

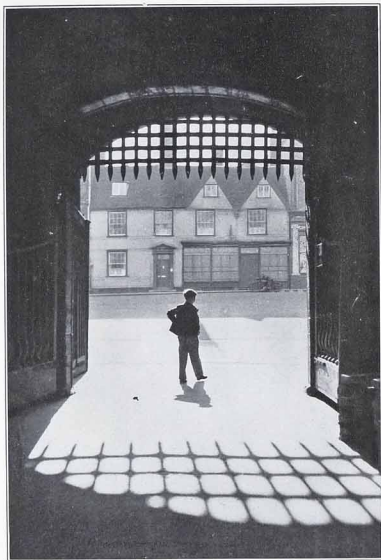
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BURY ST. EDMUND'S,
SUFFOLK.



Editorial.

THERE was a time this term when it seemed probable that the *Burian* was going to fail completely, for the printing situation was very grave, and in any case there was little enough to write about. However, we are now going to print, if a trifle late. Unfortunately there has been no improvement in the number of articles handed in for publication.

The time has come for some plain talking to the Seniors. We are not a School Certificate factory, and greater support must be given to the School's other activities. Enthusiasm for games is marked, but few people have been willing to find time for the writing of articles, for the Debating Society, and even for Table Tennis, and that at a time when outdoor games have been out of the question.

We are concerned primarily with the *Burian*. A few brave souls must put away bashfulness and write about something. If you have a hobby, write about it. There are plenty of openings for Essayists and Poets. After all, if your effort is too dreadful it will not be published.

Cambridge Letter.

Cambridge,
March, 1947.

Dear Sir,

Within recent months certain national newspapers have reported on the austerity of present day University life. Your representative, with memories of the "enjoy life while you can" spirit of a wartime "Varsity, came up for the Lent Term, however, expecting to enter an earnest and harassed post-war community.

On the whole it is an earnest community. The Ex-SERVICE Undergraduates, an overwhelming majority, are conscious of lost time, and look forward to their careers, viewing the years of academic study as a means to that end. The University is not the be-all and end-all it appeared to be from the Sixth Form. Moreover, many men depend largely upon Government awards and consequently a strong element of the University cannot afford the hilarious practices which are said to have distinguished the pre-war undergraduate.

The Colleges are helping to make the business of living as easy as possible: they provide all meals, and to date have maintained the coal ration. The one problem which shows no sign of alleviation is the shortage of books, which entails vain hours of search amongst candle-lit bookshelves, constant commerce with the University, Faculty, and College libraries and which is causing the lecture to be regarded as a thing to attend, not to miss.

But every student, whatever his circumstances, has ample opportunity to rise above austerity. The fundamentals of the Cambridge scene have not altered. Sports of every kind are taken as seriously as ever; numerous societies flourish, begging all one's time and energy; morning coffee is still an institution. The Arts and A.D.C. Theatres, and the Guildhall concerts, are a constant temptation. Private entertainment, despite limited means of hospitality, is still the source of many evenings of good fellowship in idle talk or discussion. Snow and sunshine have combined to put a new face on King's Parade and on the Backs, but the mature and tranquil atmosphere of learning still remains.

In one sense there is room for everyone in Cambridge, for men of all creeds, races, and classes of society, bookworms, sportsmen, the military and Bohemian "types," youths and older married men—all are to be seen wearing the undergraduate gown. There is, however, little room for the "freshman" from school, and it is unlikely that the situation will be greatly eased in the present year. None the less, I hope to meet soon some of the present Sixth Form.

Yours etc.,

D. M. GARDINER.

Nottingham Letter.

Nottingham,
March, 1947.

Dear Sir,

To collect and put down on paper the events of the past two terms is no easy task. However I can but try not to weary you and your readers with too much verbosity, and give you some account of the "goings-on" of the past months.

This year should be one of the most important in the history of U.C.N., for the College has applied for its Charter as a University. The granting of the Charter will not appreciably affect the present students who are registered as external students of London University. But it should not be long before we hear of a Nottingham University degree.

This year U.C.N. has seen the return of many ex-service-men who now form about 90% of the student body: to ease the congestion slightly a number of laboratories have been built, some of which are now in use. Despite their outward appearance the laboratories are very well equipped, and in spite of the cold weather they are well heated—the only complaint of students being that they are too far from the Refectory!

Owing to the present fuel crisis we have had Saturday morning's lectures transferred to Wednesday afternoons, with the result that the college is at present closed on Saturdays. The coal shortage, however, brought us all a greater blow in the shape of the postponement of the Union Ball, which to those unfamiliar with U.C.N., is THE social event of the College year: among the reasons for the postponement were—the shortage of beer, not being able to provide a hot dinner, and reduced lighting; though I doubt whether this last reason would have hampered the ex-servicemen.

The College suffered a great loss this term when the Principal died on the morning of February 21st. Mr. H. A. S. Wortley was very popular with the students, and we shall all miss him very much.

I believe it is usual in a University letter to recount the activities of the various old boys. But since I am the only old boy here the task is indeed much more difficult.

I have joined the Rifle Club to try and keep in touch with shooting. We shoot twenty rounds per week, but although my average is in the 90's I cannot seem to get those few extra points to qualify for a place in the team. The U.C.N. team has a very high reputation—its members always get between 96 and 100 out of 100.

Our tennis activities this term have had to be completely curtailed because of the weather, so I have had to resort to indoor sport.

The Chemical Society is well catered for here. This term we have had some noteworthy lectures:—Dr. J. A. V. Butler—"Recent Developments in the Chemistry of Enzymes," and Professor E. G. Cox, D.Sc.—"Crystal Analysis and Stereochemistry," and we are now looking forward to the Tilden Lecture on March 18th, by Dr. A. E. Alexander on "The Application of Surface Chemistry to Colloidal Problems."

In conclusion, Sir, I would wish the Staff and School a pleasant vacation.

Yours sincerely,

B. R. PAYNE.

Southampton Letter.

Southampton,
March, 1947.

Dear Sir,

The sequence of lectures, tutorials and practical periods which forms the daily routine of the science student is a cycle of events familiar enough to everybody. Perhaps not so familiar is the background to all this—the background of Hall life, if the student is fortunate enough in these days of packed Universities to be in residence, or of life in lodgings; the background of multifarious extra-mural activities which assail and confuse the student at the beginning of his first year.

Halls of residence vary greatly in size. The one in which I am provides for approximately a hundred and forty students. In lay-out it makes for easy administration, for nine blocks, housing an average of fifteen students, form three

sides surrounding a green quad; the fourth side is occupied by the dining hall, common rooms, library, and Staff quarters. Each block may almost be said to have its own community life, the greatest factor, strange as it may seem, being the pantry each block possesses. The pantry is the origin of, and the means by which, the student in Hall can hold the innumerable and interminable "brews" over which arguments and "discussions" may take place. Regulations in Hall are few in number, the essence being that the only discipline of value is that which is self-imposed. There are many nationalities represented in the students. I have two charming Nigerians living next door to me; the one served in the R.A.F. during the war, and the other has been teaching for some years in Nigeria.

The other part of the background, that of outside activities, is one which the student has to contend with in the first few weeks or never. The College has about twenty-five societies, ranging from religious and political to musical, choral, and dramatic. Besides these there are the various societies sponsored by the various departments—the Biological Society, the Geographical Society, and so on. In addition there is a multitude of smaller conglomerations, such as the Hiking Club. As a consequence the notice boards contain a multiplicity of posters, all endeavouring to persuade one to attend the various meetings. The standard of poster work is very high. And so one has to decide whether or not to be an academic recluse, sheltered from all this, doing no work outside the routine, or whether to sprinkle the daily fare of routine with spices from the extra-mural peppercorn according to one's taste.

A feature of the post war university is the fitting together of the ex-servicemen and the ex-school pupils, and although at times the former tend to draw together, on the whole the two sections have fused into one corporate body.

There is much more that one could write about life at Southampton, but I hope I have given your readers some idea in this short letter.

All good wishes to everyone.

Yours sincerely,

B. FRANCIS.

Manchester Letter.

Dalton Hall,
Manchester.

Dear Burians,

Life at Manchester University has not the glamour often associated with the undergraduate: maybe the common sense attitude of Lancashire brings stability into the student population. Certainly the University life depicted in films forms but a small fraction of our normal day to day existence.

However, for those of us who do not regard Universities as playgrounds, Manchester offers much. Quite apart from the facilities offered by the University, the city itself has many things of cultural value. One of the greatest of these is the Public Reference Library, which must be one of the finest in the country. Moreover, the local newspaper, the *Manchester Guardian*, does much to prove the adage, "What Manchester thinks to-day, London thinks to-morrow." I don't wish to make this letter sound like a guide book account: I admit that much of this area is dingy, much is squalid; but these features are to a degree offset by the provision of excellent cultural facilities, facilities not realised by those who, from necessity, have to spend perhaps only a day or two here. For me, the Halle Orchestra alone does much to dispel the gloom.

After a week's work, many of us leave the grime and gloom, and go into the Derbyshire hills, fortunately quite near. A day's walking in the Peak District of the Pennines and we return, unwilling but refreshed, to our studies.

One feature of this University, and of many other modern universities, a feature which needs to be remedied, is the acute shortage of Halls of Residence. Fewer than twenty per cent of the students live communally. The remainder live either at home or in lodgings, many travelling a considerable distance daily. Without sufficient Halls there is a danger that the University may fulfil only one of its tasks, that of providing a technical education.

I am fortunate in living in Hall. This Hall was founded during the last century by the Society of Friends and named after the man of Science, John Dalton, who was a member of the Manchester Quaker Meeting. The Hall crest is novel;

the rear view of a pink elephant, supposedly depicting "The seat of the Mighty." Although small, the Hall is renowned for its prowess at Fives—of the Winchester variety, which is a hybrid of the two games you play at School. One of the best players, a tutor, comes from Wakefield, and was a schoolfellow of Mr. Bramald (formerly on the Staff).

I hope that I shall soon be joined in Manchester by other Burians. Let me assure anyone who is toying with the idea of coming up here that he will not find us inhospitable.

Yours sincerely,

O. J. W. GILBERT.

Durham Letter.

St. Chad's College,
Durham.

Dear Sir,

As far as I can remember, this is the first Durham letter for at least a decade, and I cannot escape the task as I am the only Old Burian in residence at Durham. However, I hope that I can give some idea of what is going on without falling into superfluous rhetoric—a remark that should be understandable to the Sixth Form of 1941-3.

Owing to the fact that the Royal Marines thought my services so necessary, I was not able to come to Durham until the Epiphany Term of 1947. Released on January 2nd, I arrived here on January 21st. It seemed almost too good to be true to be walking through the quaint streets of the City of Durham with the Castle and the Cathedral towering above.

After a few days of settling down, and of study of the College regulations (which struck me as somewhat severe), I bought a gown and commenced work in the Honours School of Theology—with a lot of time to make up as I was a term late. However, as the term has gone on, it has been possible to pay more and more attention to those other activities which one finds at a University. Because St. Chad's has only 45 resident members at the moment any able bodied man is pounced upon by games enthusiasts. Rowing is perhaps the most important sport in St. Chad's, if not the University, and there is a saying that if you can cox on the Wear you can do so anywhere. I

cannot vouch for the truth of that—but I have had one game of hockey. Not that I wasn't asked again, for snow cancelled all games. I have also done a lot of cross country running for Durham Colleges, regularly finishing in the last three.

At Durham we have many societies, quite a number of informal dances as well as a formal University Ball each term, and three Colleges for female students. I went to the Shrove-tide Ball, held in the Hall of the Castle (now used by University College). Many debates are held, either by the Union Society or by individual Colleges.

Some of those now at Bury will remember both Mr Swainston and Mr. Hall. They are both Housemasters here at Durham School. We also have in Durham a West African student who, though he does not know Dr. Simpson personally, is well acquainted with his reputation at Achimota.

Our term ends on March 22nd and we hope for warmer weather in the South, though there probably were colder places in the cold spell than Durham—yet Durham, situated on a coalfield, was desperately short of coal.

I am extremely happy in my choice of Durham, and I look forward to welcoming other Old Burians here.

Best wishes to you all,

Yours sincerely,

M. D. FORSTER.

Faraday House Letter.

Dear Sir,

Colchester,
March, 1947.

Apart from the heading there will be little about Faraday House in this short letter, as I am now undergoing what is officially described as eight months "Works Practice—mechanical." This stretch of supposed hard labour is taking place at the firm of Davey, Paxman & Co.

Apparently you have been having your own heating problems. A fortnight ago we started work in one of the engine assembly shops in four degrees of frost—standing on

concrete and handling metal. By eleven o'clock the temperature had managed to reach freezing point. However, we have been very fortunate in not being "laid off" at all. This is because we produce Diesel engines—of sizes varying from twenty to one thousand horse power—and Diesel generator sets. Not only have we kept open ourselves, but we have enabled other firms to re-open by supplying them with these sets.

As I am due to leave here on April 11th, I have now graduated to the test shop, where the heating problem no longer arises. All you have to do is to start up an engine and lean against it.

Yours sincerely,

A. R. THOMSON.

Bangor Letter.

Dear Sir,

I should like to send a "Bangor Letter" to the *Burian*, but at the moment I am just starting on a four week's Forestry Practical Course. If it is convenient for you, I should therefore like to hold over the letter until the summer issue of the School Magazine.

Yours sincerely,

C. A. H. HODGE.

Royal School of Mines Letter.

London,
March, 1947.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your request for a letter—perhaps the following will interest your readers.

Recently I heard a person refer to the "divining" of oil as though it were a recognised method of locating an oil reservoir. Perhaps this misconception had its origin in the early days of the oil industry, when optimistic operators were willing to risk their capital by sinking "wildcat" wells on a site determined by unscientific reasoning.

As the demand for oil began to increase steadily at the beginning of this century, greater call was made on the services

of the geologist, both for the exploration and exploitation of oil fields. The Oil Technology course in the Royal School of Mines covers both these aspects of the industry. A preliminary reconnaissance by mapping a particular locality often indicates the age and structure of sedimentary strata which may provide suitable traps where oil can accumulate. However, more emphasis has been given to geophysical methods in this department during the last few years, and a more dependable concept of subsurface structural conditions can be formed by the use of the gravimeter and zeismograph.

Last summer I had my first contact with drilling operations when I spent six weeks on an oil well in Nottinghamshire. I found that a great deal depends on the geologist, even when a suitable site for a boring has been chosen, especially when the drill is approaching the oil bearing horizon. The successive strata penetrated by the drill have to be correlated with those found in adjacent wells by the identification of minerals and fossils. The drilling mud has to be tested and kept at a consistency which will allow it to pass through the pumps, and also lift rock fragments to the surface and seal off any porous formation. When oil has been "struck" the geologist has to be able to assess its approximate value by carrying out a few preliminary tests before it is sent to the refinery.

The petroleum geologist's work may appear varied and interesting from this brief description. It certainly involves travel abroad, as there are only small accumulations of oil in Britain. Here in London we satisfy ourselves with the identification of minerals and fossils in the laboratories, and see them in their natural environment during the Easter and Summer vacations, when the real thrill of geology can be experienced.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

D. J. E. CLAMP.

Chess Notes.

This term, due to a number of mistakes which I hasten to add were not mine, the inter-school championships were not held. Towards the end of the term, however, a friendly five-a-side match was held against the County School, last year's cup holders. They played without their school champion and unfortunately lost 5-0 to us. It is a pity we shall not be able to meet them again this year when they are in full force.

Hockey Notes.

REVIEW.

Because of adverse weather conditions the School XI. has been able to play two games only, the Second and Junior XI's. have played one each and we have had the Royalist v. Foreigner match and three House matches. However, we hope to entertain the Bury Y.M.C.A. on March 25th on the Home Ground.

The match against Norwich Exiles was played in a blinding snowstorm, while a heavy "April Shower" caused the Tudor v. York House match to be abandoned after about twenty minutes play. However, we managed to squeeze it in in the last week of term. I would like to thank all those boys who showed such willingness in clearing the snow off the pitch, although their efforts were frustrated, for the pitch was covered again the next day.

Had it not been for the weather, I am confident that this year's School XI. would have achieved great success, for a sound defence has combined well with a hard-working and fast-moving forward line. But many goals have been missed because the tendency has been to hit, rather than flick, the ball into the net.

The collapse of the 2nd and Junior XI's. at Culford was obviously due to the lack of practice and understanding, but many players in these elevens are very promising. J.F.F.

RESULTS.

1st XI.	Norwich Exiles 2.	School 1.
	Culford School 2.	School 3.
2nd XI.	Culford School 4.	School 0.
Junior XI.	Culford School 7.	School 0.
	1st XI. Foreigners 3.	Royalists 0.
	2nd XI. Foreigners 14.	Royalists 0.

HOUSE MATCHES.

1st XI.	York 2.	Lanc. 1.
	Lanc. 2.	Tudor 1.
	Tudor 7.	York 2.
2nd XI.	York 2.	Lanc. 4.
	Lanc. 2.	Tudor 2.
	Tudor 1.	York 0.

1st XI. GOAL SCORERS.

M. R. Minns 2. B. J. Barratt 1. J. F. Fordham 1.

COLOUR AWARDS.

FULL	HALF
R. O. Hughes	B. J. Barratt
G. J. Marshall	T. W. Blumfield
	C. A. Clark
	R. L. Dodds
	M. O. Minns
	B. R. Rush
	R. B. Watson

CHARACTERS OF THE ELEVEN.

- *J. F. FORDHAM (centre-forward and captain). A very enthusiastic Captain and a fast and energetic player. Has led the forward line well and is always a great danger to the opposing side.
- *G. J. MARSHALL (centre-half and vice-captain). A sound centre-half, but his tendency to dribble with the ball—although successful—in midfield deprives the forwards of good opportunities, whereas a pass to a forward would probably produce results. His stick-work is excellent. A hardworking and keen player, and a great asset to the team.
- *R. O. HUGHES (right-back). Hughes has been a tower of strength in the School defence, and his clean, hard, first-time hitting has saved many serious situations, and more than once he has cleared the ball from the goal-line. However, he should take more advantage of the "off-side" rule. Very hardworking, but should be more accurate in his passing when time permits.
- †R. B. WATSON (left-back). Another hardworking player who, when standing between his own goal and opposing forwards, becomes nervous, and as a result is beaten. Has lost confidence in himself. Must stop the ball first before hitting it. A mis-hit by a full-back is fatal. Tends to neglect his marking, and must hit the ball harder.
- †T. W. BLUMFIELD (right-half). As a new-comer to the team he has proved to be the finest hitter of the ball. He has an excellent eye, stops the ball well and clears effectively. Passing accurate, and can flick the ball well, but is handicapped by lack of speed. Fully deserves his colours.
- †C. A. CLARK (left-half). Another player who is handicapped by lack of speed. He has an excellent eye, obvious from his clean hitting and fine stopping. His passes are always accurate, but must try to pass to his right, as well as his left wing.
- †B. R. RUSH (right-wing). A young, untiring player, who has combined accurate centreing with speed and an excellent shot to form a sound right wing. Positioning is good, and is not afraid of opponents bigger than himself. However, he should come to a much better understanding with his inside forwards.
- †M. O. MINNS (inside-right). His hard work and enthusiasm have enabled him to be top goal-scorer of this year's eleven. He has an excellent shot, passes accurately, and generally plays a good game. He tackles well, but as an inside forward he should flick the ball more often, especially when in the circle.
- †B. J. BARRATT (inside-left). Easily the best positional player in the eleven. He is very keen and hardworking and keeps well up the field. Does not hesitate to drop back to the defence when it is hard-pressed. Passing and shooting good. Is easy to come to an understanding with, but unfortunately not all the forwards take advantage of it.
- †R. L. DODDS (left-wing). To see this small player whip up a pass from Barratt and dash down the "tram lines" at great speed is truly amazing, and in stopping a pass that seems certain to go into "touch," Dodds has no rival. Centres well and has an excellent shot, but must guard against "off-side," and when beaten for the ball should go for the ball, not the man.
- E. J. WATSHAM (goal-keeper). A new "discovery." Uses his feet to great advantage and generally clears the ball, although a good flick beats him. Must learn to clear the ball to the wings, not in the centre of the field. Has made some fine saves, especially against Norwich Exiles, although some were rather lucky. Very promising.

Also played:—

- G. F. MCGEEHAN (right-half). A small, but hardworking player, who so muddles his opponents that they are helpless. He clears well but passing and hitting are generally weak.

G. T. TURVEY (goal-keeper). Has a good idea of what a goal-keeper should do. Kicking is fairly good, although his hitting is weak. Will become a sound 'keeper with practice.

*Full Colours. †Half-Colours.

Cricket Fixtures, 1947.

April 26, S.	
May 3, S.	1st XI. (A) 2nd XI. (H) v. Northgate School
" 10, S.	
" 12, M.	House Match
" 17, S.	1st XI. (H) v. Stowmarket School 2nd XI. (A) v. H.M.S. Ganges 2nd
" 24, S.	Half Term
" 31, S.	1st XI. (H) v. H.M.S. Ganges 1st XI.
June 5, Th.	1st XI. & 2nd XI. (H) v. Ely School
" 7, S.	1st XI. (H) 2nd & Jun. XI's. (A) v. County School
" 9, M.	House Match
" 12, Th.	1st XI. (A) 2nd & Jun. XI's. (H) v. Culford
" 14, S.	1st XI. (H) 2nd XI. (A) v. Northgate School
" 16, M.	R. v. F.
" 21, S.	
" 26, Th.	1st & 2nd XI's. (A) v. Ely School Jun. XI. (A) v. Jubilee School
" 28, S.	
" 30, M.	House Match
July 3, Th.	1st XI. (H) 2nd & Jun. XI's. (A) v. Culford
" 5, S.	1st XI. (A) 2nd & Jun. XI's (H) v. County School
" 12, S.	1st XI. (A) v. Stowmarket School 2nd XI. (H) v. H.M.S. Ganges 2nd XI.
" 19, S.	Jun. XI. (H) v. Jubilee School

Savings Notes.

The total amount collected this term is £16 9s. 0d.

D.A.Y.

J.C.C. Notes.

It was with a sigh of relief that I watched the last candidate depart from the Gym. after the Certificate "A" Examinations on March 18th. With nearly seven weeks of snow and frost, outdoor work had been impossible during the greater part of the term, and I think great credit is due to the Instructors, Mr. Hassall, C.S.M. Amphlett of the P.W.W. Camp, and our own C.S.M. and N.C.O.'s, for overcoming the many difficulties caused by illness and the weather; and to the candidates themselves for their keenness and hard work. Twenty-nine out of thirty cadets passed, and the Examiners remarked that they were very much impressed by the high standard of knowledge and military bearing shown generally.

Vast quantities of equipment have descended on us in recent months, including more service rifles, four new Mossberg Miniature Range rifles, greatcoats and webbing equipment; unserviceable rifles and Sten guns have been replaced; and every cadet is now entitled to coupons for boots. With this formidable array, and our new gleaming shoulder titles, we should be ready for all emergencies!

Towards the end of last term, the Officers and N.C.O.'s of the P.W.W. Camp kindly organised a Field Day for us in the Tuddenham area, obtaining for us also military "expedients" (a curious term which apparently includes such useful articles as blanks and thunderflashes). In spite of a bitter wind and occasional rain, this proved an interesting and useful exercise, with plenty of scope for individual initiative amongst the N.C.O.'s. The unrehearsed march most of the way back to School, one of "those things" which happen sometimes in the best regulated society and which was due to a "civilian" rather than to a "military" error, was perhaps not very popular; but it probably did everyone good and demonstrated effectively, no doubt, the solid qualities of Corps boots!

During the Christmas holidays Cadets Beckerleg, Clarke, M., McGeehan and Minns attended a P.T. Course at the Eastern Command School of Physical Training at Shorncliff. P.T. Courses are now held at least three times a year; and by attending, and qualifying at, first a preliminary course and then an advanced course, any cadet of sixteen, with Certificate "A," can obtain the Crossed Swords Badge.

The Annual Camp is to be held this year at Roman Way, Colchester, from July 26th until August 2nd.

The Burian.**CERTIFICATE "A" RESULTS.****PART 1. INDIVIDUAL.**

Cadet Atter	Cadet McGeehan
" Beckerleg	" Meadows
" Berry	" Minns
" Dunn	" North
" Game	" Redfearn
" Gates	" Rush ii
" Hail	" Smedley
" Kiddy ii	" Smith
" Laws	

PART 2. SECTION LEADERS.

Cpl. Hughes	Cadet Atter
Cpl. Marshall	" Dorey
L./C. Blumfield	" Marfleet
" Clark	" Mayhew
" Dodds	" Shelbourne
" Watson	" Watsham

R.C.C.

Scout Notes.

The weather has seriously interfered with our activities this term, but a fair amount of progress has been made with indoor instruction. In particular, the senior scouts have attended a course at the Fire Station which they will complete early next term.

Hail has been selected to represent the troop at the Jamboree in August.

An Easter camp, mainly for seniors, has been arranged. It has been found necessary to alter the date of the proposed summer camp: it will begin on 6th or 7th August and will last a fortnight.

In future, scout meetings for both troops will be held on Wednesdays from 4.10 to 5.40.

A district rally will be held on 21st June.

The patrol competition for the term stands as follows:

Cobras	40
Beavers	39
Squirrels	38
Stags	31
Lions	28
Kestrels	6

D.A.Y.

Cub Notes.

Bad weather and some illness has meant that our attendances have been smaller this term. This has been all to the good as it has afforded more opportunity for testing, and a number of Cubs have gained Stars and Proficiency Badges. Nine of our Cubs were among the sixty-five who attended a District Cub Rally at St. Mary's Hall, on February 1st, where the programme consisted of tea, Camp Fire Sing-song, and some Animal Lantern Slides.

Sixth Form Library Notes.

Constant use has been made of the Library during the term and several Juniors seem to have realised its value as a Reference Library.

The English Section has been increased profitably by new additions, but all these have been at the School's expense. Surely there are more Old Burians who can help increase the size of the Library?

Additions to the Library have been:—

- The Oxford English Verse 1250—1918.
- The Oxford Book of Quotations.
- The Oxford Book of English Prose.
- The Oxford Book of Lighter Verse.
- The Oxford Book of Modern Verse 1892—1935.
- Shakespeare, the Man and his Stage (Lamborn & Harrison).
- Introduction to the reading of Shakespeare (Boas).
- Modern English Literature 1789—1935 (Wyatt & Clay).
- Lectures on Foreign History 1494—1789 (Thompson).
- The Growth of Modern Germany (Pascal).
- Town Life in the Fifteenth Century (A. J. Green).
- Solving Earth's Mysteries (Swimerton).
- Nature in Britain (Turner).
- Practical Field Ecology (McLean & Cook).

J.M.R.

The Debating Society.

Early in the term a General Meeting was held to elect a new Committee for the rest of the school year. Owing to the small number of Royalists attending, it was decided to reduce the size of the Committee to two Royalists and two Foreigners. The two Vice-Presidents elected were Mr. O. Wood and M. R. Wilson. The Committee members were T. W. Blumfield, J. F. McGeehan, G. J. Marshall and R. B. Watson. J. M. Ross was re-elected Secretary.

The next Meeting, in the form of a Discussion, had to be cancelled owing to the lack of support from the Seniors. Further meetings had to be postponed because of illness, with the result that the Society has only held one Informal Discussion. The subjects dealt with were on "Competitive Examinations," "The Respective Merits of British and American Films," and "The Best Radio Programme."

It has not been the custom of the Society to hold any meetings during the Summer term, but in the event of bad weather it is hoped that some form of meeting can be held. If bright weather prevails it would be a novelty to hold an open-air debate.

At future meetings the Committee looks to the Seniors to give more support, for, after all, debating and discussing is only oral English, which should be an essential part of every man's education. J.M.R.

School Notes.

VALETE—

Fifth Form.	R. S. Pask
Fourth Form.	G. E. Baker
	A. G. Scott
	J. G. Wilson
Third Form.	M. P. Jolly
	J. C. Nice
	E. G. Riches
Second Form.	D. J. Meekings
	A. E. Nice

SALVETE—

Fifth Form.	M. I. S. Akehurst
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This term we welcome a new Matron, Miss Wylie. Illness has certainly given her plenty of work to do.

Weather conditions made the School ground unfit for play for seven and a half weeks, in spite of many valiant attempts to clear away the snow and ice. As a consequence when we were within a fortnight of the end of term one School match and one House match had been played.

The weather has also been responsible for the postponement of the Cross-Country until the beginning of the Summer Term.

We are very grateful to Miss Johnson for her invitation to senior boys to attend a lecture on Poetry by Edmund Blunden. A number of us also attended a meeting of the local

branch of U.N.A. to hear a Palestinian Arab give the Arab point of view on the Palestine question. Later in the term we went to see the film "A Matter of Life and Death," and to see the presentation of "Quiet Week-End" by the local Dramatic Society. The Headmaster acted as Asst. Stage Manager for the latter.

Twenty boys were confirmed by the Bishop on Wednesday, March 19th. We extend our thanks to the Provost for coming up to School and taking the classes.

Old Boys' Notes.

D. M. Gardiner, J. R. James, and M. D. Forster have now been demobilized. Gardiner has commenced his studies at St. John's, Cambridge, and Forster at St John's, Durham.

The School is indebted to Miss Hardcastle for a painting of J. A. Hardcastle, at School 1830—2, who gained a First Class Classical Tripos at Trinity College, Cambridge, and who later became member of Parliament for Colchester (1847—1852) and for Bury St. Edmund's (1857—1874; 1880—1885).

D. Savill is now in the R.A.S.C. at Cirencester, O. B. Butterfield in the R.A.O.C. at Colchester, P. F. Woodrow in the Suffolk Rgt., and R. S. Pask in the R.A.F.

We were pleased to see at School L. G. Browning, on demob. leave after service with the Royal Corps of Signals in Italy and Austria.

A. B. Rood, now at Yeovil, finds that he is doing remarkably little driving in the R.A.S.C., but a considerable amount of guard mounting. He is now playing in goal for the Bn. Hockey Team and doing a lot of Cross-Country Running.

Flt.-Lt. P. G. Tilbrook has accompanied the King's Flight on the South African Tour. During the war he was a light bomber pilot.

We send our congratulations and best wishes to R. R. Higgins, recently married to Miss Mackintosh. Higgins was formerly with the staff of Messrs. Greene & Greene, Bury St. Edmund's, but is now a solicitor on the staff of the Slough Borough Council.

R. J. W. C. Stow is now an Engineering apprentice at Morris Motors and is taking a part time course at Oxford Technical School for his B.Sc. (Engineering).

D. M. Lucas has been accepted for the Royal Navy and is now training at Gosport.

A. G. Scott has been accepted as an apprentice by the Gloster Aircraft Co.

A. L. Davies, who took up Architecture at the Brighton Art School after leaving here, is now in the Army and is training at Holywood, Co. Down, N. Ireland.

R. Wells, Royal Engineers, is at present on a course at Chatham, training as a Deputy Foreman of Works.

We are grateful to the many Old Boys who so kindly sent us Christmas Cards.

School Calendar.

Summer Term.

First Session	...	Thursday, April 24th
Athletic Sports	...	Thursday, May 22nd
Speech Day	...	In June
Founder's Day	...	Thursday, July 3rd
Last Session	...	Friday, July 25th

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

N.B.—Please note the alteration in the date of the last session of the Summer Term.

The Old Burians' Association.

It is now high time to take practical steps to revive the O.B.A. One suggestion is that a preliminary meeting might be held on the evening of Speech Day, which will probably be held on Saturday, June 21st. It is also suggested that the Old Boys' Cricket match might be held on that same day, with play commencing at 11.0 a.m., the resumption taking place at about 4.30.

If you are prepared to give your support, please write to the Headmaster as early as possible, indicating at the same time whether you would like to play in the Cricket Match.

Our Contemporaries.

The Editor begs to acknowledge receipt of the following magazines of other schools:—"The Culfordian," "The Exonian," "The Aldenhamian," "The Kingsbridgian," "King Edward's School Chronicle," "The Elean," "The Radiator."

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