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SCHOOL NOTES

It has been decided to publish only two numbers of the *Harlovian* annually in future. One will cover the activities of the winter months, and the second those of the summer.

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Readers of the *Harlovian* will have been wondering why no number appeared at the beginning of the Easter Term, and only those in close touch with the School will realize that this was due to the serious illness of the Editor—Mr. Cairns. During the latter half of the Autumn Term Mr. Cairns was far from well, but he manfully stuck to his task, and refused to give in at a time when the school much wanted him—the Board of Education Inspection. Unfortunately his courage aggravated the illness and he collapsed as soon as he returned to his native Scotland, and for the whole of the first three months of the year he was confined to his bed with rheumatic fever. The end of April, however, saw him back at Harlow—a reduced “Jock,” but with his enthusiasm undimmed, and

he has for the first month of the term confined his energies to the Exam. form. We all wish him a speedy return to good health, and hope to see him in every form room after Whitsuntide.

In his absence we have been glad to welcome Mr. L. F. Platt, who has taken French throughout the School.

K. L. D.

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The Headmaster's Prizes for Neatness were awarded in the Christmas Term to (Va) Vallé-Jones, (Vb) Stewart, (IV) Rees, (U.R.) Hutchins, (L.R.) Hannah, (III) Glasse; and in the Easter Term to (Va) Jones, (Vb) Silvester, (IV) Barrow, (U.R.) Dodd, (L.R.) Mason, (III) Cocks.

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On March 28th, in St. John's Church, the Bishop of Barking confirmed Valentine, Wykes, Wells, Walford, Browne, Jackson, Ebsworth and Phillips i.

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During the Easter Term the following films were shown: "The Informer," "The Count of Monte Cristo," "The Expedition of Marco Polo," "Tiger Bay," "Three Cuckoo Clocks," "True Gold," "Algiers to Casablanca," "Santiago to Paris," "Ten Laps to Go."

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The Headmaster and Mrs. Dames wish to thank the following for their cards and kind wishes at Christmas: Negus, Radford, Mason, Wykes, Goozee, Douglass, Malbert, Henfrey, Dellow, Bradbury, Willy, Silvester, Rev. S. Abbott, Walford, Wells, Brazier, Ebsworth, Hullett, Russell, Ellwell, Ripley, Bristoll, and Mr. Dyer.

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We have to thank our late Matron, Miss Davis, for the gift of a piano and a bagatelle board. Such a gift is really considerable, and she may rest assured that it is largely appreciated.

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During the Easter Vacation, Mr. Dames, besides undertaking the whole of the redecoration of the Upper Remove classroom himself, has been at pains to lighten the gloomy, plain walls of the whole school with beautiful posters which he has mounted and framed in not only a workmanlike but very artistic manner. These posters represent the best British art in this line, and it is hoped that each boy, on leaving, will care to present one more specimen to the School, so leaving his name on the walls in something of a more fitting shape than a mere idle scribble.

During the winter Mr. Harper has continued his Sunday evening concerts of classical music, and, as a taste for what is best in this art seems to be growing, the School, through the understanding of Mr. Dames, has purchased with tuck-shop profits a large number of records, mostly second hand. Among those completely new are "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" (Mozart), "The Water Music" (Handel), "Una Voce poco fa" (Rossini-Korjhus), part of a Tchaikowsky symphony, "L'Après-midi-d'un Faune" (Debussy), a record of music by Byrd and Purcell recorded by ancient instruments, a part of the "Clock Symphony" (Haydn), and others.

For the School records Mr. Dames is placing a locked cabinet in the library, and responsible boys will be able to borrow records for use on the School radiogram. And we hope that our Old Boys and others who have been kind to us with gifts of books and for sports prizes will not esteem this venture less educative or deserving.

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The library, during the Easter Vacation, has undergone a transformation. The walls have been redecorated by Jack, and Mr. Dames has enhanced them with beautifully framed posters which are works of art in themselves. Nor has Mrs. Dames been unwilling to do something for us, for, besides her presentation poster in the hall, she has gifted an interestingly painted view of Salzburg which hangs over the fireplace.

To crown the new glory of the library, long sought and achieved by so many lovers of books, Mr. Dames has acquired for us a set of handsome chairs. It is hoped that at last there is an appreciative band of readers in the School and that this new furniture and practically new room will receive the respect which is due to its dignity.

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Recently the college has been fitted with the latest type of fire escape, simple and safe. This is one more innovation in the series of improvements on which Mr. and Mrs. Dames have set their hearts, and this one in especial brings with it a sense of larger security in case of fire, which must be grateful hearing to all those who have the welfare of the boys at heart.

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Scouts

Group Scout Master : Mr. Dames.
Scout Master : Mr. Butler.
Troop Leader : Silvester.
Troop Secretary : Wilson i.

Throughout the term all our efforts have been directed towards improving the internal appearance of the Scout Hut.

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Congdon, who provided us with paint, the walls have assumed a uniform colour all round, and next term the patrols will be able to redecorate their corners.

Mr. Dames has kindly presented us with a set of gardening tools and the appearance of the Patrol gardens has improved tremendously. It will be a very difficult task to decide which Patrol has the best garden at the end of next term.

We hope to arrange an annual week-end camp some time next term, and now that the weather is improving, to get in a great deal more of the outdoor activities of Scouting.

In conclusion we must thank those members of the troop who gave up their spare time to help with the painting of the hut during this term.

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During the Spring Term the boys who had enjoyed the former Gilbert and Sullivan operas, and also newcomers, whom Mr. Dames gladly received, were invited over to the Headmaster's House to hear another of Gilbert and Sullivan's immortal operas, "The Mikado," which is probably the most famous of these works.

These operas, which were composed during the 19th century, have since proved their popularity with all ages. W. S. Gilbert and R. Sullivan, the founders of these immortal works, handed the sole rights of production to Richard d'Oyly Carte, founder of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company.

As these works are only light operas they interested many boys who otherwise would not be interested by light classical music. These operas vary, some being humorous with happy endings, while the minority are less humorous with tragic endings. The H.M.V. Gramophone Company has recorded the D'Oyly Carte Company, and it was only by this, together with books of words and music, that we were able to hear them.

Regularly on one evening of every week a party of a dozen boys would go to the Headmaster's House, and there, amidst the homely surroundings, great comfort was provided for them in which to listen to these operas. We personally take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Dames for his kind co-operation and informality with the boys, and we hope that the future will bring more of these very interesting entertainments. We hear also that there is a possibility of "Iolanthe" being played during the forthcoming Winter Term.

J. R. F.

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In the middle of last term a visit was made by the two top forms to the R.A.F. Defence Station at North Weald. On

arriving under the charge of Mr. Castle, we were introduced to the Wing Commander, who gave us an interesting lecture on life and activities in the R.A.F.

We were then split up into parties of four and shown around the various engineering shops. After this we were shown into a large hangar containing several warplanes, which we were invited to inspect, being allowed to manipulate the controls, which were explained to us by some officers among whom were two Australians.

An interesting anti-gas demonstration followed this, and we actually passed through a gas chamber containing tear gas.

Our appetite was sharpened by a visit to the spacious and well equipped kitchens. An inspection of the men's quarters came next, and these we found were warm and comfortable. On this followed an exhibition of formation flying, and we concluded our visit with a sumptuous repast in the Officers' Mess—a visit to the R.A.F. which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

A. G. R.

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Throughout the winter and spring terms a keen enthusiasm has reigned in the Debating Society. There have been abundant speakers at all debates, and gradually shyness in coming forward has given way, so that some well-thought-out speeches have been made.

The debates of the year have been :—

"That wireless could teach more efficiently than masters."

"That the most satisfactory way of combating Japanese aggression would be to allow them free access of settlement in Northern Australia."

"That a Christian may bear arms."

"That money constitutes the greatest happiness."

"That this house refuses to buy Japanese goods."

"That this house favours the suppression of gambling."

"That blood sports are viciously cruel and should be abolished by law."

Three meetings were devoted to impromptu debates. Prominent speakers this year have been Messrs. Grundy i, Buist i, Jefferys i, and Payne i. Messrs. Silvester, Ebsworth, Williams, and Spicer ii are all very promising speakers, and have spoken in most debates.

Altogether this year has been very successful, and it is to be hoped that the enthusiasm shown this year will be shown for many years to come.

N. F. Lockyer (Hon. Sec.).

We have to thank Mr. Young, Secretary of the Local Scouts, for his generosity in allowing the School to use his gym. apparatus, and the local authorities for use of the Memorial Hall for our gym. classes during the past term. Through these kindnesses we were able to further the physical training of our boys, notably in the use of the horse and spring-board.

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We send our sincere thanks to Messrs. Green and Rolstone for their money gifts to the library; to Mrs. MacGarry for her very considerable gift of books; and to Williams and those other boys who, from time to time, have enlarged our stock.

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On March 3rd a party of boys visited His Majesty's Theatre to witness a performance of "Twelfth Night," which play they had been studying in class; and it must have considerably enriched their idea of Shakespeare to hear the immortal lines in the mouths of players such as Jean Forbes-Robertson, Baliol Holloway and Roy Byford. Besides the mere pleasure of such trips as breaks in school routine, their educational value cannot be gainsaid, and we hope to organize more of them.

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December saw the visit of H.M. Inspectors, who prowled round the buildings and popped up at inconvenient moments, and we hear that they were quite pleased with what they saw. Among other things that they did see was a Parliamentary Election, and they appeared to be quite impressed by such a display of originality as was to be seen in the posters, etc. It should be recorded that D. M. Desprez was successful in talking his way into the House as our Conservative member, pursued, at great distance, by N. F. Lockyer, the wielder of the Fasces, and G. B. Buist, the champion of the poor.

SALVETE

Chambers, M.; Chapin, R. L.; Chapman, R. H.; Collins, J.; Collison, N.; Cook, J. E.; Cook, R. H.; Daynes, H. G. L.; Dellow, J. H.; Desprez, Derek; Drain, M.; Fowler, S. H.; Galloway, R. L.; Glasse, G.; Grimshaw, H. J.; Groves, M. C.; Guinn, G. B. E.; Hutchins, E. J.; MacGarry, I. R.; Maguire, E. F. T.; May, E.; Phelps, G. J.; Roe, J. D.; Rowe, P. G.; Seif, G. A.; Stuart, R. G. S.; Wilson, A. J.

VALETE

Avery, W. J.; Barclay, M. S.; Barter, D. W.; Bradbury, J. E.; Brazier, E. W. R.; Browne, S.; Bullen, R. W.; Curnock, J. L. F.; Dalliston, G. A.; Davies, H. M.; Eagles, J. H.; Galloway, R. L.; Galvin, P. H.; Garraway, G. A.; Goozee, P. K.; Green, C. E.; Grieve, F. T.; Heeley, J. M.; Henfrey, J. G.; Hodson, A. G.; Holberton, H. W.; Humphrey, J. R. P.; Macer-Wright, R. J.; Murphy, T. D.; Negus, J.; Norris, J.; Payne, D. H. J.; Priest, A.; Radford, A. J.; Rogers, G. H.; Rundle, P.; Russell, E. C.; Skeet, D. T.; Somerville, A. T.; Thomas, A. H.; Watts, A.

HOUSE REPORTS

NELSON HOUSE

Captain : Ross.

Prefects : Ross, Wykes. *Sub-Prefect* : Valentine.

The last two terms have been fairly successful, but not overwhelmingly so, for us. Perhaps that is because we are so small; at any rate, we have not been guilty of any lack of enthusiasm.

In the football we finished third in the 1st XI competition; this was unexpectedly low considering the galaxy of talent in our midst. In the 2nd XI series we were fourth. In the Soccer Sixes we fared better, finishing second, first and third in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sixes respectively. We were not able to gain a place in either of the Cross Country Runs, but Thomas is to be congratulated on finishing third in the Senior Run.

We were able to produce a Magazine last term, and it was up to the usual standard. In the Christmas Term we ventured to stage a poetical play, "The Poetasters of Ispahan," and it was gratifying to find that it is possible for such a play to be well received. This term illness prevented us from staging our own show, and we combined forces with Beatty, who were in the same position. The play, "In the Zone," was successful considering the late changes in the cast.

In addition to these activities, we have run ping-pong and footer fives tournaments and have, I believe and hope, enjoyed the two winter terms.

KEYES HOUSE

Captain : Dellow i. *Vice-Captain* : Jones.

The 1st XI have not had a very successful term so far as "point collecting" is concerned, but they have shown a fine team spirit, and under the able leadership of Dellow gave a good account of themselves against the other house teams. The 2nd XI finished the season as runners-up for the championship, and from this it looks as if Keyes will have a fine 1st XI next year.

The Cross Country races were run this term, and the Keyes team finished third in both the Senior and the Junior. Dellow i made a real House Captain's effort and finished second in the Senior, while Dellow ii did well to finish third in the Junior race.

Owing to lack of time for rehearsals the Keyes House play had to be cancelled during the Easter Term.

At present the capabilities of the House cricket teams are vague, but if the same team spirit exists as was shown in the soccer XIs, then Keyes should finish near the top of the championship list.

BEATTY HOUSE

Captain : Lockyer. *Vice-Captain* : Buist.

Beatty again proved that it can produce good fighting Soccer teams. The 1st XI came to within an ace of winning the championship, being beaten in the final game with Rodney by the odd goal in five, which one of our own defence unfortunately deflected into his own goal. Our 2nd XI and 3rd XI, however, showed an almost unbeaten record, and finished first in their respective championships.

In the Soccer Sixes Beatty again gave its opponents many hard fights, being beaten by a very narrow margin. Beatty won both the Senior and Junior Cross Country races and also supplied the first man home in each case, Elliot winning the Senior and Elphick the Junior. They were ably backed up by the rest of the team.

In the drama festival we, together with Nelson, had the same misfortune as the day-boys' houses had last year. Our numbers were so sadly depleted by illness that we were compelled to produce, with Nelson, a combined play—"In the Zone." Our leading actors, Lockyer and Buist, ably filled the leading rôles, but we must congratulate Nelson, whose actors filled the gaps at such short notice and gave such a good performance.

H. F. L. C.

RODNEY HOUSE

Captain : Snawdon. *Vice-Captain* : Vallé-Jones.

This term again we are pleased to report success. The Soccer Cup and the first place in the Sixes are now in our possession. For this we have to offer congratulations to Snawdon and the teams who have shown much enthusiasm. The Second XI has not done so well, but seems keen enough to promise well for the future. In the realm of sport it only remains to hold on to the cricket and sports cups in the Summer Term.

At the Easter Drama Festival the House produced its first thriller, entitled "In the Dentist's Chair." The play was produced very creditably by Snawdon, and the leading part was taken by Owers who, for once, deserted female rôles for that of a murderer, which he played quite effectively. As the Dentist and his assistant, Vallé-Jones and Stewart performed well, as did Snawdon in the part of the murdered man. All the smaller parts were competently acted and were taken by Ripley, Tilley and Prime. As Phillips iii was absent the part of the woman was played by Copleston, of Keyes House, and we have to thank him for doing so at very short notice. The success of the play shows that the House can do much in this line without the help from the Staff. This is a great advance from the days of the First Drama Festival.

We trust the House will maintain its present enthusiasm which alone can bring success.

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" THE LATE CHRISTOPHER BEAN "

SUCCESSFUL PRESENTATION BY HARLOW
COLLEGE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

By their performance of "The Late Christopher Bean," the well-known three-act play by Emyln Williams, the Harlow College Dramatic Society put on one of the best productions seen in the district for some time. Indeed, it would not be too much to say that it was their best production to date.

The cast was :—

<i>Dr. Haggett</i>	William Hogg
<i>Susan Haggett</i>	Norah Castle
<i>Gweny</i>	Joan Horsey
<i>Mrs. Haggett</i>	Marjorie Hogg
<i>Ada Haggett</i>	Dorothy Robertson

Bruce McKae Charles Butler
 Tallant Eric Harper
 Rosen Elson Robertson
 Davenport Lincoln Castle

The choice of the play was a particularly happy one, giving as it does a well proportioned blend of human emotions, from the hard, straight-laced, unscrupulous Mrs. Haggett, to the human and lovable Gwenny.

Miss Joan Horsey scored a personal triumph by her portrayal of "Gwenny," and for an English woman gave a good imitation of the Welsh accent. "Dr. Haggett" was another thick part, and Mr. William Hogg's characterization of a weak and inoffensive old country doctor, hard driven by his wife and younger daughter, did him credit. Mrs. Marjorie Hogg as "Mrs. Haggett," and Mrs. Dorothy Robertson as "Ada Haggett" had two good character parts, and they did them full justice. Mrs. Norah Castle and the other players also well played their parts.

The production was capably directed by Mr. Eric Harper and Mr. William Hogg, with Mr. Landon Platt as stage manager and Mr. George Valentine assistant stage manager. Mr. Charles Butler was responsible for the effective scenery.

To add a word of constructive criticism it would appear to be better to decrease the seating and increase the size of the stage—the play could be produced for two evenings if necessary—while the lighting could certainly be improved. The players, too, could on occasion have put a little more emphasis into their lines.

It has been suggested that, as an Old Harlovian, I should supplement the account reprinted from the local paper of the Harlow College Dramatic Society's production of "The Late Christopher Bean," by recording a few of the impressions which the play made on myself. I do so with great pleasure.

It is now so long since Mr. Cairns has been carrying the burden of the Dramatic Society on his shoulders, producing, coaching, acting the chief parts, and supervising and often making costume and scenery, that many of us wondered how the Society would manage when Mr. Cairns's unfortunate illness deprived them of his most valuable aid.

But the Society surmounted their difficulty by choosing a play in which all the action takes place in one simply furnished room, and by confining the acting to members of the Staff, thus eliminating the endless and nerve-racking task of coaching boy members of the cast. The result was that they gave an excellent performance, which was thoroughly enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience.

There were three major parts—all three played really excellently and almost with professional skill.

Dr. Hallett, the leading character, is a commonplace little man, belonging to the lower middle class. He is rather a failure in life and strives to veil his mediocrity by pomposity and cheap swagger. He is quite willing to defraud his faithful servant, but is anxious to justify himself by plausible Pecksniffian excuses. Yet we can't help having a sneaking liking for the fellow. He has sufficient good feeling to appreciate his charming younger daughter, and above all he has a very pretty sense of humour, and pluck enough to give his formidable wife as good as he gets. It is a long, exhausting, and by no means easy part, which gives such scope for fine acting that it was played originally by no less a person than Sir Cedric Hardwicke. It was undertaken by the H.C.D.S. by Mr. William Hogg, who acted the part so remarkably well that even those present who had seen the redoubtable Cedric could not have failed thoroughly to enjoy the play. As Mr. Hogg also, with the help of Mr. Harper, undertook the very responsible duty of producer, it is evident that in him the H.C.D.S. is fortunate in possessing a very valuable asset.

The heroine—the maidservant Gwenny—is one of those delightful creatures often met in the despised Victorian age, but now alas almost as extinct as the dodo. She is the competent, hardworking servant, who, after years of faithful service, has become almost one of the family. She is partly bullied, partly spoiled, partly impudent, and wholly lovable. (It is a fine but difficult part, played originally by that great actress, Miss Edith Evans.) For some unexplained reason the author requires his actress to speak in that most difficult and unpleasant of all dialects, *vis.*, Welsh. But in spite of this great handicap Miss Joan Horsey caught exactly the spirit of the part and scored a real triumph.

Quite a different type of character but equally well acted was Mrs. Hallett, the shrewish wife, who, however, could not daunt her perky little husband, nagged she never so persistently. Mrs. Hogg, who played the part, is a great acquisition to the H.C.D.S. She has that indescribable something that marks the actress born. She holds the audience whenever she is on the stage, and, unlike so many amateurs, does not cease to act when she ceases to speak. She gave us a very fine performance indeed.

Space does not allow me to deal separately with the minor characters. It is sufficient to say that they all reached a high standard, and did their part nobly in helping the H.C.D.S. to achieve one of its greatest successes. Hearty congratulations to all concerned.

O.B.

DRAMA

This term the House Plays were not produced by the House Masters; instead, all rehearsals but the last few were carried out by the boys alone. The result was, not unnaturally, that the very high standard of recent terms was not quite reached; but those boys who were responsible for the bulk of the production are to be congratulated on the results of their efforts.

It is very much to be regretted that the members of Keyes House found it impossible to make the effort to learn the words of their play, so that in spite of great efforts by Mr. Butler in the last days the play was unpresentable. It is obvious that if the production is to be entrusted to the House leaders they must have the play in good shape at least a week before the Festival, so that the finishing touches may be put to it.

But now for the Festival. A whole day's acting for a school of our size is no mean achievement, and the fact that it was possible was due largely to the enthusiasm of the Lower and Middle School. In particular, that group of actors known as the J.S.A.A. are to be congratulated on their performances and we hope that when they have gained a little more experience they will no longer be content with one-act plays.

None of the plays was perfect, and it is to help those who will be acting next Christmas that the following criticisms have been made.

In the Dentist's Chair.—Rodney House Play produced by SNAWDON.

This play was both well acted and well produced. For the first time Owers played a male part and managed to get a good deal of feeling and meaning into his lines. Vallé-Jones as the dentist was just a little too quiet; his assistant, played by Stewart, was very good indeed — he should be seen in larger parts. As the murdered man Snawdon was good, if too robust-looking, while the other members of the cast, including Tilley (the maid), Prime (the doctor), Copleston (the woman), and Ripley (the policeman) put life into their parts.

In the Zone.—Beatty-Nelson House Play produced by LOCKYER.

A last-minute reshuffling of parts because of illness did not prevent this play from being a success. The chief part was robustly taken by Lockyer; he was supported by Fells, who suffered from a tendency to speak too quickly at times. Desprez, as a Cockney, can raise a laugh whenever he speaks;

here he had to shout and swear—perhaps that explains why he had a double share of laughs. Ross gave us a good imitation of a Scottish accent, and Valentine showed us how an American should talk, though he did not quite lose himself enough in the part. The small parts were well taken by Linton and Hartrey. Buist took the part of a different type from all the others, and it is to his, and the producer's, credit that he looked and spoke differently from them.

The chief faults of the play were word imperfections (with the exception of Fells and the small parts), and the loss of swing towards the end, but neither of these were serious enough to spoil the play.

Spartan Maid.—Presented by the J.S.A.A. Produced by Mr. HARPER.

This amusing little play was well performed, though it is to be feared that it was not understood by the smaller members of the audience; but it is a type that should be produced again, for it introduced the idea of the Greek chorus to the School.

Perhaps because of its unusual nature it was rather stilted; Dixon suffered from a fault common to most of the cast, namely, poor words. I saw this play from the back of the stage, and too often I saw Dorcas's face instead of the back of his head. Payne i as Phoebe was as good as his words would allow him to be; he had my sympathy when the vase would not break, but he managed to break it in the end, though in doing so, that part of the play quite lost its point. Phillips ii creditably doubled the parts of Eustace and Neptune at short notice, but Brazier as the Messenger was a little too wooden. Webb as the Stranger really knew his words and acted the part well, while Elphick as the Voice of Ether and the Attendant was quite adequate. The Chorus consisted of Spicer i, Barrow and Forbes, and they would have made a greater success of their parts had they all been sure of their words.

The Bishop's Candlesticks.—Presented by the J.S.A.A. Produced by Mr. HARPER.

In my opinion this was the best play of the day. When one considers that illness had stopped rehearsals for some time before the performance, it was a truly remarkable presentation. Every member of the cast really knew his words and conveyed a considerable measure of characterization to his part.

Copleston as the Bishop was just the gentle, pious cleric he should have been; his quietness of manner suited this part

admirably. He was well supported by Forbes as Persomé, whose touches of worldliness were well contrasted with the Bishop's loving kindness. Barrow was good as the pert little maid, and Brazier as the Gendarme played well. Jackson was the convict, and at times he made his part quite moving, which was by no means an easy task.

This play was produced in the School two years ago by much older boys; that production was a good one, but I have no hesitation in pronouncing this as better.

The Travelling Companions.—Presented by the Lower Remove. Produced by Mr. ROBSON.

This play was obviously enjoyed by the cast as well as by the audience, and its effectiveness was heightened by the life-like animal heads worn by the actors. Though they knew their words, these were often inaudible, as the mouths of the players were hidden by their headpieces.

The parts were played by Valder (Ass), Pain iii (Dog), Payne ii (Cat), Whitewright (Cock), Rolstone, Spicer ii, Phelps, Rogers (the Robbers).

The Death Trap.—Presented by Lower Remove. Produced by Mr. ROBSON.

This miniature thriller succeeded in its object—to produce a thrill. Though only a short play it was quite a success, and held the attention of the audience. The outstanding performance was that of Hannah as Dr. Stronetz, who spoke slowly and clearly all the time. Firkin as Dimitri was also good, but he too often had his back to the audience. The remaining parts were taken by Biss (Colonel Girnitz), Chivers (Major Vontieff), and Brown iii (Captain Schultz). They played up well to their parts, but were not sure of their words, and now and then it was difficult to catch what was said.

Clever Kid.—Presented by the Upper Remove. Produced by Mr. PLATT.

This little play was produced in only two weeks (if not less), and shows what can be done if the keenness is there. Everybody knew their words, and Williams (the Boy Scout) in particular spoke out very well. Cullum (Rudge Dendy) and Hicks (Police Inspector) were almost as good and helped the play to move smoothly. A word of praise must be added for the staging of this play; the scenery, though simple, was very good and added reality and life to the words and actions of the players.

W. H. H.



O.H.M.S.

THE CIVIL SERVICE AS A CAREER

It is barely seventy-five years ago that the following little speech made by a Papa to a Mamma would have been thought perfectly natural. It is the sort of speech that the fathers of a generation or two ago were sometimes wont to make when their sons were completing their last term at school:

“Mary, my dear, James leaves Dulchester at Christmas. Poor lad, he's still terribly ignorant. I'm afraid, too, that we've got to admit he is not quite right in the head. Not balmy, of course, my dear. But just a little er—dull. I must speak to Lord Bitters about him. After all I did to get him into Parliament he ought to find James a post in the Civil Service.”

And he probably did!

You see, in those days the Civil Service was a very different organization to that we know to-day. There were no entrance examinations. Influence, and sometimes even bribery, were important means of obtaining appointments and of keeping them once they had been obtained. It was a national disgrace.

The efficiency of the Civil Service as organized to-day is due very largely to the work of Sir Charles Trevelyan and of Sir Stafford Northgate, who were appointed in about the year 1850 to investigate the whole problem of a permanent Civil Service and report upon the best method of recruiting the personnel. They were ruthless in the changes they recommended and were responsible for sweeping away the bad old system of political and private patronage. In its place they recommended that all entrants to the Government administration should be subjected to a competitive examination. A Civil Service Commission was appointed, and this Commission gradually brought into being the system employed at the present day.

The Grading of Civil Servants

You will perhaps get a useful "birds-eye" view of the work of the Civil Service from a perusal of the following list of Government departments: Admiralty, Air Ministry, Ministry of Agriculture, Civil Service Commission, Colonial Office, Customs and Excise Department, Board of Education, Health Ministry, India Office, Inland Revenue Department, General Post Office, Board of Trade, Treasury, War Office, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Labour, Scottish Office and Foreign Office.

One of the important tasks of the Civil Service Commission has been to grade various types of clerks employed in the Service. Clerks are now graded according to the nature and responsibility of their work. The grades are as follows:—

The first of these is the administrative, executive, clerical and technical appointments in England; we then come to our second type, consisting of services under the foreign offices abroad; our third group consists of administrative and technical appointments under the India Office; and the fourth group of the same kind of appointments under the Colonial Office; our final group would cover various similar services which cannot be grouped in any of the above categories.

We will now examine the first of these grades, described as Home Civil Service Administrative Clerkships.

Home Civil Service Administrative Clerkships

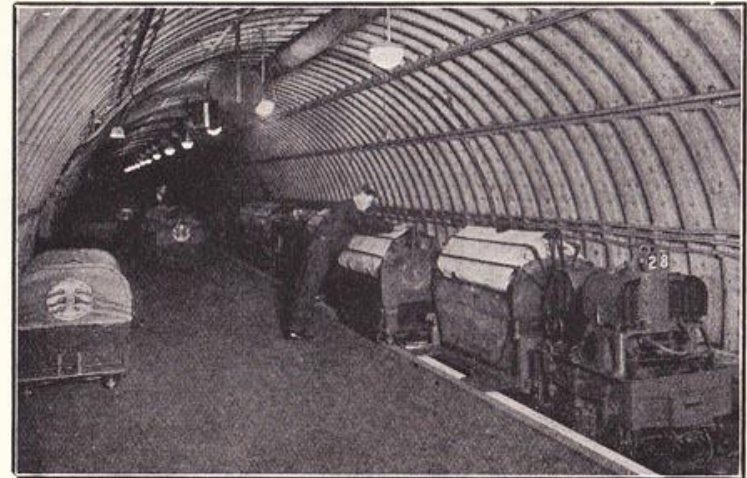
Under this group we must deal with the administrative, executive and clerical classes to most Departments of the Home Government. These are both the highest paid and the most onerous positions in the Service. Until 1912, only candidates with honours in classics from Oxford or Cambridge had a reasonable prospect of passing the qualifying examination. To-day the syllabus has been revised so that honour students from the younger universities stand an equal chance of success with those from Oxford and Cambridge.

Administrative clerkships are obtained in any of the Government offices mentioned above, with the exception of the Foreign Office: Clerkships in the Foreign Office are obtained through a separate but similar examination.

It is natural that the duties of this type of clerk must vary according to the department to which he is appointed; but generally speaking the duties of administrative officers are concerned with the formation of policy, with the co-ordination and improvement of Government machinery, and with the

general administration and control of the various departments of the public service.

Whilst there is naturally a certain amount of routine work to be done by the junior officers of the administrative grade, there is a great deal of useful and important work to be tackled. In the Home Office, for example, he may be engaged in the criminal division, when his work will require investigations of a judicial character. If he is in the industrial division of the Home Office his work will include many matters relating to the administration of Acts concerned with factories and workshops. Should he go to the Ministry of Health he will be called upon to deal with local government,



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Loading a two-car train on the Post Office Miniature Railway.

public health and housing questions. At the Board of Education there will be work concerned with supervising and carrying out the Board's policy in regard to elementary, secondary and technical schools or with the Board of Education's medical and special services.

At the Treasury he would naturally be concerned with matters of finance and may have to deal with some aspect of foreign loans, Budget and general taxation, or on questions relating to the personnel and remuneration in civil and military departments. It is probable that during the first few years his work will touch all these various departments in order to get a wide general view of the work and responsibilities of the Treasury. Should he go to the Board of Trade

or Ministry of Labour his contacts will be mostly with commercial and industrial problems.

The commencing salary in the Junior Grade of the Administrative Class (Assistant Principals) is £275, rising by annual increments of £25 to £325, and then by annual increments of £30 to £625. It is possible to become a Principal on a salary scale of £800 to £1,100. Beyond this grade are assistant secretaryships in the various departments at £1,150 to £1,450 a year, and on a higher level still, for the exceptionally able, are posts as permanent heads or deputy heads of departments at salaries ranging from £1,800 to £3,000 a year.

It should be noted that there is a substantial pension on retirement in practically all grades of the Civil Service.

Examinations for these appointments are held annually in August, and the age limits for the Home Service are 21 to 24 years.

The Executive Class

The work required in this class is less responsible than that of the administrative class, in so far as officials are seldom concerned in the formation of policy. At the same time the work covers a wide field and requires considerable qualities of judgment, initiative and resource. The junior executive officers are responsible for the direction of small sections of departmental business and for initial investigations into important questions for the subsequent attention of the senior members of the departments. As promotion is obtained, the work of this class is concerned with matters of internal organization and control and with the conduct of important departmental business. Salaries commence at £150 a year and rise to £525. There are also prospects of promotion to above this figure for those who have the requisite ability.

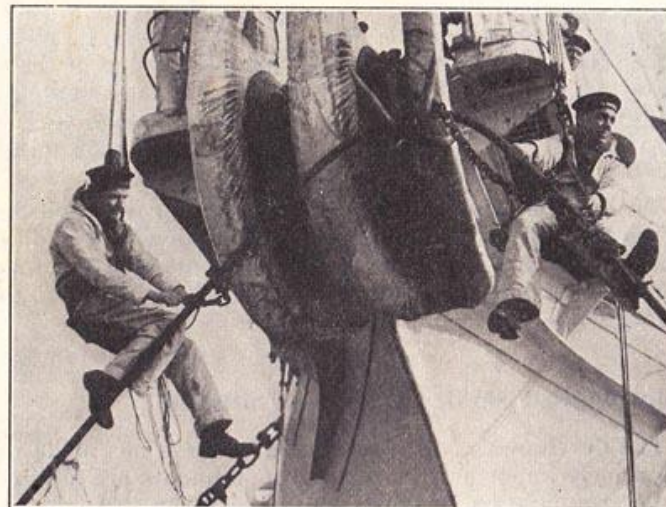
The age limits for admission to this grade have been fixed from 18 to 19 years.

Clerical Class

In this category come all those who perform the simpler clerical duties in public departments. These duties do not include the purely mechanical or routine work which is usually assigned to female writing assistants. In the Junior grades of the Clerical Class the duties comprise checking and cross-checking of straightforward statements, accounts, claims and returns, collection of statistics and the supervision of the work of the female writing assistants. The

senior members of this class are responsible for the supervision of sections of clerical work and higher individual work similar to that performed by Junior members of the Executive Class.

The salaries commence at about £85 a year, and may rise to about £350. There are possibilities of transfer to the



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Executive Class at higher salaries if reasonable ability is shown. Boys are admitted to this Clerical Class between the ages of 16 and 17 years.

These, then, are the principal grades in the Home Civil Service.

Customs and Excise Service

The work of the Customs Department entails a very active life and frequent outdoor duty on landing and shipping stations for the purpose of examining imported and exported cargoes, in general stations covering an area of a town or country and involving regular travelling within that area for examination of brewing businesses and other trades liable for excise duties, in distilleries and bonded warehouses, where the Customs Officer will have to take account of dutiable goods and supervise the movement of goods in bond.

The Board of Customs and Excise is also responsible for a chain of laboratories—especially at the larger seaports, where are tested samples of spirits, tobacco, sugar, and a host of other goods.

Entrance to the Customs Service is by an examination covering the following subjects: English, Elementary Mathematics, general intelligence, Science, French, German, Latin, History and Geography, Economics and Elementary Politics. The first four of these subjects are compulsory, but of the remaining six only two need be taken. The age limits are 19-21 years. Junior posts are paid on a salary scale of £177 10s., rising by annual increments of about £12 to £18 to £575 8s.

We have so far dealt with those posts in the Civil Service that are filled by competitive examination. In addition to these there are a number of appointments that are made either by selection or examination or by both. Under this category would come the following:—

Meteorological Service and Observatories

The development of aviation and wireless has made this an extremely important Service. Appointments are assigned without examination to those who have taken their degrees in science, with honours in mathematics and physics. The commencing salary is £272 a year, rising to £700 or £800. The work consists of forecasting weather conditions, keeping the statistics relating to climatic changes and other similar work. There are a limited number of appointments for technical assistants at a commencing salary of about £150. Candidates must be between the ages of 18 and 23, and must have passed a university matriculation or equivalent examination.

Museum Assistants

Vacancies in the Science Museum at South Kensington are advertised from time to time. Applicants must have an honours degree denoting a knowledge of science and technology in order that they may control as effectively as possible various scientific and mechanical exhibits that would come under their charge.

Appointments in the Natural History Museum are given on the results of an examination on English, Arithmetic and General Knowledge. A thorough knowledge of a science

appertaining to the work of one of the departments is also necessary. These departments include Zoology, entomology, geology, botany and minerology.

The commencing salary is about £250, rising to £440 as Assistant, and from £475 to £800 as Assistant Keeper. There are four principal posts in the Natural History Museum with salaries at £1,000 a year.

In addition to these there are a number of other posts in the Home Civil Service that are obtained either by nomination or selection. The more important of these are the Inspectorships of Factories under the Home Office, Inspectorships and Deputy Commissioners' appointments under the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Clerkships in the Houses of Parliament, Assistantships in the British Museum and engineering appointments in the Post Office.

Many of these latter are now thrown open to competitive examination.

Civil Service Posts Abroad

The most important posts in the Civil Service Abroad are of course in the Foreign Office and Diplomatic Service. Vacancies are very few in number and the process of selection is a very careful one. A high standard of educational and personal qualifications is demanded and preference given to graduates of Oxford and Cambridge. There is also a tendency on the part of those responsible for the selection to take into account such factors as private wealth and family connections of the candidates.

The work consists of smoothing out the relationships between this country and other nations. Great tact and resourcefulness are essential, since on the word or actions of a diplomat might rest the peace of the world. The Diplomatic Service is the link between one nation and another.

The age of entry is from 21 to 25 years, and the examination is held on 1st August. Prior to the examination candidates must be viewed by a selection board. The examination is the same as that for Administrative Clerkships in the Home Civil Service, but all candidates must be very proficient in French, German, and European History.

Secretaryships in the Foreign Office carry with them salaries commencing at £300 a year and rising to £1,000. There are prospects of even higher posts with anything up to £1,500 a year for those with very special qualifications.

The Consular Service

This is a Service for those who are prepared to settle permanently abroad. It is broadly classified into three divisions: (1) The Western or General Consular Service, which comprises appointments in Europe, North and South America, and in parts of Africa; (2) The Near Eastern, including appointments in Abyssinia, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Morocco, Persia, Russia, and Serbia; (3) The Far Eastern Service, China, Japan and Siam.

The duties of consular officials are concerned mainly with watching the interests of British commerce abroad. They prepare an annual trade report of their country, and from time to time send special reports to this country for the use of our trading committee. They search for possible markets for British goods and administer the Merchant Shipping Acts. In addition to these trade responsibilities they must watch the interests of the British subjects resident abroad, and apply for relief in cases of distress.

Candidates are required to have attained the age of twenty-one before sitting for the competitive examination, which takes place once a year. Prior to this examination they must be interviewed by a selection board, which meets early in May of each year. They may appear before this board at any time after they have attained the age of 19.

This examination is the same as that for the Home Service Administrative Clerkships, but for all candidates French and General Economics are compulsory, and a high standard for these subjects is set.

Salaries commence at £300, rising by £20 a year to £600, with a representation allowance of from £50 to £250 and house rent of approximately £100 to £200 in addition. A Consul receives from £800 to £1,000 a year with allowances of between £200 and £450 a year. There are also a few appointments as Consul-General with salaries plus allowances of £1,700 to £2,100 a year.

Note.—Salaries in all departments of the Civil Service are subject to revision from time to time.

Further Information

For more detailed information application should be made to the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, Burlington Gardens, W.1.

SPORTS

HOUSE MATCHES

This season the House Matches have provided a record number of drawn games. With the lack of light after four o'clock towards the end of the first term it has not been possible to play them all off, so they have been spread out over the two terms. As in previous years, each house 1st and 2nd XIs plays the other houses twice. The 1st XI matches have been very keen and close, and the stronger team on paper has often had to acknowledge defeat, if you can call it such, in the way of a drawn game which they had already won in their minds before the game commenced.

The first game, Beatty v. Keyes, was an obvious win for Beatty when one sized up the two teams, but by dint of hard work by Dellow the result was a draw of one goal each.

In the second game Rodney provided a pleasant surprise by beating Nelson by three goals to nil. Nelson territorially had the better of the game, but their shooting lacked both speed and direction, whilst the few attacks launched by Rodney were successful.

Having beaten Nelson, Rodney thought to themselves—Beatty will be easy mutton, and so it proved, Rodney winning again by the score of 3 goals to nil.

In the Keyes-Nelson game, the latter stood no nonsense, and won decisively by four goals to one. The Rodney game still rankled evidently.

Then came the tit-bit of the football season as far as the boarders were concerned—Beatty v. Nelson. A dour struggle was inevitable, both having lost to Rodney, and such it proved. Defence prevailed, and the final score of 0 0 indicated fairly the play.

The final match of the first half of the tournament was Keyes-Rodney. Again the weaker side played much better than was expected, and the game resulted in a draw of two goals each. Thus, out of the first six House matches played, three were drawn.

In their second game with Rodney, Nelson took things much more seriously, but could only make a drawn game with the score 1 all.

Then came the Beatty-Rodney game. Beatty during the term had been experimenting with their team, and had by this time got together a very workmanlike combination. Rodney, too, had two reserves playing, and Beatty won easily by 5 goals to 0. Below is the table at the end of the winter term:—

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals		Pts.
					for	against	
Rodney	5	2	2	1	9	10	6
Beatty	4	1	2	1	6	4	4
Nelson	4	1	2	1	7	5	4
Keyes	3	0	2	1	4	7	2

In the Spring Term the first House match was Keyes v. Rodney. As in the previous game the team work of Rodney was too good for the more individualistic Keyes, and Rodney won by three goals to one.

Beatty v. Keyes ended with the same score in the favour of Beatty. This left an interesting position, for if Beatty beat Nelson they would have the same number of points as Rodney and a deciding match would have to be played.

Then Nelson beat Keyes by 8—0 and had the same number of points as Beatty. Thus the final game, Beatty v. Nelson, was very important. Rodney prayed for a draw, and Beatty and Nelson went all out for a win. It was a game in which a great deal of energy was displayed. Nelson made the mistake of playing too close, and Beatty, by thrustful and more direct methods, won by two goals to nil.

The game to decide the championship was eagerly awaited, but Beatty fluttered to disappoint. Through sheer bad team work they gave away two goals, and Rodney came through winners by 2 goals to 1. Below are the final tables of the 1st and 2nd XIs:—

1st XI

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals		
					for	agst.	
Rodney ...	6	3	2	1	12	11	
Beatty ...	6	3	2	1	11	5	
Nelson ...	6	2	2	2	15	7	
Keyes ...	6	0	2	4	6	21	

Rodney won the tie with Beatty by 2—1. This game was played by desire of the House Captains instead of deciding the position by goal averages.

2nd XI

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals		
					for	agst.	
Beatty ...	6	4	1	1	22	—3	
Keyes ...	6	2	2	2	10	—10	
Rodney ...	6	2	2	2	10	—19	
Nelson ...	6	1	1	4	6	—15	

THE FOOTBALL SEASON

The structure of a football team is dependent mainly on three things, to wit, three good half-backs. Luckily for us we had two ready made, Dellow and Thomas, and Buist, who has taken up the right-half position, has improved with every game.

Building round them, the College has produced a good young team, not by any means so brilliant as some College teams, but one which played good clever football—playing, too, in an unselfish manner, very gratifying to the spectator.

At the beginning of the term Dellow was elected Captain and Ross Vice-Captain of the 1st XI.

The team has had its difficulties—an adequate centre-forward being one of them, but those who have played in this unenviable position in the team have put their best into the game.

The 1st XI have not been so successful as have the other elevens, but they have more than held their own in the games against other schools. Below is a résumé of the games played:—

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	
					for	agst.
1st XI ...	18	8	2	8	38	34
2nd XI ...	11	8	0	3	46	12
Under 15 XI ...	3	3	0	0	14	5
Under 14 XI ...	2	2	0	0	6	3
Under 12 XI ...	2	2	0	0	8	4
Grand Total ...	36	23	2	11	112	58

REPORTS ON MATCHES

1st XI v. S.W.G.S. Lost 1—2.

Played on a small ground. The School forwards were forced to play close football—the wings were hampered by the lack of room. Dellow scored the goal, a long shot from 30 yards.

1st XI v. CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL. Won 3—0.

Charing Cross started two men short, but in spite of this had the better of the opening minutes of the game. As soon as they had a full team, the School took command, and except for spasmodic breakaways by the Charing Cross forwards, the School forwards had nearly all the game.

2ND XI v. ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL (home). Won 13—1.

Although slightly smaller than the opposition, the School were superior in all departments. The defence had a particularly lazy afternoon.

v. S.W.F.S. (away). Won 4—0.

Another good game, with the School superior in most departments. Wykes obtained three out of the four goals.

v. S.W.G.S. (home). Won 6—1.

The School were out to avenge the defeat at Saffron Waldon earlier in the season, and set about their task in no uncertain manner. The play was a trifle robust, but the School, by clever football, found the net six times to their opponents' once. Scorers: Elliott 3, Snowdon 2, Owers 1.

v. NEWPORT G.S. (home). Lost 2—5.

Once again Newport were too good for us, three quick goals through defensive errors making it hard for our forwards. The second half was very even, each side scoring twice.

v. SOUTHGATE WANDERERS (away). Lost 1—3.

On an immense ground the speed and weight of the Wanderers told heavily. The School forward line was very ragged.

v. CRANBROOK COLLEGE 2ND XI (home). Won 3—1.

The 2nd XI left it until very late in the game to score. Cranbrook were leading until 12 minutes from time. Then Silvester obtained a goal from a long shot. After that it was one continual attack by the School, and two more goals were obtained in as many minutes. Scorers: Elphick and Phillips i.

v. OLD CHELMSFORDIANS (away). Drawn 3—3.

A most exciting game, which hung in the balance until the final whistle. Mr. Castle obtained a marvellous goal to give the School the lead in the first half. Curnock and Snawdon added other goals, but the Old Chelmsfordians equalized three minutes from time.

v. HARLOW WEDNESDAY (home). Drawn 2—2.

A scrappy game—with a draw the fair result.

v. CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL (away). Won 2—1.

A good game—School forwards weak, but had enough punch in them to get the two necessary goals.

v. NEWPORT (home). Lost 0—1.

The School had the majority of the game. Newport only looked like scoring once and did so. Newport goalie too good for the shots the School put in.

v. SOUTHGATE WANDERERS (home). Won 3—2.

As usual, an enjoyable game, with the School playing the better football. One goal by Snawdon and two by Thomas made the result certain.

v. WOODFORD COLLEGE 2ND XI (away). Lost 1—2.

Team weakened by another game on the same day. A fair result.

v. ST. ANDREW'S 2ND XI (away). Won 8—0.

A runaway victory, Elphick netting three times. An easy day for the defence.

v. OLD CHELMSFORDIANS (home). Lost 1—2.

Ought to have been a drawn game, as the deciding goal went in off one of the School defenders.

v. HARLOW WEDNESDAY (home). Won 4—1.

School superior in all departments. A rough and tumble towards the end.

v. CRANBROOK COLLEGE 2ND XI (away). Won 3—2.

Just a win, thanks to Desprez's surprise goal.

v. EARL'S COLNE (away). Won 2—0.

With a weakened team—a very good win. Scorers: Wykes and Owers.

v. ST. ANDREW'S (home). Won 6—0.

Another easy game for a weak 2nd XI.

v. S.W.F.S.

Scratched.

v. NEWPORT (away). Lost 0—1.

Another unlucky result. The team played well, but the ball did not run too kindly.

v. HARLOW TOWN RESERVES (away). Won 2—0.

A feather in the School's cap. Everyone played an excellent game, getting into tackles with real vigour.

Thomas scored two good goals. The School defence had a very hard game, and came through with colours flying.

v. WOODFORD COLLEGE 2ND XI (home). Lost 1—5.

An end of the season game. School team apathetic. Opposing centre-forward practically unmarked throughout the game.

Colours have been awarded to:—G. Snawdon, R. Wykes, G. Buist, P. Douglass, G. Valentine.

TEAM CRITICISM

- S. N. DELLOW (*Capt.*).—Never has a bad match. A real footballer.
- A. ROSS (*Vice-Capt.*).—Has improved with every game. Plays hard all the time.
- S. SNAWDON (*O.L.*).—A tendency to come back, but plays and schemes well.
- R. WYKES (*I.L.*).—Ball control good. Shows a good hard tackle, but distributes the ball well.
- P. THOMAS (*O.R.*).—A very useful player, but tires in the second half. Also good at half-back.
- G. BUIST (*R.H.*).—Ball control only fair but tackle weak. Rapidly improving.
- S. SILVESTER (*L.H.*).—Clumsy and lacks ball control, but is usually there or thereabouts.
- P. DOUGLASS (*R.B.*).—Fast, and tackles exceptionally well. Left foot still a bit weak.
- A. STEWART (*L.B.*).—Positions well, but dribbles too much. Kicking fair.
- G. VALENTINE (*Goal.*).—But for lack of inches would be the best goalie we have had for some years. Good anticipation.

FIXTURE LIST

1st XI

v. Southgate Wanderers (home)	...	...	Lost	0—2
v. S.W.G.S. (away)	...	...	Lost	1—2
v. Charing Cross Hospital (home)	...	...	Won	3—0
v. Newport G.S. (away)	...	...	Lost	0—5
v. S.W.F.S. (away)	...	...	Won	4—0
v. Old Harlovians (home)	...	...	Won	4—2
v. S.W.G.S. (home)	...	...	Won	6—1
v. Newport G.S. (home)	...	...	Lost	2—6

v. Southgate Wanderers (away)	...	...	Lost	1—3
v. Old Chelmsfordians (away)	...	...	Draw	3—3
v. Earl's Colne G.S. (home)	...	...	Scratched	
v. Harlow Wednesday (home)	...	...	Draw	2—2
v. Charing Cross Hospital (away)	...	...	Won	2—1
v. Newport G.S. (home)	...	...	Lost	0—1
v. Southgate Wanderers (home)	...	...	Won	3—2
v. Old Chelmsfordians (home)	...	...	Lost	1—2
v. Harlow Wednesday (home)	...	...	Won	4—1
v. Earl's Colne G.S. (away)	...	...	Won	2—0
v. S.W.F.S. (home)	...	...	Scratched	
v. Newport G.S. (away)	...	...	Lost	0—1
v. Harlow Town Reserves (away)	...	...	Won	2—0

2nd XI, Under 15 XI, and Under 14 XI

v. Loughton 2nd XI (home)	...	...	Won	3—2
v. Woodford College 2nd XI (away)	...	...	Won	4—1
v. St. Andrew's School 2nd XI (home)	...	...	Won	13—1
v. Woodford College 2nd XI (home)	...	...	Lost	1—2
v. St. Andrew's School 2nd XI (away)	...	...	Won	3—2
v. Ongar School Under 15 XI (away)	...	...	Won	4—1
v. Churchgate St. School Under 15 XI (home)	...	...	Won	5—2
v. Ongar Under 15 XI (home)	...	...	Won	5—2
v. Fawbert & Barnards School				
		Under 14 XI (home)	Won	3—2
v. Churchgate St. School Under 15 XI (home)	...	...	Scratched	
v. Cranbrook College 2nd XI (home)	...	...	Won	3—1
v. Loughton 2nd XI (away)	...	...	Scratched	
v. Woodford College 2nd XI (away)	...	...	Lost	1—2
v. St. Andrew's School 2nd XI (away)	...	...	Won	8—0
v. Cranbrook College 2nd XI (away)	...	...	Won	3—2
v. St. Andrew's School 2nd XI (home)	...	...	Won	6—0
v. Woodford College 2nd XI (home)	...	...	Lost	1—5

The Under 12 XI has played two games against Waterside School, and won them both.

At home we won by 5 goals to 2, the scorers being Cullum 4, Heely 1.

The away game was a much closer affair, the School winning only by the odd goal in 5. The scorers were Cullum 2, Biss 1.

Chief Goal Scorers

1st XI.—Wykes 10, Snawdon 8, Thomas 6, Elliott 4.

2nd XI.—Owers 10, Elphick 8, Negri 7.

Under 15 and Under 14 XIs.—Browne 5, Elphick 4, Negri 3.

ESSEX COUNTY BADGES

Once again we have been fortunate enough to have a member of our 1st XI considered good enough to play for the county. Dellow, who played for the county last year, has this season obtained a star to his badge. He played in his old position of left half. It was unfortunate that the trial game was held on a Wednesday, when we had an important 1st XI fixture.

We were not able, therefore, to send any boys to this, and it was only through the courtesy of Mr. Hodd, of Sir George Monoux G.S., that Dellow was enabled to play. He displaced someone from a team already chosen, which is, I think, a certain and sure indication of his worth.

Well done, Dellow, and good luck to your soccer when you leave school!

PAST AND PRESENT

Real Old Boys' weather. Skies dull grey, and turf slippery from a morning shower. Obviously ball control was going to be difficult. Taking this into account and considering that the Old Boys' team consisted of units rather than a composite whole, their combination was good.

Within ten minutes they were one goal up, Chivers scoring from a scramble in the goal mouth. This success of the Old Boys, however, spurred the School to better work, and Curnock scored a good goal from a pass by Snawdon.

By this time the School were used to the slippery turf, and the greasy ball, and several times the Old Boys' goal had narrow escapes, but half-time came with the score still 1-1.

After a very short half-time owing to the likelihood of the light failing, the game commenced at a very fast pace, and it was not long before the School were two goals up. Nothing daunted, however, the Old Boys plugged away and reduced the arrears to one goal—Friend being the scorer.

With the score thus at 3-2 in favour of the School, the Old Boys played harder football, and victory for them could be visualized. The School defence, however, covered well, and the Old Boys' attack weakened. Then to make matters absolutely certain the School added another goal. This gave the School greater confidence, and they attacked for the few remaining minutes, but one further goal was scored. The final result, 4-2, fairly represented the play.

Old Boys' Team.—J. Henfrey; A. Radford, H. Minett; E. Friend, P. Compton, S. Browne; R. Prior, J. Langer, L. Barnes, J. French, J. Chivers.

SOCCER SIXES

As is usual, the second half of the Spring Term has been devoted to Soccer Sixes.

Each House ran three Soccer Sixes, and the final results were calculated not on the number of wins but on the ratio points for divided by points against. It is impossible owing to the lack of space to give a report of each game, but details will be found below.

1st	B v. N	B v. K	B v. R	K v. R	K v. N	N v. R
	0-9	0-4	0-9	0-9	0-4	1-1

1st Rodney	2nd Nelson	3rd Keyes	4th Beatty
19-1	14-1	4-13	0-22

2nd	B v. N	B v. K	B v. R	K v. R	K v. N	N v. R
	2-10	4-4	1-0	3-4	0-4	6-0

1st Nelson	2nd Beatty	3rd Keyes	4th Rodney
20-2	7-11	7-12	4-10

3rd	B v. N	B v. K	B v. R	K v. R	K v. N	N v. R
	9-0	2-0	6-9	0-2	8-5	0-1

1st Rodney	2nd Beatty	3rd Keyes	4th Nelson
12-6	17-9	8-9	5-18

As a whole the positions were as follows:—

1st Rodney	2nd Nelson	3rd Beatty	4th Keyes
35-17	39-21	24-42	19-34

SENIOR C.C.

As in the case of the Junior run, the Seniors had excellent weather.

Once again Beatty had the first man home, Elliott, and won the team race.

The first four home were in different houses, which made an exciting team race probable. This was not the case, however, as Beatty packed well, and the issue was soon settled.

Again the field was not a large one, only 36 runners turning out. Of these 36, 33 finished. Elphick, who ran as a Junior the previous week, finished 12th, a very creditable performance.

The time of 25 minutes dead was fair but was well outside the record.

The team points were the same as for the Junior event.

1st.—Beatty : 1, 5, 6, 7, 12, 15 = 46 pts.

2nd.—Rodney : 4, 8, 9½, 14, 16, 23 = 74½ pts.

3rd.—Keyes : 3, 5, 9½, 14, 16, 34 = 81 pts.

4th.—Nelson : 13, 17, 23, 27, 28, 29 = 137 pts.

JUNIOR C.C.

The Junior C.C. was run in almost summerlike conditions and the going was good.

The Houses ran six boys to a team, and the two day boy houses only just managed to raise a team with one over in the case of Rodney and two in the case of Keyes.

This is all right if no member of the team drops out, but it puts an extra responsibility on those who are already running for their house.

The winner was Elphick (Beatty), who was closely followed by Simons (Rodney), and after a short interval Dellow (Keyes) and Willmott i (Rodney). Beatty runners packed very well, and there was no doubt as to the winning team.

Below are the team positions :—

1st.—Beatty : 1, 6, 7, 8, 11 and 12 = 45 pts.

2nd.—Rodney : 2, 4, 10, 15, 19 and 21 = 71 pts.

3rd.—Keyes : 3, 5, 9, 14, 16 and 34 = 81 pts.

4th.—Nelson : 13, 17, 23, 27, 28 and 29 = 137 pts.



OLD HARLOVIANS

As recorded in another portion of the magazine, our Secretary, Miss P. L. Edwards, is desirous of retiring from her position as Secretary and on May 27th the Headmaster received a letter from her in which she definitely said she wished to give up her duties, owing to other local duties of a similar nature.

Mr. Dames, on behalf of the Association, expressed to her his deep gratitude for all that she had done for Old Harlovians of the past 15 years, for without her leadership the Association could not have continued and flourished as it has done.

It is now suggested that a Committee be formed, consisting of Old Harlovians representing the past thirty-five years : this Committee to elect a Secretary and to have entire management of the Old Harlovians Club.

The Headmaster feels that this is entirely the province of the Old Boys, and that a move must be made now in order that the Club may not dissolve, an event which, he feels, would not show the gratitude to Miss Edwards which they feel.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ragg, writing from their school in Portugal, report good progress in their work and much happiness despite the usual school reverses in their life there. Christopher is now four years old, talks willingly on everything, and sings in Latin, French, English and Portuguese. Mr. and Mrs. Ragg hope to visit Harlow this summer.

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Curnock is now in Devon, where he is to do some practical farming for a year or so, preparatory to going to an Agricultural College.

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H. Morgan-Gray is entering the R.A.F., and is at Ansty, near Coventry.

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Eric Vallé-Jones is thoroughly enjoying his voyage on the Motor Ship *Solarium*, of the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co. He has visited Hamburg and Rotterdam, been through the Suez Canal, Italian Somaliland, and wrote to us from Singapore, his destination then being Brisbane. His address is M/V *Solarium*, c/o Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., Gt. St. Helen's, Leadenhall Street, E.C.3.

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Linton i has joined the Regular Army as a private in the Royal Corps of Signals.

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Mr. Temple, our late Science Master, was married to Miss Esmé Claxon on the 2nd of April.

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Also on April 2nd, at Quetta, India, Major Colin Campbell-Whyte was married to Miss Violet Taff, of Hove, Sussex.

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At Plymouth, on April 23rd, Surgeon-Commander George Geoffrey Newman was married to Miss Joy Lindsay, of Plymouth.

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On February 11th, at Highfield, Frodsham, Mrs. W. Harvey Rintoul gave birth to a son.

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On Easter Sunday, at Charlton, Hitchin, Mrs. Lance S. Abbott gave birth to a son.

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A visitor to the School in May was Mrs. Donald Tompkinson who, as Miss Dorothy Saunders, B.A., did such good work during the war, teaching Mathematics and Science in the Upper School. For the past ten years she has been living in India. She hopes to return to England for good in 1943.

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From Busselton, Western Australia, we hear that Kemp Killerby continues to thrive in the business he has built up. He attributes his success, or at least a large part of it, to his school training here, and testifies once more to his affection for Mr. and Mrs. Horsey, Miss Jessie, and the School.

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Eric Peel-Yates (P.O. Box 3047, Johannesburg, S. Africa) writes to announce his visit to England.

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Kenneth Morris (56 Southbourne Grove, Westcliff-on-Sea) writes that his school Latin has stood him in good stead during his recent exams. for the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He also announces his engagement.

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John Seed, in the R.A.F., has been made Leading Apprentice, had a second good conduct stripe, and expects shortly to be made acting corporal.

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Harry Seed, quite recovered from his long illness, attends a technical college in London, and has passed his first exams. creditably.

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John Norris is studying mining in Southern Rhodesia.

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During the term the following visited the School: Watts, Deans, Bower ii.

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Maynard i has joined the London Rifle Brigade, where he has found Wells i.

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Tarling is an overseer on a tobacco plantation near Salisbury, S. Africa.

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G. G. Harris, writing from The School House, Highgate, tells us that he has passed the Higher School Certificate of the Oxford and Cambridge Joint Board in Mathematics with Chemistry as subsidiary subject. He holds responsible positions in the school, and this summer hopes to enter the Malay Police Force.

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Humphrey, while awaiting a post with a London firm, is fruit farming at Sevenoaks.

OLD HARLOVIANS' ASSOCIATION DINNER AND DANCE

The Annual Dinner and Dance of the Old Harlovians' Association was held on Saturday, March 19th, at the Palace Room, Palace Hotel, Bloomsbury.

The Headmaster presided at the dinner, accompanied by Mrs. Dames, and Mr. and Mrs. Horsey. After-dinner speeches were cut down to a minimum, consisting only of a few words from Mr. Horsey, who proposed the health of the School and its continued success, and a reply from Mr. Dames. The latter regretted the enforced absence of "Miss Jessie" who, he said, had been compelled, much against her wishes, to take a long rest consequent upon a breakdown. He read a telegram of good wishes from Miss Jessie, received during the dinner. He also regretted the absence of R. Leith and A. H. White, who had sent messages. After giving a brief résumé of the School's activities during the past year, Mr. Dames said that he was sorry to see the evening function rather

poorly attended, but he realized it was pointless to accuse those present of lack of enthusiasm! A greater response than that shown was due to Miss Phyllis Edwards for her untiring efforts to make the evening a success, a service which she had voluntarily given for the past fifteen years. Miss Edwards, he said, had a few weeks previously suggested that the time had come for her to retire from the position of secretary, but he had asked her to be so kind as to continue to give her most valuable help. But, Mr. Dames impressed on the Old Boys, a time would surely come when Miss Edwards would feel that she could no longer carry on, and then, he considered, was the time for the Old Boys to put their club on a proper footing. A school of the standing of Harlow College should have an Old Boys' Club such as exists in all public schools, administered entirely, in all its departments, by the Old Boys. It was not a matter for the School itself or for the Headmaster, who was responsible for the young boys, not the Old, but he assured them that he would give them every support from the College end, and persuade as many of the leaving boys as possible to join the club. The Old Boys owed a great debt of gratitude to Miss Edwards, and the best way to pay this debt was to see to it that the Association which she had founded and fostered should not die for lack of support. There were many Old Boys, he was sure, who had too great a love for the School to allow this to happen.

Mr. Dames concluded his remarks by renewing the invitation to all Old Boys to visit the School, where they would be welcomed, and urged them not to break the ties with their old School.

After the dinner the company adjourned while the room was prepared for the dance which followed and continued until shortly before midnight. The following Old Boys were present:—R. Adamson, H. Bristoll, E. Brazier, S. Browne, C. Barker, W. H. S. Curryer, R. Don, R. Deards, W. H. Hogg (present Staff), A. Fer, H. H. Hendin (pre-war Staff), J. Horder, E. Judd, C. Maynard, G. Tovey, G. Richmond, E. Wood.