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O.E. MEMBERSHIP

The Old Edwardians' Association exists primarily to maintain touch between the School and Old Boys and contacts between Old Boys of different periods.

This purpose is served mainly through Honorary Membership, which carries with it the right to wear Old Edwardians' colours and to receive twice a year the *Old Edwardians' Gazette*, with news of the School and of Old Edwardians.

The Association exists in the second place—a function whose importance has increased now the School is no longer in New Street—to provide a centre for Old Edwardians. The aim of the Association is that Old Boys living in Birmingham or passing through Birmingham may be able to meet friends in the Club Rooms—which provide all the amenities of the Ordinary Social Club.

To attain this end there **must** be a large Membership, apart from Honorary Membership, a membership of Old Boys using the Club Rooms. To secure this, the cost of full membership is carefully graduated.

The following is a list of the grades of Membership with the subscriptions:

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

For Members residing within 25 miles of the Club Building	£4 4 0
But until the expiration of three years from the date of leaving School	1 10 0
and then for the next 4 years	3 3 0
Country Members	1 0 0
All University Members	0 10 0
Honorary Members not less than	0 10 0

NOTE.—These amounts are reduced by half to Members joining after 1st July in any year, except in the case of University Members and Honorary Members, whose subscriptions are payable in full at any time.

N. J. F. CRAIG,

K. B. TAYLOR,

Joint Hon. Secs.

KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL CLUB

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL CLUB (which includes a subscription to the *SCHOOL CHRONICLE*) is open to all Old Edwardians and to parents of boys in the School, and friends of the School, at a subscription of not less than five shillings per annum. It affords to Old Boys a means of keeping in touch with the School and at the same time of giving support to the School Club. Subscriptions should be made payable to "King Edward's School Club" and sent to the Hon. Treasurer at the School.



Standing (left to right) :

J. L. WILKINS, R. BARRACLOUGH, O. S. WHEATLEY, B. C. HOMER, J. W. YOUNG, J. HUTCHINGS.

Seated (left to right) :

B. A. HISCOX,
(1950)

P. A. GOUGH,
(1949-50, *Vice-Capt.*)

A. J. HOMER,
(1948-49-50, *Capt.*)

F. B. REVILL,
(1950)

D. H. BENSON.

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EDITORIAL

VARIOUS ages have, of course, judged the morals of their citizens by divers' criteria, but even so there is something unusual about the community which demands that its members should, if they are to be respected, do neither more nor less than "face the facts." In the raucous pseudo-American of the cinema, in the hysterical clamour of the daily press and in the elegantly disinterested (disinterested, mark you) Oxford accent of the B.B.C., we are ceaselessly reminded of this murder, that theft, sacrilege here, rape there, snow in the west, war in the east—always news, news, bringing with it care that unravels the knitted sleeve of sleep and, in the words of Mr. Belloc, all the rest of it.

Nor is this morbid preoccupation with the more unsavoury affairs of the world confined to the millions who pace the dreary miles of our rain-sodden streets. Even the aesthetic tranquillity of Upper Corridor, usually disturbed only by the muffled rumblings of distant explosions and the elegant circumlocutions of George Macanlay Trevelyan is now shattered daily by high-pitched voices raised in argument and discussion of the latest battles in Korea or the latest how d'you do in Berlin; even the elite of the sixth form, "the cream (albeit dehydrated) of the brains" are educating themselves to become better world citizens and striving to separate the curds from the whey with the souring acidity of the *New Statesman and Nation* and the *Weekly Abstract of Statistics*.

Desirable as it may (or may not) be that the (allegedly) enlightened should be acquainted with the history of to-day and tomorrow: as well as of yesterday it is deplorable that "the-youth-of-to-day-in-whose-hands-rests-the-security-of-the-future" should become a generation of political monomaniacs or of conference-attending introverts self-consciously settling in debate arguments which have long been washed away in the blood of their contemporaries. Unfashionable as escapism is, and in spite of the sneer implied by the words "ivory tower," we must admit that we yearn for the days when even Wordsworth was a greater man than the writer of the front page of the *Daily Express*; when the conflict between classicism and romanticism was considered mere-worthy of attention than the conflict between the United States of America and George III (or is it Marshal Stalin these days?);

when Mr. Bevin was less talked of than Catiline and stones were only stolen from Scotland. We mourn unashamedly the departure of that esoteric *libertinage* which only yesterday characterized the Arts forms; we feel we must laugh (a little hollowly, it must be confessed) at the grotesque seriousness which is so proudly affected by the fashionable and, as we reach for our well-thumbed copy of *Stella and the Fairies* we mentally add to our list of New Year resolutions the determination to read no newspapers published later than 1848, and to deny (for as long as possible) the existence of Stalin, Korea, the B.B.C. or what-have-you. Faintly we hear a voice calling to us to welcome joy and feast, midnight shout and revelry and to braid our locks with rosy twine. A little extrovert for these days perhaps, but we always had a sneaking admiration for Comus and anyway what *hath* night to do with sleep.

NOTES AND NEWS

School Diary

The Summer term ended on Thursday, 27th July, with the first Annual Prefects' Summer Ball. Harassed financiers predicted that it would also be the last, but a dubious balance sheet eventually announced a profit of six shillings and sixpence.

The Autumn term began on Thursday, September 14th, and ended on Friday, December 15th. Half-term was taken on Saturday, 4th, and Monday, 6th November. The end of term was marked (after the breaking-up service) by a rendering on the school organ. The organist, who also played "A White Christmas," will remain for ever anonymous. It is doubtful whether the School Captain will march on more than one other occasion to the tune which accompanied his exit from Big School.

On Friday, September 22nd, the General Committee of the School Club met to elect its Officers and Committees for the year. At this meeting the Natural History Society was affiliated to the Club.

Speech Day was held in fine weather on Wednesday, 4th October. The Bailiff (W. Byng Kenrick, Esq.) presented the prizes and addressed the School. Unfortunately B. A. Hiscox was not present to receive the Bache Memorial Cup, but the Head Master presented

the Dale Memorial Medal to G. F. B. Laughland, last year's School Captain.

Founder's Day was observed, as usual, on Thursday, October 12th.

On Friday, October 6th, the School was honoured with a visit from Field Marshal Lord Montgomery. The Field Marshal inspected the three Contingents of the C.C.F. and afterwards addressed the School and Staff from the platform of Big School. He was then conducted round the buildings by the Head Master, after having taken tea in the Head Master's Study. During the course of his speech, the Field Marshal asked the Head Master if he would grant the School a holiday. This was taken directly after Half-Term, on Tuesday, November 7th. A more permanent memorial of this great occasion is to be found in the Library, where an autographed copy of Lord Montgomery's book "Normandy to the Baltic" may now be seen.

The Foundation Service, which was attended by all the schools of the Foundation, was held in St. Martin's Parish Church at 5 o'clock on Tuesday, October 10th. The sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham, the Rt. Rev. E. W. Barnes, D.D.

On Friday, November 10th, a distinguished Old Edwardian, Mr. K. P. Tynan, addressed the Literary Society on the subject of "Trends in the Modern Theatre." The meeting was attended by an enthusiastic audience which included an unusual number of members of the Staff.

The School surrendered the Siviter-Smith Cup when the fifteen lost to Bromsgrove by three points to nil, on Saturday, November 15th. This was the first and only defeat at the hands of another school which the team met with during the Christmas term. The match, which was played away from home, was fought out in torrential rain. Over two hundred members of the School braved the elements on the touchline.

A Joint Debate with K.E.G.H.S. was held in Big School on Wednesday, October 11th. The motion, "This House thinks that good government is no substitute for self-government" was proposed by Miss Brenda Meads and opposed by J. B. Gottschalk. The motion was carried by a substantial majority.

The Debating Society once again resumed its fixture with the Staff. The Head Master proposed the motion: "This House regrets the Government's handling of the Sheffield Peace Congress." He was opposed by W. H. Babb, Esq. J. de C. Ling and G. T. Lyall were the respective seconders. This motion also was carried by a large majority.

An exhibition of the great French Impressionists was held in the Art Gallery during the last week in November. The exhibition consisted of a series of reproductions with explanatory matter underneath, showing the development and divergencies of this important School.

A Joint Dance with K.E.G.H.S. was held on the evening of December 14th in the Hall of the Girls' School. Dancing began at 7-30 and ended at 11-30. Financially and socially, the event was a success.

Scholarships

We congratulate:

J. C. Field on being elected to a Brackenbury Scholarship at Balliol College, Oxford.

F. L. Jenkins on being elected to an Open Scholarship in Natural Science at St. John's College, Oxford.

R. A. Tomlinson, on being elected to a Minor Scholarship in Classics at St. John's College, Cambridge.

H. G. Brierley, on being elected to a Minor Scholarship in Mathematics and Physics at King's College, Cambridge.

P. K. Harber, on being elected to a Minor Scholarship in Modern Languages at Christ's College, Cambridge.

E. H. G. Chitham, on being elected to an Open Exhibition in Classics at Jesus' College, Cambridge.

T. H. Keeley, on being elected to an Open Exhibition in Classics at Exeter College, Oxford.

We congratulate:

A. P. Batson, P. K. Harber, F. L. Jenkins, M. J. Morris, P. R. Purser and R. A. Tomlinson, on being awarded State Scholarships.

L. H. Armstrong, E. H. G. Chitham, D. C. Duckworth, J. C. Field, J. B. Gottschalk, G. R. Green, F. St. J. Hetherington, A. W. Hill, G. T. Lyall, S. Middleburgh, M. J. Morris, P. R. Purser, A. D. S. Roberts, J. A. Veitch and M. A. Woodhouse, on being awarded City of Birmingham Major Scholarships.

A. P. Batson, P. K. Harber, D. J. Heacock, F. L. Jenkins, R. A. Tomlinson and J. A. Tooth, on being awarded Honorary City of Birmingham Major Scholarships.

D. Alexander, M. W. W. Athey, A. T. Atkinson, J. D. Bence, V. N. Bingham, H. S. Briscoe, J. D. Cowan, M. C. Dodd, R. Gilbraith, M. V. Gosney, P. Harling, M. A. Harper, J. W. E. Kaighin, T. H. Keeley, B. D. Lambourn, A. J. Lancaster, G. L. Roberts, I. D. Sandilands, J. R. Talbot, G. J. Tayar, I. D. Thompson, D. C. Ward, A. R. C. Westwood, G. G. Yardley and D. J. Young, on being awarded City of Birmingham Exhibitions.

D. J. Heacock, J. A. Tooth and M. A. Woodhouse, on being awarded Birmingham University Entrance Scholarships.

P. T. Chaydoir, on being awarded a Birmingham University Entrance Exhibition.

R. M. Molesworth, on being awarded a Chemical Engineering Scholarship at Birmingham University.

The Governors and Staff

The Bailiff of the Foundation for this year is W. Byng Kenrick, Esq. This is the third time Mr. Kenrick has held the office.

We congratulate B. A. Thomas, Esq., on his appointment as a Governor of the School.

Miss Warner, Assistant Secretary to the Head Master, left at Half-term. We wish her well in her new appointment. We are pleased to welcome in her place Miss R. J. Davies.

Prefects

We congratulate G. T. LYALL on his appointment as Vice-Captain of the School.

We congratulate the following on their appointment as Prefects:

In September:

J. M. S. ARNOTT, Secretary of Geographical Society; Flight-Sergeant in C.C.F.

(*Mr. Williams' House.*)

J. K. BEAN. (*Mr. Porter's House.*)

V. N. BINGHAM, House Secretary.

(*Mr. Burgess' House.*)

A. J. K. DORE. (*Mr. Burgess' House.*)

J. D. GILES, House Secretary.

(*Mr. Leeds' House.*)

F. L. JENKINS, Secretary of Scientific Society. (*Mr. Porter's House.*)

G. A. TAPLIN, House Secretary.

(*Mr. Kay's House.*)

M. J. THOMAS, Secretary of Natural History Society; C.S.M. in C.C.F.

(*Mr. Burgess' House.*)

J. F. WAINWRIGHT, Secretary of Eton Fives. (*Mr. Williams' House.*)

In December:

A. J. LANCASTER, Secretary of Athletics.

(*Mr. Burgess' House.*)

In January:

J. C. FIELD. (*Mr. Kay's House.*)

W. G. G. LINDLEY. (*Mr. Leeds' House.*)

J. de C. LING, School Librarian; Secretary of Modern Language Society.

(*Mr. Porter's House.*)

R. A. TOMLINSON, Secretary of Archaeological Society; A.S.M. in Scouts.

(*Mr. Burgess' House.*)

The following Prefects left at the end of last term:

T. H. KEELEY (1943-50): Prefect, 1950;

2nd XV Colours, 1949-50-51; 2nd XI

Colours, 1950; School Fives Colours, 1949-50-

51; Secretary of Fives, 1950; Captain of

Fives, 1950; School Librarian, 1950;

Secretary of Archaeological Society, 1949-50;

House Secretary, 1950; House Captain of

Cricket, 1950; House Captain of Fives,

1949-50; Exhibitioner of Exeter College,

Oxford. (*Mr. Biggs' House.*)

R. M. BROWN (1944-50): Prefect, 1950;

2nd XV Colours, 1949-50; 1st XV Colours,

1949-50-51; 2nd XI Colours, 1950; Secretary

of Tennis, 1950; Recorder of the School

Club, 1950; House Captain of Cricket, 1950;

House Captain of Tennis, 1948-49-50.

(*Mr. Williams' House.*)

V. N. BINGHAM (1947-50): Prefect, 1950;
A.S.M. in Scouts, 1949-50; House Secretary,
1950; House Captain of Chess, 1949.

Colours

We congratulate:

G. T. Lyall, J. Hutchings, G. A. Taplin,
J. D. Giles, F. B. Revill, J. F. Wainwright,
R. M. Brown and J. K. Bean, on being
re-awarded School Rugger Colours;

A. J. Lancaster, G. R. Green, J. A. Veitch,
D. B. Hill, J. L. Eaton and T. H. Wilden, on
being awarded School Rugger Colours;

F. B. Revill and B. A. Hiscox, on being
awarded School Cricket Colours;

B. A. Hiscox, D. H. Benson, B. C. Homer,
R. Barraclough, J. Hutchings, J. L. Wilkins,
O. S. Wheatley and C. M. Edwards, on being
awarded School Cricket Blazers;

C. M. Edwards, T. H. Keeley, C. G. B.
Nicholas, N. Sankarayya, J. D. Giles, R. M.
Brown and D. R. Howarth, on being awarded
School 2nd XI Colours;

J. Westbrook and P. Harling, on being
re-awarded School Shooting Colours;

C. M. Edwards and R. B. Somerset, on
being awarded School Shooting Colours;

A. J. G. Campbell and J. F. Wainwright,
on being re-awarded School Fives Colours;

P. A. Gough, on being awarded School Fives
Colours;

M. N. Barker, A. B. MacNab and D. E.
Lloyd, on being re-awarded School Chess
Colours;

K. W. Lloyd, on being awarded School
Chess Colours;

A. J. Homer and P. A. Gough on being
selected to play and B. C. Homer on his
selection as twelfth man for the Warwickshire
Public Schools' Cricket XI, 1950.

School News

We congratulate J. D. Bence and E. M.

Jubb on their safe return from the regions of

the midnight sun to this land of unlit shop-

windows. We were disappointed to find that

these two, who were selected to go on the

Public Schools' Exploration Society's Ex-

pedition to Northern Norway last summer,

had no snow on their boots when they

returned, but they assure us that they had a

drink with a Lapp and actually shook hands

with an Igloo.

We recall that the School XV match

against the Staff, originally arranged to take

place on Thursday, December 14th, was

finally cancelled. Whether this cancellation

was made out of consideration for the dancing

members of the XV (the date being also that

of the Joint Dance) or out of deference to the

XV's alarmingly good record in the first half

of the season, must remain a matter for

speculation.

We observe with interest the mild attack of

artistic scarlet fever that has recently seized

the School. Posters, dance tickets and

Christmas cards alike seem victims of this strange outbreak, which we can only hope is no part of any biological warfare being waged by a certain foreign power.

We find ourselves intrigued by the strange creations sprouting at the back of the stage in Big School, where scenery for the Dramatic Society's production of "The Tempest" is being constructed. With Mr. R. G. Crow producing and M. S. McLean designing the sets we feel that when the play is finally staged on Tuesday, January 23rd, and the following Thursday, Friday and Saturday it will prove of great interest and entertainment value.

It is with some concern that we must record a rise in price of the tea served in the Dining Hall on whole school days. Although such an occurrence is nothing new in these difficult times, we are doubly unfortunate in that, not being members of a Union, we are unable to demand any wage increase to offset this added economic burden.

For a considerable step forward in the slow process of "humanising" the School buildings we are much indebted to the Head Master and Governors, by whose generosity curtains of a rich floral design now soften the dour monasterial lines of the Prefects' Room. We regret that apart from oblique glimpses obtainable from the windows of Upper Corridor the main body of the School will have to take this artistic triumph for granted; however, the School Captain's Room is similarly decorated, and the names of those deemed worthy to witness it will appear on the Prefects' Notice Board in due course.

While on the subject of brightening the school buildings we must acknowledge the constant efforts in this direction being made by the Art Department, whose works are infiltrating slowly but surely through the length and breadth of the school. We might also mention that on our periodic visits to the Art Room we have observed with interest the steady growth and near-completion of a large pastoral scene executed on wall-boarding. Presumably the intention is to hang this in the Art Exhibition Room, but we might point a tentative figure at many blank spaces on many walls within the school which would be improved (so we dare to think) by the addition of appropriate mural designs.

The long-standing problem of overcrowding within the School has finally led to the annexation of the Cleaners' Room below the Gymnasium and its conversion to "Room 19." Mopping-up operations are, we trust, proceeding as usual from some new headquarters.

Introspection being the height of fashion we may conclude by observing that the CHRONICLE has undergone a change of publishing date, emerging shortly after, instead of shortly before, Christmas. Not being an experienced psychologist, however,

we hesitate to predict whether this is a permanent change in the scheme of things, and whether it is for better or worse we leave for the School at large to judge.

We congratulate Lieut.-Colonel S. E. A. Anthony, Royal Signals, who has been awarded the O.B.E. for distinguished service in North-West Europe. He was a very well-known rugby player in the years before the last war, being a captain of the Old Edwardians, and playing for Leicester, the North Midlands and in English international trials.

Mr. F. W. Mottershead has been appointed an Under-Secretary in the Admiralty. He took first-class honours in mathematics at St. John's College, Cambridge, and joined the Admiralty in 1934.

Colonel J. K. A. Robertson has been appointed to the joint office of Clerk to the Governors and Bursar of Solihull School. He began a distinguished military career at Sandhurst and served with the Black Watch during the war.

OBITUARY

R. P. Moseley

ROBERT Moseley's death, in an accident on October 5th, came as a sad shock to all those who knew him.

Moseley came to the School in September, 1946, and was placed in Remove "C" and Mr. Dunt's House. His academic progress up the school was without incident and he was in the History Division at the time of his death.

His activities outside school hours were many and varied. Although he played Football and Cricket strenuously and courageously for his House's First Team, his greatest interest lay, perhaps, in Athletics. He showed promise in this direction as he won the 880 yds. (Intermediate) and came in second in both the Cross Country race and the Five Mile walk. He joined the C.C.F. and after being rated Leading Seaman in the Royal Naval Section, took on the thankless task of Section Armourer, which he performed with his customary energy.

It was, however, as Secretary of the Junior Debating Society that his personality found its most characteristic expression. For it is by his personal qualities of gaiety and enthusiasm that those who knew him will best remember him, and here they found full play.

The School can ill spare such a zealous son and his friends will miss a loyal and cheerful companion.

Canon Stuart Blofeld

It is with great regret that we announce the death on August 19th of Canon Stuart Blofeld, a governor of the Foundation and a former Bailiff. Devonshire born, he was educated at

King Edward VI School, Nuneaton, and London University, where he graduated both in Arts and Science. Ordained in 1901, he came to Birmingham in 1909 as principal of Sattley Training College. In 1914 he was appointed examining Chaplain to the then Bishop of Birmingham, a position which he continued to hold under Dr. Barnes. A year later he was appointed a Honorary Canon of Birmingham Cathedral.

Becoming Vicar of Edgbaston in 1923, he continued to share fully in the life of the diocese and the city; he was a life governor of Birmingham University, a Rotarian, and sometime Chairman of the Birmingham Amateur Dramatic Federation. His interests were, however, by no means confined to Birmingham; any organization for the promotion of international good-will had his ready support, and he was keenly interested in the work of the Church overseas. By his death Birmingham has lost one of its best known and best liked citizens.

We extend our sympathy to his widow and children.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor, K.E.S. CHRONICLE.
SIR,

May I make known through your columns the School's desire to procure a complete collection of photographs of every year's XV and XI; it is proposed to hang them in a prominent place in the School, and Old Edwardians will render service and acquire merit by presenting to the School photographs to fill the gaps.

The years required are as under:

Football: Any year up to 1891-92 inclusive, except 1880-81; 1895-96 to 1904-05 inclusive; 1906-07 to 1909-10 inclusive; 1912-13; 1914-15; 1915-16; 1919-20; 1920-21; 1921-22; 1923-24; 1924-25; 1927-28; 1931-32; 1932-33; 1936-37; 1938-39 to 1945-46 inclusive; 1947-48; 1948-49.

Cricket: Any year up to 1927 inclusive, except 1889, 1891, 1895, 1904, 1906, 1911, 1918 and 1919; 1933; 1937; 1939 to 1947 inclusive.

Will those who are disposed to help please write to me, T. H. Keeley, King Edward's School, Birmingham, 15, giving particulars of the photographs or photographs they are willing to present.

I remain,
Your obedient servant,
T. H. KEELEY.

To the Editor, K.E.S. CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,

It is a recognized fact that the many and varied societies which we are so fortunate as to possess are an important part of the life in this School. It is also recognized by the

society secretaries that the meetings do not as a whole have enough support from the members. This is partly due to inadequate publicity. The Art Society valiantly produces posters which are tucked neatly away on an ill-lit notice board in the upper corridor where few people can see them. The fact of their poor publicity has been further emphasized during the last few months by a daily crop of disreputable-looking blackboards clustering around the porter's lodge. The entrance hall to the School is disgraceful enough without these unpleasant-looking notices to attract the attention of the visitor. Surely it would be possible to put the society notice board in some more prominent position?

I remain,
Your obedient servant,
M.S.M.

To the Editor, K.E.S. CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,

From out the hallowed spot of these unholy Fens where life pursues its course of buoyant cheerfulness and where frivolity and solemnity meet, within an ancient discipline, we, your fellows of former day, send greetings. Hoary heads, lined with the glory of another time, surrounded by the fresh flowers, snatched from a war Monarch or gathered new from your sweet bosom, together pronounce paternal benedictions—and indeed, Sir, wish you a most pleasant New Year.

C. F. FIGURES (Pem), of Russian learning and suspended ambitions, whose friends are Rugger Blues; E. J. HOOD (John's), with all the weight of years (and beers) and all the poetry which knits us with a tie; D. K. MCGOWAN (Caths), whose delightful spouse and cheerful countenance compose a geniality, unruffled by the crippling luck of fearsome scum; G. N. HACKETT (Jes), who dons the mask of Mediaeval mystery to follow Death as awful Misery; G. DARBY (Sidney), whose dazzling figure has lost itself, alas! to love and alchemy; J. B. BOOTH (Caius), intoxicated with the joys of squash and cider; G. A. KNOTT (Caths), that intrepid follower of truth and notoriety and P. BERWICK (Jes), whose timid beauty none dare violate... these all salute you.

Close behind this blessed mass of strength and wit comes M. J. APPS (Pem), bearing high aloft candle, book and oar and calling, with T. B. ANDERSON (John's)—that dear Scot who pipes, with curious joy, on organs other than his own—the tune for Tudor revelry, while C. R. REESE (John's), that fiery Welshman, pays the piper. And R. W. HERON (Caths), whose fleet feet competed in the Marathon of conflicting blues and whose pious heart has fallen full for Mother Church and Lady Poverty, with J. E. H. CROYDON (Selwyn), inflamed by holy Charity, letting loose his gangs of frenzied poppy bearers to fill anew the

coffers of an ancient Earl, P. B. BRYAN (Selwyn), shouting aloud in dialects of many nations, with the joys of full-required love, G. WHITMARSH (Trinity), humming from a dour face, the joys of precious history; D. K. PARSONS (Magdalene), rejoicing in the College, which, through Indian travail, brought forth a flying Chancellor, all take up the strain, while H. B. GOTTSCHALK (P'thouse), pulls the strings, with lusty earnestness, and guides his boat and his pupil B. H. JUDD (P'thouse) across the path of blue-boats. Prominent, if in the rear, comes that benevolent Socialist, J. M. B. MOSS (Trinity), shouting Union wise-cracks from his well-run tram.

Nor are the less certain tones of newer men quite lost. B. H. LAISTER (John's), yellow-breasted, but wound up with the bloody scarf of heady House, with D. J. MCK. FORD (John's), still flinging far the red bricks of another place and E. J. ANDREWS (Queen's), new returned from riding far in foreign parts and B. K. MUNTON (Pem), whose tranquil speech, hides a heart of foul indiscipline, and many others of no lesser fame, join with us to bid you, care not for kicks and ha'pence, and strive to win the scholar's crown (the quickest way here). We wish you at all events, a most pleasant New Year.

We beg to remain, Sir,

Your obedient servants,
CANTABRIGENSES.

To the Editor, K.E.S. CHRONICLE.

SIR,

Much have we been troubled about the "moribund, middle-of-the-road outlook" so preponderant at Oxford. We have seen many goodly statements, but not till we heard "Cherwell" speak out loud and bold calling for "serious rebels" (*sic*)—"Cherwell's" so frightfully sic-making, don't you think?—serious rebels, scotchers of the wise to hide this worm's-eye view, did we gaze at Oxford men with a wild surmise. Oxford, you know, is the home of lost cortex. You may have been round many Western centres of civilization, but you won't have found a more mortal, more moderate set than us, swaying slightly on the white line and tottering to destruction amid the trumpeting traffic of the High.

This year's President of the Genista Club is P. S. McLEAN (Wadham), who divides his time between denying what was said about him in this column two years ago and catching the dew that fell from J. J. PEARCE (Pennsylvania). He is chary of publicity, and when Genista met to entertain Mr. and Mrs. Howarth and the School Captain to sherry, it was he who baffled *Picture Post* reporters by diverting the party from the Oscar Wilde Room to the No. 2 Dining Room in Magdalen. Despite the efforts of the Treasurer, F. W. WRIGHT (Lincoln), to wring the last drops from every bottle, the dregs eventually found

their way to Christ Church. G. F. B. LAUGHLAND (Christ Church), Secretary, acted as revels-advocate.

Also at Christ Church is G. C. WEEKS, a House-trained Squirrel, who extended his hospitable indulgence to the School Captain during his week-end in Oxford. At a stone's throw as the pelican flies lives J. R. HARRISON (Corpus), who is distinguished from R. D. HARRISON (New College) by several hairs' breadth. And at Magdalen dwells another scientific brain beneath the bowler hat of E. WATSON, who rows ardently to fame. Pilgrim A. J. LIPITT and pilgrim-father C. S. LEWIS regress together at the same college.

Solomon-wise, A. SUTHERLAND (Balliol) promotes "madly gay" luncheon parties for socialists, socialites, charlatans, smarties, arties, and Chilean plenipotentiaries. Prominent at these Balliol barbecues, as at the Experimental Theatre Club, is the lyrical genius composed of ivory music by S. MYERS (Balliol) and ebony words by D. A. COLLIS (Jesus). M. J. DAVISON (Clarinet, New College) is another musician who performs with the "Statu Pupillari Stompers" at The Perch on Fridays.

That very unfortunate man, P. R. HARDWICK (Jesus), is Secretary of the Hong Kong Club. At the same college, P. A. JONES, unfairly dubbed "the Severn bore," has charted the Tewkesbury rivers and now plots to get married and live in a house-boat. D. J. G. SELLS (Lincoln) remains single and lives in a boat-house. Already well established in their respective Unions, Oxford and Rugby, M. SHOCK (Balliol) and J. H. POOLE (Lincoln) are two of that diminishing race, the married undergraduates. S. J. (Half-blue) BLOOD (Keble) is Secretary of Swimming and still slicker than water; his colleague, A. J. COOKE, consoles himself with manual labour. C. W. GOLBY (Worcester), striving to acquire and beget a temperance, outgolbies Golby; K. PEARCE is developing slowly in one of the Worcester camerae. At Wadham, since the death of Bernard Shaw, J. RODWAY feels his age—J. G. PARDOE and J. D. MOUNTFORD feel it too.

Morituri, in media via, te salutamus.

OXONIENSES.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

To the Editor, K.E.S. CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,

Can anybody offer accommodation to a well-behaved ghost? In these hard times, we know, it is difficult enough to find room for the aspidistras, ha-has, gazebos and other wild fowl that were wont to ply their inoffensive way over the ornamental pools of England's stately mansions. Only the other day true nature lovers were shocked to read in their morning newspapers that the genuine Welsh Dragon who advertised a famous inn

on the Land's End to John o' Groats road (named appropriately enough "The Saracen's Head") by perching on the roof and performing original conjuring tricks, was forcibly destroyed because, as its owner said, "we can't afford to feed it." We can therefore appreciate the position of this country's old-established ghosts. It is true that they do not require feeding, being perfectly capable of fending for themselves in that direction, but they are experiencing increasing difficulty, in

view of the occupation of their ancestral homes by insensitive bureaucrats, in finding space in which to carry out their traditional pursuits. In fact, they have threatened to emigrate *en bloc* to America.

Sir, we must preserve our ghosts at all costs. Should any of your readers be willing to assist the fund to provide homes for displaced ghosts, their contributions will be most gratefully received by the author of this touching appeal.

R. A. TOMLINSON.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—GENERAL REPORT

THE current season was begun with an optimism which has, on the whole, been justified. Nine colours still remained with us, and as five of them were forwards, we looked to the pack to reproduce the consistent scrummaging which had been a feature of the previous season's play. The apparent desire of the forwards to play with the three-quarters rather than for them resulted in the backs, after their initial success against weak teams, being starved of the ball and consequently having to concentrate on defence. It is the quick heel from the loose when in attack that gives one's three-quarters the best chance of exploiting defensive weakness, and it has been just this lack of intelligent application to its task that has been the only major fault in the side.

In defence the team has been admirable, the covering of the forwards having improved out of all recognition. In attack, the three-quarters have sometimes been a little indecisive, and they should learn to time their passes better after having made an opening. The pack has heeled the ball from the set-scrums consistently if sometimes slowly. This fault can only be eradicated by everyone watching the ball all the time—surely the golden rule of all ball games—and the most neglected. In the line-out most of the work has been left to one man, and our success in this sphere is no small compliment to him; backing up in attack has been excellent and has led to many tries.

The Second XV is having a successful season, attributable to good team-work rather than to individualism. It is refreshing to be able to forego the traditional dismissal of this team as being a ripe blend of youth and inexperience.

The "Under 16" XV has had its ups and downs, but contains a wealth of talent that will stand us in good stead in the next year or two. The "Under 15" XV has been disappointing, owing both to its smallness and to the calls made upon it by its "elder brother." The "Under 14" XV is flourishing, we hear, and that there is such keen competition for places in it augurs well for the future.

We feel unable to express in words our thanks to Mr. Parry for his untiring zeal in coaching and advising the XV, and for his cheerfulness on and off the field. To Mr. Osborne must go our admiration in the way he has moulded his "Under 16" XV from the still too limited material at his disposal. We commend Mr. Sacret and Mr. Cook for their never-ending toils in the field of "Colts" football, and extend our gratitude to Mr. Buttle for his efficient organization of the compulsory rugby scheme for Upper Middles, Removes and Shells. We thank A. J. Gardner and W. K. Bache for their services in "running the lines" for the First and Second XV's respectively. We are grateful to all those masters and boys who have refereed and helped to train the various teams. Last, but by no means least, we should like to thank the Head Master for his unfailing kindness and support, without whom we would be as the ship without its helmsman.

J. A. HARVEY,

Captain of Rugby Football.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

SCHOOL XV v. SOLIHULL SCHOOL. *Home. Won 34-0.*

Played on Saturday, September 30th.

Conditions were very un-September-like, the match being played in pouring rain. The School backs mastered the conditions extremely well, and Hill, using his lightness and balance to good effect, made many openings in a none-too-sure defence. Lyall ran strongly on the right wing and was unlucky not to have scored more than his two tries. Hill also scored two tries, Lancaster, Veitch, Revill, Eaton and Brown one each, whilst Revill converted two tries and kicked a penalty goal.

SCHOOL XV v. RATCLIFFE COLLEGE. *Home. Won 30-3.*

Played on Saturday, October 7th.

A rather even battle forward was fought, but outside the School were far superior. The feature of this match was the brilliant running of Lancaster on the left wing which earned him four tries. Hill, Wainwright and Harvey also scored tries. Ratcliffe scored an unconverted try during a short rally in the second half. Revill converted three tries and kicked a penalty goal. In reply Ratcliffe scored one try.

SCHOOL XV v. OAKHAM SCHOOL. *Home. Won 23-0.*

Played on Tuesday, October 10th.

The School won this game, not because of their ability to make openings in the Oakham defence, but by their ability to cash in on any mistake made. The forwards backed up very well, and Revill's place kick seemed to have returned to its accuracy of the previous season. Lancaster, Lyall, Taplin and Veitch scored tries. Revill converted one and kicked three penalty goals.

SCHOOL XV v. R.G.S., WORCESTER. *Home. Won 43-6.*

Played on Saturday, October 14th.

Straight from the kick-off the School went into the attack, and a well-timed pass by Hill enabled Veitch to run through and score. A mere procession followed, and the School were 30 points up at half-time. In the second half the home forwards were conspicuous in their attempts to play as three-quarters, and consequently Worcester gained more of the ball than they should have done. They added two unconverted tries whilst the School scored thirteen points. Lancaster scored another four tries, Veitch three, Wainwright, Revill, Lyall and Harvey one each. Revill converted five.

SCHOOL XV v. DENSTONE COLLEGE. *Away. Won 6-3.*

Played on Saturday, October 21st.

The School achieved a creditable win over Denstone on the latter's ground in a fast and at times exciting match. Defence predominated over attack throughout the game, as is illustrated by the final score of two penalty goals to one. The School pack held its own against the customary well-drilled Denstone eight, Wainwright being outstanding in the line-out and receiving able support from Eaton and Brown.

The first few minutes were fraught with danger, the ball sweeping along the Denstone line with ominous frequency, but determined tackling by the left wing alleviated the danger somewhat and enabled the School to settle down. It was apparent that both teams were relying on their wings to create scoring opportunities, and a rare duel developed between Lancaster and the Denstone right wing. At half-time the School was leading by six points to nil, Revill having kicked two excellent penalties.

In the second half some desperate Denstone attacks were foiled, but they reduced the lead with a penalty goal by Hignall. Hutchings repeatedly drove the Denstone pack back with some very accurate touch-kicking from the base of the scrum. Giles at full-back played one of his best games to date, his kicking and fielding the rolling ball being particularly effective. Although it must be said that both lines underwent several narrow escapes, no-side was called with the score representing the true values of the two teams on this day's performance.

SCHOOL XV v. K.E.G.S., FIVE WAYS. *Home. Won 17-8.*

Played on Tuesday, October 24th.

Suffering a very definite reaction from the previous Saturday's game, the School played extremely badly in the first twenty minutes. All this time Five Ways looked particularly dangerous, and that they were only leading by five points—due to a flagrantly bad pass being intercepted in the home "25"—was no true reflection of their ability.

Gradually the School settled down, but it was not until one of the visitors' forwards was injured and had to leave the field that they established any real superiority. A very good break-away try by Lyall reduced the score, and a penalty goal by Revill put us one point ahead at the interval. Tries by Lancaster, Veitch and Harvey, one of which Revill converted, did something to restore the School's confidence in the second half, and Five Ways replied with a penalty goal.

SCHOOL XV v. BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL. *Home. Won 27-6.*

Played on Wednesday, November 1st.

A rather scrappy game was ended with a veritable flood of scoring in the last half-hour. It proved to be a personal triumph for Green, the School hooker, who scored his "hat-trick" (is this a record?). Revill showed that he could run with the ball after all, and scored two tries after some amazing corkscrew runs. Wainwright scored a try from a line-out, and Lyall performed the first "dummy" of his career to go over in the corner. Revill converted three of the tries. Bedford Modern's contribution was a try and a penalty goal.

SCHOOL XV v. WORKSOP COLLEGE. *Away. Won 11-9.*

Played on Saturday, November 4th.

A remarkable game, this, in which negligence replaced intelligence to such an extent that a match that should have been won comfortably was in reality won almost undeservedly. The School seemed to dominate the game except for two vital periods at the end of each half. Leading by six points five minutes before the end of the first half, Worksop rallied to draw level with a try and a penalty goal.

The second half was characterised by some incredible lapses when it seemed certain that the School should score—once Lancaster after a typical run along the wing swerved inside and was tripped up by one of his own men when in full cry for the line. Revill coolly dribbled

over the line to score a try which he converted himself, and then in a hectic last five minutes, Worksop scored a try which was unaccountably not converted, and then missed an easy penalty goal. In the first half Lancaster had scored a fine try and Revill kicked a penalty goal.

SCHOOL XV v. HARLEQUINS "A" XV. *Home. Lost 8-0.*

Played on Saturday, November 11th.

In losing their first match of the season the School played better than at any time before or since. The game was fast and robust with a heavy and experienced pack denying the School backs the ball except on very infrequent occasions. Consequently the accent was on defence, and defend the School did with such success that the hard-running Harlequins backs were given very little scope. Gough, playing for the first time this season, was outstanding for his tackling in the centre, and Giles gave one of the best displays at full-back seen for many a long year at Eastern Road.

The visitors' first try came when the School defence was temporarily disorganized after an unfortunate injury to Hutchings. It was converted. In the middle of the second half they scored again when a forward burrowed his way through the ruck.

SCHOOL XV v. BROMSGROVE SCHOOL. *Away. Lost 3-0.*

Played on Saturday, November 21st.

The School chose this match in which to display the form which had been hinted at against Five Ways and Worksop. At any rate, the match was lost by a drop goal to nil, and with it went the Siviter-Smith Cup. The real reason for the defeat was that the pack never established itself in the loose, and the three-quarters had very little chance to show their attacking potentialities. The defence was not up to its usual standard either, and some of the Bromsgrove attacks went perilously near to scoring.

What was most galling, however, was that only the presence of a cool head would have led to the School scoring, but it was not to be. Veitch cut through the centre several times and once went desperately near, but was tackled by Saul, the Bromsgrove full-back. It was fitting that this very able player should decide the match, for he played very well throughout. A rash fly-kick by one of the School forwards found its way into his hands, and the next moment the ball was skimming safely over the cross-bar. This occurred mid-way through the second half, and despite some desperate attacking in the closing minutes, the Bromsgrove defence held out.

SCHOOL XV v. TRENT COLLEGE. *Home. Won 16-0.*

Played on Thursday, November 23rd.

A re-organized pack once again failed to assert itself, but the Trent backs could make little of the heavy going. The game developed into a rather untidy maul in which there was far too much unintelligent kicking, especially of the "fly" variety. When the School backs did get the ball, they showed up Trent's weakness in defence. Veitch and Hill combined very well in the centre, and made many openings which were not exploited to the full. Lancaster, Veitch, Hill and Lyall scored tries, two of which Revill converted.

SCHOOL XV v. WARWICK SCHOOL. *Home. Won 15-0.*

Played on Saturday, November 25th.

There was a very bright start to this match. From a loose scrum the ball went along the School three-quarter line and then came back into the forwards for Bean to score a try which Revill converted. The Warwick pack outplayed the home forwards, the absence of Wainwright being keenly felt. But the Warwick backs could not penetrate the School defence. In the second half Lancaster ran three-quarters of the length of the field to score a very good try. Hill had dribbled over to score in the middle of the first half. Revill converted both tries.

CHARACTERS OF THE XV

J. A. HARVEY (*Captain*) (1948-49-50-51): A captain of great experience who prefers to lead his team by example rather than drive them on by threats. Playing most of the term at open wing forward, he backs up very well, but his opportunist interceptions are often not completely effective because of his lack of real speed. His tackling is absolutely fearless, his passing competent, his kicking hopeful, but his spelling, alas, remains as weak as ever. G.T.L.

G. T. LYALL (*Vice-Captain and Secretary*) (1949-50-51): An enigmatical wing three-quarter who has developed completely along his own lines. With a raking stride and

useful swerve he prefers to cut inside his man and use his hand-off rather than beat him with the speed he undoubtedly possesses. He has an uncompromising, if unorthodox defence; his handling is good, and he has lately developed an accurate right-footed punt. As secretary he affects an air of benign incompetence which we hope remains unjustified. (*Captain of Porter's*).

J. HUTCHINGS (1948-49-50-51): A very neat little player who is at scrum-half this year. By assiduous practice he has steadily improved his service, and he is developing a fine understanding with Revill. A plucky defender with a fine drop-on. His touch-kicking from the base of the scrum has been a very irritating thorn in the flesh of many of

our opponents. The timing of his pass after breaking away has created many openings; he has that invaluable capacity for always doing the right thing the right way.

(Captain of Kay's)

G. A. TAPLIN (1949-50-51): A tough, hard-playing "blind" wing forward, who is at his best when the going is heavy. Though not possessing much speed, he goes hard when he has the ball; he has a good dribble and a very safe kick. Perhaps the best feature of his play is the way he goes down on the ball in front of the opposing pack. A very useful all-round player.

(Kay's).

J. D. GILES (1949-50-51): Despite his apparent ungainliness, he has developed into a very fine full-back. Possessed of a good kick with either foot, he should now try to improve its length. He has an extremely safe pair of hands, having conquered his former habit of taking his eyes off the rolling ball. A reliable tackle, his only fault lies in his frame, which makes him rather slow in recovery.

(Captain of Leeds').

F. B. REVILL (1949-50-51): An accomplished ball-player with a nonchalance of action which provokes at once admiration and unjust criticism. His cool head and sound tackling have saved several dangerous situations, but he tends to overdo the kick-ahead in attack. As fly-half he should concentrate on getting his line moving smoothly and quickly, and his jinking run down the middle would be more effective if he gave his pass earlier. An extremely accurate place-kicker, he has scored sixty-nine points with his right foot this term.

(Dunt's).

J. F. WAINWRIGHT (1949-50-51): The rarely occurring combination of hefty second row forward with a highly developed ball-sense. The best line-out player the School has had for many years, a good dribbler and tackler. With the ball in his hands he has a deceptive clumsiness, but is inclined to overdo the "dummy" and sidestep. Always up with the ball, he is a very hard worker indeed. A fair kick; he should learn not to trump his partner's trick.

(Captain of Williams').

R. M. BROWN (1949-50-51): A very strong second row forward who suffers from occasional lapses in concentration. He makes up for this with his vigorous play in the loose, where he uses his strength to good effect. He has a strong inaccurate kick, and runs hard when he has the ball. When he has learnt to watch the ball at all times he should make a very good player. We were sorry to lose him at Christmas.

(Williams').

J. K. BEAN (1949-50-51): As lock forward he is another player who must learn to concentrate more. Fast, with a good dribble

and safe pair of hands, he needs to be driven. His defence is patchy, owing to this same lack of concentration. He is at his best when the ball is wet, being a prominent leader of forward rushes. He has been known to kick. Is a fair line-out man.

(Porter's).

A. J. LANCASTER (1950-51): The spear-head of the School attack, this heavily-built wing three-quarter has all the characteristics of a good player. Determination combined with speed, a good swerve, and the ability to make the most of his weight have enabled him to score many good tries this season. He has an intelligent defence and a useful kick.

(Captain of Burgess').

G. R. GREEN (1950-51): A pugnacious hooker whose success in getting the ball from the tight is the more creditable because he was only rescued from the wing forward position at the beginning of the season. Always in the thick of it, he uses his intelligence in the loose to good effect. Very good with ball in his hands or at his feet. His vocal talents are not appreciated on the field of play.

(Captain of Dunt's).

J. A. VEITCH (1950-51): A strong, awkward-looking centre three-quarter. Has the ability to create many openings and the strength to take him through. A sterling defender with an exceptionally strong tackle. The uninitiated may be forgiven for mistaking his punt for touch as a short kick ahead.

(Leeds').

D. B. HILL (1950-51): A very fast centre three-quarter who is not yet strong enough to make the best of his speed. A tenacious defender whose covering and kicking have been very good. He has a very safe pair of hands and a fair dribble. Should be very useful next year when he has more experience.

(Dunt's).

J. L. EATON (1950-51): A strong, intelligent, front row forward. A solid scrummager and a good line-out man. He follows up well and has been instrumental in several tries being scored. A sound dribbler with a safe pair of hands, he is a much improved player this season.

(Burgess').

T. H. WILDEN (1950-51): A front row forward who has conquered his head-lifting habit and is developing into a very consistent player. A useful line-out man, a good scrummager, a safe pair of hands, a good dribbler. He could improve his kick.

(Williams').

The team this year has been: J. D. Giles; G. T. Lyall, D. B. Hill, J. A. Veitch, A. J. Lancaster; F. B. Revill, J. Hutchings; T. H. Wilden, G. R. Green, J. L. Eaton, J. F. Wainwright, R. M. Brown, G. A. Taplin, J. K. Bean, J. A. Harvey.

Also played: Homer (B. C.), Gardner (P. A.), Gough, Keeley, Dore, Hudson.

CRICKET RETROSPECT

THE record of 5 won, 5 lost and 9 drawn is a just reflection of the capabilities of last season's Cricket XI. It was an exceptionally young side and as such the batting was rather hesitant and tentative. On the occasions when winning the match depended on quick determined scoring the batting of the "veterans" was unco-ordinated, whilst the rest of the team showed a timidity which is the natural consequence of immaturity and inexperience. The outstanding performance with the bat was A. J. Homer's 114 not out at Solihull, scored in 93 minutes. The School bowling also showed the general lack of First XI experience, although, as the season advanced, the attack gained in confidence and there was a visible decrease in opponents' scores. The ground fielding, on the whole, was good, but too many missed catches frequently lost advantages which had been hard fought for. With nine of last year's First XI still available, a successful season seems ensured.

P. A. GOUGH,
Captain of Cricket.

RESULTS

SCHOOL v. BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL.

BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL

Miller, b Hutchings	14
Gale, c Wheatley, b Benson	43
Houghton, c Young, b Wheatley	13
Holman, lbw, b Benson	14
Moon, c B. C. Homer, b Wheatley	5
Cooper, b Wheatley	0
Atkin, b Barraclough	28
Kingston, b Hutchings	12
Cave, not out	21
Whiting, b Benson	0
Extras	8

SCHOOL

Hiscox, b Kingston	3
P. A. Gough, b Kingston	32
A. J. Homer, b Gale	45
Revill (F. B.), lbw, b Gale	4
Homer (B. C.), lbw, b Kingston	0
Wilkins, b Kingston	0
Barraclough, c Moon, b Houghton	1
Hutchings, not out	6
Wheatley, not out	0
Benson and Young did not bat.	
Extras	8

TOTAL (9 wickets, dec.) 158
Benson, 3 for 29; Hutchings, 3 for 35.

TOTAL (for 7 wickets) 99
Kingston, 4 for 13.

SCHOOL v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Hitchen, c Hiscox, b Benson	12
Grant, run out	35
Percival, b Barraclough	5
Caro, b Wheatley	15
Potts, c Hutchings, b Wheatley	9
Coffey, not out	30
Whitworth, b Hutchings	6
Shelmerdine, run out	40
Peet, not out	10
Cuerdon and Dover did not bat.	
Extras	12

SCHOOL

Hiscox, lbw, b Shelmerdine	19
P. A. Gough, c Hitchen, b Potts	10
A. J. Homer, st Hitchen, b Cuerdon	13
Revill, F. B., lbw, b Cuerdon	0
Homer (B. C.), not out	29
Wilkins, not out	15
Barraclough, Hutchings, Wheatley, Benson and Young did not bat.	
Extras	15

TOTAL (7 wickets, dec.) 174

TOTAL (4 wickets) 101

SCHOOL v. WARWICK SCHOOL

WARWICK SCHOOL

Lee, c Homer (B. C.), b Barraclough	7
Langdale, b Barraclough	14
Oldfield, c Barraclough, b Wheatley	6
Mayo, c Edwards, b Wheatley	5
Wilson, st Edwards, b Benson	3
Smith, b Hutchings	4
King, b Hutchings	3
Alderman, b Benson	5
Blake, lbw, b Hutchings	0
Budd, not out	16
Eales, run out	16
Extras	10

SCHOOL

Hiscox, not out	38
P. A. Gough, b Wilson	20
A. J. Homer, not out	27
Revill (F. B.), Homer (B. C.), Wilkins, Barraclough, Hutchings, Wheatley, Benson and Edwards did not bat.	
Extras	7

TOTAL 89
Hutchings, 3 for 20.

TOTAL (1 wicket) 92

SCHOOL v. NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL.

NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Bennett, b Hutchings	30
Durand, c Wheatley, b Barraclough	3
Hempfrey, b Barraclough	0
Clark, c and b Barraclough	2
Stanley, hit wicket, b Benson	6
Adams, b Benson	5
Wheelhouse, lbw, b Benson	1
Fielding, b Benson	7
Skellington, b Benson	2
Whittaker, run out	15
Conway, not out	7
Extras	7

TOTAL

85

Barraclough, 3 for 8 ; Benson, 5 for 19.

SCHOOL

Hiscox (B. A.), b Fielding	4
P. A. Gough, lbw, b Whittaker	0
A. J. Homer, not out	31
Revill (F. B.), run out	37
Homer (R. C.), not out	11
Wilkins, Barraclough, Hutchings, Wheatley, Benson and Edwards did not bat.	
Extras	3

TOTAL (3 wickets).....

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SCHOOL v. WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

WYGGESTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Powell, b Barraclough	1
Tomlinson, b Wheatley	3
Cockayne, c Revill, b Hutchings	41
Slack, c Edwards, b Barraclough	32
Beresford, st Edwards, b Gough	30
Stoodley, b Gough	5
Akhurst, b Gough	8
Nicholls, run out	7
Harding, st Edwards, b Gough	0
Herrick, b Hutchings	1
Thirlby, not out	4
Extras	10

TOTAL

142

Gough, 4 for 11.

SCHOOL

Hiscox (B. A.), c and b Akhurst	0
P. A. Gough, c Powell, b Slack	2
A. J. Homer, b Akhurst	11
F. B. Revill, b Akhurst	1
Homer (B. C.), lbw, b Tomlinson	5
Wilkins, b Slack	18
Barraclough, lbw, b Tomlinson	2
Hutchings, b Slack	3
Wheatley, st Stoodley, b Slack	0
Benson, c Stoodley, b Slack	7
Edwards, not out	1
Extras	2

TOTAL

52

Akhurst, 3 for 8.

SCHOOL v. ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, WORCESTER.

ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, WORCESTER.

Clarke, b Barraclough	6
Norman, c Edwards, b Barraclough	0
Hodgson, b Wheatley	8
Claytor, not out	113
Woodcock, c Benson, b Barraclough	25
Goode, c Homer (B. C.), b Wheatley	4
Williams, run out	26
Watkins, not out	2
Paine, White and Clarke did not bat.	
Extras	17

TOTAL (6 wickets, dec.)

201

Barraclough, 3 for 36.

SCHOOL

Hiscox (B. A.), c and b White	3
P. A. Gough, st Clarke, b Woodcock ..	12
A. J. Homer, c Claytor, b Norman	12
F. B. Revill, c Claytor, b Norman	9
Homer (B. C.), b Norman	23
Wilkins, c Woodcock, b Norman	26
Barraclough, c Williams, b Norman	7
Hutchings, c Paine, b Norman	0
Wheatley, c Claytor, b Norman	4
Benson, lbw, b Norman	6
Edwards, not out	2
Extras	6

TOTAL

110

Norman, 8 for 48.

1st XI AVERAGES

BATTING.

	Innings.	Times Not Out.	Runs.	Highest Score.	Average
A. J. Homer	17	3	420	114*	30.00
P. A. Gough	18	3	301	60	20.06
F. B. Revill	16	3	223	37	17.15
B. C. Homer	15	5	153	29*	15.30
B. A. Hiscox	18	2	210	38*	13.12
J. L. Wilkins	12	3	114	29	12.66
J. Hutchings	12	2	55	16	5.50
R. Barraclough	9	2	34	9	4.85
O. S. Wheatley	5	2	10	5*	3.33
D. H. Benson	7	-	19	7	2.71
J. W. Young	5	2	5	3*	1.66

Also batted : C. M. Edwards, 1* and 2* ; N. Sankarayya, 3, 0 and 2 ; R. M. Brown, 0 and 2.

*Not out.

	Overs.	BOWLING. Maidens.	Wickets.	Runs.	Average
D. H. Benson	151·5	35	31	375	12·09
P. A. Gough	25·1	4	7	90	12·85
J. Hutchings	174	39	33	461	13·96
O. S. Wheatley	118·3	36	19	278	14·63
R. Barraclough	191·2	45	22	481	21·86

Also bowled : J. L. Wilkins, 43-14-4-76 ; B. C. Homer, 16-2-2-51 ; R. M. Brown, 17-4-2-58 ;

F. B. Revill, 31-4-3-115.

School's full total : 1,689 runs for 112 wickets ; average : 15·08 runs per wicket.

Opponents' full total : 2,189 runs for 135 wickets ; average : 16·21 runs per wicket.

Stumpings : Edwards and Young, 3 each.

Catches : Hiscox and A. J. Homer, 6 each ; Gough and Homer, (B. C.) 5 ; Edwards and Young, 3 ; Barraclough, Benson, Revill and Wheatley, 2 ; Hutchings and Sankarayya, 1. Total, 38.

Public Schools : A. J. H., 3, 77* and 16. ; P. A. G., 39, 4, 12 and 12-3-6-19 ; 0* and 4-1-3-17, 0 and 21-9-3-24.

RECORDS

The following facts have been brought to light since the July, 1949, issue of the CHRONICLE and are thus, together with the records published in the last issue, a supplement to those printed herein.

Hat Trick : T. G. Freeman *v.* The Staff at Eastern Road in 1935.

The following, although since 1900, deserve inclusion in the list of all-rounders :

	Year.	Wickets.	Average.	Runs.	Average.
J. Manton	1890	57	7·33	322	20·13
J. Manton	1891	107	4·42	451	25·05

Remarkable Analyses (the full details have not been preserved in several instances) :

D. P. Malins	-	12	9 <i>v.</i> Tettenhall College at Bristol Road, 1882.
S. P. Eaden	11	7 18	9 <i>v.</i> Dorridge C.C. at Knowle, 1897.
T. Astbury	9	5 6	8 <i>v.</i> Tettenhall College at Tettenhall, 1886.
J. E. Catherall	-	6	8 <i>v.</i> Bromsgrove School at Bristol Road, 1913.
J. Manton	8·1	5 6	8 <i>v.</i> Trinity College, Stratford at Shottery, 1891.
T. H. Knight	7·2	1 10	8 <i>v.</i> " B " Division Police at Bristol Road, 1892.
J. Manton	13	7 11	8 <i>v.</i> Trinity College, Stratford at (not known), 1890.
J. Manton	8·1	7 2	7 <i>v.</i> Leamington College at Leamington, 1891.
J. Manton	13	11 4	7 <i>v.</i> Tettenhall College at Bristol Road, 1891.
H. G. Bache	8	5 5	7 <i>v.</i> Reading School at Bristol Road, 1907.
J. Manton	10	6 6	7 <i>v.</i> Tettenhall School at (not known), 1890.
J. Manton	14	10 7	7 <i>v.</i> Bromsgrove School at Bristol Road, 1889.
J. P. Templeman ..	15	9 8	7 <i>v.</i> Dorridge C.C. at Bristol Road, 1893.
L. Browett	3	2 1	6 <i>v.</i> Trinity College, Stratford, at Stratford, 1903.
A. H. Blewitt	4	3 1	5 <i>v.</i> Warwick School at Bristol Road, 1887.

RESULTS

2ND XI

		Runs for	Runs against	Result
July	1—Bedford Modern School	H. 55 for 5	54	Won
"	8—Warwick School	A. 102	63 for 8	Drawn
"	12—Tettenhall College I.	A. 78 for 8	135	Drawn
"	15—Nottingham H.S.	A. 74 for 8 (dec.)	61 for 7	Drawn
"	19—R.G.S., Worcester	H. 121 for 2 (dec.)	55 for 7	Drawn

Played 13, Won 2, Drawn 5, Lost 6.

" UNDER 15 " XI

July	1—Bedford Modern School	A. 45 for 7	125 for 7 (dec.)	Drawn
"	8—Warwick School	H. 60	107	Lost
"	12—Tettenhall College	A. 47 for 6	46	Won
"	15—Nottingham H.S.	H. 7 for 0	107	Abandoned
"	18—Wyggeston G.S.	H. 52 for 4	51	Won
"	19—R.G.S., Worcester	A. 31	188	Lost

Played 16, Won 6, Drawn 3, Lost 5, Abandoned 2.

" UNDER 14 " XI

July 1—Bedford Modern School	H.	83	92	<i>Lost</i>
" 8—Warwick School	A.	79	63	<i>Won</i>
" 15—Nottingham H.S.	A.	60	62 for 9	<i>Lost</i>
" 19—R.G.S., Worcester	H.	77	81 for 5	<i>Lost</i>
Played 11, Won 5, Lost 6.				

SWIMMING REPORT

This year the swimming team had a moderately successful season and as many matches were won as were lost. One record was broken, the 100 yards breast stroke, by R. B. W. Price, the new time being 79 secs. Owing to a series of mishaps the team was in a weakened condition for two of its most important matches. However, the team acquitted itself very well.

At the sports there was the usual enthusiastic gathering. The standard of swimming in the Upper School has improved considerably during the past year as was seen at the sports. Unfortunately the standard among the Lower forms is not as good as should be, in spite of the new coaching scheme.

This term we welcome Mr. P. Cadenhead to the swimming committee. Mr. Cadenhead has just come from Birmingham University.

We are indebted to Mr. Kay and Mr. Cotter for their unflagging energy in furthering the part swimming plays in the life of the School.

J. R. LUCKETT,
Captain of Swimming.

CHESS REPORT

AN effort has been made this year to re-organize House Chess and to improve the playing conditions. We have been fortunate in obtaining the use of Geography Room " B " as the new Chess Room, thanks to the courtesy of Mr. Whalley. In these more suitable surroundings it is hoped to create a chess club atmosphere which has hitherto been lacking. Silence is to be observed and an orderly method of play insisted upon. This, it is felt, will inevitably improve the standard of chess and we rely on all chess players in the school to support us in our endeavours.

Once again the school teams have been successful in extramural chess. As last year, the First team is taking part in the Warwickshire Club Championship, which should provide it with strong opposition. The Second and Third teams are competing in the First and Second Divisions respectively of the Grammar Schools Championship and both teams have won all their matches to date.

At the beginning of term a telephone match was played between the Birmingham and London Junior Chess Leagues when the Birmingham team, consisting predominantly of K.E.S. boys, won by $8\frac{1}{2}$ points to $5\frac{1}{2}$. In its annual match with Oxford University, the First team improved on its showing of last year when it defeated a strong University team by $4\frac{1}{2}$ points to $1\frac{1}{2}$. This is an encouraging start to the season.

Results of matches played to date :

FIRST TEAM.

v. Bedford Modern ..	H.	Won 6 - 0
v. Oxford University ..	A.	Won $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
v. Edgbaston Chess Club..	A.	Won 9 - 0

SECOND TEAM.

v. Five Ways G.S. ..	A.	Won $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
v. Central G.S. ..	H.	Won 4 - 2
v. Bishop Vesey G.S. ..	A.	Won 5 - 1
v. Camp Hill G.S. ..	H.	Won 4 - 2

THIRD TEAM.

v. Aston G.S. ..	H.	Won $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$
v. King's Norton G.S. ..	A.	Won 6 - 0
v. Greenmore College ..	A.	Won 4 - 2

G. K. BARKER,
Captain of Chess.

Chess Characters

G. K. BARKER (*Captain*) : Has improved rapidly during the past year and now possesses a sound knowledge of the openings. He is also quite strong in the other departments of the game and, when in form, is capable of beating redoubtable opponents. Undoubtedly the most suitable player in the school for the captaincy. Warwickshire Junior Champion. (*Captain of Leeds*).

A.B.M.

A. B. MACNAB : Is a good and capable secretary who seems to lack confidence at the moment in his own ability. He is a good positional player though a little lacking in his knowledge of the openings. (*Leeds*).

M. N. BARKER : One of the most talented players of his age in the country. Very strong in all departments of the game, he can hold his own with experienced seniors. He has a wide knowledge of the openings. Has retained his title of British Boy Champion for the second year. (*Leeds*).

D. E. LLOYD : A very sound player and a valuable and consistent member of the side. A quiet but ruthless player without a large

variety of openings. Took third place in both the Warwickshire and Midland Junior Championships, 1950. (*Captain of Dunts*'s).

K. W. LLOYD : An extremely talented young player who has improved greatly during the last year. Again, like his brother, he possesses no variety of openings, but makes up for this with some brilliant combinations. Birmingham and District Junior League Champion. (*Dunts*'s).

PHIPPS : Constant practice has made him a useful member of the team. Although he is rather stereotyped, the all-round standard of his play is high and he has had some notable wins. (*Captain of Porter*'s).

GALLON : A very promising young player whose undeniable ability should carry him far. Has developed a sound attacking style. (*Captain of Burgess*'s).

GOODALL : An equally fine player who has a wide knowledge of the openings. At the moment he is not getting the practice he should have outside the school.

(*Captain of Kay*'s).

HUSKINS : A player who improved much last year and one who shows great promise. Won the Warwickshire "Under 14" Championship above Goodall last year. (*Dunt*'s).

G. K. BARKER,
Captain of Chess.

ETON FIVES REPORT

DURING the term the following matches were played :

Sept. 29—*v.* Old Edwardians.. Won 15-3

Nov. 1—*v.* Wolverhampton
G.S. Won 12-0

The School did well to defeat the powerful Old Edwardian VI, and a weakened side had no difficulty in winning a conclusive victory over Wolverhampton. Owing to bad weather the match *v.* Oakham School was postponed until later in the year.

At the beginning of the Christmas holidays the team visited London and played the following matches :

Dec. 18—*v.* Mill Hill School .. Lost 3-12

„ 13—*v.* Highgate School .. Won 6-1

„ 20—*v.* City of London Sch. Won 8-0

Our defeat by Mill Hill was as unexpected as it was narrow—if reckoned in points not games ; on our behalf it can be said that the courts were strange besides being damp, and that it was our first game of Fives for nearly a fortnight. Nevertheless, Mill Hill deserved their victory, and we would like to thank them for the manner in which they entertained us.

On Tuesday afternoon we defeated, much to our surprise, Highgate, by a substantial

margin ; considering our complete and utter defeat last year, we can, I think, assume that School Fives has continued its upward progress, and that, were we able to practice continually in "covered" courts, we would soon equal the best schools in the country.

Despite the flamboyant colour of their courts we concluded our "tour" by easily defeating City of London School, who, unfortunately, were handicapped by the retirement, due to injury, of their captain. The experience gained by the team, T. H. Keeley, J. F. Wainwright, A. J. G. Campbell and P. A. Gough, should prove invaluable in next term's matches against Shrewsbury and Repton, and at least one victory may be expected.

We were very disappointed to discover on our return to School that the courts had not yet been covered. If this were done—and the courts are bound to deteriorate, exposed as they are to the vagaries of the weather—the standard of Fives would show an immediate perceptible improvement, and the team would be able to meet such schools as Shrewsbury on even terms ; in addition it would be possible to arrange more home fixtures.

Owing to the demands of Rugger, only half of the House Senior Fives Competition has been played ; at the moment Mr. Dunt's are leading with wins in all their three matches. Interest in Fives appears to be growing throughout the School, and several Houses have arranged internal competitions for the enthusiasts.

Our thanks, as ever, go to Mr. Smith, who contrives to eke out the meagre stocks of balls and gloves ; he has also given up much of his valuable time to teaching and coaching the Juniors.

T. H. KEELEY,
Captain of Eton Fives.

P.T. REPORT

Two competitions, one for juniors and the other for seniors will be held at the end of term, and judging by the number of entries, enthusiasm is high. However, this is manifested only to a certain extent by the attendance at voluntary P.T. The response from the juniors has been good, but only on one or two notable occasions have seniors been seen in the gym.

No P.T. report would be complete without paying tribute to the hard work of Mr. Moore, ably assisted by Messrs. Cotter and Cadenhead, all of whom have given up much of their valuable spare time to the training of gymnastic aspirants.

D. WHEATLEY,
P.T. Leader.

TENNIS REPORT

LAST term the committee decided to introduce singles into the House Championships as it was felt that doubles in the winter was inclined to be chilly.

The weather has not been kind and not all the scheduled matches have been played. It is hoped, however, that the championship will be completed by the end of this term.

This year we shall be hard pressed to keep

up the standard of the School team as we have lost two great performers in G. C. Weeks and R. D. Hurdman. Nevertheless, we are confident that with training and practice we shall do well in this year's Public Schools' Lawn Tennis Championships.

We should again like to thank the Head Master and Mr. T. C. Burgess for their continued support.

G. N. SHEWRING,
Captain of Tennis.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS' LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP, 1950

TWENTY-EIGHT Schools were competing this year, but we were not without hope of some success. We had the same team as in 1949 and it had gained much in experience.

In the first round we were drawn against University College School, and made our usual wretched start, Weeks and Hurdman losing the first set 6-1 in a few minutes. However, they won the next two sets very easily and from that moment we never looked back and won by four matches to none. This was a very good victory, as U.C.S. went on to win the "Plate" competition for the teams which had been knocked out in the first round.

Our next opponents were Repton, who had a strong team with two Junior County Champions. After half-an-hour's play our prospects were bright: Bancroft and Shewring had won their first set 6-3 and Weeks and Hurdman had broken through their opponents' service to lead 5-4. From that peak our fortunes declined. By weak serving Weeks and Hurdman threw away repeated chances and lost 8-6, 6-4, while Shewring and Bancroft, who had been playing aggressive tennis, incomprehensibly fell back on the defensive and lost 6-3, 2-6, 2-6. In the end we were denied the consolation of even one match and lost 4-0, although this score does not reflect truly the tenseness of the match. Repton were eventually beaten in the Final by the narrowest of margins.

Scores :

	U.C.S. 1st	U.C.S. 2nd	Repton 1st	Repton 2nd
Weeks	1-6, 6-0, 6-2	6-1, 6-3	6-8, 4-6	7-5, 5-7, 3-6
Hurdman				
Shewring	7-5, 2-6, 6-4	8-6, 6-2	0-6, 3-6	6-3, 2-6, 2-6
Bancroft				

K.E.S. won 4 matches to 0, 8 sets to 2, 54 games to 35.

Repton won 4 matches to 0,
8 sets to 2, 59 games to 38.

MR. BURGESS' HOUSE

At the beginning of this term we were faced with a challenge. The memory of our ignominious position in last year's competition was still fresh in our minds, as was the thought of playing in the Rugger League competition without A. J. Lancaster and J. L. Eaton. It is the happy duty of the secretary to report that this challenge has been accepted and that the results in Rugger and Chess especially are encouraging. The First Fifteen, a happy blend of tried stalwarts and young blood has played very well and are not over-flattered by the results, won four, lost one. The Second Fifteen has at last emerged from its journey in the wilderness of defeat and has won three games. Although

Chess has not gained us as many points as last year, our team remains as unalterable in its persistence as its captain, D. N. Gallon, in his silent enthusiasm and confidence.

Fives continue on their unhappy path and the only hope is the increasing number of boys who are taking up this very worthwhile game. Shooting remains a mystery to all but the initiated, but reports creep out that we have two people with School Shooting Colours, P. Harling and R. B. Somerset, and that they have persuaded a whole company of combatants to classify and a smaller platoon to shoot in a competition known as the N.S.R.A. in which we did well. The approach of the Christmas season naturally creates an atmosphere of joyful confidence. Let us hope that having eaten and drunk our

fill, having danced the light fantastic, kissed under the mistletoe and performed all the rites of this great feast, we shall return in the New Year to achieve that success which is only the due reward of the unflagging joviality and optimism of Mr. Burgess, Mr. Crow and Mr. Winnerah and the whole-hearted co-operation of each member of the House.

V. N. BINGHAM,
House Secretary.

MR. DUNT'S HOUSE

THE expectations of last year's House secretary were fully justified, when for the fifth time in six years Mr. Dunt's House proved its overall supremacy by maintaining its "rightful" position as Cock House. To have kept up such a high standard through the first year of the new eight-house system, after having lost such a wealth of talent to Mr. Nicholson's House, was an extremely fine achievement.

The success of the House during the last term, though by no means disheartening, has been just a shade disappointing. We have not maintained our position of supremacy in the Rugger world and at the moment we lie but fourth. The First Fifteen have won five and drawn one of the six matches played and has proved itself an intelligent and hard-working team. Lack of size and strength, however, has weighed the balance against the Second Fifteen, but, although they have yet to win a game, there need be no fears for the future, for it is a vigorous and skilful side marred only by its extreme youthfulness.

With the same team that secured the Fives championship last year still remaining, this particular Cup would again appear to be well within our grasp. Three members of the Shooting team have managed to hit their targets this term, and consequently we have risen from eighth to seventh position. Inspired by the atmosphere of its new location the Chess team is regaining its lost prestige and it lies in second place. Tennis has been curtailed by the weather conditions, but in the more clement Spring and Summer time these players should prove themselves worthy to rank with the best.

Thus the picture is a rosy one. But we cannot exist on over-confidence and complacency and the future must be a time of hard work and unrestricted self-sacrifice. Particularly does this apply to a rather lethargic middle-school and we exhort them once again to give of their best. However, this danger aside, the spirit and energy which Mr. Dunt embodies should leave our supremacy assured.

P. A. GOUGH,
House Secretary.

MR. LEEDS' HOUSE

As the Christmas holidays draw nearer, we look back upon a not unsuccessful term. Although the House Championship is yet in its early stages, the omens are quite promising.

The House Fifteen has won three and lost one match and the Second Fifteen has won two and lost two matches. Our juniors have yet to prove themselves on the Rugby field.

In Fives, too, we have been moderately successful, having so far won three and lost one match. The youthfulness of the team augurs well for the future.

Leeds' House Chess which, not long ago was regarded as rather a joke, has been strengthening and maturing over the past few years until now we have a team which we believe will win the Chess Championship. The Chess team has won the four matches so far played, gaining in the process 73 points from a possible 76.

Next term, following the completion of the House Rugby knock-out competition, we shall once again be flung into the bustle of athletics. Lacking individual talent, our fortunes in this sphere of House activities depend upon the prowess of each individual in gaining Standards.

In Athletics, as in all other House activities, we may be sure that Mr. Leeds and Mr. Sacret will, by their usual enthusiasm and energy, encourage each individual to do his best for the House in the New Year.

J. D. GILES,
House Secretary.

MR. COPLAND'S HOUSE

WERE a certain Lady Minister to attend our weekly conclave, she would see before her a group of boys typifying, no doubt, her ideal of the shape of things to come in British youth. For we are no rough and tough unseemly mob, but decently reared young men, frail, who seek to avoid the hurly-burly of life in this great school of ours. What use are games to us, the embryo citizens of the morrow's world? Truly, to misquote to suit our purpose, we are the "lads with the delicate air."

We have to admit our difficulty in raising two fifteens from the sixty or so senior boys of the House. Both having played seven House matches, our second fifteen has won three and our first fifteen but one. At Fives we promise great things but do not win. The three matches so far played have been lost by the narrow margins of three, five and six points respectively. Our solitary Tennis match was lost by eight sets to nil.

The Chess room is quiet. No brutal jostling here, no roaring crowds, no sickening jolts as flesh and bone meet flesh and bone to bring

the icy sweat out on our ashen brows. Warm and peaceful, this is where we thrive. The drama of the game of chess is never forgotten once experienced. The thrill as Rook takes Bishop, as lonely Pawn scuttles to safety, to rise a veritable Phoenix of a Queen from out its humble ashes! As we descend the scale we find increased success. Our first team has won one match; our second, two; our third, won two, drawn one.

Deplorable as the situation is, we cannot but appreciate the fiery leadership and support of Mr. Copland, and the way in which Mr. Parry is struggling so manfully to change a sow's ear into a silk purse. Eat well this Christmas, you frail and feeble comrades, if only to return next term tight of belt and scant of breath.

J. A. HARVEY,
House Secretary.

Mr. WILLIAMS' HOUSE

It is very early to make any decisive comment on the state of the House in its second year of being. One thing is certain—we have not been outrageously successful.

The First Team, although their standard of play improved as the season went on, could win only one match out of seven. The other six matches were lost. Their failure was offset in some measure by the success of the Second Team, who only lost two matches and those by very small margins. J. F. Wainwright, however, is confident that both teams will be successful in the Knock-Out Competition.

In Fives we lie top equal with Dunt's, but L. G. Hall warns us that the toughest fixtures lie ahead. In Chess we have "a dismal record," but D. J. Bayliss is not quite sure where we stand. In Shooting we are third, and J. Westbrooke feels that we have done as well as could be expected. In short, our record is neither alarming nor encouraging, and much hard work will be required if we are to escape the charge of mediocrity at the end of the year.

This record would not be complete without a word about food. The House successfully launched and popularized the more civilized method of dining which is to be universally adopted this term. Credit for the success of the scheme must be given to Mr. Williams, who initially devised it and afterwards ensured that it would work.

And, finally, we bid good-bye to R. N. Brown, who has helped the House so well and so often both as a prefect and a sportsman. We wish him well.

P. A. GARDNER,
House Secretary.

MR. KAY'S HOUSE

AFTER an indifferent start, the House has settled down well and has enjoyed a successful term. With some matches still to be played, we are placed first in Rugger. The first team lost their opening match to Leeds' and later could only draw with Dunt's, but have won each of their other five games convincingly. The team has been exceptionally strong in the backs, and the pack after a poor start has proved adequate. Much of the success has been due to the enthusiastic captaincy of J. Hutchings. We congratulate D. B. Hill on being awarded and Hutchings on being re-awarded their School Rugger Colours. The House second team, which has won all but one of its matches, plays with unbounded keenness, which, if sometimes misplaced, has brought success. One wishes, however, that there could be a little more science in their play.

The House has at last said farewell to its "grand old men" of chess and now has youth at the helm in the person of R. H. Goodall. The teams have done quite well, but some games have been lost by default. For too long the winning of House chess matches has been left to the talented few and if we are to retain the House Championship a greater effort will have to be made by all players.

The Fives team, captained by C. F. Waring, is a sound combination and should do well. So far we have lost narrowly to Williams' and beaten Leeds' and Porter's handsomely. Fives is a game in which practice is essential and we would like to see more members of the House down at the courts during the lunch hour.

The House Shooting team finished second in the N.S.R.A. competition and prospects are excellent for next term. C. F. Waring, M. J. Rogers and S. A. Nairn have represented the School on occasions.

We have a House Tennis team.

The House was disappointed to lose Mr. Nicholson after so brief an association, but we may count ourselves fortunate to have such a worthy successor as Mr. Kay. In the short time he has been with us, he has shown wisdom, enthusiasm and a sense of humour which should ensure the House of success in the years to be.

G. A. TAPLIN,
House Secretary.

MR. BIGGS' HOUSE

We finished fourth in last year's championship; not a bad position, not a particularly good one; and it was due mainly to four or five stalwarts who have now left; the House as a whole was last year apathetic and indolent. Prospects were not good for this

term, but under the wise guidance of Mr. Biggs and Mr. Hurrell we have succeeded beyond expectation in every activity except Chess.

In Rugger, the first team, under the sparkling captaincy of N. Sankarayya, won three matches and lost two; two matches of the league round still remain to be played and we are hopeful of winning. In the knock-out round, however, it is not an exaggeration to say that we have no chance whatsoever, as, we alone of all the houses, have no first fifteen players remaining. The second team, an admirable blend of physical illiteracy and youthful enthusiasm, have followed in the footsteps of last year's team, winning all their matches; and their captain, R. C. Perkins, assures us that he has every expectation of continued success in the New Year, both in league and knock-out.

Of the so-called minor-sports Shooting deserves pride of place; the eight, unheralded and unknown, have finished first in this term's competition; we have no stars and under P. G. Stewart, the team has confounded the prophets. In Fives only three matches have been played, two of which were won. In Chess we are apparently lying sixth, and have no hope of bettering the position. The Tennis captain informs us that only one match was played this term, and that it was lost through too much chivalry.

We congratulate H. G. Brierley on winning a scholarship at King's College, Cambridge; M. S. McLean on winning the Wilson-Browne Cup for the third year in succession; and C. M. Edwards on equalling the School Shooting record of 98.

We thank Mr. Biggs for his painstaking attention to the details that lie behind a team's success on the field, and Mr. Hurrell for his forthrightness and advice.

T. H. KEELEY,
House Secretary.

MR. PORTER'S HOUSE

WEAKENED, but by no means hamstrung by the departure of some of our best athletes, the House has adopted the unfortunate attitude of *Laissez* the other bloke *faire*. The enthusiasm and courage that brought us so near to the House Championship last year seem, except in the case of a few deservedly outstanding individuals, to have deserted us. We lack ideas, we lack guts, we lack everything except ability. Our heroes of yesterday possessed, one is impelled to admit, no great enthusiasm for the House, but personal and individual enthusiasm was unbounded. They never let themselves down, and consequently the House was never disgraced.

But we were ever slow off the mark; two-thirds of the year remain ahead of us, and our

apparent apathy may be merely "re-grouping" for a grand assault which, if and when it comes (I take this opportunity of warning other Houses) will be difficult, nay, impossible to stem.

G. T. LYALL,
House Secretary.

THE LIBRARY

At the beginning of the term the new cabinet for the author catalogue arrived and was duly installed in the Library. The subject catalogue is being steadily revised and brought up-to-date by an enthusiastic band of Librarians under J. de C. Ling, and will, it is hoped, soon be as efficient and accurate as its fellow.

A book-case cum reading-desk, in memory of C. H. Heath, Esq. has been ordered and should arrive early in the New Year. On top of this will be a show-case, in which will be displayed various valuable objects connected with the history of the Foundation, notably the Royal Charter and Barry's model of the School in New Street.

To remind the School of its glorious past, and incidentally to decorate the Library, portraits have now been presented and hung of Bishop Westcott and Rev. A. R. Vardy, head master from 1872-1900. It is hoped that eventually portraits will be obtained of other notable Old Edwardians and Head Masters.

The regulations governing the issue and return of books have unfortunately had to be tightened, owing mainly to the laxity in such matters on the part of the sixth forms who must realize that the Library does not function merely for their benefit.

The new scheme whereby boys in fifth forms may become probationary librarians has proved very successful indeed, and all last year's sub-librarians have been appointed assistant librarians.

We would like to thank all those who have presented books this term, especially Field-Marshall Viscount Montgomery of Alamein for an autographed copy of his book, *Normandy to the Baltic*.

We congratulate J. de C. Ling on being appointed School Librarian for 1951.

That the Library is rapidly re-assuming the position it held at New Street as the centre of cultural activity in the School can in no small measure be attributed to Mr. Blount; his first year as Librarian has proved eminently successful. We thank him, and wish him every success in the future.

T. H. KEELEY,
School Librarian.

DEBATING SOCIETY

THE Autumn term has been exceptionally successful. The three debates that have taken place have all been very well attended, the average attendance being over 120 members, and the standard of debating gratifyingly high. In a rather light-hearted debate the House, on the proposition of P. A. Gardner, decided that the law of gravity should be repealed. A rather exceptional occurrence took place at the Joint-Debate, for the debate on the motion, "Good-Government is no substitute for Self-Government," proposed by the Secretary and opposed by Miss Brenda Meade, was drawn. In the last debate, by a large majority, the House "deplored the Government's handling of the Sheffield Peace Congress as a departure from the British tradition of free speech." In this, a Masters' Debate, the House was honoured by the presence of the Head Master, who proposed the motion. The success of the Society is however, marred by the present position as regards speakers. The present generation of debaters have now reached the peak of their skill, but most of them will leave school at the end of the year, and there is a sad dearth of able speakers in the lower divisions.

For the success of the Society we are deeply indebted to the vigour and enthusiasm of our Chairman, Mr. Blount, and to M. S. Maclean for his fine posters. Finally, as I am leaving the School, I should like to wish the Society, and R. C. Perkins, my successor as Secretary, a very successful future.

J. B. GOTTSCHALK,
Hon. Secretary.

LITERARY SOCIETY

FOR many years now the reports of this Society appearing in these columns have performed variations on the same theme. In a school which is only now settling down in new surroundings, and which seems regrettable to have lost all links with the great traditions of the past, far be it from us to omit the customary heart-cries. It is, we suppose, understandable that the members of a day-school desire to rush precipitously from the buildings at the earliest possible opportunity, yet, nevertheless, it seems lamentable that there is not more of the atmosphere of a corporate society about school-life. The purpose of education extends further than the attainment of examination requirements, and boys attending King Edward's should leave well-fitted to play their full part in society and to take an intelligent well-informed interest in the world generally. It is a pity, therefore, that the participation of many boys in the activities of this academic

community extends no further than the classroom.

However, we do not wish to convey the impression of despondency. On the contrary the Society abounds in youthful enthusiasm—youthful it is true, but enthusiasm nevertheless. This term, in fact, has been, despite one notable disappointment, the most successful for some time. The disappointment was the last-minute cancellation of the visit of Mr. Harry Andrews from the Stratford Memorial Theatre, an occasion which had been eagerly anticipated. No less, however, was the anticipation aroused by the visit of that eminent Old Edwardian, Mr. Kenneth Peacock Tynan, who fascinated a large meeting with theatrical anecdotes and revealing glimpses back-stage of the London Playhouses. The Society found some difficulty in deciding exactly how much more it couldn't agree with his interesting theories on "Trends." Another Old Edwardian, Mr. D. R. R. H. Llewellyn, addressed the last meeting of the term on the subject, "Between the Wars." His erudite paper provoked much valuable discussion, which revealed no lack of intellectual profundity amongst the members of the Society.

Last, but by no means least, the most recent addition to the Society's activities claims mention. The lunch-hour Poetry Reading Meetings have proved eminently successful, and this term a series of readings from the great Romantics has been both enjoyable and valuable. We suggest to the school that attendance at these meetings might prove more mentally invigorating than the many barbaric activities carried on during the lunch-hour.

Finally, the Society's thanks must go as always to the Arts Society for their posters, and to Mr. Crow, under whose stout leadership the Society has caught much of his infectious vitality and good humour.

G. R. GREEN.
Hon. Secretary.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

It will surprise most members of the School to learn that there is a Dramatic Society—at any rate that is the impression to be gained from the lamentably small number of boys who attend our productions. However, we now publicly declare that a Dramatic Society is in existence in the School and has produced a play annually since 1921; and although we have no difficulty in filling Big School with an outside audience, we would welcome increased support from members of the School.

For the School Play this year, Mr. Crow is producing "The Tempest" on January 23rd, 25th, 26th and 27th, 1951. A strong cast, headed by J. M. S. Arnott as Prospero has

been rehearsing all this term, and a permanent set, designed by M. S. McLean is being executed by the Arts and Crafts Society, under the direction of Mr. Hurn.

The Junior play this year will be "Dr. Knock," which Mr. Babb will produce in March.

R. C. PERKINS,
Hon. Secretary.

MUSICAL SOCIETY

Good news; we flourish.

The School Choir has spent the term learning carols for the School Service, and making a start on Haydn's "Creation," which we are to perform with the Orchestra next Summer. This should be impressive with a choir of over seventy members; for smaller-scale works we are to have, next term, a small choir of about thirty, chosen from the full choir.

The orchestra, with several new members, has been busy rehearsing a Haydn Symphony, and pieces by Schubert and Vaughan Williams, for the next School Concert, which will take place next term; encouraging results have already been forthcoming.

As to our Mid-day Concerts, these have been even more successful than usual. There is no shortage of talented performers for our "Composite Recitals"; last term's was given by G. T. Bruce (piano), C. Gilbraith ('cello), A. D. Gilson (clarinet), W. B. James (organ), and D. Yetman (trumpet); while this term we have heard from B. S. Adams (recorder), A. D. Kirkby (piano), I. D. Thompson (organ), R. W. Ward (oboe), and a most promising Piano Trio led by J. L. Eaton (violin). We have honoured the Bicentenary of J. S. Bach with an Organ Recital by T. F. H. Oxley; and we have had the privilege of hearing a recital by Mr. N. J. F. Craig, accompanied by Mr. W. D. Rees (whose programme included one of Handel's Violin-and-Piano Sonatas).

In our Record Recitals, we have pursued an entirely new policy, which would seem to have been a great success; instead of presenting a "mixed bag", we have heard a complete Symphony at each Concert. Our programmes have included the Fifth and Eighth Symphonies of Beethoven, and Mozart's No. 40 in G minor.

Our Junior Section has also had a very successful term; history has been made—for the first time the Junior Musical Society has heard a Concert given entirely by its own members (boys in Removes and Shells). This included solos by M. J. Berry (trombone), P. J. Connop (violin), P. W. Cutts (piano), and A. D. Gilson (clarinet), not to mention Songs, both Solos and Duets, by two Trebles from the School Choir, K. H. Schiemann and

R. M. Sweeney. Other recitals have been given by members of the Upper School, and interesting gramophone programmes have been presented.

We thank our Chairman, Dr. Willis Grant, for all the energy and enthusiasm he devotes to our causes; and when we consider the choir of seventy which he has built up, the orchestra of twenty-five, and our average attendance in the lunch-hour of thirty—we could hardly wish for a more Prosperous New Year.

T. F. H. OXLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

MUSIC CIRCLE

SINCE our last report in the CHRONICLE, much has happened in the Music Circle; we have held two terms' meetings, and we have elected eleven new members, to take the places of our absent friends whose School life was abruptly terminated last July. However, we cannot complain; our new members seem enthusiastic and their attendance reliable, while our meetings have been of great interest.

We met twice last term. At our first meeting we heard a Recital of English Songs by Mrs. Anne Williams (contralto), whose programme covered four centuries, from Dowland to Armstrong Gibbs. It was built round four of the "Sapphic Fragments" of Sir Granville Bantock, which are rarely, if ever, performed to-day. Such a Recital as this makes one realize how much beautiful music is left untouched by the "programme-planners" of the twentieth century.

Professor James Denny, of the University of Leeds, and until recently Director of Music to the Midland Region of the B.B.C., gave us a talk on the relationship between Music and the social conditions of the period when it was written. We should all be more "time-conscious" when listening to Music, he said. He ended his talk in a novel and stimulating way; playing various pieces, he asked, after each one in turn, during which period we thought it was written. The Circle, of course, honoured its traditions and acquitted itself in a fitting manner.

Our first meeting this term was devoted to a concert on records of works by Prokofiev and Lord Berners. We have been visited by Mr. J. H. James (tenor), who gave a delightful recital of songs by Peter Warlock; and at our third meeting we were honoured by a visit from Cantor W. Lewi, of the Severn Street Synagogue, who gave an illustrated talk on "Traditional Hebrew Music."

We are sure that Dr. Willis Grant, our Founder-Chairman, who arranges the programmes of all our meetings, knows without being told how grateful we are to him; we cannot yet hint what secrets he has in store

for us next term, because he has not yet divulged them to us ; but a faint suggestion has been made (not for official publication) that we may be shown over his four-manual organ at Birmingham Cathedral, one of these days.

T. F. H. OXLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

MUSICAL CHARACTERS

It is two years since the School's Musicians were sketched in the pages of the "Chronicle," and we hope that the following may "supply a long-felt want."

T. F. H. OXLEY is an intellectual musician of great promise and exceptional ability, which is hidden beneath a very unassuming demeanour. As a composer, and an exponent of both piano and organ, he is the unrivalled head of his schoolfellows. He makes an extremely capable secretary of both the Music Circle and the Musical Society, and his achievements as a conductor and a choir-master augur well for his future career.

W.B.J.

As a counterblast to the above, A. N. Other insisted on contributing the following :

T. F. H. OXLEY, a gymnast of an unusual kind, performs, from time to time, considerable feats of athletic dexterity, on both the piano and the organ ; but he should not be considered merely as an athlete, for invariably his technique is used to artistic ends. His ability is pleasingly hidden behind a façade of modesty and quiet industry ; his rolling ambulations along the Upper Corridor are a source of enjoyable satisfaction to the beholder.

D. A. WRIGHT is a man with many strings to his bow, for not only does he play the organ and piano, but also is a reliable violinist in the Orchestra and a most valuable member of the Choir. His interpretations are always musical, and with the little bit of extra self-confidence which he will certainly develop very soon, he promises to be a very good musician. W. B. JAMES never fails to give an expressive performance on the piano, and is rapidly becoming a capable organist ; I. D. THOMPSON, too, is a pianist and organist who works hard and is very gifted musically ; he only needs to overcome his "nerves," which he will soon do with a little more experience. The organ-playing of D. W. L. CLAMP is uneven, but at times can be really good ; and it should be noted that all these organists do important work in the Choir.

We have many competent pianists, notably G. T. BRUCE, A. D. KIRKBY and J. W. NORTH ; J. B. ASTON not only plays the piano, but exercises his charm as programme-distributor at our concerts ; we value very highly, too, the backstage help of E. D. SHORT, who

hides beneath a gay and dashing appearance a great interest in Music and a capability to do some of the more dreary work of the Society with a permanent smile.

Far more romance is attached by the average man to the player of an orchestral instrument than to the keyboard expert ; so now let us consider the more colourful "scrapers, blowers and bangers." A. JASPER is leader of the Orchestra ; his tone is pleasant and his intonation reliable ; J. L. EATON is another good violinist who swells our ranks ; and if P. J. CONNOP loses none of his enthusiasm his already accurate and musicianly fiddle-playing will have developed into a first-class technique by the time he reaches the Sixth Form. C. GILBRAITH is our exceptionally hard-working cellist ; he is making audible progress and should go far ; he always plays better when practising than at the Concert—but he will soon overcome this.

We are fortunate in our wood-wind, with oboist R. W. WARD, who produces a lovely tone, and whose rhythm is now his only weakness, and A. D. GILSON, who has progressed by leaps and bounds on his clarinet, and is already a very good player.

D. YETMAN is a thoroughly capable trumpeter, whose only fault seems to be a shyness to make a public appearance ; in fact, players of the most self-assertive of instruments often seem to be of a modest and retiring disposition. Still, he can usually be persuaded, and he is always a success. B. S. ADAMS plays the horn, the recorder, and the piano, and sings ; a formidable list. Most would agree that he is best on the recorder, but in time no doubt his horn-playing will come to the fore. He combines considerable musical gifts with an offhand attitude, a disarming refusal to take music seriously ; this is a pity, for we have heard some delightful recorder-playing from him recently. M. J. BERRY is our promising and enthusiastic young trombonist.

And, last but not least, the percussion, in other words D. V. PARR, our kettle-drummer, who takes a pride in his work, and sets us all an example by his painstaking diligence combined with an unflinching good humour and willingness to help ; while P. W. CUTTS, the orchestra's "apprentice-pianist," shows musical skill and promises to be most efficient, when he has learned what is by no means easy, to watch the conductor and read the music at the same time. T.F.H.O.

SCHOOL CONCERT

An enthusiastic audience of boys, parents and friends gathered in Big School on Tuesday, 27th June, to hear a varied programme given by soloists, choir and orchestra.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The soloists gave some excellent performances: A. D. Kirkby (piano) sketched Debussy's redoubtable Golliwog on his jaunty Cake-Walk; D. A. Wright (organ) played a charming movement from one of Bach's unjustifiably neglected Trio-Sonatas; A. J. Homer and D. Yetman, our two stalwart trumpeters, played a duet by Purcell, and I. D. Thompson (piano) gave an expressive performance of two of Bach's Two-Part Inventions.

The orchestral items were Mozart's Overture to his Opera, "The Magic Flute," and the Rondo from his Piano Concerto in E flat, K. 271, in which the soloist was T. F. H. Oxley. The orchestra was bigger, and, more important, its standard of performance was higher, than ever before.

The School Choir, accompanied by the orchestra, made three contributions, all by English composers; first one of Sir George Dyson's "Three Songs of Courage"; later an anthem by Leonard Blake, Director of Music at Malvern College, and a good friend of our School; and, to provide a climax to the concert, Choir, Orchestra and Organ all joined in a most impressive version of Arne's "Rule! Britannia," scored by Humphrey Searle.

The Concert was an unqualified success; and we must record our gratitude to all those who took part, or who gave backstage help, but most of all to our conductor, Dr. Willis Grant, for his inspiring leadership.

T.F.H.O.

STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

DURING the autumn term this group has been revived for discussions under Mr. Rees, and two meetings have so far been arranged. The first one was designed to lead up to the second, the principal one of the term, at which the Rev. Canon R. Allen, of Edgbaston Parish Church, is to lead a discussion on "What is a Christian?" (This has yet to be held at the time of going to press.) We hope to follow up these meetings with a series of discussions next term under the general theme of "problems of Christian behaviour in the modern world."

Attendances have been good and conclusions very satisfying. Our thanks are due to Mr. Rees for his guidance as chairman and to Mr. Williams for his help in steering us through many a difficult problem. Finally, we would welcome more support, especially from the upper school, who can be assured of stimulating discussions on problems of general interest.

J. L. EATON,
Hon. Secretary.

THE two meetings held so far this term have been reasonably well attended, but the number of Sixth Formers present was negligible. The Society looks forward to greater support from these sagacious veterans next term.

Dr. G. F. J. Garlick, of Birmingham University, opened the new session with an enlightening talk on photoelectricity, illustrated with a vast array of equipment.

The second meeting saw Mr. W. D. M. Lutyens give a powerful address on Nuclear Fission. The lecturer must be congratulated on holding the younger members spell-bound, even though the theoretical discussion was rather above their heads.

Early in December, Dr. E. B. Edny gave a lecture on Evolution and the Pre-History of Man.

Finally, our thanks go to Mr. H. W. Ballance for his enthusiastic and valuable work as Chairman; to Mr. Edwards and his assistants for their help, and to J. D. Giles for his fine posters.

F. L. JENKINS,
Hon. Secretary.

CIVIC SOCIETY

"THE policy of the Society is to attempt to give the School some idea of the commercial life and government of our country."—R. E. Greenway, Esq. (Chairman), October 8th, 1945.

This year an attempt is being made to cover a selection of the whole range of subjects at our disposal, instead of continuing to concentrate our activities predominantly within the political sphere.

At the first meeting of the Autumn Term a small but enthusiastic group of seniors participated in a discussion on "The Present Government's Foreign Policy and Defence Programme," led by two members of the Staff, Mr. W. D. M. Lutyens and Mr. R. D. J. Robertson.

The second meeting took the form of a Film Show, based on the theme of "communications and industry." An audience of about 130 saw three films shown—"La Flèche d'Or," "The Wheels behind the Walls," and "Scottish Express."

Our last meeting this term was addressed by Mr. S. J. Truman, financial adviser to Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds, Ltd. A disappointingly small audience heard an interesting talk on "Management, and its functions, in Industry."

For the Spring term an ambitious programme is planned. Mr. A. C. Dabbs, Retired Secretary of Lloyds' Underwriters' Association has consented to address the

Society on 14th February on "The History and Machinery of Lloyds," and negotiations are in progress with Sir Barry Jackson and Mr. Justice Finmore. Several outside visits are also planned.

We are indebted to M. S. McLean for the brilliant originality of his advertisements on our behalf, and to our Chairman, Mr. Vaughan, whose resolute calm has guided us safely through the fluctuating fortunes of an eventful term, we offer our most profound thanks.

Though we look forward to the future with modest confidence, we must reiterate this warning to the School—that they should, henceforth, not look to the Society for sensational, political demonstrations, but for what it is hoped will prove interesting and informative talks, discussions and excursions.

K. J. WERRING,
Hon. Secretary.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

THE well-known adage, "One man can lead a horse to water, but ten men cannot make it drink," might well be applied to the School and its Societies. Every term industrious secretaries prepare varied programmes of lectures, quite often engage well-known speakers, and spare no effort to publicize the meetings, ensuring that every boy is acquainted with the details of "who, where, and when." And yet 4 o'clock in the afternoon sees the same stream of indifferent youth flowing away from the School buildings, and the same pitifully small band of stalwarts grouped round the speaker, whose talk would probably interest at least a quarter of the School if it only took the trouble to come and hear him. One can only suppose that many boys lack Field Marshal Montgomery's third essential virtue of a decent chap, enthusiasm, unless it be that they are enthusiastic about getting away from School.

This crippling apathy has been affecting even the Geographical Society, although the small attendances at two of the meetings this term were somewhat offset by a gathering of over a hundred at the third. Appropriate to this December weather the accent was on cold regions in all three. At the first meeting members described the Society's cycling expedition to Norway in the Summer vacation, and testified that even in August it can be extremely chilly at 4,000 feet on the Hardangervidda. At the second meeting two contrasting "This Modern Age" films were shown, one describing whale hunting amid the Antarctic ice, and the other illustrating the hunt for oil among the sand-dunes of the Middle East. To conclude the term's programme an Old Boy described an expedition of British Schools' Exploring Society to Northern Norway and pointed out the

important work this organization is doing in training suitable boys to fend for themselves in extremely difficult conditions.

A full programme has been arranged for next term, and a general awakening to the importance of the much maligned subject of Geography, and a corresponding increase in the interest in this Society, is confidently expected. The gratitude of the Society is owed to Mr. Whalley, its Chairman, whose unflinching interest is responsible for much of the success of this term.

J. M. S. ARNOTT,
Hon. Secretary.

THE MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

THE first meeting of the proposed Mountaineering Club was held shortly after half term. It was very well attended, and the proceedings were pleasingly informal, though none the less efficient. The ubiquitous Snowdon Group, with their eternal demands for publicity, were particularly well represented; in fact, Group members comprise over half the committee.

At the time of writing, no further meetings have been held, though we have one more this term at which J. R. Edwards, an Old Edwardian, will speak on "The General Approach to Mountaineering." It is expected, and hoped, that attendance at this meeting will be large. With regard to future meetings, we have no lack of either subjects or speakers, and it is hoped to persuade a member of the "Stoats" to address us next term.

Mountaineering, in all its aspects, is, however, essentially a practical subject, and therefore visits have been planned for the Easter and possibly the Summer holidays, to climbing districts. The object of this is primarily to discover possible leaders so that the present level of enthusiasm may be maintained.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Lutyens, to whom we are indebted for the launching on to the School of yet another activity which will, we hope, provide a suitable relaxation for jaded scholars during their brief spells of leisure.

B. S. MATHER,
Hon. Secretary

ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY

SUPERFICIALLY the Society is doing well. The size of the audience has been very satisfactory at the three talks given during the Autumn term, "Archæology and Architecture," by F. St. J. Hetherington; "Ancient Science," by J. Brockington, and "Troglodytes and others" by the Secretary.

On the other hand a visit to the Archæological Department of the City Museum was

very poorly attended. It must be remembered that Archaeology is not an indoor interest, and if the Society is to achieve its object, members must take the trouble of going to see things for themselves. If future expeditions are better attended it may prove possible for members to share in proper archaeological field work; otherwise we must remain in the Biological Laboratory. It is hoped that these future expeditions will include visits to Aston Hall, Letocetum and Malvern.

Finally, we must point out that the improved attendance at this term's talks is in no small way due to the extremely clever posters of E. H. G. Chitham.

R. A. TOMLINSON.
Hon. Secretary,

PHILATELIC SOCIETY

THIS Society has again enjoyed a good term although there has been a serious lack of support from the more senior members of the School. However, the enthusiasm of the younger philatelists has largely compensated for this.

Our Chairman, Mr. J. B. Hurn, delivered an illustrated lecture on "Stamp Design" at the first meeting of the year, in which he covered in some detail the chief points of interest in the design of stamps right from the famous "Penny Black" issue of 1840 up to the present day. The speaker ended a most interesting talk by affirming that, in his opinion, the "Penny Black" was the best designed stamp that has ever appeared.

On October 30th, the Society was honoured by a visit from Mr. A. H. Wright, a distinguished philatelist and authority on early British Colonial stamps. He spoke to a small but appreciative audience on many aspects of philately—the best ways to obtain stamps, and the right spirit in which to exchange them. He dealt with the main features of interest in a great many old British Colonial stamps, and showed the Society a part of his own unique collection, which included a superb album of Maltese stamps—almost a complete collection of stamps of that Colony from the first issue of 1860 to the present.

To conclude this term, we hope to be able to show films dealing with either the manufacture of stamps or the work of the Post Office.

Prospects for the future are bright, for as our Chairman has remarked, philately has made its stamp upon the School. It is, undoubtedly, in a very healthy state, and shows every indication of remaining so.

J. BROCKINGTON,
Hon. Secretary.

ART SOCIETY

WERE it only possible to present the Art Society report in paint as a pictorial panorama of the various activities which have taken place during the last term, this article would have the necessary artistic flavour; the secretary's job would be lightened and the CHRONICLE's pages would be made considerably gayer. But, even then, the abstract representation of events (which would be the only way of portrayal) would not capture the essential intention behind the topics we have put in focus. The Society has tried to appeal to a wider audience and to stop its meetings from becoming too esoteric in character. Thus, though our activities have not been manifold we have attempted to show the creative work of many branches of art.

For the first meeting of the term Mr. Hurn led the Society around an exhibition at the Birmingham Art Gallery of Dutch Cabinet Paintings. Everyone was entranced by the almost unbelievable realism of the flower-pieces though one "modernist" gazed at them with his eyebrow cynically arched, and one member of the Shell tried to flick an ant off the canvas. On November 13th a small group, composed of the usual Art Society stalwarts and a few interested members of the Dramatic Society, gathered to hear the Secretary attempt to trace the development of scenery from the splendid décor of Court masques in the seventeenth century to the stark simplicity of contemporary theatre. Passing through periods of "cubism," "constructivism" and the other "isms" with which we are all too familiar, he tried to predict the future developments in their very interesting art. We were honoured later in the term by a visit from Mr. Garth Davidson, A.R.I.B.A., a Birmingham architect, who gave us a talk entitled "Contemporary Outlook in Architecture." Mr. Davidson has visited South America which is fast becoming the nucleus of experimental building schemes in the world, and after discussing English examples of buildings, erected during the last fifty years, he showed us some excellent photographs of work over there. His talk was followed by questions and discussion which bore witness to the interest his talk had aroused.

The Society continues to do practical work in the form of scenery for the forthcoming production of "The Tempest," and in posters for the various societies. Some lovely examples of ceramics are now being produced and these incidentally draw even scientists from their retreat to fire and glaze the bowls and models. We must thank Mr. Hurn for his continued help, without which we would be unable to continue, and, in conclusion, G. T. Lyall, our retiring Secretary, who has done so much for the Society. We shall miss

him, his Jazzmen and his American soldiers, known to everybody in the School.

M. S. McLEAN,
Hon. Secretary.

CHRISTIAN UNION

DURING the Autumn term, in an endeavour to increase attendances, meetings have been held fortnightly. A slight increase in numbers has been observed, but we are sure that many more, especially the hordes of Crusaders in the Middle School, ought to come.

Interesting talks have been given by Mr. Quayle, the Rev. Harvey Teulon, Mr. Naish and the Rev. G. T. Eddy on certain aspects of Christian life. It was hoped to have Reg. White, Secretary of the Youth for Christ Movement, to speak, but he was unfortunately away in America on business. Progress has been made by our keener members in the Bible Study meetings, held on alternate Fridays in odd corners of the school. Prayer meetings have been held before school on Friday, but attendance has been disappointing.

Next term it is hoped to arrange a Brains' Trust with well-known speakers.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Ballance for allowing us to use the Biology Laboratory for our meetings.

J. A. VEITCH,
D. B. HILL,
Hon. Secretaries.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

THE Natural History Society was at the beginning of the Michaelmas team affiliated to the School Club. The Society has existed, alive and dormant, since the beginning of this century and has in the fifty years produced many now well-known naturalists.

Two films were shown at our first meeting of the term, one on the "Social Life of the Wood Hut," the second on the "Breeding Birds of the Farne Islands." Papers were read on bird, butterfly and animal migration by members of the society at the second meeting, and the final meeting was honoured by the presence of C. A. Norris, M.B.O.V., Secretary of the West Midland Bird Club, who spoke on "Bird Watching in Sweden and the Baltic." This lecture was unique in that it was illustrated by both slides and sound recordings. The average attendance at all these meetings was very good indeed.

Rain interfered with the half-term field meeting, but it is hoped that a party will visit the Billet Reservoirs at the end of term. There are, however, many reliable naturalists in the society, who devote much of their time to studying problems of nation-wide interest. I may mention in particular the work in

progress on the diurnal migration of birds in and around Birmingham. Society members have reported many *rarae aves* during the term. It is encouraging to note that most of the seniors are members of the West Midland Bird Club and/or the Birmingham Natural History Society.

In welcoming Mr. Monkman to our Chair, we must not forget to thank Mr. Ballance for so ably holding that position last year.

M. J. THOMAS,
Hon. Secretary.

MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

THE Society can look back on 1950 with satisfaction and forward to 1951 with hope.

Meetings in the Summer term included a Spanish talk entitled *La Vida Intelectual de Espana*; a French debate, at which a motion implying that rising before 10-30 a.m. is a thoroughly anti-social habit, which was carried, and a reading of miscellaneous French and German poetry reading at which the Society was pleased to welcome a number of Parisian students as guests.

The programme for the first term of the Academic year included a talk in French by M. René Thibault and a German talk entitled *Ein kurzer Einblick in westdeutsche Verhältnisse*, as well as a French film show.

Perhaps the most pleasing feature of the term, however, was the reception accorded to the French and German poetry readings which have now become firmly established. Mr. Rees and Mr. Brann were among those who read. A reading in Spanish will take place at the beginning of the Spring term.

We are indebted to Mr. W. H. Babb, Mr. W. D. Rees and Mr. W. Barlow who acted as Chairmen at meetings during 1950; to T. R. Almond for his posters and most of all to Mr. V. J. Biggs, our Founder-Chairman, whose wide guidance has prevented our more enthusiastic members from turning the School into a riotous imitation of the *Gare St. Lazare* or perhaps a *Berlin Kaffeehaus*.

Finally to all those who dare not cross the threshold of our mysterious and cosmopolitan *séances* we say simply *Venez voir*.

J. DE C. LING,
Hon. Secretary.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

LAST term four meetings were held which were well attended. The motions of the debates were that "School days are the happiest days of our lives," "Rearmament of Germany," "An International Language taught in Schools" and "The compulsory games system."

There is much coming talent evident among the members of the lower forms, and we have



[Photo by J. R. Edwards.
K.E.S. SENIOR SCOUT CAMP, LA GRAVE.
"THE CAMP SITE WITH LE RATEAU (12,378 Feet)."]



K.E.S. SENIOR SCOUT CAMP, LA GRAVE, AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 1950.
[Photo by J. R. Edwards.]

had many good and interesting speeches. Although we have support from the lower forms, we should also like to see more fifth formers.

Sincere thanks must be extended to our Chairman, Mr. Dunt, who has been our guiding light throughout the term. We must also thank Mr. Porter for the use of his room. We have had many fine posters, for which we give thanks to Mc Cracken.

D. GOMPERTZ,
Hon. Secretary.

C.C.F.—NAVAL SECTION

THE term has been one of Ceremony and Exams. On October 6th the section was inspected by Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery, who commented favourably on the turnout. Examinations for Able Seaman, Proficiency Test (Part I) and Proficiency Test (Part II) have all been held this term. Five out of six candidates passed Proficiency Test (Part II), and Leading Seamen Bache, Mather and Somerset have been promoted to Cadet Petty Officer. In the Proficiency Test (Part I) all but two out of twelve have survived the written paper.

Field Day saw the Section at Bristol, on board H.M.S. *Flying Fox*, where training of a practical nature was carried out.

Leading Seaman Latham is coaching a number of ratings who are to take the Signalman's Badge shortly. Increasingly large quantities of equipment continue to be dealt with successfully by Petty Officer Somerset, whose splicing abilities are much appreciated.

The section welcomes Petty Officer Mearder who comes to assist us on Thursday mornings from H.M.S. *Gamecock*, the Naval Air Station at Bramcote.

W. K. BACHE,
Cadet Petty Officer.

AIR SECTION

IN August of this year the dignified R.A.F. College at Cranwell was stormed by some hundreds of C.C.F. Cadets, representing units from all over Great Britain. The largest contingent present was from this School, and it enjoyed a very interesting and instructive week's camp. Highlights of the week were a tour of the actual College and its unparalleled aeronautical museum, aerobatics in "Harvards" (quite the quickest way of discovering if one has a tendency to be air-sick), and a night-exercise, the enjoyment of which was enhanced by the difficulty of identifying friend and foe.

The major event of the term was the long-promised visit to the School of Field-Marshal

Viscount Montgomery, during which he inspected the C.C.F. Contingent. The entire parade was for the first time commanded by an N.C.O. of this Section. It was very difficult to determine the impression made by the parade on the Field-Marshal, but we have every reason to believe that this Section did not let the Contingent down in any way. We are still not satisfied, however, with our present standard of drill and expect further improvements in the Spring term, when, with the addition of boots and webbing, the Section should quite easily restore itself to its position as the best turned out Corps in the School.

The "book-work," which occupies the majority of the training time, has undergone a considerable change during the term. An almost entirely new syllabus has been drawn up for C.C.F. Units, accentuating the practical side of flying, so that cadets equipped with flying harness and oxygen masks, or floating about in rubber dinghies, will shortly be quite a common sight on Thursday mornings. The old syllabus was finished off well at the Autumn examination, when a large number of cadets sat for the Proficiency Certificate, and two N.C.O.s sat all parts of the Advanced Certificate.

Field Day was held nearby at R.A.F., Castle Bromwich. In spite of bad weather, which prevented flying, an excellent programme was arranged, culminating in a brilliant pyrotechnic display. We have been extremely fortunate this term with flying, the University Air Squadron having placed their light aircraft at our disposal one afternoon every week. Very few units are in as enviable a position as this, and we have been favoured still further by affiliation, with Rugby School, to R.A.F., Castle Bromwich. For this and our other achievements we have chiefly to thank the constant enthusiasm and patience of our C.O. and other officers.

ARMY AND BASIC SECTION

THE hope of the retiring senior C.S.M., that our end-of-term activities would be a success, has, indeed, been realized. The Inspection, carried out by Air Vice-Marshal Guest, on the 13th July, was well up to standard, or so we are led to believe by observers. The Gymkhana, postponed from the 22nd until the 26th of July, was held in brilliant sunshine, and the Army section showed natural supremacy by winning the Guard Mounting competition. The efficiency of our open day may be judged by the size of "C" Company this year.

Here may be recorded our congratulations to C.S.M. Gosney, on winning the Knight Memorial Medal, and to Sgt. Atkinson on being thought the best cadet instructor.

After camp, a report of which may be seen

elsewhere in the CHRONICLE, the new school year dawned with a very full calendar. The visit of Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery of Alamein, on the 6th of October, was upon us before we were properly organized, but all concerned are to be congratulated on putting up such a fine performance.

Four new C.S.M.s were appointed at the beginning of term, and took up their respective posts, C.S.M.'s Waring and Westbrook to "A" Coy, C.S.M. Ball to "B" Coy, and C.S.M. Thomas to "C" Coy. We welcome also this term the services of Lt. Hodges, who is of great assistance in a variety of spheres.

Church Parade was held on Sunday, 12th November, Remembrance Sunday, at Edgbaston Old Church, and the March Past was taken by Brigadier Wheatley.

Training goes on as usual, except that Nos. 2 and 4 platoons are working hard in order to take Certificate "A," parts 1 and 2 respectively, at Christmas. 1 platoon is learning about tanks. Field day, spent in various parts of the countryside, was rounded off by a good tea in the dining-hall.

Classification is now on a House basis, resulting in keener competition. Signals, this year under L/Cpl. Peierls, have had a setback, due to lack of equipment, but small gatherings are occasionally to be seen in the Training Stores, which, we are forced to conclude, are Signals parades.

Sgt. Johnston, Drum Major, has turned out a Band, from very raw material, which does us credit on all Ceremonial occasions.

Motor-cycling has unfortunately stopped, but theory is continued, with an ever-dwindling squad. Lt. Hodges has become the squad's guardian angel, and has introduced some new ideas. Both the Armoury and the Clothing Stores have been examined this term, and remedied in those things that have been found wanting.

This represents the total of our numerous activities and if we have had success, much of it is owed to our Officers, and especially to Major Matthews, who can be seen working at all hours in the Orderly Room.

ARMY AND BASIC SECTION CAMP, 1950

AFTER three successive camps at Gandale in Yorkshire, the Contingent had a change in environment this year. Oswestry, and Park Hall camp in particular, was our objective, on Tuesday, the 1st of August, as we paraded at Snow Hill Station. We arrived there before lunch, to find the camp well organized, with a good lunch laid on. The rest of the first day was spent in settling down and finding our way about.

Training, this year, was very enthusiastically and ably carried out by officer cadets from Eton Hall O.C.T.U., and for this purpose,

the Contingent was organized in three platoons, two senior, and one junior. The senior platoons started on the Wednesday with Section attacks, with intermittent periods of Drill; these led up to the grand chaos of the Company attack. The activities of the junior platoon were slightly more obscure, but it is believed they reached attacks on a Platoon level.

A course of gunnery was laid on, by request, and several K.E.S. cadets took advantage of this, being rewarded at the end of the week by brass cannons on their sleeves.

In the field of sport at camp, we were defeated at Basketball by Warwick, and we managed to come ninth out of 23 units in the potted sports. This represents our usual position on such occasions, and it can be said for us that we had spirit enough to enter.

After a quiet final night, we returned all our borrowed stores, entrained at 10 o'clock on Thursday, 10th August, and we were dismissed at Snow Hill at about 12-30 p.m.

We thank our own Officers, and especially Western Command, for organizing an excellent Camp, and we hope that it will be as good next year.

ROVER CREW

THREE meetings of the crew have been held this term and a Christmas Party for orphan children is planned.

At half term a very enjoyable week-end "camp" was held near Church Stretton in the Shropshire Hills, by crew members and sundry others. Hill walking and rock scrambling was indulged in and the highlight of the week-end was a firework session in patchy cloud on top of 1,400-ft. Hope Bowdler Hill.

Boys and Old Edwardians interested in the Crew should contact Mr. Hurn at School.

SCOUT GROUP

THE activities of the group have developed more or less according to plan, and more or less to our orthodox pattern. The Open Day held last July was successful, and even spectacular on occasions. At all events, it was amusing.

It was decided that new recruits should not be admitted to the group until half term, by which time the Patrol Leaders would have undergone intensive training; this policy seems to have met with every success, and the pattering of tender feet round the innermost places of the Scout Room may be taken as a sign of enthusiasm. We are reputed to have entered a team for the De Renzi competition, which was cancelled because of lack of support

from other troops. The Rover crew has been meeting, usually in the hours of darkness and rain, and spent half-term igniting fireworks on the Long Mynd. One Senior Patrol has devoted itself to public service, and we notice that the hut has been converted into a temporary prison.

Field Day was spent by the juniors in the traditional well-behaved manner; but rumour has it that the Seniors were worsted in an engagement with a Lickey Hill park keeper. The Christmas holidays are to be filled with the accustomed troop parties, hikes, and good deeds; though whether the carol singing to be organized by one troop will fall under the last category is doubtful.

Thus, it may be said that the group as a whole is flourishing. That we cannot accept more than a small part of those who wish to join the group is proof (if any were needed) of our good reputation.

R. A. TOMLINSON,
A.S.M.

REPORT OF FIRST NEVIN CAMP, 1950

A JUNIOR Scout Camp was held at Nevin, North Wales, August 1st to 11th, under the expert leadership of Mr. Leeds and Mr. Osborne.

To a large extent it followed the usual pattern of these camps and yet the perennial jokes were laughed at heartily and the activities were done with great gusto.

Each patrol had a day outing exploring the vicinity of the camp. They also tried to outshine Mr. Bailey by building a bridge of rope over a nearby stream. The daily cooking of each patrol brought forth some varied dishes and some budding chefs were discovered amongst the company. The older boys had an excursion up Moel-he-bog, a smallish mountain, that needed little skill to reach the top.

The night exercises were great fun and Mr. Leeds added to this by doing a lively impersonation of all that a sentry ought not to be.

A camp magazine of all topical jokes was kept; this was a howling success, but it is not for publication, alas!

Thanks to the weather clerk and the boys' high spirits, the camp was greatly enjoyed by all who went.

D.F.L.

Summer Camp, Aberayron, Cardiganshire.

A small camp, primarily intended for members of the New Troop, was held from August 1st to the 11th, about a mile inland from Aberayron on a site used by the Group in 1945.

The advance party had an anxious time tracing the equipment, which had not been delivered to the site.

After the arrival of the main party the patrol system for cooking was adopted, and this proved highly successful. The three patrols showed enterprise and originality and a high standard of cooking was achieved.

One day an ambitious and keenly contested treasure hunt was held, covering a considerable area of the surrounding countryside. The result after great excitement was a dead heat, and the treasure, a piece of cake, was divided.

Another very successful and enjoyable event, organized by the officers, was the Camp Sports. It is worthy of note that the cross-country race was won by the youngest boy in the camp. The P/Ls and T/Ls enjoyed a two-day hike over the moors. Fancying themselves as "backwoodsmen" they purposely omitted to take a tent, relying on being able to construct a bivouac. Unfortunately, during the afternoon it began to pour with rain, and the prospect of a night on those bleak Welsh moors drove them down into the valley, where luckily they found shelter in a farm outhouse.

Apart from this one day the weather was good and bathing parades were held regularly.

Camping experience gained, especially by the younger members, and the enjoyment obtained by all, fully justified the purpose of the camp. The Patrol Competition was deservedly won by the Bittern patrol under P/L A. C. Pillinger.

We owe many thanks to Mr. Cook, Scoutmaster; I. D. Sandilands, A.S.M., and W. G. G. Lindley, T/L, whose enthusiastic organization led to an efficient and happy camp.

J. A. A. STOCKWIN,
P/L.

Senior Scout Camp

La Grave, Hautes Alpes, August 23rd to September 11th.

It would be impossible to give more than an incomplete impression of this camp. Perhaps it is best described as a camp of extremes: extreme distance, extreme height, extreme interest, extreme weather.

The camp itself was situated at a height of some 5,500 feet, in a valley that leads up to the mountain La Meije from the village of La Grave, which is as clean as the next village, Villar d'Arène, is indescribably filthy. The water supply, coming from a glacier was very cold, especially for washing; the weather very hot—except for one bad spell when we were almost washed out by rain.

The villages were always friendly, if not always co-operative. Three girls from the grocer's shop, on the pretext of picking raspberries, came and serenaded us on Sunday afternoons. Acquaintance was soon established by the quaint French custom of exchanging match boxes.

Though La Meije itself was not climbed, we conquered most of the peaks that surrounded us, while other members of the troop hitch-hiked round the countryside, one intrepid pair even reaching Nice. We were able to bathe in the Lai de Puy Vachier, about two-and-a-half miles from the camp. This lake is twice as high as the summit of Snowdon, and consequently not particularly warm. We became very friendly with a small boy on the way to this lake, who appeared to have lost his cows, though this did not worry him unduly.

On looking back, this camp was an experience not to be missed, completely different from any other we have held: that it was such a success we owe to a large extent to Mrs. Hurrell who spun out our finances, and put up with us in a wonderful way. We, at any rate, have learnt to deal with many difficult situations *sans peur—et sans effort*.

R. A. TOMLINSON,
P.L.(S.)

FAVERGES IN RETROSPECT

WRITTEN as this report is, in weather almost as wintry as that which we experienced earlier this year at Faverges, it is with little difficulty that we recall the main events of a very enjoyable holiday.

Despite the lateness of starting on our journey to Faverges, every member of the party was wide awake when we foregathered in Snow Hill Station at midnight on Monday, 17th April, to travel to London by the night-train. Once across London by coach, and on the Newhaven-bound train, we felt we were really on our way. Looking back on that short but beautiful train journey through the lovely Sussex landscape, it seems that by comparison with the country we were shortly to see, England is, in spite of the rolling Downs, as smooth as the proverbial billiard table.

Early Wednesday morning found the Paris to Annecy express nearing its destination. It was not expectations of what we were to see—great though these were—that kept the party very much alive, but what we could already see at the time. On either side of the train there rose great snow-capped mountains, the like of which most of us had never seen before.

The day was only just over eight hours old when we arrived at Annecy, whence we went by coach to Faverges, a distance of some fifteen miles along a road which, for the most part, skirted the beautiful Lac d' Annecy.

After a speedy breakfast, most of the party made an even speedier dash for bed, from

which they were very reluctant to reappear for lunch. Indeed, certain members whose room none of their colleagues could find, owed their lunch to Mr. Biggs's success in finding and rousing them.

The afternoon saw Mr. Leeds, whom we were glad to have with us once more, lead a party to explore the local beauty spot, the "Grottes et Cascades," whilst most of the evening after dinner was spent by Mr. Biggs in handing out pocket money. And so to bed, perhaps tired, perhaps a little overawed by the grandeur of what we had seen, but certainly eagerly anticipating the morrow.

On Thursday morning Faverges was subjected to a close scrutiny by most of the party, whilst the afternoon was spent in visiting the Gorges du Fied, another local beauty spot.

Friday had hardly dawned before the party was on the way to Chamonix. Chamonix is a charming little winter sports town situated in a valley surrounded by very steep mountains. On this trip we were fortunate enough to have a very good view of that huge mountain, Mt. Blanc. At Chamonix, many of the party risked the cable-railway up Le Brèveat, whilst those who preferred the feel of terra firma, made a shopping expedition round the town.

Saturday was spent in further exploration of Faverges and its surroundings, as was Sunday morning. On Sunday afternoon we went to Annecy for two hours, on the way again experiencing a cable railway.

The party was up early again on Monday, ready to make a trip to Geneva or to make a walking tour under Mr. Leeds' guidance. Both sections of the party got wet this day, though fortunately, Geneva did look its best for brief spells. Of Monday, however, the most important memory will be the drinking to the health and happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Biggs, which Mr. Leeds proposed after dinner, it being their wedding anniversary.

Thoughts of home, and of the approaching return journey, which proved to be rather unpleasant, scarcely held any sway on Tuesday morning, for we awoke to find the land four inches deep in snow, which made the mountains more beautiful than before, if that were possible. Packing and last minute shopping, interspersed with snowballing, occupied the greater part of the day, which ended with our leaving the hotel to a rousing cheer, followed by the school song.

To Mr. Biggs, whose planning and organization once again proved so efficient; to Mrs. Biggs, for the way in which she so adequately played mother to thirty-two of us, and to Mr. Leeds, for his ever cheery comradeship, we would offer our sincere thanks for a truly wonderful holiday.

M.V.G.

THE afternoon of August 5th saw the arrival of nine members of the School, under the leadership of Mr. Bennett, aboard the liner *M/S Venus*, at Newcastle Docks.

We were just beginning on our voyage to Bergen, in preparation for our cycling tour of Norway. The official purpose of our journey was to study examples of glacial scenery, although no secret was made of the ulterior motive of also having a good holiday.

The crossing was unusually calm, and when land was sighted about lunch-time on Sunday, no one felt sufficiently indisposed to miss the enjoyment of the two-hour cruise through the rocky islands, which skirt the Norwegian coast-line.

We docked at Bergen in the afternoon, and we were immediately faced with the problem of cycling on the right-hand side of the road. Despite this, we succeeded in making our way along cobbled streets, and between colourful, and rather picturesque buildings, to a funicular railway, which took us up to the Youth Hostel, over 1,000 feet above the city.

Here we heard for the first time, what proved to be a prominent feature of Norwegian hostel life—the evening sing-song, and it was here also that we learnt that the Norwegian hostel mattress is not quite so uncomfortable to sleep on as the traditional English one.

The next morning we cycled out of Bergen about mid-day.

Within a few miles we found ourselves amid the rugged and awe-inspiring scenery which is typical of Western Norway. The first part of our journey took us along roads that closely followed the fjord coastline, and others that clung, five or six hundred feet up, to the sides of mountain forges, to the famous Hardanger Fjord. Along this we cycled and after crossing to Kinsarvik, by ferry steamer, we eventually reached the fishing village of Eidfjord. From here we climbed to the top of the Hardanger Vidda, an ascent of over 4,000 feet. Although only 22 miles long, this climb took most of one day, and when we reached the top, as dusk was falling, we felt in no mood to face the wintry conditions that prevail there even in summer. However, we cycled on across the wild and desolate plateau, with its tundra-like scenery, until we eventually arrived at Skiftesjoen Youth Hostel.

The next day we experienced what must be every cyclist's dream; for we cycled downhill continually for over 100 kilometres. By now we were well into the interior of Norway, and as we travelled on to Fagernes, the turning point in our journey, we found the scenery much less rugged.

After leaving Fagernes we made our way against powerful winds to the village of

Skogstad; and on the way we stopped to watch a Norwegian Sunday-afternoon football match—played in the middle of August on a pitch of rock and gravel.

The next day we went on to Laerdal on the Sogne Fjord, where we inspected a picturesque wooden church built entirely from the timber of early Viking ships and decorated with their figure-heads. Here we boarded a ferry steamer which took us to Gudvangen—first along the main fjord, and then up the narrow Nærøysund, with its sheer cliffs towering up two thousand feet.

From Gudvangen we went on to climb the famous Stalheim Pass, and then we cycled through pouring rain, to arrive at Voss, covered in mud, splashed up from the roads. Here we monopolized the washing facilities on the railway station, and finally boarded the train back to Bergen with some semblance of respectability.

Our cycling was now over, and back in Bergen we could look back on the tour with a feeling of successful achievement. The weather had been excellent except for our last day, and breakdowns had been surprisingly few, considering that most of the road surfaces would have disgraced an English cart track. In all they had amounted to no more than six punctures and a few mechanical faults.

We had successfully mastered our one great problem of cooking meals. By carrying our own Primus stoves, strapped to our bicycle frames, we were able to prepare meals at any time. We divided up into three groups—the Black Watch, the Death Watch, and the Swiss Watch, and took it in turns to do a day's cooking.

Undoubtedly, there are some memories of the tour we are never likely to forget: snow-balling in the middle of August; the impromptu concert some Danish mountaineers gave for us at Laerdal; our somewhat amusing attempts at mastering the Norwegian language; and the sensation of speeding down hills with a cliff on one side and a precipice on the other.

There is, of course, one other thing we shall never forget—the food. As we could carry very little, we had to "live off the country," and since the village stores had a very limited supply of foodstuffs, our basic diet consisted of brown bread, brown cheese, and reindeer meat-balls.

For this reason we all promised to make the most of the excellent food provided on the return voyage; but despite our earnest endeavours, it was noticeable that many familiar faces were absent from the supper-table.

There can be no doubt that the tour amply fulfilled its purposes. Plenty of scope was given to geologists and photographers; while all of us gained a first-hand knowledge of Norway in many of its aspects, and were

successfully initiated into the art of fending for ourselves in a foreign country.

In conclusion our sincere thanks are due to Mr. J. F. Benet, for his efficient organization and all he contributed to a very successful holiday. G.Y.

J. S. BACH
1685-1750

THROUGHOUT the world of European civilization the year 1950 has been one of commemoration; it is the bicentenary of the death of Johann Sebastian Bach. Festivals and concerts have been held; books and articles have been published; special recordings have been made; new editions of the music have been issued. Even in Soviet-controlled Germany Bach has been officially extolled, as "the pioneer of bourgeois emancipation from the trammels of feudal tyranny."

But many still think of him as a composer who wrote counterpoint that is mathematically brilliant, but of no great interest from a purely musical point of view; except, of course, for such rare pearls as "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," "Air on the G String," and one or two similar pieces. Such people have probably never made any attempt to listen to any of the rest of his music, nor even to hear these few pieces in the form in which they were written; they are content with arrangements which are so hackneyed that people have been led to imagine that they are the original. To form one's entire judgment of Bach from half-a-dozen such arrangements is like judging the whole of Shakespeare from a copy of "Lamb's Tales."

But the fact remains that musical people, and enlightened scholars of every art, have considered the music of Bach so important that his bicentenary has been celebrated with unique enthusiasm. He is numbered among the ten greatest intellects the world has seen. Let us briefly consider the personality, life, and work of this man, and try to understand what he achieved.

The conditions under which he worked would hardly lead one to expect such a genius. Son of a humble member of the town band in Eisenach, a small town in Thuringia, he led a comparatively secluded life, never once venturing outside his native Germany. His genius as a composer was quite lost on his audiences, who thought of him only as one of many such organist-composers; he achieved national fame, however, as a brilliant performer on the organ. (A contemporary critic said of him that "his feet flew over the pedal-board as though they were winged"!). He also became well-known for his unusual skill in extemporization, a requirement far more necessary to an organist of his day than to one of ours.

His chief characteristic as a personality was one of dogged determination; on more than one occasion he was unjustifiably stubborn. Many stories illustrate this; one of the best-known is of how, as a child, he was forbidden by his guardian to use certain music-books, and how he tried to overcome this rule by copying out the music from them at night by moonlight. Several times he made great journeys on foot, or at any rate "hitch-hiking," to hear famous organists and broaden his musical experience. The longest of these was 300 miles each way, from Arnstadt to Lübeck, to hear the great Buxtehude; for this he extended four weeks' leave of absence to four months.

This gave rise to yet another of the interminable series of quarrels with his employers. His determination to give full expression to his artistic inspirations gave him a contempt of the more mundane of their rules. On one occasion the Duke of Weimar imprisoned him in his house, until he should withdraw a somewhat outspoken petition to be allowed to leave the Duke's service; Bach held out for nearly a month, after which the Duke had to release him for fear of becoming a laughing-stock. Also, he was unusually sensitive to unfair treatment, and this gave rise to many jealousies and rankling disputes. On two separate occasions he used his cantata "Phoebus and Pan" bitterly to satirize his opponents. He was, however, always happy in his family life, and his second wife, Anna Magdalena, was a model of co-operation in assisting him with his musical work, as well as in bringing up the numerous children.

His career falls naturally into three main sections, with the three important appointments which he held. In the first period, spent as Organist to the Duke of Weimar, and later also Director of his Court Orchestra, he wrote most of his works for the organ, the only organ music which can really be placed among the greatest of all music. His second period was spent as Conductor of the Court Band at Cöthen, where his major instrumental works were written, such as the "Well-Tempered Clavier," the Suites and Concertos. Foremost among these stand the six "Brandenburg Concertos," written in the Italian style.

Possibly the most interesting period is the third, which, with its twenty-seven years, is easily the longest. At this time he wrote the great choral works, the Passions, oratorios, cantatas, Masses and motets. This was part of his duties as "Cantor" at the St. Thomas Choir-School in Leipzig. He had to train the choir which supplied singers for all the four churches in the town, and personally to compose, and, in performance, direct not only the weekly cantata, but also the Passions and Masses required on special occasions. There were men doing this in every large

town in Germany, since published church music was practically unheard of at this time; these men seemed quite reconciled to the fact that after one performance the cantata would be "put on the shelf" and never be heard again. The conditions under which these cantatas were performed in Leipzig were most difficult; the resources were far from adequate. In a report submitted by Bach complaining about conditions, he asks for a minimum of four soloists and twelve members of the choir (twelve to make allowance of four being ill and unable to appear), together with an orchestra of at least twenty. It seems incredible to us that any effort could be made to perform these cantatas with a combination even smaller than this, but Bach definitely complains that this is the case. It is clear that the quality of performance, too, was far below the standard necessary to do justice to such works. The orchestra was composed, for the most part, of third-rate amateurs; the choir consisted entirely of boys and youths from the St. Thomas School, who had inadequate rehearsal and no enthusiasm. The music they had to sing, too, was of extreme difficulty, since Bach's vocal lines were really instrumental rather than vocal in conception. The congregation did not offer encouragement, either; they came out of a sense of duty to the conventions of the time, not for any musical uplift. One must remember also the speed at which the composer had to work, to produce a cantata, lasting at least twenty minutes, for almost every week in the year.

Nevertheless, the music produced under these conditions is now universally accepted as the nearest which Music has ever approached to the Divine. In his illustration of Holy Scripture Bach is deeply personal, as no other composer before or since. Some of his Preludes on the hymn-tunes which are the bulwark of the Lutheran Church seem to transcend experience of this world. After playing one of these "Chorale-Preludes" Mendelssohn said to Schumann, "If I had lost all my religious faith, this thing alone would be sufficient to restore it." The St. John Passion, with its impetuous dramatic surge; the St. Matthew Passion, which, meditating on the deepest things of human life, "grips the modern world with its emotional power"; the B Minor Mass, with its lofty architecture; the organ and instrumental pieces, in all their infinite variety; all these works, while they take us through every emotion experienced by Man, are at the same time more than anything else in Music above us on a higher plane. No composer is like Bach, at one and the same time such a classic, and such a romantic; none is so abstract, and yet so vividly pictorial, none so traditional and yet so individual. Taking the conventional forms

as he found them, he touched them with the divine spark of his genius, and brought them to their final consummation, at the same time introducing the beginnings of the New Music, the foundations of the Romantic Schools of the nineteenth century. His music was truly, as he wrote on so many of his title pages, *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*.

T.F.H.O.

CONFERENCE AT RUGBY

DURING the last week of the Summer term it was our privilege to attend a Public Schools' Sixth Form Conference at Rugby, on the subject of the British Empire and Commonwealth. Besides ourselves there were fourteen representatives of outside schools, but a large number of those attending the meetings were members of the sixth form of Rugby. The conference was opened by Lord Rugby, whose address was interesting and witty; he spoke of the development of the British and foreign attitudes towards the Commonwealth from Victorian to modern times. During the next four days there were lectures by many speakers on many subjects, but as lack of space prevents a separate account of each one, we are only able to give a list of them. They were as follow:

Mr. L. C. Giles, an Old Edwardian, on "Life as a District Officer in the Colonial Service."

Mr. Hugh Paget on "Jamaica."

Mr. H. Alan Walker on "The British West Indies Sugar Industry."

Mr. Hugh Paget on "The West Indies" (illustrated with slides).

Mr. I. Watt on "Closer Association in the West Indies."

Mr. P. F. Campbell on "Barbados."

Sir John Shaw on "Trinidad."

Mr. K. W. Blackburne on "The West Indies during the War."

Sir Kenneth Mitchell on "British Honduras and British Guiana."

Mr. T. L. Iremonger on "The Pacific Group of Islands."

The closing address was given by Sir Kenneth Mitchell, but no attempt was made to sum up the substance of the whole conference, for the mass of detail and fact in proportion to the theory and opinion put forward was far too great to make a summary possible. Sir Kenneth cut his speech short in order to make time for a debate. The motion, which was defeated, was that "this house thinks that a democracy is unfitted to govern the affairs of other peoples." It was defended by Mr. Casey of Oundle School and opposed by Mr. E. Ferguson of Rugby.

One of the most interesting aspects of our visit was the view into the social life of the school which it afforded, and we were fortunate in being able to see not only the

social life of 1950 but also the way in which Rugby Football was played in the days when Tom Brown went to school with John Howard Davies in the title role in the most recent film of the book.

The representatives of the outside schools were lodged in the School Houses, and we were staying at Sheriff House, where we were hospitably entertained by the Sixth Form. We attended the School Chapel in the mornings and prayers in the House in the evenings; and during the two afternoons when there were no meetings we were able to watch the athletics and swimming sports. Moreover, we were at liberty to use the open-air swimming bath (tosh) and the tennis courts, if we chose.

On the Friday afternoon of that week we returned home, having spent a most enlightening and enjoyable five days, both attending the conference, which it is hoped would be the first of many, and also having a valuable insight into the life of another Public School.

E.M.J.

D.J.Y.

THE HARPSICORD

Clear crystalline notes tinkle on the polished nerve of thought like chips of ice

And smash into a thousand tiny crystals, which melt into glistening drops of ice-cold moisture.

The player stops, stiffens, then like a wind-ruffled nervous sparrow hops and darts from note to note.

The mood changes and a scurrying cloud of yellow, red and brown leaves flutter and rattle in a cheery swirl, whisking and whirling and rustling on the polished oak floor.

But soon they are still.

And the cold fingers of Death pluck at the strings of the soul.

A thousand winding sheets rattle in the thin wind

With a dry cold sound and millions of tiny chips of bone rattle as they crumble in the hardness of space.

R.H.

PROLOGUE

There was a scoler eek of Bermynghame,
Who loved nothing better than a tramme;
And in his bakke garden did he keepe
(After the plan of Bermynghammes street)
A tramway, with a shed, and trammes nine
Which runned freely up and down the line.
He bought not sweetes, nor did ever go
Unto the cinema, because you know
It costeth much, he seyde, so every coin
I spend on bolts and bits of wyre to join
The poles, the track, and make the noise
much less.

He was a veray gentil wight, I gesse.

A.R.G.D.

TO A "RETIRED" RAILWAY ENGINE

He dwells among the "not so hot,"

Beside the springs of chairs,

An engine there are none to "spot,"

And very few to curse.

A stalwart, by a creeping vine
Half hid from vulgar gaze!

Proud champion of all the line,
In far from modern days.

He lives unknown, and few could know
When Billy ceased to puff

But now he's in the "yard"
And oh the difference to the 10.25 from Little
Wapping to Puddleton by Sea (s.o.) stopping
at all stations (*) except Frame (MTX-§B.)
passengers for Riblengdon, Bakersdoe and
Dedmanscuse (F.S.; OP; †; 2) change at
Crewe if the train passes that way (see
table 99) and otherwise (MT; SF; WX)
change at Northcott and (for Dedmanscuse
only) at Edinburgh (if on Monday) or at
Bath (if on Tuesday) otherwise at Birmingham
(N.S.) (MTX). This train will not run on
Bank Holidays.

R.H.

PORTRAIT

He strolls through some colourful eastern city, wearing a dirty leather jacket, a battered trilby, with the stub of a cigarette projecting from his cynical smile, and a gun shoved carelessly into his hip pocket. Probably he runs an airline, consisting of one dilapidated aeroplane, or perhaps he drives a battered old lorry over rutted, bandit-crowded roads. Sometimes he dresses in neat lounge suits (still retaining his gun though) and strides purposefully through smoky night clubs in the guise of a private detective.

But we know that he is happiest when he can get back into his leather jacket and his weary slouch, shouldering beautiful women out of his path and throwing glasses of gin in the faces of slimy foreigners. We have seen him often enough. Alan Ladd and Humphrey Bogart have imitated him frequently on the screen, Gary Cooper, Cary Grant and James Stewart less often; Ernest Hemingway and F. Scott Fitzgerald have written of him; sometimes he makes public appearances on the stage, but more often he is seen strolling through the crowded alleyways of the short story. But be careful not to regard him as merely a contemporary fiction, for he has a great significance in our lives. In this age of conventions, regulations and regimentation he symbolizes the freedom of the individual. His ramshackle aeroplane pronounces him a man who is his own master; his leather jacket shows he cares nothing for the pompous neatness of the

average citizen ; and he breaks the law not because he is a criminal, but an adventurer whom no laws can contain. And if, in the end, he gets killed in an unequal gun-battle or gets married off to the petite girl with long blonde hair, we know that this is intended merely to round off his life, as death or marriage must end us all, and that fate can only overtake him when his task is done, when his magnificent gesture of defiance has been made. That perhaps, he has failed, that his aeroplane has crashed or his lorry is burned out, matters nothing. In his short span he stood alone on the rampart of the world and spat a cynical fag-end in the face of dull, ordered civilisation, and we, who never even dared, have failed already.

And if we know that his ruthlessness is really cruelty, that his monosyllables indicate not cynicism, but dullness, that he is not a wanderer but an outcast, a pariah and a thief ; if we know in our hearts that our Ulysses in the leather jacket does not really exist, it is in our heart of hearts that we know he could exist, and but for the lack of a leather jacket, a battered trilby and a .38 colt, we ourselves could fly that dilapidated aeroplane over the jagged mountains in the wildest of thunderstorms, and arrive nonchalantly at the golden city of Samarkand, kicking the shifty-looking natives off the sidewalk as we stroll down to the bar. G.T.L.

JAZZ AT THE TOWN HALL

Through the half-lighted city,
Past its stark street lamps, and the dark
Formless denizens of littered alleyways ;
Through the tall grimy twilight under the
arch

Of stars tangled
In their net of cables :

They come.

They come in bright flocks like
Gay chattering parakeets,

A sunless Spring.

They come to the pillar'd temple :
Fountainhead set on a hill.

They sit in bright ranks,

Arid, waiting,
A Painted Desert.

The shirt-sleeved jazzmen mount their cabled
stage

As priests of higher order, who alone
May build and light the sacred altar-fire.
Devoutly hushed the brighter brethren wait.

The pyre is built.

The flame is called down.

Incendiary passion spurts
The first flaring phrase and
Out of the altar-flame there springs
The jazz-flower, savage, beautiful,
Entwined with gay liana notes.
The metal-river trumpet drips
Its heat-warped music through the din
Of rhythmic snaredrums' clattering,
Through sprays of hissing cymbal steam.
And arching through the pillar'd height
They blow bright rainbows, spectrum sounds
That break in drizzling sun-rain notes,
In slanting, glancing, glinting showers
Which fall, drench,
Drown the willing victims of their flood.

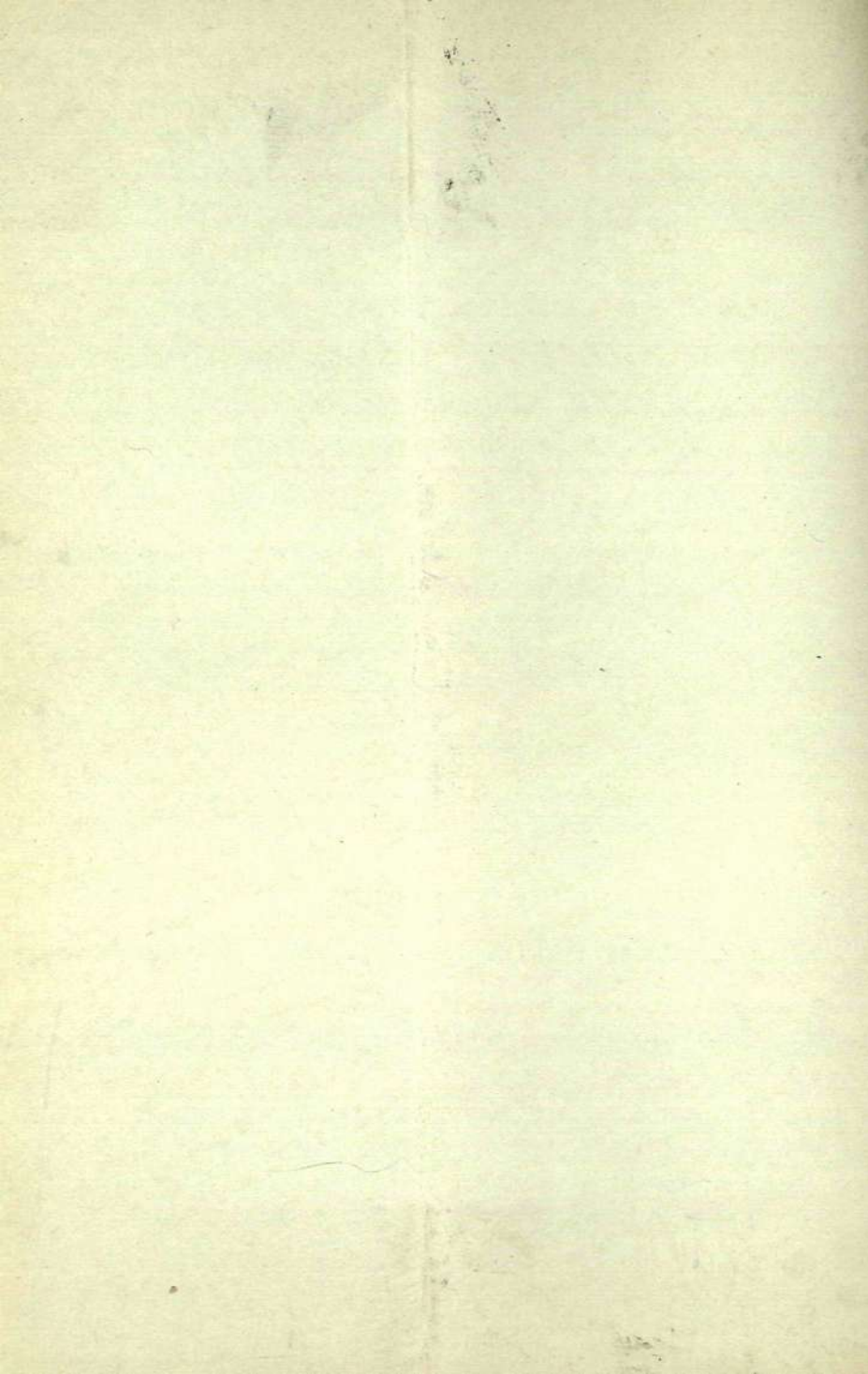
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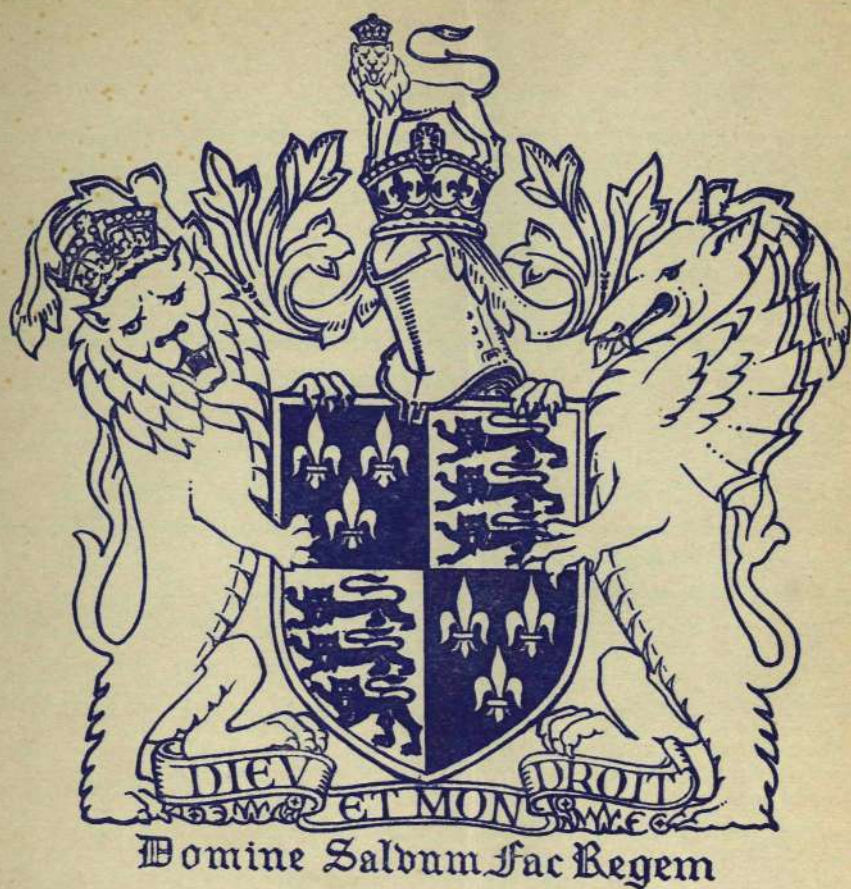
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O.E. MEMBERSHIP

The Old Edwardians' Association exists primarily to maintain touch between the School and Old Boys and contacts between Old Boys of different periods.

This purpose is served mainly through Honorary Membership, which carries with it the right to wear Old Edwardians' colours and to receive twice a year the *Old Edwardians' Gazette*, with news of the School and of Old Edwardians.

The Association exists in the second place—a function whose importance has increased now the School is no longer in New Street—to provide a centre for Old Edwardians. The aim of the Association is that Old Boys living in Birmingham or passing through Birmingham may be able to meet friends in the Club Rooms—which provide all the amenities of the Ordinary Social Club.

To attain this end there **must** be a large Membership, apart from Honorary Membership, a membership of Old Boys using the Club Rooms. To secure this, the cost of full membership is carefully graduated.

The following is a list of the grades of Membership with the subscriptions :

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

For Members residing within 25 miles of the Club	
Building	£4 4 0
But until the expiration of three years from the	
date of leaving School	1 10 0
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Joint Hon. Secs.

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HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL CLUB (which includes a subscription to the *SCHOOL CHRONICLE*) is open to all Old Edwardians and to parents of boys in the School, and friends of the School, at a subscription of not less than five shillings per annum. It affords to Old Boys a means of keeping in touch with the School and at the same time of giving support to the School Club. Subscriptions should be made payable to "King Edward's School Club" and sent to the Hon. Treasurer at the School.





FIRST FIFTEEN, 1950-51

Standing (left to right) : G. R. GREEN (1950-51), A. J. LANCASTER (1950-51), J. A. VEITCH (1950-51),
 J. F. WAINWRIGHT (1949-50-51), J. D. GILES (1949-50-51), K. J. BEAN (1949-50-51),
 T. H. WILDEN (1950-51), J. L. EATON (1950-51), D. B. HILL (1950-51).

Seated (left to right) : F. B. REVILL (1949-50-51), G. T. LYALL (*Vice-Captain and Secretary*) (1949-50-51),
 J. A. HARVEY (*Captain*) (1948-49-50-51), J. HUTCHINGS (1948-49-50-51), G. A. TAPLIN (1949-50-51).

Front (left to right) : B. C. HOMER, P. A. GOUGH (1950-51).

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EDITORIAL

WE are at the moment engaged on watching a bee crawl into a Canterbury Bell. We think it an EXCELLENT thing to be doing. You may not believe us, dear reader, or you may not sympathize with our point of view; but we shall not be resentful, for, just as countless generations of hesperornes (prehistoric ducks to you, gentle reader) gradually decided that oily feathers were just the thing for bathing, so have our editorial predecessors developed a sneer-proof armour to be worn under the editorial mantle. But let us return to our bee (which is now trying to turn around and come out forwards—if one were a Hindu one would probably say that it had at one time been a lady motorist—with, we fear, lamentably little success) and to the disputed excellence of our watching it.

It is, of course, the principle of the whole business that is important; it is not so much a question of whether we would be better employed watching a bee in a Canterbury Bell or watching a bee in, say, a Foxglove (although if you, gentle reader, are a breeder of Canterbury Bells, or Foxgloves, or even bees, you may not agree) as of whether bee-watching in general is a more intelligent sort of occupation than blowing smoke rings round the electric lights in the Queen's Hotel. The *mal de* this particular *siècle* seems to be a preference for the sophisticated, so you will probably say that we would be better employed in "The Queen's"; you might, on the other hand, say that we ought to be studying social relations, or industrial management, or international politics. From what we saw, and heard, of you, gentle reader, at the Foundation and C.E.W.C. Conferences, we fear that you probably WOULD, yes, almost certainly you would. We do not, let it be known, at all approve of this attitude of yours, this intellectual exhibitionism, this ludicrous precocity. Conferences were designed, as you well know, so that such overworked and despised slaves as, for example, editors, might be able to steal a little mid-term relaxation and pamper their egos by making their absence noticed at crucial moments and we think it rather HORRID and MEAN of you to introduce all this seriousness and earnestness into them.

But perhaps you are not altogether to blame; it is indeed difficult these days to escape from the chromium-plated jazz-ridden squalor of that modern horror

"civilization." You come to school on warm and sticky-smelling motor-buses or on dilapidated terambulators (we plead the precedent of "prams") or you slither up Edgbaston Park Road at the wheels of flamboyant *sans-cheveux*, turning your poor parents in the back seat very nearly *sans-cheveux*. When you get home in the evening, the evening, you toss your poor old Macaulay casually into a corner with all your other dust-covered tomes and race off to the nearest milk-bar or Odeon with the most-ADORABLE-girl-in-the-world and come home at two or three-o'clock in the morning to sleep in your nickel-plated cot with your feet on either a chromium electric bedwarmer or a stainless steel ice-box and with the leering gaze of your favourite film-star resting balefully on your dishevelled figure. No, taking things all round you don't have much of chance to escape, do you? Civilization has you right in the hollow of its hand.

But even so, we don't think you make the best of it by any means; you don't really try to be anything other than a mass-produced nonentity. There are millions of you, simply millions, all exactly alike. All EXACTLY alike, that's the pity of it; it's just too, too depressing...

There! he's fallen into the milk jug—never, dear reader, never try to stand still on the lip of a Canterbury Bell!

NOTES AND NEWS

School Diary

THE Prefects held a Christmas Dance in Big School on Friday, 29th December. An enjoyable evening was spent, dancing to the music of Doug. Sheldon and his orchestra, but, owing to the lavish and extravagant scale of the entertainment and catering, a slight financial loss was sustained.

On the drizzly afternoon of Thursday, 12th April, the School XV strove, ankle-deep in mud, to play interesting Rugby against a solid team selected from the King Edward Grammar Schools. The match was played, as a "curtain-raiser" to an exhibition game, in the unusual surroundings of Villa Park. The School lost by a try, scored in the second minute, to nil.

The Dramatics Society presented the School Play, Shakespeare's "The Tempest," in Big School, on the evenings of Thursday,

Friday and Saturday, 25th, 26th and 27th of January. The audiences were on each occasion large and they witnessed a successful production, of which a fuller report appears elsewhere. There was also a special matinee performance for the School on the afternoon of Tuesday, 24th January.

On Friday, 16th February, the final of the House Knock-Out Rugby Competition was played at Eastern Road on a very wet, miry pitch. Notwithstanding, the play was of a high standard, thrilling the assembled spectators and resulting in a win for Mr. Dunt's House over Mr. Williams' House by three points to nil.

The School Service for the Spring Term took place at Edgbaston Parish Church on Sunday, 18th March. The preacher was the Reverend L. J. Tizard of Carr's Lane, the lessons were read by the Head Master and the School Vice-Captain, and the Anthem was "Call to remembrance, O Lord," by Richard Farent, a sixteenth century composer.

Vice-Admiral Sir H. W. U. McCall, C.B., D.S.O. inspected the School C.C.F. on the afternoon of Friday, 13th July, on the South Field. The care obviously lavished on glistening brass and immaculate creases contributed towards an impressive spectacle. The march-past, led by the Band, was followed by ordinary training, and the inspecting officer saw the variety of activities undertaken by the C.C.F. He afterwards spoke to the contingent in Big School.

The Debating Society renewed the Old Edwardian Debate on Friday, 16th March, when several prominent O.E.'s returned to Big School to debate the motion, "This House regrets that of the Old Edwardians now going to the older universities more go to Oxford than Cambridge."

The Joint Debate with K.E.G.H.S. took place in Big School on Monday, 8th July. The School Captain proposed the motion, "That this House would welcome the re-introduction of duelling as a social convention." Miss Monica Flowers opposed in vain, for the motion was easily carried.

A meeting of the Closed Circle was addressed on Friday, 6th July, by one of the most distinguished of recent Old Edwardians, J. Enoch Powell, Esq., M.B.E., M.P. In his talk, which was entitled "How wrong I was," he reviewed the opinions and beliefs he had held while in the Sixth Form at School and which had since proved groundless.

On Wednesday, March 21st, the School won the Birmingham Schools Seven-a-Side Rugby Competition at Reddings Road, Moseley. Playing intelligent open football they passed easily through the first three rounds to the final, where, in a tough game with Aston, they proved worthy winners by three points to nil.

A slightly weakened School team competed in the Public Schools' Seven-a-Side Rugby

Competition at Old Deer Park, Richmond, on the 4th and 5th of April. They fought their way to the quarter-finals, where, on the second day, they lost eight points to nil to Stoneyhurst, one of the finalists.

Inclement weather prevented the Athletic Sports being held in the Easter Term and they were postponed until the first Saturday of this term, April 28th. Owing to the chilly day, spectators were somewhat fewer than in past years, but they saw an afternoon of warmly keen competition and skilful endeavour. G. T. Lyall was the Open Champion.

The Spring term commenced on Thursday, 11th January and ended on Thursday, 22nd March. The usual half-term holiday was taken on Saturday and Monday, 17th and 19th February. Field Day was on Wednesday, 28th March.

The Summer term commenced on Tuesday, 24th April and Half-Term was taken on Saturday and Monday, 16th and 18th June. Field Day was on Friday, 25th May.

With the usual vigour and enthusiasm, the Junior School Play was performed on Thursday and Friday, 4th and 5th May, in Big School. The play, "Doctor Knock," by Jules Romains, was produced by Mr. W. H. Babb, and was well attended on each night.

The School Music Competitions took place in Big School on the evening of Thursday, 18th March, when the adjudicator was Cyril Salmons, Esq., Director of Music at Rugby School. All those who performed are to be congratulated on the very high standard of musical skill and technique shown.

We congratulate:

P. A. Gough on being awarded School Rugby Colours.

P. A. Gardner, G. J. Tayar, N. Sankarayya, R. Gilbraith, D. J. Tipton, B. C. Homer, P. J. Turner, T. H. Keeley, H. A. Henderson and A. R. Sneed on being awarded School Second Fifteen Rugby Colours.

F. B. Revill on being re-awarded School Cricket Colours.

D. H. Benson, J. Hutchings, J. L. Wilkins and O. S. Wheatley on being awarded School Cricket Colours.

D. H. Benson, B. C. Homer, R. Barraclough, J. Hutchings, J. L. Wilkins, O. S. Wheatley and C. M. Edwards on being re-awarded School Cricket Blazers; J. D. Giles on being awarded School Cricket Blazer.

G. A. Taplin, G. P. Simpson, A. Jasper, R. D. Bailey, R. W. Hadfield, P. H. R. Mercer, N. Sankarayya, D. R. Haworth, J. K. Bean, D. J. Tipton, R. H. Bayley and D. F. Lomax on being awarded School XXII Colours.

J. Westbrooke and P. Harling on being re-awarded School Shooting Colours.

R. B. Somerset, C. M. Edwards, C. F. Waring, E. Targett and G. F. Ball on being awarded School Shooting Colours.

M. N. Barker, D. E. Lloyd, A. B. MacNab on being re-awarded School Chess Colours. J. B. Phipps and K. W. Lloyd on being awarded School Chess Colours.

We offer our congratulations to Sir Arthur Smout on his election to President of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. Sir Arthur, a director of I.C.I., was knighted in 1946.

We congratulate S. J. Blood (O.E.) on his appointment as Captain of Oxford Swimming Club.

We congratulate:

J. B. Gottschalk on being elected to a Foundation Scholarship in History at Pembroke College, Oxford.

T. F. H. Oxley on being elected to an Open Scholarship in Music at Christ Church, Oxford.

A. W. Hill on being elected to a Domus Exhibition in Classics at Balliol College, Oxford.

T. H. Keeley on being elected to an Open Exhibition in Classics at Exeter College, Oxford.

G. G. Yardley on being elected to an Open Exhibition in History at St. John's College, Oxford.

V. C. Keyte on being elected to an Open Exhibition in Geography at Jesus College, Oxford.

D. W. L. Clamp on being awarded an Empire Scholarship at Loughborough College.

J. Hutchings on being awarded the Bache Memorial Cup for the best sportsman of the year.

Governors

We regret to announce the resignations of the Rev. W. F. Howard, M.A., D.D., who represented London University on the Board of Governors from 1933 to 1951, and of Professor P. B. Medawar who had recently been appointed as the Oxford University representative.

Mr. Harrison Barrow retired from the Board of Governors in April, having represented the City Council since 1927.

Professor O. Hood-Phillips, Dean of the Faculty of Law at Birmingham, was appointed a governor in March, and other new governors are Dr. Mary Woodall, Keeper of the City Art Gallery, Councillor Balmer, representing the City Council, and Mr. Aga Briggs, Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford, who succeeds Professor P. B. Medawar.

Staff News

We say good-bye at the end of this term to Mr. T. C. Burgess who will be Head Master of King Edward's Grammar School, Five Ways; *Multas per classes et multa examina doctor, Hinc in quinque Vias, Civis, ave atque*

vale. We wish him every success in his future career. Sergt. Major Moore and Mr. C. J. Power are also leaving the teaching staff, but we are happy to be able to record that neither of them is leaving altogether, for Sgt. Major Moore is to remain as an officer of the Combined Cadet Force and Mr. Power will become curator of the library.

We congratulate Mr. Cadenhead on his marriage, which took place at Easter.

We congratulate Messrs. Monkcom, Babb and Burgess on becoming the fathers of daughters since January.

We welcome to the School: Mr. L. K. McGawley from Loughborough, who will join the Physical Training Staff, Mr. J. A. Bolton and Mr. T. G. Freeman (O.E.), both of whom will join the Classics Staff.

The following Prefects will be leaving at the end of this term:

P. A. GARDNER (1944-1951): Captain of the School and General Secretary of the School Club, 1950-51; Prefect, 1949-51; School Second XV Colours, 1949-50-51; Editor of K.E.S. CHRONICLE, 1949-50; Sub-Editor, 1948-49 and 1950-51; Secretary of Debating Society, 1949-50; Secretary of Literary Society, 1948-49; Hammond Debating Trophy, 1950 and 1951; House Captain, 1950-51; Balliol College, Oxford. (*Mr. Williams' House.*)

G. T. LYALL (1943-1951): Vice-Captain of the School, 1950-51; Prefect, 1949-51; Vice-Captain and Secretary of Rugby Football, 1950-51; First XV Colours, 1949-50-51; Second XV Colours, 1948-49-50-51; School Athletics Colours, 1949-50-51; Open Champion, 1951; Sub-Editor of CHRONICLE, 1950-51; House Captain, 1949-50-51; House Captain of Rugby Football, 1949-50-51; House Captain of Athletics, 1949-50; Secretary of Art Society, 1948-49-50; Pembroke College, Cambridge.

(*Mr. Porter's House.*)

J. A. HARVEY (1944-51): Prefect, 1950-51; Captain of Football, 1950, 1950-51; Vice-Captain of Football, 1949; 1st XV Colours, 1948-49-50-51; 2nd XV Colours, 1947-48-49-50-51; School Athletics Colours, 1950; House Secretary, 1950-51; House Captain of Football, 1949; House Captain of Fives, 1951; House P.T. Leader, 1951; Magdalene College, Cambridge. (*Mr. Copland's House.*)

J. D. GILES (1944-51): Prefect, 1950-51; 1st XV Colours, 1949-50-51; 2nd XV Colours, 1948-49-50-51; Athletics Colours, 1950; School Cricket Blazer, 1951; 2nd XV Colours, 1950-51; House Captain, 1950-51; House Captain of Cricket, 1950-51; House Captain of Athletics, 1950-51; House Captain of Rugger, 1950-51.

(*Mr. Leeds' House.*)

P. A. GOUGH (1943-1951): Prefect, Dec., 1949-51; Vice-Captain and Secretary of Cricket, 1950; Captain of Cricket, 1951; School Cricket Colours, 1949-50-51; School Cricket Blazer, 1949-50-51; School 2nd XI Colours, 1948-49-50-51; School 1st XV Colours, 1950-51; School 2nd XV Colours, 1949-50-51; School Eton Fives Colours, 1950-51; Sub-Treasurer of the School Club, 1950-51; House Captain, 1950-51; House Captain of Cricket, 1950; House Captain of Fives, 1949-50-51. (*Mr. Dunt's House.*)

J. F. WAINWRIGHT (1944-51): Prefect, 1950-51; 1st XV Colours, 1949-50-51; 2nd XV Colours, 1949-50-51; Fives Captain, 1951; Fives Secretary, 1950; Fives Colours, 1950-51; House Rugger Captain, 1950-51; House Swimming Captain, 1949-50-51; House Tennis Captain, 1951; Selwyn College, Cambridge, 1953. (*Mr. Williams' House.*)

M. J. THOMAS (1944-1951): Prefect, 1950-51; C.S.M. in C.C.F., 1950-51; House P.T. Leader, 1949-50-51; Secretary of the Natural History Society, 1950-51; London School of Economics. (*Mr. Burgess' House.*)

G. A. TAPLIN (1943-51): Prefect, 1950-51; 1st XV Colours, 1949-50-51; 2nd XV Colours, 1948-49-50-51; School XXII Colours, 1951; Captain School 2nd XI, 1951; House Captain, 1950-51; House Captain of Cricket, 1951. (*Mr. Kay's House.*)

R. A. TOMLINSON (1943-51): Prefect, 1951; Secretary Archaeological Society, 1950; Assistant Scout Master in Scouts, 1950; Scholar of St. John's College, Cambridge. (*Mr. Burgess' House.*)

J. K. BEAN (1945-51): Prefect, 1950-51; First XV Colours, 1949-50-51; Second XV Colours, 1949-50-51; Athletics Colours, 1950; School Cricket XXII Colours, 1951; Recorder of the School Club, 1951; House Captain of Chess, 1948-49; House Captain of Fives, 1949-50; House Captain of Athletics, 1951.

(*Mr. Porter's House.*)

A. J. K. DORE: Prefect, 1950-51; 2nd XV Colours, 1948-49; 1950-51; House Cricket Captain, 1950-51; Senior P.L. in Scouts. (*Mr. House.*)

J. C. FIELD (1944-1945): Prefect, 1951; Brackenbury Scholar, Balliol College, Oxford. (*Mr. Kay's House.*)

A. J. LANCASTER (1944-51): Prefect, 1950-51; Secretary of Athletics, 1951; School Athletics Colours, 1950-51; First XV Colours, 1950-51; Second XV Colours, 1948-49-50-51; Captain of Tennis, 1951; Secretary of Tennis, 1950; House Captain, 1951; House Captain of Rugby Football, 1949-50-51; House Captain of Athletics, 1950-51; House Captain of Tennis, 1949-50-51. (*Mr. Burgess' House.*)

School News

The School has passed two fairly uneventful terms. The swimming bath has become a little wider and a little deeper and has begun

to sport a lining of brick, but remains as yet lamentably dry. The little grey crane has by some miracle of engineering dexterity been extracted from the War Memorial Chapel which now has a set of adorable leaded windows and a sprinkling of roof-girders.

The School is grateful to Mrs. Frances E. Hill for the Derek Hill Challenge Cup which she has presented to the School in memory of her son.

The C. H. Heath Memorial Desk has arrived and has been installed in the Library and is now laden with dictionaries and Whittaker's Almanacks.

One of the busiest corners of the school has been the Art Department, whence came a collection of delightful Seurat drawings. In the Art Room itself a stand, described by some as a bed, by others as a cake stand and by its makers as a — as a stand, is being prepared for the Speech Day Exhibition.

G. R. Green informs us that tea flows once more through the gleaming urns at the Eastern Road ground. A Horlick's mixing machine has appeared at the Milk Bar.

The Bristol Road entrance to the Park Vale drive has been beautified by the erection of two wrought iron gates with brick gateposts.

The A.T.C. notice-board below the Art Department has been painted cream and annexed by the Chess Club.

Flocks of Edwardians were observed at the Foundation Conference, where G. R. Green, M. S. McLean, R. C. Perkins and G. H. Herringshaw surprised the world by swimming in the open-air swimming pool.

G. T. Lyall has finally decided not to join the U.S. Marines.

R. O. S. Hannaford is leaving.

C. J. POWER

It is indeed bad news that at the end of this term C. J. Power is to retire from teaching, after thirty-two years at the School. Happily he is not to depart entirely from our midst, and these lines are certainly not valedictory. (He hates publicity, so please don't show him this, gentle reader, otherwise you are no gentle reader). But the many generations of Edwardians who have known him—especially those who began in Power's famous Shell A—would not have his exit from the classroom go unnoticed.

He does not talk about himself, and so we cannot record why, after Denstone and Oxford, he became a schoolmaster. (He taught at Lancaster and Birkenhead, and served in the First World War before he came to us.) In fact, of course, it is impossible to conceive of him as anything else. And yet he is no typical schoolmaster. I have been taught Latin and English (but not

History) by him, and I would call him the most original teacher I have known—not the most unorthodox or consciously progressive (In the "20's" he was apparently quite happy teaching from Abbott's *First Latin Course*, with its queen who kept washing sailors' feet), but the one with an idiom of teaching most completely his own. He talked little and quietly during his lessons; his speech was laconic, sometimes telegraphic; from time to time came a growled "Ye-e-es" or a high pitched whinny of amusement, as he stood quite still, listening to answer or question with his head bent and turned, like a bird on the lawn looking for worms. As what are now called teaching-aids he had—even in the far-off New Street days, when he inhabited a room of character on the top floor—stacks of old *Punches*, a rich store of cuttings and illustrations, a gym slipper (an effective instrument in his hands), a gramophone, a bag of nuts (rewards for achievement), and a collection of good work done by boys (most of it written, much drawn, and some modelled). But it was not merely the gewgaws and whimsies that made his lessons a profit and a delight. He has always had a wonderful eye for detail. (If the authors of a famous modern text-book could see his annotated copy of their work, how they would—or ought to—wince), and two of the elements of greatness in teaching—the ability to spot promise in young boys, and the sympathy to teach and encourage the not-so-promising older ones.

His colleagues know him best, perhaps, for his unobtrusive kindness and his cryptic notes minutely written on minute fragments of paper. Long may he remain among us, resolutely agoraphobic, yet greatly endeared to the community to which, in the fullest sense, he belongs.

F. J. W.

MR. W. MOORE

WHENEVER one meets an Old Edwardian, this question seems to be almost inevitable: "How's the Sarge." The inevitable reply has been, "Still going strong," or "Same as ever," and it will be a great blow to many that this answer can no longer be made—a blow tempered by the fact that Mr. Moore will still be giving the C.C.F. the benefit of his great knowledge and experience.

He joined the P.T. Staff of the School in March, 1918, in the difficult times towards the end of the 1914-18 War. One cannot speak from personal experience of his effect upon the School then, but there can be no doubt that it was very salutary. The "Sarge" stands no nonsense from anybody—Commanding Officers (though he would be the last to commit any breach of military decorum), colleagues (and he has had to be very patient with some of them), languid

Sixth Formers and all those who are not prepared to share his lion-hearted devotion to whatever task he is undertaking at the moment.

Yet his essential characteristic is his great kindness. One has only to see him dealing with a timid little boy, administering first aid to a casualty, or instructing a squad of very young and exceedingly awkward recruits, to realize that though he can bark on occasion, he can be understanding, gentle and encouraging far more frequently.

The results of his P.T. instruction are obvious. The standard of the C.C.F. Gymkhana P.T. displays for many years, of the House and Individual P.T. Competitions, all bear witness to his instructional ability and it must be remembered that most of this work has been done in his own spare time, during the lunch hour and after School hours. He has never spared himself; even when suffering considerable pain he has continued to do his job.

As R.S.M. to the O.T.C., J.T.C., C.C.F., he has given invaluable service to the School contingent. Every Commanding Officer relies upon his wide knowledge of military procedure, etiquette, administration and training. He knows all the answers and can be relied upon when any difficulty arises. As Warrant Officer in charge of a full parade, he is supreme.

But it is for his great and lovable personality, even more than for what he has achieved, that he will be remembered by past and present Edwardians. He is one of our few "characters," and it is indeed a consolation to know that though his well-known voice will cease to reverberate through the Gymnasium, it will continue to be heard on the Parade Ground and his familiar figure will not be entirely lost to us.

A.E.L.

MR. T. C. BURGESS

THERE are broadly speaking two kinds of modesty, innate and cultivated. Both are admirable qualities in a man, but they are naturally not often found combined in one character. Mr. Burgess, who enjoys discreetly defying the conventional, somehow manages to enjoy being modest about being modest. His very remarkable University record combined with great personal gifts held out prospects of success in a number of careers, but we at King Edward's know, as he does, that he was right to choose schoolmastering. As a career schoolmastering enables its most skilled practitioners to devote themselves to people rather than things and affairs; it enables them to use books as well as to read them; and it continually refurbishes their capacity for laughter by mixing them up in a form of life where the sublime and the ridiculous jostle each other

bewilderingly in every class-room and corridor and playing-field. On all these counts T. C. Burgess is a master of his craft. He was brought up in Manchester and chooses to work in Birmingham and yet suggests somehow an indefinable hint of the bucolic. He loves sweating in the sun, especially from love-forty on his own service, yet is adept in the ways of big cities, for he encompasses prodigious tram-journeys with apparently effortless precision and is a formidable critic of the significant cinema. King Edward's Grammar School, Five Ways, will find in him an eminently human, subtle and devoted head master and we here will lose a much loved and respected housemaster, teacher, scholar and colleague. He and Mrs. Burgess carry with them our best wishes for happiness and success in their new work.

O TEDIUM, TEDIUM, TEDIUM

Methinks that habit of writing modern
Poetry is
Said the Spider to the Fly for no particular
Reason
Other than poetic license,
A passing phase.
In vain, in vain, the all composing hour
Resistless falls, the muse obeys the power.
Will once again the pages of Books of Modern
Verse
fill
With dignity.
The subject of our poetry will no longer
Be the Bee in 'Brum or
Chicester Chimney Pots
But rather
Odes on the Intimations of Immorality
And Prometheus Rebound.
These days are coming, celerite
(The use of Latin displays the knowledge,
classicus).
Till then we must endure
The bee buzzing busily
At times past, times present and times future.

M.J.T.

ON WRITING FOR THE "CHRONICLE"

WRITING for the School CHRONICLE is a very grim business. Edwardians are called upon to do nothing grimmer in their school career, with the possible exception of having to read the CHRONICLE. For consider the ingredients of a CHRONICLE article: first of all it must be completely unintelligible to all except members of the History VIth, which is difficult enough. Secondly it must not be in any way interesting even to them. Preferably it should be written in a style which is normally kept quite strictly for school textbooks, and if possible it should have a title which will discourage even the hardened readers of Room 174 from reading it. For

example, if you call your work Culture in the Classical Sixth, you are more likely to get it included than if you reveal the hidden joys of "shove-ha'penny" which is all the Classical Sixth's culture really amounts to.

You may try writing in verse, and if so you must quote profusely from Latin or Greek authors, and the less you know of the Classics the more you will quote from them. Describe a tank as an "elephantine engine of murderous war" and your fortune is made. But add to that a word in Latin—or even Sanskrit, and your initials will go down in history. Remember to make it clear to your readers that you know much more about poetry than they do, and sprinkle the poem liberally with false scansion and words that just fail to rhyme. It is not fashionable to produce a poem that can be read with a sense of pleasure so, once again, steer well clear of interesting subjects.

There is one other method of ensuring a place in the CHRONICLE for your article: write about jazz. It hardly matters what you write about jazz, so long as you emphasize the essential difference between jazz and swing. If you know nothing at all about jazz, you are not disqualified, for there is really nothing to know. But you must make your readers (any of whom have been foolhardy enough to read beyond the first sentence) quite sure that you are a veritable walking-encyclopaedia on the subject. Finally, whether you write on jazz or whether you write on Thucydides, leave no doubt in the mind of your reader that your subject is quite the most important on earth, and whatever you do, don't disgrace the CHRONICLE by writing an article that is amusing. Get out your pens; and I shall look forward to the next issue of the CHRONICLE with the same wild excitement as always.

OBITUARY

R. J. T. Bryant

We regret to announce the death at Cardiff in January, at the age of seventy-nine, of Mr. R. J. T. Bryant. Mr. Bryant, who was a teacher at the School from 1913 to 1936 and School Librarian for a further twelve years, is remembered by countless friends as "the Bargee."

With his death the School loses more than a friend.

Dr. J. F. Bethune-Baker

We regret to announce the death in January of Dr. J. F. Bethune-Baker. After leaving K.E.S. he went up to Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he obtained firsts in classics and theology and won the George Williams, Burney and Norrisian prizes. He was, for a short time, an assistant master

at the School as well as Curate of St. George's Church, Edgbaston. In 1891 he was elected to a fellowship at Pembroke and also to the office of Dean which he held until 1906.

His best known literary works are his "Introduction to the Early History of Christian Doctrine" and his "Essay on the Meaning of Homo-ousios in the Constantinopolitan Creed." He was also famous as editor of the "Journal of Theological Studies." He was eighty-nine at the time of his death.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor, K.E.S. CHRONICLE.

SIR,

Another Academic year draws to its close. During the past months our newly-created University city has been entertaining on the Grand Scale. We have witnessed a visit from Royalty for a commemorative service in King's Chapel, the unobtrusive return of a victorious Boat crew, and the traditional splendour and colour of May Week.

The Week opened with the installation of Lord Tedder to the Office of Chancellor and continued with the Bumps, The Madrigals, Revues and May Balls.

Man, too, has added to the natural summer glory of the City. The Senate House has at last emerged dazzling in its whiteness from the shrouds and scaffolding which have hidden it for so long.

The Long Vacation promises much. It opens with the Royal Agricultural Show to which the impecunious in our midst are invited to appear in the role of Car Park attendants. The Show is followed by the Festival Celebrations. These will provide a wealth of music and literature covering an extensive field which embraces a new opera, "The Mayor of Casterbridge," as well as Serenade Concerts given by London Orchestras in Neville's Court Trinity, a Pageant of British Music in John's, organ and choral recitals and poetry readings in the Senate House.

Popular taste will also be catered for with a Brass Band concert on King's lawn.

What of those who are going down?

C. F. Figures (Pembroke) enters the Foreign Service. Business claims E. J. Hood (St. John's), G. Darby (Sidney Sussex) and G. Hackett (Jesus) among others. J. B. Booth (Caius) moves on to London with teaching in mind. J. E. K. Croydon (Selwyn) resumes his Naval duties.

Those of us with further terms before us pass our days with oar or cricket bat, or tennis racquet and in most cases punt pole too. Finally we look forward to welcoming those new O.E.s who will be among us in the Michaelmas term.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CANTAB.

Oxford Letter

To the Editor, K.E.S. CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,

June is probably the cruellest month, and only a Merton man would have thought otherwise. Schools, a necessary end, will come when they will come, and the patronising encouragement of all Oxford makes things no easier. In that last ghastly fortnight when the victim sets desperate hand to the inevitable plough, even the weather is hostile. There's nothing like a sweltering Summer afternoon to mix memory and desire, and in the University Parks the dead tree gives no shelter, the cricket no relief. But for the freshman, confident in the plenitude of six terms yet to come, the approach of Schools lends a morbid zest, a sense of exquisitely original sinfulness to his unhurried, inconsequential afternoons on the tranquil Cherwell and to the long, cool evenings in the gardens of the Trout. Indeed, the tricotenses never enjoyed such malicious glee as the young men who sip their coffee in the Tachley and murmur, "I feel subfusc is so unsmart," while the solemn figures, already clad in a sort of premature mourning, make their way down the High to sweat for a well-earned third.

For those who can afford to ignore the Examination Schools and the shadows that they cast ominously before, it's been a golden Trinity Term, with the quietude of Shakespeare in the college gardens and the defiant fever of Eights Week. And besides all this, the Festival Spirit has caught Oxford in its grip of tetanus: there's to be a real exhibition in the Ashmolean, and real American tourists, and real lectures on Seventeenth Century Drama. All of which only contributes to the pervading sense of charmingly grotesque unreality. Where else, for instance, could you hope to see J. D. MOUNTFORD (Wadham), doyen of the Somerville Reel Club, cutting a tricky caper to the music of the Gay Gordons? Or M. J. DAVISON (New College) turning handspings down St. Giles' in the wee, wee hours? Or J. G. PARDOE (Wadham) downing his pint of orange-juice with all the relish of a seasoned toper? We have been faithful to thee, Genista, in our fashion.

In the columns of *Isis* we read that "Clarion" Editor A. SUTHERLAND (Balliol) obviously believes in himself. In his seven-page article on the new Sutherland Socialism, two pages are devoted to notes à la T. S. Eliot for the better understanding of the article itself. ("When did you last read your favourite twenty-five sociologists?"). We also read that *Isis* Demi-Idol S. MYERS (Balliol) has been entertaining the haut monde, while the demi-monde contents itself with D. A. COLLIS (Jesus). The latter, Oxford agent for the competitors of Persil, sports a white cloth cap which lends his

distinctive figure something of Hemingway and Steamboat Bill. D. J. G. SELLS (Lincoln) persuades denizens of the Taj Mahal that the Socialist Club is not in the pay of the Politburo, and G. F. B. LAUGHLAND (Christ Church) insists that Salmond on Tart is not a Norwegian savoury. G. C. WEEKS (Christ Church) has been at it again.

It's always in desperation that successive Oxonienses feebly remark that elusive M. SHOCK (Balliol) and J. H. POOLE (Lincoln) are married men. They still are: P. S. McLEAN (Wadham) has been an inveterate week-ender at Civil Service country-houses,

and already his name is well known at the Foreign Office. In a keen contest last term, S. J. BLOOD (Keble) was not elected Professor of Poetry. We are sorry to hear that A. T. TOLLEY, high-lifer from the Queens', is going down, and that R. M. PENDROUS (St. John's), exponent of the Japanese rowing technique, is departing for the Far East. Both, however, send their greetings and good wishes, together with those of E. WATSON, K. PEARCE, P. HARDWICK, C. GOLBY, old uncle J. RODWAY, and all.

Sincerely,
OXONIENSIS.

RUGGER RETROSPECT

WITH the final playing record of 15 matches won and 3 lost, 312 points scored against 71, the Fifteen came through an exacting season very creditably. There were blemishes, an instance being the failure of an experienced pack, after several easy matches at the beginning of the season, to settle down to solid scrummaging in the tougher matches that followed. In the Spring term all the old faults were rectified. The three-quarters developed real cohesion in attack, and the pack supported them with some very consistent play in the loose. The tight scrummaging was at all times equal to its task, and the mid-field defence was extremely reliable. The match against Mount St. Mary's College was the climax of the season, for in it the School played better football than at any time for many years in winning 24—3. Unbeaten Nottingham High School were defeated on their own ground by a combination of redoubtable tackling and unorthodox three-quarter play to the tune of 16—5. The away defeat by Cardiff High School was unfortunate, but it just was not our day. Exceptional individual performances have to be mentioned: the 23 tries scored by Lancaster on the left wing; the consistent line-out and loose play of Wainwright; the kicking of Revill, which earned him most of his 105 points, and the hooking of Green, whose first season it was in that position. A successful season, yes, but may we hope that it is the prelude to greater things to come?

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

Played at Rosslyn Park R.F.C. Ground, Richmond, on April 4th and 5th

The team was most unfortunate to lose the services of Revill, who suffered an unlucky accident during the holidays. Hill was moved to fly-half, and Veitch came into the centre. Heavy overnight rain marred the opening stages of the tournament, and the first round against Clayesmore was played on a saturated pitch. Thanks to sound tackling and several typical runs by Lancaster, we came through into the second round. Here we met old friends and rivals, Mount St. Mary's College, who had previously beaten Bedford School. A hot sun had quickly dried the pitch, and one could not have wanted a more perfect surface. The forwards excelled themselves and obtained a monopoly of the ball. Strong running and a sure defence proved to be the password to the third round and another day. Thursday dawned fine, and our opponents, Stoneyhurst, loomed large and the earth trembled under the weight of their forwards. For the first time we failed to gain possession of the ball. This, together with the fact that they were odds-on favourites, was an ominous portent, but at half-time they had only scored one try and that the result of hefty endeavour rather than divine inspiration. The School tackling was grand, but one lapse in the second half enabled their scrum-half to scramble a try from a scrum on our line. It was converted, so we had perforce to follow the rest of the tournament, and Stoneyhurst's dramatic defeat by Christ's Hospital in the final, from the touchline.

The team was: A. J. Lancaster, J. A. Veitch, D. B. Hill, P. A. Gough, J. F. Wainwright, G. R. Green, J. A. Harvey.

Round I.	v. Clayesmore	Won	6—0
Round II.	v. Mount St. Mary's College	Won	11—0
Round III.	v. Stoneyhurst	Lost	0—8

THE NORTH MIDLANDS SCHOOLS' SEVEN-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

March 19th and 21st.

The School VII took part in the North Midlands' Schools Seven-a-Side tournament, held at the Old Yardleas' R.F.C. ground and the Reddings, home of Moseley R.F.C. In the first qualifying round they beat Yardley G.S. comfortably, but not with any convincing form.

Defensive play was ragged, and the forwards gave their opponents too much breathing space in adversity. Playing conditions were perfect on Wednesday, 21st March, at the Reddings. In the second round we met K.E.G.S., Five Ways, and thanks to excellent all-round play, they were given no chance to demonstrate their alleged prowess. In the semi-final Q.M.G.S., Walsall, were dealt with in a like manner. The final round was against K.E.G.S., Aston, a team which had improved steadily throughout the tournament. As if it wished to fan the dull-glowing embers of public interest, the bottom fell out of the weather, and the skies fairly spat snow and hail in greeting to the players as they left their dressing rooms. K.E.G.S., Aston, quickly adapted themselves to the conditions, and used their feet intelligently, half-time coming with the School distinctly lucky still to have their line intact. It was much more even after the interval, but it needed Revill to produce one of the best place kicks of his young life to enable us to run out as victors by a penalty goal to nil.

The team was: A. J. Lancaster, D. B. Hill, F. B. Revill, P. A. Gough, J. F. Wainwright, G. R. Green, J. A. Harvey.

Round I.	v. Yardley G.S.	Won	10—0
Round II.	v. K.E.G.S., Five Ways	Won	10—0
Round III.	v. Q.M.G.S., Walsall	Won	14—3
Round IV.	K.E.G.S., Aston	Won	3—0

CRICKET REPORT

OWING to the very knowledgeable and untiring coaching of Messrs. Guy and Cockle the School Eleven compares favourably with the best of its predecessors. For those who revel in statistics, the scoreboard so far reads: played thirteen, won six, lost two and drawn five; including seven individual fifties and two century stands. It is an encouraging, yet not wholly satisfactory record.

Rather surprisingly the main weakness lies in the bowling. Because there has never been any effective fast-bowling combination our opponents have been given the ideal chance to settle down quickly. Only splendid bowling by Wheatley (fast-medium out-swingers) and Hutchings (slow-medium off-breaks) has prevented larger scores, for our leg-spinners, though spinning the ball well, have not flighted their deliveries very skilfully. The batting is potentially very strong: there have been no miserable debacles as there were last year, but here again, it is rare for more than two batsmen to come off in each match. Thus we have had a series of steady scores, without ever amassing any colossal totals. The fielding is enigmatical. There have been many dropped catches, particularly in the slips, yet so far this year we have taken some sixty catches, twice as many as were held during the whole 1950 season. The ground fielding at all times has been at a high standard.

Perhaps the eleven might have done better: let us remember *aliquando bonus dormitat Homerus*, and say that it has been a pleasure to captain a team so full of keen enthusiasm and team spirit.

The Second Eleven under G. A. Taplin is having its most successful season for several years. Four of the ten matches have been won and two lost: unfortunately, however, the initiative gained by steady bowling is all too frequently wasted by timid and unadventurous batting. Nevertheless, the Second Eleven can no longer be described as a "back water."

The "Under 15" Eleven have, so far, had a very successful season, winning seven out of ten matches played and drawing three. The batting of this team is particularly strong and has more than made up for any bowling deficiencies. In all, the performances of this team augur well for the future.

The criticism of the "Under 14" Eleven is the age-old one—they lack confidence. There are, however, several promising players who, with more experience, and if they continue to practise assiduously, should develop into very useful players.

Our thanks are due to Messrs. Guy and Cockle who have coached and advised the First Eleven; to Messrs. Leeds and Trott for improving the standard of the Second Eleven and to Mr. Buttle and Mr. Sacret for their work in connection with the "Under 15" and "Under 14" Elevens. We must also thank those members of the Staff, who, although they look after no specific School team, spend their time coaching the Juniors.

A. J. Gardner and J. Davies must receive a word of thanks for their regular, keen and efficient scoring.

P. A. GOUGH,
Captain of Cricket.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

SCHOOL v. WARWICKSHIRE CLUB AND GROUND

Played at County Ground on May 3rd. Match Drawn.

Except for a sound innings by Belam, the Club and Ground could make little headway against a steady School attack and lost 8 wickets for 110. A stand of 40 at this point, however, improved matters and in reply the School were content to score steadily against some experienced bowlers.

CLUB AND GROUND		SCHOOL	
P. H. Andrews, c and b Hutchings	16	Giles, b Bingham	15
G. W. Kartley, lbw, b Wheatley	13	Benson (D. H.), b Bromley	12
A. Marshall, b Hutchings	0	P. A. Gough, c Barnes, b Bromley	8
C. Belam, not out	71	F. B. Revill, c Sub, b Bromley	26
A. Barrie-Adshead, b Wheatley	0	Homer (B. C.), c Robertson, b Carter	15
P. H. Bromley, b Hutchings	22	Wilkins (J. L.), not out	10
T. Barnes, run out	0	Jasper, not out	1
D. R. G. Robertson, c and b Gough	13	Barracrough (R.), Hutchings (J.), Wheatley (O. S.) and Dore did not bat.	
F. Hollins, b Gough	6		
G. W. Bingham, not out	4		
R. Canter did not bat.			
Extras (byes 6)	6	Extras (leg byes, 1)	1
TOTAL (8 wickets, dec.)	151	TOTAL (5 wickets)	88
Wheatley (O.S.), 2 for 24; Hutchings (J.), 3 for 36; P. A. Gough, 2 for 12.		Bromley, 3 for 21.	

SCHOOL v. THE STAFF

Played at Eastern Road on May 5th. Staff won by 48 runs.

This was a disappointing match. The School bowled steadily on a damp wicket and did well to limit a strong batting side to 119 runs. Completely lacking in confidence, the batting was hesitant and tentative, the Eleven being dismissed for a mere 71. If the School is ever to win a Staff match, some remedy must be found for the "magic" art of psychology which has so much bearing on the result of this game.

THE STAFF		SCHOOL	
W. R. Buttle, b Hutchings	11	Giles, c Traynor, b Leeds	7
W. Traynor, c Gough, b Wheatley	9	Benson (D. H.), lbw, b Leeds	0
J. B. Guy, c Barracrough, b Hutchings	26	P. A. Gough, st Traynor, b Cook	23
A. J. Trott, b Hutchings	18	F. B. Revill, b Trott	16
J. P. Vaughan, c and b Hutchings	7	Homer (B. C.), st Traynor, b Cook	1
T. R. Parry, b Benson	3	Wilkins (J. L.), run out	0
R. J. O. Robertson, not out	22	Jasper, ct and b Robertson	4
T. C. Burgess, not out	12	Barracrough (R.), b Guy	7
O. M. Matthews, A. E. Leeds, and R. Cook did not bat.		Wheatley (O. S.), b Robertson	3
		Hutchings (J.), not out	9
		Dore, b Guy	0
Extras (byes, 9; leg-byes, 2)	11	Extras (leg-byes, 1)	1
TOTAL (6 wickets, dec.)	119	TOTAL	71
Hutchings, 4 for 28.		A. E. Leeds, 2 for 14; R. Cook, 2 for 19; R. J. D. Robertson, 2 for 10; J. B. Guy, 2 for 7.	

SCHOOL v. SOLIHULL SCHOOL

Played at Eastern Road on May 19th. School won by 8 wickets.

This first inter-school match of the season did not prove a very serious test of the Eleven's capabilities. Solihull were dismissed for a mere 43 runs, due to some accurate bowling by Wheatley, who returned the flattering figures of 6 wickets for 20 runs. The runs were knocked off for the loss of only two wickets.

SOLIHULL SCHOOL

SCHOOL

W. J. Danter, c Hutchings, b Wheatley	0
W. J. Upton, c Edwards, b Barraclough	0
D. K. Haddleton, b Hutchings	13
G. A. J. Dawnman, c Edwards, b Wheatley	5
A. J. Bennets, c Gough, b Wheatley	1
D. J. Vanandel, c Homer, b Barraclough	15
P. R. Pulley, lbw, b Wheatley	0
D. J. Barnett, b Barraclough	0
K. F. David, b Wheatley	1
R. C. Young, b Wheatley	0
M. A. Rawson, not out	1
Extras (byes, 1 ; leg-byes, 6)	7

Giles, not out	19
Benson (D. H.), b David	6
Wilkins (J. L.), b David	0
F. B. Revill, not out	19
P. A. Gough, Homer (B. C.), Jasper, Barraclough (R.), Wheatley (O. S.), Edwards (C. M.) and Hutchings (J.) did not bat.	
Extras	0

TOTAL 43
Wheatley (O. S.), 6 for 20 ; Barraclough (R.), 3 for 11 ; Hutchings (J.), 1 for 1.

TOTAL (2 wickets) 44

SCHOOL v. DENSTONE COLLEGE

Played at Eastern Road on May 26th. Match drawn.

Due to a sound innings by Mather, and well supported by the middle batsmen, Denstone were able to declare at 182 for 7, leaving the School some 170 minutes in which to get the runs. This might well have been accomplished had not rain held up the game for some twenty minutes. The undefeated stand between Revill and Gough produced 101 runs in 80 minutes.

DENSTONE COLLEGE

SCHOOL

E. T. Mather, c Giles, b Hutchings	53
L. W. Amps, c Giles, b Barraclough	9
P. K. Fairclough, c Homer, b Gough	25
A. C. Dracup, b Wheatley	26
W. G. Tobias, c Homer, b Hutchings	32
J. D. Short, b Hutchings	17
J. M. Illingworth, not out	2
I. G. Morgan, b Hutchings	0
K. A. Biggin, not out	12
W. G. Batkin and J. R. F. Curry did not bat.	
Extras (byes, 6)	6

Benson (D. H.), b Curry	0
Giles, st Dracup, b Tobias	12
P. A. Gough, not out	63
F. B. Revill, not out	72
Homer (B. C.), Wilkins (J. L.), Jasper, Barraclough (R.), Wheatley (O. S.), Edwards (C. M.) and Hutchings (J.) did not bat.	
Extras (byes, 1 ; leg-byes, 3)	4

TOTAL (7 wickets, dec.) 182
Hutchings (J.), 4 for 59.

TOTAL (2 wickets) 151

SCHOOL v. WARWICK SCHOOL

Played at the County Ground on June 1st. School won by 3 wickets.

Warwick won the toss and batted. After an opening stand of 58, their middle batsmen collapsed badly before the accurate bowling of Hutchings, who recorded the amazing figures of 19 overs, 14 maidens, 16 runs, 6 wickets, and were all out for 103. After an almost equally good opening stand, the School's middle batsmen failed almost equally as bad. Sound knocks by Simpson and Barraclough and a whirlwind innings by Wheatley, however, enabled a three-wicket victory in an exciting game.

WARWICK SCHOOL

SCHOOL

D. Lee, c Edwards, b Hutchings	30
J. Mayo, c and b Gough	26
E. Langdale, c Giles, b Hutchings	10
R. Wilson, b Hutchings	6
M. King, c Benson, b Hutchings	8
M. Smith, run out	0
J. Aynes, c Barraclough, b Hutchings	0
M. Schofield, lbw, b Hutchings	0
J. Wilson, ct Benson, b Wheatley	12
I. Crass, b Wheatley	1
M. Harrison, not out	2
Extras (byes, 4 ; leg-byes, 4)	8

Giles, b Wilson (R.)	15
Benson (D. H.), c Harrison, b Mayo	25
P. A. Gough, b Wilson (R.)	5
F. B. Revill, c King, b Mayo	2
Homer (B. C.), lbw, b Wilson (R.)	0
Wilkins (J. L.), c Crass, b Mayo	4
Simpson, lbw, b Wilson (R.)	16
Barraclough (R.), not out	10
Wheatley (O. S.), not out	21
Edwards (C. M.) and Hutchings (J.) did not bat.	
Extras (byes, 7)	7

TOTAL 103
Wheatley (O. S.), 2 for 15 ;
Hutchings (J.), 6 for 16.

TOTAL (7 wickets) 105

SCHOOL v. NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Played at Valley Road, Nottingham on June 2nd. School won by 9 wickets.

Probably the School's best win to date. Nottingham batted slowly against some accurate bowling and keen fielding and were dismissed for 123. After Giles' early departure Benson and Gough attacked the bowling in a manner which, unfortunately, has not since been repeated. The runs were knocked off in 77 minutes and their stand of 116 is the best since the war.

NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL		SCHOOL	
M. J. Bennett, c Wilkins, b Wheatley	12	Giles, lbw, b Wheelhouse	1
N. W. Durand, b Gough	16	Benson (D. H.), not out	41
P. Rhodes, c Homer, b Wheatley	2	P. A. Gough, not out	79
D. B. Clark, b Wheatley	18	F. B. Revill, Homer (B. C.), Wilkins (J. L.),	
C. J. Train, c Edwards, b Benson	11	Barracrough (R.), Wheatley (O. S.),	
J. M. Adams, lbw, b Wheatley	28	Edwards (C. M.) and Hutchings (J.)	
J. B. Sullivan, hit wicket, b Benson	17	did not bat.	
J. A. Banks, c Homer, b Wheatley	2		
A. Wheelhouse, lbw, b Hutchings	5		
B. S. Johnson, c and b Hutchings	2		
A. J. Gladwell, not out	4		
Extras (byes, 5; leg-byes, 1)	6	Extras (bye, 1; leg-byes, 2)	3
TOTAL	123	TOTAL (1 wicket)	124
Wheatley (O. S.), 5 for 45; Hutchings (J.), 2 for 8; Benson (D. H.), 2 for 24.			

SCHOOL v. REPTON SCHOOL SECOND ELEVEN

Played at Eastern Road on June 7th. School won by 48 runs.

Wilkins and Giles were the outstanding batsmen in the School's moderate total. When Repton batted, they collapsed badly against the accurate spin bowling of Hutchings and Gough.

SCHOOL		REPTON	
Giles, b Williams	22	Nelson-Jones, c Edwards, b Wheatley	8
Benson (D. H.), b Starkey	2	Thompson, b Hutchings	24
P. A. Gough, st Wilkinson, b Williams	11	Barker, b Benson	13
F. B. Revill, b Williams	5	Bowatt, not out	10
Homer (B. C.), lbw, b Williams	16	Hales, lbw, b Hutchings	4
Wilkins (J. L.), b Weir	36	Starkey, c Revill, b Hutchings	0
Jasper, b Williams	4	Black, c Gough, b Hutchings	6
Barracrough, R., b Weir	8	Thomas, c Homer, b Gough	1
Wheatley (O. S.), c Starkey, b Williams	6	Wilkinson, b Gough	0
Edwards (C. M.), b Williams	0	Williams, c Homer, b Gough	0
Hutchings (J.), not out	0	Weir, b Gough	0
Extras (byes, 10; no balls, 2)	12	Extras (byes, 2; leg-byes, 6)	8
TOTAL	122	TOTAL	74
Williams, 7 for 38.		P. A. Gough, 6-3-5-2-4; Hutchings, 4 for 31.	

SCHOOL v. BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

Played at Charford on June 9th. Match drawn.

Batting first on a not altogether perfect wicket, the School made a disappointing show against a moderate attack. Wilkins, with a fine display of forcing batting, saved the side. Bromsgrove were left 165 minutes in which to get the runs. The School batting and fielding was very tight and in an exciting finish our opponents just failed to achieve their object.

SCHOOL	
Giles, lbw, b Mitchell (J.)	4
Benson (D. H.), b Faull	6
P. A. Gough, b Wilson	23
F. B. Revill, c East, b Faull	7
Homer (B. C.), b Wilson	3
Wilkins (J. L.), b East	80
Jasper, c Pedley, b Faull	4
Barracough (R.), b Mitchell (T.)	2
Wheatley (O. S.), run out	5
Mercer, c Pedley, b East	1
Hutchings (J.), not out	4
Extras (byes, 5 ; leg-byes, 3)	8
TOTAL	147
Faull, 3 for 44 ; Wilson, 2 for 25 ; East, 2 for 33.	

BROMSGROVE	
Mitchell (T. N.), b Gough	19
Whitton, c Mercer, b Wheatley	16
Atchley, lbw, b Wheatley	0
Faull, b Hutchings	32
Mitchell (S. M.), lbw, b Wheatley	13
Wilson, not out	32
East, b Hutchings	4
Davis, run out	23
TOTAL (7 wickets)	147
Wheatley (O. S.), 3 for 67 ; Hutchings (J.), 2 for 39.	

SCHOOL v. SHREWSBURY SCHOOL SECOND ELEVEN
Played at Shrewsbury on June 13th. School won by 4 wickets.

On a grassy wicket, Shrewsbury II wilted before the fine bowling of Wheatley and Hutchings. The School's batting was almost equally indecisive, but a four wicket victory was eventually recorded.

SHREWSBURY	
Hooper, c Homer, b Wilkins	11
Tustins, c Homer, b Wheatley	12
Howard, b Wheatley	1
Waldock, c and b Hutchings	7
Smallwood, b Hutchings	3
McFarland, c Edwards, b Wheatley	5
Fooks, b Hutchings	2
Stott, c Wilkins, b Benson	3
St. Johnston, c Homer, b Wheatley	9
Hulme, lbw, b Hutchings	3
Lachlan, not out	0
Extras (byes, 6 ; wides, 1)	7
TOTAL	63
Wheatley (O. S.), 4 for 25 ; Hutchings (J.), 4 for 11.	

SCHOOL	
Benson (D. H.), b Hulme	12
Barracough (R.), b McFarland	6
P. A. Gough, b Lachlan	12
F. B. Revill, not out	14
Homer (B. C.), lbw, b McFarland	9
Wilkins (J. C.), b McFarland	0
Lomax, b McFarland	0
Jasper, not out	0
Wheatley (O. S.), Edwards (C. M.), Hutchings (J.) did not bat.	
Extras (byes, 3 ; leg-byes, 4 ; wides, 5) ; no balls, 1)	13
TOTAL (6 wickets)	66

SCHOOL v. TRENT COLLEGE FIRST ELEVEN
Played at Trent on June 16th. Match drawn.

On a very pretty ground, Trent piled up the very large total of 216 for 9 declared, leaving the School only some 145 minutes batting. After losing three wickets for only 19 runs, Gough, who scored his third fifty of the season, Wilkins and Homer improved the situation and the final score of 178 for 8 was a creditable effort.

TRENT	
N. Armstrong, c Mercer, b Wheatley	42
D. Gillmore, c Benson, b Barracough	10
J. Bowen, c Homer, b Wheatley	22
N. Howlett, b Benson	9
H. P. H. O'Brien, lbw, b Wheatley	38
B. J. Walker, b Gough	12
A. M. Beresford, c Giles, b Gough	3
R. Nicholson, not out	20
P. B. Smith, b Benson	19
M. Hall, c Homer, b Hutchings	2
M. Wadland, not out	15
Extras (byes, 15 ; leg-byes, 9)	24
TOTAL (9 wickets, dec.)	216
Wheatley (O. S.), 3 for 56 ; Gough (P. A.), 2 for 24 ; Benson (D. H.), 2 for 33.	

SCHOOL	
Giles, run out	1
Benson (D. H.), c Walker, b Gillmore	5
P. A. Gough, lbw, b Wadland	53
F. B. Revill, c Armstrong, b Gillmore	4
Homer (B. C.), c and b Armstrong	27
Wilkins (J. L.), c Armstrong, b Wadland	40
Jasper, not out	11
Barracough (R.), st Howlett, b Hall	14
Wheatley (O. S.), c Wadland, b Hall	0
Mercer, not out	11
Extras (byes, 8 ; leg-byes, 2 ; no balls, 2)	12
TOTAL (8 wickets)	178
Hutchings (J.) did not bat. Gillmore, 2 for 35 ; Wadland, 2 for 46 ; Hall, 2 for 60.	

SCHOOL v. MALVERN COLLEGE SECOND ELEVEN

Played at Eastern Road on June 19th. Malvern won by 2 runs.

By dint of accurate bowling, Hutchings claimed 5 wickets for 25 runs out of a total of 122. A good stand by Wilkins and Gough put the side well on the road to victory, but an unlooked-for collapse among the later batsmen allowed Malvern to win by 2 runs.

MALVERN COLLEGE 2ND XI

Rose, lbw, b Wheatley	14
Barnie-Adshead, b Wheatley	6
Colthurst, c Lomax, b Hutchings	14
Fawcus, lbw, b Wheatley	10
Erskine, c and b Gough	21
Fiddian-Green, b Hutchings	6
Straker, c Giles, b Gough	0
Bullimore, b Hutchings	26
Pepper, c Gough, b Hutchings	15
Potter, b Hutchings	0
Barnes, not out	4
Extras (byes, 1; leg-byes, 4; wides, 1)	6

TOTAL.....122

Hutchings (J.), 5 for 25; Wheatley (O. S.),

3 for 43; P. A. Gough, 2 for 30.

SCHOOL

Giles, b Bullimore	15
Lomax, c Straker, b Bullimore	8
P. A. Gough, c Erskine, b Pepper	39
Wilkins (J. L.), b Potter	39
Homer (B. C.), c Straker, b Pepper ..	0
Simpson, lbw, b Potter	1
Taplin, run out	4
Wheatley (O. S.), run out	5
Hutchings (J.), lbw, b Potter	3
Barraclough (R.), b Potter	0
Edwards (C. M.), not out	1
Extras (byes, 1; leg-byes, 4)	5

TOTAL.....120

Potter, 4 for 35.

SCHOOL v. RATCLIFFE COLLEGE FIRST ELEVEN

Played at Eastern Road on June 23rd. Match drawn.

The less written about this match the better. The fielding, especially the catching, was dreadful and more catches were dropped than held. Despite this, the luck was not with the School, for the bowlers, particularly Wheatley, beat the bat time upon time, only to see the ball just miss the stumps. Well backed up by Wilkins, Revill scored 66 in a patient knock, when the School batted.

RATCLIFFE

P. T. Nann, b Wheatley	0
P. Wood, c Lomax, b Wheatley	10
P. R. Fearn, c Lomax, b Benson	34
R. P. Carron, c Homer, b Gough	71
T. L. Bolger, c Gough, b Wheatley	14
A. Weston, lbw, b Hutchings	1
P. M. Beaumont, c Benson, b Gough ..	26
H. Young, b Benson	17
J. Clark, c Giles, b Benson	1
A. Reynolds, not out	9
N. Mayne, c Gough, b Wheatley	2
Extras (byes, 2; leg-byes, 3; wides, 1) ..	6

TOTAL.....191

Wheatley (O. S.), 4 for 60; Benson (D. H.),

3 for 51; Gough (P. A.), 2 for 30.

SCHOOL

Benson (D. H.), c Beaumont, b Bolger..	13
Giles, lbw, b Carron	10
P. A. Gough, st Beaumont, b Clark	4
F. B. Revill, c Reynolds, b Clark	66
Homer (B. C.), b Clark	0
Wilkins (J. L.), run out	31
Lomax, c Beaumont, b Clark	0
Barraclough (R.), lbw, b Clark	1
Wheatley (O. S.), not out	1
Edwards (C. M.), not out	1
Extras (byes, 10; leg-byes, 1)	11
Hutchings (J.) did not bat.	

TOTAL (8 wickets)138

J. Clark, 5 for 56.

SCHOOL v. OLD EDWARDIANS C.C.

Played at Eastern Road on June 30th. School won by 3 wickets.

The Old Boys C.C. won the toss and batted first. The outstanding features of their innings were an aggressive knock by McClelland and Kendrick's patient battle with some accurate bowling. When the Young Edwardians batted, Homer scored his first fifty for the School and Wilkins had an aggressive knock of 30. The School finally won an enjoyable match by 3 wickets, with two minutes left for play.

OLD EDWARDIANS' C.C.

B. A. Hiscox, run out	15
B. C. Hobbs, c Giles, b Wheatley	4
I. R. McClelland, b Wheatley	20
P. O. Kendrick, b Benson	36
T. G. Freeman, b Wheatley	6
P. Vernon, b Wilkins	18
T. R. Reese, b Wheatley	11
J. C. Dark, b Benson	14
J. A. M. Harrod, c Giles, b Benson ..	10
R. J. Wheldon, not out	7
R. Coleman, b Hutchings	0
Extras (byes, 3, wides, 1)	4

TOTAL.....145

Wheatley, 4 for 53; Benson, 3 for 29.

SCHOOL

Benson (D. H.), b Freeman	0
Giles, c Coleman, b Wheldon	19
P. A. Gough, c Vernon, b Dark	17
F. B. Revill, b Freeman	0
Homer, (B. C.), not out	57
Wilkins (J. L.), c Dark, b Freeman ..	30
Lomax, lbw, b Freeman	5
Wheatley (O. S.), b Freeman	5
Hutchings (J.), not out	5
Edwards and Barraclough did not bat.	
Extras (byes, 1; leg-byes, 6; wides, 1; no balls, 1)	9

TOTAL (7 wickets)147

Freeman, 5 for 59.

CHARACTERS OF THE XI

P. A. GOUGH (1949-50-51) (Captain): Apart from a slight tendency to over-bowl his main bowlers, he has led a critical team to the best of his considerable ability. With confidence gained from experience he now hits the bowling very hard and the results he has gained speak for themselves. He bowls in matches—we believe, leg breaks. His fielding is a fine example to the rest of the team, although he is occasionally guilty of taking his eye off the ball. (Dunt's).

(Dunt's).

F. B. REVILL (1950-51) (Vice-Captain): An experienced player who is at his best on slow wickets. He delights in cutting and hooking, but he too often loses his wicket by indulging in these strokes before he is set. He is an excellent fielder either close to the wicket or in the deep. (Captain of Dunt's).

D. H. BENSON (1951) (Secretary): A youthful exuberance is evident in all departments of his cricket. He hits the ball hard, especially on the off-ride, but he often loses his wicket, when playing forward by failing to put his foot to the pitch of the ball. His leg-break bowling, though lacking a subtle flight, is improving with experience. His fielding is marked by the same enthusiasm which has made him such an efficient secretary. (Williams').

J. HUTCHINGS (1951): A slow-medium off-spinner, who because of his low delivery and tantalizing accuracy is very difficult to score runs off. A cheerful bravado makes up for any lack of batting ability, whilst his vigorous fielding is worthy to be emulated. (Kay's).

J. L. WILKINS (1951): With a confidence which belies his age, he has developed into an accomplished attacking batsman. He hits the ball firmly and forcibly, particularly on the leg side, and if he continues to practise and to develop at his present rate he should become a really first-class batsman. When called upon to do so, he bowls his inswingers energetically. It is a pity that his voracity during the intervals, afterwards prevents him from reaching some ground shots, otherwise he is a keen fielder. (Burgess').

O. S. WHEATLEY (1951): Despite his comparative youthfulness, he is an amazingly mature bowler. Well-built, he moves his out-swingers very late indeed, while the ball

which comes back off the pitch has beaten many experienced batsmen. The "big hitter" of the team, he is not an indiscriminate slogger. A sound, unspectacular fielder. (Captain of Porter's).

B. C. HOMER*: : Owing to a certain lack of concentration in his batting, this stylish, hard-hitting, left-hand batsman has had a disappointing season. When he has learnt to move his feet quicker and get over the line of the ball all the time, he will undoubtedly get many runs. He has held more catches than anyone else and in all ways he is a very fine fielder. (Dunt's).

R. BARRACLOUGH*: : He has not fulfilled last year's promise. In an effort to improve his medium-fast bowling several alterations were made to his run-up at the beginning of the season. Unfortunately, however, this has so completely disturbed him that for the present at least, his bowling must be regarded as merely potential. His stubborn batting has helped to save the side on several occasions; his fielding, though good at times, is unreliable. (Captain of Williams').

C. M. EDWARDS*: : Probably the best wicket-keeper the school has had for many years. His reactions are speedy and he takes the ball outside the leg stump very confidently. His display is only marred by a tendency to snatch the ball outside the off stump, off the slow-bowlers. A promising number ten batsman. (Biggs').

J. D. GILES*: : He has opened the batting regularly and although he has not done as well as was expected, he has usually provided the Eleven with a steady start. In spite of his enormous size, he is not a powerful hitter and scores most of his runs by flicks and tickles. An ungainly but conscientious fielder. (Captain of Leeds').

D. F. LOMAX†: : A young batsman who hits the ball firmly but as yet not very powerfully; he should improve with experience. A sound fielder and good catcher. (Leeds').

The following have also played: A. Jasper,† A. J. K. Dore, G. P. Simpson†, P. M. R. Mercert†, and G. A. Taplin.†

*—denotes School Cricket Blazer.

†—denotes School XXII Colours.

The Second Eleven has been: G. A. Taplin (Captain), Jasper, Sankarayya, Haworth, Bailey, Mercer, Tipton, Hadfield, Bayley, Bean and Bayliss.

RESULTS

SECOND ELEVEN

		<i>Runs for</i>	<i>Runs against</i>	<i>Result</i>
May	12—v. St. Philip's G.S. I	41 for 7	59	<i>Drawn</i>
"	19—v. Solihull School	103	89 for 7	<i>Drawn</i>
"	26—v. K.E.S., Stratford I	72 for 8 (dec.)	68 for 8	<i>Drawn</i>
June	2—v. Nottingham H.S.	80 for 9 (dec.)	44 for 4	<i>Drawn</i>
"	7—v. Trent College	79 for 7 (dec.)	81 for 9	<i>Lost</i>
"	9—v. Bromsgrove School	64 for 9 (dec.)	63	<i>Won</i>
"	16—v. Harborne C.C. "A" XI	101 for 7	100	<i>Won</i>
"	23—v. Ratcliffe College	87	65	<i>Won</i>
"	27—v. Sebright School I	71	50	<i>Won</i>
"	30—v. Old Edwardians' C.C.	97	98 for 7	<i>Lost</i>

" UNDER 15 " ELEVEN

May	19—v. Solihull School	79 for 5	78	<i>Won</i>
"	26—v. Denstone College	73 for 2	71	<i>Won</i>
"	29—v. Wellesbourne School	40 for 9	121	<i>Drawn</i>
June	2—v. Nottingham H.S.	90 for 8	89 for 8 (dec.)	<i>Won</i>
"	7—v. Repton School "A"	129 for 6 (dec.)	102 for 9	<i>Drawn</i>
"	9—v. Bromsgrove School	75 for 3	72	<i>Won</i>
"	13—v. Shrewsbury School	73 for 3	72	<i>Won</i>
"	16—v. Trent College	67 for 5	65	<i>Won</i>
"	19—v. Malvern College	138 for 8 (dec.)	98	<i>Won</i>
"	23—v. Ratcliffe College	118 for 4	202 for 5 (dec.)	<i>Drawn</i>

" UNDER 14 " ELEVEN

		<i>Runs for</i>	<i>Runs against</i>	<i>Result</i>
May	12—v. St. Philip's G.S.	84	45	<i>Won</i>
"	19—v. Solihull School	39	40 for 4	<i>Lost</i>
June	2—v. Nottingham School	63 for 9	62	<i>Won</i>
"	9—v. Bromsgrove School	85 for 8	109	<i>Drawn</i>
"	23—v. Ratcliffe College	26	103 for 3 (dec.)	<i>Lost</i>
"	27—v. Sebright School	127 for 8 (dec.)	36	<i>Won</i>

ATHLETICS REPORT

RAIN ! Rain !! Rain !!! Such was the Athletics season. Hopes were high at the beginning of the term, since the majority of last year's team were still at School, but as it turned out we had no opportunity to show our ability. Three matches had been arranged for the short season, but despite Herculean efforts by Mr. Cadenhead and the groundsmen, the elements finally beat us and all the matches had to be cancelled.

Lancaster was a cheerful and helpful Secretary under trying circumstances and Keyte, the Vice-Captain, did a great deal of hard work in connection with the cross-country race.

Finally, my thanks go to Mr. Cadenhead for the very able and enthusiastic way he took over the Chairmanship vacated by Mr. King. I feel that the success of the sports, when they finally took place, was in no small way due to his efforts.

D. B. HILL,
Captain of Athletics.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

The Athletic Sports began very early in the term with the Five Mile Walk and the Cross-country race, both of which went off without serious hitches. The course for the latter had been extended slightly to include more running in the "country," in an endeavour to make it less of a road race than it had been the previous year.

The programme of standards was seriously interrupted by the weather. Nevertheless, a few hardy individuals turned out to get standards between cloudbursts. The number obtained, however, fell far short of last year's total. Mr. Leeds' House just managed to gain their annual win for the John Urry Cup with 218 points.

The heats for the Sports were to have been held on March 13th and 15th, but it became evident at the start of the week that the weather would interfere. Tuesday's programme was postponed until Thursday, and when there was no improvement on Thursday, the Sports were abandoned for that week. It was later learned that they were to be held in the first week of the Summer term, for which we are indebted to Mr. Guy and his fellow cricketers in giving us a week of their season.

The Sports on Saturday, April 28th were distinguished only by the consistent running of Lyall in the Open events and the all-round ability of Brown in the Intermediate events. Special mention should be made of the Open Relay, in which Lyall ran such an amazing race for Mr. Porter's House, less than a yard separating the first three teams. Also of the Intermediate half-mile, in which Brown smashed the existing record by seven seconds.

The prizes were presented by the Bailiff, Professor J. Oliver Thompson, and our thanks are due to him and to all, masters and boys, who helped to provide an enjoyable afternoon.

D. B. HILL,

Captain of Athletics.

The results of the Sports were as follow :

OPEN EVENTS :

- 100 yards : 1, Lyall ; 2, D. B. Hill ; 3, Lancaster. 11.2 secs.
- 220 yards : 1, Lyall ; 2, D. B. Hill ; 3, Lancaster. 24.2 secs.
- *440 yards : 1, Lyall ; 2, D. B. Hill ; 3, Bean. 54.4 secs.
- 880 yards : 1, Keyte ; 2, Davies ; 3, Johnston. 2 mins. 10 secs.
- 1 mile : 1, Davies ; 2, Keyte ; 3, Johnston. 4 mins. 56.8 secs.
- 120 yards Hurdles : 1, Lyall ; 2, Wine ; 3, Lancaster. 18.6 secs.
- *Long Jump : 1, D. B. Hill ; 2, Lancaster ; 3, Franklin. 18-ft. 7½-in.
- High Jump : 1, Jubb ; 2, Harvey ; 3, Franklin. 5-ft. 2-in.
- Discus : 1, Giles ; 2, Homer ; 3, Harvey. 100-ft. 9-in.
- Javelin : 1, Homer ; 2, Glydon ; 3, Allsopp. 122-ft. 4-in.
- *Weight : 1, Harvey ; 2, Giles ; 3, Allsopp. 35-ft. 0-in.
- Relay (4 × 220) : 1, Porter's ; 2, Kay's ; 3, Dunt's ; 4, Leeds'. 1 min. 44.6 secs.
- Five Milk Walk : 1, Waterstreet, Glydon (equal) ; 3, Waring. No time taken.
- Cross Country Run (3.4 miles) : 1, Keyte ; 2, Davies ; 3, Glydon. 20 mins. 15.6 secs.

INTERMEDIATE EVENTS :

- 100 yards : 1, Gilbraith ; 2, Mendelssohn ; 3, Gardner. 12.1 secs.
- 220 yards : 1, Burton ; 2, Bradley ; 3, Mendelssohn. 26.4 secs.
- *440 yards : 1, Brown ; 2, Burton ; 3, Bradley. 59 secs.
- 880 yards : 1, Brown ; 2, Burton ; 3, Holland. 2 mins. 12.4 secs. (*Record*).
- 120 yards Hurdles : 1, Brown ; 2, Gilbraith ; 3, Holland. 19.8 secs.
- Long Jump : 1, Bradley ; 2, Saxon ; 3, Wilson. 17-ft. 11-in.
- *High Jump : 1, Adams ; 2, Drew ; 3, Fisk. 4-ft. 6½-in.
- *Discus : 1, Roberts ; 2, Wheatley ; 3, Saxon. 90-ft. 1½-in.
- Javelin : 1, Wilkins ; 2, Manders ; 3, Wheatley. 127-ft. 9-in.
- Weight : 1, Mackintosh ; 2, Brown ; 3, Wheatley. 35-ft. 10½-in.
- Relay (4 × 220) : 1, Burgess' ; 2, Copland's ; 3, Williams' ; 4, Biggs'. 1 min. 49 secs.
- Five Milk Walk : 1, Brown ; 2, Price ; 3, Lomax. No time taken.
- Cross Country Run (2.4 miles) : 1, Price ; 2, Brown ; 3, Burton. 16 mins. 27.6 secs.

JUNIOR EVENTS :

- 100 yards : 1, Wiggins ; 2, Tipton ; 3, Hall. 12.4 secs.
- 220 yards : 1, Wiggins ; 2, Tipton ; 3, Hall. 27.6 secs. (*Record*).
- Long Jump : 1, Tipton ; 2, Hall ; 3, Davenall. 14-ft. 11-in.
- High Jump : 1, Unitt ; 2, Davenall ; 3, Soutter. 4-ft. 4½-in. (*Equals Record*).
- *Throwing the Cricket Ball : 1, Wiggins ; 2, Wilkins ; 3, Tipton. 208-ft. 11-in.
- Relay (4 × 110) : 1, Kay's ; 2, Williams' ; 3, Copland's ; 4, Leeds'. 58.2 secs.

"UNDER 12½" EVENTS :

- 100 yards : 1, Russell ; 2, Hill ; 3, Corney. 14 secs.
- 220 yards : 1, Russell ; 2, Hill ; 3, Lee. 31.4 secs.
- Long Jump : 1, Russell ; 2, Green ; 3, Cumming. 13-ft. 3-in.
- High Jump : 1, Holland ; 2, Russell ; 3, Dauncey. 3-ft. 11½-in.
- *Throwing the Cricket Ball : 1, Blackwell ; 2, Holland ; 3, Green. 140-ft. 8-in.
- Relay (4 × 110) : 1, Porter's ; 2, Kay's ; 3, Dunt's ; 4, Leeds'. 62.6 secs.
- Open Championship : 1, Lyall, 46 points ; 2, D. B. Hill, 43 points.
- Intermediate Championship : 1, Brown, 61 points ; 2, Burton, 35 points.
- Junior Championship : 1, Wiggins, 25 points ; 2, Tipton, 23 points.

"Under 12½" Championship : 1, Russell, 21 points; 2, Holland, 16 points.
 Holdsworth Cup (Senior Relays) : Burgess'.
 Tudor Cup (Junior Relays) : Kay's.
 Richards' Cup (Cross Country Team Races) : Burgess'.
 John Urry Cup (Standards) : Leeds'.
 Wiggins-Davies Cup (Athletic Sports) : Kay's.
 Mitton Shield (Athletic Championship) : Kay's.
 *Events decided on Thursday, April 26th.

SWIMMING REPORT, 1951

This year the School has not had quite the success that was anticipated. The record of School matches so far swum is lost five, won two. The Junior team has been successful in beating Solihull, its only match.

The prospect for next year is not very good, as several First team members are leaving and there are few Juniors to take their place. There is some promising talent among the very young swimmers, but this is not likely to mature for some time.

We are fortunate in having Mr. Cadenhead as coach this year and our thanks are due also to Mr. Cotter for his continued help.

This year, Mr. Kay has retired from the post of Chairman of the Swimming Committee and I should like to thank him for his help and guidance over the past years.

J. R. LUCKETT,
Captain of Swimming.

The team has been: J. R. Luckett (*Captain*), R. B. W. Price (*Vice-Captain*), Green (*Secretary*), Luckett, C. H., Rogers, Hignett, Rowley, Pierce. The results of the School Swimming Sports, 1950, are inserted here, together with the results of last year's School matches.

The School Swimming Sports were held on Saturday, July 22nd, 1950, at Woodcock Street Baths. After an exhilarating evening of keen and skilful swimming, Dr. Mary Winfield presented the prizes.

OPEN :

50 yards Free : 1, Luckett, J. R. ; 2, Rowley ; 3, Hignett ; 4, Hignett. 28 secs.
 50 yards Back : 1, Wheatley ; 2, J. R. Luckett ; 3, Green ; 4, Price. 35 secs.
 100 yards Free : 1, Luckett, J. R. ; 2, Soutter ; 3, Wheatley ; 4, Luckett, C. H. 67½ secs.
 100 yards Breast : 1, Price ; 2, Green ; 3, Rogers ; 4, Luckett, J. R. 79½ secs.
 Plunge : 1, Luckett, C. H. ; 2, Wainwright ; 3, Turner ; 4, Rogers. 46-ft. 6-in.
 200 yards Free : 1, Luckett, J. R. ; 2, Hignett ; 3, Wheatley ; 4, Luckett, C. H. 2 mins. 37½ secs.
 Half-Mile : 1, Price ; 2, Hignett ; 3, Wheatley ; 4, Green. 12 mins. 30 secs.
 Dive : 1, Wheatley ; 2, Green ; 3, Hone ; 4, Price.

INTERMEDIATE :

50 yards Free : 1, Rowley ; 2, Hignett ; 3, Price ; 4, Arthur. 30 secs.
 100 yards Free : 1, Rowley ; 2, Price ; 3, Wheatley, O. S. ; 4, Foulds. 70 secs.

JUNIOR :

50 yards Free : 1, Pierce ; 2, Stockwin ; 3, Adams ; 4, Mathews. 33½ secs.
 100 yards Free : 1, Pierce ; 2, Adams ; 3, Trow ; 4, Trafford-Wiley. 1 min. 22½ secs.
 50 yards Back : 1, Pierce ; 2, Adams ; 3, Mathews ; 4, Cooper. 40½ secs.
 50 yards Breast : 1, Mathews ; 2, Brown ; 3, Gomperty ; 4, Trafford-Wiley. 45½ secs.
 Plunge : 1, Trow ; 2, Cooper ; 3, Adams ; 4, Pierce. 41-ft. 6-in.
 Dive : 1, Pierce ; 2, Mathews ; 3, Segall ; 4, Adams.
 Half-Mile : 1, Adams ; 2, Pierce ; 3, Stockwin ; 4, Mathews. 14 mins. 54 secs.
 One Length (Under 14) : 1, Coombs ; 2, Mathews ; 3, Rufus ; 4, McCracken. 24½ secs.
 One Length (Under 13½) : 1, Young ; 2, Mathews ; 3, Hall and Lyall (dead heat). 27 secs.
 One Length (Under 12½) : 1, Rufus ; 2, Hodgetts ; 3, Farmer ; 4, Webb. 28 secs.
 House Relay, I. 1, Biggs' ; 2, Dunt's ; 3, Copland's ; 4, Porter's. 3 mins. 8½ secs.
 House Relay, II : 1, Biggs' ; 2, Dunt's ; 3, Copland's ; 4, Leeds'. Not taken.
 House Relay, III. 1, Copland's ; 2, Burgess' ; 3, Nicholson's ; 4, Leeds'. 73 secs.
 Allday Shield : Williams.
 Jacob Cup : Copland's.
 Solomon Cup : Copland's.
 Carr Cup : J. R. Luckett. Prox. acc. : Wheatley.
 Governors' Cup : B. J. Pierce. „ Adams.

SCHOOL MATCHES :

Harrow	Lost	10½—23½
Rugby	Lost	28½—32½
Shrewsbury	Won	33½—12½
Repton	Won	
Malvern	Lost	27—33
Wrekin	Won	44—15
Trent	Lost	14—25
Solihull	Won	38—13
K.E. VII, Sheffield	Lost	21½—37½
K.E.G.S., Aston	Won	20—9

SECOND TEAM :

Wrekin	Won	25—10
Trent	Lost	15—24
K.E.G.S., Aston	Won	15—7

RESULTS OF MATCHES

SCHOOL v. SOLIHULL SCHOOL

Held at Tiverton Road on Wednesday, May 30th.

50 yards Free : 1, Luckett, J. R. ; 2, Rowley ; 3, Solihull. 30 secs.

100 yards Free : 1, Hignett ; 2, Rowley ; 3, Solihull. 70 secs.

50 yards Back : 1, Pierce ; 2, Solihull ; 3, Solihull. 38½ secs.

100 yards Breast : 1, Price ; 2, Rogers ; 3, Solihull. 81 secs.

Dive : 1, Pierce ; 2, Solihull ; 3, Green.

Relay : 1, School ; 2, Solihull.

Result : School, 40 points ; Solihull School, 10 points.

SCHOOL v. SHREWSBURY SCHOOL

Held at Tiverton Road on Thursday, June 8th.

50 yards Free : 1, Rowley ; 2, Luckett, J. R. ; 3, Shrewsbury. 29½ secs.

100 yards Free : 1, Rowley ; 2, Luckett, J. R. ; 3, Shrewsbury. 70 secs.

200 yards Free : 1, Hignett ; 2, Shrewsbury ; 3, Luckett, C. H. 2 mins. 42½ secs.

50 yards Back : 1, Green, Shrewsbury (equal) ; 3, Pierce. 39½ secs.

100 yards Breast : 1, Price ; 2, Rogers ; 3, Shrewsbury. 79½ secs.

Dive : 1, Pierce, Shrewsbury (equal) ; 3, Green.

Relay : 1, School ; 2, Shrewsbury.

Result : School, 45 points ; Shrewsbury School, 14 points.

SCHOOL v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Held at Manchester on Saturday, June 9th.

50 yards Free : 1, Luckett, J. R. ; 2, Manchester ; 3, Rowley. No time.

100 yards Free : 1, Manchester ; 2, Rowley ; 3, Manchester. 69½ secs.

200 yards Free : 1, Manchester ; 2, Manchester ; 3, Hignett. 2 mins. 32½ secs.

50 yards Back : 1, Manchester ; 2, Manchester ; 3, Pierce. 33½ secs.

100 yards Breast : 1, Manchester ; 2, Price ; 3, Manchester. 78 secs.

Dive : 1, Pierce and Manchester ; 2, Green and Manchester.

Relay : 1, Manchester ; 2, School.

Result : Manchester Grammar School, 41½ points ; School, 18½ points.

SCHOOL v. MALVERN COLLEGE

Held at Tiverton Road on Tuesday, June 19th.

50 yards Free : 1, Malvern ; 2, Malvern ; 3, Luckett, J. R. 28½ secs.

100 yards Free : 1, Luckett, J. R. ; 2, Malvern ; 3, Rowley. 68½ secs.

200 yards Free : 1, Malvern ; 2, Hignett ; 3, Luckett, C. H. 2 mins. 34½ secs.

50 yards Back : 1, Malvern ; 2, Pierce ; 3, Green. 36½ secs.

100 yards Breast : 1, Price ; 2, Malvern ; 3, Rogers. 80½ secs.

Dive : 1, Pierce, Malvern (equal) ; 3, Green.

Relay : 1, Malvern ; 2, School.

Result : School, 26 points ; Malvern, 33 points.

SCHOOL v. K.E. VII, SHEFFIELD

Held at Sheffield on Thursday, June 21st.

33½ yards Free : 1, Sheffield ; 2, Luckett, J. R. ; 3, Sheffield. 17½ secs.
 66½ yards Free : 1, Sheffield ; 2, Sheffield ; 3, Hignett. 40 secs.
 100 yards Free : 1, Sheffield ; 2, Sheffield ; 3, Luckett, J. R. 65½ secs.
 66½ yards Back : 1, Sheffield ; 2, Sheffield ; 3, Green. 45 secs.
 100 yards Breast : 1, Sheffield ; 2, Price ; 3, Rogers. 81½ secs.
 Dive : 1, Pierce ; 2, Sheffield ; 3, Sheffield.
 Medley Relay : 1, Sheffield ; 2, School.
 Relay : 1, Sheffield ; 2, School.
 Result : School, 15 points ; Sheffield, 47 points.

SCHOOL v. RUGBY SCHOOL

Held at Tiverton Road on Thursday, June 28th.

50 yards Free : 1, Rugby ; 2, Luckett, J. R. ; 3, Rugby. 26½ secs.
 100 yards Free : 1, Rugby ; 2, Luckett, J. R. ; 3, Rugby. 61½ secs.
 200 yards Free : 1, Hignett ; 2, Rugby ; 3, Rugby. 2 mins. 39½ secs.
 50 yards Back : 1, Rugby ; 2, Pierce, Rugby (equal). 36½ secs.
 100 yards Breast : 1, Price ; 2, Green ; 3, Rugby. 81½ secs.
 Dive : 1, Rugby ; 2, Pierce ; 3, Rugby.
 Medley Telay : 1, Rugby ; 2, School.
 Relay : 1, Rugby ; 2, School.
 Result : School, 24 points ; Rugby School, 38 points.

SCHOOL v. HARROW SCHOOL

Held at Harrow on Saturday, June 30th.

50 yards Free : 1, Harrow ; 2, Rowley ; 3, Luckett, J. R. (no time).
 100 yards Free : 1, Harrow, 2, Harrow ; 3, Rowley. 67 secs.
 50 yards Back : 1, Harrow ; 2, Harrow ; 3, Price. 35 secs.
 100 yards Breast : 1, Harrow ; 2, Price ; 3, Harrow. 79½ secs.
 Dive : 1, Price, Harrow (equal) ; 3, Harrow.
 Medley Relay : 1, Harrow ; 2, School.
 Relay : 1, Harrow ; 2, School.
 Result : Harrow School, 26½ points ; School, 9½ points.

SHOOTING REPORT

ALTHOUGH we commenced the year with a depleted VIII, the finding of additional new talent rapidly produced an VIII which has achieved a reasonable standard.

N.S.R.A. SEASON.

While we lost over half of our matches, the formidable quality of our opponents makes our efforts seem as good as could be expected.

	For	Agst	Result
v. King's School, Worcester	715	731	Lost
v. Harrow School ..	741	752	Lost
v. Repton School ..	745	746	Lost
v. Glenalmond School ..	745	742	Won
v. Denstone College ..	740	708	Won
v. Merchant Taylors' School	737	742	Lost
v. Marlborough College ..	740	744	Lost
v. Wrekin College ..	740	744	Lost
v. Uppingham School ..	741	753	Lost
v. Rugby School ..	741	752	Lost
v. Sedburgh School ..	750	740	Won
v. Wellingborough School ..	741	747	Lost
v. Victoria College ..	741	744	Lost
v. Solihull School ..	749	W.O.	Won
v. Elizabeth College ..	749	719	Won
v. University College School	749	684	Won

After losing some of our matches by very narrow margins, we finally finished by winning six matches, losing ten. In the N.S.R.A. Competition, Cadet Edwards was placed in the top twenty, with a fine score of ninety-eight.

Country Life.

Here we were fairly successful, since we lost only two of our six matches.

	For	Agst	Result
v. Wellingborough School ..	603	623	Lost
v. St. Paul's School ..	615	610	Won
v. Bromsgrove School ..	596	577	Won
v. Glasgow Academy ..	624	618	Won
v. Bedford Modern School ..	627	570	Won
v. Felsted School ..	622	630	Lost

Result : Won 4, Lost 2.

Highest Individual Scores :

P. Harling, 87.

J. Westbrooke, 87, ex 90.

·303 (ASHBURTON CONDITIONS).

Here we had brighter prospects, and though we lost one of our members to the Cricketing fraternity, we have made a successful search for a replacement. There is an encouraging amount of interest in ·303 shooting among the younger members of the C.C.F., which bodes well for the future.

For Agst Result

v. Wellingborough VIII	VIII ..	477	450	Won
Cadet Pair ..	..	101	97	Won
v. Glasgow Academy :	VIII ..	480	468	Won
Cadet Pair ..	..	109	111	Lost
v. Cranbrook School :	VIII ..	480	466	Won
Cadet Pair ..	..	109	110	Lost
v. Bromsgrove School :	VIII ..	480	476	Won
Cadet Pair ..	..	109	—	—

Result : Won 4, Lost Nil, by the VIII.

Won 1, Lost 2, by the Cadet Pair.

In the Midland Ashburton we were tenth, with a score of 458. We used some fresh ammunition which proved unsatisfactory, but nevertheless, we were third at 500 yards, with a score of 233.

Highest Scores :

J. Westbrooke, 67.

P. Harling, 66, ex. 70.

As we write, we are looking forward, with modest hopes, to our visit to Bisley, for the Ashburton Shield Competition.

Prospects for next year's Shooting seem reasonable, since several experienced members of the VIII are remaining at School.

We again thank the officers of the C.C.F. who have helped us during the year, especially Major L. K. J. Cooke, for his coaching and for the interest he has shown.

M. C. JONES, *Captain*.

J. WESTBROOKE, *Vice-Capt.*

P. HARLING, *Hon. Sec.*

P.T. REPORT

" R.S.M. W. Moore retired in July, 1951."

So ends a chapter in the history of the School. He joined the staff in 1918 and has been the prime mover in the gymnasium and its associated activities ever since. His two greatest assets are an unflinching ability to correct a vital fault and a knack of enthusing the indifferent and apathetic.

What has "Sarge" to show for his thirty years' work? Old Boys can testify to what he has done for them; to-day individual P.T. is flourishing as never before with a consequent increase in the general standard of physical efficiency throughout the School. Eight Houses easily raise teams for the House competitions.

Mr. Moore must deeply regret the fact that the gymkhana is not being held this year : unless gymnastics continue to be recognized as a very important part of the School's voluntary activities and time found for a gymkhana, in future years much of his work may well suffer a serious set-back.

That his association with the C.C.F. is to continue leads us to hope that his advice will also be available in the gym. It is rather especially needed by the somewhat motley crew to be found there on half-days—we understand they fence.

D. H. BENSON,

P.T. Leader.

LAWN TENNIS

This year Lawn Tennis has been hampered very considerably by bad weather in the Winter term and the General Certificate of Education in the Summer, but we have managed to complete a House knock-out singles competition and a House doubles competition ; but at one stage it appeared that definite results would be highly improbable. We continued Winter Tennis as in previous years, but the decision seems to have been received with mixed feelings ; whereas the omission of any kind of School singles championship has caused no comment at all.

The School team has played a number of matches this term against both School and Club sides with an assortment of two, three and four pairs and although we were undefeated by schools, the more mature club opposition proved too much for us. Once again we have entered a team for the Public Schools' Tournament at Wimbledon, but as we have lost three members of last year's team the tournament may prove more of a social event rather than a tennis triumph.

Under the Public Schools' L.T.A., the School team and a few of the more promising juniors have been coached by two professionals W. J. Moss and S. Pannell, and one or two talented players have been found. This, if continued, should benefit school tennis considerably.

The number of courts has been increased by one, as the Head Master has kindly consented to let us use his during the week ; and we should like to thank him for his encouragement throughout the year, and also Mr. Burgess for his continued interest and invaluable personal coaching.

A. J. LANCASTER,

Captain of Tennis.

The following matches have been played :

v. Mitchells and Butlers	..	Cancelled
v. The Inner Circle ..	..	Won
v. Denstone College ..	..	Drawn
v. Edgbaston L.T.C. ..	..	Lost
v. Nottingham High School	..	Won
v. The Staff ..	..	Lost
v. Birmingham University	..	Lost

CHESS REPORT

ONCE again the School has distinguished itself in team and individual play and must surely be one of the leading schools in the country. In the Birmingham Junior League, both the Second and the Third teams finished second in their respective divisions, whilst the First team were runners-up in the Warwickshire Club Championship. This is a creditable performance and the best result was a win over Mutual C.C., Birmingham League Champions, by $4\frac{1}{2}$ points to $1\frac{1}{2}$. The final result of matches played was won seven, lost one.

In individual tournament play, members of the School teams obtained even better results. At Easter, M. N. Barker won a qualifying tournament, open to boys under twenty years of age, for the right to represent England in the World Junior Championships held in June. In the Warwickshire Junior Championships, J. B. Phipps tied for first place and G. K. Barker was runner-up in the Junior League Championships. M. N. Barker also won the Midland Junior Speed Championship, the next three places also going to members of the School team.

The following week, a party of eight took part in the British Boys' Championship at Hastings. M. N. Barker won the title for the third successive year, J. B. Phipps finishing sixth. More recently, in the World Junior Championships held in Birmingham, M. N. Barker took second place in a strong field in which were three masters of established reputation.

With regard to House Chess, the Inter-House Competition this year was won convincingly by Mr. Leeds' House with Mr. Porter's House second. The fact that the competition was finished to schedule, an almost unprecedented occurrence, is a tribute to the efforts of Mr. Hurn in his first year as our Chairman. With the School team remaining practically unchanged, prospects for next year are very bright indeed.

G. K. BARKER,
Captain of Chess.

FIVES REPORT

THE Fives team has played two matches since the Christmas report. On February 28th the School visited, and was defeated by, Shrewsbury School by nine games to nil. In favourable weather we were outclassed in all departments of the game, but experience was gained by the team with regard to ball control and spin. On March 13th Oakham School was visited and in spite of inclement weather an easy victory was registered by five games to one.

The Junior House Competition has been completed satisfactorily, but no one could truthfully say that Fives in the School is on the up grade. Few youngsters of merit have appeared at the courts, but there is every hope that when these are covered, a promise—the fulfilment of which is ever being postponed, the standard will improve. The interest, however, is not lacking.

In ending, our appreciation of Mr. Smith must be mentioned. How he traces all "borrowed" equipment remains a mystery, for it is suspected that he is not assisted in this work by members of the Upper School, but good humour and interest in Fives enables him to keep pace with the mid-day rush for gloves and balls. The interest of certain other members of the staff has also been aroused and much can, and we hope will, be done by them to raise the standard of play.

The School Fives team has been: A. J. G. Campbell, P. A. Gough, Revill, Waring and Green.

J. F. WAINWRIGHT,
Captain of Fives.

Fives Characters

A. J. G. CAMPBELL (*Secretary*): A young player who has not really fulfilled the hopes of last year. A little timid up-step, he does, however, hit the ball hard and with intelligence, although at times his concentration lapses. A good left hand down-step enables him to take advantage of many of his opponent's errors, but it is suspected that in some School matches he is overawed by the occasion and does not give of his best. As a Secretary he has had few duties to perform, but it is expected that he will make a capable and efficient captain next year.

(*Captain of Biggs*'s).

P. A. GOUGH: Essentially a defensive player; his unorthodox strokes are liable to surprise less experienced players, but seldom succeed against "old hands." His positioning is sound, however, and he mixes his "take" with a subtle variation of spin and pitch—often very disconcerting. His recovery work down-step is good, but he does not keep the ball low enough on the face wall. Owing to the calls of other activities he does not devote the desired amount of time to Fives.

(*Captain of Dunt*'s).

J. F. WAINWRIGHT (*Captain*): The outstanding player in the School at the present, his play is sound in all departments and brilliant in some. His sound positional play and uncanny anticipation enable him to move to meet the ball, and, giving his opponents no time to recover, to find the open spaces. His rather bulky stature is a handicap outweighed by his amazing speed and agility. This is particularly evident up-step where he

is seldom beaten except by the best shots. He has the complete range of shots, although his left hand is sometimes inconsistent downstep, varying from the brilliant to the pathetic. His best shot, however, is the "kill" into the pep, which he smashes with his right or left hand. His merciless play is a contrast with his leisurely approach, but his irrepressible good humour make him an admirable partner. As Captain he has maintained a comparatively well-informed interest in School Fives generally, and done his best to maintain an interest in School Fives balls. He denies that he has been retained by a leading fashion house to popularize new Fives head gear but smiles gently when accused of thus intimidating his more impressionable opponents. He once made a grand slam.

G.R.G.

(Williams').

F. B. REVILL: A player who approaches the game with an atmosphere of boredom, giving the impression that Fives is just one of those handicaps of life which cannot be avoided. Ragged in appearance his game sometimes reaches great heights but at other times scarcely rises above the mediocre.

(Dunt's).

C. F. WARING: Another player whose early promise has not been maintained. Good upstep with a long reach he cannot rely upon accuracy downstep and makes many errors with his left hand. Suffers from lack of practice and keenness, for it is suspected that his heart is not in the game.

(Captain of Kay's).

G. R. GREEN: His Fives is most conspicuous during the dinner-hour when he enters the game with an enthusiasm rarely equalled. A wild left hand too often brought into action is countered by a hard-hitting and accurate right which is the chief weapon in his armoury of shots. Weak overhead, his exuberance usually enables him to leave the courts victorious in spite of a general lack of experience and concentration.

(Dunt's).

MR. BURGESS' HOUSE

A ROUSING welcome, in the form of the House Championship, was given to Mr. Burgess when he first took over the House and it would have been a fitting tribute to his leadership if we could have won it again in his last year as House Master. For, as the majority will already know, he is leaving us to take up the headmastership at Five Ways, and the House, though wishing him every success in his new post, feels that his successor will be hard pressed to maintain the high standard of leadership and comradeship that Mr. Burgess has set.

It is a pity that the news of Mr. Burgess' departure did not reach us earlier as it arrived

too late for the House to put in that little bit extra to win the Championship; but, after the dismal achievements of last year it is pleasing to see signs of a revival. Our Rugger, though lacking acknowledged stars, contained such a degree of team work that we could more than hold our own against our rivals. Indeed, our second team, which at one stage had a run of at least a dozen defeats only failed by the narrowest of margins to win the second team knock-out cup. The Juniors did not possess enough brawn to beat all-comers but had skill enough to beat those teams which did not rely on brute force.

Athletics were surprisingly good, though we did not maintain the high standard set up by our expected victory in the cross country, and our domination over the five mile walk. Nevertheless, despite the shortage of outstanding brilliance, all round enthusiasm very nearly won the day.

Cricket, perhaps, is disappointing. Apart from the Third team, victories have been rare and draws fortunate. A hopeful omen is the Fourth team, which has settled down after a shaky start and promises much talent for the future years.

Tennis, however, was pathetic. On paper the team was strong, but due to inconsistency and complete disregard of fixtures by all members of the team, we find ourselves sitting pretty in the bottom half of the league instead of at third place, which is our rightful position.

Ably led by their young but earnest captain, D. N. Gallon, the Chess teams have prospered and we find ourselves occupying a very high place, but unfortunately, this place is not the elusive first which has so successfully avoided us this year.

Fives and Swimming rely entirely on the Juniors who show no little promise, but Shooting lives in a world of its own, quietly but efficiently ruled by R. B. Somerset.

For the rest, it only remains for me to thank Mr. Burgess once again for his untiring efforts and also his assistants, Mr. Crow and Mr. Whinnerah, for their support.

Lastly, we wish the new House Master, whoever he may be, every success in his new role as head of a House which has captured, more than most, the true House spirit.

A. J. LANCASTER,
House Captain.

MR. DUNT'S HOUSE

THE roses have budded again this year. Yet, in sheer ignorance of Herrick's philosophy, we have gathered only one or two where we ought to have gathered many. Our collection of leaves is abundant, but among

our treasures can no longer be counted the victor's crown of laurels. Mr. Dunt's House has suffered the inevitable degree of eclipse, which is part and parcel of all school life.

Fallen we may be, but failed we have not. On a miry pitch, akin to a Burmese paddy field, the House First Fifteen won the Rugby Knockout Final by a display of brain and tactics, which outclassed the more muscular game of our opponents. Fourth position in the Rugby Championship was a satisfactory, if not greatly pleasing, reward for the House's efforts.

The Fives Cup is ours for a second year, while in Chess and Tennis, third place has been obtained.

Enthusiasm for Athletics in the House was negligible. This was certainly so amongst the Seniors, who appeared to argue that with few natural athletes in the House we should do badly anyway, so "why should we bother." Against this deplorable attitude, the illimitable energy of V. C. Keyte (Athletics Captain) struggled gamely, but in vain. We finished seventh.

Classification in Shooting has been encouraging—actual results poor.

We could win the Cricket Championship. We should have won it for several years, but at this unaccountable game, it is rarely the star-spangled team which produces the best results. The stars still exist; the House is doing well at Cricket, but it is the concerted efforts of the less-distinguished, nebulous characters which will determine our ultimate position.

Zeal and the ability to practise are not wanting in the P.T. team and they may well distinguish themselves. Outstanding swimmers abound in profusion and their assurance of success may be viewed without undue scepticism.

Next year's prospects are good, particularly in the senior part of the House. Yet should our fortunes improve or should they decline, we can be sure that the helpful and efficient organization of Mr. Buttle and the undying enthusiasm of Mr. Dunt and his umbrella "μᾶλλον" will weather the worst storms.

P. A. GOUGH,
House Captain.

MR. LEEDS' HOUSE

RELYING largely upon the combined efforts of the many of moderate athletic ability, rather than upon a brilliant few, the House this year, has usually managed to hold its own in House activities.

At Chess we have excelled, having walked away with the championship, leaving the nearest challenger far behind.

In Tennis, too, our strength lies. We have won every match played.

These two activities (Chess and Tennis), together with the retaining of the John Urry Cup for Standards, represent our only claims to distinction this year. In the other spheres of the House competition we have been moderately successful.

We have won four games and lost three in the Senior Fives competition. The Junior team has, up to now, won two and lost two games.

In both the Shooting competitions so far held, the House finished sixth.

With the Cricket programme still far from completion, we hesitate to make any rash forecast, but from the results of the finished league competition, in which we came second, we hope to do reasonably well. The achievements of our Junior teams indicate future cricketing successes.

Mr. Leeds often stresses that as long as everyone does his best, he will be satisfied. It is Mr. Leeds' and Mr. Sacret's abundance of good humour and their continued enthusiasm and encouragement which helps us all, more than anything else, to do our best. Because of this we feel more, that in years to come, there will always be the same House spirit present which we can all appreciate to-day.

J. D. GILES,
House Captain.

MR. COPLAND'S HOUSE

SWIMMING, we are told, provides the perfect relaxation. Our limbs and trunk are supported and caressed by lapping wavelets. No effort is required; indeed, if effort is supplied, we sink, and our mouths contract in revulsion from the insidious hypochlorous acid. Such is the relaxed, nay, lethargic nature of this House, that we are a natural source of goodly swimmers. We have won the Allday Shield for swimming standards, which is no mean feat, and a tribute to efficient organization. Perhaps that is what our cricketers do in the Summer time, for our turn-out, both in numbers and appearance is deplorable. Do they really sell white tennis pumps with one black and one brown lace, or is it just a case of repression or expression of the ego, or of errant humour, or arrant neglectfulness? Be that as it may, cricket is often a matter of luck, more often a matter of priming the umpires. I was once given our l.b.w. from a ball which, though turning sharply, pitched a good four feet outside my leg stump. The umpire told me in confidence when I confronted him in the pavilion, that he had forgotten I was left-handed. Can there not be some form of supervision or instruction, must the loudest voice always win the day?

Fives and Tennis, Athletics and Shooting seventh or eighth is not our rightful place.

but it will remain just so until we discover, and once discovered nurture, and when nurtured, utilize our talent. In most sports we have at least one expert, one great man. But where are the enthusiastic amateurs, the Jacks of all trades? Our academic records belittle the rumour that we are overfond of our books. When politics bore, when intellectual vaporisation begins to pall, what more enthralling discovery than that your companion is just as bad as you are at athletic pursuits, but just as interested and just as proud of his "one far fierce hour and sweet." There are none so interesting as those who have failed, but who have failed keeping the end, the beginning, their own frailty and the hazy bridge between in perspective. We want to launch into the world interesting people with interesting minds, not dull "all or nothing" addicts, who recognize no middle way. Mr. Copland waves his gown in admonition, but until we are prepared to open our eyes to the wisdom of his lips, we shall be as nothing in this world.

MR. WILLIAMS' HOUSE

UNDER the wise guidance of our Housemaster and the spirited enthusiasm of Mr. Osborne and Mr. Lutyens, the House has been rescued from mediocrity this year, but has not attained the heights expected. Although in retrospect, however, our performance has been somewhat disappointing, our prospects for next year are very promising.

Our poor performances on the rugby field in the Autumn term were atoned for in the knock-out competition. The hopes expressed by J. F. Wainwright for the First Fifteen were fulfilled in two victories which took the team to the final, where it was narrowly defeated by Mr. Dunt's more experienced side. The young Second team showed great promise in its speed and tenacity, but lack of weight prevented it from gaining more victories.

This year Athletic standards, as well as the Sports, were left to a few people, with the result that in spite of the repeated exhortations of D. H. Benson, we were placed a precarious sixth in the final results. There must be a general awakening amongst all members of the House to their individual responsibilities.

In spite of a bad start, largely caused by the depredations of the School teams, the First Eleven made a sound recovery and was defeated only once in its last five matches. We would be happy to see more talent among the Juniors, but they will improve with experience, and the performance of the two Senior teams has been encouraging.

We congratulate the P.T. team in a splendid victory in the House P.T. Competition, our greatest triumph of the year, which has greatly improved our position in the

House table. On the other hand we have been undistinguished at Chess and Fives; but we came an easy third at Shooting, and victory at Tennis was only prevented by lack of support for a consistent first pair. We have some outstanding young Swimmers, and we only hope that success at the Swimming Sports will not be marred by insufficient backing from the older members of the House.

Finally we say good-bye to our two senior members. J. F. Wainwright has been a fine all-round sportsman and leader, and an example of enthusiasm and skill to the House. P. A. Gardner, head of the House, has been a great School Captain and an inspiration to the House which he so ably lead. We regret that illness has prevented him from being with us during the last few weeks of term, and wish him a speedy recovery and every success for the future.

J. M. S. ARNOTT,
p.p. House Captain.

MR. KAY'S HOUSE

So far this year the House has done well and if we can stay the pace, we may well finish "cock-house." We finished first in both Rugger and Athletics and were fourth in Chess. The Fives and Shooting competitions have yet to be completed, but we are certain to be first or second in both. Tennis, Swimming and Cricket results so far have been poor, but no worse than was expected.

Although we failed to win any of the individual team cups, good all-round performances enabled us to beat Biggs' and Burgess' in the final reckoning. We owed our success in Athletics to the few rather than the many. In particular we must congratulate R. A. Wiggins on winning the Junior Championship; D. B. Hill on being runner-up in the Open Championship and D. B. Wine, the House captain, whose sterling efforts on and off the track played no small part in our success. The Senior Fives team won five of its seven games and the Junior team is still unbeaten after six games. Considering how few members of the House ever practise, these results are surprisingly good. Our marksmen have been well on the target this year and have potted the Tunstall Cup. They are also believed to have shot some wild life in the country.

In the league Cricket we have fared but moderately; however, most people in the House play the game and we have always fielded full teams. The return of J. Hutchings and R. W. Hadfield will strengthen the First team for the knock-out competition and, with luck, which is always an important factor in cricket, we shall do quite well. In Swimming we have done no worse than was expected. Some hope for the future may

be gleaned from the performances of the Junior relay team.

And finally to Tennis. It has been known for some time that we have a House tennis team, which on occasions played other House teams. It was believed that people enjoyed these matches, but nothing else was expected. Recently there was a rumour that a match had been won. Upon investigation this proved to be true, although the victory was by default. Some of the older members of the House said that a tennis match was won once before, long ago, but none can be certain.

The spirit of the House is good, a fact which is largely due to the energetic leadership of Mr. Kay and his assistants, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Robertson. If their efforts receive their due reward, then we shall be "cock-house."

G. A. TAPLIN,
House Captain.

MR. BIGGS' HOUSE

At the beginning of this School year, the prospects of Mr. Biggs' House were bright and full of hopeful optimism. By shaking off much of last year's apathy, the House has lived up to, and in several cases, surpassed what was expected of it.

In Rugger, the House played very well to finish second. A well-led First Fifteen, though completely devoid of good individual players, played hard and obtained a fair degree of success. The Second Fifteen, containing much more youthful enthusiasm and less physical illiteracy than last year, performed consistently well to carry off the House Second team Championship. The Third Fifteen likewise played well and won the Third Fifteen Championship.

The House certainly surpassed expectations in Athletics, finishing second in standards and fourth in the sports. The performances of some of the intermediate members of the House were especially promising.

The House took first place in Shooting last year and it was unfortunate, if not altogether unexpected, that we slipped a little and failed to maintain our high position.

Though at the time of writing the Cricket programme is unfinished it is certain that the House has won the League trophy. This is a remarkable success when it is remembered that last year we finished bottom in Cricket. The Fourth Eleven have been particularly successful.

In Swimming, Fives and Tennis, the House has fared moderately well, though the absence of good individual players has been felt. The House P.T. competition has yet to come though with the same team as last year, the House should do well. Chess remains our only black spot, the House having finished

eighth. However, the House captain assures us we possess some promising juniors.

From the general performance of the House this year, two conclusions may be drawn. Firstly, we have done very much better in the team activities than in those in which individual brilliance is required. Secondly, the House possesses much promising talent among its juniors.

Under the encouraging leadership of Mr. Biggs and his two lieutenants, Mr. A. Hurrell and Mr. J. P. Vaughan, it is certain that these juniors will ensure the future success of the House.

J. ARTHUR,
House Captain.

MR. PORTER'S HOUSE

It is a temptation to try and write an original House report, in which nothing "bodes well for the future," no "prospects seem bright" and nobody has "sunk into a slough of despond." But why bother? Well over 350 House reports have appeared in past CHRONICLES, each one original in some way, so how should one write a report that will outshine them all and come whiffing through the wood of years like the jabberwock so that it seems as fresh and exciting to Edwardians some fifty years hence? It just can't be done; unless, of course, one is lucky enough to be secretary of a House which wins the Tunstall Cup with peashooters or has an Open Champion with a wooden leg.

But if we cannot be original we can at least be cheerful, which is in itself original for our House reports.

Looking back to the Winter term we recall that we played far better rugger than our final position suggests, and the team was never dismayed by an outstanding attack. Our athletics was very good (we secured two of the four individual championships), and since we are strong in athletes from all age groups we shall presumably continue to be very good. In the Chess world we have pulled up to second place—a highly commendable effort, this, and we achieved the same position in Tennis. Our Cricket seems better at the top than at the bottom, but at the top it can be very good indeed. We are not such accurate shots as last year; our Swimming and P.T. seem uncertain, and we again failed at Fives. But it was an invigorating sight to see a keen Junior team regularly turning up to face stronger opposition, undaunted.

It is unlikely that we will win the House Championship this year, but there seems no reason why we should not next year. Some good seniors are leaving, but our house-master, who not only knows everybody in the House by name but knows also the

psychological method of getting the maximum effort out of each individual, stays on; and it is to him that, directly or indirectly, our successes may be attributed. And the House itself?—a cheerful crowd, to whom the game counts for more than the points. Which is as it should be. Ours is a nice 'ouse, ours is.

G. T. LYALL,
House Captain.

THE LIBRARY

DURING the past year our only problem has been the overwhelming popularity of the Library. Indeed, with practically the entire Sixth Form as well as many boys from the Middle and Lower Schools on the subscribers' list, the Sub-Librarians are busy men. Occasionally they are harassed by the exuberance of the Removes and Shells before second lunch or by the searching demands of some witty Sixth Former, but as a result of their energies and those of Mr. Blount, the Library goes on from strength to strength.

The year 1950-51 has been one of steady progress, and as a result of a strong inward flow of new books we now have over nine thousand volumes. Our furnishings have become still more impressive with the addition of the Heath Memorial Library. This book-case and reading desk is an appropriately magnificent memorial to one of the greatest of past King Edward's house-masters, and the Old Edwardians who paid for its erection must be well satisfied at the setting up of such a dignified yet useful memorial.

Finally we thank the Head Master and the many Old Edwardians who presented books during the year and especially those members of the School who made leaving presentations. Any tradition by which a boy on his departure may leave in the Library some token of the relationship between himself and the School is a worthy one.

J. DE C. LING,
School Librarian.

DEBATING SOCIETY

"THE nymphs are departing," the "old gang," who at one time dominated the Society and, it must be admitted, threatened to choke it, are rapidly disappearing. With their maturity, however, they have done much this year to revive our stricken Society and are handing on to the new faces who succeed them a legacy much healthier than would have seemed possible a few years ago. A tone of modified optimism may replace the traditional gloom of this report.

We have, admittedly, lost some of the soufflé from our speeches, but so have we

lost much of the suet pudding and, Glory Be! much of the custard pie. There may be fewer sparkling speeches, but there are also far less of the blatantly bad speeches of the past.

Highlights of the past season have included an Impromptu Debate of high standard and a debate upon Scottish Nationalism at which a determined and successful effort was made to find new talent. The success of recent Joint Debates has proved that that much reviled institution is well on the way to recovery.

Mr. C. H. C. Blount has continued to prove this year that he is the perfect Chairman. Our thanks are due to M. S. McLean for his fine posters.

The old order changeth, giving place to new, conscious that it has done much to raise the Society from the Post for which it was partly responsible. May the new order prosper in its inheritance.

R. C. PERKINS,
Hon. Secretary.

DEBATING CHARACTERS

R. C. PERKINS.—A conscientious secretary; a speaker of impressive dignity and untarnished ideals. He knows what he likes and likes—to a certain extent—what he understands. If he is at times a little confused in his views, it must be admitted that at least he has a number of interesting opinions. We shed salt tears at his departure.

P. A. GARDNER.—Is undoubtedly the Society's finest speaker. Possessing a wide knowledge, a penetrating analysis, and an interesting delivery, he can storm the House with cold logic, or charm it with airy flippancy. Winning and honeyed in persuasion, in scorn his biting phrases can prove a revelation in revilation. He is to be congratulated on his re-election to the Hammond Debating Trophy.

K. J. WERRING.—Possibly the most improved speaker of the year, he possesses a clear perception which on occasions can produce masterpieces of logical speaking. He still suffers, however, from over-quotation and must learn to pack his speeches more.

G. T. LYALL.—Is always well worth hearing. He possesses the invaluable art of saying nothing and making it sound interesting. But he can also bring his powerful intellect to bear effectively upon any subject. He claims American citizenship.

J. DE C. LING.—Possesses a clear delivery and a wide range of interests, but is at present too rigid and rarely ventures from the confines of his voluminous notes. With less preparation, as was shown by his success at the Impromptu Debate, he will be a first-class speaker.

R. A. TOMLINSON.—A confirmed anarchist ; he is probably our leading humorist. But behind his comedy there is at work a shrewd judgment and analysis and his arguments have swung many a debate.

M. S. McLEAN.—A witty and sophisticated speaker of unusual talents. He has never been known to be serious, but his outrageous dress and provocative remarks have laced much debating small beer with a welcome tot of gin. He remains an unshakable misogynist.

J. M. S. ARNOTT is another wit, though he can deliver a passionate harangue upon Scottish Nationalism. His Baconian views have been much aired of late.

The TREVIS twins have spoken at several debates lately. Nothing further can be said of them as the Secretary is never sure which one is speaking, but the standard of their speeches has been consistently high and we wish to hear more of them.

M. J. THOMAS' irony and P. J. TURNER'S forthright assertiveness have been heard much of late, and we have received loyal support from J. C. H. COPE, E. I. DOWNING and M. A. LYNN.

LITERARY SOCIETY

WHAT is to be said about this Society ? "We flourish"?—but attendances and interest have kept down to the usual steady level of mediocrity. "Extinction is near"?—but we few stalwarts continue to concern ourselves, in our remote and secret haunts, with the written word. The Society continues on its obscure way clothed with the mystery of some eccentric cult, ignored awesomely by the noisy traffic of School life. The uninitiated, the masses, fear the unknown and are loath to enquire too deeply into the veiled rites and practices of us band of sorcerers lest they themselves are seized for sacrifices to the gods we honour. They tremble at the thought of our incantations and of the spirits we raise to serve us. Webster is a demi-god and Ezra Pound a double-headed monster.

Nevertheless, avoided by the sweaty mob, we have had a quiet, erudite and successful year. In our awful solitude we have discussed the School Play, read our own poetry, and proclaimed a play written by one of our brothers. We have even had arch-priest Derek Brewer, Esq., to lead our ancient ritual. During lunch-hours we fantastic creatures have been observed assembling in our temple under the supposed pretence of reading poetry. What horrible activities are really carried out remain a source of much whispered speculation, and of real terror.

However, I make this appeal to the more intrepid and interested members of the

School. Come and see us. We are really all very meek and harmless. Let the myth of our fearfulness be cast away. Help us to bring our meetings into the wholesome light of day. We throw open our innocuous gates and welcome inspection. Let us banish all this mystery and suspicion and walk once more with a light, carefree step.

G. R. GREEN,
Hon. Secretary.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

THIS is the Society's dead season, and occasionally one meets actors wandering over the stage conjuring up the ghosts of the past year's activity. The Senior and Junior productions are finished and the efforts of next year are as yet hardly launched.

"The Tempest" was successfully weathered and, to continue the metaphor, M. S. McLean's maritime architecture and Mr. Crow's able captaincy were outstanding, despite illness which kept some members of the company in bed up to the opening performance.

The tradition of the Junior Play, founded last year, has been firmly established by Mr. Babb's production of "Dr. Knock." Dr. Parpalaid's car is now one of the Society's most prized possessions.

Plans are already afoot for an ambitious programme for next year's Quater-Centenary Celebrations. It is hoped to end the term with a lecture on "Make-up"; a new departure, this.

The Society's year has had its successful bangs, and is ending with a not ineffectual whimper.

R. C. PERKINS,
Hon. Secretary.

MUSICAL SOCIETY

THE Society can justly look back with pride on a most active and profitable year's music-making. Since the last number of the CHRONICLE made its appearance, we have held a School Concert, School Music Competitions, and no less than ten lunch-hour recitals.

In the unusually short Spring term, we decided to devote our three mid-day meetings to music by nineteenth-century composers, thus providing a profitable sequel to the Literary Society's Autumn series of poetry readings. The two concerts on records included music by Schubert, Schumann, Tchaikovsky, and Wagner; and the programme of the third recital was made up of organ music by Liszt and Mendelssohn, and piano music by Chopin, played by Dr. Willis Grant and Mr. W. D. Rees.

This term a far wider field has been covered. The first concert was devoted to modern music, with part songs sung by the "XXII Choir" (a newly-formed body of twenty-two selected members of the School Choir), and piano duets played by D. A. Wright and the Secretary. These included Debussy's "Petite Suite," and "Trois Pièces Nègres pour les Touches Blanches" (1949) by Constant Lambert.

On 23rd May we were honoured with a visit by Marcia Osborne (soprano), who sung songs by Bach, Handel, Mozart and Schubert; between the songs Mr. F. J. Williams played piano pieces by Brahms.

British music was played on records on 5th June—music by the madrigalist John Bennet, Purcell, Elgar, Delius and Vaughan Williams; and on 6th July we are to have a recital by members of the Society. Towards the end of term it is hoped that another concert will be given by the XXII Choir, and that a joint meeting will be held with the Modern Language Society to hear some of our linguists perform songs in French and German.

Our Junior Society, which meets twice a term at 12-30, since it is composed of boys in Removes and Shells, has also had quite a successful season, though it has had to compete with many other lunch-hour attractions. Three out of the four concerts have been "live" ones, which seem to interest our young members far more than "canned music." Last term pieces were played by P. J. Connop (violin), D. Donaldson (piano), A. D. Gilson (clarinet) and P. M. Johnson (piano); our two concerts this term have both presented striking novelties. At the first, on the 30th May, B. S. Adams played music for both treble and descant recorders, and D. Yetman and the Secretary played duets for trumpet and organ, including a most effective and delightful March by Dr. Willis Grant. On 27th June, we heard G. T. Bruce (piano), D. A. Wright (flute) and D. V. Parr (timpani), who gave a most exciting rendering of the kettle-drum part in Mozart's "Magic Flute" Overture, with a record filling in the remaining parts of the score.

The School Choir is continually scaling greater heights. After taking part in last term's concert (a detailed report of which appears elsewhere), the Choir sung Walmisley's D minor Magnificat and the anthem "Call to remembrance, O Lord," by Farrant, at the School Service on 18th March, and is now busily rehearsing (as is also the Orchestra), for our performance of Haydn's "Creation" on 18th July.

This should prove quite the most outstanding achievement in the history of the Musical Society and we cannot adequately express our gratitude to our Chairman, Dr. Willis Grant, for making it possible. If the Society continues to progress as it has

done so far under his leadership, it will surely become recognized in the near future as one of the leading contributors to the musical life of our city.

T. F. H. OXLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

MUSIC CIRCLE

Two meetings were held last term, both a little unusual and so much the more interesting. At the first, the Secretary presented a representative programme of Elizabethan music on records, which included music for viols by Weelkes, anthems by Byrd and Gibbons, a lute-song by Dowland, madrigals by Gibbons, Morley and Weelkes, and keyboard music by John Bull.

The second meeting was the first occasion on which the Circle has ventured outside the School—it took place in Birmingham Cathedral, where the fine four-manual organ was described by Dr. Willis Grant. At the close of the meeting, the Circle heard a performance by Dr. Grant of Liszt's Fantasia and Fugue on "B-A-C-H."

Activities this term have been curtailed, since nearly all our members have much on their minds in the way of exams. We are to have a meeting, however, when G.C.E. is finally out of the way; the Secretary will give a piano recital which will include Schumann's second Sonata and pieces by Bach and Ireland.

There will be a number of vacancies in the Circle at the beginning of next term—any boy in "A" Block who would like to be considered for election should give his name to the Secretary.

We must not conclude without sincerely thanking our Chairman, Dr. Willis Grant, for all the trouble he takes in arranging our programmes; also we express a hope that the Circle will continue to add its quiet contribution to the cultural life of the School, in its now traditional way, for many years to come.

T. F. H. OXLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

MUSIC COMPETITION FINALS

8th March, 1951

THE School's enthusiasm for music was evident not only in the number and keenness of the entrants for this year's Competitions, but also in the unusually high standard of the finalists' performances. This was commented on by the Judge, Cyril Salmons, Esq., M.A., B.Mus., Director of Music at Rugby School, who was most impressed by the School's musicians.

We congratulate the winners of the various classes, who were as follow :

Open Classes :

Instrumental : R. W. WARD (oboe).

Organ : W. B. JAMES.

Piano : D. A. WRIGHT.

Age under 16 :

Piano : A. D. KIRKBY.

Age under 15 :

Instrumental : A. D. GILSON (clarinet).

Piano : D. DONALDSON.

Age under 13 :

Piano : P. M. JOHNSON.

T.F.H.O.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

SINCE the last issue of the CHRONICLE, two meetings have been held. At the beginning of the Spring term Mr. M. E. Monkcom gave a fascinating lecture on "The Uniqueness of Man." The last meeting of the year heard Dr. F. W. Peaker address the Society on "The Physical Properties of Rubber." The apparatus held the younger members spell-bound, even though they were rather tied up with the carbon chains.

Attendance has hovered round the half-century mark, but there is still vast room for improvement.

It has been proposed that next year a "Scientific Circle" be formed, to be run on the same lines as the "Closed Circle," dealing with controversial scientific topics. This would, it is hoped, remove the chief difficulty of the Society at present—namely, the choosing of lectures to suit all the degrees of scientific knowledge to be found amongst its members. This, in conjunction with the Junior Scientific Society, should, to a large extent, solve the problem.

The Society must extend its warmest thanks to Mr. H. W. Ballance for his untiring efforts as Chairman of the Society, and to Mr. Edwards and his assistants for their help.

F. L. JENKINS,
Hon. Secretary.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY

As we approach the end of another School year we may report, quite honestly, that the Philatelic Society is still in existence. Admittedly, we have held few meetings during the past two terms, but this has been due, not to any lack of support, but to a serious shortage of speakers, and this threatens to be even worse during the coming year.

Still, we must not overlook two very interesting lectures by C. G. Tayar and

S. Chadwin on "Errors in British Stamps" and "United States Stamps of the War Years," respectively. Both these talks were fully illustrated by the speakers with stamps from their own collections, and the meetings were well attended. There have, in addition, been numerous meetings throughout the year devoted solely to the exchange of stamps.

It is evident that if the Philatelic Society is to continue to enjoy its success of recent years, fresh speakers must be found at once from inside the School. If any such speakers are forthcoming, we can say with confidence that a year of prosperity awaits us.

In conclusion we must thank Mr. J. B. Hurn for acting as Chairman, and M. E. Jacks for producing some excellent posters.

J. BROCKINGTON,
Hon. Secretary.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

FOLLOWING the maxim that photographs should be taken in the Summer and discussed in the Winter, no meetings of this Society were held during the Summer term. However, it is hoped to arrange a series of lectures during this term designed especially to enable the younger photographer to further his knowledge on the subject, by means of practical demonstrations, in which the audience themselves will be able to take part.

The main components for the enlarger having at last been made or procured, little more now remains to be done than to assemble it, a task also to be finished early this term.

The main news from the Society lies, however, in the presentation to it by L. Arthur Smith, Esq. of a 5-in. x 4-in. Sanderson Junior Plate Camera, together with the sum of £3 0s. 0d. for purchase of plates, etc. This camera, which ranks high in the range of first-class precision instruments, is a very valuable asset which we are justly very pleased and proud to own. Thank you again Mr. Smith.

Finally, our very warm thanks are due to our Chairman, J. B. Whinnerah, Esq., for his great help and co-operation in the running of this Society.

W. A. G. BUXTON,
Hon. Secretary.

CIVICS SOCIETY

THE Society, after a year of endeavour, with periods of concentrated activity, is now, for a short time, wallowing in unashamed complacency. We feel that we can, with due modesty, claim that we have carried out

successfully one of the most ambitious programmes of any Society in the School for many years. Speakers of nation-wide repute and of the highest possible eminence in their respective spheres have addressed audiences, the size of which has always been sufficiently large to justify a continuation of the policy of securing the services of men of the highest rank. The quality of the questions following the talks has also revealed that our audiences are simultaneously select and multitudinous.

Three meetings were held during the Spring term. On February 14th Sir Barry Jackson gave a talk on "Civic Theatres." He illustrated his talk with many entertaining personal anecdotes concerning events both at home and abroad. On March 14th a former Secretary of Lloyds Underwriters' Association, Mr. Albert Dabbs, came from London to address the Society and to show a unique collection of lantern-slides dealing with the history and other aspects of this world-renowned organization. On March 12th Mr. Justice Finemore visited us to speak on the English legal system. This talk took place before the largest audience ever recorded for a visiting speaker. After addressing the Society, Sir Donald displayed some valuable mementoes—traditional gifts that he had received whilst on circuit.

During the Easter holidays a considerable amount of organization was necessary for a series of visits to Fort Dunlop. This was the largest project in the matter of excursions ever undertaken by the Society and it proved socially and educationally excellent, though economically hazardous. By the time that this CHRONICLE is published we hope to have welcomed to K.E.S. and returned hospitality to the authorities who made our visits so enjoyable and privileged a small party of scientists with a visit to the research laboratories.

According to custom we have one internal meeting this term. Our original speaker, Mr. Harmar Nicholls, M.P., has withdrawn, owing to the Persian crisis, and Mr. C. H. C. Blount has, at very short notice, consented to take over the role of visiting speaker. We shall be busy this term organizing the visit of a delegation from School to a one-day Foundation Conference at Bournville.

An event of more lasting significance, which will be noted with interest—if not alarm—by etymologists and philologists, is that the Society has, at the instigation of the School Captain, re-affirmed the existence of a letter "S" in its title (i.e., Civics Society and not Civic Society).

Our only real regret, looking back on a year of general, robust health in the fortunes of the Society (marred only by one occasion when the pulse became so feeble that the Society appeared for a few hours to be in its death-agony), is that the exigencies of the School calendar prevented us from introducing

a real, live Duke to the School, during the Summer term.

The Society is profoundly aware of the deep debt of gratitude which it owes to many people, both in and out of this School. Will this unnumbered host please accept herewith our most sincere thanks for whatever they have done on our behalf? However, may we thank personally those whose consistent help has been invaluable: firstly, the Head Master, who has shown his great interest by taking the chair at our two most important meetings; secondly, the Art Society, whose monstrosities have graced the "Societies" Notice-board on our behalf; lastly, but very far from last in place of honour, let us thank our Chairman, Mr. J. P. Vaughan, without whom the Society would certainly never have survived this year, let alone have attained such a position of prominence in the life of the School. Under his chairmanship, may the Society continue to prosper, and may his wealth of ideas form the basis of a great chapter in the history of the Society.

... The mood of complacency passes; we are now working to prepare a programme for next year worthy of its predecessor.

K. J. WERRING,
Hon. Secretary.

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

THE meetings of this Society during the last two terms have been marked by an extraordinary diversity of speakers. The first meeting was addressed by Mr. E. Y. Chang, a Chinese student at Birmingham University. Mr. Chang described his country and recounted some of his experiences of the Japanese occupation. He was not at all loath to discuss the political aspects of the Chinese situation, particularly with regard to Korea, and as few, if any, of his listeners shared his political views, he was subjected to a barrage of questions, some of which were not at all easy to answer, but which he tackled very creditably.

As usual, some of the meetings this year have been devoted to exploration, and in the Spring term Mr. J. R. Rawsthorne gave an account of his expedition to Northern Norway with the British Schools' Exploring Society. In the Summer term Mr. E. R. Hitchcock, a young medical graduate of Birmingham University, described the objects and plans of the projected University expedition to Spitzbergen this Summer, which the School has supported financially. He almost succeeded in persuading our Vice-Chairman to captain the vessel which is taking the party to Spitzbergen, but sense of duty made Mr. Benett stay with the School.

The other meeting of the Spring term was shown two of the excellent colour films of Cadbury Bros., Ltd., one portraying life on a Sicilian farm, and the other showing the production of cocoa beans in the Gold Coast. Besides being geographically very instructive, these films were artistically of a very high order, some shots of almond blossom against the blue Mediterranean sky being particularly memorable.

It is usual for the Secretary to thank the Chairman at the end of his report, but the Secretary of this Society can say with more sincerity than most, that were it not for the patience and industry of its Chairman, Mr. Whalley, the Society could never have achieved the considerable measure of success which it has attained.

J. M. S. ARNOTT,
Hon. Secretary.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

THOUGH the activities of the Society have been curtailed somewhat by the demands of Advanced Education, we suspect that it is still flourishing. Talks for the past two terms consisted of "Masterpieces of the Goldsmiths' Art" by Mr. J. B. Hurn (in theoretical conjunction with the Art Society), "The History of Edgbaston" by R. J. Hetherington, Esq., which included everything from Roman Camps to trams on the Bristol Road, and "Caerleon-on-Usk," by M. R. Maxam and the Secretary.

The policy of holding out-of-School activities which, it is hoped, will eventually make up the main work of the Society, has been more successful than during its first term. Despite doubtful weather, the Society visited on February 19th the Iron Age Fortress on the Malvern Hills, and on other occasions the Roman ruins of Chedworth Villa and Caerleon Fort have been privileged with visits from various members of the Society.

In conclusion we must point out that the continued success of the Society over the past year has been due in no small measure to our Chairman, Mr. T. C. Burgess, who is now leaving us. We, too, add our congratulations on his new appointment, and thank him sincerely for all the effort he has put in to make the Society.

R. A. TOMLINSON,
Hon. Secretary.

ART SOCIETY

To the outside observer it might seem that the Art Society had few activities to report during the Spring and Summer terms. We have not, however, been entirely dormant.

It was decided not to engage outside speakers but to concentrate upon practical work, and therefore only two official meetings, such as are usual in the Society, have been held.

In the Spring term a group of boys visited the École de Paris Exhibition and a collection of Holbein paintings in London. Everybody found both these shows extremely interesting, but loyalties were divided between the colourful modern work and the quieter craftsmanship of the German master. The day was enlivened considerably by various unofficial happenings, especially those at the tube station and at the gallery restaurant. At the beginning of the Summer term Mr. Hurn showed a film entitled "Design in the Home," which was well attended by the younger members of the School.

It does seem, in fact, that the majority of the work has been done by juniors. In the Easter vacation many of them came into School to build and paint the scenery for the production of Dr. Knock. The fruits of their labours were readily appreciated by everybody who saw the play, for the attractive settings did much to enhance the effect of the provincial French town. The true masterpiece of the work, however, was the car; a delightful, back-firing, scroll-bedecked monster, which careered erratically past slag-heap mountains and a Mediterranean-blue sky, with steam belching from her radiator and black smoke from her exhaust.

The most important event of the year was the decision to spend the money which is granted to the Art department by the Julian Homer bequest, on exhibitions of painting and sculpture loaned by the Arts Council of Great Britain. The various sets of work will arrive at the school at intervals during the year and will be on view for a fortnight. Nine such groups are already on order and should do much to encourage appreciation of the Arts and, incidentally, to brighten the School corridors. The first set, which was of drawings by Seurat, aroused many comments, both adverse and favourable, from staff and boys alike.

Before the end of term we hope to have a visit from Mr. A. St. J. Holbrook, a sculptor and Old Edwardian, who is to address the Society on "Trends in Modern Sculpture." Many members of the School will know too, that there is to be a visit to the South Bank Exhibition of the Festival of Britain on the 23rd of this month. We have been visited by Swedish Nationals, Chinese, Japanese and His Majesty's Inspectors; we have had our photograph taken three times; we have attempted to blow up the School on at least one occasion; we have carved both stone and wood; we have made ceramics; we have printed fabrics; we have drawn; we have painted; we have not been idle.

M. S. McLEAN,
Hon. Secretary.

THE experiment of having fortnightly open meetings instead of weekly ones was continued from the Winter term, but rather collapsed during the Spring and Summer terms. This was chiefly due to several last minute cancellations by visiting speakers, which meant that the open meetings were held only once each month.

However, those speakers who did arrive, including Mr. Mathie, the Rev. R. Lewis and Mr. Presscott, gave very enjoyable talks.

The attendance at these meetings gradually increased owing to an influx of Crusaders from the Middle-School.

The Bible Studies in the Epistles of St. John were held in the Spring term, but were discontinued in the Summer term as the nucleus attending these meetings were sixth formers who felt that less important but more pressing details were demanding their time.

The Prayer Meetings occurred at rather irregular intervals and were badly supported.

We would like to thank Mr. Ballance for allowing us to use the Biology Laboratory for our meetings and Penny for making such a good job of our poster.

J. A. VEITCH,
D. B. HILL,
Hon. Secs.

THE CLOSED CIRCLE

THE level of papers at the Circle during the past two terms has been exceedingly high. Within the intimate walls of the School Captain's room, and under the benign Chairmanship of Mr. Blount, the sixteen members listened at meetings in the Spring term with a greater or lesser degree of profit to A. D. S. Roberts on the "October Revolution"; M. J. Thomas on "Christianity and Communism," and Mr. Graham Tayar speaking on "The School."

The Summer term contained a feast of stimulating meetings. J. C. Field's paper on "Einstein," dealt brilliantly with a branch of thought in which equations and formulae can never be satisfactorily translated into language. At the time of going to print we are awaiting a visit from J. Enoch Powell, Esq., M.P., and the year will be terminated by a paper on "Dostoevsky" from the School Captain.

The Closed Circle at the end of the Summer term consisted of C. H. C. Blount, Esq., The School Captain, Lyall, Field, Harvey, Green, Roberts (A.), Thomas, Arnott, Gilbraith (R.), Dore, Franks, Tomlinson, Jones, Lindley, Werring and the Secretary.

J. DE C. LING,
Hon. Secretary.

THE figure of the stooping bug collector, systematically removing moths from a briar patch without purpose is to-day as out of date as a 1926 calendar. In all spheres of Natural History, the methods of study are as modern as those of the other observational sciences. The natural history outing is now despised by many, and although they still have a place as the nursery of the embryonic naturalist, they have to a large extent been replaced by individual research work. Thus, the position of the Natural History Society is to-day rather different from that of the Society founded at the end of last century.

To-day, individuals are carrying out research which in many cases is of great value. R. St. J. Glydon has been taking part in the Midland Lepidoptera survey, organized by the Birmingham Natural History Society. A. J. K. Dore is studying Hymenoptera. Edgbaston Park has been visited almost daily throughout the year by several ornithologists, and the charts of the Winter duck population and the census of breeding species will be of permanent value. The breeding of Redstart this year will be noted with interest. M. J. Rogers, who is now Secretary of the Research Committee of the West Midland Bird Club is studying diurnal migration, whilst W. G. G. Lindley continues to watch Earlswood Lakes. The Secretary has been making an intensive study of a Green Belt area in Solihull, and already a considerable migration has been noted.

The needs of the younger members of the Society were catered for by two indoor meetings held during the Spring term, one an informal discussion on "The Approach to Natural History" and the second a showing of two films. An outing to the Bittel reservoirs was well attended.

The Society is doing much good work for extra-mural societies, and in the future much of the Society's work will lie in this sphere.

We thank Mr. Monkcom for taking the chair during the year.

M. J. THOMAS,
Hon. Secretary.

MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

WE linguists have prospered during the past year. Inspired by a magnificent paper on Philology by Professor Fraser-Mackenzie in the Spring term and astonished in the Summer at the appearance of a glittering trophy before the Presidential Chair, we may claim to have had at least as successful a year as any other School Society.

Apart from the highlights moreover, the programme has included an entertaining French debate, a reading from the poetry of

Leconte de Lisle by our Chairman and talks in Spanish by Senor Jerero and in German by Herr Coghlan.

We thank Mr. Biggs, who with his patience and good humour as Chairman, has continued to be the backbone of the Society. We are also indebted to those Masters who have taken the Chair at meetings from time to time during the year.

J. DE C. LING,
Hon. Secretary.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

THE Section, at the time of writing, is preparing for the Annual Inspection. The Inspecting Officer will be Vice-Admiral Sir Henry W. U. McCall, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O. It would be interesting to know whether the Corps has ever previously been inspected by a Naval Officer. Anyway, it must be a rare event and the Section therefore feels greatly honoured.

The training this term has been essentially practical and we are now in possession of a temporary derrick which is capable of lifting really heavy weights. The standing and running gear for this has been constructed by the Section Riggers.

Field Day was spent at Powells Pool, Sutton Park. Practical Boatwork was the programme and we were pleased to be joined by Mr. Leeds, who has shown an interest in yet another branch of the Corps. A party from the section spent an eventful week on the Broads, but more of that elsewhere.

Able Seaman R. T. Percy is to be congratulated on having gained an entrance to the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. This success we hope will be followed by many others.

The following promotions and qualifications have been gained: P. O. Thompson, L./Sea. Cooper, and L./Sea. Grundy have been promoted; P. O. Mather has passed for 2nd class Seaman Gunner; L./Sea. Latham and A. B. Hetherington have passed for 2nd class Signaller; and A. B. Phillips has passed 2nd class on a Mechanical Training course. L./Sea. Latham has joined the R.N.V.R. (Schools and Universities Entry).

We are very grateful for the assistance given by the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. *Gamecock*, Bramcote, especially in letting us have a Chief Petty Officer on Thursdays. C. P. O. Machonochie has done a great deal to improve our Field Training and has given much valuable instruction to the rigging party.

Finally, we look forward to Summer Camp. Thirty ratings leave on July 31st for H.M.S. *Sole Bay*, lying at Chatham, where a week's training of a very practical nature will be carried out.

W. K. BACHE,
Cadet Petty Officer.

ARMY AND BASIC SECTION

As was the case last year, the most important items in our end-of-year calendar will not have been reached by the time of going to print. The annual inspection is due to take place on July 13th and will be carried out by Vice-Admiral H. W. V. McCall, C.B., D.S.O. For a few weeks now the Army and Basic Sections have been preparing for this event.

Camp this year will be held at Poulton, near Chester, from the 22nd to the 31st of July and is expected to be as good as last year, at least, from the point of view of training.

Recruiting day was held on the 31st of May. This event was as successful as it was amusing, with such interesting occupations as paddling recce boats on tarmac to entice a new generation of recruits.

In January an Engineer troop was started, consisting of cadets who had passed Certificate "A," but were not yet N.C.O.s. This was put under the capable command of Captain Labby of Smethwick T.A. and the sappers have now completed a term of field engineering and a term of watermanship training. Field Day in the Summer term was at Meerbrook Park Camp, Malvern, where the troop spent an agreeable day on an artificial lake.

Infantry training has been continued as usual. "C" Company has completed its basic training, and owing to the keenness shown by the cadets, is doing very well. Out of thirty-five entered for the Certificate "A," Part I exam. in the Easter term, all but four passed and in the Part II exam. the results were also very promising. Training during the Summer has, however, been handicapped by the absence of a large proportion of senior N.C.O.s and W.O.s who have been taking G.C.E.

Our congratulations are extended to Captain Cooke on his promotion to the rank of Major.

The Docker Cup, held over from last term until May 10th, was won by Sgt. Green's platoon and the individual turnout Cup by Cdt. Adams, both for the second time in succession.

The band with L./Cpl. Turner as Drum Major is progressing satisfactorily and both the Signals platoon, under L./Cpl. Peierls, and the mechanics squad continue.

We regret that, because of the numerous end of term activities taking place, there will be no Gymkhana this year. We hope that this most important C.C.F. occasion will be back on the fixture list next year.

We end with the hope that both the Inspection and the Annual Camp will have the success that they have had in previous years.

C. F. WARING,
Senior C.S.M.



VISIT TO DINANT—1951.



THE SCHOOL SEVEN-A-SIDE TEAM, 1951

Seated (left to right) :

F. B. REVILL

J. A. HARVEY (*Captain*)

J. F. WAINWRIGHT

Standing (left to right) :

G. R. GREEN

A. J. LANCASTER

P. A. GOUGH

D. B. HILL

AIR SECTION

THE last two terms have been extremely satisfactory for the Air Section. Not only has the standard of training improved, with a corresponding increase in the number of awards for proficiency, but we have maintained our position as the largest unit in the country. We now have ninety-five cadets in the Section, and we expect to pass the hundred mark next year. These numbers are satisfactory evidence of the great interest shown in the Section compared with other schools, and we have to thank chiefly our C.O. and other officers for making the Air Section so attractive to the Basic Section.

The new syllabus of training has been started and nineteen cadets passed the new proficiency examination. We now have a total of eleven Advanced Cadets, including one with the Advanced Certificate in Air-Crew training. We congratulate Flt./Sgt. Arthur and Sgt. Jenkins who have been awarded Flying Scholarships, and Sgt. Wilden who has finished his course and been awarded his "A" flying licence. The opportunity has been offered to us to send another cadet on an overseas flight with the R.A.F., but unfortunately the emergency in the Middle East has suspended these flights for the time being.

Field day in the Spring term was held nearby at R.A.F., Honiley, the local reserve flying station. An interesting day was spent flying, looking over the hangars and jet-aircraft, being shown round the Control Tower, and seeing technical films, the day's programme finishing with a talk on aerodrome control, illustrated by an enormous number of rockets and flares. In the Summer term we visited R.A.F., Tern Hill, a flying-training school. Lectures were given on radar, jungle and arctic survival, parachute packing and meteorology. The highlight of the day was flying, in Anson and Prentice aircraft, some of the cadets actually flying over the School. A small but successful week's camp was held at the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, at Easter, where the accent was as usual on flying. It was attended by two officers and ten cadets. A much larger camp is being held in the forthcoming Summer Vacation at R.A.F., Cottesmore.

The Spring term saw the introduction of webbing belts and gaiters into the Section. These have greatly increased the smartness of turn-out, and coupled with an improvement of drill have brought about a great step forward in general efficiency. Rifles have been allocated and the standard of arms drill attained is good, especially amongst those cadets who graduated from the Basic Section. Arms drill is more suited generally to the Army than the Air Section, but no doubt at the annual inspection on the 13th July by Vice-Admiral Sir H. W. U. McCall, C.B., D.S.O.,

the Section will reveal that in addition to a high standard of work indoors and in the air, it can acquit itself creditably on the field as well.

J. M. S. ARNOTT,
W.O. II.

SCOUT GROUP

WITHOUT doubt the most important activity of the Scout Group during Spring and Summer is camping. This year we have returned to our old camp site at Woodcote, near Bromsgrove (though to those who miss the one and only bus, this nearness is not so obvious). Here an Easter Training Camp has been held and numerous week-ends spent in the joys of the open-air. Besides these, other camps have been organized in other districts near Birmingham, giving every scout the opportunity of spending at least one night under canvas before attending one of the four junior summer camps to be held near Abergavenny and Bettws-y-Coed. The activities of the Senior troop remain, as usual, a mystery, but it is believed that they were responsible for the erection, last field day, of an object vaguely resembling the Skylon. We move with the times.

But we must dispel the illusion that camping is the sole *raison d'être* of the scout group. We also collect trophies, for first-aid, for public speaking, for cross-country running. We also support the Handsworth Rally, this year held on July 7th, with side-shows and displays. On occasions, and with a degree of dignified reluctance, we take part in parades.

In fact, we are alive, and the Scout Authorities have recognized this fact to the extent of selecting three of our more promising scouts to attend the World Jamboree, to be held this Summer in Austria. Doubtless, unless they are abducted behind the Iron Curtain, they will write a report on the Jamboree for the next issue of the CHRONICLE. The Rovers meet on Friday nights, once a month.

But to sum up, the year has not proved exceptional. The group has continued on its normal way, and perhaps we may find satisfaction in that.

R. A. TOMLINSON,
A.S.M.

BROADS SAILING

AGAIN this Easter, a party from the Naval Section sailed the waters of the Norfolk Broads.

The fleet was double that of the previous year, consisting of two 32-foot sliding gunter sloops, *Belvoir I* and *II*, with their dinghies. Mr. Bennett was "Admiral of the Fleet" in his flagship *Belvoir II*, and we were very

fortunate in having the company of a serving Naval Officer, Mr. Arthur, R.N.

We had excellent sailing weather with only one catastrophic rainy morning when three hands and the officer from *Belvoir I* "tasted the oggin."

We repeated last year's performance of negotiating the perilous portals of Potter Heigham Bridge en route for Horsey Mere. The Mere itself, we found, was excellent for training beginners in the art of sailing, and in order that no opportunity should be missed of educating the crews in nautical matters, we spent a morning looking at the sea.

Our next port of call was Hickling Broad, famous for its bird-life, in which certain of the crew were particularly interested.

Here it would not be inappropriate to mention the dinghies, as we found Hickling Broad well suited to dinghy sailing. In the dinghies newly-found skill could be tried unhampered by advice from others and mistakes could be made without causing agonies to tender-hearted skippers.

So far we had had a reasonable sailing wind, but at Acle we had the opportunity of viewing (not without some trepidation it must be admitted) the keel of a boat whose crew apparently did not appreciate the value of reefing in a strong wind. We did not make the same mistake and so arrived safely at Ranworth. We climbed Ranworth Church Tower and had a magnificent view over the whole Broads district.

Towards the end of the voyage we celebrated with a regatta on Barton Broad which thoroughly tested the ability of everyone to handle a boat. The yachts were captained by the undersigned, Mr. Benett and Mr. Arthur being non-participants. *Belvoir I* were the winners by a substantial margin, gained almost entirely in the first lap.

And so we set our course for home, having gained much enjoyment and experience in the sailing of boats.

During the whole week we were extremely well-fed, as the food, expertly organized beforehand, was excellently cooked by the crews themselves.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Benett for the great care he took to ensure the success of the cruise and to Mr. Arthur for his valuable assistance as captain of *Belvoir I*.

R. B. SOMERSET.
A. H. LATHAM.

GERMANY, 1951

Soon after the unearthly hour of midnight of April 2nd, the school party assembled on Snow Hill Station to catch the 1-0 a.m. train to London. A rather foreign-looking beret complete with man, was greeting the boys,

but on closer examination, he was found to be Mr. Barlow.

After a tour through the unusually quiet streets of London, a somewhat bedraggled party had breakfast, before catching the Dover Express. With the sea as calm as a millpond and the sun beaming down, we arrived in Ostende at 5-30 p.m. From there we took the continental express and packed lunches to Aachen, where a rattletrap old coach was waiting to take us to Manderscheid, our place of destination. With the urge for sleep upon them, twenty-three nodding heads climbed out of the coach at 5-0 a.m. the following morning, not, as yet, extremely interested in their surroundings.

Manderscheid is a small health resort, situated in some of the finest scenery of the Eifel. The village is situated near the wooded valley of the River Liese, a tributary of the Moselle. In this valley are two medieval castles which, legend has it, belonged to two rival brothers, whose major pastime was fighting each other. Throughout the surrounding countryside, there are many well-planned walks and at every possible view, a wooden hut has been erected. Even the birds in Germany, like good orderly citizens, nest in the nesting boxes provided for them.

During the stay, there were several conducted walks, led by Mr. Barlow, including one to the lake in the crater of an extinct volcano—the Mosenberg. Two of the most enjoyable days were provided by coach trips in the "ultra-modern" coach which had brought us to Manderscheid.

The first tour took us through the Eifel to Trier, an old Roman town on the river Moselle, where the amphitheatre was visited. On the return journey we stopped at Bernkastel and at Wittlich, where we were shown around a wine-cellar full of the celebrated Moselle wine. Each boy had at least two glasses, which soon raised them into great spirits. Indeed, one of the masters having been invited into the host's house could not tell the right side of the gate from the wrong.

The other tour was to Bonn, capital of the Federal German Republic. On the journey there, we travelled half-way round the Nürburgring, the Eifel motor-race track. On arriving in Bonn, we had lunch in the restaurant of the Bundeshaus, the West German Houses of Parliament. On the return journey along part of the Rhine Valley, we travelled past the famous seven hills.

But the highlight of the trip was provided by the wild-boar hunt, in which several intrepid members of the party acted as beaters. But as the Germans had only been allowed to use guns that year, they were somewhat out of practice and consequently no game was shot. However, several boars were sighted and one boy when beating

through a thorn patch disturbed a boar about four feet away and all but jumped out of his skin. The district round Manderscheid is very rich in game, including wild-boar, red and roe deer.

The party was extremely well fed at the Hotel Fischer and we are deeply grateful to Mr. Barlow for the very efficient planning of the whole trip and also to Mrs. Barlow and Mr. Robertson for their unfailing helpfulness.

A.D.K. AND G.D.C.

NORTH WALES, 1951

ON Saturday, April 7th, a party of twenty-five boys, accompanied by Mr. Benett and Mr. Whalley, left Snow Hill for North Wales. The main object of the expedition was to provide an introduction to the art of mountaineering. We were greeted, as might have been expected, by rain, but the sight of the snow-tipped mountains from the coach dispelled all gloomy thoughts. Our base camp for the week was the Holiday Fellowship Centre, Bryn Dinas, Nant Gwynant near Snowdon. Most of the party slept in chalets adjoining the house, and spent the dark evenings in a common-room.

For convenience the party was divided into two groups, advanced and junior, but everyone climbed Cynicht on Sunday, enjoying particularly a hard scramble up by a waterfall (the waterfalls here can still be seen in their full splendour at Easter). The next day the advanced party climbed to the top of Mol Hebog, and the hard going over a mixture of snow and boulders was amply rewarded by the magnificent prospect of the Snowdonian ranges, covered with glistening snow, basking in the sunlight. The other party went only a part of the way up, and walked back enjoying at leisure the sight of foam-flecked Llyn Dinas and the purple shadows of the clouds contrasting with the white mountain peaks.

On Tuesday we set off in the rain, looking in our capes like strange visitors from another planet. The sun soon came out, however, and we ate lunch on a knoll in sight of the sea. Returning, we tramped through the Aberglaslyn Pass, impressed by the great rock walls, the clearness of the river, and the sight of two sheep dogs racing confidently along the steep slopes of the ravine.

The advanced party tackled Snowdon on Wednesday and was less than five hundred feet from the top when the snow and adverse weather conditions forced them to return. The others went by bus to Criccieth in the afternoon. Our plans were upset on Thursday as it rained heavily all day, and we could go only for a short walk in the afternoon.

On Friday everyone went a good deal of the way up Snowdon, but as it was intensely

cold in the biting wind we did not go above the snow line, although we were able to glimpse the summit occasionally through the swirling clouds. Some good scrambling on scree was enjoyed by all, and it was possible to see Carnarvon Castle and Anglesey. It was generally agreed that this was the best day of the week.

Our reluctance to leave Snowdonia was sharpened next day when, as we returned to Bettws in the coach, the snow on the mountain slopes glistened in the sunlight. It had been planned that the party should climb Snowdon and some of the Glyders, but the weather made this impossible. In spite of the occasional rain and poor visibility, however, we were able to do a good deal of mountaineering, and it was a toughened, if slightly footsore party that returned to "civilisation." In addition several of the older members of the party received instructions in some of the mysteries of geology from Mr. Benett.

The success of the holiday was in no small measure due to the efficient organization and supervision of Mr. Benett and Mr. Whalley, to whom we offer our sincere thanks.

J.C.H.C.

BELGIUM: EASTER, 1951

WITH the disasters of the Dieppe—Newhaven crossing last year still haunting the minds of many of us, the School Party to Belgium blessed the placid waters of the Channel. Indeed, so welcome was the warm weather, which heralded a week of almost uninterrupted sunshine that we basked in crosswords and Coca-Cola aboard the Belgium vessel, *Koning Albert*. But this unexpected luxury gave rise to general lassitude; and as soon as the inevitable fatigue overwhelmed us at Ostend, the Brussels train contained a pathetic party, half striving to keep awake so as not to miss any worth-while sights, and half striving with no less determination to snatch an hour's sleep on the relentless wooden seats characteristic of continental railways. Relief, therefore, was our first sentiment on arrival at our destination of Dinant, a sizeable town some ten miles from the French border on the fringe of the Ardennes.

Naturally enough, the first day of our stay was spent taking our bearings, and making such purchases in the town as our limited capital permitted in a country whose prices proved unexpectedly high. Nevertheless, the shopkeepers were persuasive, to the embarrassment, of those who could not understand a word of their garrulity. But no one, we hope, saw a certain comfortably-proportioned member of our party dexterously manoeuvre up the main street a washing-machine purchased in mistake for an object of like name!

We soon settled down, however, and the more energetic souls accompanied Mr. Leeds to Bouvignes on one of his celebrated walking expeditions. Here, exposed to the hazards of its precarious slopes, we climbed up to the ruins of the once magnificent Crève-Coeur Château whose battlements contemplate a panoramic view of the River Meuse and of the deep fortified valley in which nestles the citadel of Dinant itself. On our return to the hotel, which incidentally looked after us all very well, some of us succumbed to the spartan discipline of T. H. Wilden who supervised on this, and on subsequent days, a "Keep Fit" course performed in the local stadium.

As usual, we were rapidly, comprehensively and dangerously conveyed round the locality. One could have wished that earlier Spring weather had clothed the wooded valleys of the Ardennes. As it was, the cosy background of the gentle slopes blended pleasantly with the tree-lined paths and roads meandering endlessly and seemingly without purpose through the unspoilt countryside. And from time to time one met the majestic Meuse flowing unconcernedly through its placid gorge, or its tributary (of Lesse splendour) pursuing a solitary, undisturbed course to the confluence immediately above Dinant.

But the district is not completely devoid of industrial activity. Apart from the "beer and gingerbread" for which, according to the guide-book, the town is famous, we sampled the medicinal waters of Spontin and watched the processes by which they are bottled. Our tour also embraced the twentieth-century Abbé de Maredsous and other places of note. But no account of the topography of Dinant would be complete without mention of its numerous underground grottoes and caverns of a forbidding grandeur defying belief. Equally defying belief were the explanations of the Belgian guide as he tried to account for their ornithomorphic stalactite formations.

Apart from the several organized visits, the party conducted itself independently as inclination or opportunity dictated. Some were interested in the local motor-cycle rally—the Circuit des Ardennes—while others indulged in country walks—the Circuit des Auberges. A table-tennis tournament was won by K. W. A. Hollier, who thus became champion of South Belgium and Luxembourg. All, however, along with some five hundred Dinantais assembled in the football stadium on the final day of the visit to witness the unique spectacle of eleven international soccer players "de grande classe" from K.E.S. uphold the British way of life with a "phlegmatic exhibition of their traditional fair play." Unfortunately the "wonder-team" of Hateley; James, Ward, D. C.; Hudson, Wilden, Pressdee; Richards, A. F.; Haworth, Wilkins, J. L., Mather, J. S., and

Rowley did not perform in accordance with its reputation boosted so eloquently in the National Press. Nevertheless, we were generously welcomed by our opponents, the Athénée Royale de Dinant, who conducted us round their school, and arranged a reception for us after the match, when, toasts having been exchanged, we were presented with a cup, now the exclusive property of the Modern Language Society, to remind us of our efforts.

Undoubtedly our visit was a great success in every way; we are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Biggs and Mr. Leeds who showed enthusiasm and hard work in their several capacities, and were ever ready to help us out of tight corners. D.C.W.

KILDETOPPEN, 1950

THE fourth post-war expedition of the British Schools' Exploring Society, consisting of eight leaders and about sixty boys, left Newcastle for Bergen late in the afternoon of August 2nd. During the twenty-two hour crossing we rested in comfort on the promenade deck of M/S *Venue*, watching the long white plume of the ship's wake as it stretched across an otherwise serene sea. Even the landing at Bergen—the city of eternal rain, was made in perfect weather.

We were not allowed to experience the various pleasures of exploring a continental town, for by the time we had transferred our kit to the small M/S *Sanct-Svithen*, which was to take us northwards, silence had fallen on this beautiful town and the streets were deserted. An excellent supper was enjoyed by one and all at the Hotel Rosengrantz and we were allowed two hours in which to explore the second city of Norway. By 10-0 p.m. darkness was falling, and Bergen had awakened. The quayside was crowded with people, and in the distant park the band could just be heard. A mass of smiling faces slowly merged, and finally disappeared, as the ship drew slowly away, and headed northwards. For a long time we stood in the bows of the ship, watching in silence the black mountains on either side. The sea was like burnished gold, dividing the rugged coast from the forbidding cliffs of Norway's many islands.

Next morning, some of us rose at 6-10. The sun, streaming through the porthole, dragged us from our bunks, and the sea, slapping merrily against the ship's side, laughed at our mistake as we appeared for breakfast two-and-a-half hours early. Once on deck our misfortune was soon forgotten, as we drank in the biting, pure air, and stood spell-bound by the sight of the dark, towering mountains, descending sheer into the cold, green sea. In the distance the snow sparkled on the mountains of the interior.

Four days were spent thus, admiring the beautiful Norwegian Fiords, and exploring the many small ports at which we stopped. On the afternoon of Sunday, 6th of August, however, we arrived at Bodo, well inside the Arctic circle, and said good-bye to the little ship which had been our home. Soon we were travelling dirt roads in long, uncomfortable buses, stopping only to wait for the ferry at Rorvick, mend a puncture, and straighten a bent track-rod, after a collision with a small private car.

By the time we reached our destination, Kraakmo, it was raining, but the majesty of bare rock and ice towering above lake, and densely wooded hillsides, had completely overwhelmed us. We ate our rations speedily in a wooden shed, silent, and a little dazed. Soon we were marching along the dirt road, and all too soon along an even narrower track, which finally petered out. For the first time the mosquitoes troubled us, and we hastily applied the insect-repellent, which, rather than drive them away, seemed to attract them. We marched for five hours that night, through bog and forest, along river and lakeside. At midnight it was still light, and when at last we sank down, aching, sweating, but happy in having at last reached Base-Camp, it was still light enough to write up our diaries.

A day or two were spent in Base-Camp, whilst members of the expedition became acclimatised. Frequent dips in the lake relieved the boredom of moving stores from the water's edge to the store tent which we had erected.

We were divided into six "fives" of twelve or fourteen boys each. The "fives" were specialised groups of surveyors, ornithologists, and scientists, with a fair sprinkling of cinematographers and geologists. Being members of "Five Five" we were concerned with survey, and one morning with our two leaders, Major Hannell and Captain Jones, we set out over a high ridge lying to the north.

Heavily laden, we left Base-Camp in two parties, the first to blaze the trail "over the other side," and prepare the evening meal for the other party following with the tents. It was hard going. The rucksacks tore our shoulders as we slipped and stumbled, and struggled upwards. Constant halts were necessary, as we had a long day before us. Occasionally we roped more difficult parts of the climb, so that following parties could ascend more easily. Having reached the top our route lay over unexplored ground. Down a glaciated valley we marched, relieved to find the gradient in our favour. Soon we were looking down into an ice-covered corrie, at an altitude of 1,300 feet, which was to be our survey camp for the next five weeks.

We soon became accustomed to the new routine, and many of us conquered the per-

petual hunger, which was only satisfied after the evening ration of "Hoosh." We were in wild country. Above us towered the dark, forbidding mass of Dourtavarre (3,200 feet), whilst from the top of the corrie could be seen a magnificent panorama of mountains and lakes, with Kildetoppen the objective of the survey rising majestically in front of us.

The weather so far had treated us kindly. Temperatures of 80°F. were common during the day. Everyone took the greatest interest in the Meteorological stations which were established throughout the survey area. Temperature inversion made the nights cold, and each morning, regularly at about 6-0 a.m., a strong wind blew down the mountain side from the West, making the tents crack and flap in protest.

The ruggedness of the country proved to be a great handicap for the surveyors. Half were employed establishing Trigonometrical points on the surrounding heights, whilst the rest constructed the actual map with Plane-table, alidade, and Indian clinometer. Working in pairs, it was often necessary to spend a night away from camp, sleeping fully clothed in our sleeping bags, at the mercy of the elements. In the valleys, and on the lake margins it was warm, tiring work, but on the mountain peaks the winds always blew at gale force. Dressed in wind-resistant clothes, we were frozen, even when using our capes as extra protection, and many times our hands became so numbed that it was impossible to grip the pencil. Sometimes we worked all day, only to find that the calculating machine had played a trick on us, and as if to try us, deliberately confused the mathematical calculations which were essential for establishing the trigonometrical framework of the survey.

Nature, and the endeavours of the rapidly worsening weather, almost prevented us from completing the map, as if our presence in the wilds of Arctic Norway was resented. Fortunately we were given four extra days in which to complete our work. The landscape was changing, the greens of August had become the browns of September, and rain fell continually, making it impossible to venture forth even to cook a meal. The tents leaked, the mountains threatened, and the streams chuckled at our plight.

At last the map was finished. We had triumphed against the rigours of the climate and the mountainous country. No longer did the rain worry us. Only when the wind turned against us did we glance at each other with apprehension. The anemometer recorded 60 knots and then gave up, as squall after squall rushed around the bleak corrie. We watched them coming; saw the trees bending before the winds might, heard its terrible roar, and then braced ourselves against its back-braking attack. During our last days amongst the mountains our

meteorological expert estimated gusts of 100 miles per hour. One tent had already collapsed, and several canvas buckets disappeared, to be re-discovered, forced between rocks several hundred yards away. On the last night not a single tent stood without attention. Our tent was the first victim. With a crash one pole snapped in half, splitting the canvas from top to bottom. Soon both poles lay splintered on the ground, leaving four of us shivering under the wet canvas. None of us slept for very long, and with six hours before daylight, we comforted each other with the thought that in three days' time we would be back in civilisation. And yet each one of us knew that it had been worthwhile. Not one of us regretted the discomfort of that wind-swept corrie.

"Why did we do it?" you ask. Why, indeed? We only knew that in the wet discomfort of the storm, in the fierce beauty of the mountains, and the tranquility of the lakes, we had discovered something very much worth-while.

Another expedition had come to an end, but there will be many more, and to anyone who has the slightest chance of being included, we can offer only one piece of advice: fight hard to go, and work hard and cheerfully when you are in unexplored country. You will never regret it.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank the Governors of the School, and the Foyle Trust for their very generous financial assistance which enabled us to take part in the expedition.

J.O.B.
E.M.S.

REPORT ON THE SECOND NEVIN SCOUT CAMP, AUGUST 11th-21st, 1950

We left Snow Hill for Dolgelly Junction at 1.40 p.m., meeting the homecoming party at Dolgelly, where we changed to a slow, single-line train for Pwllheli. There we were met by Mr. Kay, and finished our journey by bus. The journey, which lasted about eight hours, was made in bright sunshine. The camp site was at Porthdinllaen Farm, between Edeyrn and Morfa Nevin, two miles from Nevin itself. The masters present were Mr. Kay and Mr. Sacret, others in charge being J. W. Mills, R. C. Perkins and R. L. Wishlade. The Patrols were: the Kingfishers, the Falcons, the Wildcats and the Buffaloes.

On the whole, the weather consisted of alternating days of pouring rain, little rain and fine weather. The wind was strong throughout camp, and owing to the rain our field was rather boggy. It was noted that on the day we left camp the weather cleared up wonderfully.

Of the six Scouts who went on their First Class Journey, five passed the test. We had

three camp fires and on Friday, the 18th, the inter-patrol Sports took place. On the Wednesday, the weather was fine, which was fortunate as it was Patrol Day, each patrol going off on its own. Two Patrols went climbing, while the other two went on hikes. Bathing parades were held whenever weather permitted, but after we found out that the nearest beach was painfully rocky, bathers went further afield to Morfa Nevin beach.

It was a most successful camp from all points of view, and all participants enjoyed it immensely.

G. NEY.

"THE TEMPEST"

THE production of "The Tempest" which took place in Big School from January 23rd to 27th, was a bold venture as, indeed, any production of that play must be, for it is more truly a "problem" play than those which are usually dignified by that over-familiar title. The main problem, which the producer must face from the outset, is the very one which nobody has yet answered. What is it all about? What are we to make of an isle full of noises, an irritable magician, three men of sin, a beautiful girl, a love-sick young man, a most delicate monster, a tricky spirit and the sporadic barking of dogs? Is it no more but so? Many have thought that it is very much more, that it is, in fact, no less than the symbolic presentation of an esoteric knowledge. Commentators have found the play a happy hunting-ground and custom cannot stale the infinite variety of interpretations that they have suggested. But "The Tempest" does seem to be the sum of a lifetime's experience, the expression of a mature wisdom in a way that is true of no other Shakespearean play; and more important, perhaps, is the fact that the poetry which expresses this wisdom is coloured by religious terminology. The climax of the central action is an act of forgiveness and the spiritual progress of Alonzo throughout the play is not unlike a purgatorial refinement. But to venture beyond the statement of these pretty obvious facts is to risk the piquant absurdity of identifying Prospero with God or James I or Shakespeare, in fact with anyone you please. For the producer, the wisest course is clearly to play the action "straight" and to leave whatever esoteric meaning it may conceal to speak for itself. This, of course, is what Mr. Crow did.

The difficulties of production are not at an end, however, when the question of interpretation has been settled (or shelved). The first major difficulty is one of pace. How is the producer to retain the interest of the audience when an action, in the accepted sense of the word, hardly exists? How is he to avert tedium during the interminable

retrospective narration in Act I, sc. ii? How is he to tackle the masque—a form of entertainment that ceased to tickle the public palate three hundred years ago? The other difficulty is one of style. How is the realism of a few scenes to be reconciled with the remote and magical atmosphere which must pervade the whole play? Trinculo and Stephano may be in excellent fooling, but the better they jest, the more they emphasize their incongruity.

Mr. Crow's production gave priority to pace, movement and continuity and this went far towards ensuring its success. But such a conception of the play demands an all-purpose set which can serve for a ship or an island, and provides a maximum acting area and a variety of acting levels. The set that Michael McLean designed and which the Arts and Crafts Society constructed, met these requirements ideally. It was formal to a degree, did not distract attention from the play by a fussy attempt at realistic detail and was capable, Proteus-like, of changing its appearance under different lighting. It could be used throughout the whole play and hence no time was wasted in scene shifting.

With the considerable advantage of a splendid made-to-measure set, Mr. Crow could, and did, achieve continuity, a rapid succession of scenes without recourse to the irritating expedient of playing alternate scenes in front of the curtain. He was always alert to the possibility of the action dragging and made use of movement over the whole stage to avoid this, particularly during the long dialogue (which is almost a monologue) between Prospero and Miranda in Act I, sc. ii. He achieved that peculiar intimacy which was essential for the success of the Trinculo-Stephano episodes by a whole-hearted use of the apron-stage. This was a neat solution to the problem of integrating the comic scenes into the rarefied atmosphere of the whole play. The comedians played downstage on the apron and the greater part of the main action was staged further back on the proscenium. This gave, as it were, two degrees in depth, necessary for evoking remoteness on the one hand and intimacy on the other. It enabled the comedians to achieve extra intimacy and a greater degree of realism without a too violent readjustment of style. The question of style is important because a play which deals largely in magic and symbolism will obviously demand a highly stylised technique in performance. Moreover, the lack of action and the opportunities that the plot presents for tableaux and spectacle, culminating in the masque, point to a technique of production which must be non-realistic. The absence of action during the masque allows attention to be focused on the spectacle and on the minutiae of poetic detail. Shakespeare

does not pass into octosyllabic couplets for nothing; he does so precisely to emphasize the static, non-dramatic, non-realistic, spectacular aspect of the masque. Mr. Crow grasped all his opportunities and used his set, the music, the masque (which was beautifully lighted) and the stylisation that he insisted upon from Prospero and Ariel, to establish the dominant atmosphere of mystery so securely, that the plotting of Antonio and Sebastian (which, of course, demands a pure realistic style) and the buffoonery of Trinculo and Stephano were felt as necessary and contrasting episodes rather than as major incongruities. He underlined the symbolism of the play by formal and entirely non-realistic grouping at crucial points in the action, in the banquet scene, for example, and throughout the last act.

The standard of acting was consistently high and often outstandingly so. John Arnott's performance as Prospero was truly memorable and, apart from a villainous trick o' the head, as good as one could have wished. He revealed a magnificent voice and commanded an extraordinary range of tone. He was most impressive in his first scene with Miranda (Act I, sc. ii) and in the great speeches in the two final acts. His tone there was truly incantatory and his command of symbolic gesture both expressive and convincing. Albert Gardner as Stephano and Roger Wilkinson as Trinculo were really funny, and their scenes together gained enormously from the fact that they were funny in different ways. They got drunk in an accomplished manner and acted throughout with obvious élan. Robin Perkins overcame the formidable difficulties of Caliban with great success. He looked a poisonous slave himself, got by the devil himself and managed to achieve the right blend of surliness, hatred, vindictiveness and pathos, no easy combination. He tore a leek in the most convincingly depraved manner and the wild, primitive exultation with which he shouted his song was quite electrifying. Roderick Whitfield's Ariel was certainly wraith-like and delicate; he moved swiftly and spoke his speeches trippingly upon the tongue.

The principal actors were admirably supported and the production was indeed fortunate in having so polished and expressive an actor as Michael McLean in the part of the unpleasant Antonio. His plotting with Sebastian, played with just the right touch by Geoffrey Green, was finely done indeed. Gordon Herringshaw tackled the unrewarding, and one is tempted to say, dull part of Ferdinand with success. He looked and spoke like an enraptured and slightly dazed young man which is not at all easy. John Pettitt was a most admired, if slightly austere, Miranda who moved with more gravity than confidence. Perhaps it was the concentration which the manipula-

tion of his very full dress required, that accounted for his perpetual look of agonized intensity. He should have smiled—just once. Robert Jones certainly made the most of his chances as Gonzalo and spoke sturdily, like "a good old lord." No actor playing Alonzo could have looked more miserable than Paul Bradley, but this was just right for his determined melancholy gave point to Gonzalo's equally determined attempts to be the life and soul of the party. The poetry of the extremely important masque was beautifully spoken by Martin Williams, Konrad Schiemann and Roger Whiteman, and only a Shakespearean phrase can do justice to the appearance of Denis Hadley, as the boatswain; he looked a "very filthy rogue and sounded like a "bawling, blasphemous, uncharitable dog." It was not only the isle that was full of noises; in the opening scene, the ship split on a double forte while mariners raced about and a boatswain's whistle piped instructions to both watches of the hands. At appropriate moments during the play, lads and lassies trod a measure and the little dogs barked to see such fun, all with tremendous verve.

Music is always an important element in Shakespeare's plays and in no play more so than "The Tempest." Shakespeare associated it closely with the restoration of health, particularly spiritual health, and therefore it is not surprising to find it providing a more or less continuous background to a play, at the climax of which, the main character plucks from the memory a rooted sorrow and another important character cleanses his stuffed bosom of that perilous stuff, which weighs upon the heart. The songs were delightfully sung to contemporary settings by members of the Musical Society, rehearsed in the absence of Dr. Willis Grant, by T. F. H. Oxley. But Dr. Willis Grant had composed some additional marvellous sweet music which contributed enormously to establishing the appropriately remote atmosphere of the play.

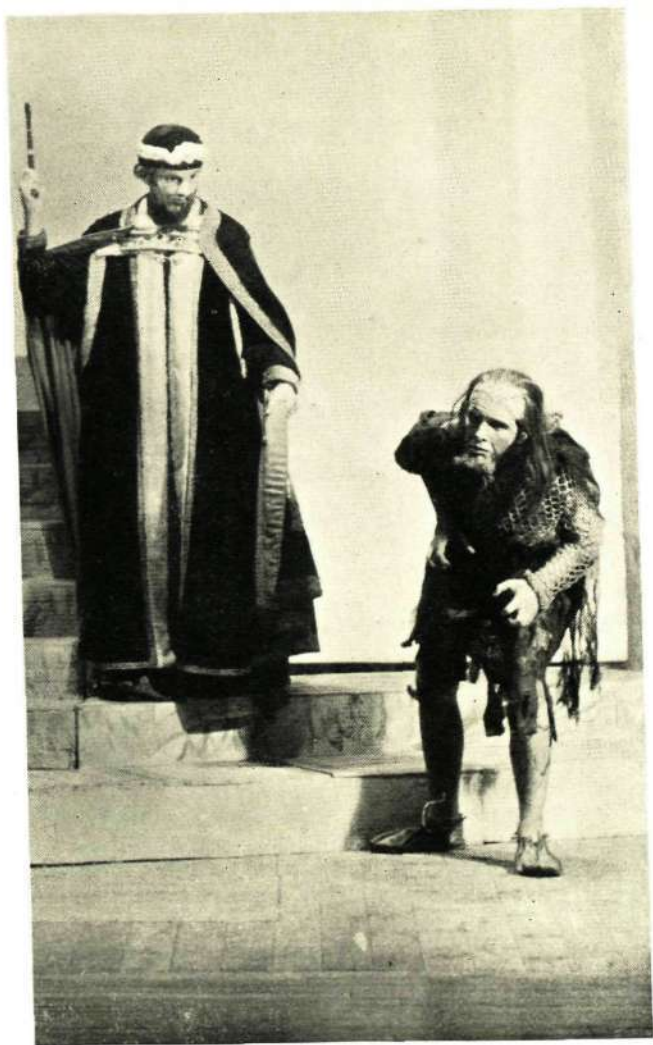
Like all successful productions, the result was only achieved by close co-operation between various departments involved. The team of stage hands, electricians and technicians led by Mr. Meerendonk certainly managed their share of the production with an efficiency which was none the less vital for its being unobtrusive.

THE JUNIOR PLAY

HITHERTO unchronicled, save for a brief mention in the Dramatic Society's Notes and in an editorial note, the ANNUAL JUNIOR PLAY has come into being. It is an experiment which, if we may judge from the two plays so far produced, has completely justified itself.

Not only is the experience gained by the young actors likely to raise the standard of the acting in future School Plays, but there is an uninhibited freshness about the acting of the juniors which has its own appeal. There is, unfortunately, a sad dearth of good plays suitable for junior actors, and Jules Romains' play "Dr. Knock," which the Junior School presented on May 4th and 5th, did not offer its producers, Mr. W. H. Babb and Mr. A. J. Trott as much scope for exploiting the artless charm of their actors as did last year's EMIL and THE DETECTIVES. That inspired charade told in eleven rapidly moving scenes the story of a single-minded pursuit by a gang of boys of a black-hearted thief who has stolen seven pounds from the young hero of the play, Emil. The chief characters, Emil and his helpers, The Professor, Gus, Little Tuesday, Little Buster and Polly Hoppitt all simulate feelings which are well within the range of boys of 11—14, while the villains, the Man in the Bowler Hat and Snick, the Crook, are simple melodramatic types familiar to all readers of children's fiction. The motives of Dr. Knock and Dr. Parpalaid, on the other hand, are more sophisticated. Dr. Knock, we suspect, was an accomplished "Lifeman" who, always genial and encouraging, was an adept at achieving the "BITZLEISCHSTÜSSE" or "state of One Upness." Indeed, Knock seems to act on the assumption that the whole of Medical Science is one big "ploy." He takes over the failing practice of Dr. Parpalaid and develops it by modern methods. He plays on the desire of most people to get something for nothing and the self-importance they derive from being thought ill. So apart from the useful "reserve" of his own helpers from whom he will draw his future patients he puts the whole town to bed on the strength of his diagnoses. Even the shrewd Dr. Parpalaid is left wondering, as the curtain falls, whether he too should not accept medical treatment and Dr. Knock himself dare not look into the mirror for fear of the symptoms he may observe.

Such characters demand maturity of mind and accomplished technique for their full realization, and it is not to be expected that boys of fourteen will possess these qualities. However, Robert Pickering gave a remarkably self-assured and polished performance as Dr. Knock and was always completely master of the situation. Martin Williams, too, looking and sounding a most convincing Dr. Parpalaid gave a highly intelligent rendering of the part, timing and pointing his lines well. Among the supporting characters, Christopher Long was entertaining as a diffident schoolmaster; Tony Honeybone, The Town Crier, looked as if he had stepped straight out of "Jour de Fête," having shrunk somewhat on the way, while Alan Haselhurst gave an amusingly life-like



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presentation of the society-lady, Madame Pons. It was a pity that so much of this scene had to be played up-stage as the acoustics of Big School are notoriously unhelpful. Though the actors were never completely inaudible the effect of many of the comic lines was lost on the way. This was noticeable too, while Knock was bargaining with Mousquet, the Chemist (Peter Vaugon) and examining the Farmer's Wife (Neil Garrard).

Mr. J. B. Hurn and the junior members of the Arts and Crafts Society provided three interesting and amusing sets. The ancient motor-car, constructed by R. C. Blythe and J. K. Maund, triumphantly steamed and back-fired its way past the moving mountains to deposit its passengers in a pink and brown consulting room that accurately captured the mood of the play. The front hall of St. Maurice's one hotel, now converted by Knock into an emergency nursing home, was also authentically portrayed.

It would be unfair to criticize the lighting of the play as the absence of black-out curtains caused the stage to be flooded with day-light which, in Act I, cast ugly shadows on the actors' faces and destroyed a great deal of the illusion. It says a good deal for the actors that they overcame this handicap so well.

It is clearly evident that in the Junior and Middle School there is an abundance of talent, and Mr. Babb and Mr. Trott must be congratulated for having trained it to such good purpose.

S.E.M.

SCHOOL CONCERT

AN intensive publicity campaign, for which thanks are due to the Art Society and especially to R. O. S. Hannaford, brought approximately three hundred people to Big School on the evening of Thursday, May 17th, and we can honestly say that none of them had any reason to go away disappointed. The Concert was undoubtedly one of the best that the Musical Society has ever produced.

The five soloists gave excellent performances. A. D. Gilson played a delightful Caprice for clarinet by Lamont Kennaway, and R. W. Ward, in more serious vein, one of Schumann's Romances for oboe. An impressionist's idea of Spring was seasonably provided by D. A. Wright (piano), who played John Ireland's "April"; and T. F. H. Oxley's superb technique on both manuals and pedals was admirably illustrated in his playing of the first movement of Mendelssohn's third Organ Sonata.

D. Yetman, the trumpet soloist, was accompanied by the School Orchestra in a stirring Trumpet Tune by Purcell, which

provided a bright and effective opening to the Concert. The Orchestra's other contributions were Haydn's "La Reine" Symphony, in B flat, and two short extracts from "Job, a Masque for Dancing" by Vaughan Williams.

Several members of the audience commented on the improvement which Dr. Willis Grant has effected with the School Choir. Especially notable was the singing of Thomas Wood's arrangement of "Waltzing Matilda," which was so enthusiastically received that a repeat was given at the end of the Concert. The Choir also sang Sir George Dyson's "Three Songs of Praise," accompanied by the Orchestra.

Twenty-two specially chosen members of the School Choir, namely, "XXII Choir," added a new feature to the evening's performance by singing two modern part-songs with such taste and feeling that it proved a worth-while addition to the musical life of the school.

A unique performance—"Chorus of Frogs"—was given by the third choir. This Chorus was composed and conducted by T. F. H. Oxley, who used Aristophanes' Frogs as his subject. This remarkable work, highly descriptive and ingenious, amply justifies the originality of the composer. The croaks and groans so realistically performed by the ten members of the Classical Sixth provided the audience with light relief between Mendelssohn and Vaughan Williams. The Choir was encouraged by the fact that "it was all Greek" both to Dr. Willis Grant and listeners alike, and the whole performance, not forgetting the weird and wonderful accompaniments provided by B. S. Adams (recorder), A. D. Gilson (clarinet), and D. A. Wright (side drum), was most appreciated by all. The interminable croak of the Chorus was relieved by solo passages sung by P. S. Trevis (tenor) as Dionysus, and J. L. Eaton (baritone) and D. C. Ward (tenor) as the two leading frogs. We are told that this choir has another performance in mind (of not such a happy nature) to be given later in the term.

We thank all those who helped to make this Concert such a success, particularly Dr. Willis Grant, who, with his tireless zeal and enthusiasm, has raised the musical status of the school to its present high standard.

W.B.J.

1851-1951 BRITISH MUSIC

WHEREAS the state of music in Britain about 1851 was such that reputable musical observers described England as the most unmusical country in the world, the position is now so changed that a writer in a musical journal was able recently to refer to it as the most musical. The growth of music in



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the past century is particularly remarkable, including as it does the work of such composers as Elgar, Vaughan Williams and William Walton.

However, in the middle of the nineteenth century the most prominent British musician was John Stainer, whose efforts in the field of composing were put very much in the shade, for his skill lay in the direction of teaching rather than composing, as is obvious when one considers that his "Crucifixion" is his best work. Although at this time British composition was not of a notably high standard, there were growing up such musicians as Parry and Stanford.

In the sixties and seventies, the composer who attracted the greatest attention was Arthur Sullivan, the musician behind those immortal comic operas for which W. S. Gilbert wrote the libretti. Although his gift for this type of work was great, he was too much encouraged to believe that his future lay in the writing of Church music, for which he had no particular gift. Indeed, Church music generally at this time was too much influenced by Gounod and Spohr.

Vast improvements appeared in British music about 1880 with the compositions of Parry and Stanford. Parry began this Renaissance by producing such works as "Prometheus Unbound" and "Blest Pair of Sirens," choral works of great merit. These he followed up with symphonies and chamber music. His compositions were soon to be eclipsed, however, for his style, though more modern, leaned towards the academic. He is remembered now chiefly for his impressive "Songs of Farewell" and some organ music. Stanford then came to the fore, displaying his Irish musical talent in the form of symphonies, operas, songs, and Church music. It is for his songs and Church music that he is generally remembered now. In the latter his style was entirely new, for he gave his music a basic symphonic structure upon which he developed his themes. Both Parry and Stanford, though, were teachers rather than composers, as was Stainer.

At the end of the nineteenth century Delius and Elgar were composing, but they both belong really to the twentieth century, for Delius' music (though previously appreciated in Germany) was not known in England till then, and all the really important works of Elgar were written after 1900. Delius' very delicate and restrained style is highly original, and he excelled in orchestral music. In spite of his having written six operas, a number of choral works, concertos, and chamber music, he will be remembered by most people for his shorter orchestral pieces such as the delightful "On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring."

Elgar's music is strongly admired by some, and violently disliked by others, for his music shows to some personality and style, to others irritating mannerisms. His

orchestral works at their best are superior to anything else he wrote, his best works being the symphonies and concertos, the oratorio "The Dream of Gerontius," the "Enigma Variations," and his symphonic study "Falstaff." It is unfortunate that his broad style, reflecting as it does the mellow contentment of the Edwardian era, should be so often mistaken for vulgarity.

Gustav Holst (who died in the same year as Elgar) had a passionate love of folk-music, and its flavour pervades his music. According to Cecil Gray "his style is a compendium or pastiche of the styles of nearly all representative modern composers which he has equally failed to make his own," but this judgment is harsh, for, not only has Holst the gift of mastery of the orchestra, but also his unorthodox harmonies are most certainly original. His two most popular works are the "Planets" suite and "The Hymn of Jesus."

Peter Warlock is remembered for his rich contribution to the treasury of English song, for, although he wrote a certain amount of music of other kinds, his vocation was undoubtedly that of song-writing. It was once stated in a review that his music was "boisterous" and "rollicking" as though these two epithets summed up his general style, whereas actually most of his songs are sensitive in character, and comparatively few can be said to be "rollicking."

Ralph Vaughan Williams, the eldest and the greatest of contemporary British composers, perhaps one of the greatest of all time, is very interested, as Holst was, in folk-music. His music is strongly influenced by this, and many of his works have a "modal" character about them. The most important works of his output to date include six symphonies, three operas, and many other choral and orchestral works, including film music. He is still active.

However, although he is the most prominent modern composer in England, he does not obscure the less great: the names of Benjamin Britten, William Walton, John Ireland, and Herbert Howells will surely live.

D.A.W.

WRITTEN INSIDE KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL, CAMBRIDGE

Light, wond'rous, many coloured light
Shining upon the heads of us small mortals.
Light, the strength, the very life of those high
stained glass windows,
Coming from Heaven, ethereal glow.
Light, our torch through life, filling the
darkest corners
Of this chapel and our lives,
Leading us onward, to see the greater beauty
in the world around us.

M.J.T.

A G.I. AT THE BATTLE OF NASEBY

PRIVATE Deshwitter, of the 179th United States Infantry stationed in Northamptonshire, was called into the Sergeant's office.

"Ever heard of the Battle of Naseby, 1645?" demanded the sergeant.

"Yes," said Private Deshwitter.

"Well, listen to this then," said the Sergeant. "Every year the ghosts of the battle get together an' fight it all over again."

"Why?" asked Private Deshwitter.

"As a sorta punishment," explained the Sergeant; "it seems some cavalry charge ran over a little girl an' killed her. So each year they hafta fight it again."

"Why tell me this?" asked Private Deshwitter.

"Because it's to-morrow, an' they want somebody to replace a ghost who caught a chill haunting a draughty castle, an' we happen to be the nearest camp. Draw a hundred rounds of ammunition, six grenades, an' parade at 06.00 hours sharp. You're on the King's side."

So, at six o'clock in the misty dawn, Private Deshwitter, clad in full battle order, paraded alone in front of the armoury to receive the orders of the day. The Sergeant, wearing a great-coat over his pyjamas and obviously intending to go back to bed once he had dealt with Private Deshwitter, came out and addressed him thus:

"You'll report to King Charles at the top of Dust Hill, an' you'll be posted to some infantry regiment. Okay?"

"I've been thinking," said Private Deshwitter desperately, "it wouldn't be fair, me with a tommy-gun fighting those guys with only spears and things." The Sergeant laughed horribly and said:

"A proper replacement for one poor sick ghost would be FIVE lazy fat eggs like you, *all* with tommy guns. Only I ain't got five, thanks be to God, I've only got you. Got ya dinner?"

"Yes," said Private Deshwitter, "and I got a sudden pain in my foot—I don't think I'd better go to-day."

"Left turn, quick march!" said the Sergeant fiercely. "You catch a bus at the corner."

"I shall probably shoot the lot of them," called Private Deshwitter over his shoulder.

"Well, don't be late back," shouted the Sergeant.

At half past nine Private Deshwitter was ushered into the tent of King Charles I. He hastily swallowed his chewing gum and saluted.

"The colonial replacement, your Majesty," explained the officer. King Charles nodded briefly.

"Give him into the command of Lord Astley," he said. Private Deshwitter

saluted, turned about, and marched out again. The officer halted him about fifty yards from the tent and said:

"Wait here till called upon."

"Am I defending or attacking?" asked Private Deshwitter, who liked to be clear about these things.

"Be prepared to defend this place with thy life," said the officer impressively, and went off. "Defence" to Private Deshwitter meant only one thing—a foxhole. So he dug one and sat in it.

The Royalist infantry was being marshalled along the crest of Dust Hill, while the Roundheads occupied Red Hill, a parallel ridge half a mile to the south. Neither side was prepared to attack first, but eventually young Prince Rupert persuaded the King to launch his infantry across the valley.

With this finally decided, Charles emerged from his tent to watch the attack himself. And the first thing he saw was Private Deshwitter's helmet protruding from a newly-dug hole in the ground. The King walked across and stared down at Private Deshwitter.

"Come out of that hole, thou colonial coward," he snarled.

"I'm defending," said Private Deshwitter doggedly.

"Get out!" roared the Monarch.

"I'm defending," repeated Private Deshwitter, peering grimly around for possible enemies.

The King glared.

"Thou'rt attacking!" he hissed.

"Oh, that's different," said Private Deshwitter, climbing out of his foxhole.

"Which way are we attacking?"

"That way," said the King, pointing down the hill. Private Deshwitter saluted, picked up his tommy gun, and plodded off.

The Royalist infantry moved down the open hillside in full view of the Roundheads on the opposite slope. This, to Private Deshwitter, who felt positively naked without his fox-hole, seemed rank madness. As they reached the soft ground in the valley a Parliamentary cannon thundered out from the crest of the hill. Private Deshwitter hurled himself down with commendable promptness. But the Royalist infantry, who went wandering forward in an indifferent manner, looked at him in surprise. "The Colonial is ill," they called to one another. Private Deshwitter scrambled to his feet, and hurried on again, wondering whether he could possibly be afflicted by battle fatigue yet.

As they approached the crest of Red Hill the Roundheads moved down to meet them in a solid line, and a few shouted orders brought a violent explosion of muskets from both opposing ranks. Private Deshwitter immediately threw himself flat once more and opened brisk fire with his tommy-gun.

The Royalists were again surprised, not so much by Private Deshibitter's habit of falling down, but by the effect his weapon had upon the Parliamentary infantry, since he had shot a considerable gap in their line. However, they were surprised even more to see him then run to the nearest gorse bush and dive into the middle of it. When Private Deshibitter, having returned the enemy's fire and then taken cover, exactly as he had been taught, sat up, he was much annoyed to find that the Royalists had closed with the Roundheads in a pike battle, quite blocking his line of fire. He was at a loss as to what he should do next, so he shouted to a soldier who came stumbling down the hillside clutching his wounded shoulder:

"Hey, do I dig a foxhole?"

He got no intelligible reply, so he climbed out of the gorse bush and walked suspiciously up to the line of struggling soldiers. Slowly the Parliamentarians were being driven back up the hill, and Private Deshibitter walked behind the battle, occasionally firing a burst into any gap that appeared. Finally, the crest of the hill was gained, and a Royalist officer, with the aim of inspiring his men to greater efforts, shouted:

"Defend this hill to the end!" But when Private Deshibitter heard this, he promptly dropped his tommy-gun, hurled a hand grenade over the crest of the hill to keep the enemy occupied, and plunged his shovel into the soft turf. Five minutes later, he was comfortably seated in the best foxhole that he, a master foxhole digger from a race of foxhole diggers, had ever dug.

Meanwhile the infantry battle raged all around Private Deshibitter, crossing and re-crossing the crest of the hill as each side fought desperately to dominate the position. But everyone took good care not to approach Private Deshibitter's foxhole, for any move in that direction by either side (Private Deshibitter had not yet learned to distinguish Parliamentarians from Royalist) provoked a wild yell of "Deshibitter-kay-doochee!" (his family war-cry) and a burst of tommy-gun fire. Then, as Fairfax poured in fresh reserves of infantry the Royalists were driven, step by step back down the slope. And from the west a high triumphant trumpet-call heralded the charge of Heton's dragoons. They came thundering across the slope, banners flaring out in the breeze and hooves shaking the dry dust from the trembling earth. They crashed into the Royalist infantry and flung them down the hill in confusion. They even roused Private Deshibitter, who was sitting at the bottom of his foxhole reading a "manual of the Thompson sub-machine gun and its use in field warfare." He alone defied the charging cavalry, and with a well-placed grenade unhorsed four men and sent at least a dozen others rushing panic-stricken from the field.

Soon, however, the battle by-passed him and swept on down into the valley, leaving him a lone Royalist outpost in Parliamentary country. It being about noon, he decided to eat his dinner, which he did while keeping a cautious watch for stray Parliamentarians, all of whom he shot as soon as they came within range.

Down in the valley the battle turned in favour of the Roundheads. Cavalry charges by Whalley and Cromwell broke the Royalist infantry, and finally surrounded, they were all slain or captured. The King, still up on Dust Hill with a reserve force of infantry he had for some reason not committed to the battle, saw this defeat, and giving the battle up for lost, rode off towards Leicester, pursued shortly afterwards by Cromwell.

But near the crest of Red Hill there remained yet one Royalist outpost calmly eating a spam sandwich and picking off occasional horsemen as they galloped past. Towards the middle of the afternoon a detachment of Roundhead infantry attacked Private Deshibitter as he sat camouflaging his helmet with bits of gorse and dandelion leaves, but his destructively high rate of fire beat them off again and he was left unmolested until evening. Then, when Cromwell had returned from his vain pursuit of the king, the Roundhead generals met to discuss the problem of Private Deshibitter. Then, to the echoing blast of a dozen trumpets the entire Parliamentary army, the rich banners of the cavalry trailing languidly, the forests of pikes swaying rhythmically and the vast unwieldy cannons lumbering in the rear, moved majestically up the gentle slope of Red Hill in the Summer twilight. And as the vast, grim army flooded up towards the crest of the hill an extraordinary figure crawled out of a patch of gorse and stood in their path.

It was stocky in build, with a huge, ponderous helmet, from which dangled strands of camouflaging foliage; it was hung about with ammunition pouches, packs and haversacks; it clutched a tommy-gun and a shovel, and its face was smeared with ghastly grey-green camouflage paste. For a few seconds Private Deshibitter, having finally forsaken his beloved foxhole in the hope of escaping safely into the growing darkness, crouched and stared, thunder-stricken, at the immense array advancing upon him. Then, the honour of the 179th U.S. Infantry being at stake, he let out a final ferocious yell, flung his last grenade at the nearest cavalry and charged down the slope as fast as his short legs would run. The Roundheads stopped, stared at the grotesque figure, and then, as it let loose a wild burst of tommy-gun fire, they turned and fled for their lives.

When he got to the bottom of the hill, all Private Deshibitter could see of the Parliamentary force were the last few stragglers

hurrying over the crest of Dust Hill out of sight. Being completely exhausted he sat down and panted heavily for a while, then got up and walked along the valley to the road.

Coming down the road to meet him was the Sergeant in a jeep. Private Deshwitter climbed in and they turned back towards the camp.

"Well," asked the Sergeant, "howja get on?"

"Wonderful," said Private Deshwitter, "I beat 'em all up."

"Hell!" said the Sergeant, "you know your side was supposed to lose?"

"Nuts to that," said Private Deshwitter happily. "Anyway, the other guys *did* lose. It was only me that won. I did it for the honour of the 179th U.S. Infantry," he added.

The Sergeant groaned.

"Trust you to do the wrong dam' thing," he said.

O. T. GLOCKENSPIEL 1955-2041

OCTAVIUS Theodore Glockenspiel showed from his earliest youth an extraordinary talent for music. At the age of four he was found by his nurse practising the Sousaphone by night in the attic of the Glockenspiel family residence at Deutesleben. At the age of six he had to be extricated from the interior of the local cinema organ, whither he had wormed his way "to find where the music came from," a sentence that may offend the pedants, but which brought tears of delight to the eyes of his middle-aged parents.

His future was thus assured. Approved by the Musicians' Union, and vetted by Equity he entered the Nationalized College of Music as a learner, grade one (promising). Here, amid a happy throng of co-learners of all grades and categories, he pursued a course of diligent study, whenever he was not called upon by his less sensitive brethren to strike for the better lubrication of Sousaphone bearings, and at the required minimum age of forty-two he was allowed to enter for the preliminary examination for his State Musicians' card.

This obstacle was overcome by typical Glockenspiel graft and intrigue; so at the age of forty-three he had to enter for a second time, when he was more successful, if not in the realms of music, at any rate in soothing the National Music Board, who naturally knew nothing of Bach or Beethoven, and who thought that counterpoint was a form of rationing.

Related by this success, Octave, as he was known to his witty friends, pressed on with his studies, for as in the generations of mortal

men there comes a time for sowing and a time for reaping, so in the life of our hero there was a time of instruction and practice, before he could be allowed to play his instrument in the State Orchestra in the National Concert Hall. At the age of fifty-six he passed his primary grade examination, though it was rumoured that he bribed the examining board with a quantity of synthetic meat which had been obtained by illegal means. Be this as it may, it is an established fact that the records of the Nationalized College of Music are studded with the honours and distinctions which flooded in strict rotation and, according to quota, upon Octavius Theodore's head.

At the age of eighty-six came the crowning achievement when he passed his final examination "with credit." This was gained by no gift of synthetic meat, but rather by the inborn genius of Dr. Glockenspiel, as he now called himself, and the ostentatious purchase of fifty National Savings Certificates. Alas! that our story must end tragically. Worn out by his exertions and high endeavour, Octavius Theodore Glockenspiel died exactly a fortnight after his greatest success. And then he found he had forgotten to learn to play the harp.

CAPITALS

THERE is a magical charm in the atmosphere of a Capital city. In a metropolis—as to a lesser degree in an administrative centre of activity such as a county-town—there is always a greater impetus in life than elsewhere. The very things that sow distrust and dislike in the provincial mind are a source of joy to the traveller, for it is undeniable that the capital city will, without fail, secure a higher standard in most things than will the provinces—provincials, indeed, will often assert that the capital's charm and glory is at the expense of provincial mediocrity. However, even though a capital may not be typical of a country, such a city cannot be robbed of its charm.

London, though the largest of all capitals, is easily surpassed for interest, charm, and the crepuscular influence of *joie de vivre* by many of its continental counterparts. The majestic classicism, the massive solidity of Whitehall overshadows the artificial gaiety of theatreland. London is essentially the Home of Parliament, and innumerable injections of the "festival spirit" will not remove the inhibitions which prevent London from having the romantic charm of a foreign capital.

Of foreign capitals the Englishman surely thinks first of that city of lights that this year celebrates its bimillenary—Paris. Paris does not reach its best till sunset, but such sights as Notre Dame with the background of a

golden sunset are never forgotten. During the hour before sunset the spirit of Paris awakes, quickens in the dusk, and reaches its climax a few hours later.

The mellowed arcading of the buildings from which the fashions of Europe are dictated floodlit, the Eiffel Tower silhouetted against a background of the night-sky, the brilliant glittering lights of cafes, limousines roaring through the boulevards and squares past the flickering traffic signals—these sights as much as anything typify the greatness and the impulsive force of Parisian life. Certainly they give to us a more accurate glimpse of the real spirit of Paris than does, for example, a detailed inspection of the Arc de Triomphe.

From Paris let us take a twelve-hours' journey by train to Geneva.

Geneva itself impresses first of all by reason of the cleanliness of its wide streets. The "Grand Quai," bordered on the one side by spacious lawns and gardens, and on the other by that vast expanse of water—the Lac de Genève, is the finest example of this. From the Grand Quai one may turn right and go along the Avenue Woodrow Wilson, past the Kursaal and the lake-side cafes (coffee 2s. per cup) to the two most important buildings in the city—the Palais des Nations, a vast twentieth century yellow stone building spreading over several hundred acres, surrounded by large gardens, and to the International Labour Office, an impressive grey-stone building of conventional design.

There is a smartness about Geneva and the surrounding country, which contrasts with much of the lack of discipline noticeable elsewhere on the continent. The Swiss "gendarmerie" typify this smartness. Their upright, alert bearing, their dull, light green uniforms and stiff, cloak-like capes of the same colour give to them a martial appearance, in contrast to the lounging, armed "gendarmes" to be found in France.

No picture of Geneva would be complete if the transport system did not have the last word. The transport system includes trams and trains. The Swiss railway system is entirely electrified and this must account for the surprising lack of dirt on the trains and near the permanent way.

Geneva's trams can only be described as relics, though relics of what, it would be hard to say. High, single-deck vehicles with huge wheels and so long that each car has three entrances to it, they grind their way through the city with surprising speed and efficiency.

In contrast to Geneva, is the bilingual capital of Belgium. Brussels' inhabitants are as like the blond Swiss as is chalk to cheese. There are really two Brussels—the Brussels of to-day and the historic Brussels. The Brussels of to-day is a work-a-day place with noticeable American influences, and

despite the fact that it is the proud boast of the inhabitants that the Law-Courts is the largest building in Europe, much of its historic structure is in a state of decay. This is symbolised by the condition of the only remaining part of the walls of the original Brussels—one of the gates—which is as decrepit as Buckingham Gao.

The spinal cord of modern Brussels is a very wide main boulevard, which, under different names, stretches for over a mile flanked by shops and business-houses. Adjacent to this boulevard are several small, picturesque squares—tree-lined, and with a statue in the centre. These squares are often the site for a few market stalls.

When we step into the old, historic centre of Brussels—a large square reached via side-streets from the main boulevard—it seems as though we have walked into a different world. In the centre of the square are huge, bright umbrellas covering an open market. On two sides of the square are stone buildings of considerable height, both blackened with age. One is Charles V's house, the front of which has many storeys of balconies and arcading. The other, a huge building, is the Hôtel de Ville. Round the other sides of the square are buildings which were formerly the headquarters of the historically powerful Flemish guilds. Here, in this square, time has done little to change the scene. The hurry and bustle of the outside world a few yards away is forgotten. This, the historic Brussels, is the greatest memory of the city—together, of course, with the inevitable *mannequin*.

There is, however, no need to go to the continent to catch a glimpse of life in an essentially un-English capital. Dublin, a city of strange and startling contrasts, a city of hansom-cabs and of luxurious American limousines, of the very rich and of the very poor, and, above all, the city of bicycles, is the city that I have in mind.

O'Connell Street, said to be the widest street in Europe, and the most important street in the city, is dominated by the Nelson Pillar. With characteristic, lovable perversity the "free" Irish have considered the demolition of this huge symbol of decadent British Imperialism. Lack of money (the operation would cost £17,000) will ensure that the Pillar remains standing for some time yet. Incidentally the Irish Government, in an attempt to emphasize the freedom of its country insists that the peculiar hieroglyphics the Irish language shall be printed above the English on official documents and all railway-stations bear their names thus. The freedom of the Irish is underlined by the presence of a sentry in full battle-order and with fixed bayonet at the entrance to the office where English people staying in the capital register. For all that, the average Irishman—if there be such an one—seems

to bear little ill-will to the average Englishman.

Though the travellers' guides to Dublin will recommend him to see the Bank of Ireland and the buildings around College Green, the building that he will most probably remember best is the Central Post Office—a building of roughly similar proportions and shape to Birmingham Town Hall! It stands under the shadow of the Nelson Pillar in O'Connell Street and in front of it is a parking-space, in the middle of the road, for several thousand bicycles.

To conclude, mention must be made of the two extremes of life in Dublin. Dublin's greatest achievement is, undoubtedly, its Annual Horse Show—held in grounds which put the London South Bank to shame. Dublin's biggest disgrace is its railways, for an express train takes so long to pick up speed when leaving a central station that the uninitiated, waiting at a station in the inner suburbs may be forgiven for thinking that it is going to stop to pick up passengers.

Finally, in our glimpses of the capitals of Europe, let us not forget Strasbourg, which may yet prove to be the home of European unity. It is at Strasbourg, in the russet-domed Rhine Valley Palace that the Council of Europe meets, and one must admit that if a capital city were to be chosen for Western Europe, Strasbourg, geographically ideal, could be bettered by few cities for its atmosphere.

Strasbourg is known best for its Cathedral, a magnificent edifice, which lacks one of what should be twin spires above the twin Western towers. The city of Strasbourg itself is composed largely of long straight avenues and spacious squares. The most dignified part of the city is, perhaps, near the spacious grounds of the University—a series of large

grey-stone buildings approached through avenues bordered by plane-trees. The University covers a vast area near to the Rhine Valley Palace, and is surrounded by lawns and innumerable flower-gardens.

Further away from the Rhine Valley Palace are the busier streets through which the usual continental single-deck tram-cars clang, but even here, streamlined single-deck trolley-buses are helping to preserve the dignity and air of prosperous leisure in this historic independent city. In what more perfect setting could the statesmen of Europe meet?

Seldom will the traveller discover the true essence of a nation's way of life in the capital city, but in a capital city he will surely realize an atmosphere of greatness, and sense the greater impetus in life there.

K. J. W.

ODE

Sung by the Classical VIth to mark the departure of Mr. Burgess.

*Docte sermones utrusque linguae,
O domis exsul madidi Britannii,
teque maerentes quid agamus ipsi
noster amice?*

*Teque post annis abeunte laetis,
tristius iam nos alacres oportet
nescio qualem sonitum canendo
dicere laudes.*

*O vale tandem peregre profectus:
condito mitis placidusque telo
supplices audi pueros, Apollo
Quinque Viarum.*

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