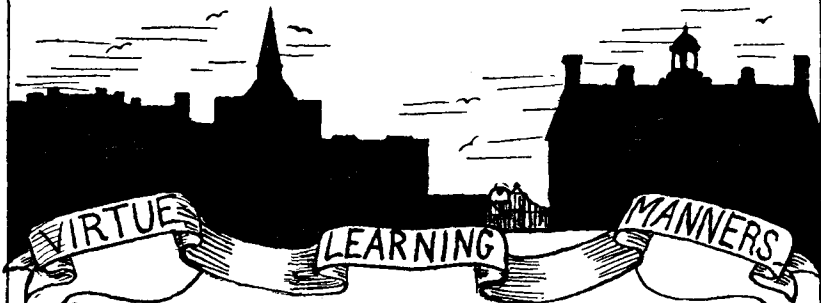
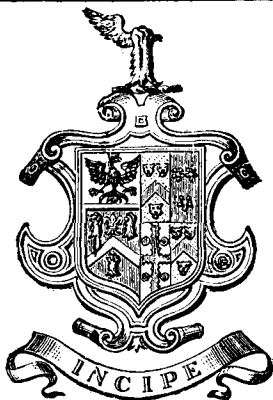


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REQUIESCAT.

No more shall worldly tumult and surmise
Trouble his sleep; the race superbly run,
Calm in some tranquil haven now he lies,
The common task magnificently done.

In perfect faith the nation found him still
Steadfast to the inevitable end,
Lover of peace, and prophet of good-will,
The father of his people and their friend.

PERCY HASELDEN.

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ROUND THE STOVE.

THE Summer Term, 1936, commences on May 1st and ends on July 24th.

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The Middle and Lower School Examinations will be held from June 10th to 15th.

The School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Examinations commence on July 13th.

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Speech Day will be 27th June.

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The Swimming Sports will be held on the 16th and 17th July.

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The following boys were successful in the School Certificate Examination, December 1935 :—

J. A. L. Boon; R. W. Coleman; D. A. Fordham; G. R. Harnett; B. A. Hayden; R. E. Howe; R. H. Langridge; P. A. McKenny; N. S. Rogers; T. D. F. Seaton; E. G. Sheppard; J. B. Simpson; C. J. W. Soutar; A. J. Sutton; E. W. Venner; J. D. Wardle; E. C. B. White; C. F. White.

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The Præpostors this term are :—B. A. Rogers (Head of the School), E. B. Clibborn (School House), A. T. L. Pitt (West), D. J. Payne (Old House), F. N. Ritchie (South), D. E. Edmonds (East), A. A. Clementson (Mill Hill House), S. D. Jones (East), W. K. B. Wilson (Newnum House), R. M. Sellens (Otway House), and J. B. Thomas (School House).

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The Proclamation of King Edward VIII in Brentwood was carried through with due form and ceremony on the School green at 11 a.m. on 24th January. A platform had been erected inside the Roden House chains, and here were assembled the Deputy Lieutenants, the Magistrates, Officers from the Barracks and Territorial Detachments, the members of the

Urban District Council, the Bishop of Brentwood, the Rural Dean, and local Ministers. A squad from the Depôt, Essex Regiment, formed a hollow square and one of their buglers sounded a fanfare before the Chairman of the Council read the Proclamation which was amplified by loud speakers. The Band of the Hutton Residential School was in attendance.

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On February 8th, a ground was lent for a Women's Territorial Hockey Match—the East v. the North. Besides many well-known players, the All England Selection Committee appeared at Brentwood for the first time. Owing to incessant rain during the early part of the term the ground was heavy and difficult, and the game appeared rather slow and uneventful; however, three of the players were ultimately selected to represent England in International matches. The East won by two goals to one.

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We extend a hearty welcome to Sir Herbert Cunliffe, K.C., who has been co-opted to the Governing Body in the place of Sir Bertram Cubitt, K.C.B., who has gone to reside at Bath. Sir Herbert is Attorney-General of the Duchy of Lancaster and Chairman of the General Council of the Bar; he keeps up the long close connection of the ancient parish of South Weald with the School.

Another very pleasing appointment is that of Mr. Stamp W. Wortley, L.L.B., to represent London University on the Governing Body in the place of the late Mr. Herbert W. Gibson.

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An Old English Fair, in aid of the Maintenance Funds of the Brentwood District Hospital, was held in the School on the 27th, 28th and 29th of February. The Memorial Hall proved a fine setting for stalls, which were painted to represent Tudor houses; the many stall-holders were all in period costume and with the decorations of flowers made the Hall a scene of beauty. The Fair was opened on the first day by Lieut.-Col. Frank Hilder, T.D., D.L., J.P., High Sheriff of Essex; on the second day by Miss E. M. Hough, M.A., J.P.; on the third day by Major-General Sir Wyndham Childs, K.C. M.G., K.B.E., late Deputy Adjutant General to the Forces. Every day the Hall was crowded, and the notable success of

the Fair must have been very gratifying to the Ladies' Committee which was under the Chairmanship of Mrs. C. B. Copeman. The takings were £1,047 and clear profit £942.

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The Essex Union Hunt Ball was held at School on 10th January. Dancing was in the Memorial Hall: the Cloisters were curtained and carpeted to form a closed way to the Old School which, with the Stage Room opened into it as it was 30 years ago, formed an excellent Supper Room. The Common Room, Double Class Room, Junior Physics Laboratory, and Gallery, were furnished to provide a Buffet and sitting-out rooms, while the Upper Sixth Form Room was devoted to cards. There were over 400 guests.

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L. H. Duniam-Jones, Esq. (O.B.), has very kindly presented a Sports Cup to the East Town.

WILLIAM ELLINGFORD.

OUR BELOVED WILLIAM.

By C. E. W. BEAN.

TO the Governors, to the Shenfield Choir, to his neighbours, and possibly to some new boys for their first half-hour at the School, he was William Ellingford. But to most Brentwoods—certainly from long before my time and before all but a few of us were born—he was “Tyke.”

He came to the School as assistant to the school porter, so he used to tell us, in the year in which Colonel Landon (and someone else—I forget whom) went up in a balloon; more precisely in June 1874, under Mr. (later Canon) W. Quennell, four and a half years after Dr. West left. William Ellingford was then fourteen, and he was still at the School under our present Headmaster. At what date he first became Tyke we never heard, but he told us that—I think, early in Mr. Newnum's time—he petted a stray dog which afterwards followed him at his work, and the boys of that day gave him its name. There were numerous other versions, but probably his was correct.

For forty years he formed part of the earliest and of the last memories of every boarder. It was he, waiting by the wind-blown gaslight behind the old schoolhouse porch, that carried

our boxes from Fitch's cab over the uneven tiled pavement, past his knife-room and the old ramshackle "boot hole" and the mysterious scenery-room (how it didn't all go up in smoke half-a-century ago our good angels may some day explain) and up the rickety wooden stairway to the dormitories; and it was he who years later carried them down when with an ache in our hearts we heard the old glass door with its loose brass handle clang upon our departure as schoolboys for the last time, and headed out for our various ports in life.

And how much of Brentwood he was to us in the years between! Ringing the getting-up bell each morning; lighting and turning out the dormitory gas; filling with coke the big-school stove; stoking the furnace in that mysterious underworld into which he and the contents of our waste paper baskets (what a wealth of misdirected effort they contained!) used to disappear at intervals beneath the iron grating and trapdoor in the passage behind the old fives court (I can hear now the rattle of that grating and of the loose ring in the trapdoor as we ran over it). For all its primitiveness, we blessed that old system of hot-water pipes which tempered the frost in studies and chapel and rewarded us with well-deserved chilblains in the class rooms.

What duties did William perform? He posted the boarders' letters; he drew the masters' beer; he carried the warm bath water upstairs in winter; he umpired in some of our O.B. cricket matches; he faithfully joined the choir in the Christmas carol service, with his tremulous tenor. And how many of us did he not teach to swim in the pea-soupy old bath in which we wallowed with rare enjoyment near the Vicarage corner? How many of us made our first breast-strokes dangling like spiders from the end of his ash-pole and, after striking out with the courage of ignorance, finished miserably, clinging to the rope, beseeching him to haul us out, "Oh Tyke! Oh Tyke! Oh Tyke!" In the old prospectus there is a photograph of him at this task, in his shirt sleeves but without the familiar green-baize apron which was his uniform during most of the day except for the dinner hour, when he donned his dress suit and waited at table.

Tyke was not unconscious of his daily dignity, during the luncheon hour, as the school butler; but twice in the year he was in his glory. First, when shortly before Christmas, after

conference with the Head, he produced from the scenery-room the dusty beams that formed the framework for the scenery, and, with the plumber from Jarvis's to fit the gas pipes, erected it solidly on the old stage room, with the calico flies which stood for ceiling (or sky)—a constant anxiety to my father—tethered precariously away from the gas-jets, and a maze of ropes, like a ship's rigging, cleated for raising or lowering the drops. On the nights of the performance it was his office to operate the curtain, and it was on this task that tradition grounded his claim to be "the backbone of the School."

Yet perhaps he was even prouder when at midsummer the hour came for decorating the stage for Speech Day. Then out of the conservatory in the H.M.'s. garden there poured a procession of geranium pots with choice pink, white, and red blooms, carefully nursed there, the fruit of months of preparation. It had been idle for the H.M. to protest that the old grape vine in the glasshouse should be the gardener's chief care; Tyke's gentle insistence had its way—the grape vine finally suffered execution to make room for more geraniums, and on one day in the year the stage blazed with colour. To how many of us do memories of fragments of Latin speech, or of scraps of Molière, mingled with the aroma of geranium blooms and of the starch on our stiff shirts and collars, bring even now a whiff of stage-fright and a tremendous weakness in the knees?

I think this was his happiest day; for despite his formality and conservatism he was a true gardener. The flower beds of his cottage in Sawyer's (alias Lawrence's) Lane, beyond the ill-smelling ditch that skirted the old school playing field, were always bright with high-flowering chrysanthemums or roses; and few will forget the beauty achieved in the old school house garden by that excellent combination—my mother to direct and William to execute.

It must be thirty-five years ago that he suffered a slight hemiplegic stroke; he recovered quickly, but his strength was never afterwards quite the same. When the new school was built, his work still remained at the old one; his intense loyalty to every old tradition must have made him a rather difficult subordinate in those days of necessary change, but, even when his powers failed, good Mr. and Miss Hough kept him at his beloved work in the school house garden. The Governors

eventually pensioned him, and never was pension better deserved, for his entire active life was spent in the School's service, and loyalty to it and all connected with it was his religion. Some of us may remember how severely this was strained when he was umpiring in a "Ladies versus Gentlemen's" cricket match on the old field (the men playing left-handed, with broomsticks), and my mother came to the wickets. After rejecting three or four very justifiable appeals against her for l.b.w., Tyke, faced by a glaring offence—leg well in front of the middle stump—shook his head. "I'm afraid I'll have to give you out this time, Mum," he said ruefully.

He was our one firm link with the days of the School in its former prosperity—with a completely different school-life from ours, having something in it of the life of Tom Brown at Rugby. The older and middle-aged among us cherish the memory of our old friend as that of something peculiarly a part of Brentwood. It is difficult to think of the school without the sound of his quick step on the tiled kitchen yard or along the dining hall or study passages.

BRENTWOOD SCHOOL CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

IN addition to the two Bible Classes which meet on Sundays and which are studying St. Luke's Gospel, a Senior Discussion Class has been formed. The first paper was by Mr. R. C. Poston on the "Codex Sinaiticus," and was illustrated by the epidiastroscope and by a photograph copy of the Codex.

Subsequent papers have formed a series on Creation. First, Mr. R. R. Lewis on "The Two Creation Stories of Genesis," made it quite clear that there are two different creation stories in Genesis. Mr. A. M. S. Clark gave the Biologist's theory of the evolution of life, and Mr. N. W. Leaning dealt with the Astronomer's theory. Finally, Mr. G. B. Smith spoke on "The Evidence of the Rocks," in which it was seen how Geology bore out the conclusions of Biology and Astronomy about the great antiquity of the earth. Mr. R. R. Lewis summed up by saying that while it is the duty of scientists to discover how the world came into being, it is the duty of philosophers and theologians, building on the sure foundations of Science, to discover why the world came into being, and what kind of a Mind is behind the universe. God is eternally

creating, and the marvels of His works make us exclaim with the Psalmist :—

“When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,
The moon and the stars which thou has ordained ;
What is man, that thou art mindful of him?
And the son of man, that thou visitest him?
For thou hast made him but little lower than God,
And crownest him with glory and honour !”

This term the two Bible Classes have been continuing with St. Luke's Gospel. Mr. Wynne gave a talk on “The Greek and Roman Religions.” He explained the many superstitions of the people, with their personified gods who have to be humoured with sacrifices. Mr. T. K. Chin is going to give a talk on “China,” and the Rev. S. E. Boorman on “Canada.”

G.J.M.

“RICHARD II.”

MR. BARRON set himself and his cast a hard task last term, for Shakespeare's “Richard II,” with its long speeches, its decorative youthful imagery, its sentiment, its pathos, and its lack of action, is difficult to play at any time and very difficult to act in a school. The School undoubtedly preferred the boisterous fun of “Henry IV” and “As You Like It,” and the thumping melodrama of “Richard III” and “Macbeth”; but although “Richard II” was not equally popular, it was equally well done, and the producer and the cast must be congratulated on their fine show.

The set was very good, especially in the first act, and was very much in the spirit of the play, and it helped to convert some rather tedious scenes into attractive pageantry, decorated with poetry. Scenery has its disadvantages; the scene-changing leads to intervals which make an already slow-moving play much more slow. Some critics hold that Elizabethan plays should be acted without break on an almost undecorated stage; the audience, assisted by poetry, should have enough imagination to do without scenery. But this seems too much to expect from school audiences.

It is a great pity that the play has to be played within the compass of two hours, for this necessitates much cutting. Admittedly, the York sub-plot is not in itself particularly interesting; but it adds balance and contrast to the play, and

its omission leaves Aumerle hanging in the air without a purpose, and the character of York undeveloped.

Of the actors, W. K. B. Wilson (Richard) and P. A. Clemoes (Bolingbroke) were outstanding. Wilson has a lovely voice, and his control of pitch, rhythm and tempo, his nice adjustment between declamation and speech, his clarity, and the undertones (of irony, for example), made him a pleasure to hear. His graceful action and his subtle changes of mood were delightful.

In the second half of the play, where the passion deepens—he was adequate. Shakespeare works hard to provoke our sympathy for the weak king, and Wilson rendered the pathos with great feeling.

P. A. Clemoes, though obviously less experienced as an actor than Wilson, was very near to Shakespeare and gave a fine interpretation. His rhetoric burned like frost—beneath the impetuosity one could always feel the coldness of the “vile politician” Bolingbroke. This combination of firmness with cold calculation is difficult to convey, and Clemoes managed it admirably. He replied to Richard’s lurking irony with a half-concealed and often silent contempt; his acting in the deposition scene, for example, where he had hardly a word to say, was remarkably good. His speech was not so subtle as Wilson’s, but it did not need to be; his actions were sometimes a little awkward, but on the whole he gave a clear, forceful and natural performance.

The other actors were a trifle disappointing, perhaps by contrast with Wilson and Clemoes. However, although not brilliant, they were all quite competent; and every single word of the play could be clearly heard from the back of the gallery—which is more than can be said for most Shakespearian productions. Unfortunately, few of the actors could speak verse with Wilson’s subtlety or Clemoes’ incisiveness and power; they either ranted or became prosy. Some spoke jerkily and dropped the voice at unfortunate moments, especially when declaiming rhymed couplets.

A. B. Arundale (Mowbray), B. A. Britton (York), and R. M. Boyce (Harry Percy), were all clear and forceful and quite competent, but they all tended at times to become jerky and rhetorical. E. B. Clibborn (Northumberland) and S. Duniam-Jones (Gaunt) were both fluent and had much better

control of verse rhythms ; but both found it difficult to prevent the verse from becoming monotonous.

Of the women's parts, the Duchess of Gloster was played quite well by N. C. Brooks ; his voice and appearance were made to fit the part well and his only fault was lack of action. A. T. L. Pitt, whom we remember so well for his magnificent *Lady Macbeth*, was rather old to play Queen Isabella. He was evidently chosen for the part because of his control of the verse and his unusually gentle voice. In the difficult scene of the parting between Richard and the Queen, the music of the lines was beautifully sustained. H. K. Davies, in the very small part of the lady attending the Queen, looked and sounded delightfully feminine.

Of the rest of the cast one would like to pick out G. F. Atkinson as the old Gardener ; and Sir Pierce of Exton (O. S. Masefield) who had a sinister look and a lovely melodramatic voice.

The team-work of the whole cast was very praiseworthy, and they and their producer are to be congratulated and thanked for their hard work and their excellent production.

The complete cast was as follows :—

King Richard II	...	...	...	W. K. B. Wilson
Edmund, Duke of York	} Uncles to	} the King	}	B. A. Britton
John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster				S. Duniam-Jones
Henry Bolingbroke, Duke of Hereford				
(Son to John of Gaunt)	...	...	...	P. A. Clemoes
Thomas Mowbray, Duke of Norfolk	...			A. B. Arundale
Duke of Aumerle (Constable of England)	...			W. R. Coote
Duke of Surrey (Lord Marshal of England)	...			A. D. Knights
Earl of Salisbury	...	...	...	J. B. Gray
Lord Berkeley	...	...	...	P. D. Wardle
Bushy	} Favourites of King Richard	}	}	J. A. Parrish
Bagot				R. M. Sellens
Green				R. S. Warnes
Earl of Northumberland	...	...	...	E. B. Clibborn
Henry Percy (his Son)	...	...	...	R. M. Boyce
Lord Ross	...	...	...	R. Cranham
Lord Willoughby	...	...	...	G. A. Perry
Bishop of Carlisle	...	...	...	R. S. Bagshaw
Sir Pierce of Exton	...	...	...	O. S. Masefield

Sir Stephen Scroop	...	...	...	J. B. Burtinshaw
First Herald	...	...	...	E. C. Eggins
Second Herald	...	...	...	O. Hamid
Gardener	...	...	...	G. F. Atkinson
Servant	...	...	...	G. E. Coote
First Guard	...	...	...	R. H. Pinkerton
Second Guard	...	...	...	C. P. Halliwell
Groom	...	...	...	C. R. G. Reed
Queen Isabella	...	...	...	A. T. L. Pitt
Duchess of Gloster	...	...	...	N. C. Brooks
Lady Attending on the Queen	...	...	...	H. K. Davies

HOUSE NOTES.

NORTH TOWN.

THE beginning of the term found us bereft of several of our senior men. We began to look round for fresh material to built up our strength again, and it is comforting to find that there is plenty of talent in the House, although it prefers not to show itself; some would call that modesty, others laziness.

Hardly had we settled down to make the best of things when another misfortune befell us: Veness left us to go and make his way in the world. We have missed him sorely in all House activities, especially in football, and we wish him "All the best!"

We cannot say much about football; the results are very disappointing. In Seniors we managed to reach second place, and the sole distinction which we can claim is to have scored the only two goals which School House let through! The Loweres have done rather well. In years to come they ought to make a strong Middle team. Juniors, too, have done their share.

On the subject of the Cross-country, perhaps the less said the better. Through a series of unfortunate circumstances we lost what chance we ever had of winning the Cup. Mathematicians have been busy ever since working out the possibilities; and they have decided that even with our full team we could not have managed it after the loss of Veness. At all events, let us see if we can make up for it in the Sports.

We worked very hard for the Gym. Competition, and although we only reached third place we have the satisfaction of knowing that we turned out the best team we have had in recent years. Let us hope that we shall have the same team to try again for the Cup next year.

I am glad to see that Squash is becoming more popular in the House. We shall soon be able seriously to enter a team in the Squash Cup Competition. The fact that the courts are available during the holidays should be an attraction to boys who live within easy distance.

The Chess Tournament has aroused interest in the House. Good luck to those who have entered. If the popularity of chess does not wane as quickly as it has arisen, something of the sort might be arranged within the House.

Now good luck to all for the holidays. May you have an enjoyable time, and plenty of cricket practice!

SOUTH TOWN.

Once again we must take our caps off to the Juniors, who have this term reached the top of their table and who hold second place for the two terms' matches. But while thus extolling the younger members of the House, we must not forget to cheer the others with some kind words. The Seniors have done particularly well in gaining third place this season, considering that, of our number, only A. C. Gibbs represents the School. The Lowers, owing to the call of evening matches, have not been too successful; while the Middles are fairly well placed. These last two tables are not yet complete, for, you understand, the "Brentwoodian" is compiled immediately after half-term. [If so, I wish these notes would arrive in time.—Editor.]

Bugler, one of the few in the House who play hockey, now keeps order with his stick and consequently has been created a præpostor—an onerous burden, now borne by five South-erners.

The Drill Competition and Cross-country run I pass over in silence (number five is too low to relate). Congratulations to L. Warren on coming third in the Inter-House Cross-country and on running regularly for the School this term. Let us hope to see many other members of the House running on Sports day, and the old red and white flag flying near the top of the pole.

Cheer up, the cricket enthusiasts, the age of barbarism is at an end and we are entering on the age of light; already on the cricket fields we see the luckless bowler raise his arm and the ball flashing towards the boundary.

EAST TOWN.

The other day I was stopped by an East Town statistician, who, with a smile of triumph on his face and a battered math's. book in his hand, announced with pride that East Town has more members than any other House. "This fact shall be recorded in East Town Notes," quoth I. So here it is.

East Town is predominant in numbers; let us strive to make it predominant in achievements.

Meanwhile, here is one thing we can write up to our credit. The East Town running team obtained first place in the Inter-House Cross-country this term, thus repeating our success of two years ago. Halliwell led the field and was well supported by Shepherd, Corringham and Evans. This event gives us reason to look forward hopefully to the School Sports.

Our Middles football team must be congratulated on their high position in the table. Our Senior team, although not quite so successful, has succeeded in coming third, while the Lowers have done splendidly to come out top.

More members of the House have taken up Squash this term, and we were very pleased to see Kerr in the semi-final of the Squash Rackets Tournament. Several of our members play hockey, and Humphrey still plays for Chelmsford. At the moment the Chess Tournament is in progress. H. has high hopes of being in the running.

East Town, unlike some other day-boy houses, entered a team for the Drill Competition, and, all things considered, fared well in being placed fifth.

We tender our congratulations to the following:—First to Shepherd and Masefield on joining our trusty band of præpositors; to Coleman, Sutton, McKenny and White, on gaining School Certificates in the December Exams.; and to Humphrey on passing his Cert. A Examination. We wish success to all taking exams. next term, and to Coote and Shepherd who are taking a Civil Service Exam. next May.

We are grateful to Mr. Duniam-Jones, who has very kindly presented a Cup to the House to be held by the winner of the greatest number of points in the School Sports.

WEST TOWN.

In traditional style I must preface my remarks with a few observations on the football season. I will not pen all my thoughts on that subject, for you probably know them, having heard the walls of the changing rooms re-echo to the sound of them. This choice den where we prepare for the fray is also the harbourer of many other sounds: the hubbub of questions and accusations, with fitting replies; ditties telling of the tragedy of a Western conveyance much favoured by cowboys; and a recent ballad celebrates the circular perambulation of one of the Muses (I don't know which one, but at any rate it's not Thaleia, Clio, Calliope, Polyhymnia or Melpomene). As the air grows thick with slippers, wet towels (these on gala days), and the dim fog of speculation, we of the setting sun have often been accused of good fortune, cowardice and slackness in turn. These accusations are usually spat at us dogs of eve by the cats of dawn, while their big chief stands with bared fangs (or whatever cats have) urging on his vociferous mob. No wonder then that we demand "Where's the Tiger?" with several imitations of popular dance band leaders. As for these imprecations, we can only make use of the words of one of those famous but totally uninteresting nineteenth-century statesmen, and rejoin: "Wait and see!"

But I am wandering; in brief, the Senior results have been barely satisfactory, but we may attribute that to our old failing—inability to field the strongest side, through illness or slackness. We have risen to sixth place, and have high hopes for next season, as the Middles show promise. Our respective (though not always respectable) achievements in the Lower and Juniors may be judged from the tables. There is a lamentable dearth of talent among the Juniors, whose numbers too are very small.

The outlook next term in cricket and swimming has not been discussed, but as none of the other houses seems to possess exceptional talent, we shall not disgrace ourselves.

I am not, however, restricting our hopes of success to sport, for, contrary to general belief, we have other school activities. Is not one of our number a member of that select band within the glass doors, privileged to disturb the whole School by the knowledge of a formula and the striking of a match? And then there is P—, the fair-haired, a mighty man of valour

save when on the subject of trunk calls. S—, too, has his moments, and I have seen him poring over books in the local library, meditating doubtless on his pending conversations. Poor D. T— has to undergo vaccination, as we go to press; he has our sympathy. He will be a loss to the tug team, though we hope to replace him by our Peckham prize competitor, affectionately known as "Corpulens."

We are pleased to remark the groups of poets who have lately arisen in the House, and we are eagerly looking forward to the publication of their masterpieces. Let them beware, however, for Spring, the Eastern National and H— are here; and let them confine their appreciations to S—'s good looks.

In the sequestered shades of Oxford dwells one lately removed from us, N. J. Bull. Besides rowing in Torpids, he takes a keen interest in hockey, the O.U.D.S. and a gramophone. He also manages to take Exams., and has in between whiles obtained a fine portrait of G— R—, which may be examined on payment of a fee. J. H. Hallam has also been rowing, and pursuing his geographical studies in the vicinity of the Tottenham Court Road.

In conclusion, may I express a hope that we improve on our last year's position in the Sports, when we came fifth "up the pole"? I hope you all have a happy holiday, and return fit for the fine weather which is usually not denied us, next term.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

For once there is enough material to write these notes, without depending greatly on one's imagination. In all spheres of sport, this term has been extremely satisfactory for School House.

The most outstanding performance of the House has been the success of the Senior team. They are top of the table without conceding one point throughout the season, and only two goals have been scored against them. But, better still, they managed to beat the Rest 3—1, a feat which has not been accomplished since 1922, when again it was School House who did it. It would be unfair to single out any individual for praise, the whole team have done their utmost.

Middles, in spite of illness and injuries, are still top, and now, with their full team back again, they should have no difficulty in staying there.

Lowers have not enjoyed so much success, but I am told that they have a remote chance of sharing the Cup.

Our Juniors, after several years of obscurity, are once again in the limelight, and are champions of their table.

The Inter-House Cross-country provided a surprise for School House. For, although we had no outstanding runners, our first man finishing tenth, the consistency of the team was remarkable, our last man to count being sixteenth. We shared second place with Mill Hill. Robinson and le Dieu have our congratulations for running regularly for the School Cross-country team.

With the help of Mr. Barron, who has not spared himself in training us, we were able to win the Drill Cup, in spite of one or two slips caused by nervousness on the day. The Gym. Cup also fell to us, by a large margin of points. For this we have largely to thank Atkinson ii, who won both the Junior events, besides being the centre of attraction in Mr. Shortland's excellent display.

Competitive Squash seems to be still virtually a School House monopoly. We congratulate Wardle on winning the Handicap Competition, and Ames on reaching the final.

The Lawrence Cup has not been played off yet, nor has the House Cup, but our hopes run high for both. Indeed, I do not see how we can lose either of them, as the School Squash team consists entirely of School House boys.

Of the Sports we say little, save for a few exceptions, but we think a great deal and hope for the best.

OTWAY HOUSE.

The House suffered a great loss at the beginning of this term, for when we returned we found that Langridge i had left; he excelled both at sport and work, and we congratulate him on gaining his Matric. He will be greatly missed, and we wish him every success for the future.

Our high hopes of Ash in the Cross-country were dashed when he hurt his ankle; however, he managed to come fourth.

Unfortunately we lost the Drill Cup in the annual competition, coming second to School House who were a strong team. We have a number of promising gymnasts among the Juniors, which augurs well for future years.

As for football, our Lowers are the most promising. We are pleased to record the great interest in Squash in the House. We have entered for the House Cup, and hope to do quite well. Sports Day is almost upon us, and we are keen to repeat last year's creditable performance.

We congratulate Harnett on gaining his School Certificate. We were sorry to lose Hassal and Wright at the end of last term.

To all those who are leaving this term, we wish the best of luck and success in their respective careers.

OLD HOUSE.

I believe that one consistent talker in the School was once compared with T.N.T.—that is, a vast quantity of gas from a small object. I think that, quite reasonably, House Notes might be compared with this; for a great deal of material is required from facts that could be written on the back of a postage stamp.

"Stet Domus Antiqua" was never our more fervent prayer than early this term when, deprived of the support of the demolished tuck-shop, its eastern side seemed to threaten collapse. It was found necessary to build a new wall to sustain that side of the house.

Although we have nothing to boast about at football, we were victorious over North Town in our last Senior House match. We are regarding this as a good omen for next season.

In the Cross-country we came sixth; but although six runners set out, only five were seen to return. Looking for the other runner we came across a jet black individual whose identity was not known. After a very close inspection, and the removal of several layers of mud, we discovered that he was the missing runner who had come into intimate contact with the mud at the bottom of a water-jump.

We must congratulate E. G. Pegrum on running for the School, and R. Baynes on obtaining a regular position in the First XI.

We are sorry that R. Baynes will not be returning next term. His presence will be greatly missed in all forms of sport and all activities in the House. We wish him the very best of luck for the future.

NEWNUM HOUSE.

This term has been a good one for the House. We have represented the School in football, hockey, running and shooting, and the high standard of play set up in last term's House matches has been successfully maintained. Seniors, Middles, Loweres and Juniors have all done very well. There is great excitement in the House, at the moment, as to the final position of our Middles.

The Drill team managed to withstand the ravages of the drill knock-outs, only to be vanquished in the finals. The members of the team, however, must be congratulated on their enthusiasm and hard work. We hope that the same spirit will be shown by the House in the School Sports.

Congratulations are due to E. Fielder on his appointment as a half-præpostor.

We are sorry to hear that R. B. Williams is leaving us at the end of term. He has been a very useful member of the House, and we all wish him "good luck."

This term we have had some keen members of the School Debating Society, and we have had some very interesting, and occasionally warm, discussions raging in the House.

In conclusion, we take this opportunity of wishing D. E. H. Hunting, who has been with us for a long time and whom we greatly miss, every success for the future.

MILL HILL HOUSE.

We came back this term to find that A. A. Clementson had returned to help us through another term's sport, but he has now left us. He has gained his Colours for the First XI, and played for the Public Schools versus Essex. He also won the Individual Gymnasium Cup and helped us to gain second place in the Gym. Competition. We heartily congratulate him and wish him every success in his career.

We congratulate another Old Boy, A. M. Wood, who is going out to Abyssinia on April 1st. It has been rumoured that his firm is tricking him and that he is to become an Abyssinian warrior!

We managed to gain second place in the Cross-country, owing to A. D. Knights' energetic training of the team. Knights has run on three occasions for the School, and we hope he will do well on Sports Day.

The Middles team has not done quite so well as last term, but has given some good displays, owing no doubt to the influence of the professional teams patronised by some of us. Lowers have not been able to field full teams, but they have drawn with School House—a very creditable performance. Juniors have done fairly well; but Seniors have not won a match this term, though not beaten heavily on any occasion.

We are sorry to lose H. Baxter, and wish him good fortune.

Apart from slight attacks of 'flu among the juniors, we have been free from illness, and we must thank the Matron for keeping us so well through a treacherous term.

We are now looking forward to the Sports and Exams.! and hope for a successful cricket season next term.

FOOTBALL TABLES.

SENIORS.

SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES.

						Goals		
		Played.	Won.	Drawn	Lost.	For.	Agst.	Points
1.	School House	...	8	8	0	64	2	16
2.	North Town	...	8	5	0	41	15	10
3.	East Town	...	8	3	2	17	23	8
	South Town	...	8	3	2	11	33	8
	Newnum House	...	8	4	0	13	35	8
6.	West Town	...	8	3	1	12	26	7
7.	Otway House	...	8	3	0	24	27	6
	Old House	...	8	3	0	17	29	6
9.	Mill Hill House	...	8	1	1	15	31	3

E.B.C.

MIDDLES.

		Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Points.	
1.	School House	...	15	11	3	1	25
2.	Newnum House	...	13	9	3	1	21
3.	East Town	...	14	7	6	1	20
4.	Mill Hill House	...	14	7	2	5	16
	South Town	...	15	7	2	6	16
6.	West Town	...	15	6	3	6	15
7.	North Town	...	14	2	4	8	8
8.	Otway House	...	16	1	4	11	6
9.	Old House	...	14	1	1	12	3

T.R.C.

LOWERS.

		Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Points.
1.	East Town	... 14	12	1	1	25
2.	Newnum House	... 13	10	1	2	21
3.	Otway House	... 13	8	2	3	18
4.	North Town	... 14	8	1	5	17
	School House	... 14	8	1	5	17
6.	Old House	... 14	5	0	9	10
	South Town	... 15	5	0	10	10
8.	West Town	... 14	1	2	11	4
	Mill Hill House	... 15	1	2	12	4

H.J.W.S.

JUNIORS.

		Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Points.
1.	School House	... 16	14	1	1	29
2.	South Town	... 16	12	2	2	26
3.	East Town	... 16	11	2	3	24
4.	Newnum House	... 16	7	1	8	15
5.	North Town	... 16	7	0	9	14
6.	Old House	... 16	6	0	10	12
	Mill Hill House	... 16	6	0	10	12
	Otway House	... 16	6	0	10	12
9.	West Town	... 16	0	0	16	0

W. de C.H.

FIRST XI FOOTBALL NOTES.

A RETROSPECT of the whole season shows that this year the First XI has been much more successful than in recent years. Of the twenty-five matches played, twelve have been won, eight lost and five drawn.

The Lent term, in spite of the loss of Langridge and Todd, both of whom have been greatly missed, has produced if anything more satisfactory results than the Michaelmas term.

To fill the centre-half position, Veness was moved up from left back, and Halliwell came into the team without appreciably weakening the defence. To replace Todd on the left wing, Pitt was moved over from the right, where Baynes has played this term.

Our first match was against Toc H "A," whom after an even game we succeeded in beating 3—2. The forwards showed

a distinct improvement on last term's form both in anticipation of passes and in dash.

The game against the Old Bradfieldians was played on one of those wet afternoons which have been frequent this term. Water was standing on the pitch, and in places the mud was ankle deep. These conditions suited the long-passing game of the School, and we won 5—1 after crossing over 1—1.

The next match, against Forest School, whom we beat 5—1, was played on a frozen pitch with a light ball, making ball control difficult. This was especially evident in front of goal, and the victory was much easier than the score suggests.

Our fourth successive win was against the Old Cholmeleians who at the start of the game led 2—1, owing to mistakes in our defence. However, the forwards, particularly Clementson, were in great form, and in spite of our disastrous opening we won 5—3.

Two defeats followed these successes. The first was against Coutts Bank to whom we lost 3—1. The whole team had rather an off-day, for on previous form we should have won comparatively easily.

The second defeat was against the Old Brentwoods, on such a foggy afternoon that visibility extended to only half the length of the pitch. The Old Boys had much the better of the game, and under more favourable conditions would probably have beaten us more severely than 2—0.

The Old Oxford Citizens were beaten 5—1 after a fairly easy match, in which our forwards took advantage of most of their chances.

The match against the Old Centaurs had to be scratched, but a new fixture was arranged with St. John's College, Oxford. The result was a draw, 1—1, which was representative of the play. St. John's scored early in the first half and, although the School pressed hard for most of the second half, they did not equalise until near the end of the game.

The School had another off-day when they played Westminster Bank "A," to whom they lost 4—2. After having led 2—0, slips in the defence were responsible for the defeat, and there was a lack of dash and initiative in the attack.

The Southern Amateur League beat us 5—1, after we had held them for the first half.

Our next match was a new fixture, against Rev. A. E. Knopp's XI, whom we beat 6—0, and the score by no means flatters us. The most remarkable feat of the match was the performance of Pinkerton, who scored five of the six goals.

The School wound up the season by drawing with the Casuals, 1—1. The game was very even, both goals having some narrow escapes; the ground was hard, the ball light, and shooting very difficult. The best feature of the game was the approach work of the half-backs and forwards.

Mr. White, the A.F.A. coach, has been down to the School on three occasions this term, and although rather late in the season, his visits were very interesting and instructive.

Mr. Young has had a very difficult term with the First XI pitch, which from day to day varied from a sea of mud to a frozen surface; he deserves great credit for the fine condition of the pitch at the end of the term, when the weather was more favourable.

Mr. Higgs has provided us with an enlarged fixture list, for which we are very grateful to him.

We thank Mr. Rennie for his able refereeing and Mr. Gibson for his helpful criticism and advice.

FOOTBALL CHARACTERS.

E. B. CLIBBORN, Captain (Goalkeeper).

Has played some good games but is still erratic. Positions himself well and catches the ball accurately, comes out fearlessly; gets down to the ball well but would act more speedily if more on his toes. Kicking has improved but is still lacking in length. Has carried out the duties of captain efficiently.

D. J. PAYNE (Right Back).

Has greatly improved since the beginning of the season, and is now a well-equipped back. His positional play is fairly sound, and his kicking, though subject to occasional lapses, is on the whole reliable, and he is a difficult man to beat.

C. P. HALLIWELL (Left Back).

Has made steady progress throughout the term but there is still room for improvement. Times intervention well,

but his tackling is unreliable, and although he kicks strongly with his right foot, his left is weak. Very slow to recover when beaten by his man, and his covering leaves much to be desired.

D. H. LANGRIDGE (Right Half).

Has not made all the progress expected of him, chiefly because of his lack of speed, consequently is a fraction of a second too late in tackling, and is slow to recover. His kicking and heading are accurate, and his passes are constructive. With more speed he should become a very useful half-back.

C. W. VENESS, Vice-Captain (Centre-half).

Has developed into a very sound, hard-working centre-half. A strong tackler, he uses head and feet to advantage, and constantly prompts his forwards with constructive passes. A tower of strength in defence, he has also found time to go up and attempt to remedy the failure of the forwards. Has given the whole team a fine example, and has never given up trying.

G. R. HARNETT (Left Half).

His form after the rapid progress at the beginning of the of the season has been rather disappointing. Tackles very vigorously, but is too easily drawn out of position to rush at a man who has perfect control of the ball. His heading and kicking, though strong, are rather lacking in accuracy. Has however been a great asset to the defence.

R. BAYNES (Outside Right).

Formerly an inside forward, converted into a winger, consequently his positional play is sometimes at fault. A keen and vigorous trier, his speed and weight often enable him to beat the defence, but his finishing is weak. Centreing has improved considerably, but could still send the ball over more frequently.

R. H. PINKERTON (Inside Right).

Has not made all the progress expected of him owing to his slowness to think and turn on the ball. Shoots powerfully with both feet and is very useful with his head, though he should learn to keep the ball down when trying for goal.

A. A. CLEMENTSON (Centre forward).

Undoubtedly the best forward, does not spare himself and has clever ball control. However, is inclined to hold on to the ball too long trying to work into a position to shoot, and does not feed his wings sufficiently. Shoots strongly and accurately with his right foot but fails with his left.

G. E. AMES (Inside Right).

At present is severely handicapped by lack of height, weight and speed. His mid-field work is clever, and his passes are usually constructive. Seems paralysed when the ball comes to his feet in front of goal, but is an accurate shot with his head.

A. T. L. PITT (Outside Left).

Has all the gifts of a great winger—speed, ball-control, and a powerful kick with both feet. He fails because he does not look up to see where his other forwards are, and consequently potters about with the ball until dispossessed. He rarely centres the ball, and never uses his inside-left or his own head.

SECOND XI RESULTS.

Jan. 25th—Drew 4—4 with the Royal Liberty School (away).

Feb. 15th—Lost 9—2 to Old Cholmeleians "B."

RUNNING NOTES.

WE have not done anything brilliant in cross-country running this term. In the first place we had not outstanding runners, although there is plenty of material which shows promise for the next season. Secondly, we have been unable to keep up regular training owing to the many other School activities. And lastly, we have been so handicapped by illness and accident that we have never been able to put out more than half our best runners for any match.

We have had a fairly full programme, nevertheless: seven matches in all. The teams were generally picked from the following fellows: G. S. Ash, C. E. Stickings, J. C. W. Shepherd, A. D. Knights, D. J. Cornwell, T. Corringham, E. G. Pegrum, L. Warren, H. V. le Dieu and B. A. Rogers.

Our first important fixture was the annual match against the Old Brentwoods and the Orion Harriers, on February 15th. The O.B's. were first, with Orion second and the School a fairly good third. The course was very difficult, over half-thawed ground, and in a thick fog; but thanks to the noble efforts of the markers everybody got home safely.

On February 29th we went to Chingford for the Essex Schools' Invitation Race, organised by the Orion Harriers. This is the first time the race has been run, but it will in future be an annual event.

We ran against the Brentwood Athletic Club, on their own course through Thorndon Park, on March 8th.

On March 14th we went to Hayes for the Inter-Schools Race run by the Blackheath Harriers. For most of us this was our first experience of running in a field of two hundred, and not a particularly pleasant experience either.

The last match of the season was the Public Schools' Race from the Ranelagh Harriers' Headquarters at Petersham. This was on March 21st, and we had little more success than the Rest of the School had against School House. The only good performance was that of Stickings, who was placed 18.

The Inter-House Cross-country was run on February 20th, after being postponed from the 10th. East were easy winners with 35 points, while Mill Hill and School House tied for second place. The first six home were:—

1. Halliwell (East).
2. Stickings (North).
3. Warren (South).
4. Ash (Otway).
5. Shepherd (East).
6. Sheppard (North).

The remainder of the East Town team were: 9, Corringham; 20, Evans; Kerr; Jones.

So ends the Cross-country season. We have now the Sports to think of, and a good flat-racing season to look forward to next term. And lastly, good luck to all those who have entered for the White City Sports on April 19th.

THE GYMNASIUM.

THE Gym. Competition was held on Wednesday, March 18th. After some very close knock-outs, Otway, School, Newnum and North Town were left in the final. The team-

work was good in every case, and there was only very little to choose between the first, School House, and the second, Otway House; while North Town and Newnum, although not quite as finished, demonstrated what could be achieved with keenness and perseverance. B.T.A.

RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION.

Seniors.

Box : E. B. Clibborn (School).

Beam : A. A. Clementson (Mill Hill).

Ropes : A. A. Clementson (Mill Hill).

Middles.

Box : P. Loftus (School).

Beam : Thorogood (Old).

Juniors.

Box : R. Atkinson (School).

Mat : R. Atkinson (School).

SQUASH RACKETS.

THE end of this term marks the end of the first Squash season in the history of the School. Results have not been brilliant but quite encouraging, especially as we include our win over the Old Bretwoods in December.

Although, on the whole the standard of Squash is improving, all players should remember that sheer hard-hitting will not win them many games and that there are such shots as drop shots, angle shots and lobs.

The outstanding event of this term has been the Handicap Competition. This was open to all boys and members of the Staff; the handicaps ranging from the back-markers, Mr. Waldram, Mr. Shortland and Wardle at owe 6 to those at receive 4. We were very pleased to see forty-nine names on the entry list. Mr. Waldram, Wardle, Kerr (receive 4), and Ames (receive 4), reached the semi-final. In the final Wardle beat Ames 9/6, 9/6, 0/9, 9/6, in spite of a handicap of 10.

Nine matches have been played, of which we have won 5 and lost 4. Unfortunately the annual fixture with the Jesters was cancelled at the last minute, but we have a fixture with them for 1937. We still have two fixtures to play—the first against Eaton Manor S.R.C. and one against the Common Room.

Our first match this term was against the Old Brentwoods, who were very anxious to avenge their defeat of last term. This they did by the narrow margin of 3 games to 2. The next match was a new fixture with Wanstead S.R.C. Here we just managed to win, our first three strings winning their matches. In the return match, played on Tuesday, March 10th, we again defeated them by 3 games to 2. Macdonald and Wardle won their matches quite comfortably.

The competitions for the Lawrence and House Cups have not yet been played, but the entries total thirty-six for the individual competition and six houses have entered for the House Cup.

In conclusion, we must thank Miss Hey for providing the refreshments on all occasions: J.B.T.

RESULTS.

School v. Old Brentwoods.—Saturday, December 7th.

J. B. Thomas beat M. S. Neck, 9/4, 10/8, 3/9, 9/7.

A. F. Macdonald beat D. A. Wright, 6/9, 9/5, 7/9, 9/5, 9/7.

P. D. Wardle beat L. A. Bayman, 9/1, 9/6, 9/3.

J. D. Wardle lost to J. W. Small, 9/10, 9/10, 9/0, 6/9.

R. M. Boyce lost to H. G. Waldram, 7/9, 8/10, 6/9.

R. H. Langridge beat E. G. Bayman, 9/4, 10/8, 7/9, 10/8.

School v. Old Brentwoods.—Saturday, February 15th.

J. B. Thomas lost to M. S. Neck, 9/1, 9/3, 5/9, 3/9, 6/9.

A. F. Macdonald beat D. A. Wright, 9/5, 3/9, 9/7, 9/7.

P. D. Wardle lost to J. W. Small, 3/9, 6/9, 9/2, 2/9.

R. M. Boyce lost to L. A. Bayman, 9/5, 4/9, 7/9, 3/9.

K. E. Nash beat H. Parrish, 9/3, 9/7, 9/6.

School v. Wanstead S.R.C.—Saturday, February 19th.

J. B. Thomas beat E. W. Banks, 9/10, 9/7, 9/3, 3/9, 9/4.

A. F. Macdonald beat J. N. Morrison, 6/9, 9/4, 9/0, 9/5.

P. D. Wardle beat C. E. Larkin, 9/2, 9/6, 9/1.

R. M. Boyce lost to J. E. Cearns, 5/9, 9/5, 9/3, 9/6.

K. N. Robinson lost to H. Langman, 9/6, 9/5, 9/5.

School v. Wanstead S.R.C.—Tuesday, March 10th.

J. B. Thomas beat E. W. Banks, 9/2, 2/9, 9/10, 9/7, 9/6.

A. F. Macdonald beat W. G. Young, 9/2, 9/6, 9/7.

P. D. Wardle beat R. P. West, 9/5, 8/10, 9/4, 9/1.

R. M. Boyce lost to A. H. Calver, 5/9, 3/9, 9/3, 6/9.

E. B. Clibborn lost to R. G. Hardcourt, 0/9, 9/7, 2/9, 3/9.

HOCKEY.

THIS term has been rather a disastrous one for us in the way of fixtures. Rain, snow or fog have always chosen a Saturday on which to make themselves objectionable. We did get very near to playing a match with Brentwood III, but at the last moment, Brentwood decided that playing hockey in wet shirts on a water-logged ground was not their idea of a Saturday afternoon's amusement—and so the match was abandoned.

We are all inclined to scoff at women's hockey, but we saw some fine play when the Women's Territorial match, East versus North, was played on the School ground. The day was very cold, but the ground was in good condition.

There have been a few recruits to hockey this term, but the numbers are still painfully few. There must be many people in the Middles and Seniors who do not display outstanding talent for football, and yet who knows if, armed with a hockey stick, they might not do wonders.

Perhaps the lack of support is due to the fact that we rather tend to hide our light under a bushel on Heseltine's field. However, the ground is good and we cannot grumble.

The form on the whole has improved, for there has been harder hitting and better ball-control in all the practice matches.

Up to the time of going to press there is still a chance of arranging a match with Brentwood III, but there is a tendency in the school for hockey sticks to be put away and running shoes to be brought out.

O.S.M.

ASTRONOMICAL AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY.

THIS term, the number of meetings has been small, but the talks and lectures were unusually interesting. At the first meeting, Mr. G. Buckland-Smith read a paper on "Science in the Cinema." This paper dealt largely with colour photography and three-dimensional pictures. A paper read by Mr. Leaning was entitled "Stars and Atoms." This lecture was very popular as it dealt with a difficult subject in a way easily understood. After this talk, the spectrometer and gas-discharge tubes were demonstrated.

On March 21st we visited the offices of the "Daily Telegraph." We must thank Mr. R. A. Lawrence, who was responsible for this very instructive tour.

We are sorry that Urben and Veness, two of our most prominent members, have left. Britton and Kenner were elected to fill their positions on the Committee.

LECTURE NOTES.

TOWARDS the end of last term our old 35 mm. projector collapsed, and was damaged beyond repair. Hence this term we have been entirely dependent on outside aid for the showing of films. It is hoped that by the end of September we shall have our own 16 mm. sound film reproducer.

On February 5th, Mr. Taylor, a representative of the Air League of the British Empire, gave a lantern lecture on "The History of Aviation." This lecture, although rather prolonged, gave a good idea of the striking advances in aviation which started with the Great War and have continued to the present day.

The Gas Light and Coke Company was responsible for an excellent programme of talking films on February 12th. Contrary to expectations, only a short part of the programme was devoted to the subject of coal gas. Most of the films were of general interest and entertainment, the most noteworthy being: "Upstream,"—a wonderful film showing the life history of the salmon; a cartoon; and "Champion Charlie"—an uproariously funny Charlie Chaplin picture.

On March 4th, Mr. C. Turville Gardner, in his usual delightful manner, gave a very popular lecture entitled "The Africa I Have Worked In." Most of the slides were beautifully coloured and, with many touches of humour, the lecturer narrated his experiences as a railway engineer in Africa.

A show of talking films, arranged by the Ford Motor Company, was given to an exceptionally large audience on March 18th. The films were all of high standard and from beginning to end the programme was thoroughly enjoyed by all. "By the Water's Edge"—the first film to be shown—depicted every stage in the production of a Ford car, starting from the treatment of coal, iron ore, and other raw materials. The next film, "Ups and Downs," showed some of the most amazing driving feats ever photographed, including six consecutive ascents of the Welsh terror—the "unclimbable" Screw Hill. "Westward Ho," a pictorial film of exceptional beauty, was

the diary of a tour by road throughout southern and western England. Particularly popular was "Rhapsody in Steel," a very clever cartoon showing the assembling of a car. The programme finished with a short film giving hints on how to pass the Ministry of Transport driving test, Sir Malcolm Campbell giving the commentary.

At the time of going to press, there is one more film show to come, on March 26th. This will consist of "The Romance of a Railway," and a full length feature film, "Huckleberry Finn." S.F.H.

THE FIELD CLUB.

AS is usual this term, the Club has not been able to have many rambles. One or two were held, however, towards the end of term. Warley Gap, Childerditch and Upminster Common were re-visited. On the ramble to Childerditch, a dog's skeleton was found in the bracken.

In the Quadrangle, the animals are now out of hibernation. The field-mouse has died, it is suspected from over-eating. The axylotyl has survived the winter, although the water in the tank was frozen nearly solid.

Meetings have been held fairly regularly, short talks being given by members.

Several new members have joined this term. Others are welcomed, providing they are keen. D.W.

OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.

WORK have moved steadily forward during the term, and much ground covered, especially in the type of exercise that can be done inside. Great strides have also been made in the equipment of the unit, so that, to date, everything we are entitled to has arrived with the exception of some of the rifles. There are several small changes in clothing and badges still to be made, but everything should be ready by the beginning of next term.

We welcome to the Unit, C.S.M. C. Stevenson, of the 1st Bn. The Essex Regiment, who will act as Permanent Sergeant Instructor. We hope that he will find his work with us congenial. It is due to his energy and experience in such matters, that the equipment has been done so smoothly and efficiently.

It will not be easy during this, our first year, to reach that standard of efficiency required of O.T.C's., by the time of the Inspection in July, but it behoves all N.C.Os. and Cadets to do their utmost during the time set aside for parades. The object of the O.T.C. is to produce leaders and instructors, so that each Cadet should endeavour to attain such proficiency in all branches of the work that he can instruct others. Also, we must show that our selection as a school, and a Cadet Corps, from a large waiting list for promotion, is not unmerited, and make every effort to establish a good name among the O.T.Cs. of the Public Schools we meet at Camp.

The Corps will attend the O.T.C. Camp at Rushmoor, Aldershot, from Tuesday, July 28th, to Wednesday, August 5th, just over a week. The cost to each Cadet will not be great, amounting to between 25/- and 30/-, with a slight increase if we decide to travel by bus. We are allowed to take forty to this Camp. Cadets should make a note of the date, for it is essential, for the good of the School, that we take a strong and efficient platoon. Arrangements can be made for departure, at the end of Camp, to any destination.

During the term we have had visits from the Adjutant of our affiliated Battalion, Capt. N. R. Salew, whose lectures to the N.C.O's. and Certificate "A" Class were especially valuable. His advice and suggestions have helped considerably in the administration and organisation of the Unit. We tender him our grateful thanks.

Also we have had a visit from a Staff Officer of the War Office, from whom again we received good advice.

We congratulate Sgts. Clibborn and Humphrey on their success in Cert. "A," and we hope those who successfully took Part I this term will do equally well in Part II. As a result of the exam. the following promotions have been made:—

L/Cpl. E. B. Clibborn	}	to be Sergeants.
L/Cpl. F. B. Humphrey		
Cdt. W. K. Wilson	}	to be L/Cpls.
Cdt. B. A. Rogers		
Cdt. A. W. Green		
Cdt. J. B. Thomas		

We hope that after Camp there will be at least a dozen Cadets ready to take the November Exam., as again it is upon these

results that a Unit is judged. Attendance at Camp is an essential qualification for entrance.

The No. 2 rifles for firing on the miniature range arrived during the term and preliminary practice for the Empire Test started immediately. The senior Cadets accepted a challenge issued by Officers and N.C.Os. of "A" Coy. 4th Bn. The Essex Regiment, and fired against them on our range on March 19th. Conditions being teams of 6 and best 4 to count. The visitors were handicapped by firing on a 500/25 yds. target while the Cadets used a 200/25 yds.

Scores.

4th Bn. The Essex Regt.		School O.T.C.	
Capt. E. J. Sheldrake ...	49	L/Cpl. Wilson	45
Lt. F. Bailey	47	Cdt. Harnett	45
2/Lt. W. T. Goodchild ...	37	Sgt. Clibborn	44
C.S.M. Cook	42	Cdt. Smith	44
Cpl. Edwards	28	Cdt. Le Dieu	44
Pte. Pitter	25	Cdt. Cullen	37
Result : Win for School O.T.C. by 3 points.			

THE CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

To the Editor of the "Brentwoodian."

Sir,

Far be it from me, in this brief space, to give even the remotest idea of the recent doings of the illustrious Old Brentwoods—or indeed, to attempt to convey the truth at all.

Twice a week A. H. Culyer is to be heard at the organ in Ridley Hall chapel, grinding away. But his hat is still empty.

Our commiserations go with John Chitty who, on the staff of the Amateur Dramatic Club, stood a good chance of winning the popular German measles, but failed.

C. L. Barber is Editor of the St. Catharine's College magazine and, with a fine disregard for the feelings of his fellow men, has played the clarinet at a concert.

D. S. Bland is drawing for the "Gownsmen."

We also announce that T. Hamid is prepared to give tea-parties, large or small, in his armchair, and in conjunction with J. R. F. Jeffreys, to provide such mathematical information as may *then* be required.

Yours sincerely,

STAT. PUP.