

THE
HAND-BOOK
OF
THE CHOATE SCHOOL
1916 - 1917



PRESENTED BY
THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY

Scholarship

The standard of the School is extravagantly high. It will be well for new fellows to grasp this fact as soon as possible. The essence of a student is his work, and good work is one of the main qualifications for membership in this school. A boy who is wrapped up in his studies with a view to obtaining a high standard, provided he is not a "book-worm," will be appreciated and respected just as much as one who wins extra curriculum honors. The School does help any boy who is either naturally slow or needs personal attention. But neither the School nor the student body will suffer or dally with anyone who is a loafer and who does not care about his work.

ROOM GRADES

Fellows receiving either A or B in half their subjects and not less than C in the other half, are permitted to study in their rooms during the two evening study hours.

HONOR ROLL OR EXAMINATION GRADES

Fellows receiving an average mark of 80 per cent for the term in a subject are excused from the term examinations in that subject. No one, however, is exempt from the final examinations in June.

SECOND STUDY HALL GRADES

Fellows receiving for week mark a single E, or more than one D, are obliged to study in the Study Hall during the second evening period.

DETENTION.

Fellows failing in a subject during a morning's recitation are obliged to attend the Detention Period in the Study Hall forty-five minutes before dinner, either for personal work with a Master or for extra work on that subject. Detention is held also on Monday morning for those fellows who have failed during the week to make up deficiencies.

BOARD EXAMINATIONS

Board examinations are held at the School during the latter part of June. Special tutoring classes so arranged as to give each individual the work he most needs in preparation are held during the period of Board examinations. A charge of ten dollars is made to each fellow to cover all living expenses and tutoring for this period.

Prizes

The School Seal Prize is awarded to that member of the Sixth Form who by his scholarship and character has, in the opinion of the Masters, done most for

the School. This prize is the highest honor that the School can confer.

Prefectship is given to fellows, generally from the Sixth Form, who by reason of their maturity and honorable conduct, in the opinion of the Masters, can be helpful as a medium between the student body and the faculty in carrying on the student government.

In memory of the work and life and character of the School's first headmaster and co-founder, Mark Pitman, his daughters have given a scholarship of \$100, to be awarded annually to a boy who by his initiative and earnestness has contributed in a positive way to the School's standards and ideals.

Prizes of books are awarded to the fellow who has done best in each of the departments of study.

Cups are awarded for excellence in athletics and in dramatics; and for industry, good scholarship and honorable conduct in the Lower Forms.

The I. M. Meekins gold medal prize is awarded for excellence in oratory.

The Choate Athletic Association cup is awarded for excellence in tackling.

The Wallingford Country Club golf cup is open for competition to members of the School.

Other prizes will be mentioned in connection with the department they are offered.

Debating

The debating society consists of the Sixth Form and a number of fellows from the Fifth. Debates are held, four fellows competing at a time, once or twice a week, as circumstances permit. These debates are preserved in writing, and at their conclusion six fellows are chosen, from whom two teams are picked to compete in the final public debate during the commencement week. The members of the winning team are to have their names engraved upon a beautiful cup presented by a friend of the School.

Oratory

Public speaking is among the activities of the Sixth Form and of various members of the Fifth. At the close of the year fellows are chosen by the English department to compete in a public speaking contest during the commencement week. A gold medal is awarded annually by a friend of the School.

Athletics

The athletics of the School are divided into major and minor sports. Football, baseball and crew constitute the major sports, while basketball, hockey, tennis, track, golf, boxing, wrestling, and gymnasia-

nasium work the minor sports. The student body is divided into two clubs—the Gold and the Blue—which contend in all forms of sports during the year. Every fellow in School belongs to one or the other club. This club system, therefore, affords means for everyone to take part in athletics.

A thorough physical examination and measurement of every fellow is made yearly by a physician from the Yale University gymnasium. Only those fellows who are physically fit are permitted to take part in athletics. The records of these examinations are kept, and advice is then given as to special exercises to fit each individual case.

Every fellow in School is urged to try for as many kinds of sport as he can safely carry on.

FOOTBALL

Active training for the first team at the field begins a few days before School opens.

Coach—Mr. McOrmond.

Captain—A. B. Thompson, 1917.

Manager—C. C. Buckland, 1917.

BASEBALL

The regular practice begins a few days before the spring term in the gymna-

sium, until the condition of the diamonds permit it to be held outdoors.

Coach—Mr. Blagbrough.

Captain—H. A. Cooke, Jr., 1917.

Manager—N. P. Davis, 1917.

CREW

Light fall practice begins on the lake soon after School opens. Active training is resumed after Christmas in the gymnasium until the weather conditions permit practice on the lake.

Coach—Mr. Pirnie.

Captain—H. Wehr, 1917.

Manager—C. H. Haines, 1917.

TENNIS

The Tennis Club is an organization of all those fellows who are interested in tennis or who wish to support the team. The courts are under the supervision and care of this organization. An annual tournament for singles and doubles in three classes (Seniors, Juniors and Midgets) is held in the spring term, cups being offered to the winners.

President—To be elected.

Secretary and Treasurer—To be elected.

Practice is held regularly, both in the fall and spring terms, for those trying for this team.

Coach—Mr. Ayers.

Captain—To be elected.

Manager—To be elected.

GOLF

The members of the Upper Forms are permitted to join the Wallingford Country Club, and to use its excellent nine-hole course. The Club is about ten minutes' walk from the School. Two tournaments are held each year, cups being offered as prizes. The dues are \$15.00 a year, besides an initiation fee of \$5.00.

HOCKEY

Candidates are called out the first day the ice is good on the outdoor rink. Besides the games of the regular team, a series is also arranged between the Gold and Blue.

Coach—Mr. Hemenway.

Captain—To be elected.

Manager—E. W. Hatch, 1918.

BASKETBALL

A series of basketball games between the Gold and Blue is played during the winter term in the gymnasium by all three classes—Seniors, Juniors and Midgets.