

# The Wygombiensian.



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## 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 Prizes for 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. an Old Boy becomes a Life Member of the Club.

Old Boys' Colours (except the tie) may be obtained from Messrs. Peace, Jones, and Co., Ltd., or Messrs. Hull, Loosley and Pearce Ltd., High Wycombe. The tie may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, or from Messrs. Bowring, Arundel and Co., 11 and 12, Fenchurch Street, E.C. 3.

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. W. J. BARTLE,

Hon. Sec., Old Boys' Club.

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## SCHOOL NOTES.

### Governors.

At the January meeting of the Governors, Major Coningsby Disraeli and Dr. L. W. Reynolds were re-elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. We heartily congratulate them on their re-election, and take this opportunity once again of expressing our great appreciation of their valuable work in connection with the School.

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### Staff.

Mr. J. A. Hurn has been absent through illness the whole of the past term. He has been greatly missed both in the classroom and on the playing field. We extend to him our heartiest wishes for a complete and speedy recovery. Mr. W. J. Merren, B.A., B.Sc. (Oxon) has been taking Mr. Hurn's work, and to him we offer a cordial welcome.

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We congratulate Mr. C. D. Hoffman, who held a temporary post here from November, 1917, to July, 1918, on his marriage to Miss Irenie Marie White, at the Church of St. Barnabas, Clapham Common, S.W., on January 1st. Mr. Hoffman is at present teaching at a School in Maidenhead.

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### General.

The School Play, an account of which appears on another page, was in every way a great success. The receipts were £87 5s. and the expenditure £30 12s., and so the Games' Fund benefits by £56 13s.

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On Friday, January 28th, the whole School listened with interest to a lecture on the League of Nations.

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We are most grateful to Lady Ramsay who has very kindly presented to the School a quantity of chemical apparatus from the laboratory of the late Sir William Ramsay. We are proud to possess this apparatus which previously belonged to one of the greatest scientists of our time, and in offering our grateful thanks to Lady Ramsay, we can assure her that her generous gift is very deeply appreciated.

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An uncle out in India gave his nephew, A. W. Tubbs, a handsome collection of Indian butterflies. Wishing to share the gift with others, Tubbs has kindly presented the collection to the School Museum, and we thank him very much.

The National Savings Association continues its good work in the School. Last term 1,000 stamps were purchased.

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We congratulate D. N. Smith and H. J. D. Sherriff on their recent success in the Matriculation Examination of the University of London. The subjects taken included English, French, Mathematics, Heat, Light and Sound, Chemistry and Geography.

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We congratulate D. N. Smith on gaining a Silver Star at the Royal Drawing Society Exhibition this year, and also A. C. Theweneti on gaining two First Classes.

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1st XV Rugby Colours this term have been:—P. W. Stacey, D. Carr, J. F. Walter, G. F. Horley, J. E. Kimber, J. G. Bull, W. H. Avery, K. Watson, W. E. Cripps, G. St. J. Larkin, F. R. Underhill, H. M. Cutler and J. F. Jewell.

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2nd XV Rugby Colours have been Perfect, Timms, Dean, Avery i, Holland, Coleridge, Green i, Hawes and Rouse.

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Rugby Football Stockings have been awarded to Collins, Stephens i, Theweneti, Mealing i, Duffin, Lacey, Bonnett i, Plumridge, Carter and Robertson.

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1st XI Cricket Colours returning are:—P. W. Stacey, J. E. Kimber, N. R. Hawes and W. L. Avery.

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2nd XI Cricket Colours returning are Bull, Dean, Perfect and Rouse.

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P. W. Stacey and J. E. Kimber have been elected Cricket Captain and Vice-Captain respectively for the coming season.

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The Games Committee has been composed as follows:—President, the Headmaster; Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Mr. Brand; Rugby Football Captain, P. W. Stacey; Vice-Captain, D. Carr; Committee, the Assistant Masters, N. R. Hawes, G. F. Horley, J. F. Walter, W. L. Avery, W. A. F. Dean, J. E. Kimber.

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Prefects this term have been:—W. A. F. Dean (Senior Prefect and Head of the School), D. Carr, W. L. Avery, N. R. Hawes, G. F. Horley, J. E. Kimber, P. W. Stacey, J. F. Walter, K. Watson, P. W. Bartle, D. Duffin and H. J. D. Sherriff.

Sub-Prefects (Train) have been:—A. H. Beal, H. G. Green, E. J. Hinde, H. A. Lacey, T. L. Smith, A. P. Timms.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the "Southwellian" and "The High School Magazine."

The following books have been added to the Library this term:—

"The Writing of Clear English" (F. W. Westaway), "Commercial Management" (Bolling), "Company Accounts" (Coles), "The Economics of Private Enterprise" (Jones), "Money, Exchange and Banking" (Baston), "History, Law and Practice of the Stock Exchange" (Poley and Gould), "Commerce and Correspondence" (Grout), "The Geography of Commerce" (Rutter), "Mail Order and Instalment Trading" (Bull), "Modern Methods of Book-keeping" (Epps). The following have been presented:—"John Halifax, Gentleman" (Craik), "Nicholas Nickleby" (Dickens), "With Clive in India" (Henty), "The Invasion" (Le Queux), "The Talisman" (Scott), "Gladiators" (Whyte Melville), presented by K. J. Hollowell, "The Road to En-Dor" (Jones), presented by N. V. Britnell.

The following left in 1926:—

Aylward, G. A. E., II, entered 1926, placed II.  
 Davis, G. L., VUA, Sgt. O.T.C., entered 1921, placed III.  
 Knowles, T. C. T., VU (A), entered 1920, placed II.  
 Mines, A. E. VU(B), Prefect, L.-Cpl. O.T.C., House Captain, 1st XI Cricket, Captain 1st XI Association, 1st XV, entered 1923, placed III.  
 Mines, K. R. D., VB, entered 1923, placed III L (A).  
 Porteous, C. D., VA, entered 1925, placed IV.  
 Rhodes, H. F. A., III L (B), entered 1925, placed II.  
 Sawyer, A. W. C. VB, L.-Cpl. O.T.C., entered 1924, placed III U (B).  
 Thorp, S. H. VI, Prefect, 1st XI Cricket and Association, 1st XV, entered 1920, placed II.  
 Turnbull, H. T., VU (A), entered 1919, placed I.

The following entered in January:—

Oakeshott, A. R., placed II.  
 Redway, G. E., placed II.  
 Warrington, J. A. W., placed III L (A).  
 Whiteley, C. W., placed II.  
 Williams, D. F., placed II.

Numbers this term have been 281. Of this number 26 were boarders. Two day-boys have been absent the whole term through illness.

### O.T.C. NOTES.

The activities of the O.T.C. for the first part of the term were largely confined to the preparation of the candidates for the "Certificate A" Examination. Of the sixteen who entered for the Practical Section in February, thirteen passed, two failed; one candidate was absent through illness. The written examination was held in March, and we are still anxiously awaiting the result. The report of the Officers who examined for the Practical Examination reads as follows:—

1. Small Arms Training.—This subject has been well taught and the candidates answered the questions put to them with plenty of confidence.

2. Map Reading.—Good.

3. Drill.—Word of command good, and the candidates handled their men with a confidence that showed that very satisfactory work had been done in this subject.

4. Tactics.—This subject was quite satisfactory, the candidates showing they had studied the subject and had been taught to use intelligently the knowledge they had extracted from their books.

5. General.—On the whole the School standard is very satisfactory. Clearly there is enthusiasm in the School for the O.T.C., and a lot of good work has been done in preparing candidates for the examination.

This very encouraging report naturally makes us optimistic about the result of the written examination, and we trust that the usual high standard of success will be maintained. As soon as the "Certificate A" was over, we settled down to combined hard work. It was very unfortunate that, owing to bad weather, only one parade on the field was possible. For the rest of the time, the Hall, class-rooms and corridors have been utilised, but much good work has been done. We are now looking forward with eagerness and, perhaps, trepidation to Inspection Day, when the Inspecting Officer will be General Sir Alexander Godley, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., A.D.C. to the King, G.O.C. in C., who commanded the Anzac Corps and later the VIIIth Army in the Final Advance. After the Armistice he was G.O.C. of the Army of Occupation on the Rhine. We feel honoured that we should be chosen along with Winchester, Cheltenham and Sherborne to be inspected by him, but we feel confident that this year's Inspection will be worthy of so distinguished a visitor.

The Summer term is an arduous time for the O.T.C., but we look forward eagerly to the pleasures of the Military Tournament, the shooting at Kimble, and, above all, the Annual Camp at Tidworth Pennings.

## ANNUAL BOXING COMPETITION.

The Annual Boxing Competition was held on Wednesday afternoon, March 16th, in the School Hall, which was well filled for the occasion by interested spectators. Owing to the large number of entries, several preliminary contests had been held during the previous week. The Semi-Finals and Finals were the contests in the display, and great enthusiasm was shown in the events. There was no lack of talent and, on the whole, the display was one of the most successful held at the School. The spiritedness of the younger competitors, and the ability of the heavier weights, were distinctive features of a very enjoyable display of boxing. The officials were:—Referee, Flight-Lieut. Seward; Judges, Flying Officer Simmonds, F. Adams, Esq.; Timekeeper, W. J. Bartle, Esq.; M.C., A. J. Sumpter, Esq. At the conclusion of the display, the various Cups were presented by the Mayoress (Mrs. R. A. James). House secured the Inter-House Boxing Cup, with 11 points. West scored 5 points and East 2 points. Jewell i was awarded the Senior Championship Cup, and King i the Junior Championship Cup. The Best Loser Prize (presented by Flight-Lieut. A. J. Adams) was given to Theweneti. The Headmaster thanked the Mayoress for her kindness in presenting the prizes at such short notice. He regretted that an important business engagement prevented the Chairman of the Governors, Major Coningsby Disraeli, from being present that afternoon. To the various officials who had assisted in making the display such a success, he expressed his indebtedness, and particularly to Mr. A. J. Sumpter, whose hard work in training the competitors was, in some measure, rewarded by the excellence of the boxing seen at the display. Special mention was made of E. S. Burnett, an Old Boy, who for several years had given valuable help to the boxers preparing for the display, and had thus set an example which others could follow. The following events were decided at the display:—

Hair Weight. 5st. 4lb. Semi-Finals.

Burgoyne v. Turner.

These diminutive boxers gave the competition a most exhilarating start. Both set about their work with grim determination and fought untringly to the finish. Burgoyne was the stronger of the two and used his left to good advantage. When hard pressed, Turner was inclined to avoid blows by ducking, but he was very plucky, and at times retaliated with some straight hitting. An interesting contest was decided in favour of Burgoyne.

Coleman v. Cox.

These competitors showed very promising style, and the footwork of Cox was surprisingly good. The first round went to



Cox, who landed a succession of neat blows on Coleman. Coleman was much better in the second round, though many of his swinging hits missed the mark. Both boxers were inclined to rely more on attack than defence in the last round, but Cox was always superior to his opponent and was easily victorious.

Leaf Weight. 6st. Semi-Finals.

Irwin v. Stephens ii.

The pace at which this contest was fought was distinctly slower than that of the previous contents. Using his height and reach to advantage, Stephens was content to parry the vigorous blows of his opponent and wait for opportunities to find the weak points of Irwin's defence. Irwin was the more aggressive, but Stephens always had the measure of him and was proclaimed the winner.

Harte v. Ward.

Ward, with his superior knowledge of ring-craft, soon had Harte in difficulties. Harte, though receiving considerable punishment, boxed pluckily until the referee awarded the fight to Ward in the second round.

Paper Weight. 6st. 8lb. Semi-Finals.

Hunt v. King.

In this very interesting contest both boxers opened stylishly, but it was soon apparent that King was the steadier. Hunt, by his good defence, stopped some well-aimed blows, but he tired in the second round, and was inclined to do too much dodging. He forced the pace again in the last round, but King was always on the alert and gained the victory by his superior ability.

Burrows v. Poole.

At the start, Poole rushed matters and secured several points before Burrows settled down to his work. The second round was hotly contested, but with more force than science. Poole's tactics proved successful, but Burrows was by no means disgraced.

Bantam Weight. Final.

Hearsum iii v. White i.

Some excellent boxing was seen in this fight, both boxers showing good style and clever footwork. The first two rounds were very even and some clean hits were scored in turn. White was much more aggressive in the third round, but Hearsum missed no opportunities. There was very little to choose between them, and White gained the victory by a very small margin.

## Hair Weight. Final.

Burgoyne v. Cox.

Boxing as prettily as in his previous round, Cox quickly discomfited Burgoyne with his good body blows. It was an unequal fight, but Burgoyne, though beaten, was very plucky, and occasionally startled his more agile and resourceful opponent.

## Leaf Weight. Final.

Ward v. Stephens ii.

This contest was soon over. Stephens could not use his height and reach to any advantage against the terrific blows aimed by Ward, and the contest was stopped when Stephens was seen to be in pain after receiving a succession of body blows.

## Feather Weight. Final.

Bull v. Theweneti.

The first round went well for Theweneti, who forced Bull on to the ropes and gained many points with his well timed blows. Bull recovered splendidly and more than returned what he received. Both boxed with considerable skill and style, but Theweneti flagged in the last round, and Bull, seizing all opportunities, secured the victory. This was one of the best contests of the afternoon.

## Paper Weight. Final.

Poole v. King i.

King seemed rather casual in the first round, when Poole, with a little more science, might easily have piled on the points. The second round saw King warm up to his work, and he scored with successive body hits. There was little to choose between them in the last round, but King was more stolid and gained his victory by thwarting Poole's attack and being content to land telling blows.

## Light Weight. Final.

Jewell i v. Larkin.

As usual, this contest was fought at a terrific pace, and with heavy blows which seemed to tell more on the spectators than on the competitors. Considerable skill was displayed in this contest, which produced really good boxing. Jewell's attack was very good, but Larkin's footwork enabled him to get out of many difficulties. As the contest proceeded, Jewell gained the upper hand and scored heavily with body blows, but Larkin was

game to the end and, though beaten, had the satisfaction of having put up a desperately good defence. This contest proved a fitting end to a competition in which the style of boxing seemed to improve with each event.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE COMPLETE RESULTS OF THE  
COMPETITION.

HAIR WEIGHT (5st. 4lbs.)

1st Series.—Turner beat Ryder. Coleman beat Redway. Hough beat Paine ii. Burgoyne beat White ii. Balls beat Stevens ii. Cox beat Salmon. Hutchinson a bye.

2nd. Series.—Coleman beat Hutchinson. Burgoyne beat Balls. Turner beat Hough. Cox a bye.

Semi-Final.—Burgoyne beat Turner. Cox beat Coleman.

Final.—Cox beat Burgoyne.

LEAF WEIGHT (6st.)

1st Series.—Irwin beat Winlove. Stephens ii beat Benyon. Ward beat Stone ii. Harte a bye.

Semi-Final.—Stephens ii beat Irwin. Ward beat Harte.

Final.—Ward beat Stephens ii.

PAPER WEIGHT (6st. 8lbs.)

1st Series.—Hunt beat Sinclair. King i beat Groom. Burrows i beat Layman. Gardner beat Strugnell. Poole a bye (absent).

2nd Series.—Poole beat Gardner. Hunt, King i, Burrows i byes.

Semi-Final.—King i beat Hunt. Pool beat Burrows i.

Final.—King i beat Poole.

BANTAM WEIGHT.

1st Series.—Davis ii beat Tubbs. Williams ii beat Paine i. White i beat O'Hara. Hearsun iii a bye.

Semi-Final.—Hearsun iii beat Williams ii. White i beat Davis ii.

Final.—White i beat Hearsun iii.

FEATHER WEIGHT.

Semi-Final.—Bull beat Gould. Theweneti beat Plumridge i.

Final.—Bull beat Theweneti.

LIGHT WEIGHT.

Semi-Final.—Jewell i beat Underhill. Larkin beat Stephens i.

Final.—Jewell i beat Larkin.

## ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT.

The annual Entertainment in aid of the Games' Fund was given on Wednesday and Thursday, March 23rd and 24th, at 7.30 each evening. The Entertainment consisted of three parts; two plays and songs by the School Choir.

Part I of the Entertainment was a short One Act Play, "The Ghost of Jerry Bundler," adapted from the novel by W. W. Jacobs. The cast consisted of members of the Staff, and the scene was laid in a quiet Commercial Hotel. In the ghostly light of flickering candles the "oldest inhabitant" told the story of the ghost of Jerry Bundler, which still haunted that House. The antics of the "ancient" butler, and of the "commercial," kept the audience amused till the production of Dr. Leek's revolver put a different complexion on the matter. But all ended happily, to the obvious delight of the audience, for, on account of fear or bad light, the ghost that should have been "winged" was able to rise and express his opinion on the Doctor's shooting—and to claim his bet from Malcolm. The complete cast was as follows:

Hirst		Mr. P. L. Jones.
Malcolm	} Commercial Travellers ... ..	Mr. W. E. Philpott.
Somers		Mr. A. S. Watt.
Beldon		Mr. A. J. Sumpter.
Penfold (the Oldest Inhabitant) ... ..		Mr. W. J. Bartle.
Dr. Leek ... ..		Mr. C. G. Harris.
George (a Butler) ... ..		Mr. J. E. John.

Part II of the Entertainment was Folk Songs sung by the School Choir, accompanied by Mr. Eady at the piano. The three songs chosen were "The Coasts of High Barbary," "Heave Away, my Johnny," and "Admiral Benbow." Both in tone and enunciation of words, the performance was good, and on both occasions the Choir was brought back and gave encores.

Part III of the Entertainment was the boys' Play, "Katharina and Petruchio," a shortened form of "The Taming of the Shrew." The production reached a very high level, and both elocution and actions showed that sound training had been coupled with undoubted natural ability. One of the most delightful things about the production was the way in which the smaller characters threw their whole hearts into their work. Judging by the applause which followed the "Kitchen scene," the audience appreciated this, and there can be no doubt that the "servants" thoroughly deserved this recognition. Turning to the major characters—invidious as it is to single out individuals—D. Carr's interpretation of the part of Petruchio is worthy of was rather heavy after the recent rains, but both races were

special mention. It was a performance finished in every detail, and remarkable for natural actions and telling inflexions of voice, combined with a real insight into his part. For a schoolboy, Carr's performance was really wonderful, and he thoroughly deserved the unstinted applause of audience and colleagues. The other male parts were well supported. G. St. J. Larkin as Grumio, Petruchio's head servant, gave a very confident performance; G. V. Seymour as Baptista, Katharina's father, had all the quiet dignity of an old man; and W. A. F. Dean, in the double rôle of Hortensio and the tailor, acquitted himself well. A. Steele and J. G. Bull, the friends of Baptista, had long and rather difficult speeches to deliver, but they did well, as did B. A. Davis, the music master with the sore head, "a sadder yet wiser man."

In true Shakespearean fashion, the ladies' parts were taken by boys. Katharina (T. E. Davis) was the second largest part, and Davis gave a highly creditable rendering, although one felt he underestimated the extent of Katharina's wrath. K. T. B. Scott and K. J. Hollowell took the other two female parts and played their parts well. During the intervals, an Old Boy, Mr. K. T. Fox, very kindly played selections on the piano.

It remains to add a word of praise for the producer. Much to the regret of all, the Rev. A. M. Berry was obliged, through illness, to be absent from the entertainment, and to hand over the work of producer to Mr. J. E. John. To Mr. John's untiring energy and patience, the production owed a great deal. No doubt, he would be the first to render thanks to Mr. Grant and his merry band of scene shifters whose work materially helped to make the production a great success, and a credit to all concerned.

The complete cast of the play was:—

Petruchio (a gentleman of Verona, suitor to Katharina) ...	D. Carr
Baptista (a Gentleman of Padua) ... ..	G. V. Seymour
Hortensio (Husband of Bianca) ... ..	W. A. F. Dean
Biondello } Friends to Baptista ... ..	A. Steele
Pedro } ... ..	J. G. Bull
Katharina, the Shrew } Daughters to Baptista	T. E. Davis
Bianca, her Sister } ... ..	K. T. B. Scott
Grumio } Servants to Petruchio ... ..	G. St. J. Larkin
Adam } ... ..	E. S. Stephens
Ralph } ... ..	G. L. Poole
Gregory } ... ..	L. C. Strugnell
Nathaniel } ... ..	P. L. Holland
The Music Master ... ..	B. A. Davis
The Tailor ... ..	W. A. F. Dean
The Cook ... ..	K. J. Hollowell

### CROSS COUNTRY RACES.

The Senior and Junior Cross Country Races were run off on Thursday, March 10th, in beautifully fine weather. The ground run in very good time. In the Senior Race, the following competitors represented their respective Houses:—East.—Barnes i, Barrett, Bartle, Beal, Bonnett i, Bull, Cripps, Cutler, Holland, Lawrence, Perfect, Chown. House. — Barrow, Chandler, Clarke, Davis i, Duffin, Larkin, Packman, Stephens i, Theweneti, Thomson i, Underhill, Wyatt i. West.—Collins, Curtis, Francis, Goodchild, Hearsun ii, Hearsun iii, Housden, Mealing i, Plumridge, Rockell, Scott, Webber. Cutler ran a great race and finished first, in 30mins. 23secs. He was closely followed by another representative of East, Holland. West secured the third, fourth and fifth places, and for some time there was considerable speculation as to whether East or West would win. The race was ultimately won by East, with a score of 40 points. West were a very good second, with 44½ points. This year House were completely out of the running, and amassed 103 points.

The Junior Race proved very exciting. On last year's form Thomson ii had an obvious chance of winning, but unfortunately, both he and Montague were misdirected on the course when well ahead of the others, and at one time it was feared that both would be out of the reckoning. They lost considerable ground, and by this time Wheeler was heading for home. With a tremendous effort Thomson overtook him and reached the School first. Wheeler ran well to secure second place, and he was closely followed by Hutton. Under the circumstances, Montague did well to finish fourth. House were easy winners with 44 points. West came next with 63 and East with 88. The time taken by Thomson was 18min. 5secs., which compares favourably with Redington's 17mins. of last year. Representatives of the Houses were:—East.—Bird, Child, Fountain, Hough, Hutton, Lane, Moreton, Ryder, Salmon, Swaney, Wheeler. House.—Balls, Benyon, Briggs, Burgoyne, Davis iii, Doubleday, Montague, Rogers, Stephens ii, Thomson ii, Paice. West.—Anderson, Burrows, Fisher, Gould, Green ii, Hart, Hutchinson, King i, Pritchard, Spicer, Turner, Williams.

Competitors who qualified for points for the Houses were:—

#### SENIOR.

East.	West.	House.
Cutler ... .. 1	Hearsun iii... 3	Wyatt i ... 10
Holland ... .. 2	Hearsun ii ... 4	Packman ... 12
Bartle ... .. 6	Rockell ... .. 5	Duffin ... .. 18
Beal ... .. 7	Collins ... .. 8	Clarke ... .. 19
Cripps ... .. 9	Mealing i ... 11	Davis ii ... .. 20
Barnes i ... 15	Housden ... 13	Chandler ... 24

## JUNIOR.

House.	West.	East.
Thomson ii ... 1	Green ii... .. 5	Wheeler ... 2
Montague ... 4	Fisher ... .. 7	Hutton ... .. 3
Benyon ... .. 6	Anderson ... 10	Swaney ... .. 8
Davis iii ... 9	Pritchard ... 12	Salmon ... .. 30
Teek ... .. 11	King i ... .. 14	Ryder ... .. 26
Doubleday .. 13	Hutchinson ... 15	Lane ... .. 29

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**ANNUAL ATHLETIC SPORTS.**

The 38th Annual Sports were held on Wednesday, April 6th, on the Town Cricket Ground. To judge from the exceedingly good attendance, it would seem that the change of day from Thursday to Wednesday was amply justified. Moreover, a bright sunny afternoon undoubtedly attracted a great number of spectators, and contributed much to the success of the Sports. The Wycombe Excelsior Band played suitable selections during the afternoon. Year by year the entries for the various events increase, and it becomes necessary to run off many preliminary heats on the School ground. In spite of the bad weather, great enthusiasm was displayed by the competitors, and on Sports' Day the keen rivalry was evinced in the desperately close finishes of most of the races. No records were broken this year, but the heavy nature of the ground must have affected the times. There was an interesting struggle for the Senior Championship, which was eventually won by Rouse, with 12 points. He carried off the Long Jump, and was a good first in the 100 Yards Scratch and the 220 Yards Scratch. Cutler, by winning the Senior Cross-Country, the Half-Mile Scratch and the Quarter Mile, made a bold bid for the championship, and D. Hearsom's victory in the Mile Race, which was run in good time under depressing conditions, showed distinct promise. The Junior Championship went to Hutton, who excelled himself by winning no less than five races during the afternoon. Montague also showed good form, and was placed in several events. The House Championship was secured by House, with 93½ points. East scored 62 and West 61½. The Relay Race, always a very attractive event, was easily won by East. The House Tug-of-War, after a terrific struggle, was won by West, and this year, the Old Boys triumphed over their junior rivals. The Old Boys were represented by E. J. Read, J. F. Walter, B. Banks, A. Stacey, C. H. N. Locke, A. E. Mines, P. J. Cutler and A. Ward. At

the conclusion of the sports, the prizes were presented to the successful competitors by the Mayoress (Mrs. R. A. Janes). The Headmaster, in a short speech, said he was very pleased to see such a large number of spectators. He thanked the Mayoress for the graceful and charming way in which she had presented the prizes, and then acknowledged his indebtedness to all the various officials who had made the Sports such a great success. To Mr. H. G. Brand, on whom falls the heavy responsibility of organizing the sports, special mention was made for the excellent way in which all arrangements had been carried out. Reference was then made to the Mile Race, which was run this year on the Amersham Road beyond Deadman's Dean. This innovation should prove popular. After suggesting a race for younger brothers, he thanked all those who had so generously contributed towards the Prize Fund. The Sports Champion then presented the Mayoress with a handsome bouquet. The Mayoress, in a delightful speech, expressed her great pleasure at being able to attend the Sports, congratulated the winners on their excellent performance, and spoke encouragingly to the unsuccessful competitors.

The following were the results of the various events:—

#### THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.

1st, Stacey; 2nd, Horley; 3rd, E. G. Stephens. Distance, 72 yds. 1 ft.

#### ONE MILE SCRATCH (OPEN).

1st, D. Hearsum; 2nd, Cutler; 3rd, E. G. Barnes. Time, 5 mins. 22 secs.

#### LONG JUMP (SENIOR).

1st, Rouse; 2nd, Timms; 3rd, E. G. Stephens. Distance, 16ft. 10 ins.

#### LONG JUMP (JUNIOR).

1st, Montague; 2nd, Anderson; 3rd, Barnard. Distance, 15ft. 5ins.

#### SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY.

1st, Cutler; 2nd, Holland; 3rd, D. Hearsum. Time, 30 mins. 23 secs.

#### JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY.

1st, H. L. Thomson; 2nd, Wheeler; 3rd, Hutton. Time, 18 mins. 5 secs.

#### OBSTACLE RACE.

1st, J. F. Jewell; 2nd, J. V. T. Hearsum; 3rd, R. C. White.

#### HIGH JUMP (JUNIOR).

1st, Montague; 2nd, Tubbs and Shailer (tie). Height, 4ft. 1in.

#### 100 YARDS SCRATCH (OPEN).

1st, Rouse; 2nd, R. C. White; 3rd, Horley. Time, 12 1-5th secs.



## 220 YARDS HANDICAP (UNDER 14).

1st, Hutton; 2nd, Winlove; 3rd, M. F. White. Time, 28 3-5th secs.

## 220 YARDS SCRATCH (OPEN).

1st, House; 2nd, D. Hearsurn; 3rd, J. V. T. Hearsurn and Larkin.  
27 2-5th secs.

## 100 YARDS HANDICAP (UNDER 12).

1st, Turner; 2nd, Winlove and Groom. Time 16 secs.

## HALF MILE HANDICAP (UNDER 16).

1st, E. C. Wyatt; 2nd, Prior; 3rd, H. L. Thomson. Time, 2 mins. 27 secs.

## QUARTER MILE SCRATCH (OPEN).

1st, Cutler; 2nd, Perfect; 3rd, J. F. Jewell. Time, 65 secs.

## HALF MILE HANDICAP (UNDER 14).

1st, Hutton; 2nd, F. King; 3rd, J. Stephens. Time, 2 mins. 39 secs.

## HURDLE RACE (SENIOR)

1st, H. L. Hearsurn; 2nd, Rockell.

## HURDLE RACE (UNDER 15).

1st, E. G. Stephens; 2nd, Coles; 3rd, E. C. Wyatt.

## HIGH JUMP (SENIOR).

1st, Kimber and E. G. Stephens (tie); 3rd, Rockell. Height, 4ft. 7½ins.

## SACK RACE.

1st, E. C. Wyatt and F. Davis; 3rd, Redway.

## 120 YARDS HANDICAP (OPEN).

1st, Rouse; 2nd, R. C. White; 3rd, E. C. Wyatt. Time, 15 secs.

## 120 YARDS HANDICAP (UNDER 15).

1st, J. Stephens; 2nd, Montague; 3rd, Harte. Time 16 2-5th secs.

## 120 YARDS HANDICAP (UNDER 13).

1st, Hutton; 2nd, Groom; 3rd, Turner. Time, 16 2-5th secs.

## HALF MILE SCRATCH (OPEN).

1st, Cutler; 2nd, J. V. T. Hearsurn; 3rd, W. H. Avery. Time, 2 mins.  
30 secs.

## QUARTER MILE HANDICAP (UNDER 15).

1st, Hutton; 2nd, Montague; 3rd, M. E. Bird. Time, 66 1-5th secs.

## 100 YARDS SCRATCH (UNDER 14).

1st, Hutton; 2nd, Montague; 3rd, Anderson and King. Time, 14 secs.

**INTER-HOUSE RELAY RACE.**

1st, East; 2nd, West; 3rd, House.

**OLD BOYS' RACE.**

1st, C. H. N. Locke; 2nd, E. J. Read; 3rd, J. F. Walter.

**HOUSE TUG OF WAR (FINAL).**

West beat House.

**TUG OF WAR. SCHOOL v. OLD BOYS**

Old Boys' Team beat School Team.

**CONSOLATION RACE.**

1st, Redway; 2nd, Oakeshott; 3rd, Bird and Hough.

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**RUGBY FOOTBALL.**
**Review of the Season.**

The Rugby season just finished has been rather a trying one. So many 1st XV Colours and other promising players left in the previous Summer and Winter terms, that new talent had to be discovered quickly, and in the first few matches the teams were more or less experimental. Practice was considerably handicapped by the atrocious weather in January, and the consequent muddy state of the ground, and, to add to our troubles, the ravages of the Influenza epidemic almost depleted the sides in practice games. In spite of all this, the School team improved considerably as the season progressed. The first match played was against Blackheath "C," and we did remarkably well to lower the colours of the famous "Club." At Thame, less than a week later, we were beaten by a side whose three-quarter play was slightly better than ours. Windsor County School inflicted a heavy defeat upon us, but we were unfortunate in losing to their Old Boys. In the next match against Thame we retrieved our fortunes, but we were defeated by our Old Boys, who turned out a good side and found the climatic conditions more to their liking. There is no reason to be discouraged by the form displayed by the XV this season. The majority of our opponents start their season in September, and thus gain a tremendous advantage over us. In the future we should be well advised to start Rugby before the end of the Winter term, and the enthusiasts should do their utmost to practice as much as possible and learn the finer points of the Rugby game. The School side was capably captained by Stacey, who, by his determined play, set a good example to the rest. The youthful players, who

displayed such excellent form, particularly amongst the forwards, should provide a solid foundation for next season's team. Our 2nd XV played two matches only, both against Thame, and shared the honours. The House matches were keenly contested, West proving the champions, though they were extended to the last ounce to win against East.

### 1st XV Matches.

#### R.G.S. 1st XV. v. BLACKHEATH "C."

Played at home, February 5th. Result, 1st XV three tries (9 points); Blackheath "C" nil.

It was rather unfortunate that bad weather to some extent spoiled the first match of the season. Slight rain fell before the start, and the greasy ball was somewhat difficult to handle. In spite of this, some good movements were seen, and the tackling on both sides was vigorous and effective. The first half was keenly contested, and for a time no score was registered. After much forward play, the School backs moved stylishly and Walter scored a splendid try. The visitors then took up the attack, but lost many promising chances by holding on too long. Stacey and Horley were conspicuous for some energetic play. During the second half the game became far more vigorous. Good work by Mr. Watt and Locke brought the School to the visitors' 25, where Mr. Sumpter smartly broke through the defence. After some determined play by the visiting forwards, who were repeatedly checked by Mr. Harris, Jewell brought off a fine dribble and Carr, smartly following up, scored the School's third try. The School team now were gaining the upper hand and were doing very well against older and more experienced players.

R.G.S. 1st XV.—Mr. Harris, J. F. Walter, P. W. Stacey (captain), C. H. N. Locke, Jewell i. Mr. Watt Mr. Sumpter, Mr. Merren, D. Carr, G. F. Horley, Kimber, Watson, Avery ii, Underhill, Bull.

#### R.G.S. 1st XV v. LORD WILLIAMS'S SCHOOL, THAME, 1st XV.

Played at Thame, Thursday, February 10th. Result, Thame 1 converted goal 2 tries (11 points); R.G.S. 1st XV 1 try (3 points).

The opening stages of the game were marked by some keen forward play in which neither side gained any decided advantage. Both teams handled well, but Thame displayed superior knowledge of the three-quarter game. Bull saved an ugly rush just in time and with a good kick brought much relief to the School defence. Persistent attacks ensued and Thame scored after a pretty passing bout. The School forwards then forced their way up the field and Avery ii, beating several opponents, scored a good try. Again the Thame backs broke away cleverly and in spite of the efforts of Walter, Carr and Stacey, again pierced the defence. The second half was keenly contested, especially among the forwards. A strong run by Walter almost ended in a score, but he was not well supported. The Thame threequarters opened up the game well and it was only some determined tackling by Bull and Stacey that kept them out. In the loose rushes the School forwards seemed un-

able to keep together and many good chances were lost. After attacking for some time Thame again scored, and on the whole were the better side.

R.G.S. 1st XV.—Bull, Perfect, D. Carr, P. W. Stacey (captain), J. F. Walter, G. F. Horley, Hawes, Avery i, Avery ii, Kimber, Jewell i, Timms, Watson, Underhill and Rouse.

#### R.G.S. 1st XV. v. WINDSOR COUNTY SCHOOL 1st XV.

Played at Windsor February 16th. Result, Windsor County School 5 goals 5 tries (40 points); R.G.S. nil.

It was very obvious from the start that the School were up against a stiff proposition. The Windsor team combined very well and their skilful handling disconcerted their opponents in the first few minutes. Scores came frequently for them in the first half, but the second half saw them more frequently on the defensive. Stacey, Walter and Carr did their best against overwhelming odds, and the School forwards, though beaten in the scrums, held their own in the loose. Kimber, Perfect and Larkin were the best of the pack. The School were by no means disgraced though so many points were scored against them. Windsor had numerous opportunities given them, most of which they turned to good account. It was a pleasant game played in an excellent spirit.

R.G.S. 1st XV.—Bull, J. F. Walter, P. W. Stacey (captain), D. Carr, Jewell i, G. F. Horley, Avery ii, J. E. Kimber, Timms, Perfect, Avery i, Cutler, Holland, Rouse, Underhill.

#### R.G.S. 1st XV v. WINDSOR COUNTY SCHOOL OLD BOYS XV.

Played at Windsor, Saturday, February 26th. Result, Windsor Old Boys 1 penalty goal 2 tries (9 points); R.G.S. 1st XV 1 converted goal 1 try (8 points).

The condition of the ground rendered scientific football out of the question, and naturally, most of the play was confined to the forwards. An ugly rush by Windsor was neatly checked by Bull, who found touch well down the field. A few minutes later Mr. Harris saved a certain try by hurling himself at the feet of the opposing forwards. The School now took up the attack, and a vigorous forward rush with Mr. Sumpter, Mr. Merren and Kimber well to the fore, gained considerable ground. A neat kick by Perfect placed the School in a favourable position, but the Windsor full back cleared effectively. Determined play by the Windsor forwards at last enabled them to score. Towards the end of the half Mr. Harris all but dropped a goal. Rain fell in torrents all through the second half, and it was difficult to handle the ball. The School forwards played valiantly against heavier opponents and showed really good form. A breakaway by Larkin gained ground, and Mr. Sumpter, securing in a tight scrimmage, forced his way over. Stacey converted with an excellent kick. Successive rushes brought Windsor near the School line, where a burly forward hurled himself through the opposition to score right in the corner. Tremendous assistance at this time came from Locke, Walter and Stacey and Mr. Watt, and Mr. Sumpter again cleverly scored. Victory seemed certain for the School, but unfortunately, a penalty was awarded for a slight infringement, and the Windsor full back made no mistake.

R.G.S. 1st XV.—Mr. Harris, D. Carr, C. H. N. Locke, P. W. Stacey, J. F. Walter, Bull, Mr. Watt, Mr. Sumpter, Mr. Merren, Kimber, Perfect, Watson, Jewell i, Dean, Larkin,

## R.G.S. 1st XV v. LORD WILLIAMS'S SCHOOL, THAME, 1st XV.

Played at home, Thursday, March 3rd. Result, R.G.S. 1 converted goal 1 dropped goal (9 points); Thame 1 try (3 points).

Thame decided to play with the wind and quickly settled down to their usual open game which rather troubled the School defence. A neat passing bout enabled them to reach the School line, where Cripps excelled himself by bringing down much heavier opponents. Stacey also relieved the pressure with some useful touch-finding. The School forwards played with rare dash. Horley was beating his opponent for possession and sending out good passes to his threequarters. Gradually the School led by Kimber, worked their way to the Thame line, and Horley, picking up smartly, was over in a flash. Stacey converted with an excellent kick. The second half produced much good play from both sides. A pretty movement by Thame ended in a try which was not converted. The School forwards then controlled the situation and proved superior both in the scrum and in the loose rushes. A smart dropped goal by Stacey towards the end of the game gave the School a well deserved win.

1st XV.—Cripps, Cutler, P. W. Stacey (captain), D. Carr, Jewell i, J. G. Bull, G. F. Horley, J. E. Kimber, Holland, W. H. Avery, Larkin, Underhill, Watson, Coleridge, Perfect.

## 1st XV v. OLD BOYS XV.

Played March 5th. Result, Old Boys XV 4 tries (12 points); 1st XV nil.

Soon after the game started, rain fell in torrents, and very soon the conditions were deplorable. Skilful handling was out of the question, and most of the play was confined to the forwards. Playing with the wind in the first half, the Old Boys were decidedly the better side. Alan Janes, who was well served by Dancer at the base of the scrum, was very conspicuous for his efforts to open up the game. A strong run enabled him to score early, and with better support, he might have caused the School defence some anxiety. The School forwards played pluckily, and were exceptionally good in the loose rushes. As the game proceeded, the conditions became worse, and any concerted movements by the backs were almost impossible. Mr. Harris by his deadly tackling saved his side frequently, while Stacey's touchfinding was invaluable. Some determined rushes by the Old Boys ended in two tries being scored by Eyles. The second half saw the School team play much better football. Mr. Watt and Mr. Merren headed some fine forward rushes which should have produced a score on one occasion at least. The School were often well placed, but the tackling of the Old Boys was very sound. Stacey made a great attempt to cross, but was grassed inches from the line. The pressure was relieved by Janes who ran cleverly through the School defence and looked a certain scorer when Walter brought him down. A series of attacks by the Old Boys then followed, and after much scrambling play, Dancer scored. The School forwards rallied splendidly, but all their efforts to score were unavailing.

Old Boys XV:—N. Barnes, F. J. Eggleton, K. H. Tilbury, C. H. N. Locke, L. S. Baker, A. E. M. Janes, R. H. Dancer, J. D. Davis, G. L. Eyles, L. M. Garland, W. E. Ford, R. F. Parker, J. H. Reader, J. A. M. Sallis, F. Wooster.

1st XV:—Mr. Harris, Cutler, P. W. Stacey, Mr. Watt, J. F. Walter, J. G. Bull, G. F. Horley, Mr. Merren, D. Carr, J. E. Kimber, K. Watson, W. H. Avery, Underhill, Larkin, and Jewell i.

## 2nd XV Matches.

R.G.S. 2nd XV v. LORD WILLIAMS'S SCHOOL, THAME, 2nd XV.

Played at home, February 23rd. Result, Thame, 1 converted goal; R.G.S. 2nd XV, 1 try.

There was very little to choose between the teams on the run of the play, and a draw would have been a more satisfactory result. The School forwards were good, and Larkin's score was obtained after a determined attack on the Thame line. Hawes, Stephens i and Larkin were our most conspicuous players.

R.G.S. 2nd XV:—Dean (Capt.), Timms, Hawes, Green, Avery i, Larkin, Mealing i, Duffin, Collins, Coleridge, Steel, Robertson, Carter, Stephens i, Theweneti, Plumridge i, Bonnett i.

R.G.S. 2nd XV v. LORD WILLIAMS'S SCHOOL, THAME, 2nd XV.

Played at Thame, March 3rd. R.G.S. 2nd XV, 6 tries (18 points); Thame 1 try (3 points).

The 2nd XV amply avenged their defeat in the previous match. Stephens i was in great form and scored three tries. The other scorers were Collins and Plumridge.

R.G.S. 2nd XV.—Green'i, Mealing i, Dean (captain), Timms, Collins, Hawes, Theweneti, Avery i, Duffin, Stephens i, Lacey, Bonnett i, Plumridge i, Carter, Robertson.

## House Matches.

February 19th.—East v. House. Result, East 3 goals 1 try (18 points); House 1 try (3 points).

March 12th.—West v. East. Result, West 2 tries (6 points); East 1 dropped goal (4 points).

February 19th.—East 2nd XV v. House 2nd XV. House 37 points; East nil.

March 12th.—House 2nd XV v. West 2nd XV. House 57 points; West 3 points.

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## OLD BOYS' ANNUAL DANCE.

The eighth Annual Dance was held in the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, on Friday, January 21st. Old Boys and their friends to the number of about ninety assembled and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Mr. J. C. S. Nutt, secretary of the Dance Sub-Committee, was mainly responsible for the organisation, and he is to be congratulated and thanked for all he did to make the function such a success. Mr. C. A. Skull was M.C., and he,

too, deserves our grateful thanks. Financially, as well as socially, the Dance was successful. The object of the Dance is, of course, social only, but it is satisfactory that the surplus from the evening more than counterbalanced the deficit on the Annual Dinner, which is usually run at a small loss.

### GAMES FUND AND MAGAZINE BALANCE SHEET, 1926-7.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
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Balance from last Year ... ..	5 0 3	Athletic Sports (1926) ... ..	42 14 10
Athletic Sports (1926) ... ..	49 1 3	Field Work and Re-pairs ... ..	46 10 5
Entertainment ...	56 15 3	Cricket ... ..	108 11 6
Games Subscriptions	135 0 0	Football ... ..	57 7 11
Allowance for New Field ... ..	10 0 0	Tennis ... ..	2 16 3
Tennis Subscriptions	3 9 0	Fives ... ..	4 12 6
Sale of Fives Balls	2 18 6	Boxing ... ..	6 18 6
Boxing Subscriptions	10 17 0	Bank Charges ... ..	0 11 4
Fines ... ..	1 7 0	Magazine ... ..	49 10 0
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### OLD BOYS' CLUB.

#### Birth.

BLISS.—On February 13th, 1927, at "Edgehill," High Wycombe, to Gladys, wife of Wilfrid Bliss, a son.

#### Marriages.

TODD—MARSHALL.—On April 12th, 1927, at the Mount of Olives Church, Bradford, Yorkshire, Albert Henry Todd, youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Todd, Bridlington, to Phyllis, only daughter of the late Mr. E. Marshall and of Mrs. Marshall, Shipley Green, Baildon, Yorkshire.

HANDS—COLLETT.—At All Saints' Church, High Wycombe, on April 16th, 1927, Sydney Edward, third son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hands, of High Wycombe, to Jessie Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Collett, of Chiswick.

## OLD BOY NOTES AND NEWS.

F. G. Abbott (1917—1920) who came home from India in December, after a bad bout of dysentery and malaria, sailed on the "Windsor Castle" on April 8th for S. Africa, where he has an appointment as an engineer in the copper mining industry of N. Rhodesia.

E. Banks (1922—1924) wrote from Western Australia on Christmas Eve. He had a slow voyage out, a week late into Capetown, due to the use of foreign coal. On one occasion the day's run was no more than 96 miles. He arrived at Freemantle on November 28th, then had a rail journey of 280 miles into the bush. The railway is narrow gauge and the maximum speed 20 m.p.h. The last 80 miles was in a local train—one coach, one van and half-a-dozen trucks loaded with various freight, from sheep to harvesting machines. Sometimes the drivers of these bush trains halt to do a little shooting—kangaroos or dingoes, then the passengers climb on to the roof of the coach to spot for him! Banks arrived at his destination at a busy time—harvest in full swing—so, though he had been a month in Australia, he had not been able to see more than he could view on his rail journey.

W. T. Brindley (1910—1915) in the 25th Test Match between Europeans and Ceylonese, scored 128 out of 299 runs in the Europeans' first innings, and also took 3 wickets for 46 runs. Playing for the Europeans of Ceylon v. the M.C.C. in January, he scored 17 and 31. Playing for All Ceylon against the M.C.C. he took 2 wickets for 71, caught out another batsman, and scored 11.

A. Dodgson (1913—1918) wrote saying he was sorry that he would have to miss seeing the Rugger Match. He is teaching in Harrow Weald. His brother is busy with Hoover Vacuum Cleaners—a job which suits him better than foreign tongues.

R. I. F. Guest (1919—1923) in the first week of March said that business was very quiet—so he had been able to go to Dublin to see the Irish and Scottish match—a glorious mudbath, he described it.

We congratulate L. T. M. Eyles (1913—1917) on passing the Final Examination of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries in December.

N. K. Fraser (1918—1921) after three months with a Cold Storage Firm, has obtained a post in a publishing firm. He first spent four months with the printers, and now does a good deal of travelling. His brother's time (C. R. F.) is almost finished on the "Worcester." Recently the latter entered for a boxing competition in the under 10st. 4lb. class, but when he



was weighed he turned the scale at 11st. 2lb. ! He is now over 6ft. high; in the 1st XV Rugger and XI Soccer, and will be vice-captain of the Cricket XI next term. N. K.'s Rugger has been cut short by the slipping of a cartilage.

F. U. Hook (1916—1924) is teaching in Marlow. In May of last year he passed the City & Guilds Final Handicraft Examination, and in November last sat for the Teachers' Certificate, and was successful.

D. G. Leys (1905—1911) visited the School the day after term ended. He has been awarded a Research Fellowship at St. Thomas's Hospital for two years. He is now a fully qualified doctor (M.B. Oxon.). J. A. Leys (1906—1911) is still fruit farming, etc., at Pershore, Worcs.

G. H. Walker, R.A.F. (1915—1923) was ordered to China, and sailed at the end of February.

F. T. Winter, A.R.I.B.A. (1912—1915) gained a distinction in presenting one out of the best 22 designs for homes of £1,500 and £850 in the *Daily Mail* Competition (Ideal Homes). As many as 1,427 entries were submitted.

A. E. Ginger (1909—1917) is now a fully qualified Chartered Accountant. He passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants last November. Of the 469 candidates 240 were successful. Our heartiest congratulations to Ginger on his success.

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### WIRELESS SOCIETY.

At the first meeting of this term, Mr. C. G. Harris demonstrated his "Two Valve Hale Circuit," which worked exceedingly well, and gave results far superior to those obtainable from the well-known O-V-I (detector and L.F.). The following stations were received at good loud-speaker strength:—Cardiff, Bournemouth, Birmingham, Langenburg, Hamburg, Stuttgart, Frankfurt and many others. Most of these stations were received without an earth connection being used, and the decrease in volume was hardly noticeable. 2LO was received at powerful loud-speaker strength. The advantages of the Reinartz reaction were clearly shown, and owing to very sharp tuning, the use of slow-motion condensers was essential. The following Saturday B. A. Davis photographed the members of the Society. At the next meeting, H. L. Hearsam demonstrated a two-valve Flewelling receiver. The local station, 2LO, was received at good loud-speaker strength, while most of the British and

European stations could be heard at good 'phone strength. The tuning was very sharp, in spite of the fact that no square law condensers were used. An S.P.D.I. switch was used to incorporate an extra condenser in series with the aerial. This circuit has many advantages over the ordinary straight circuit, and can prove very selective when properly handled. Best results were obtained by using basket coils instead of the honey-comb type. The last meeting of the term was devoted to experimental work, which proved both instructive and interesting. Though the meetings this term have been fewer in number than usual, an average attendance has been maintained, and the Wireless Society is looking forward with eagerness to next term, when a good deal of outside work can be done.



### HOBBY CLUB.

Both interesting and useful has been the Club's programme for this term. The average attendance at meetings has been 76, while the total membership has risen to 128. A general meeting was held on January 19th, at which it was announced that the Club would undertake to provide an Exhibition for the forthcoming Speech Day. All sections of the Club will be represented, and it is hoped that every member will do his utmost to make this exhibition a success. A series of photographs, made by means of the Club Enlarger, was also shown at this meeting. On January 26th, Mr. S. A. Watt delighted a large audience with his lecture on "Travel." Commencing at Zanzibar, he described his family's journeys and adventures in the interior of Africa and showed, incidentally, the arduous life led by explorers, pioneers and missionaries, and the many difficulties and dangers with which they had to contend in former years. He concluded with his homeward journey through Egypt, with a diversion by way of Syria and Palestine. Mr. Watt's lecture, which was well illustrated by a large number of fine slides, was greatly appreciated, and the Club is much indebted to him for this treat. A newly-formed Concert Party entertained the remainder of the Club for the first time, on February 9th. The programme was as follows:—Selections by the Jazz Band; Pianoforte Solo, T. W. Earis; Violin Solo, F. W. Kemp; Conjuring, Ballantyne; Violin Solo, F. W. Kemp; Sketch, Coleman and Stone; Community Singing. The Concert was voted a success, but we hope that more members will join the Party, and provide sufficient talent to give at least one Concert a term. Accompanied by the Leader and Mr. Watt, a party of 50 spent a very enjoyable afternoon on February 22nd in visiting the South Kensington Natural History Museum. Once inside, the party dispersed to

the various rooms and galleries, the intention being that a general survey of the Museum should be made, while some particular sections should be studied in detail. The most popular departments proved to be those of the whales and mammals, though much attention was devoted to fossils and birds. On March 2nd three excellent papers were read by Members. H. R. Foden was able to impart some very useful information concerning the hive and its inmates and their profitable management. He was ably assisted by a large selection of slides dealing with the subject. J. W. Chapman demonstrated well and explained the construction and uses of the Microscope, and F. W. J. Kemp, with many diagrams and much apparatus, dealt exhaustively with the subject of "Electricity." On March 9th, Mr. H. C. Rolfe, who, as a lecturer, has often visited the School, gave a brilliant lantern lecture on Norway, a country he has recently visited. He supplied a great deal of interesting first-hand information, but the chief feature was the magnificent display of photography, entirely his own, which not only conveyed remarkably good ideas of fiords, Norwegians and their country, but were also an exhibition in themselves. The lecture was thoroughly appreciated, and we hope Mr. Rolfe will soon favour us again. Arrangements for the Club Camp are proceeding; already a good number have given in their names, and those who have not finally decided will do well to make application early next term, when further instructions will be issued.

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### METEOROLOGICAL NOTES.

The correlation between Nature and Nature's time-keeper is one of the many interesting associated studies to which Meteorology leads us. The shortest month was also one of the driest, with only 0.6 ins. of rain, but it closed with a small cyclone which brought warm cloudy evenings, and actually deluded some bats into breaking their sleep of hibernation. The New Year opened with fine warm weather, and in the first few days one could see the hedges beginning to shoot, and some new-born lambs gambolling in the meadows. Before the end of the month, however, they had to seek warmer shelter in face of heavy snowstorms, and we were suddenly transported back into winter—and winter sports. But this, too, passed at the turn of the month.

"If Candlemas Day be fair and bright  
Winter hath yet another flight."

Candlemas Day, February 2nd, was indeed fine; in fact, so fine that a tortoiseshell butterfly that had been hibernating with

me fluttered its wings for a trial flight and was coaxed into tasting a little honey on red cloth in the warm sunshine. That should have meant, in schoolboy language, that "winter hadn't half thought of starting yet," but after a fortnight's shiver in anticyclonic mists and frosts, we basked once more in the warm embrace of immortal Spring. Within a few days the railway banks were carpeted with coltsfoot, and the dark willow-bordered streams once more reflected silvery catkins, whilst every hedge was soon bedecked in its freshest green. Much of this burst of Spring owed its existence to the timely advent of moist westerly winds from the warm Atlantic: heralded by the jubilant evening song of a noisy thrush in eager anticipation of the morrow's early worm—for worms must appear at the surface during rain. Even the bleak winds of March seemed to have melted into oblivion, and a shade temperature of 65° F. was registered, so that I think we may safely promise ourselves an early summer, in spite of the fact that Bucks is a rather bleak county, owing to its inland eastern position.

#### RAINFALL.

	Average.	Total.	Heaviest Fall.
January ... ..	.08	2.56	.84
February ... ..	.16	4.68	.84
March ... ..	.099	3.095	.60

#### EXTREMES.

	Bar.	Highest.				Bar.	Lowest.			
		Dry.	Wet.	Max.	Min.		Dry.	Wet.	Max.	Min.
Jan. ...	—	47	45	49	39	—	29	28	36	25
Feb. ...	102	48	47	49	42	97.8	29	27	31.5	25
Mar. ...	101.5	52	49	65	49	97	37	34	43	32

## 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.	MATHS.	FRENCH.	ENGLISH.	HISTORY.	GEOGRAPHY.	PHYSICS.	CHEMISTRY.	ART.	ECONOMICS.
VI.	—	Bartle (E) Scott (W) Smith (W)	Dean (W) Hollowell (W)	Dean (W) Hollowell (W)	Dean (W) Avery i (W)	Dean (W) Hollowell (W)	Scott (W) Bartle (E) Kimber (W)	Scott (W) Smith (W) Sheriff (W)	—	Dean (W) Hollowell (W)
VU (A)	—	Beal (E) Cutler (E)	Carr (W) Cutler (E)	Britnell (E) Cutler (E)	Britnell (E) Green (H)	Cutler (E) Perfect (E)	Cutler (E) Beal (E)	Cutler (E) Timms (H)	Carr (W) Cutler (E)	Cutler (E) Timms (H)
VU (B)	—	Jones i (W) Cripps (E)	Jones i (W) Bonnnett (E)	Hoing (E) Jones i (W)	Bonnnett (E) Stacey (W)	Jones i (W) Bonnnett (E)	Bonnnett (E) Jones i (W)	Davis i (H) Barrett (E)	Jones i (W) Godden (W)	Jones i (W) Godden (W)
V (A)	Mealing i (W) Packman (H)	Clarke (H) Robertson (H)	Robertson (H) Craven (H)	Robertson (H) Lawrence (E)	Mealing i (W) Robertson (H)	Robertson (H) Chapman (H)	Robertson (H) Mealing i (W)	Chapman (H) Lawrence (E)	Robertson (H) Clarke (H)	Robertson (H) Clarke (H)
VB	Rouse (H) Waller ii (E)	Jolliffe (E) Slatter (E)	Bunce (H) Jolliffe (E)	Barrow (H) Kempster (E)	Rouse (H) Kempster (E)	Jolliffe (E) Hawkins (H)	Jolliffe (E) Wright (H)	Orsler (E) Jolliffe (E)	Wright (H) Chown (E)	Wright (H) Chown (E)
IV A	Bunce ii (H) Green ii (W)	Rackstraw (W) Green ii (W)	Stevens (W) Cox (H)	Rackstraw (W) Stevens (W)	Wooster i (W) Rackstraw (W)	Seymour (H) Rackstraw (W)	Sears (E) Green (W)	Ruffles (H) Green ii (W)	Wyatt (H) Seymour (H)	Gee (H) Green (W)
IV B	Coles (E) Kirby (W)	Orsler ii (E) Paine (H)	Kirby (W) Norman (H)	Kirby (W) Orsler ii (E)	Tame (E) Theweneti (H)	Arden (H) Norman (H)	Arden (H) Orsler ii (E)	Orsler ii (E) Paine (H)	Jones ii (W) Theweneti (H)	Jackson (W) Skues (H)
III n (A)	Cherrington (H) Kelly (H)	Burrows (W) Powley (W)	Cherrington (H) Burrows (W)	Cherrington (H) Burrows (W)	Kelly (H) Cavey (H)	Cavey (H) Burrows (W)	Cherrington (H) Ives (W)	Harman (W) Pritchard (W)	Kemp (H) Swaney (E)	
III U (B)	Bonnnett (E) Langstone (H)	Rogers (H) Bonnnett (E)	Bloxside (H) Harding (W)	Harris (W) Bates ii (H)	Gould (W) Anderson (W)	Langstone (H) Bates ii (H)	Langstone (H) Harris (W)	Bates (W) Harris (W)	O'Hara (H) Butcher (H)	
III L (A)	Graf (W) Bates iii (W)	Graf (W) Walker (E)	Graf (W) Coventry (H)	Graf (W) Palmer (E)	Graf (W) Bates iii (W)	Graf (W) Graf (W)	Graf (W) Palmer (E)	Graf (W) Bates iii (W)	Graf (W) Bates iii (W)	
III L (B)	Salmon (E) Kay (H)	Hutton (E) Sheriff ii (W)	Harte (H) King (E)	Stevens (H) Winlove (H)	Benyon (H) Kay (H)	Sheriff ii (W) Kay (H)	Sheriff ii (W) Hutton (E)	Hutton (E) Stephens (H)	Hutton (E) Stephens (H)	
II	Redway (E) Layman (E)	Paine (H) Redway (E)	—	Turner (W) White (E)	Batte (H) Turner (W)	Turner (W) Redway (E)	Turner (W) Redway (E)	Hough (E) Burgoyne (H)	Hough (E) Burgoyne (H)	
LATIN	.....	VU. IIIU (A).	Bonnnett i (E) Powley (W)	Cripps (E) Burrows (W)	V (A & B) IIIU (B).	Mealing i (W) Davis iii (H)	Chapman (H) Langstone (H)	IV (A & B).	Cox (H)	Green ii (W)
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