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MR. F. H. WARRE CORNISH

## EDITORIAL

**T**HREE things seem to stand out in retrospect from the Autumn Term: exam. fever, the good form shown by the Rugby football teams, and the London excursions. Examinations loom large in the lives of young people on the threshold of their professional careers—so large that they are apt to distort the sense of proportion, darkening the vision of boys and perhaps of Masters too. We wish success to the Remove forms who rode in the Grand December Handicap, taking the G.S. Examination two terms earlier than their predecessors. Those who have failed will have another chance in July: those who pass will be fortunate in gaining two extra terms to find out what the School has to offer beyond the Matriculation level.

Rugby football has taken a long time to recover from the war slump. After three seasons of patient building up, now at last the old standards and spirit have been regained by the 1st XV, coached by Mr. Horwood, with a series of hard-fought successes for the first half of the season.

Weekly expeditions to interesting places in London, organised by Mr. Noble, have now taken a firm hold in the School curriculum. There are disadvantages in being situated in London's "central roar," but there are also compensations. Londoners are reproached for their ignorance of the more permanent glories of London, many of which disappeared in air raids. Expeditions such as these can start interests which may prove a life-long source of pleasure. Let us make the most of our opportunities, and learn to "discover" London and her treasures.

**Contributions for the next issue of "The Philologist" must reach the Editors by Friday, 7th April. Poems and articles are requested now.**

## SPEECH DAY, 1948

**S**PEECH Day was held on Thursday, September 30th, in the Porchester Hall, Bayswater. Date and place were both innovations, the beginning of the Autumn Term being chosen this year, in order to include new

boys and their parents in the celebration, and the Porchester Hall to accommodate a larger audience.

The chair was taken by Alderman James MacColl, J.P., Mayor of Paddington and Chairman of the Governors.

After the singing of the School Hymn, the Chairman called upon the Headmaster to read the Annual Report.

The Headmaster said that all well-wishers present—Governors, parents, and boys, looking each from their own particular angle—might fairly expect from him a favourable report.

First, he drew attention to the increase in the number of successes in public examinations. The School now sent in three whole forms to sit for the General Schools Examination. In this examination, out of 81 candidates, 63 had passed; there had been 271 credits in separate subjects, and 59 distinctions. The Higher Schools results had been good in the Sixth Arts form, less good in the Science form, where many of the competitors had not the mental aptitude required for higher study. While regretting these failures, he and the other Masters did not wish to see standards of examinations reduced—still less, examinations to be abolished, as some people advocated: he hoped that the School would continue to contribute to the maintenance of mental efficiency as a national duty.

A striking feature was the growth of the Sixth Form, especially in view of the call-up for National Service. Last year there had been 33 boys in post-Matriculation courses; this year there were 57. He congratulated the parents of those boys upon their wisdom in giving their sons the advantage of the post-Matriculation years, vital years in the growth of character and responsibility which they would not regret.

The curriculum of School work was made as flexible as possible. The time-table was the result of years of experience of a properly balanced programme, from which, though it was not always possible to satisfy individual exceptions, nearly all boys might benefit according to their bent.

Games had been improving, especially in Rugby football. Cricket, fives and swimming were also being well cared for. The School had many Societies for History, Geography, Philately, Music, etc., with a host of other activities. Once more the School had provided the Choir at St. Paul's for the great congregation of leavers from other schools. They had done their best to profit by outside visits and contacts. During the School Year the boys had collected and sent to charities the sum of £170.

The successes to which he had referred could not have been carried on without the sincere devotion of the Staff to the interests of the boys. Never had the School's country camp been better enjoyed or more cheerfully worked. In walking tours, in musical ventures, and in expeditions, Masters had given their free time to be true guides and friends to the boys.

He concluded by saying that in numbers and quality, and especially in the strength of their senior boys, the School had made a definite advance on what was a good previous year.

Mr. L. J. Edwards, O.B.E., M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, distributed the prizes, and delivered an address.

He recommended as worthy ideals for the School to pursue three maxims: know your place, cultivate an insatiable curiosity, do your duty. The first of these meant recognising our place, both in space and time, in the Universe. We occupied a tiny space in a vast universe, and a minute period of time in the history of the world. This reflection should prevent us from over-estimating our own importance in the great scheme of things. Too many people lacked curiosity, and were content not to know. He showed from a personal reminiscence how the chance discovery of an old horseshoe (which he produced as a token of good luck to the School) might lead to the most interesting historical discoveries, if the inquiry was pursued.

Our duty was to the world of citizenship, the community of our fellow men. Mr. Edwards quoted John Donne in saying that no man is an "island entire" by himself, but part of a "continent"; and his still more famous words, "Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee." We should make it our business to interest ourselves in public affairs, both national and international, and in our local affairs too. It was no exaggeration to say that the Battle of Britain had been won on the playgrounds of the Grammar Schools, and the country looked to them still to go out and take their places as leaders.

Mr. Edwards concluded his address by asking for a half-holiday for the School—a request which was warmly applauded and readily granted.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Edwards was moved by Sir Wavell Wakefield, and seconded by Mr. N. V. Kenyon.

Sir Harold Kenyon proposed three cheers for the School.

The National Anthem ended the proceedings.

#### PRIZES

VI Arts ...	...	R. Silvestri
VI Sc. ...	...	S. Biel
L. VI Arts ...	...	D. J. Bell
L. VI Sc. ...	...	C. B. Smith
U. VA ...	...	G. E. Margolis
U. V1 ...	...	J. R. Newman
U. V2 ...	...	A. Brickman
VA ...	...	S. Doniach
V1 ...	...	G. Hobart
V2 ...	...	J. C. Snowdon
IVA ...	...	R. J. Moxon
IV1 ...	...	P. Phillips
IV2 ...	...	C. A. Belfield
IIIA ...	...	C. Bryan
IIII ...	...	N. Wright
III2 ...	...	R. Gillan
IIA ...	...	P. D. A. Robson
II1 ...	...	B. H. Haywood
II2 ...	...	M. Kaye

## SPECIAL PRIZES

Classics ... ..	A. Christodoulou
Modern Languages ... ..	B. Palmer
English ... ..	R. C. Banks
Science ... ..	J. K. Prall
Mathematics ... ..	G. J. Goodhardt
History ... ..	D. J. Bell
Geography ... ..	D. J. Bell
Art ... ..	D. Helm
Woodwork ... ..	E. A. Shortell
Senior Repetition ... ..	R. Silvestri
	M. A. Canning
Junior Repetition ... ..	C. Bryan
	C. Taylor

## HONOURS

F. J. Fisher :	Charles Lamb Prize in Electrical Engineering, Cambridge.
C. Poster :	B.A.(Cantab.), 2nd Class Honours
G. Bennett :	B.A.(Oxon.), 1st Class Honours
R. Farley :	M.A.(Glasgow), 2nd Class Honours
M. Jones :	B.Sc.(Lond.), 2nd Class Honours
P. H. Jones :	B.Sc.(Lond.), 2nd Class Honours
G. Goodhardt :	State Scholarship and Exhibition in Mathematics to Downing College, Cambridge.

Results of examinations for two years have been published by the London University Board since last Speech Day, and they are as follows:—

	Higher School	General School	G.S. with Matriculation
1947 ... ..	6	39	16
1948 ... ..	10	63	37

## OLD PHILOLOGIANS' WAR MEMORIAL, 1939-45

**I**N memory of the Old Boys of the School who laid down their lives for the country during the war, the Old Philologists decided at their last general meeting to build a memorial such as should add permanently to the happiness of the pupils at the School.

As a smaller memorial, the Committee would place at the School a plaque bearing a few simple words to remind the boys of the sacrifice that was made: it was further agreed that a most acceptable permanent benefit to the School could be achieved by the building of a "loggia" beside the bathing pool at Forest Green, a place where Masters and boys, including those who gave their lives, have spent so many happy hours.

The Special Committee of the Old Philologists appeals with confidence for support that will ensure a worthy tribute to the memory of the fallen. To build the proposed "loggia," the sum of £600 is needed. Subscriptions

should be sent to E. Frisby, Esq., 42 Rickmansworth Road, Watford, Herts. Cheques should be made payable to the "Old Philologists' Memorial Fund." I am sure that Old Philologists will be generous in this cause.

P. A. WAYNE,  
*President.*

## SUMMER HOLIDAYS, 1948

## I. FOREST GREEN

**F**IRST of all—the weather. By far the greater part of the fortnight was extremely fine, but towards the end of the second week, the weather rapidly deteriorated, and camp was struck in a deluge. Our primary tasks at this "holiday" camp were to re-establish the vegetable garden behind the house, "Mill Mead," and to mow and roll the cricket pitch until it became comparable to that at Lords. Neither was an easy job of work. The vegetable garden was a mass of four-foot high undergrowth interspersed with young oak trees, which had to be cleared before we could be initiated into the mysteries of spit-digging. When we left, about three-quarters had been cleared and one-quarter dug. If Mr. Butlin had seen the cricket pitch, I am sure he would have paid a large sum to acquire it for a scenic railway. We attacked the strip between wickets first, but in spite of all our efforts, fast bowling was definitely taboo. The outfield was shorn by our lawn mower, augmented by blunt sickles and a pair of shears, but the bumps remain.

We did, however, play several matches on the village green, and two of our number played for the village 1st XI. Swimming was popular, due to the hot weather, some intrepid youths partaking in midnight dips. Table tennis was a favourite pastime, and tournaments for both doubles and singles were organised. Cricket on our own pitch was amusing, if not scientific, much time being lost in searching for lost balls in the hedge bordering the tent-field.

Once again we held a night operation on Leith Hill, splitting up into two parties under Wun-Tin-Lung and Who-Flung-Wot, a suggestion of calling the gangs Communists and Capitalists being turned down for security reasons. The game was varied slightly by the side defending the tower attacking Leith Hill, no easy task when ambushes are made at various points on the route back to camp.

The camp coincided with the period of the Olympic Games, and we discovered that the runner bearing the torch was due to pass along the Dorking-Guildford road at a fairly early hour. So about ten boys and a dog, a spaniel named Rex, set out with their breakfast on their backs. The leading group saw the runner, but the second group arrived on the main road about two minutes too late. A suggestion was made that as the party contained some reputed athletes, and as another chance of seeing the torch in England would not occur for forty years, they should run after the bearer. The suggestion was firmly vetoed by the aforesaid athletes [sic].

The climax of the summer camp was when we got away from the camp itself and visited that conglomeration of shops, houses and cinemas that we term civilisation. This year we spent a day at Littlehampton, mainly in Butlin's amusement park. In spite of chilly weather, we had a dip in the briny, after which we adjourned to a set tea in one of the many cafés.

At last the fortnight came to an end. Our thanks are due to Mr. Harrison and Mr. Honeybone for arranging such a full and varied programme for use. Mr. Honeybone is, unfortunately, no longer on the Staff of the School, but we understood that in his present position he will not be lost to us at Forest Green.

R. DAY, U.S.A.

## 2. VOLUNTEERS

Urged by the current sense of National Duty, four Upper Fifth-formers made their summer holidays at the Voluntary Agricultural Camp at Ash, in Kent.

We arrived late one Saturday afternoon, and soon made our acquaintance with the camp. Finding conditions much better than we had expected, and, being experienced Forest Green campers, we offered to sleep in tents, seeing the hutting accommodation was limited.

Every morning at 7-30, lorries arrived to take us to the respective farms where we were working that day. Often this took us miles away from Ash, even to Dover and beyond Canterbury, so we were able to see quite a lot of the beautiful Kentish countryside.

The work we were asked to do was very interesting, and kept us very fit. Nearly everyone had at least one day pitching hay, while others picked fruit and helped in bringing in the potato harvest. Every evening before the lorry returned to take us back to camp we were paid our small daily wage. This sum, though small, was large enough to pay for our board.

We spent both Sundays at Sandwich Bay, which was about two miles from camp. The swimming there was lovely. During the fortnight two table tennis tournaments were played off, and there were two camp dances on the Fridays we were there. We found every one extremely friendly, and as a result, everyone enjoyed the life to the full.

On our return home, everyone remarked on our fitness, which we put down to the wholesome good food and healthy open-air life. To anyone seeking a cheap, enjoyable holiday, I can strongly recommend a week at a V.A. Camp. We'll be looking forward to seeing you there next year.

J. TURNER.

## MERIT

**M**ERIT Half is an old School institution. Most boys—and most Masters, for that matter—have become accustomed to regard it as the natural privilege of the ordinary citizen, only to be forfeited, in the case of boys, if they have been quite exceptionally wicked, and in

the case of Masters, if Merit Half happens (unfortunately for them) to coincide with their turn of duty. Some of us may have wondered sometimes what exactly we have done to "merit" a half-holiday; but since each of us could generally point to someone even less deserving than ourselves, whose shortcomings have been overlooked in the general dispensation, our consciences did not trouble us much; and the few exceptions who were kept back were inclined to attribute their misfortune to the unaccountable malice to which Masters are by nature addicted.

Now all this has been changed. Too many boys have in the past been given a merit half—we all know this. Now it is to be given for real merit only—not simply for avoiding disgrace. Good School work, good conduct are not in themselves enough: we are expected to work well and behave decently without looking for any reward in a concrete form. To earn a merit half we must have gained some positive distinction for good work, games or services to School or House. The principle seems fair enough, and in most cases the application is not difficult: Prefects earn the award, so do the Rugby XV's, so do boys at the tops of their forms. But we soon found ourselves in difficulties, because a host of more dubious cases arises and clamours for recognition. The editors of THE PHILOLOGIAN all claim merit half; so does our form inkwell monitor, who has twice filled the inkwells this term; so does Tommy Traddles, who is a public nuisance and never washes, but is now quick to remember that he has played chess for the School—once. Indeed, surprisingly few members of the School have not gained some distinction and held some office which entitles them to a claim. And those who have not are, in many cases, quiet, worthy fellows who have been overlooked because they do not push themselves forward.

Very well, then, says you, let the Form Master use his discretion and decide, in the doubtful cases, who is really worthy. But Masters are fallible, like all human beings, and some are more indulgent than others. When T. Traddles finds his claim indignantly rejected, he puts it down to the aforesaid malice of the Master. Some Masters are even suspected—oh dear!—of having favourites; impossible, of course, but boys are naturally sensitive on this point.

What, then, are we to do? In any case, what is merit, and what mortal will dare to lay claim to it? "My lord," says Polonius, "I will use them according to their desert." "Od's bodikin, man," replies Hamlet, "much better! Use every man after his desert, and who should 'scape whipping?"

Perhaps, suggests someone, we should abolish Merit Half. But that would be a confession of weakness. Let us admit that we cannot weigh merit like cheese, nor say that one person possesses more of it than another. Merit Half will never be quite fairly awarded. But let us, none the less, award it to some people—and not too many of them!

F.W.C.

## ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1948

### QUALIFYING STANDARDS

THIS year the qualifying events were run in seven age groups, ranging from the open class for boys over 17 to class 7 for boys under 12. Qualifying times and distances were to a certain extent experimental, but past experience and correlation by the Milocarian system gave reasonable results.

Moore won the senior event, and Abbott the junior.

### COMPETITIVE EVENTS

Individual times and distances were taken as much as possible, and finals based on them. When this was not possible, events were against the qualifying time or distance of the leading class in the group.

The 880 yards and putting the weight finals were decided on Wednesday, October 6th, and the other finals on Sports Day, Tuesday, October 12th. In spite of bad weather conditions, there were some excellent results, and twelve new School records were set up. Schneck won the 110 yards hurdles in 16.2 sec., and Hobart the 880 yards in 2 min. 9.2 sec., both times being within the national standard of the Schools' A.A. Other results of district standard or better were Hobart's 440 yards in 55 sec., Ferris's junior 440 yards in 59.4 sec., and 80 yards hurdles in 12 sec., and M. Green's 4 ft. 10½ in. in the senior high jump.

Detailed results were:—

#### SENIOR (OPEN CLASS AND CLASSES 2, 3)

100 Yards—1st, Schneck; 2nd, Terry; 3rd, Day. 11 sec.  
 220 Yards—1st, Schneck; 2nd, Hobart; 3rd, Terry. 24.8 sec.\*  
 440 Yards—1st, Hobart; 2nd, Day; 3rd, Schneck. 55 sec.\*  
 880 Yards—1st, Hobart; 2nd, Day; 3rd, Schneck. 2 min. 9.2 sec.\*  
 1 Mile—1st, Hayman; 2nd, Grimmett; 3rd, Reynolds. 5 min. 9.2 sec.\*  
 110 Yards Hurdles—1st, Schneck; 2nd, Kemp; 3rd, Hobart. 16.2 sec.\*  
 High Jump—1st, M. Green; 2nd, Schneck; 3rd, Durran. 4 ft. 10½ in.  
 Long Jump—1st, Kory; 2nd, Schneck; 3rd, Grimmett. 17 ft. 3½ in.  
 Putting the Weight—1st, Faro; 2nd, Payne; 3rd, Schneck. 31 ft. 9 in.

#### JUNIOR (CLASSES 4, 5, 6)

100 Yards—1st, Ferris; 2nd, Moxon; 3rd, Bush. 11.8 sec.  
 220 Yards—1st, Ferris; 2nd, Belfield; 3rd, Moxon. 27.4 sec.  
 440 Yards—1st, Ferris; 2nd, Green; 3rd, Taylor. 59.4 sec.\*  
 80 Yards Hurdles—1st, Ferris; 2nd, Belfield; 3rd, Moxon. 12 sec.\*  
 High Jump—1st, Belfield; 2nd, Ferris; 3rd, Bartlett. 4 ft. 7½ in.\*  
 Long Jump—1st, Ferris; 2nd, Ewen; 3rd, Moxon. 15 ft. ½ in.\*

#### CLASS 7

100 Yards—1st, Rumbles; 2nd, Price; 3rd, Thomas. 14 sec.  
 220 Yards—1st, Rumbles; 2nd, Price; 3rd, Thomas. 31.7 sec.\*

#### RELAYS

Senior—1st, Abbott; 2nd, Moore; 3rd, Portman. 3 min. 34 sec.\*  
 Junior—1st, Houseman; 2nd, Beeching; 3rd, Moore. 3 min. 59.7 sec.\*  
 Class 7—1st, Houseman; 2nd, Abbott; 3rd, Moore. 2 min. 13 sec.

\* = New record

SENIOR VICTOR LUDORUM: E. Schneck, 78 points (runner-up, G. Hobart).  
 JUNIOR VICTOR LUDORUM: R. A. Ferris, 50 points (runner-up, C. Belfield).

#### HOUSE COMPETITION

Senior—Moore.  
 Junior—Houseman.

We are hoping to enter a team for the North London Grammar Schools Athletic Association Meeting next July, and consideration is also being given to entering for the Milocarian Trophy next summer.

### RUGBY FOOTBALL

Captain: J. N. REYNOLDS  
 Vice-Captain: D. R. ALVEY  
 Hon. Secretary: C. PAYNE

#### 1ST XV. INTERIM REPORT

THE 1st XV has, on the whole, acquitted itself well this season, having so far conceded only 37 points. Its strength lies in the forwards, who are fast and enthusiastic; there is always someone on the ball, and the backing-up is very good. Unfortunately, our pack is very light, and is therefore sometimes pushed off the ball; this has been most noticeable in our fixtures against Club sides, in particular the Saracen Gypsy XV, who were almost twice as heavy. The forwards are sometimes a little selfish—this may be due to some of the easy games they have had, and the "getting back" of the ball is slow both in the scrum and in the line-out.

Our backs are a little weak, and tend to become disorganised against a fast three-quarter line, although the School has a very good and very hard tackler in A. White. Handling of the ball is bad: "knock-ons" are too frequent. Kicking is also below standard, for we have not got a place kicker yet. Many scoring movements have been started by cross-kicking. With more practice the team should be the strongest the School has had since the war, and should at least maintain its record next term.

J.N.R.

#### REPORT FOR 2ND XV

It has been a very successful term for the 2nd XV. Although there has been a lack of formidable opponents, the team showed its true mettle against such schools as St. Olave's and Harrow County, which provided the best games of the term. Our back division has always been superior to that of our opponents. Their fast work, especially in attack, always gave opportunities for scoring. The forwards formed a formidable pack, which was well supported by the back division. To sum up, the team played well in most of the games, and gave of their best when they had good opposition. We have a record of eight successive victories, which we hope to maintain next term.

C.P.

All the School teams have shown excellent spirit, which has been rewarded by some heavy and some very creditable victories, but it should be remembered that the heaviest are not necessarily the most creditable. Payne has done excellent work, both as Secretary for School Rugger and as Captain of the 2nd XV, any lack of skill being more than compensated by gusto. The juniors, chiefly from lack of practice, have not yet found their best form. A little more enthusiasm for practice, at which attendance is by no means regular, would make all the difference.

In conclusion, I should like to say that if the School Rugger is now in fairly good health, as I think it is, its improvement is chiefly due to the sound example and leadership of its Captain, J. N. Reynolds. I am hopeful that these qualities are beginning to permeate downwards throughout the School.

L.I.H.

## Results of Rugby football matches up to Saturday, December 11th :—

Oct.	2—1st XV v. Saracens Gypsy XV.	Lost 11-17.
	2nd XV v. St. Olave's School 1st XV.	Lost 8-20.
"	9—1st XV v. Thames Valley County School 1st XV.	Won 22-3.
	Colts XV v. Thames Valley County School Colts XV.	Won 61-0.
"	13—2nd XV v. City of London School 3rd XV.	Won 38-0.
"	16—2nd XV v. St. Olave's 1st XV.	Won 11-3.
	Colts XV v. St. Olave's Colts XV.	Lost 9-21.
"	30—1st XV v. Wasps "B" XV.	Lost 6-8.
	2nd XV v. Raine's School 2nd XV.	Won 79-0.
Nov.	3—1st XV v. Tottenham Grammar School 1st XV.	Won 26-0.
	2nd XV v. Tottenham Grammar School 2nd XV.	Won 46-0.
"	6—1st XV v. Raine's School 1st XV.	Won 55-0.
	Colts XV v. St. Olave's School Colts XV.	Won 3-0.
"	13—1st XV v. Tottenham County School 1st XV.	Won 18-0.
	2nd XV v. Tottenham County School 2nd XV.	Won 34-11.
	Colts XV v. Tottenham County School Colts XV.	Won 14-8.
	Under 13½ XV v. Tottenham County School Under 13½ XV.	Lost 0-35.
"	20—1st XV v. Harrow County School 1st XV.	Won 12-0.
	2nd XV v. Harrow County School 2nd XV.	Won 12-6.
	Colts XV v. Harrow County School Colts XV.	Lost 3-8.
Dec.	4—1st XV v. Thames Valley County School 1st XV.	Won 28-0.
	2nd XV v. Thames Valley County School 2nd XV.	Won 20-0.
	Colts XV v. Thames Valley County School Colts XV.	Won 11-0.
	Under 13½ XV v. Tottenham Grammar School Under 13½ XV.	Lost 3-25.
"	11—1st XV v. Old Philologists XV.	Lost 3-9.
	2nd XV v. City of London 3rd XV.	Won 20-0.
	Colts XV v. North Paddington Secondary School 1st XV.	Won 46-0.

## Analysis of results up to Saturday, December 11th :—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Points
1st XV ... ..	9	6	0	3	181	37	
2nd XV ... ..	9	8	0	1	268	40	
Colts XV ... ..	7	5	0	2	144	37	
Under 13½ XV ...	2	0	0	2	3	60	

1st XV                      2nd XV  
(Last year's Colours above the line)

J. N. Reynolds	†Payne (Capt.)
Alvey	†Margolis
Grimmett	†McKee
Kirby	†Nathan
Hewitt	†Mabbutt
—	†Hobart
*V. J. Harding	†Bayliss
*Newman	Honour
*Kory	Patterson
Kemp	Smith
Starmer	J. B. Harding
†Wheeler	Wiltshire
†A. White	Lambert
†Ferris	Vian
†Christodoulou	Hayman
†Ridler	

\* New Colours.  
† 2nd XV Colours.

HOUSE MATCHES  
SENIORS

ABBOTT		
Beat Moore ... ..	...	29- 3
Beat Houseman ... ..	...	16- 5
Beat Portman ... ..	...	12- 3
Drew with Beeching ...	...	11-11
3 wins, 1 draw = 7 pts.		
BEECHING		
Beat Houseman ... ..	...	21- 6
Beat Portman ... ..	...	25- 0
Beat Moore ... ..	...	22- 3
Drew with Abbott ... ..	...	11-11
3 wins, 1 draw = 7 pts.		
HOUSEMAN		
Beat Moore ... ..	...	9- 6
Beat Portman ... ..	...	6- 0
Lost to Abbott ... ..	...	16- 5
Lost to Beeching ... ..	...	21- 6
2 wins, 2 losses = 4 pts.		
MOORE		
Beat Portman ... ..	...	6- 0
Lost to Abbott ... ..	...	12- 3
Lost to Beeching ... ..	...	22- 3
Lost to Houseman ... ..	...	9- 6
1 win, 3 losses = 2 pts.		
PORTMAN		
Lost to Abbott ... ..	...	12- 3
Lost to Beeching ... ..	...	25- 0
Lost to Houseman ... ..	...	6- 0
Lost to Moore ... ..	...	6- 0
4 losses = 0 pts.		

## JUNIORS

Matches played to date :—

Abbott drew with Houseman	...	6-6
Beeching beat Houseman	...	9-3
Moore beat Abbott	...	18-11
Portman beat Beeching	...	18-0

## THE HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

**A**BBOTT, last season's Champions, have started off this year with a good lead from Moore. They were second in the Sports (Moore being first), and shared first place with Beeching in the Senior Rugby matches. Results up to Christmas, 1948, are as follows :—

	Athletics	Rugby Football	Total
Abbott	92	80	172
Beeching	28	80	108
Houseman	66	30	96
Moore	104	15	119
Portman	45	0	45

## HOUSE REPORTS

## ABBOTT HOUSE

**T**HIS term we welcome Mr. Hartshorn as our Assistant House Master ; he has already done much for the House. The most important events of the term were the Athletics and the Inter-House Rugby football. In the former our final position was second, the separate results being as follows : qualifying events—seniors, second ; juniors, first. Competitive events—seniors and juniors, third. Abbott House broke two School records, that for the mile and that for the relay. All Rugby games have been won except that against Beeching, which was drawn, 11-all. Beeching has a similar result, but one game left to play, and the result is eagerly awaited. The House Play, under the guidance of Mr. Hartshorn, is already in preparation, and we hope to repeat our former successes.

C. B. SMITH.

## BEECHING

At the beginning of this term the House was very fortunate in obtaining the valuable services of Mr. Hayes as Assistant House Master. His main activity was concerned with athletics, but even so, the opposition proved too strong. Congratulations are given to Kory, who gained a first in the long jump.

Contrary to expectations, the Beeching House Senior Rugby team has done well, having reversed last season's results. The Senior House team, captained by Alvey, remains undefeated, being held to a draw by Abbott after a hard-fought match. The following boys play for the School 1st XV : Alvey, Kory, Kemp, Wheeler and Ridler.

Fair progress is being made with fives, one or two of the junior boys showing promise under the guidance of the Fives Captain, Kemp, whom we congratulate on getting his Fives Colours.

The term was brought to a successful end by the House tea, which proved to be a great success, under the able guidance of Griffiths and Kory, assisted by Mr. Warre Cornish.

The House is very sorry to lose the services of Kory, the House Captain, who is leaving to carry on his studies in America; we wish him all the best.

E. J. WEBSTER.

## HOUSEMAN

At the beginning of this term we bade a regretful farewell to Mr. Ortmans, who has taken up a post as Director of Education in Mauritius, and welcomed Mr. Horwood as our new House Master. We looked forward to the term with some confidence, but our sports results have been of a rather up and down nature.

The Senior Athletics were frankly disappointing, when we failed to gain a single point in the finals, but this was offset by the brilliant performances of Ferris (the Junior Victor Ludorum) and Belfield, who were the main reasons of our heading the table in the junior events.

With eight First or Second XV players in the Senior XV, it was a shock to lose our first two games ; against Abbott (lost 16-5) our forwards went to pieces, and they also cracked against Beeching (lost 21-6), giving a potentially powerful back division no chance to get going. There was a great improvement against Moore, however, whom we beat in a very hard game 9-6. The Juniors lost to Beeching 9-3, and drew with Abbott 6-6.

Next term there is the remainder of the Rugby competition, the fives, in which we will field a strong team, and the House Plays, which we are hoping to win for the first time.

G. MARGOLIS.

## MOORE HOUSE

In many ways Moore can look back over the past term with satisfaction, for the latest position at the head of the House Championship is Moore leading from Abbott by twelve points. However, as Abbott have done better than we have at Rugby, and as our lead is so slight, a great effort by all members of the House is needed if we are to regain the Championship lost to Abbott last year.

We take the opportunity to congratulate Schneck on being Victor Ludorum. Schneck gained a record number of points, and was largely influential in enabling us to do well in the Athletics.

We are now looking forward eagerly and confidently to the events of next term.

R. R. A. LAMBERT.

### PORTMAN HOUSE

Under the continued guidance of Dr. Derry, and with the welcome support of Mr. Blackburn, Portman House has increased its activities during the last term from the usual competitive sports and the House tea to strenuous rock-climbing among the more athletic members, and a possible expedition to the north of Scotland in the summer.

House Athletics, especially in the Seniors and Class VII, showed a marked improvement on last year, although the junior events were disappointing. We especially congratulate Hobart on setting up new School records in both the half- and quarter-mile races, and Newman on gaining his 1st XV Colours. Senior Rugby football has not been so successful as we could have wished, although enthusiasm for the game has increased rapidly during the season. But the juniors have started off well with a fine win against Beeching, which we hope they will repeat in their future games.

Fives, under Day, and House Dramatics under Turner have got well under way, and together with practice for next term's Cross Country in Regent's Park, augur well for the future.

P. A. CANT.

### SWIMMING

THE School Swimming Club was recommenced this term, and about twenty-five boys meet for training every Monday evening. Mr. Hedges is in charge again, and all are grateful for the time he devotes. We are hoping to get a professional trainer if attendances warrant it. During the term M. H. Evans, of Form 3I, was presented with a free pass to the Baths for being the best learner of the year, and J. Turner was elected Swimming Captain. We hope that Swimming will become, as in pre-war days, one of the School's best sports, and that next year will see the institution of an Annual School Gala.

J. TURNER (6th Sc.).

### THE SCHOOL CONCERT

OUR Annual Concert was performed this year on Monday, December 6th, and a large and appreciative audience filled the School Hall. The programme—mainly orchestral, as usual, was full of variety. Purcell's suite, "The Virtuous Wife," made an attractive opening. Charles Briggs, an Old Boy of the School, who had loyally returned to us for the evening, then played Barbirolli's arrangement of a Pergolesi flute concerto. Ronald Goldberg, who played a movement from a concerto by Rode, is a promising violinist; if not quite up to concerto standard at present, he deserves encouragement, and the School Orchestra is glad to give him experience. The Rossini-Britten "March" made considerable demands on the performers; if complete precision was not attained, the result was attractive in the main. Attack, at present, is a stronger feature of our orchestral technique than—I had almost said

"defence," but shall we say "repose"? As not infrequently happens with amateur musicians, the simple and well-known tunes and numbers proved an ultimate test: Brahms' "Sandman" seemed to be picking his way a little cautiously, and the cradle was somewhat deliberately rocked.

Anxious trebles were deftly steered by Mr. Hedges through a couple of descants, and came into their own in Martin Shaw's setting of "Cargoes." The School Choir, helped by our invaluable organ, sang Stanford's "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" in B flat and, unaccompanied, gave a rendering of Tchaikovsky's "Legend." We are grateful to Miss Turnell and to Hyland, another loyal musician among our Old Boys, for appearing at the last moment to swell the thin ranks of our altos.

Miss Honor Rendall played several viola solos of a difficult and an impressive nature. The Concert was conducted by Miss Rita Sharp, to whom a handsome bouquet was presented as a token of appreciation. Both ladies added explanatory remarks to the musical delights of the evening. The Mayor of Marylebone was kind enough to commend the performance and its object: the Camp Endowment Fund, for which a silver collection was made. This realised a sum of over £20.

There can be no doubt that both the orchestra and the choir are improving their standards from year to year, and there seems every reason to hope that greater subtleties of intonation, interpretation, etc., will soon appear as the reward of careful training.

N.W.R.

### PROGRAMME

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|--|--------|-----------------------------|--|
| THE NATIONAL ANTHEM  |        |                             |  |
| 1. Suite: "The Virtuous Wife"                              | ... .. | Purcell                     |  |
| (a) Allegro  |        |                             |  |
| (b) Two Minuets  |        |                             |  |
| (c) Horn Pipe  |        |                             |  |
| THE ORCHESTRA  |        |                             |  |
| 2. Movement from Flute Concerto                            | ... .. | Pergolesi-Barbirolli        |  |
| CHARLES BRIGGS   |        |                             |  |
| 3. Rondo from Violin Concerto                              | ... .. | Rode                        |  |
| RONALD GOLDBERG  |        |                             |  |
| 4. Minuet from London Symphony in D Major                  | ... .. | Haydn                       |  |
| THE ORCHESTRA  |        |                             |  |
| 5. (a) Songs with Descants                                 |        |                             |  |
| "Early One Morning"  | ... .. | Traditional                 |  |
| "Oh, dear, what can the matter be?"                        | ... .. | Traditional                 |  |
| (b) "Cargoes"  | ... .. | Shaw                        |  |
| THE SCHOOL TREBLES   |        |                             |  |
| 6. School Choir "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" in B flat | ... .. | Stanford                    |  |
| "Legend"   | ... .. | Tchaikowsky                 |  |
| SCHOOL CHOIR   |        |                             |  |
| 7. March from Suite, "Soiree Musicale"                     | ... .. | Rossini-Britten             |  |
| 8. (a) Minuet  | ... .. | Elgar                       |  |
| (b) Halling Dance  | ... .. | Traditional Norwegian Dance |  |
| 9. Viola Solos   |        |                             |  |
| MISS HONOR RENDALL   |        |                             |  |
| 10. Three Songs arranged for Orchestra                     | ... .. | Brahms-Woodhouse            |  |
| (a) "The Sandman"  |        |                             |  |
| (b) "Cradle Song"  |        |                             |  |
| (c) "The Blacksmith"                                       |        |                             |  |

## SCHOOL SOCIETIES

### THE SENIOR HISTORY SOCIETY

ALTHOUGH the lack of members has prevented any ambitious schemes this term, the Society, under its new Secretary, Marston, has enjoyed a number of good talks. These were given on "Georgia" by Dr. Derry, who ably and kindly stepped into the breach caused by the last-minute illness of Jackson; the "Persian Wars" by Margolis; "Charles Parnell" by Price, who was unable to finish his detailed talk through the lack of time; "Dr. Johnson" by Starr; and "King George V" by Weiser.

It is hoped that now the exams are finished, an increase in the membership will justify the procuring of outside speakers next term.

E. STARR (U. 5A).

### DEBATING SOCIETY

At the beginning of the term the new Secretary of the Society was elected, and it was decided, in view of previously badly attended debates, to alternate debates during the term by less formal discussions. This policy has been successful in drawing fairly large numbers to the meetings, and the term has been a very active one for the Society.

The best attended meeting was a discussion on "Professionalism in Sport," which nearly developed into a game of Soccer. At a debate it was decided, by a large majority, to abolish the House of Lords, which would cause certain members to turn in their graves. The discussion on conscription backed it as a necessary measure. The motion for the term debate with St. Clement Dane's School that "Over-specialisation is the bane of modern life," was lost by us there by eight votes to fifteen. The annual debate with the Old Philologists was attended by most of the Upper School. The motion was that "Science has more to offer mankind than the Arts," and was proposed by the School, while Pinhey (one-time School Captain) and Hussey stood for the Arts. Many surprising things were heard from both sides of the House, not to be mentioned here, and the motion was narrowly lost by 48 votes to 53. Many thanks to the O.P's for the best debate of the term.

D. MILLER (*Secretary*).

### THE MUSICAL SOCIETY

The Society has had a very interesting term under its new President, Mr. Noble. Illustrated talks were given by Briggs, who has now left, on the life of Berlioz; by Turner on Beethoven's Eight Symphony, whose form was explained by means of an ingenious diagram on the blackboard; and by Mr. Noble on the composition of the symphony and the "Messiah." A pleasant change was provided by Miller, who gave a piano recital of some popular classical works. The Society also went to hear a performance of the "Messiah" at the Albert Hall (at which members of the

School sang in Mr. Noble's Wallington Choir), and a concert at the Royal Academy.

We should be pleased to see more members, especially from the junior forms, at the Monday Lunch Hour Record Recitals, which are held in the Library.

E. STARR (U. 5A).

### THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

The Orchestra lost several members at the end of last term, and, during this term, Mr. Ortman, but his place has been taken by Mr. Bailey, who gives valuable assistance. At the beginning of next term, new pieces will be rehearsed, and this will be a good time for new members to join, as one or two simple pieces are usually undertaken. Finally, I should like to offer the thanks of the whole Orchestra to Miss Sharpe, who does so much for us.

C. B. SMITH.

### CHESS CLUB

Activity in the Chess Club this term has been mainly concentrated on the chess team, which has joined the team tourney of the junior section of the British Chess Correspondence Association. Our team is as follows: 1, D. Miller; 2, E. Schneck; 3, M. Radnor; 4, G. Durran; 5, T. Grey.

The other schools whose teams are in the tourney are Wellington School (Somerset), Chipping Norton Grammar School, Tiffin Boys' School, Whitgift School, and Woking County School. As, in correspondence chess, all moves have to go through the post, the tourney will not be finished until June (1949). None of our games has been won or lost yet, but some are already predicted to be won, all being well.

Five members of the Club have paid annual subscriptions for 1949 for the new two-monthly chess magazine published by the British Chess Education Society, *Junior Chess*. Other news for the Club is that membership cards will very soon be available, and that some lowest-priced French chess sets costing about ten shillings each have appeared on the market, and could possibly help to replenish the Club's present stocks.

Let no one suppose that chess is a passive game. As one's knowledge improves, it becomes a harder battle of wits, and correspondence chess specially so, because players have ample time to consider their prospects.

D. MILLER (*Secretary*).

### THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Society meeting weekly at 1.10 p.m. is flourishing under the chairmanship of Mrs. Taylor, and has a large membership.

Interesting talks were given during the term on "Modern Austrian Stamps" by Bischitz, "Animals on Stamps" by Weiser, "German Stamps" by Birch, and "Maps on Stamps" by Bakall.

The Society is grateful to Mr. Fawdry for his most interesting talk on "Greek Mythology on Stamps," and gives him its best wishes for his new work.

The Stamp Auction on Wednesday, December 8th, was very successful, and, as a result, £1 ls. was handed to the Library Fund.

R. MARKS (4A, *Secretary*).

### SCHOOL EXPEDITIONS

THE standing reproach of the Londoner that he knows little of his town city proved well founded at School. On enquiry, for instance, more than half a middle-School form had never been to Westminster Abbey. This year educational visits have been made a regular part of School life, and an organisation begun by which no boy should leave School without having visited, among other places, the British Museum, the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, and the Houses of Parliament, as well as the more important concerts, plays and exhibitions.

This term there have been several visits to the Tower of London, and Fourths were fortunate in being able to make expeditions by motor launch to study the Thames below Westminster and visit the Royal Naval College and Maritime Museum at Greenwich. The last party to do this trip were lucky in passing close under the counter of the very fine Swedish research ship, the white painted four-masted schooner, *Albatross*, just back from the West Indies.

Exhibitions visited have included Design for Work, Town and Country Planning, and Modern French Art at the Tate Gallery; and parties have attended concerts at the Albert Hall and Wigmore Hall, a production for schools of Shaw's *Arms and the Man*, produced by our good friend, Miss Wheelwright, the *Hippolytus* of Euripides at Dulwich College, the Arthur Rank film of *Hamlet*, and last, but not least, the Oxford and Cambridge Rugger match at Twickenham.

### VISIT TO THE ROYAL ACADEMY

ON Friday, December 3rd, some members of the School Orchestra and of the VIth Form went to a concert in the Duke's Hall at the Royal Academy of Music. The dresses of the women players, flowing white with red band, always worn on ceremonial occasions at the Academy, made the concert beautiful to see as well as to hear. The programme was representative of modern and classical composers, and the playing as fine as we were ever likely to hear. The rousing first movement of Haydn's "Military Symphony" was followed by the warm atmosphere of Delius' "In a summer garden." The sad and beautiful songs, "Salce" and "Ave Maria" from Verdi's *Otello* were finely sung by a scholar of the Associated Board of the Academy, and the soloist in Brahms' Violin Concerto in D was a scholar of the British Arts Council. "Scapino," a modern work of William Walton, was difficult to understand, the assembly of instruments including xylophone, tambourines

and wooden clappers of various kinds. After Liszt's Piano Concerto in A, the concert ended with the eastern magic of Scheherazade (Part 4) by Rimski-Korsakov. This was indeed a memorable concert.

D. MILLER (6 Sc.).

### SCOUTING

AN Old Philologist, well known to some present members of the School as Assistant Scoutmaster of a local Sea Scout Troop, writes:—

Since the war the School has had no official Scout Troop, and many boys from the School belong to Troops throughout the district. The 2nd St. Marylebone, a Sea Scout Troop, is one of them. Nearly a dozen boys from the School belong either to the Troop or the Senior Patrol, and engage in its many activities. Meetings are held twice a week, and other outdoor activities occupy the week-ends.

At the beginning of this year the Troop bought its first boat from a Troop at Reading. Throughout February and March a Patrol went each week-end to scrape paint and refit her. Finally, she was all spick and span, and ready for the journey down river. On Easter Monday morning the first stage was completed, and again on succeeding week-ends, until we finally reached Walton-on-Thames, where she is now berthed. Besides boating and swimming, other activities are carried on throughout the summer. Camping, which embodies so many Scout activities, was carried on at week-ends, and for a fortnight in August at Buckler's Hard, on the River Beaulieu. The camp was an all-round success, and most boys passed their first-class Felling, through the generosity of our host. This was accomplished by clearing and felling trees on the estate.

The autumn activities have so far been taken up with preparing a district pageant of a musical nature.

Not so long ago I was in the School Troop whilst the School was in Cornwall. I recall with some amusement the time the S.M. jumped on my fire, after having struggled to light it with two matches, because the air raid siren had just sounded; and another time there was a rumour that the S.M. was in the Police Station through signalling on Carn Brea just before dusk.

Finally, I should like to draw the attention of old Scouts to the newly formed Old Scouts Association, and should be pleased to put anybody interested in touch with the Association's Section of this district.

D. W. FOALE (S.M.G.S. 1936-42).

16 Lothrop Street,  
Queen's Park, W.10.

### THE "CLAN BRODIE"

THIS term we received a letter from Captain B. Vernon Browne, dated August 13th, 1948, in which he described the passage of the *Clan Brodie* between Colombo and Port Said, on its homeward journey to London. The ship's cargo consisted largely of munitions, mobile A.A. guns, trucks, etc., all of which required careful stowage.

Whilst crossing the Arabian Sea, the strength of the S.W. monsoon caused some of the wire lashings used to secure the cargo to break, and some slight damage was caused. This was repaired whilst negotiating the Gulf of Aden, and the steamer passed into the Red Sea—after a call at Aden—where a sand haze caused poor visibility and rendered navigation rather difficult.

Conditions improved in the Gulf of Suez, and the transit of the Canal was made in full daylight.

It is interesting to note how transit of the Canal is now made, quoting Capt. Vernon Browne :—

“ The method now in use is to run ships in convoys each way, the one from Suez starting between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m., the one from Port Said leaving from 1-30 a.m. onwards. These convoys pass in the Bitter Lakes, where there is ample room for the first convoy to anchor whilst the second clears its section of the Canal.”

G.W.H.

#### GIFT OF BOOKS

A HANDSOME gift of calf-bound books has been bequeathed to the School Library by the late Miss Winifred Taylor. These books were prizes gained at the School by her brother, Frank Taylor, perhaps the most distinguished scholar at the School within the last fifty years. His name appears on the Honours Roll in Room 3 under the year 1890. He was a Scholar at Lincoln College, Oxford, where he won the Newdigate Prize for an English poem and other University prizes. He later became a writer of history and of plays, including *The Carthaginian* (a play about Hannibal), which was produced by the Headmaster with a cast including two other Masters of the School, and boys, supported by the Island Players of Thanet, at the Winter Garden, Margate, where the company spent several enjoyable days. Frank's elder brother, Gilbert, was a Governor of the School, and a devoted Old Philologist.

His sister has also left a sum of money to the School in memory of her brother.

The Taylor family has certainly deserved well of the School.

#### CHARITY DONATIONS

THE Charity Committee has continued its work during the Autumn Term, and has handed £22 10s. to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and £15 5s. to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

I.M.T.

#### LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE PHILOLOGIAN"

SIR,

May I suggest that a new School Tie be designed for the boys of the School? The present one is unworthy in appearance, especially for the Seniors. I would suggest a tie similar to that worn at present by the

Prefects. The Prefects and sub-Prefects could wear ties with, say, a double yellow stripe to distinguish them from the other boys. I feel that the boys would not only wear, but would be proud to wear, a more dignified tie.

Yours faithfully,

R.V.L. (R2).

The Editors invite further correspondence on this subject, or upon any other subject.

#### AMERICA IN RETROSPECT

[T is good to be back in England: America is a wonderful place, and I got to know and love a great many Americans, but the whole tempo of living is too fast for me. In fact, the only thing leisurely in the States is Education was the conclusion I arrived at. I enjoyed teaching, both at the secondary school and the University, so much that I don't think I could teach in England again. This may seem strange, but the truth is that I am spoilt—it is all too easy and pleasant over there, no exams. to pass, no pressure to exert, not even any punishments to deal out. It is true that, academically speaking, the "students" are two years behind S.M.G.S. by the age of eighteen, but what with co-education and the subjects they teach (e.g., Social Living and Marriage Guidance), they are miles ahead in social education. Picnics, parties, dances play a great part in school life, and the school is very much the centre of the young community.

Speaking more generally, I think America is a wonderful institution—we are only just discovering that. And now they have not turned reactionary Republican, I really do feel there is a great hope for the world across the Atlantic.

Not only are individual Americans the most generous people I have ever met, but they are also, I believe, the most well-intentioned. Frankly, even their shortcomings I have come to admire—their naiveté, their enthusiasm, their cockiness and their tremendous independence, which is coupled with a great sense of fairness.

We have much to learn from them.

U. LAMBERT.

#### UNIVERSITY LETTER

##### BIRMINGHAM

THREE years after my departure from School, I now renew the association between St. Marylebone and the University that gave the School its Headmaster. It is surprising that, of over 3,500 students, I am the only Old Philologist. More so when one realises that such distinguished men as Sir Oliver Lodge and now Professor Oliphant (the atomic bomb expert) have been associated with this University.

When, in 1945, the other three H.S.C. Scholars went to College, I joined the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, from where I left with a

Commission in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. Now I have returned to studies, and am now reading for an honours degree in Mathematics. I am happy in the knowledge that this University, both academically and socially, compares most favourably with any in this country. It opened about fifty years ago, with about 500 students. Now, with 3,500, it is still expanding. It differs somewhat from its counterpart in London. The tutorial system is vastly different; there is a resident medical officer who supervises the physical education of the students; the Undergraduate Union is more active than in London, and the comradeship is far greater.

Perhaps I can persuade some at School to come here to study. Perhaps this letter will prompt my contemporaries to make contact with me by letter. In any event, I have at least succeeded in officially notifying everyone that a U.B.O.P. Society, with one member, has been formed.

Yours sincerely,

D. GOLDBERG.

#### GROUNDNUT PROJECT IN TANGANYIKA

WE have received an interesting letter from an Old Boy, Mr. Frank Moore (S.M.G.S. 1920-22), giving an account of his impressions of the wild country in Southern Tanganyika, where he has embarked on the two-year-old undertaking, sponsored by the Government, for raising groundnuts for oil.

Owing to shortage of space, it is impossible to print his letter in full. He gives an impressive sketch of the undeveloped country, of the primitive roads crossing streams by "Irish bridges" (i.e., no bridges at all), of the difficulty of obtaining food and building materials for the newly raised camps for native workers, and the little body of Europeans (only 400 at present) engaged in the scheme.

He ends by saying: "I am writing this in a tent overlooking a beautiful valley of coconut palms, orange trees, banana trees and mango trees; lions, leopards, hyena and jackals can be heard and occasionally seen."

Anyone with a thirst for adventure in virgin country and desiring to know more about prospects in the groundnut scheme, at present in its infancy, but with a possibly far-reaching future, is advised to get into touch with the writer, Frank N. Moore, Esq., c/o John Mowlem & Co., Ltd., Lindi, Tanganyika Territory.

ED.

#### FOR JUNIORS ONLY

The doctor took my shirt away, he did it for the best;  
He said, "It's very cold to-day," and took away my vest;  
Then, having nothing more to say, he hit me on the chest.

Oh, he did clout my ribs about till I was bruised and red,  
And then he shook his head at me, and very sadly said,  
"There's nothing wrong with you at all; you'd better go to bed."

M.R. (2.2).

A Negro walked into a library every day, took down the same book, and burst out laughing. One day the librarian asked him what he was laughing at. The Negro showed him a picture of a bull chasing a boy, and said, "Golly, 'e ain't caught 'im yet."

D.P. (2.2).

#### RIDDLES BY 2.2

(Answers on page 28)

1. What is the difference between a warder and a jeweller?
2. When is a sheep not a sheep?
3. Why is it dangerous to take a nap in a train?
4. When is a wall like a fish?
5. What is the word, in which the first two letters signify a man, the first three a woman, the first four a brave man, and the whole word a brave woman?

#### ACROSTIC

*Uprights*: 1. An official who is very busy at Christmas.  
2. What he deals with.

*Across*: 1. Pond.  
2. Musical instrument.  
3. Found in chimneys.  
4. Canvas home.  
5. 1,760 yards.  
6. Declare.  
7. They screw on bolts.

M.D. (2.2).

*Master*: Who was Moses?

*Boy*: The only man who broke all the commandments at once.

*Announcer*: Before Madame Lotta Noyse begins her song, here is a gale warning.

Has it ever struck you that though twice eleven makes twenty-two, twice ten makes twenty, too?

#### PROBLEM

In a village street the tobacconist, the grocer, newsagent and the draper occupy adjoining shops. Their names (not perhaps in the same order) are Fred, Tom, John and Harry. Harry's shop is between the tobacconist's and the newsagent's. John and Harry shave themselves, but the draper prefers to go to the barber's across the way. Harry and Tom often play bowls with the tobacconist and the draper. One of these men has a beard. What is his occupation?

B.V. (2.2).

A swanky young fellow named Jim  
Once drove with a good deal of vim.  
He said, "I'm renowned,  
For I cover the ground."  
But alas! now the ground covers him.  
P.D. (3.1).

Doctor Brown fell in the well,  
And died without a moan.  
He should have attended to the sick  
And left the well alone.  
R.W. (2.2).

### ANSWERS TO PUZZLES ON PAGE 27

#### RIDDLES

1. One watches cells, the other sells watches.
2. When it is turned into a field.
3. Because railway carriages always run over sleepers.
4. When it is scaled.
5. Heroine.

#### ACROSTIC

P O O L  
O B O E  
S O O T  
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A V E R  
N U T S

#### PROBLEM

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### OLD PHILOLOGIAN NOTES AND NEWS

IN common with most similar organisations, the Old Philologists Association has a break in meetings during the summer, and there is nothing to describe of the activities of the Club as a whole between the 1948 Dinner (reported in the last issue of THE PHILOLOGIAN) and the Smoking Concert held on December 10th.

Attendance at the Smoking Concert was less than in the previous year, but, nevertheless, about a hundred members enjoyed a pleasant evening. We were glad to have several Masters as our guests, including Messrs. Willis, Snape, Hedges, Rogers and Warre-Cornish. The School kitchen provided excellent refreshments, and R. K. Hands gathered

together a very varied group of entertainers. The President played his 'cello as delightfully as ever, the Brothers Rubín again showed us how well a violin and piano can blend, and Hands and the Secretary each did his best to amuse. The programme was completed with outside assistance from a solo pianist and a deservedly popular songster.

The 1948-49 General Meeting will be held in the School Hall on Friday evening, March 25th. It is hoped that a large number of members will attend—the agenda will not take long, and, as many members already know, the meeting is far more social than business in nature. The 1949 Dinner will take place early in May.

Another pre-war fixture was revived on the afternoon of Friday, December 10th, when R. K. Pinhey and the Secretary debated for the O.P.'s against the motion, "This House considers that Science has more to offer mankind than the Arts." The School Debating Society, finding a pair to support the motion at very short notice, were by a narrow margin unable to persuade the large audience in the Library of the rightness of their cause. This also will become an annual event, and advance information will be given to members, who, it is hoped, will support the revival.

Members have already received a printed circular giving details of the proposed O.P. War Memorial. A report from the War Memorial Sub-Committee is given separately.

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The Cricket Club has appointed C. J. Dobson as Public Relations Officer. He writes:—

In bare figures of matches played, won and lost, or wickets taken and runs scored, the season was quite successful, but we feel that statistics do not paint a full picture. The season was successful because the Club is a happy Club, and we think a good day's sport of more importance than a grudging result.

In all, 26 matches were played; of these, 6 were abandoned, 8 lost, 2 drawn, and 10 won. D. H. D. Edwards, D. J. R. Springall and L. Beth lead the batting averages with 24, 16.9 and 16.5 respectively, and R. Dunn, Beth, A. E. S. Vincent and D. P. Morgan lead the bowling averages. The Club numbered some twenty playing members. During the summer holidays, our depleted ranks were filled by several of the School 1st XI, who soon joined in the spirit of the Club, and were very welcome. We hope to see them again next season in company with other recruits from both School and the Services.

A fairly full fixture list has already been compiled for next season, but the Secretary will be glad to hear of any good teams who have a free Saturday or Sunday. Among our plans is a week-end in Surrey, with matches against Forest Green and Holmbury St. Mary.

Throughout last season, we were fortunate in having L. Beth as Captain; his wisdom on the field and luck with the coin are proverbial. Next season A. E. S. Vincent takes over, and his experience as School Cricket Captain in 1932, and as Vice-Captain of Lloyds Bank C.C. should stand us in good stead. D. R. W. Digby continues as Vice-Captain, and

H. G. McNeil as Secretary. I feel all members of the Club will wish to thank George McNeil for his invaluable work: he was the operative genius behind the Club last season and, contrary to general belief, twice scored a boundary.

On November 26th a Dance was held in the School Hall, by kind permission of the Headmaster, and with the willing co-operation of the Sergeant. A profit of £5 was made to swell Club funds, and the Dance was generally voted the best fixture of the year.

O.P.'s who wish to join the Cricket Club for next season should write to the Secretary at 86 William Road, N.W.1.

Results for the first half of the season were given in the last number of THE PHILOLOGIAN. The remainder are:—

July	18—Lost.	O.P's 92, Glacier Metals 112.
"	24—Drawn.	O.P's 125, Wood Green Town 75.
"	25—Won.	Kenton Bedouins 74, O.P's 79.
Aug.	1—Lost.	Glaxo 154, O.P's 66.
"	2—Drawn.	Match v. West Harrow abandoned.
"	14—Won.	O.P's 90, East Molesey 70.
"	15—Drawn.	O.P's 159, Kenton Athletic 70 for 2.
"	22—Won.	Glyn Mills 114, O.P's 151.
"	28—Lost.	O.P's 56, Old Actonians 63.
"	29—Drawn.	O.P's 176, Old Lyonians 154 for 9.
Sept.	4—Lost.	O.P's 59, Old Hamptonians 97.
"	5—Won.	O.P's 127, Lancampar 53.

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For the second year in succession, the O.P.'s managed to defeat the School 1st XV, scoring four tries to the School's one at Sudbury Hill in very muddy conditions on December 11th. The score, however, does not completely illustrate the game, and the School gave many shaky moments to a team of experienced club players.

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#### PERSONALIA

The overseas contingent of O.P.'s has increased in the past year, and now includes:—

I. H. Dillingham in East Africa dealing with groundnuts.

S. S. Allen in Hollywood as personal manager to Dana Andrews.

J. H. Chaplin, a meteorologist in the Antarctic with the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey—"four of us for over two years with only two deliveries of mail."

C. R. Brown in the Lebanon with the Iraq Petroleum Co.

R. I. Baker, G. F. Biggs and E. C. Ward serving with the R.A.F. in Iraq, Cyprus and the Suez Canal Zone respectively.

Sgt. C. J. Merricks in Tripoli with the 1st Bn. Coldstream Guards, having previously been in Palestine.

Lieut. H. R. Hunt on a submarine in the Mediterranean.

Capt. E. S. Haynes with the R.A.S.C. on the Berlin airlift.

R. Read (left S.M.G.S. 1929, Palestine Police 1939-47), newly appointed Inspector of Police, British Somaliland. -

Congratulations to:—

L. A. Dewey, F. Cryer and P. Prashner on their marriages.

H. J. R. Springall, B. McK. Soper and A. D. S. Betts—each on the birth of a daughter.

I. W. Hussey (O.P.).

#### CHANGES ON THE STAFF

In the middle of the term we said good-bye to Mr. F. E. Ortman, who was ceremoniously presented by the School with a handsome trunk for his journey to Mauritius. The School Captain paid a tribute to him in a short speech, to which Mr. Ortman replied. He sailed in November, and we hope to hear from him about his new appointment.

At the end of the term we also said good-bye to Mr. K. Fawdry, who takes up a new appointment with the Schools Broadcasting Service at the B.B.C. We wish him success in his new work, and hope he will visit us, both professionally and as a friend.

NEW MASTERS, SEPTEMBER, 1948

G. H. Bailey, F. G. Hanrott, T. E. Blackburn, M. G. Blakeway, G. W. Hartshorn, H. H. Rosenbrock, M. J. Hayes.

#### SCHOOL ROLL

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, 1948, there were 490 boys in the School.

#### NEW BOYS

4 Gen.—Curtis.

3A—Brake.

3.1—Dunn P.

3.2—Cattanach.

2A—Auger, Brady, Cakebread, Collins, Cox, Durack, Fitzgerald, Garnham, Gillam, Harris, Hillwood, Langdon, Liebrecht, Long, Marks, Morris, O'Keefe, Parrott, Place, Rhind, Rumbles, Spender, Thomas, Watkins, Wise D. J., Wise M. E.

2.1—Allen, Bayne, Burns, Clayden, Cook, Dunn, Ellis, Freshney, Gibbs, Grosvenor, John, Julier, Lewis, Logan, Lucas, Mitchell, Myers, Osborn, Phillips, Priest, Romer, Sadeque, Sherman, Taylor N. R., Walker, Webb, Wiltshire, Woda.

2.2—Alderton, Barton, Bernstein, Chatfield, Corry, Downham, Edwards, Fountain, Gerred, Green, Hinchcliffe, Jones, Lawson, Lingard, Lott, Mayhew, Munday, Oppenheimer, Pashkovietsky, Price, Richards, Ryder, Shephard, Taylor, Tye, Vickers, Watson, Wilcox, Williamson.

**SCHOOL PREFECTS**

Faro (*School Captain*), Kirby, Corduroy, Hanak, Cant, Miller, Smith C. B., Lambert.  
*Sub-Prefects*: Reynolds, Kory, Newman, Payne, Webster, Grimmett, Hobart.

**VALETE PRAEFECTIS**

DECEMBER, 1948

Corduroy—Entered Sept. 1942, and left Nov., 1948. Full School Prefect, 1948.  
 M. Kory—Entered Sept., 1943, and left Dec., 1948. School Sub-Prefect, 1948. Beeching House Captain, 1947-48. 1st XV Rugby Football Colours. Continuing studies at Los Angeles University.

**CALENDAR, 1949**

Wed., April 13—Spring Term ends.  
 Tues., May 3—Summer Term begins.  
 Mon., June 6—Whitsun Holiday.  
 Thurs., July 28—Summer Term ends.  
 Thurs., Sept. 8—Autumn Term begins.

**NOVEMBER 11th, 1948****THE ARMISTICE**

Trees in the autumn; their colours fade away,  
 Leaves all dying.  
 Men on the battlefield; on muddy sods they lay,  
 Open wounds crying.

Quiet in the forest; not a creature moved.  
 Tranquil like sleep.  
 Dead by the trenches; souls all beloved  
 In the soil deep.

Bodies in Flanders soil:  
 Peace after earthly toil.

J.B. (R.2).

**WELL PLAYED**

Went to Rugby,  
 Played three-Q.  
 Scored a try,  
 And nearly two.  
 Took a kick  
 Right on my knee:  
 A big black bruise  
 For all to see.  
 I tackled low,  
 I tackled high,  
 And now we needed  
 Just one try.  
 I grabbed the ball,  
 I then made ground.  
 I didn't fall,  
 I touched it down.  
 I'd won the game,  
 I'd saved the team.  
 And then I woke up from my dream.  
 P.T. (5 Gen.).

**THE SWALLOW**

See a small and graceful swallow  
 Flying in the blue.  
 Dive into a little hollow,  
 And disappear from view,  
 To build its nest under covered eaves  
 With sticks and stones and bits of leaves.

When the autumn comes at last,  
 And the birds fly in the blue,  
 Then we know that summer's past,  
 As they disappear from view,  
 To a warm and sunny land they fly,  
 Twittering and dipping in the sky.  
 T.D. (5A).