") earned him a commendation from Admiral Stark.

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