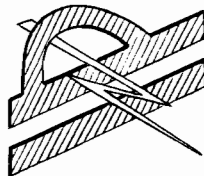


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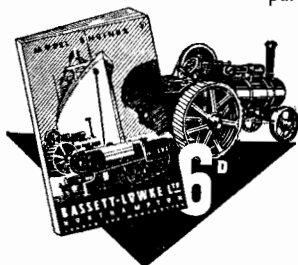
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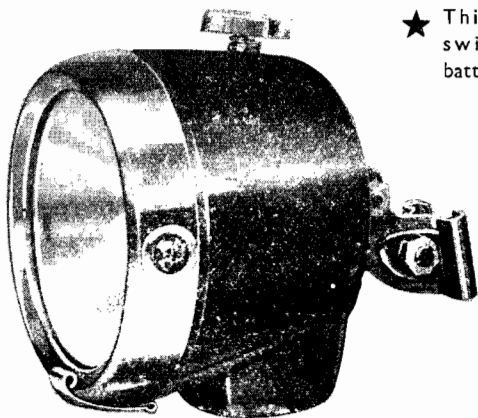
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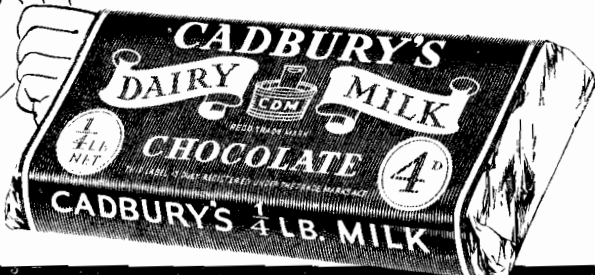
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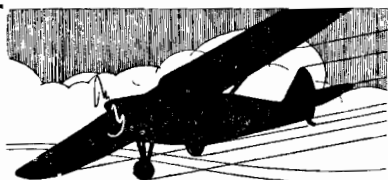
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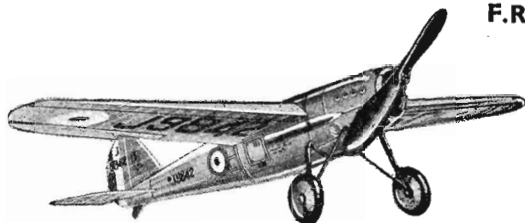
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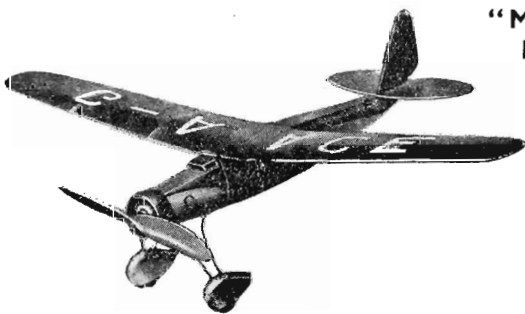
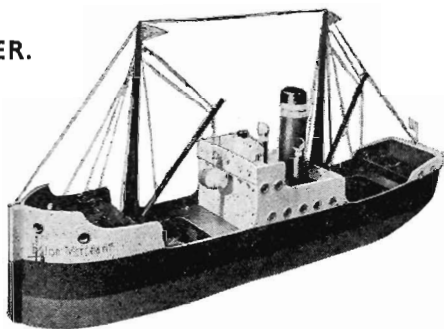
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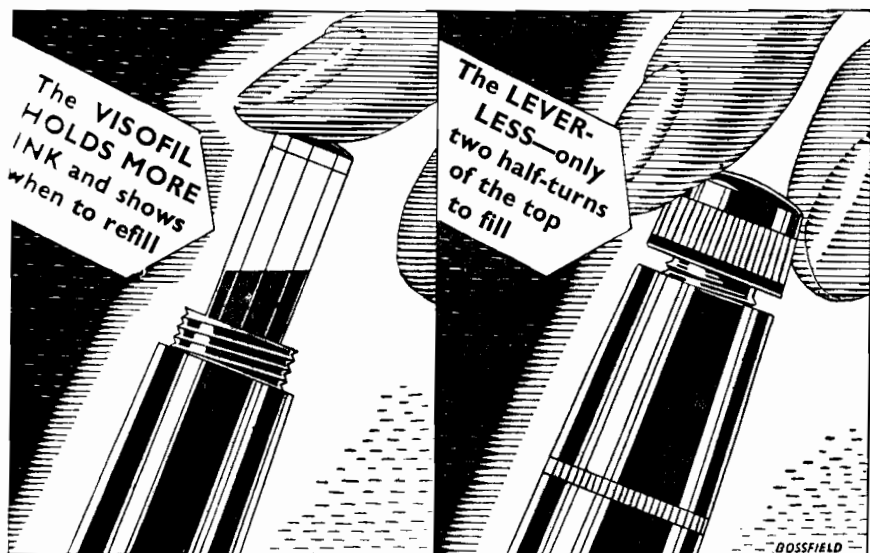
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RAYNES PARK SCHOOL SONG

Time will make its utter changes,
Circumstance will scatter us;
But the memories of our school days
Are a living part of us.

Chorus—

So remember then, when you are men
With important things to do,
That once you were young, and this song have sung
For you were at school here, too.

Daily we sit down in form-rooms,
Inky hand to puzzled head;
Reason's light, and Knowledge power;
Man must study till he's dead.

Man has mind but body also;
So we learn to tackle low,
Bowl the off-breaks, hit the sixes,
Bend the diver's brilliant bow.

Man must live among his neighbours,
For he cannot live alone;
Friendships, failures, and successes
Here we learn to make our own.

Tractors grunt where oceans wandered,
Factories stand where green grass grew;
Voices break and features alter,
We shall soon be different, too.

Boys and cities, schools and natures,
Though they change, like you and me,
Do not simply grow and happen,
They are what they choose to be.

W. H. Auden.

We have pleasure in welcoming, as the new Chairman of the Governors, Dr. J. E. C. Bradley. He succeeds the late Councillor B. T. King, and the School counts itself fortunate that the succession should fall to one whom it knows already as School Doctor, and whom the entire district respects as a trusted and able public servant.

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This term we welcome four new masters to the staff. Mr. Milton, following the trail from Wellington which Mr. Gibb blazed last year, will take charge of the School's History. Mr. Sexty joins us after three years at Elizabeth College, Guernsey, C.I. Mr. Newsom joins the staff officially, after doing yeoman service for the School's Cricket in a voluntary capacity. All hail from Cambridge. Mr. Beecroft comes to help with Modern Languages, having received his education at London and the Sorbonne. On the Head Master and Mr. Guerrier, alone among the "monstrous regiment" from the "other place," falls the responsibility of demonstrating Oxford's effortless superiority.

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To all our sixty new boys we extend the wish that they will be very happy as members of our community. The knowledge that their places could have been filled three times over, justifies us in congratulating them on their success in the Entrance Examination. We hope that we shall be as fortunate in receiving them as they are in their admission.

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W. H. Auden, the poet who has written the School Song, is one of the most significant figures in English letters to-day. His experience as a Schoolmaster, and his skill as poet, have combined to produce a song of rare distinction. His words "To each his need, from each his power," provide the School with its motto.

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Doctor Thomas Wood, who has composed the music, shipped aboard a tramp steamer when he was eight years old and sailed the world over. In 1914 he went to Oxford. To-day he is known as a composer whose works are performed at Queen's Hall, and he bids fair to achieve even greater recognition as a writer. The engrossing story of his life he has told in "True Thomas," which is in the Library. To both his friends the Head Master is grateful for their collaboration in producing a school song of outstanding merit.

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We have been fortunate in the gentlemen who have been good enough to come to address the School. Councillor Drake, J.P., a member of the Governing Body, spoke of

“The Changing World.” The Rev. E. A. Anthony gave a talk on books and his debt to them. The Bishop of Kingston urged the necessity for acknowledging a Master, while the Bishop of Croydon discussed religion as a contribution to the problem of living together. Mr. Basil Ward, F.R.I.B.A., gave us seriously to think about the kind of houses with which we are fast despoiling what remains of the countryside. The Master of Whitgift, Mr. Ronald Gurner, talked of the purpose of schools, and did much to lay low the wretched heresy that the sole object of a secondary education is to equip a boy to earn his living.

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Mr. Clarkson very kindly gave a cricket bat for presentation to the boy who in the opinion of the Games Committee had contributed most to the School's Cricket in the first season. The bat was awarded to Jepson, the Captain of the XI.

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The School Christmas Dinner was a great success, the number which sat down to the magnificent meal which the energy of Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Collis and Miss Wemyss had provided, being only ten short of the full School.

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Parties have gone to plays of varying interest during the year. These include: “Julius Cæsar,” “Macbeth,” “Short Story,” “St. Helena” and “The Seagull.” Nearly the whole School saw with appreciation the film “Kameradschaft.”

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Congratulations to Wells, E. A. (Halliwell's), our first candidate in an external examination, who has been awarded a County Special Place.

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Edwards, who gave us great assistance in the early days in the office and elsewhere, has now a good post with the Southern Railway. Our best wishes go to him, and our special thanks for his gifts to the Library.

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Considering the brevity of our tenure, the grounds have done the School credit. The brave impertinence of the crocus, the grace of daffodils and narcissi, and the blaze of golden yellow and white tulips, which constituted our Spring show, was entirely due to the generosity of our neighbours, James Carter & Co. Later, the lupins and delphiniums which they gave us, stirred to envy the heart of the most seasoned Chelsea addict. Parents were generous in rifling their own gardens to our profit, and while thanking them, we dare to

hope that they will remember us again, when this autumn they turn out their gardens. Herbaceous plants are particularly welcome.

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Shakespeare's "Julius Cæsar" will be presented in the School Hall late in December. It is anticipated that the expenditure on lighting equipment must be heavy. To assist the raising of funds, Arna Heni, a Norwegian friend of the Head Master, has kindly consented to give on November 4th a recital from the works of the dramatist and poet, Henrik Ibsen. Her young daughter, Ann Chalkley, will be playing Portia in "Julius Cæsar." Miss Heni is well known on both sides of the Atlantic as one of the most skilled and sincere interpreters of her fellow-countryman living. It is hoped that parents will give to both ventures that support which their past goodness has accustomed the School to count on.

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"The Spur" will be issued, for the present, twice a year. Regular subscribers to the General School Fund will receive their copies on the day of publication. Other copies may be obtained from the Office, at the price of sixpence. Inevitably the first number must be historical, for by its very nature it must contain as much as can be crammed in of the story of our first year. Later, it is hoped to include work of an original character, and the Editors will be pleased to consider any such. The title derives, of course, from the situation of the School on the Merton Spur of the Kingston By-Pass Road.

SCHOOL OFFICERS

School Prefects.—E. B. Jepson (Head Boy), A. de Potier, L. C. Fielding, K. C. Miller, G. N. Roberts, D. W. Taplin, D. W. Wotton.

Rugger.—Captain, A. de Potier. Secretary, G. N. Roberts.

Cricket.—Captain, E. B. Jepson. Secretary, G. N. Roberts.

House Captains.

Cobb's: Rugger, Cricket, Athletics and Swimming, E. B. Jepson.

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Gibb's: Rugger, D. W. Taplin; Cricket, D. W. Wotton; Athletics, J. T. Launder; Swimming, R. R. Winder.

The Library.—L. C. Fielding, D. W. Wotton, A. Hinton, K. Toms.

The "Spur."—L. C. Fielding and D. W. Wotton (Assistant Editors).

OBITUARY

B. T. KING

The School was hardly two terms old when it lost its first Chairman. This was no ordinary loss, for if enthusiasm and persistent agitation for the provision of a new School can constitute a claim to be called its founder, then B. T. King was no less the founder of Raynes Park than William of Wykeham was founder of Winchester. If we hold with Plutarch that biography should afford an opportunity to the living of framing and fashioning their lives on those of the newly dead, then the School was fortunate in its Chairman and this brief tribute justified. For B. T. King spent his lifetime in the public service, and particularly in forwarding the cause of education. Never content to sit on the fence casting votes on issues agitated by others, his part, once his mind was made up, was to bludgeon his schemes to success. Only so could any man have left behind him so monumental a record of successful achievement. In this School we have good cause to remember with thanksgiving his interest in our early days. Never harassing with importunate enquiry, he preferred to assure us that he was always at our service at the other end of a telephone. When he was consulted, sage counsel was followed by a ready joke, which made the supplicant ring off a braver and a wiser man. The last time he was in the School he arranged for a Cricket Cup to be given by the Governors, and himself there and then wrote the first cheque. It was a characteristic gesture, and for it, as for his life and example, we have good reason to be grateful.

THE SCHOOL'S OFFICIAL OPENING

On the evening of 28th November, 1935, Alderman Chuter-Ede, member of Parliament, chairman of the Surrey County Council, officially opened the School.

It was for us an historic occasion fully meriting the array of dignitaries which graced the platform. The Chairman of the governing body, Mr. B. T. King, whose recent death we have not yet ceased to lament, was supported by the Chairman and other members of the Surrey Education Committee, by the Governors and the Staff of the School. The Head Master only was absent, victim of an untimely bout of chicken-pox. The Hall was almost filled with boys, their parents and friends.

The proceedings opened with the singing of "Jerusalem" by the assembled company. The Chairman then introduced

Alderman Chuter-Ede. In an able speech the speaker reviewed the History of Education in Surrey and throughout the country in the light of his own experience both as a pupil of the past and an educationalist of the present. He mixed wisdom with wit, epigram with anecdote, in a speech which was admirably calculated to hold the attention both of the boys and their elders.

A vote of thanks to Alderman Ede was proposed by Mr. C. W. Barge, seconded by Mr. D. Emmanuel.

Mr. W. Broad, clerk to the Governors, then read a message from the Head Master. It was very fitting that this should come from the mouth of Mr. Broad. As the late Councillor B. T. King laboured to make possible the founding of the School, so has Mr. Broad been in all things our ministering angel since the School's foundation.

Tantae molis erat Romanam condere gentem.

The proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

THE SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

On March 27th and 28th, the School gave its first dramatic entertainment. Each of the newly formed Houses was made responsible for the casting and production of its own play. To obtain atmosphere, properties were borrowed from kind parents, and many must have felt an odd surprise on beholding a familiar object in unfamiliar surroundings. The plays admirably served their three-fold object—to give to our audience an enjoyable evening, to foster the House spirit by making success dependent on co-operation, and to discover acting ability. The performances were on the whole adequate without being outstanding. One remembers with pleasure the convict's soliloquy in "The Bishop's Candlesticks", and Marie's prim demeanour. Persomé managed, too, to reveal beneath her forbidding aspect and acid speech that passion for her brother which coloured her whole life. The Bishop sometimes rose to his opportunities. Gibb's was the best produced of the plays, though the most finished individual performance came from Mortimer Uglow in Hamblett records her Vote", and R. P. Hill, playing the part convincing performances, particularly Gladys, though all could remember with profit that audibility is a prime necessity in all acting. Cobb's presented that certain winner "Mrs. Hamblett records her Vote", and R. P. Hill, playing the part at very short notice, got all the humour possible out of his lines while gallantly resisting the temptation to turn the play into knock-about farce. He was well supported by a winsome Gertie and two dessicated attendants.

The School Choir sang pleasantly. The songs were skilfully chosen to come within their range, and to offer variety in unity. Their attack on "Where'er you walk" was of genuine beauty, and the whole performance says much for the work put in by Mr. Oates and the Choir in a period of time as short as it was crowded.

The whole entertainment was bolstered up by the sheer delight of the performances of the One Act Opera Company, who had given their services at the behest of that splendid friend of the School, Mr. Benjamin. On the first night they gave Dr. Arne's "Thomas and Sally" and on the second Dibdin's "The Ephesian Matron", both exquisite examples of that peculiar art of the eighteenth century. To them our sincere thanks are due.

In paying tribute to the artists who were seen it would be churlish to forget those who laboured the more for being unseen. To Mr. Hanson's skilled, quiet, and patient stage management, the smooth running and accurate timing of the entertainment must be attributed, while Mrs. Barnes' useful help made her everybody's friend. She, with Mrs. Cobb and Mrs. French, made an invaluable trio behind the scenes. The Entertainment came out on the right side with a small balance and the stage curtain to the good.

Halliwell's House

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“THE BISHOP'S CANDLESTICKS”

By Norman McKinnel.

The Bishop A. Hinton
The Convict D. R. Reed
Persomé R. P. Druett
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Sergeant of Gendarmes D. W. Wotton
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“THOMAS AND SALLY”

Dr. Arne (1760?)

Sally, a Milkmaid Yolande Wilson
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At the Piano : Thelma Story

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C. Dibdin (1769)

The Matron Yolande Wilson
The Father Ernest Perry
The Maid Cicely Halford
The Man L. David Harris

At the Piano : Thelma Story

Cobb's House

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Mrs. Hamblett R. P. Hill
Miss Hamblett K. A. Mason
First Man W. J. Stevens
Second Man A. G. D. Gurney

THE OPEN NIGHT

On the evening of Friday, July 3rd, the School was thrown open to parents and friends. The idea was to give some demonstration of the work and progress of the School in its first year. Demonstrations were afoot in the two laboratories and the Geography Room, and Art and Physical Culture, refusing to be confined within their usual narrow limits, burst upon the Hall and the playing field respectively.

Visitors wandered happily, watching, probably for the first time, the phenomenon of a beating heart, discovering, in the space of a few minutes, the whole history of coal from its primeval beginnings, and hearing, with eager interest, of the miraculous properties of electricity. On to the Geography Room where isobars and weather forecasts were explained and the wondrous workings of the Air Ministry expounded before us.

Downstairs the activity was intense. The walls of the Hall were covered with the products of the year's art periods. Still life, pictures full of boundless vitality, sea-scapes, landscapes, designs for wallpaper, and portraits, jostled one another in a splendidly arranged riot of colour and design.

By the stage was a bookstall with books of all prices up to thirty shillings for Lawrence's "Seven Pillars," arranged with subtle cunning to attract the attention of generous benefactors. Nobly they played their part and the shelf provided for new presentations was quickly filled to overflowing. Throughout the evening the Librarians beamed happily on all comers.

On the field the gymnasts held court. A large audience watched them leap and run, perform prodigious feats on the apparatus, and contort their bodies into shapes that were fantastic to the eye but beneficial to the constitution. It was a convincing reminder of the precept set out in the School Song, "Man has mind, but body also".

Everything went with a swing. From the moment the visitor entered the gate and had a programme pressed upon him by a member of the Scout Troop, he had his time fully occupied. Behind it all, however, was a great amount of solid hard work and attention to detail. None of the experiments or demonstrations were staged specially for the Open Night—they showed activities which are part of the daily round in the School. But perhaps we may congratulate ourselves on the mere fact that such a high standard of achievement and progress can be truthfully said to be the normal thing, and that we have, as a school, the enthusiasm to put on such an exhibition, and to make it a success.

THE LOANED ART EXHIBITION

On the Open Night in July, and on the preceding two nights, the Staff Common Room was converted from a place of severe and utilitarian simplicity to a gallery in which was hung an Exhibition of Contemporary British Art. The main body of the pictures was here, though an odd half-dozen had overflowed into the Head Master's Study.

Everyone must be grateful to the Head Master for his permission to use the School premises and to Mr. Rogers for his energy and discrimination in collecting and arranging the exhibits. Gratitude must also be extended to the owners of the pictures who so generously allowed them to be borrowed.

The Exhibition was representative in the sense that it gave an opportunity for seeing work of every school. Representational, however, is not an adjective that can be used to describe some of the pictures. The plaintive voice of the presiding Art Master was often to be heard saying wearily to some earnest inquirer, "But it isn't supposed to *represent* anything exactly." And the writer must confess to have been entirely out of his depth when examining Ceri Richard's "Construction" and Rodrigo Moynihan's "Painting," though they were very well worth seeing, when one remembers that one of the functions of Education is the enlargement of Experience.

Elsewhere, we were delighted by Roger Fry's "Mantle-piece," a fine group, by Walter Coldstream's dismal scene at Dieppe, by Augustus John's etching of a head, and, particularly, by the fascinating colouring of Ivan Hitchen's "Garden in a Window." These, to the mind of the writer, were the high lights of the Exhibition. But it is hard to single out works worthy of special praise from a collection fraught with so much interest and pleasure. Included in the Exhibition were pictures by Mr. Rogers and Mr. Guerrier, and the writer dare not attempt any appreciation or criticism of them in view of the close proximity of their creators. Suffice it to say that everyone was delighted and proud for them to be there.

THE SCHOOL CHARITY

Father Basil Jellicoe, a priest of the Church of England, was one of those happy men who, inspired with an ideal, was able in his short lifetime to do great work towards its realization. Coming to Somers Town soon after the War he set himself, in that corner of London's Slums, to build a

new Jerusalem. He founded the St. Pancras House Improvement Society, and blocks of healthy flats replaced those tenements which deny our claim to civilization as long as they remain. A friend of the Head Master, Father Jellicoe was to have addressed the School in the Christmas term. But by then he had died when only thirty-five, from an attack of pneumonia which a lifetime of ceaseless energy on behalf of others had left him no strength to withstand.

When the time came to decide towards what end the School's charity should be directed, it seemed fitting that we should make terminal contributions towards the Basil Jellicoe Memorial Hall, which has been erected in the heart of the slums, to provide a centre for recreation and leisure for those doomed to live in wretched conditions. In this connection we were glad to welcome Father Basil Scott, who came down on April 3rd to show to the School his film, "Challenge". He accompanied the film with a commentary which was as lively in its interest as it was moving in its appeal. It is greatly hoped to increase our contributions of £2 13s. 2d. at Easter and £2 18s. 0d. at the end of the Summer term. But the proviso must be added that what is given to the School Charity must be the free-will offering and saving of the boys, and not the result of any last-minute appeal to parents who are already harassed enough!

THE LIBRARY

When the School first opened, we had a library and no books. The sight of empty shelves and blood red walls, unrelieved even by pictures, was frightening. Now we still have the library, some pictures on the walls, and 1,015 volumes on the shelves. How this has happened is a mystery even to the Librarian himself. Books have been bought, books have been presented, and books have been conjured up from apparently nowhere by our arch-juggler, the Head Master.

At the outset we purchased some 280 books. We then set our hearts upon 500 in the first term and appealed to the boys of the School. They responded magnificently; we attained our object on the very last day of term. During the second term the repercussions of our earlier efforts still brought in an encouraging number of presentations. By degrees we topped 700. The Head Master's generosity covered the walls with Low's cartoons. Lately we decided we had exhausted all internal sources and determined to launch an attack upon the parents of the School. They readily surrendered to the enthusiastic propaganda of their sons and

by the end of Open Night no less than 68 books had been presented. At this stage, the Librarian will quite candidly confess that we had little real hope of reaching 1,000 in our first year. But the success of the Open Night did not end when the last parent had left the School. Books came in steadily: the most unscrupulous methods of advertisement were employed. Private houses were honourably pillaged, second-hand booksellers were patently beaten down, and we had more than our first thousand. Of these not more than 530 have been purchased.

The past has undoubtedly been glorious as far as statistics are concerned. We cannot hope to amass a thousand books every year in the future. There is room on the library shelves for some 5,670 books. Allowing only for a normal annual increase of a hundred books purchased out of our normal annual grant, it will take us not less than 45 years to fill the library. The present Librarian has little hope of ever living to see so satisfying a spectacle. He will be content if he can survive to see a half-filled library the hub and centre of all cultural interests connected with the School. At present he is glad that so many books are read, that the readers do not behave in an ostentatiously improper manner, and that everyone is enthusiastic in the library's cause. But he is not entirely satisfied that the library meets with all the respect a library should merit. Books are not always promptly returned: too many idle loungers make it a meeting place for hatching crime and rebellion: books are not always put back exactly where they were found: ink has found its way out of the ink pot on far too many occasions. Perhaps we are not yet old enough to have that love of books which compels careful and almost fond handling of them: but very soon we shall be old enough.

Meanwhile we can look back upon the first year with at least satisfaction. Those who have given us reason for that satisfaction are many and numerous. Our donors have been generous, prodigally so. First and foremost we must put on record our gratitude to the Head Master, not only for so many books presented from his own bounteous store, but more specially for his unending care and solicitude in our cause, for his inspiration and guidance in so many, petty but important problems. Then we must thank all who have given us books. These are so numerous that a list would be tedious even if it were practicable. The boys themselves have given freely, their parents have responded gallantly, both on Open Night and on other occasions. The Secretary and her one-time under-Secretary have given generously both of time and of books. Those alone can be mentioned here who are inaccessible to our personal gratitude—Mr. and Mrs.

Garrett, Mr. Rudolph Messel (whose generosity has also laid the foundations of a gramophone record library), Mrs. J. J. Buchanan, Mr. A. P. Chalkley, Mrs. Rourke, Mr. E. R. L. North, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Oates, Messrs. Fielder, and many others who have preferred to remain anonymous.

The following are the statistics of the books as at present in their various classes :—

Fiction 484, Arts 6, Biography 38, Literary Criticism 32, Drama 36, Natural History 26, Science 45, Antiquities 23, Poetry 39, Anthology 15, Sociology 8, Literature 49, History 98, Geography 27, Travel 38, Sport 12, Reference 49; Total 1,015.

THE SCHOOL SCOUT TROOP

Although the idea of Scouting was mooted just before Christmas, it was not given definite expression till April 20th, when after one term's preliminary training the first eight—to be strictly correct, nine—members of the Troop were enrolled. The ceremony was performed in the School Hall by Col. Aylmer G. Galloway, D.S.O., the District Commissioner, in the presence of the recruit members who were invested at subsequent meetings. This is therefore the first important date in the history of the Troop.

It might be thought that the first thing a S.M. of a new Scout Troop would require would be some Scouts. When you find yourself with a rush of keen applicants equal to about three times the proper number for one Troop, however, it becomes clear that your chief needs are Room, Time and Money: and getting these matters in order has been our chief concern so far. We have been fortunate in the first, and when certain internal gadgets have been completed, we should have as comfortable and convenient a den as any set of P.L's. could wish. With regard to the second, as a growing branch of a rapidly growing and changing organism, the School, we may at times have felt a certain sense of frustration, and have shared in the bewildering confusion of interests, which has left some promising ideas still in the air and many ambitious notions half accomplished: but that means that we shall not lack employment next year. This is not the place to speak of the financial intricacies of meeting the heavy outlay of starting a troop, but I must express my gratitude for all sources of income, including those spontaneous gifts from Parents (the word deserves a capital P because they *are* important), both individually and collectively, that have been so cheering. Incidentally, I

think we must count as our second important date, May 19th, when a representative gathering of parents met at the School under the chairmanship of the Head Master, and I value the general spirit of co-operation there evidenced very highly indeed. Returning for the last time in this account to finance, the "crown of the year" was the Whist Drive organized by Mrs. Barnes, through whose exertions and those of her family we gained both in friendship and in wealth.

Internally, the first investiture was followed by the training for "Second Class," which some always find a rather dull period of their Scouting career: this period is in any case, I venture to hope, now almost over, in fact the slow wave of "passes" has begun. Meantime we held our first camp, Patrol Leaders' Whitsun Camp for three nights at Clock Barn Farm, Godalming. Next, we found our obstinately growing numbers necessitated a reorganization of Patrols and the formation of two new ones, Falcons and Peewits.

The climax of the terms' work was undoubtedly Summer Camp, at Petworth. They are truisms, probably exaggerated, that "one week at camp is worth the rest of the year together," etc.: but if this means that one might expect a year's growing pains to be concentrated in nine days of painful struggling, it must have been a surprise to many to find how comparatively gentle a process it really was. We did experience bad weather at the start, and hardly did more than "cooking, eating and washing-up," with their attendant hewing and drawing and generally keeping going: but with improving conditions and developing routine we were able to get a fair amount of training done, and have a good deal of free time, towards the end of camp. We draw a discreet veil over the last day, content that probably we all learned something, and that we think we left a good camp site as tidy as we found it.

"Learning to live together," in fact, was the keynote of camp; some lessons, *e.g.*, patrol cooking for all meals, and the fact that it does not pay to leave somebody else to fetch the milk if they also leave it to you, we were able to act on at once: others, involving previous preparation or requiring vast carpentry in the Store Tent, we must leave till next year. I must mention briefly how joyously we welcomed some parents and friends on the middle Monday, and subsequently Councillor Drake; and the Head Master on Thursday: and our own joyous welcome by the entire insect population of the district.

I cannot thank in detail all those friends who have helped us so far, and I would not like to try: but personally

I must express my gratitude to Mr. Cobb at Whitsun and Mr. Guerrier in the summer, who came as guests to camp and allowed themselves—and their cars—to be used so freely. We hope they will each continue to be associated with us in one way or another.

DISTRIBUTION OF P.L.'s. AND SECONDS

Curlers : Hughes (P.L.) and Richards.

Eagles : Nagle (P.L.).

Hawks : Austin (P.L.).

Seagulls : Whiteley (P.L.) and Hamer.

Falcons : Grills (P.L.).

Peewits : Launder (P.L.).

Second Class Badges : Hughes, Austin, Nagle,
Launder, Hamer.

SCHOOL VISITS

In the course of the year 1935-6 a number of School visits to factories and similar places of interest were arranged by Mr. Hanson. Our gratitude extends to him and to all our hosts for the number of entertaining and instructive hours which have been spent in this way. The following is the list of establishments visited :—

Senior's Fish and Meat Pastes.

Venner Time Switches and Electric Meters.

Line's "Triang" Toys, Wimbledon.

Decca Records.

British Salmson Cars and Aero Engines.

Port of London Docks and River Cruise.

Carter's Seeds.

The Port of London expedition was made by Prefects and Form Captains on a special half-holiday allowed them.

This term's programme is every bit as good, and includes visits to the Ford Motor Works at Dagenham, the "Star" Newspaper Works and Croydon Airport.

LINES WRITTEN AFTER A VISIT TO THE SCHOOL'S SCIENCE EXHIBITION

Ours is the singing of a new song,
Let us lift up our voices and sing it;
It rings with a gladness older than time,
For it is the song of beginnings.

Ours is the building of a new age,
Let us lift up our heads and begin it;
Ours is the call, the spirit, the hope,
And ours the clear light of the morning.

Ours is the making of a new peace,
Let us gather the strength that shall win it,
Years without wrath and trembling and tears,
The task of our day for to-morrow.

MIDSUMMER MADNESS, OR EXAMINATION HOWLERS, 1936

The Mediterranean is joined to the Red Sea by the
SEWAGE canal.

Hors de combat=A war horse.

Pax in bello=No more stomach-ache.

A Thermometer is an instrument for measuring
TEMPERANCE.

An anti-cyclone is a bicycle that goes backwards.

A soviet is a sort of cloth used by waiters in hotels.

Amo is a verb of the first CONGREGATION.

Victoria nuntiata est=Victoria was wounded.

A precipitate is a man who has fallen down a precipice.

LOST AND FOUND

He is black, though he has a white star on his chest.
Though he is small, he is growing all the time in size and
character. He arrived one morning before prayers and was
immediately christened Stephen, possibly because of the
early martyrdom expected for him by the pessimists. For
it is a great undertaking for something less than a foot long
to launch itself into a sea of four hundred heavily shod
rushing feet and an almost equal number of clutching hands,
bending in their wish to demonstrate affection.

The School cat quickly overcame his difficulties. He learnt to avoid being trodden on, and perhaps we acquired an increased lightness and care of tread. Not only did Stephen survive where the crowd was thickest; he seemed even to seek out such dangerous companionship as was to be found in the passages, the form rooms during break, and the cloak rooms after School. At dinner in the Hall he often made the rounds, accepting adulation with a gratified purr, and finally withdrawing to the top of the piano whence he presided, his eyes half open, for the rest of the meal.

Then one day tragedy stalked in with the Head Master's announcement that Stephen was lost. Genuine regret was voiced everywhere, but practical suggestions crowded in as well. A volunteer body of Scouts searched diligently every nook and cranny in which he might have been accidentally confined. But their efforts were unavailing and, when his movements had been traced as far as the dangerous corner in West Barnes Lane, we feared the worst.

For twenty-four hours gloom prevailed everywhere, but then, suddenly, another announcement by the Head Master, to the effect that Stephen had been found and returned, restored our spirits. The wanderer was fed and fêted and went into a replete slumber. He seemed, however, to be happy to be back. All was well. The School could go on. Its mascot had returned.

JULIUS CAESAR

The School production of Shakespeare's *Julius Cæsar* will be presented on the evenings of Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 17th, 18th and 19th.

THE SCHOOL CUPS

Five handsome and valuable Silver Cups have been given to the School in its first year. We count ourselves fortunate to have these, and are grateful to the donors. Next year we hope to add a Shield for the Clubs, and a Cup for the game of Hockey, which is to be introduced for House competition after Christmas.

For Rugby (presented by the Parents' Association).—
Holders, 1935-36 : Cobb's.

For Athletics (presented by six parents of the School).—
Holders, 1935-36 : Cobb's.

For Cricket (presented by the Governors of the School).
—Holders, 1935-36 : Cobb's.

For Swimming (presented by the Head Master).—
Holders, 1935-36 : Gibb's.

Cock House Cup (presented by his family, in memory of
our late Chairman, B. T. King).—Holders, 1935-36 :
Cobb's.

RUGBY

v. A WHITGIFT XV.

At Whitgift. Lost 27—0.

On November 13th we essayed our first Rugger fixture against a Whitgift Scratch XV—an interesting match in every way, and full of lessons which should have done us a world of good. And, perhaps what was nearer to our hearts, we came through it beaten soundly, but by no means disgraced. For this the credit lies almost entirely with our forwards. Faced as they were by a pack probably per man half a stone at least heavier, and with more speed and more football sense and experience, we might well have sat down and taken what they gave us. But we didn't. De Potier kept his forwards well together, and by good packing and solid shove managed to get the ball at least once in every three set-scrums. It was when we had got it that the machinery broke down. Launder, at scrum-half, could not get his stand-off going. Time after time the ball went into a loose maul, and our opportunity for thrustful attack had gone: more often it was turned into hurried defence. At half-time Jepson, who had been out of his depth on the wing, was brought in to scrum-half, but, try as he would, few attacking movements were started. It was perhaps in the three-quarter line that our lack of size and speed was most felt. We tackled well, especially Winder, but no amount of heroic tackling will account for that extra man over at the end of the line. It must have been very unnerving to find that one-man-over-with-no-one-to-tackle-him in every Whitgift movement. Our first and most important lesson, perhaps—three-quarters must not bunch in defence. In the opening stages of the second half we managed to clear our own half of the field, and the forwards, by bustling methods, pushed well into the Whitgift half. Often a score looked possible, even probable, but we lacked the finishing power, and failed to cross their line. We must not blind ourselves to the fact that the score distinctly flattered us—nine tries and all unconverted—but we had shown that we had staying power, and the rest will come.

Team.—Barnes; Jepson, Winder, Austin, Wotton; Crouch, Launder; De Potier (Capt.), Roberts, G., Taplin, Grills, Parker, Palk, Saxby, Stevens.

SCHOOL *v.* A K.C.S. XV.

Played on the K.C.S. Ground on February 15th. Lost 11—6.

A much appreciated invitation from K.C.S. gave us our second Rugger fixture, and a very close one, too, though unhappily very much spoilt in the first half by almost impenetrable fog.

We groped our way to the Barnes Lane ground through a kind of yellow-blackness, and then it went something like this :—

- 2.44. Both teams disappear from human sight on to the field.
- 2.45. A blast on the referee's whistle indicates that the game can begin.
- 2.45½. A dull thud of the ball being kicked off indicates that it has. Spectators settle down to listen.
- 2.49. The ball arrives in touch, followed by 12 forwards.
- 2.49¾. The four remaining forwards join the line-out. Their navigation had been at fault, and they had lost touch with the main forces. (Rumour said that they had inadvertently tried to join another game, but had been turned down.)
- 2.55. Reports have it that K.C.S. have scored an unconverted try. This was confirmed later.

And so it went on till nearly half-time, when it became clear and remained so for the rest of the game.

It was fitting that the first score in a School match should have been made by the Captain, and another try was added later by Jepson. Although neither kick was difficult, neither was converted. (Those with aspirations for place-kicking please note!) These were our only tries, though we had many opportunities which we refused to take. Against Whitgift we had strained every nerve: against K.C.S. we played like a team of tired men. The forwards were lifeless: their packing was very bad, almost a 3-4-1 formation: in the loose they lacked any fire: in a word, the strongest part of our team had become ineffective. The three-quarters had an unenviable time, being starved by their forwards, and having to make their own chances with a ball slippery as a piece of wet soap. Crouch and Winder were probably the best of

a poor line, Winder particularly doing much in defence. It was generally the age-old fault of bad positioning and failure to run straight. Austin was being tried out at scrum-half and did his best, though he could only manage a slow service. At full-back Barnes usually did the right thing, perhaps rather slowly, but with commendable coolness.

Team.—Barnes; Jepson, Wotton, Winder, Wright; Crouch, Austin; De Potier (Capt.), Roberts, G., Fielding, Parker, Stevens, Hill, C. H., Miller, Taplin.

RUGGER RETROSPECT

How tentative and how difficult our first Rugger season was! Quite apart from the fact that nobody knew anything about anybody else, we had no ground—quite a difficulty, in its way. But somehow we managed to get through a term and a half, and, if we did not build up a team, we certainly got fifteen men together who, on the occasion of our two matches, were no disgrace, and will form a nucleus for 1936-37. Hiring a Soccer ground at Beverley Park, and getting the much appreciated loan of the Bushey Mead pitch, we managed to get a certain number of games. Gradually the disordered rabble began to settle down into a game of Rugby, and what we lacked in skill was often made up by fierceness of tackle and dourness of push—especially in House matches which, for a first season, were really very successful!

As is always the way when one is starting from the beginning, it was our forwards who were the most like the real thing: by the end of the season—and even as early as the Whitgift match—they had begun to weld themselves together as a scrum, and their work in the set scrummages was really heartening. It was in the loose that their lack of experience showed up. Our three-quarters were all too small and light and slow to be a very penetrating attack. Three-quarter play is so much more individual than forward play, so perhaps their faults showed up more clearly. They were the old, old ones of bunching together, running across, running back, failing to cover their opposite numbers in defence, and too often a fatal hesitation to tackle low, or even at all. It will be interesting to see next season what twelve months' growth has done to them.

Next September we shall find one big deficiency to be made up—the finding of a scrummage half-back. Last season we tried so many, but found nobody, nor even the promise of anybody. If we can only find early in the season a boy who can fearlessly get his hands to a ball and get a quick pass back, we shall have a much easier task.

With two pitches on the Hood ground, another pitch at the School, with a year's added weight, and a larger School to pick from, we can look forward with some cheerfulness to our second Rugger season.

RUGGER XV CHARACTERS

- A. DE POTIER (*Captain*).—A bustling forward who can use his head. As a Captain should improve with experience. Dangerous when roused.
- G. ROBERTS (*Secretary*).—Has played both as a forward and a three-quarter. Can tackle hard and fearlessly. A real worker.
- D. TAPLIN.—A good tackler and a real pusher in the tight. Useful in the loose. Has hooked with some success.
- R. WINDER (*Inside Three-quarter*).—Lacks experience, but plenty of guts.
- D. G. AUSTIN.—Has played three-quarter and been tried at scrum-half. He should develop into a useful player—when he can play without using his voice or chewing gum.
- E. JEPSON.—A wing three-quarter with possibilities. Must learn to run all out.
- R. P. HILL (*Inside Three-quarter*).—His future development will be most interesting. Shows Rugger sense, and runs with brains and determination.
- R. L. BARNES (*Full Back*).—A cool head—so important—but slow feet. Quite fearless.
- C. E. CROUCH (*Inside Three-quarter*).—Too small and slow to be a penetrating player as yet. Must improve his defence.
- W. J. STEPHENS (*Forward*).—Twelve stone of solidity and kindliness. Must learn to “see the rabbit” and be less polite.
- C. H. HILL (*Forward*).—Small, but hard-working.
- L. C. FIELDING (*Forward*).—Gets through a lot of work with a minimum of fuss.
- K. C. MILLER (*Forward*).—Has also played three-quarter. With more experience should develop well.
- S. G. PALK (*Forward*).—Not very fond of the tight scrum, but can be grand in the loose rush.
- A. V. SAXBY (*Forward*).—Small, but solid. Gets through a lot of useful work.

RUGGER HOUSE MATCHES

- Cobb's beat Gibb's 14—9.
Cobb's beat Halliwell's 15—0.
Cobb's beat Halliwell's 9—6.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

SURREY ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP

The following boys represented the School in the Surrey Championships, which were held on the London University Athletics Ground on Saturday, June 6th.

Senior Team.

Jepson (Captain).
Taplin.
De Potier.
Miller.

Junior Team.

Launder (Captain).
Hughes.
Reed, D. R.
Hill, R. P.

Congratulations are due to the Junior Team on the magnificent running which obtained for them the second place in the Championship. Hughes and Launder deserve special praise for their accurate take-overs. Reed and Hill both held their own in a good race, though their take-overs left something to be desired. They should all feel pleased that their efforts have brought to the School its first medals and its first success in outside competition.

The Senior Team put up a not discreditable show, when the size and skill of their opponents are remembered. With greater experience they should give a much better account of themselves. A good start has been made.

THE SCHOOL SPORTS

The first annual School Sports were held on Saturday, May 4th, at the Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Ground. The weather conditions were arctic, but nevertheless a large number of parents were present. The first event began promptly, and from the start the excitement on all sides was intense. The organization ran throughout with smooth perfection. At the finish, the John Garrett Cup for Athletics was presented to Jepson, the Captain of Cobb's, by the late Councillor B. T. King, the Chairman of the Governors.

RESULTS

1. *Junior 100 Yards (Inter-House).*—1 (20), Reed (G.); 2 (10), Clarkson (C.); 3 (5), Gibbs, H. T. (H.). Time : 12 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.
2. *Senior 100 Yards (Inter-House).*—1 (20), Jepson (C.); 2 (10), Miller (C.); 3 (5), Wotton (G.). Time 12 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
3. *100 Yards (Inter-Club).*—1 (20), Lake (W.); 2 (10), Harries (G.); 3 (5), Evans (G.). Time : 14 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

4. *Inter-House Tug-of-War*.—Cobb's v. Halliwell's.
Winner : Cobb's.
5. *220 Yards (Inter-Club)*.—1 (20), Sommers (W.); 2 (10), Wilson (W.); 3 (5), Evans (G.). Time : $38 \frac{1}{5}$ secs.
6. *Junior Quarter-Mile (Inter-House)*.—1 (20) Hughes (G.); 2 (10), Stevens (C); 3 (5), Reed (G.). Time : 1 min. $19 \frac{2}{5}$ secs.
7. *Senior 220 Yards (Inter-House)*.—1 (20) Jepson (C.); 2 (10), De Potier (H.); 3 (5), Miller (C.), Taplin (G.) (tie). Time : $29 \frac{3}{5}$ secs.
8. *Junior 220 Yards (Inter-House)*.—1 (20), Launder (G.); 2 (10), Hughes (G.); 3 (5), Heath (C.). Time : 32 secs.
9. *High Jump (Inter-Club)*.—1 (20), Lake (W.); 2 (10), Harries (G.); 3 (5), Hill, R. C. (W.). Height : 3 ft. 7 ins.
10. *Inter-House Tug-of-War*.—Cobb's v. Gibb's. Winner : Cobb's.
11. *Junior High Jump (Inter-House)*.—1 (20), Clarkson (C.); 2 (10), Purser (G.); 3 (5), Austin (C.). Height : 4 ft. $0\frac{1}{2}$ in.
12. *Inter-Club Relay Race*.—1 (50), Whippets; 2 (25), Greyhounds. Time : 2 mins. 30 secs.
13. *Inter-House Tug-of-War*.—Gibb's v. Halliwell's.
Winner : Gibb's.
Final Tug-of-War positions : 1 (30), Cobb's; 2 (15), Gibb's; 3 (10), Halliwell's.
14. *Senior High Jump (Inter-House)*.—1 (20), Jepson (C.); 2 (10), Dawson (C.), Taplin (G.) (tie). Height : 4 ft. $2\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
15. *Inter-House Junior Relay Race*.—1 (50), Gibb's; 2 (25), Cobb's; 3 (15), Halliwell's. Time : 4 mins. $34 \frac{1}{5}$ secs.
16. *Head Master's Handicap (Senior)*.—1, De Potier; 2, Taplin; 3, Jepson. Time : 1 min. $9 \frac{1}{5}$ secs.
17. *Junior Half-Mile (Inter-House)*.—1 (20), Hughes (G.); 2 (10), Launder (G.); 3 (5), Gibbs, H. T. (H.). Time : 3 mins. 27 secs.
18. *Senior Quarter-Mile (Inter-House)*.—1 (20), De Potier (H.); 2 (10), Wotton (G.); 3 (5), Dawson (C.). Time : 1 min. $14 \frac{1}{5}$ secs.
19. *Head Master's Handicap (Junior) (Houses only)*.—1, Goodman; 2, Clarkson; 3, Reed. Time : $31 \frac{3}{5}$ secs.

20. *Senior Half-Mile (Inter-House)*.—1 (20), Fielding (C.); 2 (10), Mason (C.); 3 (5), Whiteley (G.). Time: 3 mins. 1 sec.
21. *Head Master's Handicap (Junior) (Clubs only)*.—1, Langridge; 2, Hill, R. C.; 3, Evans, Harries (tie). Time: 36 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
22. *Inter-House Senior Relay Race*.—1 (50), Cobb's; 2 (25), Halliwell's; 3 (15), Gibb's. Time: 3 mins. 45 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.
23. *Long Jump (Inter-Club)*.—1, J. V. Lake (W.); 2, Stanford (W.); 3, Harries (G.). Length: 11 ft. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
24. *Junior Long Jump (Inter-House)*.—1 (20), D. R. Reed (G.); 2 (10), Clarkson (C.); 3 (5), Purser (G.). Length: 14 ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
25. *Senior Long Jump (Inter-House)*.—1 (20), G. Roberts (H.); 2 (10), Miller (C.); 3 (5), Fielding (C.). Length: 14 ft. 5 ins.
26. *Mile (Inter-House)*.—1 (dead heat), G. Roberts (H.) and Fielding (C.); 3 (5), Roddy (H.). Time: 5 mins. 59 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.

CRICKET

v. A KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL XI.

Lost by 9 runs.

On May 23rd we entertained an XI from K.C.S. for our opening match of the season, and lost a thoroughly good game by a margin of only 9 runs in a low-scoring match.

K.C.S. won the toss, and batted first on a dry wicket, Wotton and Richards opening the bowling for the School. A lucky run out in the first over got us going, and we managed to get six wickets down for 21. Then came a check, but Jepson, going on for Wotton, beat two batsmen with good length balls, and eight were down for 62.

After the tea interval K.C.S. made a very sporting declaration, leaving us plenty of time to get the runs. Our start was not promising, Bailey leaving at 5, and Wotton at the same figure. Jepson's aggressiveness came in usefully, and he was not frightened of going for the bowling. Robbins, at the other end, kept his end up sedately, and we managed to reach 32 for 5—a very possible position. Then came disaster. Jepson, G. Roberts and Hill left hurriedly. It was left to Mason to raise our hopes again. With his usual hearty style he got a valuable 11. Now 9 for 50. Treen added a dour and painstaking 5, but was caught at 56. A defeat, but a good one.

One of the best and most encouraging things about this our first and very tentative side was the thoroughly keen fielding and the by no means bad bowling. Our batting was young and in many cases too agricultural. Batsmen so easily got themselves out, not through the quality of the ball, but the badness of the shot. Hitting across a ball with a meagre four and a quarter inches of wood is such a risky proceeding when the ball is a straight one!

K.C.S. v. School.

K.C.S.

Frost c Mason b Richards	...	...	...	6
Beacham run out	...	...	...	0
Bonn b Jepson	...	...	...	6
Workman b Jepson	...	...	...	3
Hullbert b Jepson	...	...	...	13
Horner c Mason b Wotton	...	...	...	16
Huntley c Treen b Richards	...	...	...	5
Kempson not out	...	...	...	8
Mitchell run out	...	...	...	2
Lang not out	...	...	...	1
Extras (byes 4, no-balls 1)	...	...	...	5
Total (for 8 wickets declared)...				65

Bowling—

Jepson 3 for 11.
 Richards 2 for 9.
 Wotton 1 for 17.

School.

Bailey b Huntley	...	...	...	2
Robbins b Kempson	...	...	...	8
Wotton b Huntley	...	...	...	0
Jepson b Frost	...	...	...	9
Richards lbw b Kempson	...	...	...	1
Roberts, G. b Huntley	...	...	...	4
Hill, R. P. b Huntley	...	...	...	1
Mason b Huntley	...	...	...	11
Lauder run out	...	...	...	6
Treen c Kempson b Bonn	...	...	...	5
Nagle not out	...	...	...	1
Extras (byes 8)	...	...	...	8
Total				56

Bowling—

Huntley 4 for 17.
Kempson 2 for 17.
Bonn 1 for 1.
Frost 1 for 14.

v. WHITGIFT COLTS

Lost by 28 runs.

When on May 27th we visited Whitgift for the second match of the season, and for that matter the second in our short history, the writer of this report, for one, anticipated something akin to the slaughter of the innocents or St. Bartholomew's Eve. We had to face the fact that we were playing a team well coached and experienced, a team to which matches came as commonplace and ordinary things, whereas we, with our still tentative side, had no such experience in the worldly ways of Cricket.

Whitgift batted, and batted well. We bowled, and bowled not quite so well as we had to do to dislodge a side which presented such delightfully and unerringly straight bats. Clayden (who had been brought into the side for the first time) opened the School attack on a very true and easy wicket. Perhaps he was rather lucky to get an early wicket, but very welcome it was. Jepson, at the other end, was putting down some good ones, too, a little erratic and expensive every now and again, but still useful, and he thoroughly deserved his 2 wickets for 20 runs. No further wickets fell, and Whitgift declared for 105 for 3.

Mason was being tried as an opening batsman (not his best position), and both he and Robbins soon fell. Jepson at No. 5 helped the situation (how often he does!) with a truculent 20, taken with a kind of aggressive aplomb, so useful to the *moral* of those batsmen yet to be. Richards (who incidentally had bowled a steady 6 overs for only 10 runs) added a rather shy 10. G. Roberts joined Jepson in another partial stand. Such a useful 20 his was that no idle critic must carp at the way he used the edge of the bat to confound the intelligent anticipation of the field. Twenty runs are 20 runs, and at this juncture they were worth all that, and more. Unfortunately both Jepson and Roberts left within a short time of each other, and neither Clayden nor Treen could stem the tide. With the clock showing a bare 20 minutes to go, Nagle and Launder were left to do what they could. An interesting position, with any result on the cards, but a win improbable. Woodfield, at the School end, was bowling leg spinners, and Launder, facing him, was

hovering between the cautious and the care-free. Finally he got just that ball to jump out to, and he did, just failed to cover the break and put up a catch to deep mid-on. He made no mistake about it, and that was that. A splendid game, and an exciting finish.

School v. Whitgift.

At Whitgift on May 27th.

Whitgift.

Webb b Jepson	26
Woodfield lbw b Clayden	11
Shanely lbw b Jepson	16
Anderson not out	26
Barber not out	4
Extras (byes 17, wides 4, no-balls 1)	22
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Total (for 3 wickets declared)...	105
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School.

Robbins c, b Louis	2
Mason b Louis	5
Dawson b Cooper	3
Wotton b Woodfield	0
Jepson c, b Shanely	20
Richards b Louis	10
Roberts, G. b Cooper	20
Clayden run out	1
Treen st, b Woodfield	1
Lauder c, b Woodfield	2
Nagle, E. not out	0
Extras (byes 12, wides 1)	13
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Total	77
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Whitgift.

Bowling.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Average.
Jepson ...	9	2	20	2	10.00
Clayden ...	6	1	34	1	34.00
Richards ...	6	3	10	0	—

School.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Average.
Woodfield ...	9.4	2	13	3	4.33
Louis ...	11	5	18	3	6.00
Cooper ...	3	1	15	2	7.50
Shanely ...	2	2	0	1	—

Result.

Whitgift won by 28 runs.

SCHOOL v. K.D.C.S.

Lost by an innings and 68 runs.

This was our first fixture against K.D.C.S., and was played on their ground at Kingston on June 6th. It was unfortunate that it was altogether an unsatisfactory match owing to the difference in age and size between ourselves and our opponents. We were up against too old and too big a side. One point of interest did, however, appear. We seem to have found a wicket-keeper in J. Smith, who for his first appearance put up a very creditable performance, standing well up even to moderately fast bowling, and showing that he should train on to be useful in the future. As a batsman he was perhaps lucky to be top scorer.

Scores :—	K.D.C.S.	
Clear b Wotton	...	52
Davey c Wotton b Bailey	...	34
Mantle not out	...	3
Crowley not out	...	4
Extras	...	10
		103
Total (2 wickets dec.)	...	103

Bowling :—

Bailey 1 for 9.
Wotton 1 for 24.

School.

1st Innings.

Bailey b Davey	...	1
Robbins c & b Davey	...	2
Richards b Davey	...	1
Wotton b Milbank	...	2
Roberts, G. b Davey	...	1
Mason c & b Davey	...	3
Wright, J. b Milbank	...	0
Crouch b Milbank	...	0
Treen c & b Davey	...	0
Smith, J. F. c & b Crowley	...	11
Nagle, E. not out	...	6
Extras	...	8
		35
Total	...	35

Bowling :—

Davey 6 for 12.

Milbank 3 for 8.

Crowley 1 for 5.

2nd Innings.

Bailey c & b Crowley	...	...	5
Robbins run out	...	...	0
Richards c & b Crowley	...	...	2
Wotton b Hasler	...	...	0
Roberts, G. b Hasler	...	...	0
Mason b Crowley	...	...	0
Wright, J. b Crowley	...	...	6
Crouch b Crowley	...	...	0
Treen not out	...	...	6
Smith, J. F. b Crowley	...	...	0
Nagle b Crowley	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	0
Total	...	...	19

Bowling :—

Crowley 7 for 7.

Hasler 2 for 2.

SCHOOL *v.* MR. GIBB'S XI

Played on the Hood Ground, July 14th. The day was overcast, and anything but ideal Cricket weather. However, a start was made promptly, and on winning the toss, Jepson put the visitors in. Mr. Cobb and Nagle, E. opened, and after some slow scoring Mr. Cobb gave an easy catch to third man. G. F. Dundas then came in, and promptly hit his first ball for 4, and continued to score freely until rain came on. It did not last long, however, and, on resuming, Dundas was bowled by Clayden. A. Milton then joined Nagle, who had not so far given a chance. These two increased the rate of scoring, and the hundred went up in about an hour and a quarter's play. With the score mounting, the School bowling seemed unavailing, but with the last ball before tea Nagle was bowled, and the innings declared closed at 124.

The School innings opened badly as Bailey was bowled first ball. Wickets fell quickly, and with the score at 46 for 6, it looked easy for the visitors. Clayden and Richards,

however, played well and brought the score to 75 before Richards was dismissed. Clayden played a thrustful innings of 24, and after he had gone there never looked like being another stand. The innings closed at 87.

It was decided to play a second innings, and after his side had scored 10 for 1 wicket, Mr. Gibb declared, leaving the School a sporting chance of getting 48 to win in 25 minutes. At first, it looked a possibility, 20 runs being scored in 10 minutes, but batsmen began to play with criminal carelessness and wickets fell rapidly. Only the clock saved a rout, as stumps were drawn with the score at 35 for 9. Clayden again played well for 13 runs.

Mr. Gibb's XI.

1st Innings.

T. P. Cobb c Bailey b Richards ...	5
E. J. Nagle b Jepson	19
C. A. Dundas b Clayden	33
A. Milton not out	45
W. M. T. Bobby not out	0
H. F. Halliwell did not bat.	
Extras	17
Total (3 wkts. dec.)	119

Bowling :—

Richards 1 for 23.

Clayden 1 for 10.

Jepson 1 for 18.

2nd Innings.

W. M. T. Bobby not out	2
H. F. Halliwell b Launder	6
Extras	2
Total (1 wicket dec.)	10

Bowling :—

Launder 1 for 4.

School.
1st Innings.

Bailey b Boby	...	...	...	0
Robbins run out	...	...	...	4
Jepson c & b Seymour	...	...	...	4
Clayden c & b Seymour	...	...	...	24
Wotton lbw b Dundas	...	...	...	0
Richards c & b Treen	...	...	...	13
Roberts, G. run out	...	...	...	0
Launder run out	...	...	...	16
Mason b Milton	...	...	...	4
Dawson not out	...	...	...	1
Smith, J. F., b Milton	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	20
				—
Total	...	...	...	86
				—

Bowling :—

Seymour 2 for 7.
Milton 1 for 8.
Dundas 1 for 13.

2nd Innings.

Bailey b Milton	...	...	...	4
Robbins lbw b Seymour	...	...	...	2
Jepson c & b Milton	...	...	...	3
Clayden c & b Clayden	...	...	...	13
Wotton c & b Milton	...	...	...	1
Richards c & b Seymour	...	...	...	1
Roberts, G. run out	...	...	...	1
Launder not out	...	...	...	7
Mason run out	...	...	...	1
Dawson c & b Milton	...	...	...	0
Smith, J. F. not out	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	2
				—
Total (9 wickets)	...	...	...	35
				—

Bowling :—

Milton 4 for 4.
Seymour 2 for 7.
Dundas 1 for 6.

THE STAFF MATCH

On Monday, July 27th, as part of the end-of-term festivities, the Head Master led the Staff into the field against the School XI. To make up the side, Mr. Milton came over from Wellington, and Mr. Crowson from Croydon.

Jepson won the toss and decided to bat. The School innings was opened by Robbins and Nagle, to the bowling of Messrs. Cobb and Oates. After a slow start, Nagle hit too soon at a ball from Mr. Cobb, and was caught at mid-off, but Robbins and Clayden batted steadily and well, until Robbins was bowled by a really awkward off-break, and Clayden edged one of Mr. Oates' spinners into the gully. From then onwards the batting was laborious and spiritless—thoroughly unworthy of the School side, which contains several people who should have made runs—and the end soon came when Mason charged down the pitch to a slow full-toss and hit violently across it, to be well stumped by Mr. Rogers, whose wicket-keeping had been a feature of the day's play.

After tea the Staff opened very sedately, Mr. Cobb being unusually restrained. Mr. Halliwell was hit painfully on the foot and then put one up into the slips. The Head Master ran some brisk short runs before being out in the same way. A stand threatened, with Mr. Cobb defending grimly and Mr. Oates showing signs of aggression, but they both left just as they were settling down. Mr. Newsom never saw the ball at all, and 5 wickets had fallen for 18 runs. Undaunted by this series of misfortunes, Mr. Crowson kept a valuable end up, whilst Mr. Gibb swept the ball to all parts of the field with magnificent gestures. But even so, with the School bowling and fielding remaining steadier and better than it had been the whole term, it was a question as to whether the Staff would get the runs in time. Eventually, however, Mr. Crowson took to hitting boundaries, too, and the task was accomplished with five minutes to spare. Then the game continued, for Mr. Gibb and Mr. Milton to give an exciting display of fireworks and the art of running.

Score :—	School.	
Nagle c Gibb b Cobb	...	1
Robbins b Cobb	...	11
Clayden c Newsom b Oates	...	14
Wotton b Milton	...	4
Jepson b Newsom	...	3
Richards c Rogers b Milton	...	1
Launder b Newsom	...	0
Roberts, G. run out	...	1
Mason st Rogers b Crowson	...	4
Dawson b Milton	...	2
Smith, J. F. not out	...	0
Extras	...	16
		—
Total	...	57
		—

Bowling :—

Cobb 2 for 8.
Oates 1 for 27.
Milton 3 for 10.
Newsom 2 for 8.
Crowson 1 for 6.

Staff.

T. P. Cobb b Jepson	...	...	6
H. F. Halliwell c Wotton b Clayden			0
Head Master c Wotton b Clayden	...		1
R. C. A. Oates c Mason b Richards			6
P. J. Crowson b Wotton	...	...	25
A. W. Newsom lbw b Richards	...		3
R. W. Gibb not out	...	...	35
A. Milton not out	...	...	40
Total (6 wickets)	...	...	116

Did not bat : E. L. Hanson, K. J. Guerrier
and C. Rogers.

Bowling :—

Richards 2 for 15.
Clayden 2 for 18.
Wotton 1 for 38.
Jepson 1 for 42.

UNDER 13½ XI v. KING'S COLLEGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Lost by 9 wickets.

On June 16th, King's College Junior School entertained an Under 13½ XI and an Under 13 XI. In the case of the Senior XI we were up against very good preparatory school Cricket, and we were easily defeated by 9 wickets. This was our first Junior XI fixture, and our side was a tentative one which had not had any real experience before—in fact, not even the experience of playing together. It was certainly a match which should have done us much good, and to our more or less untrained side the object lessons were pretty numerous and complete. One can only hope that more than a few members of the side possessed some powers of observation and imitation.

With all things taken into consideration, our batting was just about as good as our individual batsmen, but it was unfortunate that we were overcome by the occasion—one cannot blame the team for it : it was just that we were young

in experience. Launder, who had played more than once for the School team, was much more restrained than usual, though he was not afraid to go out to the loose one, and he collected a valuable 13. Almost all the rest, under the impression that the bowling must be full of guile, got themselves out by playing half-hearted shots. Grubb alone showed any enterprise and took a couple of good boundaries on the leg, but he, too, decided to poke, and that was that—a more than modest total of 43, on a plumb wicket and with easy boundaries.

Now comes my bone of contention. Our fielding was a disgrace, and a disgrace not this time through inexperience but through sheer and unalloyed idleness. K.C.S. were too good a side to put up many catches; it was in the ground fielding and the backing up and the general awareness that we were lamentable. Launder, as the Captain, was one of the few to give any indication that he was alive. He must, during the course of their innings, have had serious fears that some of his side had passed away. Only when "over" was called and he saw them amble quietly to their next position can his fears have been relieved. It is a crime of which we must never again be guilty.

J. H. Wright and H. T. Gibbs opened the bowling, and Gibbs should have got a valuable wicket in his first over, but he failed to appeal for a certain l.b.w. On the whole, he bowled well and deserved his success later. Launder, too, had one good wicket and probably deserved more.

Scores :—

School.				
Wright	b	Hodder	...	0
Lake	c &	b Pepper	...	4
Gibbs, H. T.	b	Hodder	...	0
Simmons	b	Tapp	...	15
Launder	b	Lough	...	13
Leatherbarrow	b	Duval	...	4
Billingham	not out	...	...	2
Grubb	b	Duval	...	10
Sayer	b	Hodder	...	1
Roberts, F. J.	b	Pepper	...	1
Christian	c &	b Fleck	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	3
Total	...	...	...	53

K.C.J.S.

Harris not out	...	...	...	29
Fleck b Launder	16
Pepper not out	43
Wadworth b Gibbs	27
Extras	11
				—
Total (2 wickets)	126
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UNDER 13 XI v. KING'S COLLEGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Played at Wimbledon on Tuesday, June 16th. Lost by 8 wickets.

We were badly beaten in this match, but in no way disgraced, for we were up against a side that was very much the stronger and more experienced. Under the circumstances, the way in which we played was encouraging and satisfactory.

Robbins won the toss and decided to bat first. Treen had the misfortune to be bowled by the very first ball of the game—a good one—but his partner, Daniels, played steadily and, when he had gained confidence, batted really well, with one or two beautiful off-drives. Langridge looked as if he was going to make runs until he lost his head, played a really silly shot with a cross bat, and was bowled by a full pitch. So was Robbins, who had made some nice hard drives. Thus we lost two valuable wickets through the batsmen forgetting the vital rule about a straight bat. Worse was to follow, however, for an epidemic of bad calling broke out, and at least one batsman who might have helped the score along considerably was stupidly run out. Fisher played carefully at first and later hit the ball quite hard. Green scored a nice four to leg and was not out. After a very promising start we had collapsed badly and were all out for 55, having had 43 up with only four wickets down.

The K.C.S. opening batsmen played very carefully against some steady bowling by Treen and Daniels. They had only made 14 runs in 25 minutes when Fisher caught a good one at square leg. Almost immediately afterwards Franks made a splendid catch at point to dismiss Campbell. Unfortunately we got no more wickets down till after they had passed our score. Then we saw some hard hitting, reaching its climax when Christie hit Daniels for 22 runs in one over.

It must be remembered, however, that all the K.C.S. batsmen who made runs were pretty good players, and that our bowlers were perhaps overawed by the occasion. Experience will stop this happening later. Robbins captained

the side well and was the best bowler, though he did not take a wicket. He set a splendid example to his team in fielding, and they all followed it keenly and well. The general level was so high that it would be unfair to pick anyone out for special mention. Once he settled down, Green kept wicket well, taking several leg balls beautifully.

Scores :—

Raynes Park.

1st Innings.

Treen b Christie	...	...	...	0
Daniels, K. b Christie	...	...	...	20
Langridge, A. E. b Christie	...	...	...	3
Robbins b Christie	...	...	...	11
Fisher J. E. c Panton b Christie	...	...	...	9
Pengilly run out	...	...	...	1
Franks b Callway	...	...	...	2
Harries b Callway	...	...	...	2
Smith, D. W. run out	...	...	...	0
Green, F. E. not out	...	...	...	5
Evans, S. b Pool	...	...	...	0
Extras (byes)	...	...	...	2
				—
Total	...	...	...	55
				—

2nd Innings.

Treen not out	...	...	...	14
Langridge, A. E. c Nightingale b Christie	...	...	...	2
Pengilly b Pool	...	...	...	0
Franks not out	...	...	...	7
Smith, D. W. st Cunningham b Pool	...	...	...	0
Extras (byes 3, wide 1)	...	...	...	4
				—
Total (3 wickets)	...	...	...	27
				—

K.C.S.

Spalding c Fisher b Treen	...	...	...	3
Campbell c Franks b Daniels	...	...	...	11
Callway not out	...	...	...	35
Nightingale b Daniels	...	...	...	25
Panton b Daniels	...	...	...	2
Christie not out	...	...	...	31
Extras (bye 1, no-ball 1)	...	...	...	2
				—
Total (4 wickets declared)	...	...	...	109
				—

Nunnerley, Shuter, Cunningham, Pool and Brining did not bat.

CRICKET CHARACTERS

- E. JEPSON (*Captain*).—A batsman who goes for the bowling with enterprise and judgment. A dangerous and improving bowler. An uncertain field. Though inexperienced, has captained the team very well, showing leadership and inspiration.
- G. ROBERTS (*Secretary*).—A moderate batsman and a good field. As Secretary, has shown improving powers of organizing and done a great deal of work.
- D. W. WOTTON (*Assistant Secretary*).—A disappointing season for him. As a bat he is too concerned with the fluent artistry of the stroke and not sufficiently with making contact with the ball. As a bowler rather erratic.
- K. O. RICHARDS.—A fastish bowler who spends most of his energy on his run up to the wicket. Should make runs next year.
- J. E. S. CLAYDEN.—A good opening bowler with a natural action. At times an enterprising bat.
- J. W. ROBBINS.—An improving bat who should develop more enterprise.
- E. NAGLE.—Has made almost striking improvement as a batsman. Has kept wicket—not his position—but anywhere else in the field thoroughly reliable.
- J. W. LAUNDER.—A grand field—strung on wire and thoroughly charged with electricity. As a batsman has just begun to learn a little restraint. He must be the world's worst judge as regards running.
- K. A. MASON.—A safe field at cover, and always awake and alive. A moderate bat with some determination. Too volatile.
- E. N. DAWSON.—Rather an awkward and unpolished bat. Always does his best, and usually a safe field.
- J. A. SMITH.—Has possibilities as a wicket-keeper: can take them well, but gets too many off-days. Has sometimes made runs in a hearty way.

CRICKET HOUSE MATCHES

- Cobb's (78 and 56) beat Halliwell's (79 and 46) by 10 runs.
Cobb's (30 and 60) beat Gibb's (33 and 26) by 31 runs.
Halliwell's (71 and 61 for 9) beat Gibb's (38 and 79) by 15 runs).

INTER-CLUB CRICKET

Three matches were played between the Athenians and Spartans in the Summer Term. The Athenians won on each occasion.

SWIMMING SPORTS

The Swimming Sports were held on July 28th at the Wimbledon Baths. A large audience packed the gallery and saw Gibb's win the Swimming Cup and the Athenians beat the Spartans in their own private contest.

Many visitors remarked on the high level of achievement and enthusiasm which were exhibited.

Event No.	RESULTS
1.	Plunge (Junior House).—1 (20) (H.) Robbins; 2 (10) (C.) Barnes; 3 (5) (G.) Goodman.
2.	High Dive (Junior House).—1 (20) (G.) Winder; 2 (10) (G.) Simmonds; 3 (5) (H.) Smith, L.
3.	Plunge (Senior House).—1 (20) (H.) Parker; 2 (10) (G.) Taplin; 3 (5) (C.) Jepson.
6.	Back Stroke (Junior House).—1 (20) (H.) Franks; 2 (10) (C.) Stevens; 3 (5) (G.) Hughes.
7.	Standing Springboard (Junior House).—1 (20) (C.) Barnes; 2 (10) (G.) Winder; 3 (5) (G.) Lamberth.
8.	Running Springboard (Junior House).—1 (20) (G.) Winder; 2 (10) (H.) Smith, L.; 3 (5) (C.) Gurney.
9.	Back Stroke (Senior House) (One Length).—1 (20) (G.) Whiteley; 2 (10) (H.) de Potier; 3 (5) (G.).
10.	Crawl (Junior House) (One Length).—1 (20) (G.) Hughes; 2 (10) (C.) Hill; 3 (5) (C.) Gurney.
11.	Crawl (Club) (One Length).—1 (20) (S.) O'Donnell; 2 (10) None.
12.	Any Stroke (Senior House) (Two Lengths).—1 (20) (G.) Whiteley; 2 (10) (H.) de Potier; 3 (5) (G.)
13.	Any Stroke (Junior House) (Two Lengths).—1 (20) (C.) Hill; 2 (10) (H.) Robbins; 3 (5) (G.) Lamberth.
14.	Any Stroke (Club) (Two Lengths).—1 (20) (S.) R. Smith; 2 (10) (A.) Evans.
15.	High Dive (Senior House).—1 (20) (H.) Smith; 2 (10) (H.) Grills.
16.	Standing Springboard (Senior House).—1 (20) (H.) Smith, J. F.; 2 (10) (G.) Taplin; 3 (5) (C.) Jepson.
17.	Running Springboard (Senior House).—1 (20) (H.) Smith, J. F.; 2 (10) (G.) Nagle, E.; 3 (5) (G.) Taplin.

18. Breast Stroke (Senior House) (Two Lengths).—1 (20) (G.) Whiteley; 2 (10) (G.) Druett; 3 (5) (H.) Moore.
19. Breast Stroke (Junior House) (Two Lengths).—1 (20) (H.) Franks; 2 (10) (G.) Lamberth; 3 (5) (C.) Stevens.
20. Breast Stroke (Club) (Two Lengths).—1 (20) (A.) Evans; 2 (10) (A.) Hill.
21. High Dive (Club).—1 (20) (A.) de Cossio; 2 (10) (S.) Smith, D. W. W.
22. Standing Springboard (Club).—1 (20) (A.) Evans; 2 (10) (A.) de Cossio, (S.) Lucas (tie).
23. Running Springboard (Club).—1 (20) (A.) de Cossio; 2 (10) (S.) Lucas.
24. Club Relay Race.—1 (50) (S.); 2 (25) (A.).
25. Three Lengths Any Stroke (Senior House).—1 (20) (G.) Whiteley; 2 (10) (H.) de Potier; 3 (5) (G.) Druett.
26. House Relay Race (Junior).—1 (50) (C.); 2 (25) (G.); 3 (15) (H.).
27. Balloon Race (Open).—1 (20) (G.); 2 (10) (G.); 3 (5) (G.).
28. House Relay Race (Senior House).—1 (50) (G.); 2 (25) (H.); 3 (15) (C.).



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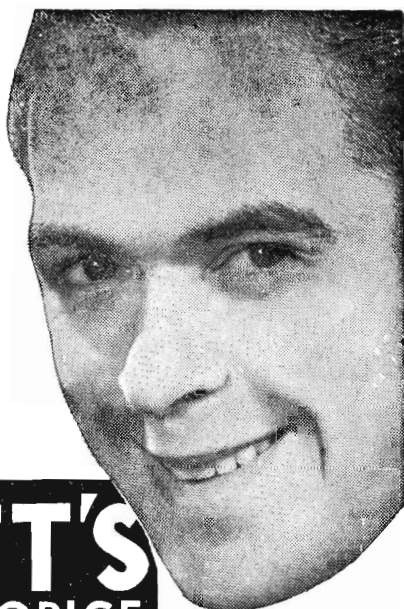
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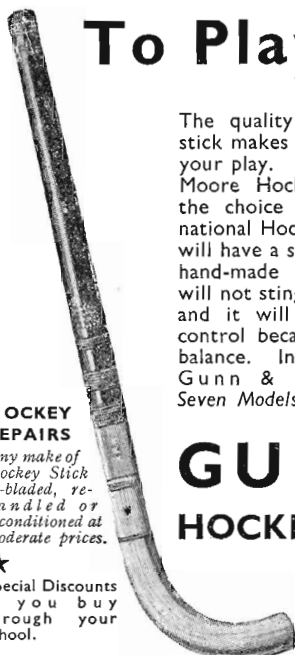
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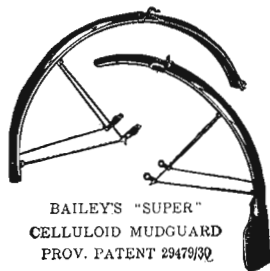
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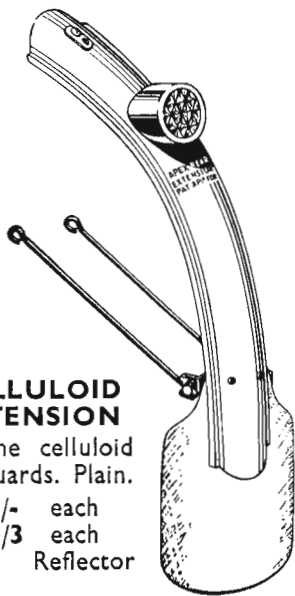
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