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KING EDWARD VI. SCHOOL,
BURY ST. EDMUND'S,
SUFFOLK.

Theadmaster's Notes.

WE shall bid farewell this term to Mr. Morgan, who has been a Resident Master for the past five years, and who has worked wholeheartedly for the well-being of the School. He takes with him our best wishes for his happiness in his new post—at his old school. In his place we welcome Mr. W. K. Hetherington, who has had six years service in the R.A.F. Mr. Young will take Mr. Morgan's place as Second Master.

The School learns with pleasure that Mr. Mertens is to be married during the holidays. We wish him every happiness.

Congratulations are extended to all those who did so creditably in the Certificate examinations last July. Eighteen successes out of twenty in the School Certificate, and seven successes out of seven in the Higher School Certificate, represent results of which we may rightly be proud.

It was with very real regret that the School heard of the illness of John Syrett, and of his admission to hospital. We miss his skill on the playing field, but still more do we miss his personality in School. We hope that his recovery will not long be delayed and that we can welcome him back at the beginning of next term.

It is worthy of note that the School now has a considerable number of its Old Boys either at a University or similar institution. N. B. Williams is at Nottingham, D. J. Clamp at the Royal School of Mines, O. J. W. Gilbert at Manchester, C. A. H. Hodge at the University of Wales, A. R. Thomson at Faraday House, and D. Savill at Cambridge. Unfortunately J. A. Asquith and R. Wells, although Science students, were unable to secure deferment.

As will be seen from the School Notes, no fewer than nineteen senior boys left us at the end of last term, and their going has left a big gap, particularly in the ranks of the Prefects, in the Corps, and in Games. It is most satisfactory,

however, to know that each has a well-chosen career in view. Rood has taken the place of Thomson as Head Boy, Payne, Woodrow, and Syrett, have become School Prefects, and Francis, Wilson and Nice, House Prefects.

The School is most grateful to the large number of Old Boys who remembered the ancient custom of presenting a volume to the Sixth Form Library on leaving the School.

Attention is drawn particularly to the date of Confirmation in the School Calendar. Instruction will commence shortly after the beginning of next term, and we shall be delighted to welcome at School any Royalists (Dayboys) who wish to think of the question of Confirmation. Once again we shall be indebted to the Provost for conducting the classes.

Finally, the School rejoices in the safe return of so many of its Old Boys. We look forward to the renewal of the Old Boys Matches and the Old Boys Dinners in the very near future.

Speech Day.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18th, 1945.

The ultimate object of school life was the topic of the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich (Dr. Richard Brook) when he gave the address at Speech Day. The Comptroller, Mr. S. M. Oliver, presided over a large attendance of parents and friends.

Dr. Brook said that the answer to those who said that things learnt at school were quickly forgotten in later life was that the importance about school work was not the particular things they learned, but the qualities and the abilities which they developed through learning. The great purposes behind school work were to train the mind, to train them to think, to think for themselves clearly and wisely, and to form a sensible judgment in regard to all the problems of later life, and to train them to express their thoughts verbally and in writing.

"The two activities at school which I found of the greatest value," continued the Bishop, "were writing Latin prose and geometry, or what I call Euclid. In those two ways I learned to think intelligently, and to express myself."

Another purpose at school was to train boys so that they would be able to appreciate literature, art and music, and so find for themselves a whole new rich world of experience so that they would not have to rely entirely upon the pictures, jazz, or the dance hall for their amusement, but be able to enjoy something fuller and richer altogether.

The Head Master gave a gratifying account of the progress of the School. He paid a tribute to the Preparatory department in giving continuity of education, and, at the other end of the scale, spoke of the success of the Fifth Form, remarking that 18 out of 20 candidates were successful in the School Certificate examination, eight with exemption from matriculation, with a total of 24 distinctions. All seven candidates from the Sixth Form were successful in the Higher School Certificate. Three candidates who entered for a portion of examination after one year's work were also successful. Of especial interest were the two distinctions gained by O. J. W. Gilbert, his distinction in zoology being one of a total of four awarded by the Cambridge authorities.

Commenting on awards by local education authorities, the Head Master remarked that the University was now within the reach of any boy of promise, as revealed in his performance in the Higher School Certificate. Aid might be almost unlimited: for example, payment of full tuition fees and maintenance allowance of possibly £140 a year. There was an unfortunate discrepancy between awards of various authorities, in some measure due to financial resources being so vastly different. A wealthy authority like Middlesex was giving aid to the extent of £67,000 in the current year. The discrepancies might be removed, commented the Head Master, when awards were made on a national basis—as, for instance, by the extension of the present State scholarship system. Three boys from the School had obtained awards—O. J. W. Gilbert from West Suffolk, C. A. H. Hodge from Surrey and D. Savill from Middlesex. Referring to the achievements of Old Burians, the Head Master mentioned B. C. King gaining his Ph.D.

The Comptroller remarked that the time was coming when the Governors would have to make a very serious decision as to whether the School should continue in the same status as it had been for generations or whether the time had come when it must be handed over to the county authority and carried on as a county controlled school.

Thanks to the Bishop were voiced by Lt.-Col. G. H. Long and Mr. J. Donald Hunter, the former paying a warm tribute to the Head Master.

The Bishop handed prizes to the following:—

Prep., General Progress, P. N. D. Bungard, G. Hunter, R. P. Sleigh; Handwriting, V. R. Adcock, F. Gittus, J. D. Baker; Reading, T. O. Ashton, M. Webb, J. A. Cobbald. Form Prizes: Form I., 1 H. N. Bass, 2 J. H. Burrows, General Progress, D. P. Harrison. Form II., 1 D. W. Marriott, 2 B. R. Rush, General Progress, E. J. Knight. Form III., 1 M. O. R. Minns, 2 P. Cooke, General Progress, G. E. Williams. Form IV., 1 T. W. Blumfield, 2 P. J. Olley, General Progress, A. K. Robathan; Handwriting (junior) R. T. Pike (senior) D. S. Atter; Reading Aloud (junior), L. M. O'Toole; Sir John Tilley's prize, D. Savill; Form V., Hardcastle prize for English literature, Old Boys' prize for Mathematics and Biology prize, M. J. Dorey; Farmiloe prize for Modern History, Harvey prize for Classics, R. E. G. Burges Watson; Wratislaw prize for Geography, Chemistry prize, J. M. Ross; Physics, J. F. Tripp; Blomfield prize for French, J. E. H. de Quincey; John Greene bowl for boy setting the best example to his fellows, C. A. H. Hodge.

Football.

FOOTBALL REVIEW.

This year's team has been composed mainly of untried and inexperienced players. On top of this we have found it increasingly difficult to hold practices owing to the failing light after school. However, towards the end of term, we managed to find a stable team, and from then on we achieved a fair amount of success, beating Thetford away 1—0, having previously lost at home 10—3. But then we lost one of our best players, and our team had to be rebuilt. Yet we may safely say that, had our fixture list and our term been longer, we would have added further successes.

Thanks are due to the enthusiasm of the elevens, many of the players missing their early buses or exerts to attend the practices. Hughes i. also deserves a special word of praise for keeping up a plentiful supply of hard balls.

FOOTBALL RESULTS.

Opponents.		Home.	Away.
Thetford	1st XI.	Lost 10—3	Won 1—0
	2nd XI.	Lost 2—0	Lost 3—1
W.S.C.S.	1st XI.	Lost 7—1	Lost 5—0
	2nd XI.	Lost 2—1	Draw 1—1
	Junior XI.	Lost 6—1	Draw 1—1
Sudbury	1st XI.	Lost 4—1	Lost 1—0
	2nd XI.	Won 3—1	Lost 1—0
Stowmarket	1st XI.	Draw 3—3	Lost 7—0
	2nd XI.	—	Draw 3—3
A.T.C.	1st XI.	—	Lost 6—4
Y.M.C.A.	1st XI.	—	Lost 6—4
Silver Jubilee	Junior XI.	Won 4—2	Won 3—2
Culford	Junior XI.	Won 2—0	Lost 8—0

COLOUR AWARDS.

	Full.	Half.
29th September	J. F. Fordham	A. F. Jennings J. Syrett
17th November	J. Syrett	C. A. Clark

CHARACTERS OF THE FIRST ELEVEN.

- *A. B. ROOD (captain and centre-half). A strong, untiring, and keen player. Always an inspiration to others, as a captain should be. Quite the best footballer we have had for some time, and in really good company would do extremely well.
- *J. F. FORDHAM (vice-captain and left-half). One of the mainstays of the team. Has very good ball control, but must learn to use his head to better effect. Has a very good idea of football, but should keep his position more than he does. A tireless player.
- *J. SYRETT (right-half). Possesses excellent ball control and makes full use of his head. The best shot of the team. Plays very good football, but size is rather a handicap. Very keen.

- †A. F. JENNINGS (centre-forward). A player who has travelled from goal-keeper to centre-forward in one season. Sets his forward line in motion in a very pleasing way. Uses his head and ball control to the best of his ability. But must not wander with the ball in front of his opponents' goalmouth. Should pass or shoot sooner. Fair shot. Very keen.
- †C. A. CLARK (goal-keeper). Small, but very plucky. Has made many good saves but is very much handicapped by size. Judgement and anticipation good.
- F. TRIPP (left-back). Possesses plenty of speed, but no ball control. Must learn he must get the ball and not concentrate on knocking his man over. Powerful kick with either foot when he connects, but should use his instep far more than he does. Judgement poor and heading worse. Needs much more practice.
- T. G. WILSON (right-wing). A young player who has the makings of a fine winger although he is rather slow. Never fails to centre, but often leaves it too late. Good shot.
- O. R. MINNS (inside-right). Is rather hesitant at times about shooting and tackling—result, lost opportunities. Is improving. Ball control and shot fair. Must pass more often.
- R. L. DODDS (inside-left). Not up to his standard of last year. Tries hard, especially at heading, but must learn to pass more often and more accurately. Has a good left foot shot which has never been used in a match.
- D. M. LUCAS (left-wing). A believer in blustering and muddling tactics. Would help if he tried to avoid his tackler, instead of endeavouring unsuccessfully to trample him underfoot. Very fast and bulky, with a good left foot shot and centre. Ball control and heading weak.
- R. B. WATSON (right-back). Another very small, but plucky, player. Very much handicapped by size, although he tries hard to make up for it. Should learn not to retreat upon the goal, and not to muddle, but to kick first time. Very keen and willing to learn.

ALSO PLAYED—

- P. F. WOODROW (captain of the 2nd XI.) Plays in a half position. Very tenacious, but should develop a stronger instep kick and learn not to muddle. Ball control at times very good.
- R. O. HUGHES. Has played in various positions, but lacks vigour and tenacity. As a back must learn the value of a first time kick.
- G. J. MARSHALL (left-half). Extremely slow, but has improved very much with regard to kicking, ball control and heading. Will do very well if he keeps it up.
- I. F. MCGEEHAN (right-half). Very young and small, but very plucky. Is developing along the right lines, but needs constant practice. Exceedingly tenacious, but must use his head more.

* Full Colours.

† Half-Colours.

J.T.C. Notes.

This term has been a period of rebuilding; last term deprived the contingent of nearly all its N.C.O.s, most of the cadets who held both parts of War Certificate "A," and an unusually high percentage of trained cadets. While we regret their departure, we wish them all success in their new spheres. Their successors have acquitted themselves very ably, and their enthusiasm, both in instructing, and being instructed, shows that they intend to maintain the best traditions of the Corps.

Invaluable assistance has been rendered by the East Anglian Travelling Wing, who instructed cadets in Weapon Training, Drill, and Fieldcraft; classes were also held for trained men in the principles of instructing. We also appreciate the continued co-operation of No. 8 I.T.C.

The contingent was inspected in the early days of November by Col. A. A. E. Chitty, D.S.O., whose report was very satisfactory. Arrangements have been made to spread instruction in musketry over the three terms of the year, and

an all-round improvement should ensue. Field Day will be held later in the term. A number of cadets will attend holiday courses at Catterick, Shorncliffe, and Caterham.

All associated with the contingent unite in wishing Syrett a speedy recovery after his recent illness. Syrett was promoted C.Q.M.S. at the beginning of the present term; in a short time he more than justified his appointment by reason of his enthusiasm, efficiency, and ability. His services have been greatly missed.

In severing my connection with the Corps, I want to express my thanks to all cadets and N.C.O.'s for their willingness to co-operate and their pride in everything connected with the contingent. It has been a great pleasure to work with you, and I know that you will show the same spirit towards my successor.

R. F. MORGAN, Captain.

Scout Notes.

The Troop organised a rally at Hardwick on 21st July and invited other troops and cub packs in the district. Lord Somerleyton, the County Commissioner, was present. The attractions included a giant aerial runway, and the rally ended with a camp fire. The whole affair was a great success.

From 1st to 11th September, 24 members of the troop attended a summer camp at Long Melford. Scouting activities of many kinds were carried on, including a wide game, obstacle course, and night game. Practical demonstrations were carried out on visitors' day. The experience gained at this camp, and the enthusiasm aroused, have been of the utmost benefit to the troop. We hope that many more scouts will attend next year's camp. I should like to record here my appreciation of the efficient and untiring efforts of the staff—Rood, Butterfield, Marshall ii. and P. Ryde (an A.S.M. from Ipswich).

We are sorry to have lost a number of scouts at the end of last term, including P.L.'s. Dorey, Pask and Baker, also, during the present term, P.Ls. Rainbird and Sketch. We welcome 19 newcomers, many of whom have come up from the cub pack, and two former members of the troupe who have rejoined.

Rood and Butterfield have been appointed A.S.Ms., and Watson, Netscher, Dodds i., and Clarke iii., P.Ls. The troop has been reorganised in two sections, with five patrols in each. 20 recruits have been invested, and 11 second class, 2 first class, and 21 proficiency badges have been awarded. The troop has now 70 members.

About a dozen scouts spent a day at Hardwick, passed various tests, and did some useful work in felling a tree which was in danger of falling on the cottage. Ten scouts have also made first class journeys. In connection with this, we are very grateful to Mr. R. D. Walmsley, S.M. of the Cockfield Troop, for allowing them to spend the night in his scout hut at Felsham.

The D.C., Mr. J. H. A. Clarke, who has been on active service for five years, has now resumed his duties, and has paid us a couple of visits.

Altogether this has been a very successful term, with steady progress on the part of the majority of the troop.

The Patrol competition for the term now stands as follows:—

<i>Patrol.</i>	<i>P.L.</i>	<i>Points.</i>
Badgers	Williams	190
Kingfishers	Dodds i.	145
Rams	Netscher	102
Eagles	Watson	100
Woodpeckers	Clarke iii.	72
Woodpigeons	Lucas	70
Curlews	Hail	60
Squirrels	Howlett	50
Foxes	Hart	32
Bulldogs	Bloomfield	30

D.A.Y.

Savings Notes.

The total amount collected this term is £291 18s. 6d., of which £256 11s. 6d. was subscribed during Thanksgiving Week (13th—20th October).

D.A.Y.

Cub Notes.

At the beginning of the term nine Cubs left the Pack and went up to the Scouts. As six of these were sixers or seconds it has meant certain readjustments in the Pack, although, since eleven recruits have been admitted, our numbers are approximately the same. We are pleased to welcome Miss Laughlin as a new Old Wolf, and we hope she will take kindly to our Cubby ways!

Several of the Two-Star Cubs have worked keenly for badges this term, another way in which they may fit themselves for a wider usefulness. The Pack had the thrill of its first real Camp Fire at the Hardwick Rally at the end of the Summer term, and is now looking forward to the Scout Camp Fire at the end of term.

INTER-SIX COMPETITION.

1st Blacks Sixer.—Shelbourne ii.
2nd Townies „ —Ian Bruce

Youth Fellowship Notes.

Owing to the departure of our Founder and Leader, D. Savill and E. H. Pask, a new Leader and Secretary had to be elected. At a General Meeting, open to all interested, P. L. Nice was unanimously elected the new Leader. J. M. Ross was elected Secretary and Treasurer. A Committee of five, including the Leader and Treasurer, was also elected, the other members being D. M. Lucas, C. A. Clarke and R. L. Dodds.

At the first meeting of the Fellowship, Mr. R. F. Morgan gave a most enlightening talk. This talk was followed by two talks kindly given to us by the Rev. J. R. M. Wright, an Old Boy of the School.

Several members of the Fellowship attended a Missionary film and lecture at Everard's Hotel one evening. It is hoped that a lecture and film show on "Life in West Africa" will be held here at School if time permits. This will be given by the Rev. John Britter, C.M.S.

Plans are being made to hold an end of term entertainment in co-operation with the Debating Society, but the success of this will depend upon the number of entrants for the competitions.

J.M.R.

Young Farmers' Club.

The Young Farmers' Club started the Xmas. term programme with a visit to the Sugar Beet Factory on the 23rd October. The number had to be limited, but, in spite of that, it was difficult to hear what the guide had to say owing to the noise of the factory. The afternoon, however, was very interesting and instructive. On the 24th October Mr. Macdonald came and gave us an excellent talk on "Beef Cattle," and he intends at some later date to take a party of boys to see some really good specimens of this type of cattle.

The next event was a film and lecture on "Pest Control." This was arranged for the 14th November. A good number of boys attended and joined in the discussion afterwards.

On November 15th several boys attended a "Brains Trust in Reverse," arranged by the Bury St. Edmund's and District Agricultural Club and held at Everard's Hotel. The boys went at the invitation of Col. Long and the Agricultural Club and spent a very pleasant evening.

On November 29th a party of boys from the Club will visit the Elmswell Bacon Factory and, to finish this session, we have a lecture on "Soil Testing" by Mr. N. Snell. This lecture will be on 5th December and should be really good, as Mr. Snell, in addition to being our great helper in arranging programmes, is also an agricultural M.A. of Cambridge and the Technical Assistant of the W.S.W.A.E.C. B.S.R.

Hockey Fixtures, 1946.

		1st XI.	2nd XI.	Juniors.
S.,	Jan. 26.	Culford	H.	A.
S.,	Feb. 2.	Northgate	A.	H.
S.,	" 9.	Culford	A.	H.
S.,	" 16.	House Match.		
S.,	" 23.	House Match.		
S.,	Mar. 2.	Northgate	H.	
S.,	" 9.	Royalists v. Foreigners.		
S.,	" 16.	H.M.S. Ganges	A.	
S.,	" 23.	House Match.		
S.,	" 30.	Y.M.C.A.	H.	
S.,	Apr. 6.	H.M.S. Ganges	H.	

B.S.R.

The Debating Society Notes.

This term the Seniors decided to restart the Debating Society after the lapse of a year.

A General Meeting was held to decide upon a new Committee and to receive suggestions for the coming year's programme. The Headmaster was re-elected President, the two Vice-Presidents elected were Mr. D. A. Young and A. B. Rood. The Committee, consisting of three Royalists and three Foreigners, was as follows: Royalists, J. Syrett, A. F. Jennings, B. Francis; Foreigners, M. R. Wilson, J. M. Ross, R. B. Watson. Ross was elected Hon. Secretary.

The Committee decided to hold four debates, one discussion, and an end of term entertainment in conjunction with the Youth Fellowship.

The subject of the first debate was "A ship was bound for a new colony and there is only one berth vacant. There are four applicants. Who is most entitled to the berth?" These applicants consisted of a Diplomat, a Soldier, a Journalist and a Sportsman; the parts were played by R. B. Watson, A. F. Jennings, B. Francis and J. Syrett, respectively. The result was a victory for the Diplomat with 17 votes, the Soldier receiving 6 votes and the others 4 votes each.

The next debate was "That this house is of the opinion that the discovery of Atomic Energy is a benefit to mankind." J. M. Ross proposed the motion, seconded by M. R. Wilson. M. J. Dorey and A. B. Rood opposed it. The motion was defeated by 27 votes to 5.

A Novices' Debate was the next to be held, the motion being "That this house believes that sport is the most useful part of the schoolboy's education." R. L. Dodds and J. C. Dunn proposed the motion, and were opposed by C. A. Clarke and D. C. Shelbourne. This motion was defeated by 35 votes to 6.

A discussion will shortly be held on three rather interesting topics: "Ghosts," "The ideal country in which to live," and "The abolition of the House of Lords."

The final debate is to be a political one, the motion being, "That this house is of the opinion that the return of the Conservative party to power would be beneficial to the country at present."

The one regret of the Society is the lack of Royalist attendance, and it is hoped that greater support will be given during the Easter term.

Our gratitude is expressed to the Headmaster, Mr. R. F. Morgan, and Mr. D. A. Young, for the interest they have shown and the assistance which they have so kindly given during the term.
J.M.R.

Sixth Form Library Notes.

There has been a considerable increase in the size of the Sixth Form Non-Fiction Library during this term.

Many books have been given by the Old Boys who left at the end of the Summer Term, and many others have been added by the School. Amongst those given are;

"Mechanic and Hydrostatics" (Siddon, Snell and Dockeray)	Mr. D. A. Young
"Arithmetic" (D. A. Young)	Mr. D. A. Young
"English Social History from Chaucer to Victoria" (Trevelyan)	In memory of D. F. Barnard
"Queen Elizabeth" (Neale)	In memory of D. F. Barnard
"Lord Liverpool and Liberal Toryism" (Brock)	D. Savill
"The Twenty Years Truce" (R. M. Raymer)	P. M. Miller
"War for Britain" (D. Cowie)	A. R. Thomson
"Cassell's French Dictionary"	P. J. G. Barnett
"The British Isles" (Stamp & Beaver)	In memory of D. F. Barnard
"The British Isles" (A. Demongeon)	F. B. Gow
"Earthquakes" (Milne)	J. H. Asquith
"Weather Study" (Brunt)	In memory of D. F. Barnard
"Biochemistry" (Parsons)	J. H. Asquith
"Organs and Bells of Westminster Abbey"	E. H. Pask
"Victorian House" (D. Hewlett)	C. W. A. Bull

Inter-House Competition, 1944-5.

	LANCS.	YORKISTS.	TUDORS.
Christmas Term	45	22½	52½
Easter Term	30	25	65
Summer Term	54½	27½	48
TOTAL	129½	75	165½

School Notes.

VALETE—

Sixth Form.	J. H. Asquith P. J. G. Barnett A. L. R. Davies O. J. W. Gilbert F. B. Gow C. A. H. Hodge	J. V. Hughes P. M. Miller E. H. Pask D. Savill A. R. Thomson
Fifth Form.	C. W. A. Bull G. R. Feavearyear W. G. Podmore J. E. C. de Quincey E. C. Reeve	J. R. Rowat E. W. Sims P. F. Webb R. Wells
Fourth Form.	J. H. R. Baker P. S. G. Rainbird	R. W. Rose
Third Form.	B. H. Austin I. A. Hunter	J. McNeill
Second Form.	J. H. Astbury	A. W. Newton
First Form.	R. H. Field R. C. Hayward	J. W. Hayward
Upper Prep.	M. C. Hawkes	J. S. Glendinning
Middle Prep.	W. J. Anderson	
Lower Prep.	K. Glendinning	M. P. R. O'Meara

SALVETE—

Fourth Form.	M. E. Smedley	
Third Form.	J. C. Dunn	
Second Form.	D. M. Claassen	
First Form.	P. J. Bates R. G. Bickell G. A. Butterfield U. N. Carter R. P. Dutton A. R. Emerson B. H. Kohler D. Mills	R. S. Morley J. D. Nisbet H. C. Shelbourne F. G. Sketch F. C. Smith R. L. Steele M. H. Thomas

Upper Prep.	B. O. Baker G. T. D. Bice J. L. Miles	C. A. Morris M. J. D. Netscher B. L. G. White
Middle Prep.	D. G. Bickell M. W. Dennis D. C. Farrow P. J. Fursland	M. A. H. Haylett M. Q. Shelbourne A. D. Smith
Lower Prep.	G. R. Clarke B. L. Coates M. S. Cowdell J. F. Hanchet J. A. Maltby	K. L. Rush A. C. Stephenson J. B. Theobald P. Turner

At the end of this term we bid farewell to Mr. R. F. Morgan who is leaving our staff to return to his native Wales. Mr. Morgan will be sadly missed by the whole school, having played such a prominent part in its activities of late, Sport, the Debating Society, the Corps, as Officer Commanding, as Senior Master, and always as the Classics Master. Our very best wishes go with him, and we hope he will take with him some happy memories of Bury.

We were very sorry to hear of the illness of J. Syrett. We wish him a speedy and complete recovery, and hope to have him back with us next term.

Early in the term Mr. Wood was presented with a standard lamp from the staff and boys on the occasion of his marriage. In making the presentation the Head Boy wished Mr. and Mrs. Wood every happiness. Mr. Wood suitably responded.

We were pleased to be visited by the Rev. Dr. Simpson, who was on leave from Africa where he is on the staff of Achimota College, Gold Coast.

On November 5th an enjoyable evening was spent by the boarders watching quite a good firework display complete with guy and fire at the top of the field. The climax came when the remaining fireworks all went off together in the bag the Headmaster was carrying.

Poppy Day realised a total of nearly £5, a very creditable effort. In addition, £2 14s. was sent to the National Institution for the Blind and £1 1s. to the Mayor's Christmas Relief Fund.

Again the boarders were given an overnight exeat at half-term, which was very much appreciated. From now on the boarders will be given Sunday exeats only on the fourth Sunday in the month, a very much fairer system.

The School attended a performance of "The Gondoliers" by the Bury Amateur Dramatic Society and had a very enjoyable evening. This was the first theatre performance of the Society since before the war.

The term has gone by in a rather uneventful manner: no black-out, no air raid alarm, no buzz bombs. There has been the same enthusiasm for the various societies of the School, the Scouts, the Corps, the Young Farmers' Club, the Youth Fellowship, and the revived Debating Society has won increasing support. A.B.R.

Old Boys' Notes.

We have welcomed to the School this term R. Fulcher and B. J. Clarke (both recently returned from prison camps in the Far East), F. H. Jones, G. Nottage, H. C. G. Henniker-Wright, E. H. Pask, D. Savill, H. J. E. Wombwell, and F. R. Herbert.

A. C. T. Hawkesley has had an interesting four months' cruise in the Mediterranean. During the course of it they collected the Regent of Iraq and duly delivered him at Istanbul. The Regent, we are told, "is a pleasant chap."

F. P. J. Shoberl sends his best wishes to the School from India. He hopes to be home by Christmas.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Major F. Wise on his election to Parliament as Member for Kings Lynn.

We were very pleased to receive copies of Prize Lists, Prize Essays, Concert Programmes, and even Examination Papers of the School seventy years ago. They were the property of T. R. Reed Cooper, who died just over a year ago.

J. P. K. Mitchell, playing hockey at Abbassia, met Gordon King—it took the latter the whole of the first half to identify the former. Mitchell has no fear of an English winter, having been to Damascus in February. He has found hockey on sand watered and dried in the sun somewhat trying to the feet.

Whilst a prisoner in Thailand, B. J. Clarke met David Home. The latter has not been heard of subsequent to his being moved from Thailand to Japan.

R. J. W. Stow, whose family has moved to Ely, has resumed his Higher School Certificate work at King's School.

A. R. Thomson, now at Faraday House, is living at the London Central Y.M.C.A., W.C. 1. He has been awarded the F. W. King Scholarship by the School.

We congratulate Major Eric Mathew on his decoration—the M.C. The citation was as follows:

"On the night 2/3 May, 1945, the Bn. advanced from Bermervorde towards Hipstedt, which involved an unusually long series of advances with neither flank secure. "A" Coy., commanded by Major Eric Mathew, met with considerable opposition at a cross-tracks.

Owing to the night and the distance involved, it was impossible to provide any support other than the Company weapons. However, owing largely to the drive and leadership of Major Mathew, the opposition was quickly overcome, three enemy being killed and ten taken prisoner.

At dawn the Company was ordered to attack the outskirts of Hipstedt. There was much movement of tanks and tracked vehicles and it was obvious that there was a large number of enemy in the village. Artillery support was not available, owing to bad communications. As soon as the Company advanced the enemy opened up with SP guns, 88 mm. guns, Flak guns and 20 mm. guns, and the situation looked ugly.

The Company's advance was halted. Major Mathew immediately went to the head of his Company, rallied them and led them in a spirited charge on the nearest group of farms—straight at the enemy guns.

The enemy were so overcome by the gallant assault that they broke and left their guns. Three field guns, four flak guns, and several tracked vehicles were captured as well as many prisoners.

Major Mathew's quick and dashing leadership, his initiative and great personal bravery were undoubtedly largely responsible for the success of the operation. Under a less brave and able leader this attack would undoubtedly have been held up for hours and many casualties would have been suffered in the whole Bde.

This Officer's inspiring example and his complete disregard of personal danger were outstanding and worthy of the highest honour. His actions were the more praiseworthy in that the end of the fighting was obviously near, and, to carry out a direct assault against close range heavy fire right at the end of the war, requires the highest sense of duty.

This Officer has commanded a Company in the field for over six months with great success."

B. J. Marriott, of H.M.S. "Caesar," has written us a most interesting letter about his first voyage. "As far as Gibraltar the trip was uneventful, except for a thirty minute halt in the middle of the Bay of Biscay for our first bathe over the side, but there we found plenty of interest. Goods in the shops were largely of British manufacture, although the actual articles were unobtainable at home. Prices were high, but I found it hard to refuse the attractive, dark-eyed girls who used their undisputed charm to extort fabulous sums from unwary Englishmen. . . In Alexandria we felt rather frustrated, hanging over the guard-rails, watching yachts passing, with men and women lounging on their decks in the glorious sunshine to the accompaniment of gramophone music. From there we went on to Port Said, where we found all the squalid, sordid filth of the East seemingly concentrated in this one spot. On to Suez and through the Canal at a painful seven knots, past several wrecks which had blocked the Canal at a crucial stage of the war, and we came out into the dry heat of the Red Sea. Aden was passed on the 3rd August, and we reached Colombo on 7th, setting out for Cocos Islands on 10th. We oiled at Cocos on 14th and reached Fremantle on the 18th August, there to learn, to our disappointment, that due to the unexpected peace negotiations, we were to return to Trincomalee to join the East Indies Fleet instead of going round to Sydney to join the B.P.F. However, we managed to find enough outstanding defects to keep us there for ten days, during which time we were entertained to no mean tune by the inhabitants. We left regretfully on 28th August to moor up to our buoy in Trinco on 5th September. To date we had steamed 13,670 miles. After two days to fuel and store, we went to Singapore, carrying mails and passengers. The round trip added 3,500 miles to our mileage and 13 days to our sea time. We spent three and a half long, boring weeks in Trinco, and now we are on our way to Singapore again, two days out from Trinco."

J. R. Rowat has commenced work in Allen and Hanbury's Analytical Laboratory at Ware.

J. V. Hughes is with the British Rototherm Company, but intends to take the Aircraft Apprenticeship Examination.

J. M. Hooper recently had three days' leave and spent it in Copenhagen, where two charming guides showed him and a friend over the King's castles and palaces.

M. F. H. Simpson recently wrote us on paper measuring eleven inches by fifteen. He averaged eight words to the line. He speaks of being on the Barrack Square for six or seven hours a day, and of a daily hour of P.T. (including an assault course).

D. M. Gardiner has been living aboard a landing craft in the Tees—"in a little world of noise and confusion, oil and machinery, cramped quarters, and endless work."

Heartiest congratulations to Group Captain D. H. Burnside. Awarded the D.F.C. in October, 1940, a bar to the D.F.C. in April, 1943, mentioned in dispatches in January, 1945, he has recently been awarded the D.S.O.

The Rev. J. R. M. Wright has now left the Staff of the Cathedral and is Rector of Bradfield St. George. The School wishes him every success.

It was with regret that we heard of the death of the Rev. R. F. Cobbold, of Farlingaye, Woodbridge, who, after being a pupil of the School from 1869 to 1876, returned as a Master for three years after his ordination in 1881.

School Calendar, 1946.

EASTER TERM.

FIRST SESSION	...	Thursday, January 17th.
Confirmation	...	Wednesday, March 27th (3 p.m.)
LAST SESSION	...	Wednesday, April 3rd

SUMMER TERM.

FIRST SESSION	...	Thursday, May 2nd.
ATHLETIC SPORTS	...	Thursday, May 30th.
FOUNDER'S DAY	...	Thursday, July 2nd.
LAST SESSION	...	Wednesday, July 24th.

Boarders arrive **before 6 p.m.** on the evening **before** the first session, and go home the day **after** the last session.

The School List.

SIXTH

M. J. Dorey
J. F. Fordham
B. Francis
A. Jennings
D. W. Mayhew

B. R. Payne
A. B. Rood
J. M. Ross
J. F. Tripp

J. Syrett
R. G. E. B. Watson
M. R. Wilson
P. Woodrow

FIFTH

D. S. Atter
N. H. Bates
B. R. Bloomfield
T. W. Blumfield
O. B. Butterfield
C. A. Clark
A. G. B. Cobbold
R. L. Dodds

N. E. T. Edgar
W. F. Fisher
P. N. Gates
C. G. Haill
A. R. le Grice
D. M. Lucas
A. S. Marshall
G. J. Marshall

B. A. Martin
B. S. Mason
P. L. Nice
P. J. Olley
R. E. Phillips
A. K. Robathan
C. A. Shafto

FOURTH

B. G. Barratt
A. J. Beckerleg
W. D. Berry
M. J. Boughton
J. D. Clark
P. Cooke
R. P. Dutton (1)
P. G. Game
D. V. Hart

R. O. Hughes
G. Luhrs
J. P. Macdonald
M. E. Marfleet
I. F. McGeehan
M. O. R. Minns
W. A. G. Morley
E. S. W. Netscher

M. J. H. Orsler
M. S. Paddon
R. S. Pask
D. C. Shelbourne
M. E. Smedley
D. G. Smith
G. T. Turvey
E. Williams

THIRD

R. B. Abbott
G. E. Baker
B. A. Bates
L. C. N. Brand
M. H. Clark
E. H. Davey
T. G. L. Dodds
J. C. Dunn
M. D. Fulcher
R. C. Gilbert
H. Howlett

J. E. Hunnable
D. M. Kidd
E. J. Kiddy
E. J. Knight
J. D. Laws
R. K. Leeks
E. H. Marfleet
D. W. Marriott
K. J. North
C. R. Rush
B. R. Rush

C. A. Schofield
A. G. Scott
L. Shorter
M. H. Sketch
J. C. Snell
E. J. Watsham
D. Webb
G. Wharton
J. G. Wilson
E. J. D. Cory-Wright

SECOND

J. M. Abbott
B. D. Allen
H. N. Bass
J. H. Burrows
D. M. Claassen
K. C. Cutmore
M. J. Daley
D. P. Harrison
P. R. Hazell
G. M. Hurst
M. P. Jolly

D. B. Kiddy
J. A. Kohler
A. G. Lee
B. J. Meadows
K. G. Melton
P. A. Millie
J. C. Nice
L. M. O'Toole
R. T. Pike
G. W. C. Potter
D. R. J. Potter

R. W. J. Presbury
T. R. M. Purkiss
P. O. Redfearn
J. E. Riches
J. M. Scott
R. H. Seddon
P. F. Shelbourne
M. J. L. Smith
J. Todd
B. F. Tyson
R. H. Williams

THE SCHOOL LIST—(Continued).

FIRST

P. Abbott
J. D. Baker
P. J. Bates
R. G. Bickell
M. B. Blackledge
G. A. Butterfield
D. A. Byford
U. N. Carter
J. A. Cobbald
M. L. Collier
R. P. Dutton
A. R. Emerson

P. C. Fryer
J. R. Herrington
G. R. Hughes
C. R. Jennings
G. B. Jones
B. H. Kohler
D. J. Meekings
D. Mills
P. Montgomery
R. S. Morley
A. E. Nice
J. D. Nisbet

R. M. Palmer
E. A. Pryke
S. H. Ringrose
B. A. Rush
R. J. Rush
H. C. Shelbourne
F. G. Sketch
R. H. Sleight
F. C. Smith
R. L. Steele
M. H. Thomas
T. O. Thwaites

UPPER PREP.

D. M. Archer
B. O. Baker
G. T. D. Bice
J. I. Bruce
R. A. Bromley
J. M. Forster
F. G. Gittus
J. C. Grove
R. A. C. Gould
G. A. Hunter

J. Lacey
B. L. Loades
P. W. Laws
J. L. Miles
C. A. Morris
M. J. D. Netscher
P. F. Nunn
D. S. Newton
M. G. Ockendon
L. J. M. Oliver

B. J. Parker
R. P. Plumpton
K. Stephenson
J. W. Stacey
G. A. Sturgeon
G. M. Sturgeon
C. E. H. Watsham
M. Webb
B. L. G. White
J. A. Wilkinson

MIDDLE PREP.

D. B. Ashton
T. O. Ashton
D. G. Bickell
D. P. Brown
P. N. D. Bungard
C. A. Crack
D. L. Cowell

M. W. Deunis
B. G. Ellis
D. C. Farrow
P. J. Fulcher
P. J. Fursland
M. A. H. Haylett
R. J. Nice

J. R. Ruffles
M. Q. Shelbourne
N. M. F. Smith
A. D. Smith
B. A. Ward
D. J. E. Ward
E. D. Watson

LOWER PREP.

V. R. Adcock
G. R. Clarke
B. L. Coates
M. S. Cowdell
J. M. Elliott
R. D. Fulcher

R. L. Fulcher
R. E. Gittus
J. F. Hanchet
P. R. Harris
R. D. Hurst
J. H. Lawrence

J. A. Maltby
K. L. Rush
A. C. Stephenson
J. B. Theobald
J. R. Thompson
P. Turner

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