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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.

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## KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL CLUB

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G. P. SIMPSON (1952), P. H. R. MERCER, R. BARRACLOUGH, E. L. B. SAXON, R. H. BAYLEY, A. C. SMITH (1952),  
 J. L. WILKINS (1951-52), D. H. BENSON (*Vice-Capt.*) (1951-52), F. B. REVILL (*Capt.*) (1950-51-52),  
 O. S. WHEATLEY (*Sec.*) (1951-52), B. C. HOMER (1951-52).



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## EDITORIAL

We have been privileged to witness a year memorable in the history of the School. Now, however, that the Quatercentenary has come to its close it would be well to collect our thoughts and make fresh resolves before we hurry on to the Quincentenary.

Our first thought must be one of gratitude, not only to the benefactors known to us, but to those unknown who have helped to forge our tradition. Our lot has truly been cast in a fair mould and during the past year our tradition has played a larger part in our corporate life.

We ourselves can look forward confidently to the future in certain anticipation that new distinction will come to the School by the part Edwardians take in the search for new fields of knowledge. In our confidence, however, let us not be blinded, for there are dangers that are liable to beset us. We would mention one—apathy. This is becoming more and more apparent in the public life of this country. Let us see that it does not grow in the private life of our community. It is not enough to rush off after School, eager for *panem et circenses* (tea and television); we must let slip no opportunity for service in our common life.

Yet let us not be despondent. Our tradition is one that will carry us through any troubled times, for it is a tradition that is not dead but ever living and growing. While this is so we can look forward to the years ahead without fear and without apprehension, for we too have raised our own monument more lasting than bronze.

## SCHOOL DIARY

Michaelmas Term began on Tuesday, September 16th, and ended, nominally, on December 18th. But our distinguished visitor for the Quatercentenary asked that a whole holiday be granted to the School. This was arranged for December 17th to enable members of the School to watch the Christ's Hospital Match in London. So, in fact, term was brought to an end on Tuesday, December 16th, the last event being the Carol Service in Big School on that evening—a suitable culmination to an eventful term.

On Sunday, September 21st, Mr. F. J. Williams (O.E) was ordained Deacon by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham in his Cathedral Church of St. Philip. It is good that once again the School has a master qualified and able to act as Chaplain.

Half-term was taken from Friday, October 31st, to Monday, November 3rd, being lengthened to include the Friday by the transfer of the Founder's Day holiday.

The General Committee of the School Club met on Wednesday, September 24th, to elect officers; the Fencing Club and the Mountaineering Club were affiliated.

The climax of the Quatercentenary celebrations was reached at the week-end of the Founder's birthday. First, on the morning of Friday, October 10th, there was a School Corporate Communion in the War Memorial Chapel. Then on the next day in the morning there was Prize-giving in Big School: the Guest of Honour was the Right Honourable the Lord Justice Birkett, who delivered an inspiring, witty and memorable speech. In the afternoon the rebuilt Upper Corridor was formally opened by the Bailiff, the School Captain unlocking the South doors. The War Memorial within was then dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham.

On the evening of October 11th, some 750 O.E.'s. from 1883 to the present day gathered in Big School, preparatory to dinners which were held in the University Great Hall and in the School Dining-Hall.

On Founder's Day, October 12th, a Thanksgiving Service for the School was held in the Cathedral. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Burnley, the Right Reverend Keith Prosser, O.E.

On October 17th, Mr. M. N. Tod, formerly Reader in classical Epigraphy at Oxford, visited the School and spoke to the Classical Sixth on Inscriptions.

Thirty-six boys have entered upon preparation for Confirmation this term. The School Confirmation service will be held at the Parish Church on March 17th.

The Bromsgrove Match was played at Charford on Saturday, November 8th, in ideal conditions. The School retained the Siviter Smith Cup.

The C.C.F. held a Church Parade on Sunday, November 16th, at Edgbaston Old Church, the sermon being preached by the Vicar. The Salute at the March Past was taken by Group Captain Forbes, Acting A.O.C. 63 Group. The Parade was under the command of Under-Officer D. H. Benson.

A Field Day took place on November 21st, which was, unfortunately, disrupted by inclement weather.

Parents' Days were held on November 4th and December 2nd.

In the gale on the night of November 6th, three chestnut trees from the ring surrounding the site were blown down, or at least rendered dangerous. Thanks to the Scouts they were quickly and efficiently removed and the Park Vale Drive rendered passable.

A Julian Horner Concert was held in Big School on November 19th, at which Mr. Egil Nordsjø sang a series of characteristic Norwegian songs dating from the time of the Vikings to the present day.

Such was the response to invitations to the School Carol Service, that arrangements had to be made to hold it on two successive nights. It was rendered on the last two nights of term in Big School in the presence of large companies of members of the School and their parents and friends.

The conclusion of the Quatercentenary celebrations came when the XV travelled up to Old Deer Park to play Christ's Hospital.

### GOVERNORS' NEWS

Sir Raymond Priestley resigned from the Governors on September 30th on giving up his appointment as Vice-Chancellor of Birmingham University, and leaving Birmingham.



## COMMON ROOM

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This term we extend welcomes to Dr. H. A. Mayor, Mr. J. C. Pettyfer, Mr. D. A. P. Weatherall, and Mr. P. H. Hutton.

Dr. Mayor comes to us from Bolton School to take over the formidable task of running the Science Department of the School. Mr. Pettyfer, whose last post was at Whitgift Middle School, Croydon, takes the place of Mr. Rees on the Modern Languages staff, whilst Mr. Weatherall and Mr. Hutton have come to join the English staff. Mr. Weatherall comes to us direct from Oxford, where he has been reading for his B.Litt., and Mr. Hutton from St. John's College, Cambridge, where he read English and History.

We sincerely hope they will be happy with us and remain many a long year.

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## PREFECTS

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D. H. BENSON has been appointed Captain of the School.

P. H. R. MERCER has been appointed Vice-Captain of the School.

The following gentlemen have been appointed Prefects :

A. R. G. DEASLEY, Secretary of the Christian Union (*Vardy*).

A. E. FRANKLIN, Vice-Captain of Athletics (*Cary Gilson*).

C. GILBRAITH, Secretary of the Film Society (*Jeune*).

G. H. HERRINGSHAW, C.S.M. in C.C.F. ; House Captain (*Cary Gilson*).

P. R. JANNEY, Secretary of the Mountaineering Club ; House Captain (*Gifford*).

A. B. MACNAB, Secretary of Chess (*Jeune*).

P. S. TREVIS, Secretary of the Debating Society ; Secretary of the Literary Society ; Secretary of the Closed Circle ; Editor of the CHRONICLE ; House Captain (*Heath*).

J. D. WATERSTREET, Secretary of Football ; Chapel-keeper ; House Captain (*Jeune*).

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On July 12th a garden party was held at the Chief Master's house at which members of the Common Room and their wives were received by the Bailiff and Governors.

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## COLOURS

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We congratulate :

D. H. BENSON and K. S. HUDSON on the re-award of their School Football Colours.

A. BRAMLEY and B. C. GANE on the award of their School XXX Colours.

## THE CAMBRIDGE LETTER

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

DEAR SIR,

As we write, snow which fell several days ago lies without, glittering in the moonlight, and snow reminds us, before we hasten on to recount the nefarious deeds of your brethren at Cambridge, to send to you and the School our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Muster at the beginning of this term showed that the places in our ranks which had fallen vacant at the end of last term had been more than amply filled by new recruits to the Tudor Club. Of those who seem to linger on from year to year however, E. J. Andrews (Fisher Buildings and Queens'), has taken the post of Treasurer. Of him it can be said that he has more substance than our Treasury. M. J. Apps (Pembroke) is President of the S.C.M., D. J. McK Ford (St. John's) strides monkishly through the cloisters of his college, while B. H. Laister, of the same institution is far from monkish, being a social figure of note, if not notoriety.

M. P. Hopkins and A. I. Rees (Trinity Hall) have been mysteriously quiet and unobtrusive this term. Any information as to their whereabouts will be received gratefully by the President, who fears for their safety. B. H. Judd (Peterhouse) has sold his bicycle, and H. B. Gottschalk, also of Peterhouse, has made himself felt, his form of greeting being a hearty slap on the back. A Flag Day is being held next term with the charitable object of purchasing a new pair of trousers for P. J. Welbank (Trinity). J. M. B. Moss (Trinity) has acquired a new dignity which befits his B.A. status, but still clings to his long cherished ambition to be President of the Union Society. He claims that he has spoken in the Union on as many occasions as he has been rejected as a suitor; at the time we write, these occasions number twenty-three.

We hear that M. R. Jackson (Selwyn) is still alive, although with Selwyn men one cannot be certain. B. S. Mather (Trinity), attired in nurse's garb, pushed a perambulator through the streets on Poppy Day, and has since been trying to live it down. I. R. McClelland (Sidney Sussex), wears a rather haggard look these days; perhaps he goes to lectures.

J. A. Nimmo (Christ's) became engaged during the Long Vacation. His fiancée and he form the inspiration for many cartoons and witticisms. G. J. Tayar (Jesus) excels at snooker if at nothing else, having "given up politics." The President, R. N. Doubleday (Downing), on the other hand, is a politician, and has this term perfected his technique for gatecrashing parties in Trinity.

J. de C. Ling (Clare), besides being our Secretary, plays phenomenal quantities of squash, and is pondering the best way to use his many talents. N. Sankarayya (Gonville and Caius) has joined our Committee, but, apart from this, seems to find life at Cambridge as delectable as nectar of the gods. Magdalene has survived the impact of J. A. Harvey's arrival, but we have not seen much of him yet. Perhaps the flat cap he wears prevents us from recognising him when we do see him. P. K. Harber and M. C. Dodd (Christ's) have been buying a large selection of antique firearms in readiness for their raid on Lloyds Bank.



M. F. Pride (Trinity Hall) grimaces at us from beneath his eyebrows, and from time to time favours us with a brief, pithy, verbal communication.

D. B. Hill (Gonville and Caius) is a rugger-playing "hearty," who pronounces the Cambridge beer to be "excellent." D. C. Ward (St. John's) is making the name of the School great and famous round the Labour Club. Being officially impartial, Sir, we decline to comment further upon this gentleman's activities, except to say that if he persists we shall disown him. In W. R. Smith (St. John's), the first flower of youthful innocence has withered; alas, he was quite overcome by the Tudor Club's hospitality.

Finally we must mention E. H. G. Chitham (Jesus). The Secretary claims to have seen him on one occasion only this term, chasing Margaret Rutherford along King's Parade trying to get her autograph.

Sir, the finger has writ, and must now move on. We hope we have brought you great tidings of gladness and joy, and that our revelations have not been too indiscreet, and we accept no blame for the libel contained herein.

Until our next letter,

We remain,

Your obedient servant,  
CANTAB.

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## OXFORD LETTER

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To the Editor;  
DEAR SIR,

We could wish this letter no better fate than to see it appear in your Stop Press column—perched, perhaps, midway between the latest news of the London fog and an apocryphal comment on Tallulah's return to her mother country. That would be apt. Very apt. For our letter is so late in leaving us that it has forfeited all claim to its customary pride of place amongst your correspondence. The London fog had something to do with its lateness. And what about Tallulah? You may justly ask. To which we can only reply: "Well—What about her?"

There are so many Edwardians in Oxford that it is almost impossible to write about them. We forget their faces, or we do not remember their names. When we do remember one or the other, from force of habit, we pretend we do not, and hurriedly make for the other side of the street. A statistician (dogmatically infallible in these matters) has made an *ex cathedra* pronouncement that there are as many Edwardians in Oxford as there are Americans, and very nearly as many as there are gargoyles on Keble College Chapel. Etymologically speaking, to be an Edwardian in Oxford is to be vulgar, and Oxford has always hated vulgarity, whether it be well-meaning, harmless, or even (accidentally) in good taste. You think we exaggerate. But we do not. There are ex-School Captains in Oxford, gazing out on their different College quadrangles, threatening to rival numerically the Roman Emperors who stare sightlessly on the unmossey walls of the New Bodleian. And if appearances do not lie, they are every bit as washed-out and unproductive as their lapidary prototypes.

Our material, then, will be selected arbitrarily. In accordance with custom, it will bear no resemblance, however remote, to the indecent truth. But this time, for once, there will be no lapses into that humour popularly termed "undergraduate." After all, university life is a serious business, and at least deserves the compliment of serious treatment when it is being considered by one's own Alma Mater. A past correspondent confessed that nobody ever saw his jokes. Modesty, and the innate pride of the literary artist prevented him from explaining them to others. In the end, he was forced to the extreme of reading his letter aloud in public places, laughing where he felt they ought, and then shedding tears—bitter tears of salt—in the privacy of his own room. That humiliation is not for us. Hereby we declare that, now, in this letter. Wit is as solemnly anathematized as accuracy has always been in former letters. If we are guilty of either, we promise to eat two whole tubes of chlorophyll toothpaste\* and to leave the consequent growth of lichen to spread, unshaven, behind our ears.

*Au commencement.*

E. Watson (Magdalen), it is now established, wears his grandfather's overcoat. When we did not at first believe him, he showed us the moth holes in the velvet collar. He has learnt at least one language from a College Scout, and has been heard explaining the theory of Quantum Mechanics to Serbo-Croatian visitors in impeccable Serbo-Croat. G. F. B. Laughland (Christ Church) is a bad boy. He paid a flying visit to hell as a theatrical experiment, stayed long enough to get a position in close proximity to the infernal cellar, and then discovered that he had been living there all his life without knowing it. As the roué son of the clergyman answered when his father asked him: "What the Hell of His dreams was like" "Just like home, Father. Just like home!" The nearest he will ever get to heaven was the occasion when he was carried shoulder high into The House one night with a cherubic choir underneath him singing (in Latin) "We're 400 years old today" J. D. Mountford (Wadham) wanders down de old plantation lisping a pidgion Italian that he picked up in Grenobles. G. R. Green (B.N.C.) has started a new cult by taking used matchstalks in his coffee. J. C. Field (Balliol) has revived an old one, by taking peanuts in his drinking chocolate. One day his Scout became so annoyed at finding this sodden mess in his saucer, that he broke a teapot over his head and swore at him in Dutch. Fortunately old Edwardians' heads are hard and their skin is thick. The teapot was the only casualty. P. A. Gardner (Balliol) is known as "Mr. 1½-gallon"—but keeps this information under his hat. G. W. Weekes (Christ Church) is constant company for the squirrels in the meadow. This has been going on for two years. Only the other day he announced his discovery that there are two types of squirrel—Gentlemen Squirrels and Lady Squirrels, but it all sounded far too Freudian for us to understand. J. B. Gottschalk (Pembroke), when he is not too busy cleaning up after the Pemmy Boat Club, studies Schachtian Finance. These days—so he tells us—most of his bounce is confined to his cheque book. T. H. Keeley (Exeter) grunts neolithically at other people's jokes and holds expensive tea-parties. His guests always pay for them—so we

\*Nature's own toothpaste



should know. If A. E. H. Turner isn't careful he will be getting a javelin caught up in that moustache of his. We were glad to see that the Christmas spirit was still with him the other day on the Western Region Railway Station. He was lustily chanting the St. Edmund Hall battle hymn, "I am a low-brow and I know it" to the tune of "Good King Wenceslas," with plenty of true, healthy, collegiate support. G. W. Golby (Worcester) still appears pale as the prostrate Thisby:

"Asleep my love? What! Dead, my Dove?"

Anyhow he keeps coming back—like a song of D. A. Collis (Jesus). Finally, and sincerely, we congratulate F. W. Wright (Lincoln) on his recent marriage and A. Y. Drummond (Balliol) on his well-merited First.

We are Sir, ever your humble and obedient scribe,

OXONIENSIS.

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## MANCHESTER LETTER

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To the Editor;

DEAR SIR,

It is with some trepidation that we pen this, our first letter to the K.E.S. CHRONICLE. In recent years the Universities of Leeds, Liverpool and Manchester, once constituent colleges of the Victoria University, have had steadily increasing representation from the School. So we have much pleasure in keeping you in touch with those of us who have retired to the Northern Seats of learning.

For instance, at Leeds, A. J. K. Dore who we believe is studying medicine, thinks in terms of Rugger, Balls and Dinners, and was seen in enchanting company at the first dance of the year. J. B. Aston divides his time between the library and a coal hole under Headingley Parish Church.

M. D. Atkinson enjoys Geography in cosmopolitan company and green corduroy trousers. Rarely seen is A. Bastin, due we believe to 2nd M.B., Ch.B. examinations.

W. G. G. Lindley may be found tripping the light fantastic in the Union each Saturday evening. He has proved himself adept at decorating the female form (statuesque needless to say). Also in the general science course is W. J. Gunnell.

J. D. Giles and J. K. Bean, our David and Jonathan, interpose dance-band activities between hard work and rugger.

Our sole representative at Liverpool is K. E. Meredith, being but a lone star in the wilderness, and it must suffice to say he is studying veterinary science.

Lastly (due to the vagaries of the alphabet), Manchester. Should you go to the first night of a foreign film or attend a meeting of the film society you are sure to meet A. Jasper who spends the rest of term wrestling with the arts and basketball.

D. C. D. Potter divides his time between mathematics, physics, and cafeteria, and when the fog lifts is up flying in a Chipmunk aircraft. Also hampered by fog is M. S. Ruddock, who is finding cycling and singing

in light opera extremely difficult in this Manchester climate. So he is settled either in cafeteria or the physics laboratories, where it is rumoured R. Gilbraith is living. He is extremely elusive and has only been seen once or twice.

And so, Sir, having enlightened you on life in the land of the Northern Lights, we sign ourselves,

Yours sincerely,  
VICTORIENSIS.

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To the Editor;  
DEAR SIR,

We hear with horror that our National Anthem is to be sung in a foreign language—a language incomprehensible except to a minority. We feel that our national anthem is the most essentially British thing we possess and it is therefore meaningless to sing it in any tongue other than English.

Yours, etc.,

D. R. A. TORVELL (Science VI).  
G. A. BUNN (History VI).

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### THE WAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL

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Many of those who heard the Bailiff's moving speech at the dedication of the War Memorial on October 11th must have silently echoed his wish that this hallowed place might become a house of prayer for future generations of Edwardians.

Since Half-Term we have made a start towards the realisation of this wish. Every Friday at 4 o'clock, beginning on 7th November, we have been holding a short service in the Chapel. This service is alternately either a Bible-reading with prayers or a shortened Evensong sung by the Chapel Choir, some twenty strong, whose unaccompanied singing, on very little rehearsal under Dr. Grant, is already impressive. Lessons are read by House Prefects. J. D. Waterstreet has been appointed Chapel-keeper. Attendances at these Friday services are encouraging. We hope that "keeping a Chapel" on Friday evenings will soon be part of the routine of School life for many boys, especially in the Sixth Form.

The present furnishings are, of course, temporary. We hope that the bulk of the permanent furniture will be made to Mr. J. B. Hurn's design by members of the School. How soon we are able to pay for all we need depends on the generosity of Old Edwardians, parents, and all friends of the School (including, of course, present Edwardians). We have already been given some money, and more is promised, but we shall need not far short of £1,000. Cheques should be made payable to "The Chief Master" and sent to him at King Edward's School, Birmingham, 15; but the very smallest sums in cash will also be accepted with gratitude. We appeal to all who love the School to contribute and so help to provide the Chapel with furniture worthy of its beauty and importance.

F.J.W.



## SCHOOL NEWS

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We congratulate G. R. Green upon his election to the Dale Memorial Medal and the Knight Memorial Medal (Army).

We congratulate T. H. Wilden upon his election to the Knight Memorial Medal (Air Force).

We congratulate J. E. Trevis upon his election to the Hammond Debating Trophy.

The Prefects' Summer Dance was generally acclaimed a wild success. Here we would note the Prefects' Quatercentenary Christmas Ball was held on Monday, December 29th. With the "bon-homie" so typical of the gentlemen in the Prefects' Room tickets were most modestly priced, and the success of this great social event was truly in keeping with the Quatercentenary year.

We noted with pleasure the rather lovely lyrical quality of the School Christmas Card.

The change of School hours on Thursdays and Fridays has necessitated a change in the time of lunch. Tuck-shop sales have gone up on these days.

We have heard with the greatest pleasure that the collection of photographs of past XV's and XI's nears completion.

We congratulate the XV upon their victory over Bromsgrove by a substantial margin. With their play on the field, and their immaculately rolled umbrellas on the touch-line the Prefects' Room again stole the day.

Our Architectural Correspondent asserts that work on the Cartland Room continues. Whitewash-operatives and brick-layers have been seen about their several duties in the Classical Corridor.

We take this opportunity of informing the School that the O.K. thing for this year is to join the Choral Society. Its weekly meetings are much enjoyed and the most distinguished are to be seen there. In this context may we record that the XIII choir entertained the School one memorable Tuesday morning.

May we commiserate with the School's criminal classes. Their life has become increasingly difficult with the introduction of a new hierarchy.

With that quiet dignity one associates with Edwardians, the Quatercentenary celebrations were concluded last term. We look forward to the Quincentenary.

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### FROM "A MODERN RUBAIYAT."

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Awake ! the sunlight, after manful strife,  
Has pierced the gloom that shrouds our city life,  
And lo ! the buildings, lately grim and dark,  
Seem to take on a newer lease of life.

Come, pour the tea, and in the liquid brown  
The winter gloom of Birmingham be thrown !  
The hour-glass of our life is not too large,  
And lo ! the sands are running down.

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The B.B.C. men set their hearts upon  
Gives drama and variety : and anon  
The listener sleeps the evening through.  
The ways of ease and sloth are never gone.

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And those who listen to the wise man's " Third,"  
And those who love the " Light " and shows absurd,  
Alike upon their backs snore, snore again,  
The bawling programme passes by unheard.

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Lo, some we loved, the loveliest and best,  
Lie in neat rows with stones upon their chest,  
" To dearest John " and " Late-lamented Joan."  
You hypocrites ! their graves the weeds infest.

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Up from the city to King Edward's School  
I passed, and many a Golden Rule  
Was hammered in my head until it aches,  
And for my knowledge I was more a fool.

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A question was to which I found no key,  
There was a reasoning I could not see,  
Some talk awhile of the great " Why ? "  
There seems—why world, why sky, why you or me ?

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Short time at school there is to waste,  
Short time of university to taste,  
Exams are coming and Examiners  
Will praise us, knowing nothing—Oh make haste !  
B.J.C.

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## FOOTBALL

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The standard of Rugger produced by the XV so far this season has been of a varied nature. One week it will produce some excellent play, and then the next week the whole side fails and the results are dishearteningly poor. The forwards began the season well, only to be let down by some indifferent back play, and now, perhaps as a result of this, the forwards are not producing their former excellence. The backs, however, show every sign of developing into a very capable line, although they undoubtedly miss the services of last year's experienced scrum-half, who is injured. Nevertheless, the general impression is not as serious as it may appear. The scrum has also suffered from illness and injury, and only of late has it fielded a regular side. The forwards usually show great



spirit in the line-out and loose maul, though the shoving in the tight scrum is not concerted enough, nor is the binding very good. On its day, the pack can be very good, for it is amply provided with speedy players who have a good ball-sense, and who can use the ball intelligently.

Lacking a regular scrum-half, the backs began badly. (The worth of a good scrum-half can be seen in the result of the Bromsgrove match.) As with the forwards, once on top, the backs play well, and can produce some good movements, especially the inside pass to the wing. Good in attack, their defensive work is too often suspect, and several times panic descends on them. Calmness is all-important when on the defence! However, the numbers of tries scored by the opposition can not be all blamed on the backs, for the covering by the back-row is very poor compared to last year.

The Second XV is potentially one of the best of recent years and if it could practice as a team more frequently it would be very good. It is, of necessity then, more a collection of individuals than a team, though the rugby they play is generally of a good standard. The pack, when roused, can play well, and amongst the backs there are some good hard runners.

The actual results of their matches, won four, lost three, hide the fact that this year's Under Sixteen XV is one of the best to be seen since this team was first organized a few years ago. The defeats sustained were of a close nature, especially in the case of the Rugby School game, where the team was not at full strength, and yet put up the best score achieved against that School by this team. The first victory over Denstone was also secured. The pack is good, combining well and gaining a large share of the ball. The halves are especially capable, and the backs generally competent. The team is well captained by R. K. Wilson.

The Under Fifteen XV has not fulfilled expectations. It has many good players and is set a good example by the captain, J. S. Pendry. The pack should be good, for it packs very well, but can achieve little real shove. The same applies to the three-quarters, where there are several good players. Yet results are not what one might expect. Next term, we hope they will produce better results for their pains.

So far the Under Fourteen XV has not won a game. The forwards are small, and usually outweighed, but never give up trying. The backs are good in defence, but show little thrust in attack. Despite the poor record, the team shows plenty of spirit and enthusiasm.

May we thank Mr. Parry for the advice, enthusiasm, and great amount of care that he lavishes upon the XV. His efforts are not unappreciated. Our thanks are due to Messrs. Leeds, McGawley, Osborne, Sacret, Freeman, Kent, and Buttle, and to all members of the Staff who referee or organize games in an effort to sustain the high standard of rugby played throughout the School. Their efforts, we hope, will be rewarded by a consequent raising of that standard. May we also thank Mr. Moore, who is always ready with stimulating advice when it is needed and, finally, we should like to express our appreciation to the Chief Master, the School and its friends, for their enthusiasm and support given at all times.

B. C. HOMER (*Captain of Football*).

## THE XV v. BROMSGROVE

### SIVITER-SMITH CUP MATCH

The match was played on November 8th, at Charford, on a beautiful day, with little wind, and a perfect ground for fast, open rugby. The Siviter-Smith Cup was in the possession of King Edward's, and some one hundred and fifty of the School had come down to support the XV, where they were joined by many more parents, friends and O.E's. The School lost the toss and were allowed to play down a slight slope and with what little wind there was into the sun. Straightway Bromsgrove were forced on to the defensive by some good loose scrummaging by King Edward's, and before they had had time to recover from this initial set-back Waterstreet had crossed for a try, which was converted by Homer. It was a good start and the School took advantage of it, continuing to fight fiercely in the loose and line-out. The forwards were well backed up by some clever play by the three-quarters, Gardner especially shining with some fine dummies and cut-throughs.

By half-time King Edward's had gone further ahead with a try by Wilkins, playing in his first game since the beginning of term, and Homer. Waterstreet converted one try, Homer the other, who also kicked a penalty goal. King Edward's had had most of the ball, but good hooking by MacLachlan gained the ball for Bromsgrove who, however, made little constructive use of it.

The second half began with a fierce onslaught by Bromsgrove. For the first ten minutes their forwards pounded the King Edward's line and their three-quarters combined and ran well. At last Seager scored wide on the left, and the kick failed. But then Bromsgrove faded away, the forwards lost their initiative and once again King Edward's asserted their superiority, though not without a fierce struggle. During the remainder of the half the King Edward's forwards played extremely well, heeling cleanly from the maul and making spirited breakaways. With a good service from Wilkins, who made several well-timed bursts from the scrums, the three-quarters made full use of the ball as can be seen by the fact that Wilkins (2), Benson, Hudson, and Fuery all scored tries, four of which Homer converted. The final score was 41-3, and by virtue of the second highest score ever reached against Bromsgrove, the Siviter-Smith Cup had been retained for yet another year.

## FOOTBALL RESULTS

### THE XV

<i>Date.</i>		<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Played.</i>	<i>Result.</i>	<i>Score :</i>	
					<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
Sept. 27		R.G.S., Worcester .....	Home	Lost	0	11
Oct. 1		Ratcliffe College .....	Home	Won	24	0
" 7		Solihull School .....	Home	Won	17	3
" 11		Nottingham High School .....	Home	Lost	3	14
" 18		Denstone College .....	Away	Lost	6	21
" 25		Trent College .....	Home	Won	19	3
Nov. 1		Worksop College .....	Away	Won	11	6
" 8		Bromsgrove School .....	Away	Won	41	3
" 15		Warwick School .....	Home	Draw	3	3
" 22		Wrekin College .....	Home	Lost	5	9
" 29		K.E.G.S., Five Ways .....	Home	Cancelled.		



## SECOND XV

Date.	Opponents.	Played.	Result.	Score :	
				For.	Against.
Sept. 27	R.G.S., Worcester	Home	Won	15	8
Oct. 18	Denstone College	Home	Lost	0	16
" 25	Sebright School	Away	Won	14	5
Nov. 15	Warwick School	Away			
" 22	Wrekin College	Away	Lost	0	9
" 29	Bromsgrove School	Away	Cancelled.		

## UNDER SIXTEEN XV

Date.	Opponents.	Played	Result.	Score :	
				For.	Against.
Oct. 4	Ratcliffe College	Home	Lost	8	11
" 11	Nottingham High School	Home	Won	14	0
" 18	Denstone College	Home	Won	8	0
" 25	Trent College	Home	Won	33	0
Nov. 1	Workshop College	Away	Lost	3	11
" 15	Rugby School	Away	Lost	6	9
" 22	Bromsgrove School	Away	Won	15	10

## UNDER FIFTEEN XV

Date.	Opponents.	Played.	Result.	Score :	
				For.	Against.
Oct. 4	Bishop Vesey G.S.	Away	Lost	3	26
" 18	R.G.S., Worcester	Away	Lost	3	8
" 25	Sebright College	Away	Won	24	3
Nov. 15	Warwick School	Home	Won	8	5
" 22	Bromsgrove School	Away	Lost	5	17
" 29	K.E.G.S., Five Ways	Away	Cancelled.		

## UNDER FOURTEEN XV

Date.	Opponents.	Played.	Result.	Score :	
				For.	Against
Oct. 4	Bishop Vesey G.S.	Away	Lost	0	8
" 18	R.G.S., Worcester	Away	Drawn	6	6
Nov. 15	Warwick School	Away	Lost	0	15
" 22	Wrekin College	Away	Lost	3	14
" 29	K.E.G.S., Five Ways		Cancelled.		

## CHARACTERS OF THE XV

B. C. HOMER (1951-52-53) (18 years 10 months) (11 stone 12-lb.).

He did not reach his best form until the latter part of the term, as he was called upon to play in a position to which he was unaccustomed. He has, as captain, set a fine example, both in fitness and enthusiasm.

He uses his hands very surely and his kicking has been of a consistently high standard. His positioning has been such that he has never been far away from the centre of play.

He deserves to captain a more consistent and successful team. (*Evans*)  
K.S.H.

K. S. HUDSON (1951-52-53) (17 years 7 months) (11 stone 7-lb.).

A strongly-built centre-three-quarter whose main task has been to provide stability in the three-quarter line, which has some new and inexperienced players. Unfortunately, he began the season rather badly, but soon regained his last year's form. Now he displays much more liveliness and power in his running, showing a greater capacity to create,

and go through, openings. His defence is good in all respects, and he is one of the few members of the team who will fall-on. His main fault is that he sometimes runs across the field, constricting his wingers' movements. He must be congratulated on fighting off his earlier bad form, and, as vice-captain, his experience, knowledge and advice are as valuable off the field as they are in a match. (Evans.)

J. D. WATERSTREET (1951-52) (18 years 3 months) (13 stone 6-lb.).

Second-row forward. Unhappily he has been hampered by illness and injury and we have not yet seen him at his best, although he still manages to be one of our most polished forwards. He jumps beautifully in the line-out and works hard in the loose maul. Moreover, he has real speed for his position, and is always ready to join in any movement. He has a very safe pair of hands, an excellent tackle and a strong punt, place, and drop-kick. As Secretary he works unobtrusively but very efficiently. (Captain of Jeune.)

D. H. BENSON (1951-52-53) (18 years 1 month) (10 stone 6-lb.).

Right wing three-quarter, who has improved immensely since last season. Instead of just trying to run round his opponent, he has now combined with his speed a good side-step and hand-off. Consequently his play has benefited in every way. Coupled with his excellent attack, his defence is always sound, except that he is very loth to fall-on the ball. (Prince Lee.)

A. F. RICHARDS (1951-52) (17 years 9 months) (10 stone 8-lb.).

Left wing three-quarter. This year he has not been so successful. Unlike last year, he does not receive the ball as easily and quickly from orthodox movements. Most of his tries have, therefore, come from opportune individual efforts. Yet he still retains his speed, side-step and swerve and can always be counted as a real menace to the opposition. His tackle is rather high, but usually effective; he covers well, but is sometimes guilty of very flustered kicking to touch when under pressure in defence. (Captain of Evans.)

R. B. W. PRICE (1951-52) (17 years 8 months) (11 stone 11-lb.).

Tall and strong, his play as a front-row forward is never very noticeable, but he undoubtedly plays hard and intelligently all the time, especially in the line-out and loose scrum. This year his temper is more easily provoked, and he has now been known to break some rules, a state of affairs that has added greatly to the effectiveness of his performances. He has a good dribble and a heavy tackle. (Captain of Vardy.)

D. F. LOMAX (1951-52) (17 years 1 month) (11 stone).

He now has to do a lot more work in his position at full-back, and at first rather wilted under the pressure. However, his reactions have now quickened up through constant practice, though lack of speed and sometimes faulty positioning frequently put him out of position for cross-kicks. He kicks well with both feet, his tackle is excellent, and his catching of the ball usually very good. He has a tendency to be slow in retrieving a rolling ball when running towards his own line, and sometimes he unfortunately prefers to wait for a high kick to bounce, instead of getting under it. (Jeune.)



N. C. BROWN (1951-52) (17 years 3 months) (12 stone 4-lb.).

Lock-forward, who has had to give up leading the scrum as it had a bad effect on his play. He has put on a lot of weight and lost a little of his speed, but this does not excuse his frequent lack of "correct corner-flagging," which should be his primary job. He plays with great gusto and his weight makes him difficult to stop when he runs really hard. He must learn to pass at the right time; too often he spoils movements by "dying" with the ball. He kicks and tackles well (if a little too high) but never falls on the ball. (Heath.)

A. BRAMLEY (16 years 3 months) (11 stone 12-lb.).

Front-row forward, especially prominent in the line-outs and mauls. He jumps well for the ball, and uses it intelligently when he gets it, making good break-aways up the touchline. He works hard and quietly. Has a good dribble, tackles and passes well. (Jeune.)

B. C. GANE (17 years 2 months) (9 stone 10-lb.).

Small hooker, who makes up for his lack of inches by a great amount of liveliness and courage. A few times he has been badly out-hooked, more often than not due to lack of shove behind him, but he is undoubtedly a more than competent hooker. Size in an opponent holds few terrors for him, as he ingeniously evades a tackle by slipping underneath it. Has a good tackle and dribble, and once in a practice match produced a marvellous side-step; so far he has never done it in a School match.

(Evans.)

J. A. P. FUERY (16 years 10 months) (11 stone 7-lb.).

Centre three-quarter with a good burst of speed and a quick eye for an opening. At the moment he lacks confidence in himself, but it will come with experience. He has a powerful hand-off which he ought to use more often. His tackle is often too high, and he tends to go into it with too great a rush while he is not properly balanced. He must control his kicking a little more.

(Evans.)

N. W. C. GARDNER (16 years 9 months) (10 stone 8-lb.).

A fly-half, who is at his best when on the attack. Has a good pair of hands, and cuts through well, but often spoils such a move by refusing to part with the ball. In defence he is rather shaky, especially when under pressure. His kicking becomes panicky and uncontrolled, although his tackling is generally sound, if a little too high.

(Prince Lee.)

A. J. G. CAMPBELL (17 years 7 months) (10 stone 2-lb.).

Has played at wing-forward and scrum-half, playing equally well in both positions, though he never seems to enjoy himself very much. At scrum-half, he has a good pass and very sound defence. With greater experience he should learn to break from a scrum and set up an attacking movement. He must overcome a tendency to pick the ball from out of the back row of a loose maul.

(Cary Gilson.)

P. R. FOXALL (17 years 7 months) (13 stone 2-lb.)

Second-row forward, who fights hard when he has the ball in his hands, but slacks off a bit if he seldom receives it. Another good line-out player. His play is generally sound and is interspersed with flashes of great energy and inspiration.

(Cary Gilson.)

A MANDERS (17 years 3 months) (12 stone 3-lb.).

Wing-forward, who makes up for a lack of speed by some intelligent play. Has a good sense of positioning. Frequently manages to upset the opposing scrum-half's pass from a set-scrum. His defence suffers from lapses of concentration, but he falls on well and he has a safe kick.

(Vardy.)

The team this year has been : D. F. Lomax, D. H. Benson, J. A. P. Fuery, K. S. Hudson, A. F. Richards, N. W. C. Gardner, A. J. G. Campbell, A. Bramley, B. C. Gane, R. B. W. Price, J. D. Waterstreet, P. R. Foxall, A. Manders, N. C. Brown, B. C. Homer.

Also played : J. L. Wilkins (last year's scrum-half, who through cartilage trouble has only played three times, and who is now out of the game for this season), J. D. L. Adams, P. R. Fisk, R. H. Ballard, G. H. Herringshaw, P. R. Janney, K. R. Rushton, G. P. Simpson, P. S. Trevis, R. K. Wilson.

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## CRICKET, 1952

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The playing record of won 12, lost 4, and 2 games drawn represents the most successful season enjoyed by the XI for some years. Most ably captained by F. B. Revill, the team seemed to possess that quiet confidence, that sense of security that all too often is missing from a school side. All the recognized batsmen made runs, Revill and B. C. Homer in particular, who crowned an excellent season with innings of 147 and 110 not out against Bromsgrove. The bowling was entirely in the hands of O. S. Wheatley (who later played for Warwickshire II eleven), D. H. Benson and again Revill. They were at all times supported by safe catching and quick ground fielding.

Our thanks go to Mr. Guy and Mr. Cockle, who moulded this side ; to Mr. Leeds who coached the XXII ; to Mr. Freeman, Mr. Sacret, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Buttle for their painstaking work among the juniors.

Six old colours return to School. May we trust that 1953 will be even happier and more successful.

D. H. BENSON (*Captain of Cricket*).

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## RESULTS OF CRICKET MATCHES

### SCHOOL v. WARWICK SCHOOL

*Played at the County Ground. Won by 2 wickets. 5th June.*

Warwick .....	151 (J. C. Mayo 81, Wheatley 6 for 54, Revill 4 for 43).
School .....	153 for 8 (F. B. Revill 60, Wilson 6 for 62).

### SCHOOL v. NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL.

*Played at Eastern Road. Won by 31 runs. 7th June.*

School .....	169 (Revill 68, Wheatley 39, Homer 30 ; M. K. Palfreman 4 for 21).
Nottingham ..	138 (N. B. Durand 48 ; Wheatley 4 for 62, Benson 3 for 31, Revill 3 for 37).



# SCHOOL v. TRENT COLLEGE

*Played at Eastern Road. Won by 9 wickets. 14th June.*

Trent .....	56 (Wheatley 5 for 30, Benson 2 for 20).
School .....	59 for 1 (Revill not out 30, Wheatley not out 18).

# SCHOOL v. RATCLIFFE COLLEGE.

*Played at Ratcliffe. Won by 8 wickets. 21 June.*

Ratcliffe.....	68 (Benson 6 for 28, Wheatley 4 for 33).
School .....	72 for 2 (Revill not out 32, Homer 18 not out).

# SCHOOL v. BROMSGROVE SCHOOL.

*Played at Eastern Road. Won by 7 wickets.*

SCHOOL		BROMSGROVE	
O. S. Wheatley, lbw Mitchell ....	2	J. Martyn-Smith, lbw Wheatley..	14
P. H. R. Mercer, lbw Mitchell....	4	J. D. Thomas, c Smith, b Wheatley	8
F. B. Revill, c Biddle, b Mitchell..	147	J. E. Whitton, c Saxon, b Benson	28
B. C. Homer, not out .....	110	J. M. Mitchell, c Smith b Revill..	4
		W. M. Haines, c and b Revill....	19
		H. C. Seager, b Benson.....	4
		R. G. Black, b Benson.....	0
J. L. Wilkins, G. P. Simpson, D.		R. I. Biddle, not out.....	12
H. Benson, E. L. B. Saxon, R. H.		A. E. Powell, b Benson.....	2
Bayley, R. Barraclough, A. C.		R. M. Phillips, run out.....	0
Smith, did not bat.		B. H. Thomas, run out.....	0
Extras .....	11	Extras .....	5
TOTAL (3 wickets, dec.) ..	274	TOTAL .....	96

Benson, 4 for 12; Wheatley, 2 for 34;  
Revill, 2 for 45.

# SCHOOL v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

*Played at Eastern Road. Won by 49 runs. 2nd July.*

School .....	156 (Benson 40, Revill 33; G. D. Edge 5 for 32).
Manchester ....	107 (Benson 4 for 27, Revill 4 for 36).

# SCHOOL v. MALVERN XXII.

*Played at Malvern. Won by 6 wickets. 3rd July.*

Malvern .....	105 (J. Varde 33; Benson 5 for 28, Revill 4 for 35).
School .....	107 for 4 wickets (J. L. Wilkins 40 not out).

# SCHOOL v. SOLIHULL SCHOOL.

*Played at Solihull. Won by 7 wickets. 5th July.*

Solihull .....	116 (W. J. Domter, 69; Benson 4 for 47, Wheatley 3 for 31).
School .....	117 for 3 wickets (Wheatley 43, Revill 34, Homer 22 not out).

# SCHOOL v. SHREWSBURY SCHOOL.

*Played at County Ground. Lost by 7 wickets. 10th July.*

SCHOOL		SHREWSBURY	
P. H. R. Mercer, c Oswell, b Webb	9	J. Farnell, c and b Benson .....	45
O. S. Wheatley, c Medd, b Farnell	43	H. G. Lewis, c Wilkins, b Wheatley	52
F. B. Revill, b Farnell .....	33	M. A. Hill, c Barraclough, b Revill	43
B. C. Homer, c Howard, b Spencer	35	D. A. Spencer, not out.....	32
J. L. Wilkins, run out .....	27	A. B. Horton, not out .....	7
G. P. Simpson, c Lewis, b Oswell..	7		
D. H. Benson, lbw Farnell .....	3	R. E. Medd, G. Woods, T. A.	
E. L. B. Saxon, run out .....	3	Howard, C. D. S. Johnston, J. W.	
R. Barraclough, st Lewis, b Spencer	2	Webb, T. L. Oswell, did not bat.	
A. C. Smith, not out.....	1		
Extras.....	9	Extras.....	7
TOTAL .....	182	TOTAL (3 wickets) .....	186

Wheatley, 1 for 37; Benson, 1 for 68;  
Revill, 1 for 65.

SCHOOL v. BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL.  
*Played at Bedford. Lost by 3 wickets. 12th July.*

SCHOOL		BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL	
P. H. R. Mercer, lbw Cawe	2	R. A. Gale, lbw Wheatley	40
O. S. Wheatley, b Gale	47	G. Millman, c and b Revill	8
F. B. Revill, st Millman, b Jarrett	12	K. P. Whiting, c Benson, b Revill	1
B. C. Homer, b Gale	1	F. J. Comerford, b Revill	4
J. L. Wilkins, st Millman b Jarrett	1	A. Norman, st Smith, b Revill	17
G. P. Simpson, not out	9	J. I. Cooper, b Revill	0
D. H. Benson, lbw Gale	0	J. D. Smart, b Wheatley	11
R. H. Bayley, lbw Gale	8	D. Hyde, not out	4
E. L. B. Saxon, hit wkt, b Jarrett	6	M. G. Cawe, not out	4
R. Barraclough, b Jarrett	1	A. E. Palmer and G. M. Jarrett did not bat.	
A. C. Smith, st Millman, b Jarrett	0	Extras	3
Extras	4		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>TOTAL (7 wickets)</b>	<b>92</b>
		Revill, 5 for 47; Wheatley, 2 for 42.	

SCHOOL v. WORCESTER ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL.  
*Played at Worcester. Lost by 9 wickets. 16th July.*

School	111 (Benson, 41; A. F. Hill 7 for 56).
Worcester	112 for 1 wicket (T. H. Clarke 61 not out, R. N. Goode 33 not out).

SCHOOL v. OLD EDWARDIANS.  
*Played at Eastern Road. Won by 3 wickets. 19th July.*

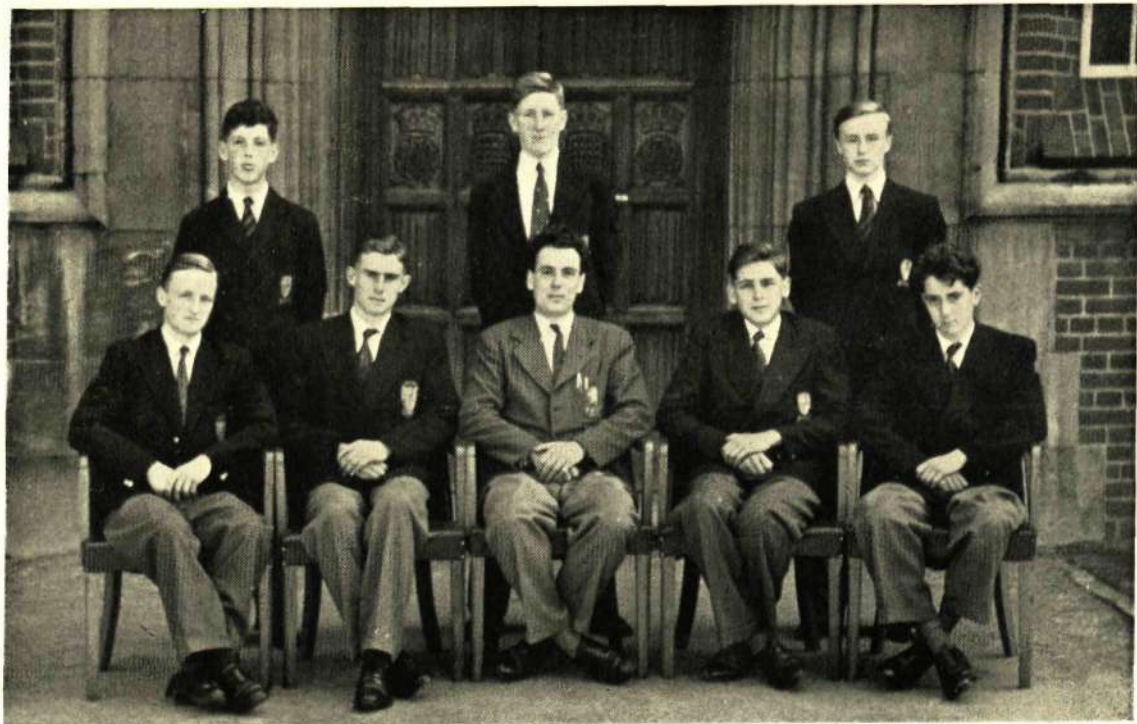
OLD EDWARDIANS		SCHOOL	
D. G. Bell, b Benson	2	P. H. R. Mercer, c Gough, b Richardson	5
S. J. Sumner, lbw Wheatley	2	O. S. Wheatley, b Lobb	4
P. A. Gough, c Saxon, b Wheatley	6	J. L. Wilkins, st Baker (E. S.), b Gough	25
J. G. Pardoe, c Homer, b Wheatley	24	B. C. Homer, c Baker (E. S.), b Gough	24
B. C. C. Tipper, b. Wheatley	26	F. B. Revill, b Lobb	2
T. G. Freeman, b Wheatley	1	G. P. Simpson, not out	7
P. J. Richardson, c Wheatley b Benson	1	D. H. Benson, c Tipper, b Lobb	6
S. Baker, c and b Revill	9	R. H. Bayley, b Lobb	2
R. J. Pringle-Brown, b Wheatley	0	E. L. B. Saxon, not out	6
B. Lobb, b Wheatley	6	R. Barraclough and A. C. Smith did not bat.	
E. S. Baker, not out	4	Extras	5
Extras	3		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>TOTAL (7 wickets)</b>	<b>86</b>
Wheatley, 7 for 44; Benson, 2 for 35; Revill, 1 for 2.		B. Lobb, 4 for 22; P. A. Gough, 2 for 18.	

AVERAGES

BATTING.					
	Innings	Times not out	Runs	Highest Score	Average.
F. B. Revill	18	2	664	147	41·5
B. C. Homer	17	4	425	110*	32·69
G. P. Simpson	12	6	141	38*	23·5
D. H. Benson	11	—	201	50	18·27
O. S. Wheatley	18	1	304	47	17·88
J. L. Wilkins	15	4	178	40*	16·17
BOWLING.					
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Whts.	Average
D. H. Benson	312·4	98	604	51	11·84
F. B. Revill	209·3	47	540	43	12·56
O. S. Wheatley	315	99	691	51	13·56







SWIMMING TEAM, 1952

W. D. GRIFFITHS, J. D. L. ADAMS, B. J. PIERCE.  
G. R. GREEN, R. B. W. PRICE (*Capt.*), P. CADENHEAD, Esq., J. B. HIGNETT, C. H. LUCKETT.



## SWIMMING, 1952

When the swimming season started, hopes were high. The swimming team would contain five of last year's colours and a newcomer to the team, J. D. Adams, had already unofficially broken the 100 yards free style record.

The School won the first four consecutive matches and some very good individual performances were recorded. The team consisted of only six members instead of the usual eight, for it was found that although the School abounds with average swimmers none was of the required standard for inter-school matches. Consequently each member of the team often had to swim in as many as four events per match and towards the end of the season the strain on the swimmers became increasingly evident.

This year, however, this unfortunate situation should not arise, for since the opening of our Memorial Swimming Bath in June, a wealth of talent has been discovered. Competition for membership of the House teams has been great and I hope that all proficient swimmers will realize that if they are to improve this summer they must train during the winter months.

We are once again much indebted to Mr. Cadenhead and Mr. Cotter for the coaching they have given to us, together with their constant support and advice. In the approaching season it is to be hoped that now that we have our own pool every member of the School will avail himself of this facility to the full.

R. B. W. PRICE (*Captain of Swimming*).

### RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES

SCHOOL *v.* BROMSGROVE SCHOOL. *Won.* 46-21 points.

This, our first match with Bromsgrove for many years, was swum at Tiverton Road Baths on Thursday, May 29th.

#### RESULTS :

100 yards Breast Stroke: 1, R. B. W. Price; 2, Bromsgrove; 3, G. R. Green. 79 secs. (equalled record).

100 yard Free Style: 1, J. D. Adams; 2, J. B. Hignett; 3, Bromsgrove. 67½ secs.

50 yards Back Stroke: 1, B. J. Pierce; 2, R. B. W. Price; 3, Bromsgrove. 34½ secs.

200 yards Free Style: 1, J. D. Adams; 2, Bromsgrove; 3, J. B. Hignett. 2 min. 37½ secs.

50 yards Breast Stroke: 1, Bromsgrove; 2, R. B. W. Price; 3, Bromsgrove. 38 secs.

Dive: 1, B. J. Pierce; 2, Bromsgrove; 3, R. B. W. Price.

Relay (4 × 50 yards): 1, School; 2, Bromsgrove. 2 min. 2½ secs.

SCHOOL *v.* HARROW. *Won.* 28½-23½.

The match was swum on Thursday, June 5th, in the new Memorial Swimming Pool after the opening ceremony by Sir Walford Turner. It was the first time we have been able to entertain Harrow to a home fixture. G. R. Green and C. H. Lockett were re-awarded their Swimming Colours, and J. B. Hignett, B. J. Pierce and J. D. Adams awarded their colours after this notable occasion.

#### RESULTS :

100 yards Free Style: 1, J. D. Adams; 2, J. B. Hignett; 3, Harrow. 67.4 secs.

100 yards Breast Stroke: 1, R. B. W. Price; 2, G. R. Green; 3, Harrow. 80.6 secs.

50 yards Free Style: 1, C. H. Lockett; 2, Harrow; 3 (equal) Harrow and J. D. Adams. 30.4 secs.

50 yards Back Stroke: 1, Harrow; 2, Harrow; 3, B. J. Pierce. 34.6 secs.

Dive: 1, Harrow; 2, B. J. Pierce; 3, Harrow.

Medley Relay (3 × 100-ft.): 1, Harrow; 2, School. 76.2 secs.

SCHOOL v. SHREWSBURY SCHOOL. *Won.* 35-29.

The match was swum at Shrewsbury on Tuesday, June 10th.

RESULTS :

2 lengths Free Style : 1, Shrewsbury ; 2, C. H. Luckett ; 3, Shrewsbury. 25.8 secs.  
4 lengths Breast Stroke : 1, R. B. W. Price ; 2, G. R. Green ; 3, Shrewsbury. 73.2 secs.  
4 lengths Free Style : 1, J. D. Adams ; 2, J. B. Hignett ; 3, Shrewsbury. 62.5 secs.  
2 lengths Back Stroke : 1, B. J. Pierce ; 2, Shrewsbury ; 3, R. B. W. Price. 32.3 secs.  
8 lengths Free Style : 1, Shrewsbury ; 2, J. D. Adams ; 3, J. B. Hignett. 2 min. 30 secs.  
Dive : 1, B. J. Pierce ; 2, Shrewsbury ; 3, G. R. Green.  
Medley Relay : 1, Shrewsbury ; 2, School.  
Relay (4 × 4 lengths) : 1, Shrewsbury ; 2, School.

SCHOOL v. WREKIN. *Won.* 43-23.

The match was swum at home on Thursday, June 19th, in spite of the arctic conditions.

SCHOOL v. RUGBY SCHOOL. *Lost.* 42-21.

The match was swum at Rugby on Thursday, June 26th.

RESULTS.

100 yards Free Style : 1, Rugby ; 2, Rugby ; 3, J. D. Adams. 65 secs.  
100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, R. B. W. Price ; 2, Rugby ; 3, G. R. Green. 81½ secs.  
50 yards Free Style : 1, Rugby ; 2, Rugby ; 3, C. H. Luckett. 27½ secs.  
200 yards Free Style : J. D. Adams ; 2, Rugby ; 3, Rugby. 2 min. 33½ secs.  
50 yards Back Stroke : 1, B. J. Pierce ; 2, Rugby ; 3, Rugby. 36 secs.  
Dive : 1, Rugby ; 2, B. J. Pierce ; 3, Rugby.  
Medley Relay (3 × 200-ft.) : 1, Rugby.  
Relay (6 × 200-ft.) : 1, Rugby.

SCHOOL v. TRENT COLLEGE. *Lost.* 34-18.

The match was swum at Long Eaton in a closed bath.

RESULTS :

50 yards Back Stroke : 1, Trent ; 2, Trent ; 3, R. B. W. Price. 35½ secs.  
100 yards Free Style : 1, Trent ; 2, J. D. Adams ; 3, Trent. 65½ secs.  
100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, R. B. W. Price ; 2, G. R. Green ; 3, Trent. 80½ secs.  
50 yards Free Style : 1, Trent ; 2, Trent ; 3, J. D. Adams. 28½ secs.  
Dive : 1, B. J. Pierce ; 2, Trent ; 3, Trent.  
Relay (4 × 50 yards) : Trent 2 mins.  
Medley Relay (3 × 50 yards) : Trent.

In a junior match held at the same time Trent were beaten by 30 points to 22.

SCHOOL v. MALVERN. *Lost.* 23-41.

The match was swum at Malvern on Thursday, July 3rd.

RESULTS :

4 lengths Breast Stroke : 1, R. B. W. Price ; 2, G. R. Green ; 3, Malvern. 84.3 secs.  
8 lengths Free Style : 1, Malvern ; 2, J. D. Adams ; 3, J. B. Hignett. 2 min. 37 secs.  
2 lengths Free Style : 1, Malvern ; 2, Malvern ; 3, C. H. Luckett. 29 secs.  
Dive : 1, B. J. Pierce ; 2, Malvern ; 3, Malvern.  
4 lengths Free Style : 1, Malvern ; 2, Malvern ; 3, J. D. Adams. 68.8 secs.  
Medley Relay (3 × 2 lengths) : Malvern.  
Relay (7 × 2 lengths) : Malvern.

SCHOOL v. SOLIHULL SCHOOL. *Won.* 38-22.

The match was swum at Solihull on Tuesday, July 8th.

RESULTS :

100 metres Breast Stroke : 1, R. B. W. Price ; 2, G. R. Green ; 3, Solihull. 87.8 secs.  
50 metres Free Style : 1, Solihull ; 2, J. B. Hignett ; 3, Solihull. 32.4 secs.  
50 metres Back Stroke : 1, B. J. Pierce ; 2, R. B. W. Price ; 3, Solihull. 40.4 secs.  
100 metres Free Style : 1, J. D. Adams ; 2, Solihull ; 3, C. H. Luckett. 74.4 secs.  
Plunge : 1, Solihull ; 2, Solihull ; 3, C. H. Luckett.  
Dive : 1, B. J. Pierce ; 2, Solihull ; 3, R. D. W. Price.  
Medley Relay (4 × 50 metres) : 1, School ; 2 min. 19.5 secs.

The School also narrowly won a junior match by 22-18 points.



## SWIMMING SPORTS

The Swimming Sports were held this year at Kent Street Baths, on Saturday, July 19th. I should like, on behalf of the School, to thank Miss N. A. Macfarlane, who presented the prizes, and all those members of the Staff who helped to make the evening a success despite the rather cramped conditions.

### RESULTS :

- 50 yards Free Style (Open) : 1 (equal) J. D. Adams (Le) ; B. J. Pierce (Le) ; 3, C. R. B. Tickell (Lt). 29·2 secs.
- 50 yards Free Style (U.15) : 1, M. J. Rufus (V) ; 2, J. R. Richards (Gd) ; 3, J. A. Mellows (V). 35 $\frac{3}{4}$  secs.
- 25 yards Free Style (Under 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) : 1, N. M. McCarty (V) ; 2, J. E. Leader (Le) ; 3, A. E. H. Hornig (Gd). 17·2 secs.
- 50 yards Back Stroke (Open) : 1, R. B. W. Price (V) ; 2, J. D. Adams (Le) ; 3, B. J. Pierce (Le). 36 $\frac{1}{4}$  Secs.
- 50 yards Breast Stroke (Under 15) : 1, J. R. Richardson (Gd) ; 2, A. D. R. Ogborn (Gn) ; 3, K. H. E. Schlemann (Gd). 45 $\frac{1}{4}$  secs.
- 25 yards Free Style (Under 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) : 1, D. R. Mocre (Lt) ; 2, A. D. R. Ogborn (Gd) ; 3, J. A. Mellows (V). 18 $\frac{3}{4}$  secs.
- 100 yards Free Style (Under 15) : 1, M. J. Rufus (V) ; 2, J. R. Richardson (Gd) ; 3, J. A. Mellows (V) ; 85 $\frac{1}{4}$  secs.
- 100 yards Free Style (Open) : 1, J. D. Adams (Le) ; 2, J. B. Hignett (Lt) ; 3, C. H. Luckett (E). 67 $\frac{3}{4}$  secs.
- House Relay (3rd Team) : 1, Vardy ; 2, Prince Lee ; 3, Heath.
- 100 yards Breast Stroke (Open) : 1, R. B. W. Price (V) ; 2, G. R. Green (E) ; 3, Trafford Willey (Lt). 80 secs.
- 50 yards Back Stroke (Under 15) : 1, M. J. Rufus (V) ; 2, M. V. Unitt (Gd) ; 3, J. Cole (H). 45 $\frac{1}{4}$  secs.
- House Relay Race (2nd Teams) : 1, Prince Lee ; 2, Vardy ; 3, Levett ; 4, Evans.
- 25 yards Free Style (Under 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) : 1, M. J. Rufus (V) ; 2, J. R. Richardson (Gd) ; 3, J. Cole (H). 16 $\frac{3}{4}$  secs.
- House Relay Race (1st Teams) : 1, Prince Lee ; 2, Levett ; 3, Evans ; 4, Vardy.
- Senior Dive : 1, B. J. Pierce (Le) ; 2, J. D. Mathews (Le) ; 3, R. B. W. Price (V).
- Junior Plunge : 1, A. A. Wilson (Lt) ; 2, P. N. Garrard (H) ; 3, M. V. Unitt (Gd) ; 45-ft. 6-in.
- Old Edwardians 100 yards Handicap : 1, C. J. Rowley ; 2, J. A. Luckett ; 3, J. K. Hodgeskin-Brown.
- In this race Hodgeskin-Brown although finishing third completed the 100 yards in 56 $\frac{3}{4}$  secs., a commendable time.
- Junior Dive : 1, J. H. Segall (Lt) ; 2, (equal), M. J. Rufus (V) and J. R. Richardson (Gd).
- Open Plunge : 1, P. J. Turner (H) ; 2, R. H. Moore (V) ; 3, A. E. Edwards (Lt).
- 200 yards Free Style (Open) : 1, J. D. Adams (Lc) ; 2, J. B. Hignett (Lt) ; 3, C. H. Luckett (E). 2 mins. 36·2 secs.
- 100 yards Free Style (Under 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) : 1, J. D. Adams (Le) ; 2, B. J. Pierce (Lc) ; 3, J. A. P. Fuery (E). 66·7 Secs.
- 50 yards Free Style (Under 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) : 1, J. D. Adams (Le) ; 2, B. J. Pierce (Lc) ; 3, J. A. P. Fuery (E). 29·8 secs.
- Senior Half-mile : 1, J. D. Adams (Le) ; 2, R. B. W. Price (V) ; 3, J. B. Hignett (Lt). 14 mins. 33 secs.
- Junior Half-mile : 1, J. H. Segall (Lt) ; 2, J. R. Richardson (Gd) ; 3, K. W. Masters (Gd). 18 mins. 45 secs.
- ### CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS :
- Allday Shield for terminal Competition : 1, Prince Lee, 50 ; 2, Vardy, 49·1 ; 3, Levett, 43·8.
- Jacot Cup for Champion House at Sports : 1, Prince Lee, 139 ; 2, Vardy, 101 $\frac{1}{2}$  ; 3, Levett, 63.
- Solomon Cup for House Swimming Championship : 1, Lee, 75 ; 2, Vardy, 66·4 ; 3, Levett, 54·5.
- Carr Cup (Senior Champion) : Winner, J. D. Adams, 61 $\frac{1}{4}$  pts. ; Runner-up R. B. W. Price, 38 pts.
- Governors' Cup (Junior Champion) : Winner, J. R. Richardson, 42 $\frac{1}{2}$  pts. ; Runner-up, M. J. Rufus, 38 $\frac{1}{4}$  pts.

## P.T.

But for a few stalwarts most gymnasts are exhibiting the seasonal apathy customary to this term. Among certain species winter hibernation is to be expected. The Lower School, however, show great enthusiasm in their pre-victualling exercise and in the increasingly popular pugnastic tendency.

The House competition was won in the summer by Prince Lee, Gilson and Gifford being placed second and third respectively. Although the standard of the teamwork was high, the capabilities of the individuals were, it seemed, too limited. B. C. Gane won the Individual Championship with B. F. Leek and B. J. Pierce second and third respectively. The majority of entrants were in their early youth and the atmosphere of the competition was unusual due to the absence of spectators and the lack of their encouraging support. W. S. Cumming repeated his success of the previous Christmas by winning the Junior Individual Championship.

With Messrs. Cadenhead, Cotter and McGawley at its head P.T. progresses and a new fixture in the form of a School P.T. match is to take place in the New Year.

B. F. LEEK (*P.T. Leader.*)

## SHOOTING

Shooting has progressed very satisfactorily this term and the eight has won just over half its matches so far, which is a slight improvement on last year. Some young talent has been brought in to supplement those member's of last year's eight who stayed on and it is due to the expert tuition given by Major Cooke that the team has been so successful.

Our thanks go also to R.S.M. Moore for his unfailing interest in the team's future.

<i>Individual performances :</i>	<i>Times shot</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Average</i>
S. A. Nairn.....	16	96	93.37
P. G. Stewart.....	13	96	92.62
R. A. J. Woollen .....	11	95	91.27
C. P. J. Barnard .....	14	96	90.33
Adams (B. S.) .....	10	94	89.90
Henley .....	13	96	89.69

The following have also been members of the School VIII : Teasdale ; Edwards, J. C. ; Herringshaw, G. H. ; Willison, R. G. ; Smith, R. V. B. ; North, J. W. and Beech, J.

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### RESULTS OF MATCHES

<i>Opponents</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Agst.</i>	<i>Result</i>
v. Rugby.....	735	709	Won
v. Elizabeth College	755	749	Won
v. Highgate .....	741	755	Lost
v. Oakham .....	733	740	Lost
v. Victoria College .	727	737	Lost
v. Sebright .....	727	695	Won
v. Glenalmond ....	727	760	Lost
v. Denstone .....	748	745	Won
v. Wrekin College ...	748	—	
v. Bromsgrove ...	748	729	Won
v. Marlborough Col..	737	757	Lost
v. Harrow .....	737	—	
v. Bedford Modern	728	722	Won



## ETON FIVES

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With three members of last year's team still at School we look forward to meeting with as much success as last year. Only one school match was played. This was against Repton on November 25th. Although we lost, a score of 110 to 80 points shows that it was a fairly close game. Many defeats, such as this one, could be victories if only we played on our own courts. Unfortunately this is impossible as our courts are uncovered and matches might be interrupted by inclement weather.

The annual tour of London schools, usually held at Christmas, will be held during the Easter term. We also hope to send two pairs to the Public Schools Handicap Competition during the Easter holidays.

At the end of the Michaelmas term a pairs handicap competition was organized and an entry of twenty pairs from the "divisions" and sixth forms only shows that the increased enthusiasm noted last year still continues.

During the term only a few House first team games were played. The rest will be played during Lent term.

Supplies of gloves and balls are now adequate. With these available there is no reason why anybody should not play. I have noticed that only a very few juniors have been playing Fives this term. I would, therefore, strongly urge the juniors, especially new boys, to start playing now, for they will have to represent the School in years to come. House captains should organize practices for the juniors and give them encouragement.

We are indebted to Mr. E. V. Smith for his unflagging efforts in the distribution and collection of equipment.

A. J. G. CAMPBELL (*School Captain of Eton Fives*).

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## LAWN TENNIS

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Although never previously recognized as a spartan activity, lawn tennis played in the now fashionable scanty garb and under the present arctic conditions should surely be eligible to qualify for such recognition. This year winter tennis was pointless—fact and opinion agree, and in the House Knock-out competition Gifford and the winner of the Evans v. Levett match are the finalists. During the Autumn term Messrs Monkcom and Cadenhead braved the elements to coach such youngsters as did consider themselves prospective.

In the Open Competition for the Youll Cup, held at Wimbledon in July, 1952, the School IV lost in the first round to K.C.S., Wimbledon, who later reached the final. In the Plate competition (open to losers of first and second rounds of the above) the School IV, due to a bye, a walk-over by beating Bryanston 3-1, reached the semi-final, in which they lost to Ley's School, Cambridge, 2-3. The first pair comprising M. N. Barker and R. C. Tongue played very well and only narrowly lost to the Ley's School 1st pair, but unexpectedly also lost to the 2nd pair. The School 2nd pair shall remain anonymous.

M. N. Barker is to be congratulated on winning the new Open Singles Cup and R. C. Tongue on becoming the Staffordshire Junior Champion, 1952.

B. F. LEEK (*Secretary of Tennis*).

## SQUASH RACKETS

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The School Squash team can hardly be said to have had a successful term, but this can only be attributed to the fact that the sport is a comparatively recent addition to the School Club. It is hoped that many more people, especially the younger members of the School, will take up the game to make sure of the team's success in the future.

The team played three matches this term but, despite its determination, it could not beat better and more experienced teams.

The first match versus Solihull School was lost by 3 games to 2.

The second match versus Wrekin College was lost by 4 games to 1.

The third and most enjoyable match for the team was against the Staff.

Once again we were beaten in a hard-fought match.

Although this term has not been a successful one the team shows great promise and we hope for more successes in the Lent term.

P. STEWART (*Captain of Squash*).

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## FENCING

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Fencing has now taken its place as the most exclusive sport in the School.

Although there are many who would gladly learn to defend themselves in a gentlemanly manner, with cold steel as against bare fists, due to the lack of equipment we can only cope with the cream of the School. At the moment there is a solid core of experienced fencers and a learners' class which promises well. The unfortunate results of our matches do not dismay us and we look forward to the time when sixth-formers will be considered undressed without their sword and when the duel will take its rightful place in School life.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Cadenhead and Mr. Cotter who have courteously concealed their disgust at our clumsy efforts and without whom this sport would be impossible.

G. M. SIMON.

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## CHESS REPORT

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The School team is at present possibly even stronger than last year. Although we have lost M. N. Barker, three times British Boy Champion and second in the World Junior Championship, our other players remain and we hope that the addition of a year each to their playing strength may compensate for this loss. We may fairly claim to be the strongest school in the Midlands while in the whole country there can be few to rival us, if one may judge by individual records.

This year the School is to compete in the National Club Championship. It will play its first match in this competition on December 15th. In the County Club Championship we have won our first two matches but have yet to meet our strongest opponents. The results of these two matches are given on next page.



We congratulate D. E. Lloyd who beat D. F. Griffiths (King's Norton G.S.) by  $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$  in the play-off for the Midland Boys' Championship.

On July 23rd and 24th last, the fifth Annual Glorney Cup Junior International was held in London between teams of six representing England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. This contest was again convincingly won by England for whom M. N. Barker, School Chess Captain 1951-2 played, scoring one win and two draws. J. B. Phipps was reserve.

The School team is at present chosen from D. E. Lloyd, K. W. Lloyd, A. B. Macnab, Gallon, Goodall, Tayar, Huskins, and J. B. Phipps. The results from last season in the Postal Chess League show nine wins, three draws, and four losses, which is a fairly satisfactory result after being promoted from a Junior competition to Division 4 of a Senior one. In the Junior League the School teams have so far played twelve matches. Although the actual first team does not play in the Junior league the teams here have to be known as the first, 2a and 2b, respectively, in view of a particular rule. Once again the School puts out four complete teams and thirty-four players have represented at least one of them this year. This is certainly a mark of the popularity of the game here and also of the standard of play. Owing to the fact that such a large range of players is selected it is understandable that the results do not show the monotonous series of wins of former years in the Junior league. We think, however, that the extended opportunity offered will prove of great benefit in the future.

#### JUNIOR LEAGUE RESULTS

##### SCHOOL v. CITY C.C.

30th October, 1952

J. B. Phipps..	0	Chamberlain..	1
D. E. Lloyd ..	0	Griffiths ....	1
K. W. Lloyd..	1	Green .....	0
Gallon, D. N..	1	Lewis .....	0
Goodall, R. H.	1	Williams ....	0
Tayar, C. G...	1	Smith .....	0

Won 4 2

##### SCHOOL v. ERDINGTON C.C. " B "

27th November, 1952

J. B. Phipps..	0	James .....	1
D. E. Lloyd ..	1	Watts .....	0
Gallon, D. N..	1	Davis .....	0
Goodall, R. H.	1	Martin .....	0
Tayar, C. G...	1	Davidge ....	0
Jennens, P. A.	$\frac{1}{2}$	Shergold ....	$\frac{1}{2}$

Won  $4\frac{1}{2}$   $1\frac{1}{2}$

Date	Opponents	Result
17th October, 1952	v. K.E.G.S., Aston .....	Won 5-1
7th November, 1952	v. Moseley G.S. ....	Won 5-1
14th November, 1952	v. Central G.S. ....	Won 4-2
28th November, 1952	v. Saltley G.S. ....	Won 4-2
10th October, 1952	v. K.E.G.S., Aston II .....	Won 6-0
7th November, 1952	v. Bishop Vesey G.S. II .....	Won $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$
21st November, 1952	v. K.E.G.S., Five Ways .....	Won 5-1
28th November, 1952	v. Greenmore College .....	Lost $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$
10th October, 1952	v. Bishop Vesey G.S. II ....	Won 5-1
24th October, 1952	v. K.E.G.S., Five Ways .....	Draw 3-3
7th November, 1952	v. Saltley G.S. II .....	Won $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
21st November, 1952	v. King's Norton G.S. II .....	Lost 2-4

Some re-organization has led to the use of the Dining Hall for the School matches and also the lettering of each set. Coupled with this is the use of the Maths Lab. for play in the dinner-hour. For this we owe

thanks to Mr. Porter. The changes have taken place entirely smoothly. We also thank Mr. Whalley again for the continuing use of his room for most of the after-school play. To Mr. Hurn, our chairman, who has steered us through some narrow straits and has given of his experience on many occasions we are most indebted.

In the House Championship Levett is lying first with a lead of about fifteen points over Evans, Jeune is lying third.

During the last several years the School has consistently produced a large proportion of the Warwickshire Junior team and has the ability to supply players strong enough for the Warwickshire first team. For this prestige to continue the strongest players must constantly help the numerous keen young players and not rely on their own play alone.

J. B. PHIPPS (*Captain of Chess*).

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### R. LEVETT

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Rawdon Levett was born in 1844. He was educated at Pocklington School, Yorkshire, from there he went to St. John's College, Cambridge, and was 11th Wrangler in 1865, the year in which Lord Rayleigh was senior wrangler. Hunter Smith told me that he stayed on at Cambridge for a time and coached his brother Ernest who was 3rd Wrangler, and afterwards a well-known barrister.

He was a master at Rossall for a short time and came to King Edward's in 1869 as the first and, and at that time the only, mathematical master. He persuaded some of his classical colleagues to help him with the mathematical teaching and he taught them how to teach mathematics; so far as possible he himself taught all the boys when they were beginning algebra and Euclid. When he came to Birmingham the School had a great reputation for producing classical scholars; in due time he gave it as great a reputation for producing mathematical scholars.

The writer of these notes was in the School from 1888 to 1895. At that time Levett's influence on the School was probably greater than that of anyone else, but few boys knew this. It was not till towards the end of their schooldays that they grew to know him and to realise how much he did for the School. He had founded the School Club, he had taken part in the games, he was the dominant influence behind the library and he gave many books to it. Soon after my time at the School the old wooden shed that had acted as a dressing room on the Bristol Road ground was replaced by a brick pavilion; I do not remember whether Levett gave it or whether it was built with money subscribed to honour him.

My first impression of Levett when I was a boy of thirteen was a tall thin man, shy but with a quaint whimsical sense of humour and a merry twinkle in his eye. He taught me in my second and third terms at algebra, and he threw an entirely new light on both. My last two years I spent in the top mathematical set and there I learnt to know him well. As a teacher he was splendid. He made us think for ourselves and had wonderful discretion in encouraging us, letting us fight out our own battles, only giving us friendly hints when we were really stuck. We often had



some topic under day-to-day discussion apart from our ordinary work ; such topics included non-Euclidean geometry, the harvest moon, the precession of the equinoxes, falling chains leading to differential equations. Differential equations were beyond our reading, but we were left to wrestle with them. Some years afterwards, when at Cambridge, I learnt rules for dealing with them and I asked Levett one day why he had not given us these rules. His reply was " It was so good for you to flounder."

The one thing he hated was any form of cramming. I remember a boy once asked him whether some work we were doing would help in a scholarship examination. Levett's reply was " It is not my business to win scholarships for you, I have to make you love beautiful series."

From the only School lists I have, I find that of the Old Edwardians who took degrees in mathematics at Cambridge between 1889 and 1900 there were eighteen scholars (eight of Trinity ; there would have been nine but for illness at the time of the examination), fifteen wranglers (2, second ; 2, fourth ; 1, fifth ; 1, sixth ; and 2, seventh), six fellows of colleges. By these scholars first classes were later gained by four in mathematical Tripos Part II, three in Natural Science Part I and one in Mechanical Science Part I. No mean record.

I ought to mention that it was a letter from Levett in *Nature* that led to the formation in 1871 of the Association for the Improvement of Geometrical Teaching, which in 1897 became the Mathematical Association. For the first thirteen years of the A.I.G.T. he was one of its secretaries and he was very largely responsible for the syllabus and geometry book produced by the A.I.G.T. The spade work done by the A.I.G.T. in the 1870's and 1880's laid the foundations for the reform of mathematical teaching achieved in this century and in which the Mathematical Association played such a large part and in which Levett took a great interest up to the time of his death in 1923.

A. W. SIDDONS.

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## THE HOUSES

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### CARY GILSON

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Once again the House finished a close second in the struggle for Cock House. There was a high all-round standard of achievement except in Tennis and Swimming, where there appear to be but few enthusiasts. In order to gain the pinnacle we must improve in our less successful activities.

This term the House has no reason to be gloomy. At Rugger, with several matches still to play, we lie favourably placed in the fight for the League Championship. The First XV settled down to play as a team, conquering pseudo-formidable rivals. The second team has played keenly and has a good prospect of success. The Third XV, displaying a great deal of enthusiasm, has finished well by gaining the position of third. Though the opposition is likely to be stern we look to the future undaunted.

At Eton Fives we have only played and won one match. Nevertheless our prospects are extremely bright, for with an unchanged team skilfully captained by A. J. G. Campbell, the cup will probably continue to grace the House Cupboard.

Chess results slowly filter through, indicating that the House has led a chequered career. We are likely to remain in a steady state of mediocrity.

Shooting is progressing favourably with a team practically unchanged.

Tennis as yet not played. We cannot do much worse than last year when we rested in seventh place.

The Athletics Captain, A. E. Franklin, has inspired members of the House, for he has been seen with other "Spartans" wending his way cross country-wards. Athletics is the one activity in which every member of the House has the opportunity to show his mettle. It rests with both the older and the young members by their own efforts to gain standards and ensure the success of the House.

The not inconsiderable achievement of the House is due in no small manner to the exhortations of our Housemaster, Mr. Biggs, both on the touchline and in the House meetings, ably supported by Mr. Hurrell and Mr. Vaughan.

G. H. HERRINGSHAW (*House Captain*).

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## EVANS

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Football so dominates the Michaelmas Term that, unless a House does well at it, the record for that term seems very dull and uninspiring. Unfortunately, on the whole, we have not done well in this sport. So far, the First Team has lost every match very heavily (four have been played), the Second Team has lost four and drawn one, while the Third Team, providing the only gleam of hope in an expanse of gloom, has won six of the seven games it has played. Some excuse can be made for the poor form of the two senior teams, as they have no members of a School team who could have provided experience and knowledge of the game, and around whom the teams could have been moulded. There is, however, a good deal of slackness and apathy in the senior forms of the House, and until these show some enthusiasm and keenness the senior teams will continue to do no better than at present.

In the quieter and more static world of chess, we are told that the House should do very well. The First team has won the four matches it has played, but the Second and Third teams have not done so well. Only one match has been played by the Fives team, which it won. Once again we should retain our high position in the competition.

Such are the results of our efforts this term. If we are to achieve a higher place in the House Competition than last year, the House must realise that greater effort is required. The slackness that is becoming apparent must be eradicated. In the past we have depended largely on the efforts of a few talented individuals to uphold our prestige. Now that these individuals have gone, that prestige must be upheld more and more by the efforts of those who are not so talented. Surely such an effort cannot be said to be too great or too exacting!

B. C. HOMER (*House Captain*).



## GIFFORD

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The results of last year's House Competition have proved to all that we cannot hope for success if we rely on individual genius to pull us through. Since we now have no individual genius on which to rely we must all realise our precarious position. Many of the seniors do little or nothing for the House whilst the juniors are only too ready to avoid service when games cease to be compulsory.

The Rugger results are not encouraging. At the beginning of term there was great difficulty in raising even the two teams required of the senior half of the House. The First XV has won three of its seven games and should win a fourth. Unfortunately the Second and Third teams have often been overthrown by the mere size and weight of their opponents. There is, however, some promising material in these teams.

It now appears that the minor activities will be our salvation. Although Fives has so far been unsuccessful the result of the Swimming Sports last term brings new hope. Our first Chess match is still proceeding so slowly that the results are lost in the mists of time. At the beginning of term we received the startling news that the Tennis team had won a match. Naturally there were no points. Now they have followed on this victory by reaching the final of the Tennis Knock-out Competition with every chance of further success.

We now look forward to the rest of the year with mixed feelings of hope and apprehension. Tennis, Swimming, and Athletics all have encouraging prospects if we awake to the fact that individual effort will not save us. Cricket, too, has its hopes and is usually supported by the whole House. Let this enthusiasm spread to the other activities and we shall raise ourselves from the bottom of the table.

P. R. JANNEY (*House Captain*).

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## HEATH

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Here will be found no catalogue of sweeping victories, no extravagant prophecy of future triumphs, for with few senior members of the House remaining we are hardly justified in expecting such things. There is, however, no cause for despondency, for we have acquitted ourselves well.

On its day the First XV can play really good football, and has brought off some surprising results, while the Second XV when at full strength can be relied upon. The juniors have fared none too badly, and they seem to win when they have some support; more Heathens on the touch-line would be a welcome sight.

In Fives we have won one match and we are assured that prospects are by no means dim. In Chess, though results are difficult to obtain, it appears that we do occasionally win. Of Shooting it is too early to speak, though we are already in training for the cross-country race. We also play Tennis.

Such are our achievements in the world of games. Yet this is not all for a House must be judged not only by its results on the field, but also

by the part its members play in the wider sphere of School life. Here we are well represented, and Heathens are to be found in many walks of life. Throughout the House there is a solid core of achievement, and we rely not on the gigantic exertions of the few, but on the combined efforts of the many. We pursue an unhurried and gentlemanly course.

To the House Prefects we are deeply indebted, and no less to the various House officials. To R. K. Wilson a special word of praise for the way in which he has coached the beginners; to J. L. Wilkins a word of sympathy on his injury and our best wishes for a speedy recovery. To Mr. Barlow and his House-Tutors (amongst whom we welcome Mr. Woods) we are, as ever, more than grateful.

P. S. TREVIS (*Head of the House*).

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## JEUNE

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The position which the House occupied in last year's House Championship Table was by no means brilliant but on the other hand it was quite respectable. As very few members of the House were going to leave it was with hope and comparative confidence that we awaited this year's sporting activities. But—

*"Parturiunt montes, nascetur ridiculus mus."* The House which had promised much, now languishes in comparative failure.

In Rugby football, we started as we should have continued, but evidently during the first two matches—which we won—we were playing against Houses even more devoid of talent than we ourselves. But let it be said that all the teams have played extremely hard if not scientifically. The Second team, with one match still to play, has won five and lost one, whilst the Third team, always trying and practising hard, has won but two of the seven matches played. With three members of the School XV in the House, the prospects for next term's Knock-out Competition are much brighter.

In Fives we have as yet played two matches, both of which we won in convincing style. Next term, however, we must bid farewell to one of our regular Fives-players who is making his new home abroad.

Chess results are not so overwhelmingly brilliant as they were last year and we must play with much more concentration if we are to retain the Chess Trophy.

Although we have had no shooting matches this year, members of the House have been wielding their weapons to quite good purpose, for quite a fair proportion of the House has already classified.

Cross-country practices have not been so well attended as all the propaganda deserves, but there is time enough next term to correct that fault.

Finally, as is our duty and pleasure, we must thank Mr. Leeds and his two assistants, Mr. Sacret and Mr. McGawley, for all their patience, interest and good-humour in all branches of House activity.

J. D. WATERSTREET (*House Captain*).



## LEVETT

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There is little doubt that the spirit of earlier days is reviving at last. After two years in the bottom half of the inter-House competition it seems as if we may finish nearer the top this year. A word of warning, however; the only way to a successful conclusion of the year will be through co-operation. Instead of pleading dental appointments and colds it is vital for everyone to place his services unreservedly at the disposal of harassed House officials seeking to produce teams.

The Rugger XV's have done quite well and would have done even better had it not been for general ill-health and a certain lack of good fortune. The Fives team won the second match in the history of the House and, it seems there may be a repeat performance of this triumph before the end of the year. Confidence is in evidence among the Chess-playing fraternity and, from time to time, the House is informed of sweeping victories. The Captain thinks that there is every chance of maintaining an unbeaten record providing that their enthusiasm drives participants to regular practice. The N.S.R.A. competition is to take place in the near future and there is every promise of a successful outcome.

There is a good deal of talent in the junior part of the House and as these juniors will decide the House competitions in the years to come we can look forward with confidence. Finally, our thanks to Mr. Porter, Mr. Cadenhead and Mr. Freeman for their support and encouragement.

O. S. WHEATLEY (*House Captain*).

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## PRINCE LEE

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We are, in the first year of our conception, Cock House. Of that we are justly proud, especially since our triumph is due to each and every member of the House and not merely to the gifted few. We do not disguise that our swimmers by sweeping the board, clinched the championship but their success would have been less momentous without the solid hard work of the rank and file.

J. D. L. Adams says we are well placed in Football and our chances of winning the Knock-out are fair. As usual Fives needs more pep and C. J. Hurn and his henchmen lead a chequered career. R. G. Willison is our optimistic Shooting Captain. In short, we pursue that compound path of unspectacular competence and sudden brilliance for which we are renowned. No-one will pretend that we are infused by that desperate spirit which marks the efforts of our contemporaries; we play—and win—with a quiet confidence as one who has both done it before and will do it again.

This must not be purely a sporting catalogue, for it is the hope of our House Master that we shall take a pride in Prince Lee, second only to our pride in the School.

Mr. Williams' ordination at Michaelmas has already made its mark on the House: That certain spirit of comradeship and humility which was already present has been intensified and emphasized. We do not doubt that, with Mr. Osborne and Mr. Bolton, he will lead the House to greater triumphs of body, mind and spirit.

D. H. BENSON (*Head of the House*).

## VARDY

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Having achieved last year the not discreditable position of fourth in the House Championship, and with the nucleus of the largest number of seniors we have known for many years, the House looked forward at the beginning of the term to a prosperous year. More especially so, as amongst these seniors was to be found an abundant talent for Football, and for the minor activities as well. We have not been disappointed. The First XV has been defeated only once throughout the season and that by the narrow margin of 6-8—and with the addition of our two School team players for the Knock-out our hopes are high, although not, it is to be hoped, over-confident. The Second team started the season disastrously but gained several valuable points at the end of the term, whilst the Third team has won every match played. This success on the part of the juniors makes us think that our recovery this time is not to be short-lived, and also gives confidence and solidity to an already spirited House. The most pleasing feature of all, perhaps, is that competition for places in these teams is high and that all members of the House, not just a few individuals, are contributing whole-heartedly to our recovery. It may be said in this respect that we are a happy House.

The Fives team has brought us one victory out of three, but we can hope for more successes in the New year, whilst P. A. Jennens periodically peers out from behind his spectacles to bring us the good news that Chess flourishes as never before, and that even this obscure world of glassy stares and feverish inspiration is doing its share.

What of the future? Can we be relied upon to go from strength to strength in the Spring and Summer activities—in Athletics, in Swimming and in Cricket? We are told it is vanity to prophesy but we will, at least, indulge in this one comment. If we play our other games, in the spirit in which we have played our football, then we may once more bring the House Championship back to the home where it rested for so long in more fortunate periods of our history.

To Mr. Copland, who has waited so patiently and for so long for this revival, and to his House Tutors, Mr. Parry and Mr. Skinner, we owe a debt which is difficult to repay. We can only do it by living up to the encouragement and support which they have never ceased to give us. May the laurels this year become once again the traditional dark blue!

P. H. R. MERCER (*Captain of the House*).

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## THE LIBRARY

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The two most noteworthy events since the last report have been the acquisition of the 10,000th book since 1936, and a number of remarkably generous gifts to the Library.

Mr. Walter Barrow, a former Bailiff of the Foundation, has given about 500 volumes, including most notable collections on mountaineering and archaeology, especially local archaeology. Messrs. Cadbury Bros. have given about eighty volumes, chiefly biography and recent history. Mr. Russell has given about 140 volumes belonging to the late Mr. R. J. T.



Bryant. Mrs. Cowan has given a further lot of her late husband's books on local archaeology. For all these gifts the School is most grateful.

We must also thank the Old Edwardians and present members of the School and Staff who have presented books to the Library this term.

The regulations concerning fines and talking in the Library have been tightened up this term. Members of the School will appreciate that it is now possible to work in the Library in comparative quiet.

It would greatly help the running of the Library and enable other members of the School to find books more easily if readers would put books back in their correct places after use. This applies particularly to reference volumes from the Heath Memorial Bookcase.

Mr. Blount continues to give his much appreciated encouragement and guidance to the School Librarian and Sub-librarians in their efforts to serve the School.

J. S. PICKUP (*School Librarian*).

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### DEBATING SOCIETY

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Undismayed by the lack of experienced speakers, we looked forward with confidence to a year of good debates. Our confidence, however, was soon somewhat rudely shaken for at the first debate of term only one speaker from the floor of the House had anything to say about Dr. Moussadeq.

At the next debate the issue of equal pay for women stirred more hearts, and the House displayed a staunch masculine front to the onsets of the feminine hordes; it was, however, a narrow victory. Yet what Dr. Moussadeq, and the opposite sex had failed to do, Mr. Eisenhower accomplished with the greatest skill; so damning in its denunciation of the result of the American election was the House, that the debate was one of the longest for many years. We have come through troubled waters. At last, however, we have a basis of experienced speakers. Our task now is to raise the standard of debate to a higher level, more worthy of the senior society of the School. To those who have made their maiden speeches this term, the House is deeply in debt; without them we should have been extinct. To those who have attended our debates our thanks for their support, more especially to the Captain of the School, who can always be relied upon for a good story. Most of all we are indebted to Mr. Blount, whose kindly presence has steered us from disaster on many an occasion.

P. S. TREVIS (*Hon. Secretary*).

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### LITERARY SOCIETY

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Do you wish to be included amongst the "poshocracy"? Are you doubtful what response you should make to your particular challenge? Then, gentle readers, the Literary Society is for you. Our papers this term have reached a high standard, and we may justly claim that we offer the most distinguished speakers of any School society.

D. A. P. Wetherall, Esq., addressed the first meeting and read an interesting and amusing paper on Christopher Isherwood; we look forward to hearing him again.

It was with the very greatest pleasure that we welcomed T. C. Burgess, Esq., a past Chairman of the Society, and it was pleasant to hear him discoursing on his favourite bedside book—Toynbee's "Study of History." Unfortunately Mr. Douglas Seale found it necessary to postpone his visit to the Society owing to the number of his engagements. We look forward, however, to hearing him in the near future.

Poetry readings have been held this term though somewhat disrupted by illness and the claims of work. We hope that the situation will improve this term.

Last term was indeed notable, for with speakers of first class quality and papers of more than ordinary interest, we are in a flourishing state. To the younger generation (by which we mean the Divisions) we would extend an invitation to join us. We welcome discussion and though we may look forbidding we are very kind at heart. We seek not a large attendance; we invite those who are interested.

To the presiding genius of our "salon," A. J. Trott, Esq., we extend our thanks; it is reassuring to have a chairman on whom we can always rely to be one up on the speaker.

P. S. TREVIS (*Hon. Secretary*).

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## DRAMATIC SOCIETY

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This report is published—on the persuasion of the Editor of the CHRONICLE—to show that the Society is still alive.

Throughout this term, rehearsals, under the direction of Mr. Trott, have been in progress for Shakespeare's "Richard III," which is to be performed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 29th, 30th and 31st. Rehearsals will be held during the holidays, when the stage setting will also be completed and we hope that all our efforts will combine to make a successful presentation.

Mr. Babb, who will be producing the Junior Play for 1953, has chosen Lionel Hale's "She passed Through Lorraine." This play—an imaginative account of the early wanderings of St. Joan—is especially suited to young actors. It will be produced on May 7th, 8th and 9th.

R. M. WILKINSON (*Hon. Secretary*).

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## MUSICAL SOCIETY

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The Michaelmas term of our Quatercentenary year has been an appropriately successful one for the Society. We have arranged three recitals by members of the School and Staff; members of the School who have performed are J. D. Bent, G. H. Brindley, P. J. Connop, and A. D. Kirkby. At the last concert Bach's Concerto for Two Violins was performed with great skill and sensitiveness by Mr. Craig, Dr. Craig, and



Mr. Williams. Here history was undoubtedly made, for it is very many years, if at all, since an entire concerto was performed at a lunch-hour concert.

Meanwhile, other spheres of activity have been far from idle. The Music Library, which is open to all members of the Society, has been improved and enlarged. Two concerts on records have been given in the music room and informal record recitals have been commenced in the New Music Room.

The Choral Society and the Orchestra are at present rehearsing for the Carol Service, to be held in Big School on December 15th. The Choral Society is at present one hundred strong, though we hope to approach a hundred-and-fifty in time for Mozart's Requiem in May. We do, however, need more tenors and basses, and any member of the School interested in music (the ability to sing is a useful, though not the prime, qualification), should take steps to join without delay. The Autumn term has also seen the commencement of services in the Chapel, for which music is provided by a small choir of twenty people.

The most important item of news which we have to report has, however, been left until last. This Christmas the School is to feature in a B.B.C. Overseas Broadcast, the subject to be the musical life of the School. Here at last is a chance to become really famous, for who is to say that this might not be a stepping stone to greater things—perhaps, dare we suggest it, a broadcast on the Third?

It is always a source of wonder to us how Dr. Willis Grant succeeds in finding time to conduct our rehearsals and attend our meetings in addition to his numerous other duties, but somehow he manages it, and we continue to express our appreciation of his invaluable work.

R. S. LOWRIE (*Hon. Secretary*).

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## THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

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The Society has met for three lectures this term.

The first was given by our new President, Dr. H. A. Mayor, and the intriguing title "The Theory of Time," attracted over one-hundred members. Dr. Mayor dealt masterfully with his profound subject, and with his ready wit and delightful sense of humour, converted a rather complicated mathematical discourse into an enjoyable and colourful lecture.

Our second lecture, "The Nature of Lightning," was given by Dr. Higham, of the Engineering Department, Birmingham University. He inspired those amateur photographers amongst us with the statement that much useful information about lightning could still be obtained from photographs taken with a box camera out of the bedroom window.

The final lecture was given by Mr. T. Broom, M.A., also of Birmingham University, who spoke, with illustrations and demonstrations, upon some aspects of "Modern Metallurgy."

Amongst next term's lectures we hope to include such topics as "Evolution" and "Radio-activity."

G. R. HORTON (*Hon. Secretary*).

## PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

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Members of the Society were relieved when it was discovered that the curious holes which appeared in the dark room door were not caused by unidentified rodents, as some members suggested, but proved to be part of the long-awaited ventilator. Thanks to this device, working in the dark room is now far more comfortable.

Good use continues to be made of the dark room facilities. The dark room may now be reserved by members of the Society for use on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. A book for this purpose has now been placed in the Porter's Lodge.

Classes for beginners are again being held, at which the rudiments of photography are expounded by the "experts" of the Society's Committee.

At the time of reporting two well-attended meetings have been held. During the first, which was also a general meeting of the Society, a film on underwater photography called "Wonders of the Deep" was shown. At the second meeting, lectures on "Presenting Pictures" and "Flash Photography" were given by J. K. Maund and the Secretary respectively. The former talk proved by far the safer of the two, the home-made flash powder which the second speaker had prepared being rather more effective than certain sceptics had anticipated. Perhaps fear was not engendered by the flash—a flame some five feet high—but by the column of smoke, which bore a striking resemblance to a phenomenon produced by another kind of toy with which modern scientists play.

During this term, in addition to the usual meetings, the Society intends to hold a photographic competition. It is also hoped to organize a Society outing.

Finally, all members of the Society extend their sincere thanks to the Chairman, Mr. J. B. Whinnerah, for his guidance and unfailing help to the Society.

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## CIVICS SOCIETY

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An air of indifference pervades the School, our pristine glory has faded, but we still possess Mr. Vaughan. One might well say that the Society would be dead and buried, were it not for his strenuous efforts to convince all and sundry that this is a most worthy institution. Yet, "*nil desperandum!*"

A fairly large audience attended the first meeting—a Brains Trust. The galaxy of talent amused and convinced us with their attempts to answer some provocative questions.

At the second meeting of term Alderman J. C. Burman addressed a small but very interested audience on the subject: "The Wheels of Local Government."

The last meeting of the Winter term was addressed by Mr. Heathcote, Head Master of Tennal Approved School. His talk on "Juvenile Delinquency" proved of great interest to all the members of the School not distracted by examinations.

We tender thanks to A. Phillips-Smith for his fine posters.

G. A. BUNN (*Hon. Secretary*).



## GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

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It is with regret that we report that the rest of the Upper School is pursuing an active policy of geographical segregation. Despite great efforts in the propaganda sphere, the only senior members present at meetings of the Society are almost invariably drawn from the forms specialising in Geography. This is particularly disappointing, as great endeavours have been made to find topics of more general interest.

The first meeting of the term drew a very large crowd, but this consisted predominantly of younger enthusiasts, who are attracted rather by the projector itself than by the subject of the film. On this occasion two very topical films were displayed. The first gave a colourful portrayal of the geological formations which favour the growth of petroleum deposits, and the second covered briefly the whole range of operations connected with the production of oil in Persia.

The attendance at our second meeting can only be described as sparse. In accordance with our policy of attempting to shed some light on regions "in the news" Mr. C. J. Eliathamby had been asked to speak on Ceylon. He gave an interesting survey of the economic and political situation in the island and the short discussion which followed on the proposals and probable effects of the Colombo Plan would have proved valuable to anyone interested in the problems of the Far East.

However, we refuse to be disheartened by the lack of support, and we feel sure that, through the efforts of our Chairman, Mr. Whalley, and of Mr. Bennett, the Society will soon regain the prominent position it once held in School activities.

A. D. GROUNDS (*Hon. Secretary*).

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## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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The past term has seen a definite change in the policy of the Society. At the time of writing the two meetings have been concerned with foreign, instead of local, archaeology, and the one to come will, it is hoped, be similar. Interest in the Lower School appears to have grown and attendance has slightly increased.

The first meeting of term, on September 29th, was honoured by the visit of R. A. Tomlinson. O.E., a former secretary of some fame and, it is rumoured, fortune. He gave a well-illustrated talk on "Hadrian's Wall." The second lecture, on October 22nd, was given by a member of the Staff, J. A. Bolton, Esq. His lecture was entitled "Hellenic Beauties"; lest there be any misunderstanding, it concerned Mr. Bolton's visit to Greece. The final meeting of the term will be a lecture on "Education in Ancient Egypt," by D. M. Lewis, Esq.

Excavations at Alvechurch continued through the Summer holidays and certain members of the Society later appeared in the local press. Finds at the Bishop's Palace included a Venetian coin of the 14th century, a silver penny of Edward III, a Tudor bronze hairpin and purse-mount and pottery of all periods, examples of which are now on view at Birmingham Art Gallery.

Finally, we thank Mr. Sacret for his excellent chairmanship, and Mr. Ballance for the use of the Biological Laboratory and the epidiascope.

B. J. COLEMAN (*Hon. Secretary*).

## PHILATELIC SOCIETY

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Last term we had only one meeting, which, however, was well attended. Another has been arranged for a later date, entitled "Intelligent Collecting."

Sincere thanks must be extended to Mr. Hurn for his unfailing services as Chairman, and to his Art Society for its excellent posters. Judging by its large and enthusiastic following from the Lower School, the Philatelic Society may be confident of a very happy future indeed.

C. G. TAYAR (*Hon. Secretary*).

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## CHRISTIAN UNION

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The results of the term's activity, while giving not the slightest excuse for satisfaction or complacency of any sort, suggest that a little encouragement is not entirely unwarranted. Attendances at the four lunch-hour meetings have been fairly good, and the keen interest shown by the audiences has been fully justified and rewarded. It is therefore quite false to suggest that we have adopted "Baffled to Fight Better" as our motto; on the contrary we are "Strong and of Good Courage" with a good deal of optimism for next term.

This, unfortunately, does not mean that we have succeeded in arousing that amorphous and complacent mass which travels under the misnomer of "Crusaders." Of the enormous number in School, only fifteen per cent. see fit to support actively the Christian Union. This appalling apathy can only be deplored in the strongest terms; it is high time Crusaders realized that Christianity is not merely an innocuous pastime for Sunday afternoons.

Private meetings for prayer and Bible study have been severely restricted by the phenomenal overcrowding of the School Calendar. Such meetings as have been held have been both profitable and helpful.

Once more we must record our thanks to Mr. Monkcom for the use of the Large Lecture Room; and to G. W. Marshall for his first-rate posters.

It is with increased rather than impaired vigour and enthusiasm that we look forward to the already planned activities of this term, which will, we believe, produce even greater success than those in the past.

A. R. G. DEASLEY (*Hon. Secretary*).

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## NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY AND FIELD CLUB

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A Field Club has been incorporated into the Society. It cannot be too much emphasized that field study is the most important aspect of Natural History. Although the Society has been fairly active in recent years, the emphasis has tended to lie on indoor meetings rather than on field meetings. Field work is a necessity to the true naturalist and we hope to make a comprehensive report on the natural history of an area



of the Lickey Hills. It is intended that there should be three sections, ornithology (S. Chadwin), botany (J. B. Phipps and D. Gompertz), and entomology (C. J. Roberts).

In the Michaelmas term five meetings were held. At the first Mr. L. B. C. Lewis, O.E., gave us a short talk on the Buzzard and then showed us a film. Later in the term, S. Chadwin spoke on "Bird Migration." At half-term a field meeting was held when eight boys visited the Bittell Reservoir.

Later in the term we saw two interesting films, one on Badgers, the other on the King Penguin. In addition, Mr. Woods gave us some first-hand information on Badgers. At the fifth and final meeting, Mr. Woods again entertained us with a fine illustrated lecture on "Field Study Technique."

Our success this term has been due in no small part to the efforts of our chairman, Mr. Monkcom. He has performed his duties with all the vigour and enthusiasm we have come to expect from him and we are very grateful. Nor are we less indebted to Mr. Woods, who has attended all our meetings. We appreciate his great interest in our activities.

Finally, a word of praise to J. D. Renton and M. E. Jacks for their excellent poster-work.

Altogether, then, this has been a most successful term. We have averaged an attendance of thirty-five which must be considered very satisfactory. Many of these boys are in the Removes and Shells and their general interest and enthusiasm augurs well for the future.

B. D. WILLIAMS (*Hon. Secretary*).

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## ART SOCIETY

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The fact that only one meeting has been held so far this term does not denote any lack of enthusiasm in the Art department, or any lack of support by the School as a whole. On the contrary it is encouraging to observe that the School, and particularly the Sixth form, is becoming increasingly art conscious. The explanation of the scarcity of meetings is merely that the date of the first meeting was so near the beginning of term that no speaker could be persuaded to appear.

Mr. Smeeton addressed a large audience consisting of boys from all parts of the School, from the Shells to the Sixth form, on the subject of "The English House, 1552-1952." This subject proved too vast for comprehensive treatment in the time at his disposal, but it is hoped that many members of the audience were inspired to continue the study of English House Architecture, and fill in the broadly sketched outline presented by Mr. Smeeton.

A small party of boys, all from Arts forms, visited the Leonardo da Vinci Scientific Exhibition early in the term. Whether everyone understood the details and the deficiencies of Leonardo's scientific knowledge is doubtful, but some idea of the range of maturity of the mind of this genius was gained. The response to visits organized by the Arts Society has been gradually increasing throughout this year, but it is hoped that it will become even greater in the future and, particularly, that boys will avail themselves of every opportunity to visit the Barber Institute.

The credit for the revitalisation of Art and Art Appreciation must go entirely to our chairman, Mr. Hurn, whose enthusiasm and energy have done much to break down the usual lethargic attitude of mind, which used to be particularly evident in Sixth Formers. C.J.H.

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### MODERN LANGUAGE SOCIETY

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This term has been one of solid and pedestrian progress rather than brilliant inspiration. We still continue to attract and to entertain purely specialist linguists, but our supporters outside the exclusive sphere seem to become less ambitious and more self-conscious every year. And this in a world dominated by foreign relationships! Once again let us repeat that we are neither esoteric ritualists nor linguistic perverts, but students striving after knowledge and understanding of the world in which we find ourselves.

Our formal meetings this term have been rather in the nature of gatherings of old friends, for all three speakers were previous guests of the Society. M. René Thibault was as French as ever in his delightful "Causerie," whilst M. Jean Thalbert, *Délégué Cultural* to the French Consulate, delivered an eloquent address on "Napoléon le Petit." Finally, Señor Garcia Lora, who must have enjoyed the pseudo-Spanish background presented by the Society, was once again amusingly effervescent in a "Charla."

The most disturbing news of all came early in the term, when it was discovered that the Society's cup was damaged. Since then, however, a member of the committee has carried out repairs upon it, and we remain the only Society in the School fortunate enough to be dazzled at our "séances" by a glittering trophy.

Mr. Biggs, our Founder-Chairman, remains enthusiastic and indefatigable, and it must be largely due to his endeavours that the Society continues to thrive and to contribute so effectively to the cultural life of the School.

P. H. R. MERCER (*Hon. Secretary*).

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### MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

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"The poet has not described, nor the painter pictured so gloomy a retreat, 'tis the last approach to the mansion of Pluto through the regions of despair." Thus Joseph Craddock on the Welsh Mountains. Herein is reflected the popular view of these mountains. This delusion seems likely to sound the knell of the Mountaineering Club.

One meeting has been held this term, when Dr. Hitchcock gave a very fine lecture on Spitsbergen. It was illustrated with many particularly beautiful slides. We were sorry to find so few people came to this most interesting lecture. Next term we hope to produce various mountaineering films to encourage a wider interest in the Club.



Members, past and present, of the Club are planning climbing holidays during the next three vacations. Wales is the destination for Christmas and Easter and three members will visit the Isle of Skye next Summer. Already we hear of snow falling and rapidly consolidating in the mountains. May we have a white Mountain Christmas and many a profitable lecture in the New Year.

Meanwhile we thank Mr. Lutyens for his kind help in setting the Club on its feet. Though sincerely regretting his absence, we venture to wish him fair weather and happy climbing in the future. As it is, we are still searching for a new rock-climber to be our chairman in future years.

P. R. JANNEY (*Hon. Secretary*).

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### JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

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Three meetings were held last term. At the first we expressed our approval of Mr. Eisenhower, and at the second we did not regret the failure of the Gunpowder Plot. The last meeting was held too late in the term for its result to be included in this report.

Attendance at all our meetings has been good. As usual the Shells and Removes are present in profusion, but the Middle School is apathetic. We would like more support from there.

Our thanks are due, as ever, to Mr. Dunt for his unfailing interest in the Society, and also to I. D. MacD. Morely for his excellent posters.

R. M. SWEENEY (*Hon Secretary*).

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### CLOSED CIRCLE

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Careless of attendance figures and aloof from the outside world we continue to meet in seclusion and peace; no notice board betrays our presence, no outside eye scans the dark secrets of our inmost haunts.

Primarily an intellectual society, we are in practice very much more, for we provide a common meeting ground for all those who have achieved some distinction in any walk of School life.

The most noteworthy event of the term was the Chief Master's invitation to tea, and the paper with which he graced our meeting afterwards. To the Chief Master and Mrs. Lunt we extend our thanks for their most gracious hospitality.

At the other meetings P. H. R. Mercer read a paper on "National Characteristics," which was followed by an interesting discussion, and at the first meeting of term the Secretary read a paper on "Saint Augustine."

To our chairman Mr. Blount, we extend our thanks; his dignified yet benign presence well typifies the spirit of the Circle.

P. S. TREVIS (*Hon. Secretary*).

## MUSIC CIRCLE

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The end of the previous School year left the ranks of the Music Circle depleted. The first meeting of the Circle was concerned with the election of new members. After keen competition fourteen new members were elected, thus bringing the strength of the Circle up to thirty.

Mr. Turnbull gave a recital of little known keyboard music by Byrd, Bach and Mozart. Byrd's Pavan and Galliard from the "Earle of Salisbury Suite" made one wish that the piano music of this composer was more widely known and played. In addition Mr. Turnbull played Bach's "Fantasia in C minor" and the Rondo in A minor K511 and Sonata in D major K576 of Mozart.

We would like to express our gratitude to Dr. Willis Grant in arranging the programmes of the Circle and for making the meetings so successful.

G. H. BRINDLEY (*Hon. Secretary*).

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## ART CIRCLE

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Mr. Conroy Maddox in his address to the Art Society last year, claimed that painting and poetry were the only art forms worthy of serious consideration. It would seem then that the cultural life of the School is confined to Monday and Wednesday lunch hours, when certain select groups abandon the more philistine activities of unorganized sport and C.L.F. parades, and listen to poetry or look at paintings.

The Art Circle, however, is not a coterie but a genuine attempt to stimulate an interest in art in the Sixth form. This term our discussions, or rather Mr. Hurn's lectures, have been mainly on modern art. We have considered the distorted elongated figures of Armadio Modigliani; the monumental works of sculptor Jacob Epstein; and the intensely individual, refreshingly lyrical paintings of Christopher Wood, a too little known artist of the early twentieth century. We have also spent two meetings examining the Arts Council exhibition which have adorned the corridors of the School this term. The first, entitled "The Art of Drawing," proved difficult to appreciate, and real enjoyment could only be derived from the drawings after a considerable amount of effort; this effort, however, was well worth making. The second exhibition, which was probably more generally popular, was of Toulouse-Lautrec's paintings depicting the fashionable and disreputable society of Paris at the end of the 19th century.

It has been encouraging to note that the attendance of most members has been consistent throughout the term and it is hoped in the near future to persuade some of them to speak.



## MACHINE DEMOCRACY

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Civilisation contains no place  
Today for the individual of the race,  
We all must fit in the crazy pattern  
Of mass, machine, production.  
All must be stereotype ; so  
Chisel your edges and fit in the hole,  
You cogs in the wheel of society  
And help us to reach our noble goal  
Machine perfected democracy !  
Follow your leaders, and join the rest, they say,  
Work hard, and earn your higher pay  
Then you can afford to play  
With television, radio and all our modern riches.

Thus we arrive at a mass neurotic state  
Our nerves are refined in tension  
And like shoals of fish we accept the bait.  
Of artificial stimulation.  
Stimuli, more and more stimuli  
To pervert and sharpen our desires  
Kindle their fires  
But always leave them in frustration  
For modern society trades on inter-friction.  
But this is death to mankind, this  
Destructive, machine democracy.

D.J.T.

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## ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

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The Section flourishes as never before. With a total company of fifty ratings, we have at last achieved solidity in numbers, whilst still retaining the efficient organization of a small and compact unit. Furthermore the majority of these went aboard *H.M.S. Vanguard* and *H.M.S. Implacable* for training in August, and have an effective and practical idea of life in the Navy.

This term we welcome Mr. Weatherall, who has served as an officer in the Fleet Air Arm, and who will help Lieutenant Benett and Sub-Lieutenant McGawley in the leadership of the Section. We feel sure that we are in safe hands in this respect.

Training has continued throughout the term and both parts of the Proficiency Test were taken in November. A large number of successes were gained in the written papers and we await now the results of the practical examination. Here we should like to congratulate J. Manley on having gained an entrance to the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

Field Day saw the junior classes at Bristol on board *H.M.S. Flying Fox*. The pulling and sailing which had been arranged for the senior ratings was unfortunately cancelled owing to bad weather, and the rest of the day was spent largely in watching the gathering storm-clouds with mournful eyes.

Finally, the Section has at last been graced by the possession of a cutter which was launched with due ceremonial in the middle of the term by the whole Section at Brookvale Park, Erdington. Practical training on a large scale is now possible therefore, and will be all the more valuable, since she is a dipping-lug cutter, and therefore more difficult to sail. Now we look forward to the time when we shall have our own jetty and boat-house and even our own transport to Brookvale Park.

P. H. R. MERCER (*Petty Officer*).

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## ARMY AND BASIC SECTION

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Camp this year was held at Castlemartin in Pembrokeshire from July 29th for eight days. The advance party, under Capt. W. R. Buttle, had organized themselves well, and so camp got off to a good start. The lines were well situated, and accommodation fairly extensive. Hot water—unprecedented luxury—was literally on tap. Messing arrangements were well in hand and here our thanks to the Wrekin and Birkenhead Corps for co-operation in that respect.

The training was in the capable hands of O/C.'s from Eaton Hall and followed the usual pattern. Some dozen cadets formed a Signals platoon, gaining invaluable theoretical and practical knowledge. A squad of seventeen cadets was drafted to the Camp Gunnery Course; this was both profitable and enjoyable. Three members of the Corps were in a six-man demonstration gun crew, 25-pounder.

Off duty the camp was the best since the war. The N.A.A.F.I. was nearby, so too was a large field used for football and cricket, but primarily rounders. Vocal entertainment filled in the time till just before lights out.

That the camp was such a success is due probably more than anything else to three people: U/O G. R. Green who, with R.S.M. Moore and C.S.M. Cotter, did everything possible to ensure our physical comfort.

The chief event of this term is always Church Parade. Sunday, 16th November, saw the contingent march to Edgbaston Old Church. Canon Allen preached and Group Captain Forbes from 63 Squadron, Chester, took the salute.

Members of "A" and "B" Coys. who were at camp are to take Certificate "A" at Christmas. This will mean eventually that a larger number of cadets will be eligible for promotion and a consequent increase in the standard of instruction will ensue. The Recruit Company, "C" Coy. under C.S.M. Price, is shaping very well and acquitted themselves creditably on Church Parade.

Where "C" Coy. promises, "A" Coy. provides, and Major Mathews perseveres, the Corps cannot fail to live up to its high reputation.

D. H. BENSON U/O.



## ROYAL AIR FORCE SECTION

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Great news ! We have become airborne ! At least, our commanding officer has, though it is doubtful if he would have done had we not pulled the elastic so hard. Nevertheless, we feel a sense of achievement at having coaxed our much-maligned primary glider to forsake "terra firma" and indulge in five seconds breathless flight across the Rugger pitch. No longer are we the victims of friendly banter from the Army and Navy ; contrary to all common beliefs, it *does* fly !

Other activities, which consist mainly of indoor instruction, are proceeding smoothly, though more enthusiasm in this respect might be expected from one or two of the junior cadets. The trivial round and common task may seem an unnecessary evil, but a knowledge of navigation, meteorology and aerodynamics makes visits to R.A.F. stations infinitely more interesting.

This term has seen an innovation, the provision of an N.C.O.'s. course for the proficient cadets. Members of No. 1 Flight are now conversant with the art of drill and instruction, and they are to be congratulated on the efficient way in which they have tackled the course. It is to be hoped that this scheme will become a regular thing ; the merits of it will become evident in one or two year's time.

The remainder of the Air Section visited R.A.F. Castle Bromwich on Field Day. An interesting programme was arranged, including a Link Trainer demonstration and a display of pyrotechnic signals.

Summer Camp was held at R.A.F. Hawarden, Flintshire, last July, and all agreed that it was an unqualified success. An excellent programme had been arranged, for in addition to the usual flying, lectures and shooting, a number of extra items were included, such as a visit to the Mersey Tunnel (which incidentally has no connection with the R.A.F.), and a flight to Blackpool. There was also an assault course, which involved amongst other things the crossing of a muddy stream, discovered by one member of the Section to be at least three feet deep.

Our thanks are warmly extended to Lieut. Hutton for his hard work with No. 1 Flight, to our own officers for their efficient administration, and especially to the C.O. for his enthusiastic leadership in connection with the glider.

R. S. LOWRIE (*Flight Sergeant*).

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## SCOUT GROUP

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The Summer was fine and gave scope to wide and varied outdoor Scouting activities. On Field Day, however, wintry weather prevailed and we all, with the exception of one brave but defiant troop, took part in an inter-patrol competition, designed apparently to teach us just how much we do not know.

Although no outstanding event has occurred during the term, this is no proof of a decline in our interests. On the contrary news from all quarters is encouraging ; our Scouting continues to flourish steadily but surely and, as our Director of Music knows only too well, the Scoutroom is ever a hive of activity. The transfer of the Scouting period to Friday afternoon has given us a favourable opportunity of extending our activities. Good use has been made of South Bank, Edgbaston, which we are privileged to use, and the Lickey Hills.

There has been a decided decrease in the number of applicants to join the Scout Group this year owing to the added attraction of Shells' and Removes' Rugger on Friday afternoons. We hope, however, that the enthusiasm of the keener few will ultimately raise the standard of our Scouting as a whole, and that we shall see several Queen's Scouts in our Group in the near future.

There is very encouraging news from the realms of Scouting literature. The library is now working efficiently under the direction of D. W. Truman and a copy of *The Scout* now appears regularly in the School library for the use and benefit of all Scouts.

The attempt to gain the interest and support of parents in our Scouting activities is now becoming ever more fruitful. A Group Committee has been formed and it is hoped that all parents will now take the opportunity of supporting and coming to a realization of the value of our Scouting.

We must express our regret at the departure of Mr. Osborne after five valuable and very successful years of Scouting with Mitre and we welcome as his successor Mr. Skinner, who, we are sure, will carry on his good work. Our thanks also must go to our G.S.M. and our Scouters for their ever keen and patient encouragement of our activities, especially for the help which members of the Staff and Rovers gave at the Summer camps.

A. D. KIRKBY (A.S.M.).

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## ROVER CREW

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The Crew, celebrating its third anniversary, has been decorating the hut in conjunction with the Seniors. Thanks to generous gifts of materials and the keenness of our members this now looks more like a place of meeting and less like a timber store.

Our usual monthly meetings have the general theme this year of "What are other organizations doing in service to the community?" and so far we have welcomed speakers from the Y.M.C.A. and Toc H.

Regretfully I must report only one camp last Summer, a week-end affair at Woodcote, the highlight of which was a visit from the Chief Master.

Although stronger than ever this year on paper, our effective strength is very much depleted by the calls of distant Universities and Service



Units. If we are to flourish, a larger active membership is necessary and I want to make it clear that any member of the Sixth Form is welcome to join us, whether he has any previous scouting "history" or not. More than one of our members did not become a scout until Rover age. While the chief aim of the Rover Crew is to help others and to render service to the community, we eschew formality and are liberal in outlook, like walking, climbing and the joys of open-air comradeship and, above all, deprecate the attitude that says that when a boy becomes a man he must spend all his time in the stuffy urbanity of the lounge suit and social round.

All boys interested should have a word with the Group Scoutmaster in the first instance.

J. R. EDWARDS (O.E.) (*Crew Scribe*).

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### SENIOR SCOUT TROOP

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At the present time the Senior Troop is larger than it has ever been in its short history: so much so, in fact, that two would-be members had unfortunately to be turned away. Moreover, it is more active than ever before and these two factors should make the year a really successful one.

There was no official troop activity in the Summer vacation but the time was not wasted. For example, four members enjoyed a three-week trek through the mountains of Western Scotland and two more went hiking on the Continent. Several more helped to run the Junior Troop camps.

In the Michaelmas term our activities ranged from the crazy to the serious. One dull afternoon of rugger for the Shells was brightened for them by the sight of us shivering in bathing costumes trying to paddle leaky rafts across the School swimming bath. As a direct contrast to this twenty very earnest members were sickened by a film "First-Aid in Action." We look forward in December to a visit from John Clews, a journalist who has spent some time in Russia and who is to talk to us on "Communism and its Effects."

If any of you venture into the Senior Hut you will find it greatly changed. A partition has been erected about two-thirds of the way along, giving us a cosy little room in which there is the stove, and a larger Games Hall suitable for more energetic activities. It was the Rovers' idea in the first place and we should like to thank them very much for the work they have put in for our mutual benefit. The inclement weather of Field Day drove the Troop to building and furnishing operations in the hut.

D. F. LOMAX (*P.L.*)(S.).

## MITRE TROOP CAMP

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The 1952 Mitre Camp was near Aberayron, a small coastal village some miles south of Aberystwyth in Wales.

The weather was hot enough, except on the last day, to allow swimming parties to bathe every day along the grey and shingly beach.

The most important feature of the camp was the ever present anxiety of the inter-patrol competition which provided many intricate opportunities for gaining points. Of these, the most amusing (to the onlookers) was the building of a wood pile which was tested by pouring buckets of water over the whole erection while the smallest member of each patrol, cowered, wet, glowering and miserable within. Other methods were competitive night wide games, mapping, exploring and sports. The sports included a steeplechase in which each scout had to cross a rope bridge built previously.

Towards the end of the camp the whole village was astounded to see a Rolls-Royce, preceding a caravan, move into a field near to our site. The Chief Master and Mrs. Lunt had arrived to spend several days there. They both took a keen interest in our various activities and we were particularly grateful to the Chief Master for the way in which he led our "Scouts' Own" on the last Sunday.

J. PENDRY (P.L.).

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## PARK VALE TROOP CAMP

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A somewhat uncomfortable bus-ride from Aberystwyth to the camp site near Aberayron brought to an end an uneventful train journey from Birmingham. The camp was situated in a valley between the Lampeter-Aberystwyth road and the river Ayron.

A new experiment was tried out for the cooking—a mixture of the troop- and patrol-cooking. This proved quite successful. Despite indifferent weather, the patrol competition went with a swing, resulting in a win for Falcons with Seagulls a distant second, and Kingfishers an even more distant third. Bathing parades were held nearly every day, and, contrary to common belief, Cardigan Bay felt remarkably warm.

Towards the end of the camp the patrols arranged a day excursion, two going to a regatta at Newquay and the other to the Devil's Bridge, Aberystwyth.

The Newquay expedition was soaked and arrived just in time to see the end of the regatta and catch a bus back.



## NEW TROOP CAMP, PEVENSEY, 1952

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The New Troop Scout Camp was held at Pevensey from July 28th to August 7th under the supervision of Mr. Whinnerah and Mr. Leeds. A successful advance party arrived on July 25th.

Several expeditions were held, during which Beachy Head and Hurstmonceaux were visited.

Mr. Leeds organized a night exercise which was carried out with much enthusiasm and success, the winning patrol being the Peewits. Two camp-fires were also enthusiastically attended.

Camp sports were held in a nearby field, watched by many local inhabitants. An inter-patrol cricket match was held, winners of both these events being the Otter patrol, who however were later beaten in the latter event by a team of "Morgues" (officials and Seniors to the layman).

The Patrol Competition was won by the Peewit patrol under the leadership of R. T. Cox, with Otters runners-up.

Despite an outbreak of mumps the camp was considered a great success.

R. K. WILSON (P.L.).

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## VIKINGS TROOP CAMP

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The annual Vikings' Summer camp was held at Pevensey Castle, from August 6th—15th, in all sorts of weather. There was enough fine weather for us to enjoy our bathing, but there were plenty of gales and rain as well. The first day was entirely devoted to erecting camp "gadgets," though we bathed in the evening. After that we settled down to a routine of expeditions, bathing competitions and camp cooking.

Excursions were made over the Downs to Alfriston, to Beachy Head and to Battle Abbey and Hurstmonceaux Castle.

An interesting phenomenon was observed on Beachy Head. When the gale blew a scout's hat over the cliff the updraft promptly blew it back on to the cliff again. This obviously called for further experiments, but these were checked before any serious loss of property occurred.

In addition to the excursions, each patrol had a free day, when it could go where it wanted. There was also a night hike and a night exercise.

Four scouts passed their first class hike, though one pair arrived back in camp so late that the news of their arrival was brought to our S.M. on his way back from the Police Station.

The local Scoutmaster paid us a visit with his troop. They were going to their first camp in three weeks' time and wanted to see how a camp should be run. We at least taught them our traditional camp cricket, played with a mallet and tennis ball. We also had a visit from

the Assistant District Commissioner. On this occasion our latrine pits, carefully tended by our Assistant Quartermaster, are reported to have looked like freshly-raked seed beds.

The Patrol Competition and the Sports were both won by the Owls. The Patrol Log Competitions and the Wild Flower Competition were won by the Beavers.

C. G. TAYAR (*P.L.*).

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## NORWAY, 1952

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The North Sea was not kind to the twelve members of the Geographical Society, led by Mr. Benett, who spent nearly three weeks walking in the Mountains of Western Norway; even hardened salts from the Naval Section being, at times, indifferent to the fate of the ship. However, on going ashore at Bergen spirits rapidly rose, and after a somewhat nerve-racking bus journey the party was fit enough to climb a 4,000-ft. peak that same afternoon.

Many of the nights were spent at Youth Hostels, cooking our own food on three primus stoves. These, together with billy-cans, loaves, kilos of cheeses, etc., tended to make our ruck-sacks rather heavier than we liked. Some nights were spent at Mountain Huts which, apart from being more comfortable, supplied enormous meals. We were particularly impressed by the Norwegian habit of serving second helpings larger, if possible, than the first.

We made our way, crossing the Hardanger Fiord en route, to the "Tourist Station" at Finse. From here we were able to climb part of the way up the Hardanger Jökulen, a large ice-cap, on which, incidentally, were "shot" the glacier scenes for the film "Scott of the Antarctic." As, on the following day, we were treated to a real blizzard (August 28th), which kept us in the hut, the illusion was complete.

By the next day, although there was thick snow on the ground, the weather had improved sufficiently for us to leave Finse. However, hearts began to beat fast when, in a snowstorm and at a height of over 5,000-ft., we lost, for some ten minutes, the line of cairns that enabled us to find the way in conditions of very poor visibility.

After spending three days in magnificent scenery and completely away from all roads, the huts being supplied by pack-horse, we eventually reached a branch of the Sogne Fiord. Another steamer trip followed, and we were all impressed by the sombre steep-sided fiord.

Our last day on foot was marred by heavy rain and we were not sorry to reach the comforts of the Voss Youth Hostel and its hot showers. From there a train took us to Bergen where we spent our last night in Norway in a hostel, reached by a funicular, perched high above the town.

Although the original intention had been for each member of the party to study some special aspect of Norway, the time required to get from place to place curbed lengthy activities. The photographers, however, found a wealth of subjects, the geomorphologists, needless to say, revelled in the glaciated landscape, our botanist identified 342 kinds of wild plants and our zoologists pointed out an eagle, several lemmings and an alleged pole cat.



On July 28th, 1952, the fourteenth Expedition of the British School's Exploring Society left Leith, bound for Reykjavik. The Expedition consisted of the Chief Leader, nine Assistant Leaders, two Medical Officers, a cinematographer, and sixty-two schoolboys. The sea treated the party unkindly and many members of the Expedition spent most of the voyage in their bunks.

On our arrival in Iceland we were greeted by the British Minister, who was introduced to each member of the Expedition. We then began a six-hour journey, over very rough country, to Base Camp, which was situated on the shores of a large lake, a hundred and eight miles from Reykjavik. During our journey we were able to get our first impressions of the type of country in which we were to live and work for the next six weeks. We found that there was very little vegetation and were surprised by the volcanic nature of the scenery, in which wide, deep and apparently formidable rivers just petered out a few miles from the lakes which fed them. The advance party met us at Base Camp and gave us our first "hoosh"—a food which few of us enjoyed at first but which we later consumed with great relish.

The Expedition was divided into "fires," each of which was a specialist group concentrating on such subjects as natural history, meteorology, wireless and surveying. Each "fire" was self-contained and while in Base Camp the cooking arrangements were the responsibility of each member of the "fire" in turn. The rations which the cook had at his disposal consisted of twelve 1-ounce specially prepared Spratt's biscuits, 2-ounces of margarine, 4-ounces of cheese, 2-ounces of sugar, 2-ounces of sultanas, 2-ounces of oatmeal, 2-ounces of pemmican, 1-ounce of dehydrated onions, carrots, peas and lentils, a bar of chocolate, and an allowance of tea and cocoa per man per day. Each boy also had two vitamin "C" tablets per day to compensate for the lack of fresh fruit and vegetables. We found that although these rations never made us feel full, they did give us plenty of energy.

After becoming accustomed to Base Camp life, each "fire" went on a forty-eight hour shake-down march to get used to life on the march. During this march the surveyors attempted to find a suitable area in which to work, but it was decided that the area around Base Camp provided the best opportunities for the making of an interesting map. There followed, for the surveyors at least, a period of practice, and parties were to be seen on all the peaks around Base Camp. During this time we were favoured with excellent weather, there was a daily cycle of sunny mornings, cloudy afternoons and an evening "monsoon." Other "fires" also showed signs of activity and radio aërials and Stevenson screens began to make an appearance in and around Base Camp.

As soon as they were proficient the surveyors began their map and groups of plane-tables, consisting of four boys, were sent out to fill in the topographical detail of the areas in which the trigonometrical surveyors had fixed the main points. When these groups had finished their areas they returned to Base Camp and traced their work on to a master-sheet; they were then sent out to a new area. In this way just

under one-hundred square-miles were surveyed on a scale of 1:50,000 and a vertical interval of twenty metres.

While the surveying work was in progress the other members of the expedition carried on their own particular jobs; the natural historians studied all the forms of natural life and carried out some interesting work on a small water-insect, and showed particular interest in the ptarmigan which abounded in the area; the meteorologists set up a weather station some distance from Base Camp; and another group carried out some interesting glaciological research. Towards the end of the Expedition a party of specially picked volunteers set out on the "Long March" of fourteen days duration, in which time they attempted to reach Lake Grenaelon near the Vatnajökull ice-cap some hundred and thirty-nine miles from Base Camp; the members of this march crossed a hundred and sixty-one rivers and travelled through long stretches of lava-filled desert and mountainous country.

The most impressive feature of the Expedition was the volcanic scenery which had been heavily eroded by ice and water action. There were also hot springs in which we were able to bathe and do our cooking and in some areas the colours imparted to the rocks by minerals were quite dazzling. Towards the end of the Expedition we were favoured by a magnificent display of the Aurora Borealis and were fascinated by the changing colours which spread across the night-sky. Another night-time experience which it will be hard to forget was the ghostly appearance of a lava-field by moonlight.

On September 9th all the members of the Expedition converged sadly on Base Camp to begin the dismal task of packing our equipment for the journey home, but even the destruction of the place which had seemed like home while we were on the Expedition was made interesting by several appearances of an Arctic Fox which showed no camera shyness but which successfully resisted all attempts at capture. On the 13th September we sailed away from Reykjavik with mixed feelings; we were naturally glad to be returning home, but despite the fact that we had sometimes been cold, wet and tired and that on occasion the wind had snapped our tent poles, we were most of us sorry to be leaving behind the silence and magnificent dawns amongst the hills of Iceland.

To our leaders we owe a great debt, for they taught us to live comfortably and safely away from the comforts which we normally take for granted. We found great physical and mental satisfaction away from the artificiality of the gymnasium and playing-field; we also experienced a feeling of enjoyment and well-being which is to be gained only by a struggle, not with others, but with nature. To anyone who has the slightest chance of joining one of these Expeditions I would say, "Strive your hardest to go—you will never regret it."

I should like to take this opportunity to thank the Founder and organisers of the B.S.E.S. and the Governors of the School and the Foyle Trust for their generous financial help which enabled me to go on the Expedition.

P.J.T.



## ENGLISH VERSE PRIZE, 1952

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The city sprawled like a living disease,  
With smoky chimneys, soot grimed, black and grim,  
Iron frameworks outlined the sky, bleak and dim ;  
And within this industrial protoplasm,  
Anxious ridden faces  
In dark obscene places—  
The spark of life in a death-like charm.

Deep in one's city soul,  
A yearning, a strange quick yearning,  
To satisfy the urge of a city soul,  
A flame which seemed forever burning.

To wander in the imagination,  
Far away, across a sun soaked ocean  
Whose pellucid waters reflect the hot gold rays  
Of the sun, an eternal life giving potion,  
Was the outlet of the restless city soul.

Then reality, beneath the stark gasometer,  
On the metal, well-lit, civilised street  
Passed by a drop-head coupé two and a half litre ;  
And the electric lights of the city meet  
And mingle with the sunset's glow,  
A touch of glamour to the sordid city night,  
But in the end, nothing but an artificial sight.

The senses tell us this is real,  
The soul yearns, demands seclusion  
And the squalid city, we feel  
Is a meaningless illusion.

In a clearing of a pallid jungle  
A temple made for contemplation,  
Where all human passion and desire,  
All dissipating lust, dissolves in meditation,  
Until we reach perfect oblivion.  
For this—our city soul keeps yearning  
Unsatisfied the flame forever burning.

Then the café with the seedy waitress,  
And the smell of humanity and coffee  
Calls us to the oppressive city.  
The desire for city,  
Which obliterates the yearning soul.  
So the Bhuddist concept of Nirvana fades  
A dream in the dust and drabness of the city's shades.

D. J. T.

## DEBATE

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Patient sits a chairman  
Nigh the window, whilst a moron—  
*(There's a cleaner round the corner,  
There's a dull sky through the window)*  
—Holds that hypochondriasis  
And a basis obscurantist  
Are the Hon. Opp. Second's failings—  
*(There's a sucking in the distance,  
There's a husky voice a-calling,)*  
—Which is really quite revealing  
Since the opposition's feeling  
That the proposition's leaning—  
*(There's a creaking in the ceiling  
Tons of plaster downward peeling)*  
—Points to lack of education  
And to gross tergiversation,  
Which, If I may first remind them—  
*(Due to dangerous expansion  
Caused by hot air upward rising)*  
—Of their foolish misconception,  
Unenlightened predilection,  
Of their graceless involution—  
*(We are earless ghosts to menace,  
Eyeless, Noseless, Tongueless Morons)*  
—As such copia verborum  
Did but bore us : did but bore us !  
And again it did but bore us.  
*(But your copia verborum  
Did not bore us, eyeless moron,  
For we earless spectres vanished,  
All were struck by hand of heaven.  
Though we scorn'd the calling, were we  
More than Moron, Phantom, only  
Words above what we looked down on ?)*

J.A.A.S.











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# The Old Edwardians' Association

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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

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

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,

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*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 ten 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.



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*Standing (left to right) : P. R. FISK, A. BRAMLEY (1952-53), D. F. LOMAX (1951-2-3), J. A. P. FUERY, A. MANDERS, A. J. G. CAMPBELL, B. C. GANE (1952-53).*  
*Seated (left to right) : R. B. W. PRICE (1951-2-3), D. H. BENSON (1951-2-3), K. S. HUDSON (Vice-Captain (1951-2-3), B. C. HOMER (Captain) (1951-2-3), J. D. WATERSTREET (Secretary) (1951-2-3), A. F. RICHARDS (1951-2-3), N. C. BROWN (1951-2-3).*  
*Seated on ground (left to right) : N. W. C. GARDNER, R. K. WILSON.*



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## EDITORIAL

The end draws near and time runs short. Printers are demanding "copy," and a blank sheet headed EDITORIAL faces us. What can we give you as our final message, what can we say that you will not dismiss with a patronising air and a pitying smile. It is tempting to leave a blank space and see what you say. But you demand and we supply : you will doubtless call it sentiment, and from the heights of your learning dismiss it as trite and commonplace. We can, however, think of nothing else but this, nothing else that is worth saying.

The sun is hot and distractions crowd in upon us. Yet through all the chaos there is only one thought. We can do no better than say :

It is late ; the sun is setting ; it is time for us to go ;

The shadow-light is creeping down the sky :

There's a melancholy music through the branches soft and low

For the passing of the breezes as they die.

But now above, and now below, a passionate refrain

Is throbbing to a paean loud and long ;

For us the tones and tremors of a melody of pain,

For you the chime and cadence of a song.

Well, we know our days are over, and we really wouldn't stay

Besides we have an antiquated air :

We simply cannot swagger in the very latest way,

Nor imitate the fashions that you wear.

The world that lives, the world that moves will claim us for its  
own,

The ancient order yielding to the new,

Though our lips will breathe an ether that would warm a heart  
of stone

Yet still we shall not cease to envy you.

These are our thoughts, think of them what you may, dismiss them as you will. Before we go we pay our tribute :

*Nos abituri vos salutamus.*

## THE GOVERNORS

Professor H. F. Humphreys, who formerly represented the Warwickshire County Council, now represents the University of Birmingham in place of Sir Raymond Priestley who retired last year. In his place the Warwickshire County Council has appointed Lt.-Col. F. T. Blennerhassett, O.B.E.

Mr. Asa Briggs, who represented the University of Oxford, resigned in December and has been succeeded by the Reverend G. W. H. Lampe, M.A., Fellow of St. John's College, Oxford, and Cadbury Professor elect of Theology in the University of Birmingham.

## COMMON ROOM

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Four masters are leaving at the end of this term.

Mr. Babb leaves after six years at King Edward's to become Head Master of Urmston Grammar School, in Lancashire.

Mr. Hurrell, who has been at King Edward's for six years as a pupil and six years as a master, will take charge of the Mathematics Department at Wallasey Grammar School, in Cheshire. Mr. Hurrell has been Group Scoutmaster of the School Scouts for nearly five years.

Mr. Monkcom, who has been at school since June, 1950, now returns to the school where he was a pupil, King's College School, Wimbledon, whence he will find the Centre Court easier to reach.

Mr. Hodges, after three years here, leaves to take a post at Bradfield College.

## VALEANT

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The Editor offers congratulations to :

The Rev. F. J. Williams, who was ordained Priest by Bishop J. H. Linton on 7th June in Birmingham Cathedral.

Mr. and Mrs. McGawley on the birth of a daughter on December 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Whinnerah on the birth of a daughter on December 31st.

Mr. and Mrs. Monkcom on the birth of a son on April 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Cadenhead on the birth of a daughter on April 24th.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy on the birth of a son on June 6th.

Mr. Buttle, on his marriage on March 27th to Miss Sheila Holt of Acoc's Green, Birmingham.

Mr. Hurn, who in February announced his engagement to Miss J. B. Haggard, of Oak Park, Illinois.

Flight Lieutenant Traynor, on the award of a Coronation Medal.

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## SCHOOL DIARY

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The Lent Term began on Thursday, January 15th, and ended on Friday, March 27th.

Since the beginning of 1953 it has become the practice to hold a monthly celebration of Holy Communion in the War Memorial Chapel.

A service for the Foundation was held at the Parish Church of St. Martin's on Thursday, 29th January, when the sermon was preached by the Reverend L. Tizard before a congregation drawn from all the Schools of the Foundation.

This year's School Play, "Richard III," was presented by the Dramatic Society on 29th, 30th and 31st January in Big School, with R. M. Wilkinson in the title rôle. A review appears elsewhere in the CHRONICLE.

On February 4th Mr. Harold Wall, O.E., showed a documentary film about the Outward Bound Schools, and gave strong encouragement to members of the School to go on a course at one of the three Schools now in existence.



As Select Preacher in the University of Oxford this year, the Chief Master preached the University Sermon on February 8th and May 10th.

The Julian Horner concert was given on Wednesday, March 4th by the Harold Greensmith Trio.

The School Confirmation was held at Edgbaston Parish Church on Tuesday, March 17th, when the Right Reverend W. J. Hughes, D.D. confirmed thirty-six members of the School.

Rain did not interrupt this year's Athletic Sports, which were held on Saturday, March 21st, at Eastern, when several records were broken.

The generous benefaction of Sir Robert Bird to the School has made possible the foundation of a School Shakespeare Society and Junior Shakespeare Society. The Shakespeare Society has read "The Comedy of Errors," "King Richard II," and "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

A Foundation Conference was held at the School on April 20th and 21st, when representatives of the various Schools of the Foundation discussed "Cosmology."

On the last Sunday of the Lent Term the School Service at Edgbaston Parish Church took the form of a Service of Passion Music and Readings.

The Summer Term began on St. George's Day.

This year's Junior School Play, "She Passed through Lorraine" was presented by the Junior Dramatic Society on 7th, 8th and 9th of May.

On Wednesday, 20th May, in Big School, the Choral Society sang Mozart's "Requiem," under the direction of Dr. Willis Grant.

On the occasion of the Coronation of Her Majesty, the School was granted three days extra holiday, and each member of the School was given a New Testament.

Air Marshal C. E. N. Guest, C.B., C.B.E., O.E., inspected the C.C.F. on Friday, 10th July, when the parade was under the command of Under-Officer D. H. Benson.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

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The following elections have been made :

*At Oxford :*

J. M. H. Buckler to an Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Brasenose College.

B. Cleaver to a Demyship in Natural Sciences at Magdalen College.

A. D. Grounds to a Major Scholarship in History at Worcester College.

R. S. Lowrie to a Postmastership in Natural Sciences at Merton College.

O. N. Serck to a Major Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Wadham College.

*At Cambridge :*

C. Gilbraith to an Exhibition in Modern History at Pembroke College.

C. J. Hickman to an Exhibition in English at Queen's College.

D. E. Lloyd to a Minor Scholarship in Mathematics at Gonville and Caius College.

## FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S NEEDS

King George VI. National Memorial Fund	..	..	£ 105
East Coast Relief Fund	..	..	67
National Life-Boat Association	..	..	30
Kyrle Hall Boys' Clubs	..	..	25

## COLOURS

We congratulate :

J. D. WATERSTREET, D. F. LOMAX, A. F. RICHARDS, R. B. W. PRICE and N. C. BROWN on the re-award of their School Football Colours.

A. BRAMLEY and B. C. GANE on the award of their School Football Colours.

P. R. FISK, J. A. P. FUERY, A. J. G. CAMPBELL, A. MANDERS, R. K. WILSON, R. W. N. DAVIS, P. R. JANNEY, P. J. TURNER, P. R. FOXALL, N. W. C. GARDNER, P. S. TREVIS, G. P. SIMPSON, C. GILBRAITH, K. R. RUSHTON, G. H. HERRINGSHAW, J. D. L. ADAMS, E. L. B. SAXON and R. A. J. WOOLLEN on the award of their School XXX Colours.

O. S. WHEATLEY, B. C. HOMER, J. L. WILKINS, G. P. SIMPSON and A. C. SMITH on the re-award of their School Cricket Colours.

E. L. B. SAXON, A. J. G. CAMPBELL and J. MULFORD on the award of their School Blazers.

P. H. R. MERCER, M. WILKINS, A. J. G. CAMPBELL, D. F. LOMAX, A. MANDERS, G. H. BRINDLEY on the re-award of their School XXII Colours.

J. MULFORD, G. H. HERRINGSHAW and R. H. TIPTON on the award of their School XXII Colours.

A. E. FRANKLIN, P. F. BRADLEY, A. F. RICHARDS and B. C. HOMER on the re-award of their School Athletics Colours.

O. S. WHEATLEY, D. H. JACKSON, P. W. BURTON and J. A. P. FUERY on the award of their School Athletics Colours.

## PREFECTS

The following gentlemen have been appointed Prefects :

A. D. GROUNDS, Secretary of the Geographical Society ; Scrivener of the Shakespeare Society (*Prince Lee*).

R. S. LOWRIE, Secretary of the Musical Society ; Warrant-Officer in C.C.F. (*Cary Gilson*).

J. D. L. ADAMS, Secretary of Swimming (*Prince Lee*).

D. F. LOMAX. (*Jeune*).

J. L. WILKINS (*Heath*).

The following gentlemen are leaving :

D. H. BENSON (1946-1953) : Captain of the School and General Secretary of the School Club, 1952-53 ; Prefect, 1951-53 ; School Rugger Colours, 1951-52-53 ; XXX Colours, 1951-52-53 ; Captain of Cricket, 1952-53 ; Vice-Captain of Cricket, 1951-52 ; Secretary of Cricket, 1950-51 ; School Cricket Colours, 1951-52-53 ; School Cricket Blazer, 1950-51-52-53 ; XXII Colours, 1949-50-51-52-53 ; House



Cricket Captain, 1952-53 ; Captain of Athletics, 1952-53 ; School Athletics Colours, 1952-53 ; House Captain of Athletics, 1950-51-52-53 ; House Captain of Fives, 1952-53 ; School P.T. Leader, 1951, 1951-52 ; House P.T. Leader, 1950-51-52-53 ; Under-Officer in C.C.F., 1952-53 ; C.S.M. in C.C.F., 1951-52 ; Sub-Editor of the CHRONICLE, 1952-53 ; Head of the House, 1952-53 ; Trinity Hall, Cambridge (*Prince Lee*).

P. H. R. MERCER (1945-1953) : Vice-Captain of the School, 1952-53 ; Prefect, 1951-52-53 ; School XXII Colours, 1950-51-52-53 ; Captain of the House, 1951-52-53 ; Sub-Editor of the CHRONICLE, 1952-53 ; Secretary of Modern Language Society, 1951-52-53 ; House Captain of Cricket, 1950-51-52-53 ; Under-Officer, C.C.F., 1953 ; Petty Officer, R.N. Section, 1951-52-53 ; St. Edmund Hall, Oxford (*Vardy*).

B. C. HOMER (1944-53) : Prefect, 1951-52-53 ; Captain of Rugby Football, 1952-53 ; Rugger Colours, 1951-52-53 ; XXX Colours, 1950-51-52-53 ; Cricket Colours, 1951-52-53 ; School Blazer, 1950-51-52-53 ; XXII Colours, 1949-50-51-52-53 ; Athletic Colours, 1952-53 ; Fives Colours, 1951-52-53 ; Recorder of the School Club, 1952-53 ; House Captain, 1952-53 ; House Rugger Captain, 1951-52 ; House Cricket Captain, 1951-52 ; House Fives Captain, 1952-53 ; Bache Memorial Cup, 1952-53 (*Evans*).

R. B. W. PRICE (1946-53) : Prefect, 1951-52-53 ; Sub-Treasurer of School Club, 1952-53 ; School Captain of Swimming, 1951-52-53 ; School Swimming Colours, 1949-50-51-52-53 ; School Rugby Football Colours, 1951-52-53 ; House Captain Swimming, 1950-51-52-53 ; House Captain Rugby Football, 1951-52-53 ; Senior C.S.M., C.C.F., 1952-53 (*Vardy*).

O. S. WHEATLEY (1947-53) : Prefect, 1951-52-53 ; Vice-Captain of Cricket, 1952-53 ; Hon. Secretary of Cricket, 1951-52-53 ; XXII Colours, 1950-51-52-53 ; Cricket Blazer, 1950-51-52-53 ; School Cricket Colours, 1951-52-53 ; Athletics Colours, 1953 ; House Captain of Levett ; House Captain of Swimming, 1949-50 (retired) ; House Captain of Cricket, 1951-52-53 ; Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge (*Levett*).

P. S. TREVIS (1946-53) : Prefect, 1952-53 ; School XXX Colours, 1952-53 ; Sub-Editor of the CHRONICLE, 1952 ; Editor of the CHRONICLE, 1952-53 ; Secretary of the Debating Society, 1952-53 ; Secretary of the Literary Society, 1952-53 ; Secretary of the Closed Circle, 1952-53 ; Head of the House, 1952-53 ; Trinity College, Oxford (*Heath*).

J. D. WATERSTREET (1946-53) : Prefect, 1952-53 ; Secretary of Rugby Football Club, 1952-53 ; School XXX Colours, 1951-52-53 ; School XV Colours, 1951-52-53 ; Captain of the House, 1952-53 ; House Captain of Rugby Football, 1951-52-53 ; House Captain of Athletics, 1951-52-53 ; House P.T. Leader, 1953 ; Keeper of the Chapel, 1952-53 ; Trinity Hall, Cambridge (*Jeune*).

C. GILBRAITH (1947-53) : Prefect, 1952-53 ; XXX Colours, 1951-52-53 ; Secretary of the Film Society ; Exhibitioner of Pembroke College, Cambridge (*Jeune*).

G. H. HERRINGSHAW (1945-53) : Prefect, 1952-53 ; School XXX Colours, 1952-53 ; School XXII Colours, 1953 ; C.S.M. in C.C.F., 1952-53 ; House Captain, 1952-53 ; House Rugger Captain, 1952-53 ; House P.T. Leader, 1952-53 ; House Chess Captain, 1951-52 ; St. Catharine's Society, Oxford (*Cary Gilson*).

A. B. MACNAB (1945-53) : Prefect, 1952-53 ; Secretary of Chess, 1950-51-52-53 ; Chess Colours, 1949-50-51-52-53 ; House Chess Captain, 1952-53 ; Petty-Officer in R.N. Section ; St. John's College, Cambridge (*Jeune*).

A. E. FRANKLIN (1945-53) : Prefect, 1952-53 ; Secretary of Athletics, 1952 ; Vice-Captain of Athletics, 1953 ; School Athletics Colours, 1952-53 ; School XXX Colours, 1951-52 ; House Captain of Athletics, 1951-52-53 ; House Captain of Tennis, 1952-53 ; Selwyn College, Cambridge (*Cary Gilson*).

A. R. G. DEASLEY (1947-53) : Prefect, 1952-53 ; Secretary of the Christian Union, 1951-52-53 ; Jesus College, Cambridge (*Vardy*).

A. D. GROUNDS (1945-53) : Prefect, 1953 ; Secretary of Societies, 1952-53 ; Secretary of Geographical Society, 1952-53 ; Scrivener of Shakespeare Society, 1952-53 ; Scholar of Worcester College, Oxford (*Prince Lee*).

R. S. LOWRIE (1946-53) : Prefect, 1953 ; Warrant Officer, R.A.F. Section, C.C.F., 1952-53 ; Secretary of Musical Society, 1952-53 ; Postmaster of Merton College, Oxford (*Cary Gilson*).

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## HOUSE PREFECTS

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This year has seen the introduction of a House Prefect system, which is working well and now plays an important part in the life of the school.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

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We congratulate A. J. G. Campbell and N. C. Brown on winning the Public Schools' Eton Fives Handicap Competition at Highgate in April.

The Seven-a-Side team reached the semi-finals of the Public Schools' competition at Richmond, when they were defeated by Clifton. We offer them our heartiest congratulations.

We offer G. M. Simon our congratulations on reaching the semi-final of the Public Schools' Fencing Championship.

J. A. Harvey, Esq., O.E., was chosen to represent Cambridge University on several occasions last term, and also toured France at Easter with the University Rugby Football Team. We offer him our congratulations.

As we write the Cartland Room is rapidly nearing completion. Though final plans have not yet been made, we are assured that this very beautiful addition to the School will become a place with its own traditions and customs.

Large crowds have attended the Coronation air displays held on the South Terrace. Many records have been broken, and there is considerable rivalry between the aeronautics.

At Eastern Road a new score-box has been installed and with it two teak seats, both part of the C. H. Heath Memorial Fund.

By reason of the arctic conditions, only the most hardy have ventured into the bath this term. Nevertheless, J. D. L. Adams broke the record for the 100 yards breast stroke in the match against Solihull. We congratulate him most warmly.



A "Monkey Run" has been erected outside the Scout Room. We leave our readers to reach their own conclusions, but we trust that they are not the same as ours.

For our Fashion Note this term we have noticed that buttonholes have grown in favour, and we think it is "quite the latest thing" to be seen with a rose in one's blazer.

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### GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL, 1952-53

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Among many gifts to the School this year we should like to record our special thanks to Sir Robert Bird for his Fund primarily for promoting the study of Shakespeare, Mr. Walter Barrow for a gift of books and two Bookcases, Mr. W. R. F. Brown for the Spring Board by the Swimming Bath, the executors of Dame Elizabeth Cadbury for the gift of the Organ from the Manor House, to a number of O.E.'s, parents and masters who wish to remain anonymous for their gifts for the furnishing of the War Memorial Chapel, to Mr. H. Davis for the Bust of King Edward VI by Roubilliac, to Miss E. C. Goodwin for the gift of her father's prizes for the Library, to Miss M. F. Pugh for seats for the Swimming Bath and books for the Library, to Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Russell for Mr. R. J. T. Bryant's Oak Chest made from desks from New Street, to Mr. E. W. Vincent for an oak table, to Mr. Harold Wall for his bursary to enable a boy to go to the Outward Bound Schools, to Mr. M. H. Homer for his help towards the Heath Memorial Scorebox, to Mr. H. F. Hill for the Hill Cup for the House Seven-a-Sides, and to the Prefects for their gift to the War Memorial Chapel.

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### KENILWORTH CASTLE

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High in the red-brown stone of Caesar's Keep,  
An ancient window, worn by winds and showers,  
Looks down on smooth, green turf and broken wall,  
Where once rose up our noblest castle's towers :  
For Kenilworth's proud battlements are fallen.

No chargers in rich trappings paw the cobbles ;  
No shrill-voiced trumpet sounds its harsh alarms ;  
The gleaming swords and knightly arms are rusted ;  
No more the tilt-yard rings to clash of arms ;  
Kenilworth's golden pageantry is gone.

No more do stately lords and ladies move  
In tinkling minuets and gallopades ;  
No more they feast, with sweet-toned lutes a-playing ;  
Their virginals are silent ; they are shades,  
For Kenilworth's great chambers now are ruins.

Grim, bare, it stands up stark against the sky  
And looks across the placid countryside.  
And dreams of its departed days of glory,  
Before the wind through ruined archways sighed,  
For Kenilworth's proud battlements have fallen.

M.W.H.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### OLD EDWARDIANS' LETTER

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*To the Editor of THE CHRONICLE.*

SIR,

May I open with congratulations to the School on two outstanding achievements—the winning of the Public Schools' Eton Fives Championship; and the splendid form shown, so nearly rewarded by complete success, in the Public Schools' "Sevens"? The latter must have consoled Mr. Parry and the Football captain for a season slightly disappointing even though Bromsgrove were well and truly trounced. The former stands out by itself, especially when one considers the inadequate facilities at the School for Fives practice. Is it true, by the way, that soon the Fives courts will be covered, so that "home" matches will become possible?

One other achievement many Old Boys have noted with pleasure—the breaking of many records at the Athletic Sports and the large number of "standards" secured. Congratulations, especially, to Richards and Jackson.

Our own athletic report is short and by no means sweet. The First Fifteen had one of the poorest seasons in its long history—and nobody really seems to know why. The Golfing Society, after a brilliant show in the Halford-Hewitt last year, this year went out early. On the other hand the Cricket Club is going strong. Its results last summer were good and both its fixture list and the wicket on the pleasant ground at Hunnington are steadily improving. One anxiety remains: not every keen cricketer leaving the School plays for the O.E.C.C. This must be wrong. Admittedly the Club is not yet quite in the first rank—it is young. But it soon could rank high, with the sort of cricket you are now playing at the School. Every cricketer leaving should resolve he will do his bit towards securing for the O.E.C.C. among cricket clubs the reputation the O.E.F.C. has always had among Rugger clubs.

It is good to see the War Memorial Swimming Bath so much appreciated. Building licences are easier now and we hope to add soon to a "place where you swim" the amenities planned in the original scheme, making the Bath pleasanter to see and to use.

The Association's affairs prosper. The loss of E. R. Bickley as Hon. Registrar has been compensated by the energy and initiative of his successor, R. B. Lawes. The Committee is determined to maintain and improve liaison with the School. To this end it is giving more and more School news in the *Gazette* and is sending out twice yearly a post card with dates of interesting School fixtures. We hope the intake of new Members from the School will be as large as last year. They will find the Association rooms both comfortable and friendly. We hope, too, that men joining from school will resolve that their membership shall be permanent. One of the Committee's problems in the past has been the loss of Members of three or four years' standing, perhaps especially University Members. Subscriptions at the outset are deliberately kept low, so that everybody leaving School may be able to join; and it is obviously unfair that Members taking advantage of this should drop out



when the subscription begins to be commensurate with what the Association gives. Admittedly lapses are often due to sheer carelessness, especially when Members leave Birmingham. However, our new Hon. Registrar will see that this excuse is no longer valid.

Yours sincerely,  
O.E.

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### CAMBRIDGE LETTER

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*To the Editor of THE CHRONICLE.*

SIR,

It is hardly surprising that at this time of year we should be overtaken with lassitude. Exams. are behind us and most of us have heard our results, of which the less said the better, although we have to confess that several of our members gained "firsts," we shall do our utmost to live these down next year.

The fatigue to which we have succumbed must be our excuse, if any of the facts we are about to relate concerning O.E.'s up here are discovered to be inaccurate, but our legal advisers assure us—and you, Sir—that nothing contained herein constitutes criminal libel.

B. H. Laister (St. John's), has relinquished his post as the Cambridge Colossus of the Cam, to become a personality in the press world. J. M. B. Moss (B.A.) (Trinity), is departing for a year in the United States. We wish them—him—luck. M. P. Hopkins and A. I. Rees of Trinity Hall have been seen during the year in one or two most remarkable places—but they are remarkable people.

B. H. Judd (Peterhouse) has been struggling with the law this year. We shall be there to meet him when he emerges in a few weeks' time. E. J. Andrews (Queen's) has been following in Judd's footsteps, but rumour has it that he has already been released, with a remission for good conduct. P. J. Welbank (Trinity), is a phenomenon, but this is nothing new for O.E. members of Trinity. D. J. McK. Ford (St. John's) and H. B. Gothschalk (Peterhouse) are both singularly unobtrusive.

J. A. Nimmo (Christ's)—Ah! Alas. G. J. Tayar of Jesus is irrepressible, and still pins his faith on his crammer. B. S. Mather (Trinity) is the epitome of decent English pipe-smoking manhood, but M. R. Jackson (Selwyn) still rows while we sympathise.

R. N. Doubleday (Downing), is still up, struggling to qualify for his third year, but in spite of his predicament, preserves an imperturbable insouciance.

J. de C. Ling (Clare), has been working hard, poor fellow, but in spite of this, is no callow youth, as he tells us he too rows, and is off soon to Henley to row for his College. In Caius' D. B. Hill works, but N. Sankarayya is inscrutable, telling us confidentially, however, that he has nearly perfected his version of the Indian Rope Trick.

I. R. McClelland (Sidney Sussex) is also conscientious, but occasionally enjoys a leisurely game of cricket, while D. C. Duckworth, also of Sidney Sussex, continues to press on.

E. H. G. Chitham (Jesus) has a favourite stand in the Market Place where he spends his free hours gleefully collecting bus numbers. M. C. Dodd (Christ's) boasts of his attractive female Swedish supervisor,

and has suddenly developed an acute interest in natural history, while P. K. Harber retains his nautical bearing. K. F. Neeves (King's) was seen early one morning blowing his trumpet from the scaffolding around King's main gate. The Scottish brogue of W. R. Smith (St. John's), is to be heard all over Cambridge.

We hear that D. C. Ward (St. John's) is revising his revolutionary political views, while J. A. Harvey (Magdalene) has bought a controlling interest in the Pickerel, taking an active interest in that concern in the intervals between one game of rugger and the next.

If our attacks on our fellow O.E.'s have been scurrilous, at least our motives are good, so may we end by extending a sincere welcome to all who will be joining us here next term from the School in the iron heart of England.

We are, Sir,  
Your obedient servants,  
CANTAB.

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*To the Editor of THE CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR,

I cannot but regard with horror the deplorable and outrageous standard of umpiring in House cricket matches. Very rarely do we find an umpire who has both a fair knowledge of the rules, and enough courage to make correct, if unpopular, decisions. The present system takes half the enjoyment out of the game and results in the players expressing an open contempt of the people there to see fair play. I look forward to a season in which the umpiring will be confined to members of the XI (or masters, if available), hoping in this way to obtain better results.

Yours sincerely,  
P. J. SQUIRE.

*We most heartily agree, and trust that those responsible will see to it before next year.—Editor.*

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*To the Editor of THE CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR,

We cannot but regard with regret the present situation in which members of the School daring to take lunch are inveigled into entering the dining-hall without foreknowledge of the food to be served. Once inside, they find their exit barred by the stout sentinels at the door. They then have no alternative but to consume what is placed before them, regardless of its quality. We, therefore, suggest that a menu card be posted in a prominent position, and thus untold suffering be avoided.

Yours sincerely,  
D. E. VEITCH.  
G. O. MILLAR.  
W. P. J. BRANDON.  
M. J. BUCKLEY.

*Chaffers of the Menu ?—Editor.*



## FOOTBALL RETROSPECT

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In the last five games of the season, the XV was defeated three times, and two games, against Bedford Modern and Mount St. Mary's, were cancelled owing to frost. The defeats were inflicted by Aston, 3—5 ; Cardiff H. S., 0—10, and Christ's Hospital, 3—11.

The final record was five games won, one drawn, and seven lost. Perhaps the main reason for such a moderate season was that the whole team struck form at the same time on only a few occasions, as in the Bromsgrove and Christ's Hospital games. Very often good play amongst the forwards was let down by bad play amongst the backs, and *vice versa*, although no one in particular can be blamed for such a state of affairs. If the team got off to a good start, and remained on top, it could play attractive and intelligent rugger ; but a bad start always took some sting out of its play, and it took a long time to recover.

To criticise, now, however, is useless and unnecessary. The results were only moderately good, but the team was happy and enjoyed its games. That this was so was in no small way due to Mr. Parry, to whom we extend our gratitude for all that he did for us.

Finally, I would like to wish next year's XV a happy and successful season.

B. C. HOMER (*Captain of Football*).

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### THE XV v. CHRIST'S HOSPITAL

On December 17th, 1952, King Edward's School and Christ's Hospital met for the first time on the Rugger field. The match had been arranged as part of the Quatercentenary celebrations which both schools were holding. It was played in London, on the Rosslyn Park football ground.

Despite recent snow and rain, the pitch itself was in excellent condition, but there was a very strong, cold wind blowing that froze the fingers and made good handling difficult. The School kicked off with the wind behind them, and until half-time play remained mainly in the Christ's Hospital half. The wind was an obvious advantage to King Edward's, and on occasions it was used as such ; ground was gained by " working " the touch-line, or by cross-kicks. One such kick by Wilson was especially memorable for its perfect placing from which but for an unlucky bounce, Benson, who was following up hard, would have scored. Right from the start it was apparent that King Edward's held a decided supremacy in the forwards and that their wing three-quarters were faster than their opponents. It was through playing to the wings that the School scored first. From a loose maul on the right, the ball was rapidly passed to Richards on the left wing, leaving him time to beat, by swerve and speed, several would-be tacklers and touch down in the corner. The kick, taken by Homer, just failed from the touch-line.

At half-time the score was still 3—0 to King Edward's. In the second half Christ's Hospital, with the wind behind them, had a larger share of the ball. Unlike the School, they did little kicking. In an effort to combat the wind, King Edward's " worked " the touch-line until they

were in the Christ's Hospital half, and only then did they open up play. However, play was mostly in the King Edward's half, and valuable scoring chances were wasted by not keeping the ball in play. As time went by, Christ's Hospital made more and more dangerous passing movements, though most of them were of an orthodox nature and could be nullified by quick covering and "corner-flagging." It was from one such movement, however, that Pirnie, for Christ's Hospital, scored in the corner; the kick failed. Then about ten minutes later, Butler kicked a good penalty goal from wide out on the King Edward's twenty-five yard line, to make the score 6—3 to Christ's Hospital. A fierce struggle ensued, in which King Edward's fought back strongly, but just on time, Butler managed to fight his way over the line between the posts. He converted his try, and a most enjoyable game ended with the full score at 11—3 to Christ's Hospital.

It was felt by many who saw the game that a draw would have been more truly indicative of the relative strength of the two teams. The King Edward's forwards were always better in the line-outs, in which Fisk and Bramley excelled, were more constructive in the loose maul, where Waterstreet did a lot of good work, and were generally faster than the Christ's Hospital pack. The latter never gave up, though heavily outweighed; superbly led by Butler they fought hard in the loose and shoved extremely hard in the tight scrum.

The King Edward's wingers, Richards and Benson, ran fast and cleverly, but their centres had a great deal on their hands in coping with the Christ's Hospital centres, Johnston and Viollett, who, several times broke through by some elusive running; Johnston especially shone in this respect. A special word must be said for Wilson who, playing for the first time in the XV, handled coolly and well, and kicked, whether for touch or across-field, with great accuracy.

After the game, the London Old Edwardians' Association entertained the King Edward's team to a show and supper, both of which were very much enjoyed and appreciated. Another match has been arranged for next season, to be played at the same ground on December 16th, 1953.

B.C.H.

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#### PUBLIC SCHOOLS' SEVEN-A-SIDE COMPETITION

*Old Deer Park, Richmond, Wednesday and Thursday, April 1st and 2nd, 1953.*

Among the nine players from King Edward's who went to London were many of the essential features of a good "Sevens" team. The forwards were big, strong, and fast; the three-quarters, though rather on the small side, were all very fast. Indeed, in Richards and Benson, we had two of the fastest three-quarters in the competition. Their small size, moreover, had its uses, for it made them much nippier than bigger opponents, especially on wet ground, enabling them to turn round more quickly.

The main problem that confronted the team was how to protect the three-quarters from the gruelling pace of the games, and the heavy tackling that they were bound to meet. Two possible solutions to the problem were attempted. The first was to utilize the speed and strength of the forwards in a good deal of mauling, scrummaging and line-out work.





PUBLIC SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONS, 1953  
A. J. G. CAMPBELL and N. C. BROWN.



SEVEN-A-SIDES, RICHMOND, 1953  
N. W. C. GARDNER, P. R. FISK, R. B. W. PRICE, A. F. RICHARDS,  
J. D. WATERSTREET, B. C. HOMER (Captain), D. H. BENSON.



### THE PREFECTS, 1952-53

*Standing (left to right) : G. H. HERRINGSHAW, C. GILBRAITH, J. L. WILKINS, D. F. LOMAX, A. E. FRANKLIN, A. D. GROUNDS, J. D. WATERSTREET, J. D. L. ADAMS, A. B. MACNAB, A. R. G. DEASLEY, P. R. JANNY, R. S. LOWRIE.*  
*Seated (left to right) : O. S. WHEATLEY, B. C. HOMER, D. H. BENSON (Captain of the School), Rev. R. G. LUNT, M.C., M.A. (Chief Master), P. H. R. MERCER (Vice-Captain), R. B. W. PRICE, P. S. TREVIS.*



A lot depended on them, as a winning "Sevens" team must always have a trio of tough forwards. The second solution was to utilize the speed of the three-quarters in following-up kicks. Homer, as scrum-half, had to do most of the kicking, either "working" the touch-line until in a favourable attacking position, or running across field, drawing some opponents, and then kicking towards a corner-flag. In this way, the three-quarters were relieved of a lot of tiring tackling and could use their speed to out-distance their opponents.

The first game, against Downside, was at 10-0 a.m. on the Wednesday. Play was not of a very high standard, but we won fairly convincingly by 6-0 (two tries). After an interval of some three hours, we met Oratory at 2-0 p.m. The game was played at a curiously slow pace throughout. Showing some improvement on the Downside game, we won by 14-0. Heavy rain clouds began to appear in the sky and by 6-0 p.m., when we were due to play Stonyhurst, it was raining extremely heavily, and it continued to do so throughout half of the game. On a very wet and muddy pitch, any sort of handling of the ball was difficult, so we resorted to kick-and-rush methods. Stonyhurst, on the other hand, tried to handle as in normal conditions, but had to do it so slowly and carefully that their movements were easily nullified by our defence. The score was 0-0, until late in the second half, when Gardner "fly-kicked" the ball over the Stonyhurst line and managed to race up and touch down. The kick failed. And so we passed on into the second day.

By Thursday afternoon, the pitches had dried out well, but a strong wind was blowing. At 2-10 p.m. we were to play Christ's Hospital. This game saw a great improvement in all aspects of our play, the forwards playing especially well, two tries being scored by Waterstreet and Fisk. More team-work was apparent, the ball being thrown about with greater liveliness and intelligence.

Having won 6-0 we played the next round against Douai at 3-10 p.m., less than an hour later. Douai had already beaten Uppingham and Bedford. They were a team using similar tactics to ours, namely, the kick ahead. Only by virtue of our fast three-quarters was the danger of some of their accurate kicks up to our line averted. We scored first from a line-out near their line, Waterstreet coming round the front of the line-out, running up the touch-line, and then passing inside. Then Douai equalized, and after fifteen minutes the score was still 3-3. Extra time had to be played. Straightaway from their kick-off Gardner found a long touch in their "25." From the ensuing line-out we got the ball; it went down the line, without much progress forward being made; then, a pass to Waterstreet who was backing up well, and he just managed to fall over the line as he was tackled.

We were now in the semi-final against Clifton at 4-15 p.m. Clifton had already scored 59 points against three in only four games; they were big players, with the three-quarters almost as bulky as their large forwards. At the start it looked as though we were going to be swamped. We were penned in our "25," defending desperately. Then, from a scrum near the touch-line, we heeled and Homer kicked up the line. It was chased, kicked farther on, and Benson was able to pick it up neatly, out-run all opposition and score beneath the posts. But Clifton struck back, and due to fine running by their captain, scored twice before half-

time (8—5 to Clifton). Half-way through the second half, from a loose maul, the ball was "fly-kicked" past the opposing three-quarter line, and Benson was again able to pick it up, beat one man, and score beneath the posts. This was a very good try, and we now led 10—8. Desperately, with both teams tiring rapidly, we held on to our lead. And then, in about the eleventh minute of this half (extra time having been added on for numerous stoppages for injuries), from a loose maul near our line, a Clifton forward ran down the blind side, with no-one to challenge him, to score beneath the posts. It was just bad luck to be beaten at this stage of the game, but the team can draw some consolation from the fact that it had gone farther in the competition than any other team from King Edward's.

The same team played in all the games, namely : A. F. Richards, D. H. Benson, N. W. C. Gardner, B. C. Homer, J. D. Waterstreet, R. B. W. Price, P. R. Fisk. *Reserves* : A. Bramley, J. A. P. Fuery.  
B.C.H.

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## CRICKET

It is difficult to write a report on the progress of a cricket team when less than half of the matches have been played, and four of those against other than School sides. Nevertheless, it cannot be said that the XI is doing very well. Eight of last year's strong side are at School, batsmen there are, on paper, in plenty, bowlers are more than adequate, the fielding good. The loss of O. S. Wheatley as a bowler for four games doubtless robbed the attack of some sting, but the main trouble lies in the batting. The fall of two quick wickets means a minor collapse. But now that two school games have been won with seeming ease, perhaps, the XI will settle down.

My thanks go, unreservedly, to Mr. Guy and Mr. Cockle : the former, through that awkward teething period, gave up his own cricket to watch us : the latter umpires each game. Both give unfailing encouragement and advice at all times, in and out of the nets, on and off the field. Our successes are theirs, our failures are not their faults. To Mr. Leeds and Mr. Trott who have made a good 2nd XI out of seemingly nothing : to Messrs. Freeman, Traynor, Vaughan, Robertson, Sacret, Woods and Buttle for the help with Junior XI's, my sincere thanks. School cricket is safe in their hands.

D. H. BENSON (*Captain of Cricket*).

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## CRICKET CHARACTERS

D. H. BENSON (*Captain*). Never let it be said that the captain is not a whole-hearted exponent of brighter cricket. As with all his other activities, he enters into this game with zest and enthusiasm. The result is that his batting is not as sound as it might be for he rarely takes the time or trouble to play himself in. On his day he can win a match in a matter of a few minutes with a display of powerful hitting. His



"forte" is, however, his bowling, which is extremely accurate. The ability to move the ball either way off the pitch combined with cunning variation of pace never allows batsmen to settle down against him. As captain he sets a really excellent example in the field and is always ready with the word of encouragement. His handling of the bowlers and placing of the field improves with every game. O.S.W.

O. S. WHEATLEY (1951-52-53) *Vice-Captain*. Right arm medium-fast opening bowler. Combining outstanding ability with a great store of experience he frequently proves far too good for School batsmen, especially when the shine is on the ball. He also opens the batting and has several good shots. He tends to lift his head, and thus the ball, too soon, though he grows in patience daily. A very safe fielder with an accurate throw-in, but I wish he would not bellow "Hard in" at the fieldsmen. For his sins he is Secretary for the second year running.

(*Captain of Levett.*)

B. C. HOMER (1951-52-53). A left-hand bat who since last year has increased the fluency and number of his strokes. Plays best against fast bowlers, for he does not use his feet enough to slow bowling. Concentrates more than in previous years but still loses his wicket to a weak, undecided shot. Has bowled off-breaks in School matches, but not for too long at a stretch. Is constantly told to adopt a more enthusiastic attitude to the game. Appearances, however, are sometimes deceptive.

(*Evans.*)

J. L. WILKINS (1951-52-53). Right hand bat, sometimes too much so. He hits the ball with tremendous force, especially when hooking and driving. Has shots all round the wicket, but his uncommon aptitude for hitting the ball hard often proves his undoing for he does not always trouble to play himself in. When Wheatley was injured he opened the bowling with medium pace outswingers; although his length is erratic he did the "hat-trick" against Worcester. His fielding is competent, if a little slow after meals.

(*Captain of Heath.*)

G. P. SIMPSON (1952-53). Right-hand bat, blessed with boundless patience. He is always well behind the ball and thus his defence is excellent. He is unable, as yet, to play any shot using the wrists and his runs come from well-placed drives and hooks. Had he more suppleness he would be far and away the best player in the side. An extremely safe fielder, with a hard, accurate throw. Can bowl off-breaks to order.

(*Vardy.*)

A. C. SMITH (1952-53). *Wicket-keeper*. He has improved greatly on last season's performances. Moves across behind the stumps with much greater ease, and gathers the ball safely from the bowling and throwing. Would, perhaps, give everyone greater confidence if he took the bails off more frequently. He must be prepared to exert himself in a good cause. His batting, too, has improved: his supple wrists and willingness to move his feet and arms have produced some lovely shots between mid-off and third man.

(*Captain of Evans.*)

P. H. R. MERCER†. Left-hand bat who scores runs despite having no back-lift. More freedom would mean more runs. He can, and does, field anywhere, though is at his best in the long grass. He can be relied upon always to do the right thing at the right time. Bowls over-arm.

(*Captain of Vardy.*)

E. L. B. SAXON\*. Opening bat who has scored freely this season. Many of his runs come from his leg-side push which he plays at anything well-pitched up on the wickets ; he must stop playing with a cross bat in front of his pad, although he scores runs this way. His confidence increases as his scores grow ; he made a good fifty against Worcester, his first for the XI. A sound fielder in most places, though he usually plays in the slips. Here he takes some excellent catches, though he misses some "sitters." Bowls leg-breaks, and is always willing to give encouragement to the captain. (Levett.)

M. WILKINS†. A very young player. He bowls leg-breaks, but suffers from a lack of accuracy. He has not bowled much, but when he finds his length he will reap a crop of wickets. One has a feeling when he bats that he is in a high state of excitement, for he does some odd things. His fielding is a little slow. (Heath.)

J. MULFORD†. Another young player, a right-arm, off-break bowler who uses his head excellently considering his short experience of school batting. Does not turn the ball very much but bowls a very steady length and flights the ball well. His batting lacks aggression, but he shows every sign of becoming a very competent bat. Safe but slowish in the field. (Evans.)

A. J. G. CAMPBELL.† Included in the side to provide some quick runs in the middle batting. However, he displays an unaccountable display of caution that restricts his shots, for he can hit the ball very hard. He fields capably and has a very strong low throw.

(Captain of Cary Gilson.)

A. MANDERS.† Medium-paced opening bowler who can swing the new ball and move it back off the pitch. His chief trouble is that he usually bowls well short of a length, which nullifies his undoubted ability. Hits the ball hard and often. Fields at fine-leg. (Vardy.)

\*School Cricket Blazer.

†XXII Colours.

## RESULTS OF MATCHES

### THE XI v. THE COMMON ROOM

*Played at Eastern Road, 25th April, 1953.*

The XI ..... 69 (A. E. Leeds 3 for 9).

The Common Room .... 72 for 7 (W. R. Buttle 48 not out ; O. S. Wheatley 5 for 26).

### THE XI v. THE OLD EDWARDIANS

*Played at Hunnington, 2nd May, 1953.*

Old Edwardians ..... 168 (P. R. Langham 87 ; J. Mulford 3 for 28).

The XI ..... 171 for 8 (B. C. Homer 63 not out ; J. L. Wilkins 59 ; S. J. Sumner 3 for 10).

### THE XI v. ST. EDMUND HALL

*Played at Oxford, 5th May, 1953.*

The XI ..... 129 (D. H. Benson 26 ; J. W. Smith 4 for 21).

St. Edmund Hall ..... 130 for 5 (C. J. D. Saunders-Griffiths 62 ; N. F. Lockhart 41).

### THE XI v. ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL, WORCESTER

*Played at Eastern Road, 9th May, 1953.*

Royal Grammar School .. 198 (J. C. Shaw 94 ; A. F. Hill 46 ; J. L. Wilkins 5 for 43, including hat trick).

The XI ..... 141 for 6 (E. L. B. Saxon 52).



#### THE XI v. WARWICK SCHOOL

*Played at the County Ground, 12th May.*

The XI .....	195 (G. P. Simpson 61 ; R. W. Wilson 5 for 62).
Warwick School .....	197 for 4 (M. F. Smith 67 not out ; R. W. Wilson 53 not out).

#### THE XI v. DENSTONE COLLEGE

*Played at Eastern Road, 23rd May, 1953.*

Denstone College .....	93 (A. H. Marshall 29 ; D. H. Benson 4 for 14 ; O. S. Wheatley 5 for 24).
The XI .....	96 for 5 (J. L. Wilkins 25 ; A. C. Smith 20 not out).

#### THE XI v. WARWICKSHIRE CLUB AND GROUND

*Played at Eastern Road, 29th May, 1953.*

The XI .....	67 (O. S. Wheatley 23 ; J. Gray 4 for 7 ; E. Hewitt 3 for 22).
Warwickshire Club and Ground .....	71 for 3 (C. G. Scholes 37 not out).

#### THE XI v. NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

*Played at Nottingham, 6th June, 1953.*

Nottingham High School .	90 (M. Wilkins 4 for 25).
The XI .....	94 for 2 (B. C. Homer 40, E. L. B. Saxon 36 not out).

#### THE XI v. TRENT COLLEGE

*Played at Trent, 13th June, 1953.*

Trent College .....	62 (O. S. Wheatley 4 for 40 ; B. C. Homer 3 for 3).
The XI .....	66 for 2.

#### THE XI v. RATCLIFFE COLLEGE

*Played at Eastern Road, 20th June, 1953.*

The XI .....	126 (G. P. Simpson 26 ; K. M. Baldwin 3 for 28).
Ratcliffe College .....	128 for 5 (J. G. Willcox 47 not out ; O. S. Wheatley 4 for 29).

#### THE XI v. BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

*Played at Bromsgrove, 27th June, 1953.*

Bromsgrove School .....	116 (R. I. Biddle 31 ; D. H. Benson 5 for 35 ; O. S. Wheatley 4 for 46).
The XI .....	117 for 7 (J. L. Wilkins 35 ; O. S. Wheatley 23 not out).

#### THE XI v. SOLIHULL SCHOOL

*Played at Eastern Road, 4th July, 1953.*

Solihull School .....	232 for 5 (declared) (W. J. Danter 116 ; J. Mulford 3 for 49).
The XI .....	148 for 8 (E. L. B. Saxon 32 ; T. E. Edwards 4 for 7).

### ATHLETICS

The long spell of good weather in March and early April undoubtedly made the Athletics season the most pleasant for many years. Performances good by any standard were the rule rather than the exception, but the most pleasing fact was the gaining of 2,500 standards. Jeune just regained the John Urry Cup.

Sports Day was warm and the track hard, but this does not detract from the breaking of eight records and the equalling of two others. A. F. Richards and D. H. Jackson put up excellent times and but that O. S. Wheatley had an off day, the javelin record would have gone as well.

A triangular match at Trent College between that school, Nottingham High School and ourselves, resulted in wins for N.H.S. in both Senior and Junior teams : we were second in both. Nottingham's win was all the better in that Booth, Public Schools' Sprint Champion, pulled a muscle in the first race and did not run again.

My thanks to Mr. Cadenhead for his help at all times in coaching and organizing ; to Mr. McGawley for giving us the benefit of his wide knowledge of field events, and to Mr. Moore and Dr. Burges who patch up the strains and bruises. The School is grateful to Mrs. Hutton, wife of the Bailiff, for presenting the prizes so graciously on Sports Day. We have had a happy and not unsuccessful season.

D. H. BENSON (*Captain of Athletics*).

## RESULTS OF MATCH

### SCHOOL v. NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL AND TRENT COLLEGE.

#### *Senior Events :*

100 yards : 1, Richards ; 2, Benson ; 3, N.H.S. 11.0 secs.  
 220 yards : 1, N.H.S. ; 2, Benson ; 3, N.H.S. 24.0 secs.  
 440 yards : 1, N.H.S. ; 2, N.H.S. ; 3, Simpson. 55.1 secs.  
 880 yards : 1, Trent ; 2, N.H.S. ; 3, Brown. 2 mins. 9.2 secs.  
 Mile : 1, Trent ; 2, N.H.S. ; 3, Jackson. 4 mins. 44.9 secs.  
 Long Jump : 1, Bradley ; 2, N.H.S. ; 3, Fuery. 20-ft. 0½-in.  
 High Jump : 1, Bradley ; 2, N.H.S. ; 3, Trent. 5-ft. 4-in.  
 Hurdles : 1, N.H.S. ; 2, Trent ; 3, Gilbraith. 18.1 secs.  
 Discus : 1, N.H.S. ; 2, Homer ; 3, Wheatley. 109-ft. 9-in.  
 Weight : 1, N.H.S. ; 2, N.H.S. ; 3, Wheatley. 37-ft. 8-in.  
 Javelin : 1, Wheatley ; 2, Trent ; 3, N.H.S. 157-ft. 6-in.  
 Relay : 1, N.H.S. ; 2, K.E.S. ; 3, Trent. 1 min. 12 secs.  
 Result : N.H.S., 59 points ; K.E.S., 45 points ; Trent, 21 points.

#### *Junior Events :*

100 yards : 1, N.H.S. ; 2, Tipton ; 3, Silk. 11.0 secs.  
 220 yards : 1, N.H.S. ; 2, N.H.S. ; 3, Tipton. 24.0 secs.  
 440 yards : 1, Trent ; 2, N.H.S. ; 3, N.H.S. 58.2 secs.  
 880 yards : 1, N.H.S. ; 2, Trent ; 3, N.H.S. 2 min. 21 secs.  
 Hurdles : 1, Tipton ; 2, N.H.S. ; 3, Trent. 18.4 secs.  
 Long Jump : 1, N.H.S. ; 2, Davenall ; 3, Hall. 17-ft. 4-in.  
 High Jump : 1, Davenall ; 2, Pendry ; 3, Trent. 5-ft. 1-in.  
 Discus : 1, Trent ; 2, N.H.S. ; 3, N.H.S. 121-ft. 9-in.  
 Weight : 1, Trent ; 2, Phillips-Smith ; 3, Wilkins. 38-ft. 2½-in.  
 Javelin : 1, N.H.S. ; 2, Trent ; 3, Andrews. 124-ft. 2½-in.  
 Relay : 1, N.H.S. ; 2, K.E.S. ; 3, Trent. 1 min. 15.5 secs.  
 Result : N.H.S., 53 points ; K.E.S., 39 points ; Trent, 22 points.

Results on Sports Day were as follows :

#### *Open Events :*

100 yards : 1, Richards ; 2, Benson ; 3, Bradley. 10.6 secs.  
 220 yards : 1, Richards ; 2, Benson ; 3, Waterstreet. 23.4 secs. *Record.*  
 440 yards : 1, Burton ; 2, Jackson ; 3, Fuery. 55.4 secs.  
 880 yards : 1, Jackson ; 2, Brown ; 3, Holland. 2 mins. 11.6 secs.  
 Mile : 1, Jackson ; 2, Edwards ; 3, Brown. 4 mins. 47.4 secs. *Record.*  
 High Jump : 1, Bradley ; 2, Adams ; 3, Trow. 5-ft. 4-in.  
 Long Jump : 1, Bradley ; 2, Franklin ; 3, Roberts. 19-ft. 7-in.  
 120 yards Hurdles : 1, Holland ; 2, Franklin ; 3, Gardner. 19 secs.  
 Discus : 1, Homer ; 2, Wheatley ; 3, Mercer. 111-ft. 9¾-in.  
 Weight : 1, Waterstreet ; 2, Bramley ; 3, Wheatley. 35-ft.  
 Javelin : 1, Wheatley ; 2, Bramley ; 3, Manders. 143-ft.  
 Cross-Country : 1, Jackson ; 2, Edwards ; 3, Brown. 20 mins. 6.8 secs.



#### *Intermediate Events :*

100 yards : 1, Tipton ; 2, Silk ; 3, Davenall. 11.2 secs.  
220 yards : 1, Tipton ; 2, Davenall ; 3, Silk. 25.2 secs.  
440 yards : 1, Tipton ; 2, Grogan ; 3, Andrews. 59 secs.  
880 yards : 1, Grogan ; 2, Millar ; 3, Davies. 2 mins. 23 secs.  
High Jump : 1, Davenall ; 2, Pendry ; 3, Soutter. 4-ft. 11½-in.  
Long Jump : 1, Davenall ; 2, Tipton ; 3, Hall. 17-ft. 4½-in.  
120 yards Hurdles : 1, Tipton ; 2, Hammond ; 3, Silk. 18.4 secs. *Record.*  
Discus : 1, Wilkins ; 2, Holloway ; 3, Bird. 101-ft. 9-in. *Record.*  
Weight : 1, Wilkins ; 2, Phillips-Smith ; 3, Mathews. 42-ft. *Record.*  
Javelin : 1, Andrews ; 2, Robinson ; 3, Goode. 118-ft. 5-in.  
Cross-Country : 1, Leigh ; 2, Bird ; 3, Andrews. 14 mins. 43.8 secs.

#### *Junior Events :*

100 yards : 1, Holland ; 2, Mountford ; 3, Cashmore. 11.8 secs. *Record.*  
220 yards : 1, Holland ; 2, Mountford ; 3, Dauncey. 26.8 secs. *Record.*  
High Jump : 1, Dauncey ; 2, Pearson ; 3, Holland. 4-ft. 5½-in. *Record.*  
Long Jump : 1, Holland ; 2, Mountford ; 3, Bryant. 15-ft. 3-in.  
Cricket Ball : 1, Green ; 2, Whitley ; 3, Blackwell. 193-ft. 6-in.

#### *Under 12½ Events.*

100 yards : 1, Jones ; 2, Udell ; 3, Cherry. 13 secs. *Equals Record.*  
220 yards : 1, Jones ; 2, Udell ; 3, Webley. 29.6 secs. *Record.*  
High Jump : 1, Udell ; 2, Jones ; 3, Roberts. 4-ft. 0-in.  
Long Jump : 1 =, Jones, Udell ; 3, Webley. 13-ft. 2-in.  
Cricket Ball : 1, Webley ; 2, Udell ; 3, Leader. 154-ft. 4-in.

Open Championship : Jackson, 31 points ; Bradley, 26 points.  
Intermediate Championship : Tipton, 28 points ; Davenall, 24 points.  
Junior Championship : Holland, 13 points ; Mountford, 9 points.  
Under 12½ Championship : Udell, 16 points ; Jones 13½ points.

Holdsworth Cup (Senior Relay) : Evans.  
Robert Morley Cup (Intermediate Relay) : Vardy.  
Tudor Cup ("Junior" Relays) : Prince Lee.  
Richards Cup (Cross Country) : Jeune.  
John Urry Cup (Standards) : Jeune.  
Wiggins Davies Cup (Sports) : Cary Gilson.  
Mitton Shield (Championship) : Vardy.

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## ETON FIVES

Apart from the Eton Fives Competition, the School has played only one other match since the last publication of the CHRONICLE. This was against Shrewsbury during the Lent term, at Shrewsbury. This year we sent two pairs. Here again we met with success by forcing a draw. The first pair (A. J. G. Campbell and N. C. Brown) won their set against Shrewsbury first pair by three games to one. The second pair (B. C. Homer and Pilling), however, lost their set by three games to nil.

All the Senior House Matches have now been played and Cary Gilson have a clear lead, having won all their matches. The Junior House Matches are now being played.

Our thanks, as ever, must go to the Second Master for his unflagging efforts in the distribution and collection of equipment, and for his encouragement. We must also thank the Chief Master for his keen interest in the activities of the Fives Team.

A. J. G. CAMPBELL (*Captain of Eton Fives*).

## ETON FIVES CHARACTERS

A. J. G. CAMPBELL (1949-50-51-52-53). The best player the School has produced for very many years ; he has outplayed all opposition this season. The best characteristic of his play is the manner in which he takes control of the game from " up-step " : here his faultless positioning, accurate " slamming," delicate " lobbing," and above all, his great experience have brought about the downfall of many schools this season. " Down-step " his play is extremely safe, reliable and aggressive. He always seizes the initiative with a very carefully placed and heavily chopped " first cut." He also makes very good use of both walls with excellent results ; his placing of the ball near the right wall being very precise. Perhaps the only criticism one might make is of his playing of the half-volley, but as this is primarily a defensive shot, he is rarely called upon to produce it. N.C.B.

B. C. HOMER (1951-52-53.) (*Secretary*). His attitude to the game, in practice at least, seems to be one of bored superiority. He is, however, a very skilled player whose true ability is only seen in a match. On the court he takes control of the game, especially when upstep, although he is sometimes guilty of attempting extremely ambitious shots with his left hand. He is a safe and hard-hitting player, and has developed a very deceptive " first cut." He has been unfortunate this year in not having a partner truly worthy of him. He has carried out his duties as secretary with quiet efficiency.

N. C. BROWN (1951-52-53.) The vast improvement in his play during the months previous to the competition, is an excellent example of how hard practice benefits one's play. He now ponders more on the tactics of the game and places the ball more accurately. He slams hard and well upstep, but he should try to kill the ball by placing it at the base of the " pep." His retrieving downstep is often brilliant, but his positioning is sometimes at fault. He has developed a slow spin " first cut " which is more effective than he appears to realize. He should use this more often instead of his very fast, but rather inaccurate, " first cut," which he favours at the moment.

PILLING, C. R. No-one could have practised more, and yet he seems to improve but little. Apart from his lapses in form, he is a fine player in practice, and worthy of his place in the team. In matches, however, he seems to lose all his confidence and his play suffers accordingly.

WILKINS, J. L. His only game for the school was against Highgate in the Eton Fives Competition. He has the makings of a very good player, although at the moment he is rather erratic. He has the annoying habit of just missing his harder cuts from down-step. He should try to develop a more effective " first cut " and to place the ball more accurately.

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## THE ETON FIVES PUBLIC SCHOOLS' HANDICAP COMPETITION

The competition, as usual, was held on the courts of Highgate School in London. The school entered two pairs—A. J. G. Campbell and N. C. Brown and B. C. Homer and Wilkins (J. L.). The drawsheet indicated that our handicaps were -2 for the first pair and -1 for the second. Campbell and Brown were drawn against a Lancing pair of



similar handicap in the preliminary round, while B. C. Homer and Wilkins were not so lucky, being drawn against Highgate First pair (handicap -4) in the first round.

The first pair easily defeated the rather young Lancing pair by three games to nil (12-5, 12-3, 12-3). The second pair, however, lost to Highgate by three games to nil (3-12, 9-12, 9-12). This was a very creditable performance against a pair of such strength playing on their own courts.

In the afternoon of the first day the first pair were to play Cranleigh (handicap scratch) in the first round. No difficulty was experienced in defeating this pair by three games to nil (12-0, 12-5, 12-3), despite their handicap advantage.

The next day, in the second round, we won an even more convincing victory at the expense of Charterhouse (handicap scratch) again by three games to nil (12-2, 12-1, 12-0). This was the first game in which we really found our form, and such a convincing win certainly boosted our confidence.

In the third round we met Repton (handicap -1), and as would be expected, they offered stronger resistance. In the first game the score reached five all, and we thought that it was going to be a hard and close game, for we were both playing badly. At this point we suddenly regained our form and lost only four more points during the rest of the match. We won by three games to nil (12-5, 12-3, 12-1).

Our opponents in the semi-final were Aldenham (handicap -2). They were a very strong pair, as was shown by their easy win over Shrewsbury first pair, who were, at first, thought to be the potential winners. Playing badly we lost the first game 3-12. In the second game Campbell was "in holes" first and before he was displaced from this position we scored six consecutive points. This completely demoralised the Aldenham pair. We then went on to win this game 12-3, and the next two 12-4, 12-5, so winning the match by three games to one.

We were in the final, and there we were to meet the Eton pair (J. H. H. Illingworth and D. R. Maclean, handicap -2) who so narrowly defeated our first pair last year. This year their handicap was not so favourable.

Having played this pair before, we knew what tactics to adopt, and they met with every success. Illingworth was a sound positional player who moved rather slowly, possibly hampered by his somewhat unorthodox shorts; Maclean had an extremely fast and accurate "first cut."

As usual we were rather shaky at the start, until the score reached 7-1 to Eton, in the first game. From this position, playing at our best, we pulled up to 8 all; slowly the score mounted to 10 all and Eton then decided to play to 15 points, gameball at 14. Again scoring point for point we managed to draw ahead at 13 all to win 15-13.

The second game followed the same pattern as the first, and at 10 all Eton again decided to play to 15 points. This time we drew ahead to win 15-11.

In the third game, which we hoped would be the last, Eton made a startling recovery. Our play was poor in comparison with the previous

two games, perhaps due to over-confidence and lack of concentration. Eton won this game 6—12.

The fourth game was similar to the first two, until the score reached 8 all. At this stage Brown was unlucky to send two cuts out of court, allowing Eton to take the lead at 11—8. Eton were now at "gameball" and we could therefore not afford to concede a point. Fighting desperately we drew up to 11 all, and three more points had to be played, gameball at two.

Again two cuts went out of court and Eton took the lead at gameball 13—11. Again we picked up to gameball all. One game point was saved from Eton and Campbell was in holes. Eton's first cut having been successfully returned a short downstep rally ensued. Brown, downstep, just managed to return a shot from his left hand, which rose and dropped just above the ledge. Maclean, upstep, thinking he could volley it, moved towards the wall. But he had misjudged it and had to leave it to Illingworth. But Illingworth was not there and with that simple shot we won the Eton Fives Public Schools' Handicap Competition. We won this match by three games to one (15—13, 15—11, 6—12, 14—13).

We were immediately presented with the cup by P. C. Curtis, the secretary of the Eton Fives Association.

During the competition we had won eighteen games and lost two.

A. J. G. CAMPBELL (*Captain of Eton Fives*).

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## SWIMMING

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Swimming this year has been very slow in starting, a disappointing state of affairs now that we possess our own bath. Although the bath was available for use in April, a series of night-frosts meant that the water temperature rarely rose above 58° Fahrenheit until the middle of June. Consequently "standards," which have usually been nearly completed by this time in previous years, have as yet been hardly started.

It is fortunate that so many of the more promising juniors have had the good sense to train elsewhere. Despite these adverse conditions, their keenness augurs well for the future.

The School swimming team this year is probably the best since the record-breaking years at the end of the war. J. D. L. Adams in the first match of the season beat by two seconds the 100 yards free-style record, which was formerly jointly held by N. A. Bates and S. J. Blood. It was encouraging to notice that J. A. P. Fuery, a relative newcomer to the team, was only a yard or two behind him and must also have beaten the previous record.

The other swimmers of the team are within striking distance of records and it is to be hoped that 1953, the first year after our quatercentenary, may prove a memorable one in our swimming history.

Once again we are much indebted to Mr. Cadenhead and Mr. Cotter for the valuable work they do in organizing and coaching during the year.

R. B. W. PRICE (*Captain of Swimming*).



## RESULT OF SCHOOL MATCH

SCHOOL v. SOLIHULL SCHOOL. *Won.* 46-5 points.

This, our first match of the term, was swam at home on Saturday, June 6th. As will be seen from the results, the School obtained the maximum number of points possible.

### RESULTS :

100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, R. B. W. Price ; 2, P. R. Foxall ; 3, Solihull. 81.9 secs.  
 100 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, J. A. P. Fuery ; 3, Solihull. 63.6 secs. (*Record*).  
 50 yards Back Stroke : 1, B. J. Pierce ; 2, R. B. W. Price ; 3, Solihull. 35.2 secs.  
 50 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, J. A. P. Fuery ; 3, Solihull 28.2 secs.  
 Dive : 1, B. J. Pierce ; 2, J. D. Mathews ; 3, Solihull.  
 Medley Relay—Swimmers : J. D. Mathews, P. R. Foxall, K. J. Griffiths.  
*Result* : 1, King Edward's. 2 mins. 24 secs.

## LAWN TENNIS

The Tennis team has this year made a very successful start to the season. Of the seven matches played up to the time of writing, it has won the first six, losing the seventh to a strong Birmingham University team (last year's School captain of Tennis was in their third pair !); evidently they understood the fixture to be with our Common Room.

Internally, the House Competition continues, and so far only one match that should have been played is outstanding. Unfortunately, G.C.E. will probably greatly increase this number, and we will need good weather and goodwill on the part of House Captains, to complete the programme for the term in time for the points to be included in the House Championship. There has also been a Singles competition.

During the Summer holidays the School will again send a team to Wimbledon to compete in the Public Schools' Lawn Tennis Championship, for the Youll Cup. We have also entered, for the first time, the Glanvill Cup, which is a national competition, of which the first rounds are played on an area basis, while the semi-finals and finals are played at Wimbledon. In the first round, the School won a three-cornered contest at Kettering, against Kettering and Northampton Grammar Schools. In the next round we receive The Leys, our conquerors in the semi-final of the Plate at Wimbledon last year. In spite of this, we look forward to the match full of hope, knowing that then we were beaten by only the narrowest of margins.

At the end of this term we shall be losing our chairman, Mr. Monkcom. During his comparatively short period as chairman (two years), he has shown great enthusiasm for School tennis, and has always been ready to give help and advice to all, from learners to members of the School team. We are naturally extremely sorry to be losing him, but wish him luck in his new appointment at K.C.S. Wimbledon, a school well-known in Public Schools' tennis.

The following matches have been played :

v. Mitchell and Butler's	..	..	H.	Won	8 — 1
v. Handsworth Theological College	..	..	A.	Won	4 — 0
v. Edgbaston L.T.C.	..	..	H.	Won	6½ — 2½
v. Kettering G.S.	..	..	A.	Won	2 — 1
v. Northampton G.S.	..	..	A.	Won	3 — 0
v. Denstone College	..	..	H.	Won	9 — 0
v. Birmingham University	..	..	A.	Lost	2 — 7

R. TONGUE (*Captain of Tennis*).

## TENNIS CHARACTERS

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R. TONGUE (*Captain*). A member of last year's first pair, and the experience gained there, together with his keenness, makes him a fine captain. He has instilled into both partner and team some measure of drive and determination, as can be seen from the results. His service and overhead work are particularly powerful, though his back-hand drive is not always above reproach. A.W.H.

A. W. HARRIS. A strong, all-round player, with or without his distinctive white cap. Although a little erratic—he is quite capable of serving aces and doubles in the same game—he generally manages to pull out his best when it is most needed. Should learn that one serves from behind the base-line, not from behind the service line.

J. B. HIGNETT. Is a good driver, and a keen disciple of Stephen Potter. His tennis suffers from his being a little slow about the court ; consequently he is sometimes caught out of position and is rather prone to lobbing. Nevertheless, we are assured that he is a better player than umpire.

E. D. HATELEY. Although possessing most of the necessary shots, he must learn that the best place from which to win a doubles match is the net, and that unless he is a parallel to his partner there is inevitably a large gap between them inviting a winning volley. Has proved his ability at walking.

K. W. HOLLIER. Has an excellent forehand drive, but denies himself any more than a passing acquaintance with the net. His tennis in general, and service in particular, suffers from a lack of relaxation.

H. K. LAWRENCE. Undoubtedly the team's best commentator. He must learn that footfaulting is really nothing more or less than cheating. While possessing no outstanding shot, and but a poor volley, he has, and is prepared to use, a great deal of energy, preferring to let his opponents make mistakes rather than go for winners himself.

R. TONGUE (*Captain of Tennis*).

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## P.T.

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This term began with indications of intensive industry as eight house teams converged upon the gym for practices. The House Competition will probably be the most difficult, and, to those spectators who enjoy sensational and suicidal agilities, the most entertaining for a number of years. Face vaults and dive rolls seem to have become a predominant, although not too welcome addition to all of the competitions.

The Individual Competition is formed from a rather narrow selection of exercises, presenting a monotonous succession of those requiring a complete rotation of the body. Thus one feels that the Lilliputian competitors will compete more favourably than those who have relied in the past upon the possession of a certain amount of brute force. The present Individual P.T. Champion, B. C. Gane, is competing for the title again this year—against all of his opponents of last year.

In March the School VI won a morally convincing victory over Solihull School. W. J. Slater, Esq. was the adjudicator and one was



amazed at the compassion that he showered on the more juvenile competitors. The match was attended by a goodly number of spectators who seemed to revel in the fine display of controlled movements given by B. J. Pierce. J. S. Mather also showed full and easy movements, although he seemed a little unsettled and consequently paid less attention to the finer details. B. C. Gane gave an extremely agile exhibition marred only by an inherent haste. J. A. P. Fuery seemed to have outgrown the apparatus. G. H. Herringshaw was also in the team.

In conclusion, the members of the team and all other P.T. enthusiasts wish to thank Messrs. Cadenhead, Cotter and McGawley for their advice and training, and also Sergeant-Major Moore for initially firing their enthusiasm in the past and for his constructive criticism prior to the match.

B. F. LEEK (*P.T. Leader*).

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## CHESS

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This year has seen the continued success of the School, both in teams and as individuals. With many keen players in the Lower School and a large number of others distributed through all ages, we can look forward, if all goes well, to many more years in the high position in which the School stands in the Chess world.

The first team beat a strong Oxford University VI again and drew a friendly match with Birmingham Chess Club. Its two losses this season were again against the powerful Erdington "A" team, and unfortunately spoilt any chance of winning the County Club Championship. Our team in the 1st Division of the Junior, did well enough to retain the Championship Trophy with a 100 per cent. score. The 2b team finished first, equal in Division 2, and we hopefully await the result of a play-off. The 2a team were a few places behind.

The more sedate thinkers finally brought us 14 points out of 20 in Division 4 of the Postal Chess League, a result to which we are not accustomed. This season we seem to promise better things in this competition, although our board 9 has not showed quite the same determination and consistency which earlier in the year brought him eight successive draws.

Inside School the House Championship has been won by Levett who had a large margin of points in hand, second were Evans and third Jeune. The Pugh Chess Cups have again attracted a large number of competitors and are obviously becoming more popular. The Junior Cup (for those under fifteen) has been deservedly won by P. K. Hawes who has only represented a House team since the beginning of the season.

Unfortunately, the Birmingham Easter Congress, which is an annual event, attracted fewer of our entries than for many years. However, two of our contingent proved themselves worthy winners. The Warwickshire Boys' Championship was won jointly by K. W. Lloyd (*Evans*) and C. G. Tayar (*Levett*). Tayar also won the Midland Boys' (under 16) Championship, the Midland Boys' Speed (10 secs. per move) Championship, was third in the Midland Boys' Championship and took the Special Prize for persons under eighteen in the very strong Birmingham Open Speed Championship. We congratulate both these members of the School team on their fine performances.

We have recently been informed that both Lloyd and Tayar have been asked if they are willing to represent the English Junior team in the Glooney Cup tournament versus Wales, Scotland and Ireland at the end of July. The writer hopes that these words may induce more players to take advantage of the wide opportunities offered in extra-mural chess as it is eventually the only way to carry on with the game after leaving school.

On behalf of the team I would like to express my thanks to Mr. J. B. Hurn, our Chairman, for his guidance and help throughout the season, and also to our Secretary, A. B. Macnab, for his long, uncomplaining service which helps so much towards the smooth running of the club.

J. B. PHIPPS.

*Colours.*—Re-awarded to D. E. Lloyd, K. W. Lloyd, A. B. Macnab ; awarded to D. N. Gallon and C. G. Tayar.

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### BENCHES FOR THE CHAPEL

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The January issue of the CHRONICLE included a note about the services which we hold regularly in the War Memorial Chapel, and an appeal for gifts towards its furnishings. In this latter connection an important and encouraging development has taken place. First came a generous gift from two Old Edwardian brothers for the purchase of timber. Then, thanks to Mr. Hurn's skill in producing a simple and dignified design for Chapel benches in oak, and to the enthusiastic labours of a few volunteers from the Sixths and Divisions, the first bench went into construction in the School Craft Room, and was completed by the end of last term. Before the end of this term we hope that six or seven more benches will be ready, for a large post-General Certificate "Syndicate" of Sixth Formers is working with almost fiendish zeal under Mr. Hurn's direction. It is a source of deep satisfaction to all who worship in the Chapel that the benches on which we shall sit and at which we shall kneel will actually have been made by members of the School. F.J.W.

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### SOUVENIR ?

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Nous allions cette nuit, en efforçant notre âme,  
Pleins de joie et d'amour, de se calmer ; malgré  
Nous, nos sens s'embrasaient d'un choc inopiné.  
Tu me soulageais tant de ces éclats de flamme  
Qui portaient des frissons sans nombre de tes mains.  
Mignonne, quel bonheur de me livrer aux yeux  
Qui faisaient s'envoler mon cœur jusques aux cieux  
D'extases sans pareil, d'extases surhumains !  
Je n'osais espérer qu'un être si aimable  
Pourrait apprécier le fond de mon soupir,  
Envie nostalgique et qui faisait frémir  
Les fibres de mon cœur d'un désir insatiable.  
De cette nuit je garderai le souvenir ;  
La chériras-tu donc, ma mie, à l'avenir ?

A. E. F.



# THE HOUSES

## CARY GILSON

The House, despite a doubtful start, finished first equal with Vardy in the Rugby League. The Knock-Out Competition saw the First XV fare badly, being knocked-out in the first round and only recovering to win its final game. The Second team made an improvement in their result, but it was left to the Third XV to remain unbeaten. With both teams winning two of their matches in the seven-a-sides, the House finished third in the final points.

The Athletics season began soberly with a gradual rise in the number of standards. The senior team won the cross-country race with seven members of the House in the first thirteen places. The *grand tour de force* came on Sports Day, with D. H. Jackson breaking the seventy year-old record for the mile and becoming open champion ; R. P. Holland broke two records, becoming junior champion and P. L. Udell became "Under 12½" champion. The House carried off the Sports Cup and finished a close second in the overall results.

The Fives team has been unbeatable, but the juniors have not fared too well, showing more enthusiasm than skill.

The Shooting team has won both the Tunstall Cup and the small bore competitions.

The House Chess team maintains a steady fourth place. Tennis results have come as a welcome surprise ; we have not yet lost a match.

In the Cricket league the First XI improves as the season progresses, having won its last two matches. The Seconds and Thirds as yet are unbeaten, whilst the Fourth team has lost only once.

There is a growing number of exponents of the art of physical literacy.

The House has progressed well in this memorable year, and whatever the final outcome, the House will have the trusty guidance of the House Master, Mr. Biggs, and the assistance of Mr. Vaughan, though with regret we hear of Mr. Hurrell's departure and wish him success in his new post.

G. H. HERRINGSHAW (*House Captain*).

## EVANS

A House report written midway through the Summer term must, of necessity, be a prosaic and cautious piece of writing. With few of the House Competitions completed, it must contain many prophecies, exhortations, hopes, and fears, all of which may well be proved false in the light of future results.

Be that as it may, no one can deny, though some may wish to, that our final position in both Athletics and Rugger was seventh. Having come bottom in the Rugger League, we were hoping for greater things in the knock-out and seven-a-sides. Mainly due to the First team, we came fifth in the knock-out. Once again we reached the First team final,

but this time we were defeated. The First team in the Seven-a-sides did better, and won the final. Coming second in this competition, our final position was seventh. Athletics is a word that turns our normally healthy countenances a sickly yellow. A recital of our results in this activity is disheartening, but necessary, as it may goad future generations to more glorious efforts. The House position in the Intermediate cross-country race was eighth, and in the Open, seventh ; we gained but 208 standards, nearly 180 behind the leading House, and so we were seventh (by one standard) ; we scored but 70 points on Sports day, less than half the total of the leading House, and so we came seventh ; we were eighth in the " Under 12½ " Relay, fourth in the Junior Relay, seventh in the Intermediate Relay, and first in the Senior Relay (thus retaining the Holdsworth Cup). Despite these awful results, our Athletics Captain, A. F. Richards, still managed to create a new 220 yards School record of 23.4 seconds.

Our final position in Shooting was fourth. I am not in a favourable position to appreciate the House Shooting Team's performances and skill, but it must be congratulated on achieving this respectable position in the competition. The Senior Fives team finished its programme last term. It won five matches out of seven, and so came second in its half of the competition. The Junior team has not won a match as yet, but it has plenty of time in which to improve. For many years now our achievements in the House Chess competition have been of a consistently high standard. By virtue of the First team's winning six out of seven matches, the low positions of the Second and Third teams were fortunately made less noticeable in the final House position of second. One shudders to think where we would be without our Chess players.

Four matches have been played in the Cricket League this term, and out of a possible 100 points we have obtained only 32½. The Third team is doing the best, with two won, one drawn, and one lost. All four teams have also played one round in the knock-out, and all four lost their games. The Tennis team, so far, has played four matches, won two, drawn one, and lost one. Our Swimmers and our Gymnastic experts are going into training. We hope that they will do well, but it is rumoured that two other Houses are saying that the Swimming competition holds no other real interest than which of those two will come first and second. In that case, we must try hard and attain third place.

However dull and cheerless this report may seem, hard facts cannot, and must not, be hidden. These are our achievements so far, and one cannot deny that, on the whole, they are not good. And especially are they not good enough for a House that can boast of such wonderful glories in the past, as we can. It is the duty of the House Captain to chronicle our results in the sporting world, but it is also his duty to exhort the House to greater efforts in the future, to eradicate slackness, to plead for enthusiasm, for a will to win, for a pride in the House and a desire to emulate past heroes and victories. It cannot be said that we lack inspiration in our leaders, for Mr. Dunt and Mr. Buttle are the essence of keenness, enthusiasm, helpful guidance, and vigour ; for this, we thank them. It remains for the rest of the House to reward their trust and aid by attaining the eminence of pristine years.

B. C. HOMER (*House Captain*).



## GIFFORD

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Past results and present expectations raise in us conflicting hopes for the future. The House still rests complacently on the efforts of the individual, though individual success has now passed to the flower of the younger generation. In this light, we feel that the House may have passed its minimum point of activity, for, in spite of the individualistic outlook, we are encouraged to find that there is a solid foundation on which to build our future hopes.

Rugger, Fives and Chess hold their position near the bottom of the list and mark the lowest point yet reached in our physical and mental recreation. Our hopes in the Seven-a-sides were dashed when the First team, much reduced in talent, failed to win a match. Athletics and Shooting both hold sixth place in their respective championships; tennis, of which much was expected, may now attain third or fourth place.

We were pleased, however, to find that second place in the Inter-Cross-country run and the position of runner-up to the junior athletics championship were gained by members of the House.

Our one hope of salvation lies in cricket. In the league the First and Third teams are striving to win the majority of their games. The Second team has lost all its matches, the Fourth team has won all. All teams, except the First, have won the first round of the knock-out competition.

Swimming and P.T. proceed under the energetic guidance of their protagonists.

We are, perhaps, on the uphill road, we may have passed the turning point, but our path is steep and difficult, the ultimate goal distant. Let us, therefore, take as our motto these words of Sir Winston Churchill : "Come then : let us to the task, to the battle, to the toil—each to our post, each to our station."

P. R. JANNEY (*House Captain*).

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## HEATH

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Arrogance we dislike, over-confidence we distrust, not that we have much cause for either, for no one would claim that this has been more than a moderate year. Highlights there have been. The Knock-out against Evans both in Football and in Cricket, the Junior Fives team's unbeaten record and the part played by a Heathen in winning the Public Schools' Fives Championships. These, however, have been the highlights and we must relate our other achievements.

Athletics were somewhat disappointing, though we gained two of the three "extra-bonuses" in the School, while in Cricket, though the League results are none too good, with the exception of the Fourths, we have three teams in the finals of the Knock-out. Of Chess and Tennis we would rather not speak, and Swimming, we must confess, holds but little interest, as it does for five other Houses. One more fact is worthy of record : there is no one in the House who, apart from those physically incapacitated, has not been on a House Team. Of this we may well be proud.

In School itself, our members were seen in large numbers in the Play, and in the Societies, too, they have made their mark. All this is a good sign that the House is no longer confined to the limits of the playing-field but is carrying its influence throughout the School.

Our thanks go to our House Prefects and House Officials : they have worked well and deserve our praise ; to Mr. Barlow and his House Tutors for their unobtrusive but valuable work. One last word : to those who are leaving we wish " God-speed," to those who remain, our best wishes that Heathens may continue to flourish.

P. S. TREVIS (*Head of the House*).

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## JEUNE

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The Phoenix has risen from its ashes—Jeune has found a new lease of life. But as the Editor demands house reports by the beginning of June, who can tell whether the Phoenix will soar to glorious heights or whether it will fly at an even height. The final cricket results, together with those for swimming, tennis, junior fives and P.T. have still to be decided. Without making any rash forecasts, however, it may be said, even at this early date, that Jeune has this year acquitted itself quite well.

In the Rugby Knock-out Competition the House was narrowly defeated by a penalty goal to nil by the eventual winners. The second team, as expected, won its Cup and the House finally finished fourth with 76·3 points.

Athletics represented our greatest triumph, for, due to the combined efforts of all concerned, the John Urry Cup for standards was won with a total of 398 standards, easily a record. It was this same combined effort that won the House the Richards Cup for the Cross-Country races. The athletes in the House also did well in the heats and finals with the result that we finished a very close third with 73·2 points (scaled to 75).

A modicum of success was attained by both the Senior Fives teams and the House Chess teams ; they finished second equal and third in their respective leagues. The only black spot, perhaps, was in Shooting, but even there we managed somehow to avoid the position which we occupied last year, a position which some wits maintain as the strongest ! Finally, to end on a note of optimism, the House looks forward with interest to the finals of the Cricket Knock-out Competition for both the first and the second teams have reached the final.

It becomes increasingly difficult to find words sincere enough to express thanks to Mr. Leeds and his House Tutors, Mr. Sacret and Mr. McGawley. Suffice it to say, that they are undoubtedly the progenitors of this revival by dint of their patience, constructive criticism and tireless enthusiasm.

J. D. WATERSTREET (*House Captain*).

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## LEVETT

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" Despair is the greatest of our errors." Let us not, then, O men of Levett House fall into this error—there is hope yet, there is always next year. The House has not done very well in the Championship, as a whole, but this does not mean that we will be bottom or even bottom but one.



There is, however, no great talent among the seniors, so an outstandingly successful year was hardly to be expected. Nevertheless, everyone has tried hard, and it has been a case of the spirits being willing but the flesh being pretty poor. If the enthusiasm which the Juniors display at the moment stays with them, then a happy future is assured, for even now they show promise of the necessary athletic skill.

The Rugger knock-out was played at the beginning of the Easter term but, despite E. L. B. Saxon's optimism and the keen play of our sides, they failed to conquer. Hopefully we moved on to Athletics only to find ourselves in a similar position. Cricket proved to be slightly more successful and there is every likelihood that all the teams should do well in the forthcoming knock-out competition.

Whenever Swimming is mentioned, J. B. Hignett wakes up with a start and tells the House that it will commence in earnest soon and that there ought to be good results; when Tennis is mentioned a spasm of pain shoots across his face and he remains silent—though our performance in this sphere appears to be quite creditable.

The Shooting team has done moderately well and J. W. North announced recently that we were about half-way up the table of points. In the field of Fives the most successful season ever was recorded—three matches were won. If, on a Tuesday morning, the body of the House looks particularly despondent, Mr. Porter does not fail to call upon our Chess Captain, J. B. Phipps, to utter a few cheering words; this source never fails, for all the world knows that our one trophy is a Chess trophy.

Though this has not been a brilliant year, it has been a pleasant one. Performances are improving with every term and enthusiasm is steadily increasing. The success that has been achieved is the result, not of the skill of the few, but of the solid work and spirit of the whole. We can look forward to the future with a certain degree of confidence. Mr. Porter and his assistants, Mr. Cadenhead and Mr. Freeman, have encouraged and supported throughout the campaign; they can be sure that the House is very appreciative of their efforts.

O. S. WHEATLEY (*House Captain*).

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## PRINCE LEE

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It has been the fashion for some years now for House Reports to be a regurgitation, in a favourable light, of the School Recorder's points—a purely sporting catalogue. But such points are always available for later generations and so this report will sketch that which statistics can never express, the spirit of a House.

A House Master and his assistants undoubtedly have a real deep-seated effect on the members of their House. We are unique in that we have a priest, the Rev. F. J. Williams, as House Master. We are fortunate that Mr. R. M. Osborne and Mr. J. A. Bolton are his assistants. Here is a team which provides everything, a Christian example goes without saying, organizing ability, an honest interest in one's well-being of body and mind, not inconsiderable sporting ability and even greater "know-how," and, most important, making the House officials perform their duties efficiently, conscientiously and cheerfully. All this, doubtless, holds good for any House. But Mr. Williams has produced results. It may be coincidence

that four of the eight awards at Oxford and Cambridge were to members of this House (indeed, we had the most intellectual scrum in the School) ; that there are almost as many Prefects and House Prefects as in any other two Houses put together ; that with only two regular members of the XV we are Rugger Champions. It may be coincidence that our VIth form is good ; we humbly submit that Prince Lee is why they are leaders of thought and opinion.

Briefly, now, since we are Cock House (and look like retaining our position), it behoves us to give some account of our sport. In Athletics, Shooting and Chess we finished fourth or fifth, though well above half way insofar as House Championship points are concerned. The Fives team won two matches. Cricket, it would seem, is not our game, but we manage to win more games than we lose. The P.T. team should repeat its success of the last two years ; but it is in Swimming that our strength lies.

It is the earnest hope of all in Prince Lee that the House should be more than a mere collection of individuals for sporting competition : as things stand at present we are rapidly nearing our goal.

D. H. BENSON (*Head of the House*).

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### VARDY

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How little the tone of a House report changes from year to year. The occasional quotation, the mention of success, the deploring of failure, the hope of things to come, the tributes ; surely it is only the names of the Houses which must change. Little more than a year ago we in Vardy were lamenting our misfortunes and licking our wounds—now we are battling hard in a race for the House Championship. Whether we achieve this coveted prize or not does not depend on overwhelming success in one activity or indeed on the efforts of a few distinguished and seasoned gamesmen ; for gone for ever are the days of the old campaigners. Now it is the House which can provide the greatest incentives to its House spirit and, above all, the House which can rely on the full support of all its members. And we are not alone in this overall solidity for several other Houses share what must inevitably be due to the effects of the introduction of the eight-house system—effects which only now are being recognized and felt throughout the entire School.

But to our own part in the story. In Football we shared the League Championship and came a good second in the final result. Perhaps the most pleasing aspect of all the Football was the winning of the Hill Cup, presented for the first time for the Seven-a-side Championship. Athletics, on the other hand, provided a wonderful example of what might have been achieved had the final great effort been made. Although we gained the Mitton Shield for the Athletics Championship we might easily have carried off the other trophies as well. As it was we could do no more than gain close seconds in both the Sports and Standards.

In the minor activities the House has fought far too often with sinking tummies. Here a little, and there a little says the proverb, but all too little has been gathered. Senior Fives was poor, only two matches being won, although the Junior team promises better things. Chess, in fifth place, was no more than mediocre, whilst the Shooting was deplorable.



Despite average performances in the N.S.R.A. and 303, the Country Life was disastrous and pulled us to bottom place. Tennis is, as usual, very good, however, and with four victories out of five there are hopes that we may retain the Tennis trophy.

At this stage in the year it is difficult to report adequately on Cricket and Swimming, the two sports which inevitably decide the House Championship. Cricket has provided no outstanding results as yet, although three matches out of four have been won the first round of the Knock-out Competition. With seven members of the XXII to play for the Eleven, our hopes are high, although, we hope, not over-confident. Swimming has barely begun, but with such a large number of swimmers and a very strong Junior House, this sport also promises to provide many valuable points, particularly in the Standards.

To our Prefects, House Prefects and House Officials, who have all worked with such enthusiasm throughout the year, I should like to extend an especial word of thanks. And finally, no report would be complete without some tribute to Mr. Copland and to his House Tutors, Mr. Parry and Mr. Skinner. With occasional, well-chosen advice and continual encouragement, it is in no small measure due to them that the House has at last recovered its traditional spirit and athletic prowess.

P. H. R. MERCER (*Captain of the House*).

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## THE SOCIETIES

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The rapid growth of the number of Societies in the School led, unfortunately, to overlapping of meetings and a general decrease in the level of attendances. This deterioration made necessary a limitation of the number of meetings allotted to each Society, but this change has brought about a considerable improvement in the position, and Society Secretaries on the whole are optimistic about future prospects. The most discouraging factor is that many Societies rely for support almost entirely on a small core of specialists, whilst a majority of the School, especially amongst the Sixth, looks on with undisguised antipathy.

If these dormant reserves could rouse themselves occasionally, they would not be disappointed, for a high standard is always attained, and there are, indeed, Societies to suit all tastes. During the year the Literary Society has enjoyed addresses by R. D. J. Robertson, Esq. on "The Modern American Novel"; by C. J. Hickman on "Shakespeare's Last Plays"; by D. N. Gallon on "Poetic Drama," and by the Rev. C. P. M. Jones on "Beyond 'The Cocktail Party'"—a scholarly survey of Eliot's dramatic writings. Subjects chosen by speakers at the Civics Society have shown variation: Professor A. P. Thomson spoke on "Hospitals and the National Health Service"; S. C. H. Woolrych, Esq. described the organization of the Council of Europe; the Rev. F. J. Williams explained the details of the Coronation Service; while, in a very different vein, A. P. Allard, Esq.—speaking on "My Twenty-Five Years as a Manchester Policeman"—made some interesting revelations regarding the night life of that city. At the Art Society, W. Bloye, Esq. answered with great versatility and in very convincing fashion mis-

cellaneous questions on sculpture, and W. H. Price, Esq. explored the unusual topic, "The Illustrated Book—Yesterday and To-day." But probably the best meeting of the year was when Trevor Denning, Esq. gave an amusing and highly-colourful talk on "Bullfighting," which was preceded by the playing of some appropriate "marvellous sweet music." The first meeting of the Archeological Society in 1953 was graced by talks from two members of the School : R. Whitfield on "The School and the 1952 Excavations at Alvechurch," and O. C. W. Thomson on "Rome—Eternal City." At the other meeting, J. B. Hurn, Esq. gave an interesting lecture on "Medieval Metalwork." For the Christian Union, the climax of the year was reached in a joint meeting with the Scientific Society, at which Dr. Oliver Barclay gave an engaging talk on "Christianity and Evolution." The S.C.M.'s year opened with a very pertinent question—"What is the S.C.M.?"—to which the Chief Master gave answer. Subsequently there has been a series of three interesting talks : the Rev. D. Tytler on "Christian Witness"; the Rev. D. M. Paton on "Christian Witness in China," and the Rev. Carlisle Patterson on "Christian Witness in India." The Philatelic Society heard C. B. Hooper, Esq. speak on "Philatelic Terms," while W. R. Sefton-Fiddian, Esq. showed an exhibition of pre-postage covers and early colonial stamps. After an illustrated talk on "German Architecture" by Professor Pascal, O.E., the Modern Language Society heard a wonderfully comprehensive and penetrating review of French life, industry and art in the twentieth century by Professor Jourdan of Montpellier University.

In its first year the Film Society has displayed three full-length films—Noel Coward's "Brief Encounter," Pierre Frésnay's "Monsieur Vincent," and the Marx Brothers' "A Day at the Races"—each accompanied by a short film, more experimental in nature. But many other Societies have availed themselves of the popularity of film shows, and there have been displays at Societies of such different interests as the Christian Union, the Geographical Society and the Junior Scientific Society.

Apart from lectures and cinematographic displays, the activities of Societies range far and wide. Regular meetings are held by the Literary Society—for poetry reading ; by the Christian Union—for brief sketches of Bible characters ; by the Philatelic Society—for the exchange of stamps ; by the Natural History Society and Field Club—for theoretical and practical investigations of biological phenomena ; and by the Art Circle, Music Circle and Musical Society. Both the Debating Society and the Junior Debating Society are flourishing ; the former has presented motions ranging from women to war, and that regretting the proximity of the Girls' School produced a record attendance of 120. The Geographical Society has initiated an interesting series of inter-form geographical quizzes, which have greatly stimulated interest in geography, albeit from a competitive sense only. The activities of the Musical Society have centred on the production on May 20th of Mozart's Requiem in D. Minor. Unfortunately, the Civics Society's long-delayed visit to the Longbridge works of the Austin Motor Company has been cancelled, owing to the demand of the British worker for an extra addition to his weekly pittance. However, the Railway and Model Engineering Society has made several successful visits to locomotive depots in all parts of the



country, and most Societies have made expeditions of a similar practical nature.

Thanks are offered to all Chairmen, Secretaries, Committees, and Poster-designers, without whose efforts the varied pleasures afforded by School Societies would not be available.

A. D. GROUNDS (*Secretary of Societies*).

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## DEBATING CHARACTERS

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P. S. TREVIS (*Secretary*). "An interesting speaker of whom we should like to hear more" (*CHRONICLE*, July, 1952). We have not—at least not much more—although this has in no way detracted from his effectiveness as a debater. Indeed, it is in the short and decisive intervention that he specializes—and excels. At the critical moment, often when a debate shows danger of flagging, we are aroused and stimulated by the incisive pithy *courte allocution* of which he is master. The Society has been uplifted on more than one occasion by his infectious and hearty laugh, and in a difficult year he has made a very worthy Secretary.

A.R.G.D.

A. R. G. DEASLEY. This fiery Scotsman seems to frighten the younger generation, but behind his austere front there lurks a very keen sense of humour, albeit subtle. A very experienced speaker whose rousing tones have brought an original view to the debates. He is one of the few who prepare their speeches properly, and the results of this are obvious to all. We greatly regret his departure.

D. H. BENSON. Though not equipped with the sword of his predecessor, he has a weapon peculiarly his own—the funny story, which by devious means, he relates to the motion. Behind his gay and careless manner there is great depth of sincerity which is not always apparent. We have been privileged in having so busy and distinguished a gentleman among those who have made their maiden speeches this year.

P. H. R. MERCER. He, too, has made his maiden speech this year. He is one of the many who have hidden their talents until recently, though he speaks attractively and with more confidence and experience would make a good debater. He would like us to think he is a misogynist, but we know better.

G. H. HERRINGSHAW. He has spoken often but he must learn to prepare his speeches beforehand; at present they tend to develop into a dramatic monologue. He has a great deal of self-confidence and could make a good speaker.

G. M. SIMON. He must learn that the art of debating is not the same as the art of "Potterism." Though he has his notes on the back of medical cards, his speeches could well be doctored. He has no lack of confidence and speaks well. A little boy blue who blows his horn well, but whose notes do not always make good sense.

J. A. A. STOCKWIN. He can always be relied upon to spread confusion. Surrounded by numerous reference books, he smiles pityingly on us who do not tread the same heights as himself. He must learn that being original is not synonymous with being abstruse.

N. C. BROWN. He has spoken but once but he must not be allowed to retire into oblivion. We were much impressed by his speech ; he must learn to exploit his many talents to the full.

P. J. TURNER. Adds weight to our meetings and there have also spoken M. J. Sutton, G. A. Bunn, J. D. Waterstreet, J. P. Vaughan, Esq. During the year fourteen maiden speeches have been made.

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## THE LIBRARY

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Circulation has shown a steady increase on last year, and the loss of books has been reduced considerably.

A bust of King Edward VI by Roubilliac was placed in the library this year. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Harold Davis very warmly for this much-appreciated gift.

Members of the School are reminded that suggestions for additions to the library are always welcome, and should be given to the Librarian in writing.

J. S. PICKUP.

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## THE SCOUT GROUP

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Our Scouting activities continue to flourish. The first half of the Lent term led up to a Parents' Evening, at which the inauguration of a Group Committee was followed by a display of our manifold activities and a camp fire in Big School. We are confident that all present immensely enjoyed the evening and that parents' interest in our Scouting was greatly stimulated by it. Rehearsals and preparations for a successful revival of "Op. 70," performed at the end of the Lent term, played a large part in our programmes for the remainder of the term. It is to be hoped that "Op. 70" will become an annual event.

Training camps were held at Ley Hill, Bewdley and Ross-on-Wye during the Easter holidays for the benefit of Patrol Leaders. Strangely enough, some of us did some valuable work during these holidays. "Bob-a-job" week has brought in more funds, which will provide a considerable amount of gear for our camping during the coming months.

The Summer term has begun in bright, sunny weather and prospects for a good camping season and wide outdoor activities lie ahead. Week-end camps are to be held at Woodcote in preparation for Summer camps, to be held this year in the Lake District. We are also looking forward to the Annual Scout Rally at Handsworth Park, for which we are trying to produce an amusing episode for the pageant, which is to be the main feature of the Rally this year.

We have reason to believe that our Scouting standards are rising ever higher. In particular we most warmly congratulate Lomax and Hodgekiss on becoming Queen's Scouts ; we are also aware that many others are on the road to this high honour. We should also like to congratulate Cox, Osborn and Broadhead on gaining their Scout Cord.

There is one sad note in an otherwise bright report. At the end of the Summer term we are to say farewell to Mr. Hurrell, who as our Group



Scoutmaster, has directed our activities so enthusiastically and efficiently over the past few years. We offer him our thanks and our sincerest wishes for every happiness in the future. In conclusion we most warmly welcome to our Scouting Dr. Mayor, who is to succeed Mr. Hurrell as Group Scoutmaster. We sincerely hope that he will spend many happy hours of Scouting with us.

A. D. KIRKBY.

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## ROVER CREW

The first half of 1953 has not been an easy six months for the Crew. So many of our members and potential members are away from Birmingham and those at home are often so busy, that our meetings have been poorly attended. We have all sinned in this respect, but it should be obvious that if the Crew is to do its tasks to the full, our members must pull their weight.

We do, however, look forward now to a resurgence of spirit and effort, for we have undertaken the responsibility of assisting a new troop at Nechells to get on the right road with its scouting. If we fail here, we have failed completely and there could be no further use for a School Rover Crew. This must not happen and we appeal to all members, present and future, to remember that the Rover's watchword is "Service."

To boys who are leaving the senior troop we would say: "Do not give up your scouting just when you are able to start giving something back, but join us and help to give K.E.S. a Rover Crew worthy of the name. We need you and you owe it to the School and the Game."

We thank Mr. Ian Bews for putting up with our rather erratic enthusiasms of the past months and learn with deep regret of the impending departure of Mr. Hurrell from the School. More than once, when our affairs have seemed to be at a crisis, he has put us on our feet again with his high ideals and unquenchable optimism. Good Scouting A.H. wherever you may go.

JOHN R. EDWARDS.

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## CONCERT BY THE MUSICAL SOCIETY CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

### 20th May, 1953

Mozart	..	<i>Requiem Mass in D minor</i> (1791).		
Handel	..	<i>Music for the Royal Fireworks</i> (1749).		
Stanford	..	<i>Te Deum in B flat</i> (1898).		
Margaret Pascoe	..	<i>Soprano.</i>	Vaughan Jones	.. <i>Tenor.</i>
Margaret Jones	..	<i>Contralto.</i>	Horace Wale	.. <i>Bass.</i>
<i>Leader of the Orchestra</i> : Norman Craig (O.E.)				
<i>Conductor</i> : Dr. Willis Grant.				

It was a privilege and a pleasure to be present at so worthy a performance of such memorable music—a public appearance by the school in every way worthy of the school. Dr. Grant, as always, earned our warmest gratitude for gathering his mixed band of inhabitants and visitors, of amateurs and professionals, for his long task of teaching them the music, and for his deployment and management of his forces on the day. It always seems a pity, but is no doubt inevitable, that with the seating

capacity of Big School drastically reduced by the space taken by the choir and orchestra, there can be but one performance. The choir would gain even more from two public performances with the orchestra than they do from one ; people crowded out would be able to come ; and perhaps even people who would like to hear a great and unfamiliar work twice would get the chance to do so. This is probably Utopian : other considerations apart, the expense involved would doubtless make such an enterprise impossible.

To the best of the judgment of the present writer, Mozart's *Requiem Mass* is the hardest work, vocally, instrumentally and emotionally, which the Musical Society has undertaken, certainly for many years. Their courage was justified by the event. Minor technical blemishes—lack of weight and vigour in the chorus basses, lack of numbers in the orchestral strings to secure the effect intended by the composer in the tremendous descending figures of *Rex tremendae majestatis*—in no way interfered with the realization of the work and its impact on the audience.

Haydn's *Creation* and Handel's *Judas Maccabaeus* are religious works, but Mozart's *Requiem* is a religious work on an altogether different plane. There is an eighteenth century formality, even quaintness, about the *Creation* and *Judas* which makes it easy for a twentieth century audience to enjoy the music while forgetting or ignoring the religion. Such an approach is impossible with the *Requiem*, so surcharged is it with overwhelming religious emotion, so beautiful and moving is the language of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed.

The remainder of the concert provided a very necessary relaxation of the emotional tension engendered by the *Requiem*. Handel's music for the celebration of the end of the War of the Austrian Succession was performed in (as nearly as possible) its original form, not in the supercharged version made so familiar by the well-known recording. The orchestra showed up to least advantage in this work, because Handel's transparent scoring revealed all too clearly that the brass, the woodwind and the strings were recruited from quite different sources and had not been able to rehearse much together. The chorus was at its best in Stanford's emotionally stolid and musically straightforward setting of the *Te deum*, which was sung with full tone, complete self-confidence, and evident enjoyment.

But throughout the concert neither soloists, chorus, nor orchestra fell below the level of the occasion. And in an amateur performance with a scratch orchestra, far more of the success of the occasion, if success is achieved, must be ascribed to the conductor than in a professional performance. *Tibi gratias*, W.G. C.B.

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### RICHARD III

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What kind of play is *Richard III* ? Is it a tragic study, on traditional English lines, of the rise and fall of a Great Man ? Or is it a genuine dramatic response to one of the climacteric moments of history ? Any real production of the play must suggest answers to these questions.

To most Elizabethans history began on Bosworth field, for it was there that Tudor order was resolved out of medieval chaos ; and that



Shakespeare recognized this fact is certain. It is equally certain that *Richard III* is the most powerful of all the History plays. This is also the last play of Shakespeare's written under the influence of Marlowe ; and Marlowe gave Shakespeare not only his "mighty line," the sweep of rhetoric which informs the whole play, but also the violence, and, above all, the form of the play, the concentration of attention on the single figure of the King. Thus the two ideas which shaped the play can be seen in conflict.

At first sight the School production appears to have settled the issue, in the way that the issue always has been settled since the first Richard trod the boards. Roger Wilkinson's performance in the name part was so happily integrated and so compelling that no-one could differ from the anonymous compiler of the first quarto edition of the play, whose title is "The Tragedie." Here indeed was a Prince "determined to prove a villain." (It is a pity that the other, warrior, side to Richard is established only in *Henry VI*, Part 3). But there are reservations to be made. Roger Wilkinson was one of two actors whose talents stood out as belonging in a different class from the others. His fellow was Anthony Honeybone (of whom all that need be said is that he treated the stage as if it were his natural element), and his appearances, though memorable, were brief. Since Mr. Trott presented the play as nearly as is reasonable uncut, some unevenness was inevitable. What conclusions, then, can be drawn from the moments when Wilkinson was not dominating the stage ?

The Nobles in Shakespearean productions present a special problem. It is a tribute to both producer and actors that Gordon Herringshaw and his colleagues could be watched without the evocation of those emotions of pity and fear, so often aroused elsewhere. Among the performances, Stanley and Hastings had a notable authority. Geoffrey Horton got the full significance out of his small but dramatically important part, which expresses better than any other one of the chief historical themes in the play—the tragic conflict of loyalties ; while John Evans drew a personality out of the "too true to be bad" Hastings. Other individuals, too, deserve mention : Herringshaw himself for a lively rendering of a Lost Soul in the Ghosts' scene ; Martin Williams for his Clarence catching successfully the truly Shakespearean poetry of the Murder ; Peter Turner for a Richmond the very flower of Chivalry ; and Christopher Homer for conveying something of the pathos of the dying King Edward—even though he appeared to be dying of the unromantic Jaundice.

Shakespeare was not kind to his Ladies in this play. The parts are improbably difficult, and hence allow wide scope for interpretation. Roderick Whitfield sustained the tragic mood ; Anthony Hodgetts tried a naturalistic style ; David Veitch, in the most sympathetic of the parts, almost reached genuine pathos by speaking his lines with the dignity becoming Richard's mother ; Arthur Stockwin almost succeeded by giving his Margaret an air and accent not of this world. Last—"though last not least in our affections," as King Lear has it—come the *Juveniles*. All were excellent, with, perhaps, Anthony Dowler *primus inter pares*.

Finally, the Production. There is a movement abroad in favour of suppressing the Producer. The School production argues strongly in his favour. This raucous, overcharged play needs a firm directing hand ;

Mr. Trott gave it this, unobtrusively. How faithfully, one example will show. The only real criticism of Wilkinson's acting is that rhetoric declined into rant in the last act ; but this is in the very nature of the play, as every reader who has noticed the continued acceleration knows. From a more technical viewpoint, the high lighting was brilliantly effective ; and the single set had a flexibility which would have been appreciated by the players of the " wooden O " at Bankside.

The answers to the questions posed in the opening paragraph ?  
Yes, to both. P.H.H.

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## THE JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

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The Junior Dramatic Society's presentation of " She passed through Lorraine " at times provided entertainment in unforeseen places, certainly unintended by its author, Lionel Hale. The choice of a play suitable for a junior cast inevitably presents the producer with a problem. He must either find a play which comes within the acting ability and emotional experience of junior boys, or attempt to produce a drama designed for the adult stage. If the producer decides to take the latter course, as did Mr. W. H. Babb on this occasion, the fact must be accepted that the play must suffer a transformation in its interpretation by thirteen and fourteen year olds, whose understandable lack of technical skill exchanged titters for tenseness at more than one dramatic climax.

Parts of the play, however, were admirably adapted by the cast, who must be commended for the hard work put in at weeks of rehearsals under the untiring and patient hand of the producer.

Michael Honeybone as Blanche, the venom-tongued farmer's wife, and John Lawrence as Pierre, her easy going husband, got well in to their parts, whilst Michael Bryant and Nathan Joseph as the militant Robert and scrounging priest deserve high praise. It was asking much of Christopher Price to sustain the role of the peasant girl who wilfully aspires to the title of St. Joan, five years after her death. The deception which she practises on a local family has its repercussions on Nicholas the philosopher, well played by Christopher Fletcher and on Simon and Edite, two young lovers, freshly played by Nicholas McCarty and Michael Garrett, and makes news for the highly contrasted and amusing troubadours, Giles and Blaise, played by David Overton and Richard Berry. Marie and Yvette adequately played by Andrew Stubbs and David Wilson respectively, complete the cast.

The set was simple and admirably designed to the requirements of the play. In the words of Mr. Babb after the final curtain of this, his last production at King Edward's School, the players' achievement is to be judged on the measure of their improvement since their first rehearsal.

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## THE FAR EAST

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Last November I was chosen to go to the Far East under an Air Ministry scheme of taking cadets on long routine trips. John Arnott made a similar trip in 1950 ; his report appeared in the CHRONICLE of July that year.



Our first night was spent at Fayid, one of the many R.A.F. stations in the Suez Canal Zone, after a ten-hour flight over Sardinia, Malta and the North African desert; this last often consists more of mountainous outcrops of rock than level sand, but around Alamein and Tobruk, gun-emplacements and tracks made by the tanks in the famous battles can be seen clearly.

Thence we went via Habbaniya in the Iraq desert, Mauripur, near Karachi, where the last survivors of a swarm of locusts were being removed, and the freshness and vivid lightning (though without thunder) of Negombo in Ceylon. The following afternoon we finally reached the Island of Singapore.

Singapore has only two seasons—wet and dry. I arrived in the former, when the temperature builds up to about 90°F. in the afternoon before the rain. The rain is so heavy and sudden in onset that if you are twenty yards from shelter when it starts, it is a waste of energy to run, as you will still be soaked—it is just as though someone had upturned a bucket. The sun, too, is powerful; it will, I found, burn the skin off an unacclimatized Englishman in precisely fifteen minutes.

The morning after arriving at Changi, I had an unforgettable trip round the Island in a 3-51 helicopter. A few days later, I found a place on a Valetta freighter going to Hong Kong. Our first stop was at Labuan I., North Borneo, where the runway is of natural coral. Turning north we flew towards the Philippines, passing over many islands with coral reefs, and on landing at Clark, a U.S. Air Base, found that it was Thanksgiving Day, the American national holiday. Tea therefore included about half a turkey each and fruit salad, but I learnt that normally the U.S. airman in the Far East does not live as well as his R.A.F. counterpart. We joined in the celebrations at the "Top 3 Club," the camp night club, and severe hangovers caused a delay of an hour in take-off next morning.

We reached Hong Kong safely, however (having set the auto pilot, you can sleep) and dodging round and between hills landed at Kai Tak Airport. Hong Kong is an island about ten miles long, with hills rising to 2,000-ft. Many people do not realize that British territory extends several miles inland on the mainland; the airport is there. A funicular railway runs 1,350-ft. up the side of the Victoria Peak on the island and after I had travelled up this and climbed the rest, one of the most unforgettable pictures of the trip was spread before me; the city at my feet, the blue straits packed with shipping, Kowloon beyond, and Kai Tak hemmed in by the sandy coloured mountains which extended ridge after ridge to the horizon.

Next morning we took off and flew over the South China Sea, with its coral atolls, to French Indo-China where we stopped to re-fuel at Saigon and thence back to Singapore.

Two days later I was airborne again in a Devon with the A.O.C. Malaya, heading for Kuala Lumpur. On the way I had pointed out to me the roads on which one is most likely to be ambushed by the terrorists, and we circled for some time watching Hornets bombing, strafing and making rocket attacks on terrorist hide-outs. At Kuala Lumpur I transferred to a Valetta which was just about to take off to parachute

supplies to our troops in the jungle, who depend on this method for all supplies. After flying at 8,000-ft. with no door—it was draughty—we came down to 400-ft. for our dropping runs, scoring a bull's-eye on the dropping zone every time.

The return to England in the Hastings now began, following a different route from the outward one. We spent two nights in Rangoon, where, in the absence of an R.A.F. station, we stayed at the largest hotel. Next day we took off our shoes (although socks may be worn) to walk round the fabulous Swhe Dagon, the oldest, largest, and most expensive pagoda in the world. Of its 350-ft., the top half is covered with 150,000 gold plates worth £150 each, while the bottom is sheathed in gold leaf, which has to be renewed every six years. Around are smaller spires and many shrines, containing altogether over 100,000 effigies of Buddha. Most of those praying were women, who, wearing bright sarongs and muslin blouses, with flowers in their dark hair, continue smoking their long black cheroots, even while they pray. Whenever a Rangoon criminal realizes he will soon be arrested, he takes holy orders at this pagoda and becomes sacrosanct. Thus the priests of the Shwe Dagon form one of the best collections of murderers and thieves outside Sing Sing.

Flying over Calcutta and the famous Taj Mahal, we visited the Delhis—New Delhi with its broad avenues and imposing government buildings, and the Old City with its famous Kashmir Gate and Red Fort, built with a stream of scented water running through it.

Our next stop was Sharjah, on the Trucial Oman coast. Here, there is a very fierce legal code, due to which there has been no crime for years in the shiekdom; thieves' left hands are cut off, but given back to be put in the coffin when the thief dies; they believe that one must go whole to meet the maker. Adulterers are thrown from a special 80-ft. tower and then, if they are unfortunate enough to survive, stoned to death. Pearl diving is the chief industry, although barracudas make the mortality rate high. Bedouins attack the R.A.F. station regularly, and slaves can be bought in the village for around £15. The climate, too, is noteworthy—the temperature reaches 118°F. with 98 per cent. humidity in the summer.

Leaving Sharjah we flew on to Bahrein, further up the Persian Gulf and one of the richest places in the world, refining oil from the mainland. Many hookahs are in evidence here; women are completely segregated, even in religion, and are not allowed in the streets unless heavily veiled.

Next we stopped at Fayid again, and this time I was able to go, beside the Suez Canal, up to Ismailia, scene of the Anti-British riots. Most of the shopkeepers are Greeks here, but there are scores of Egyptian hawkers and beggars. The Egyptians are different from all the other races I had seen, in that they seemed an unhappy people.

Malta was our last call. I travelled down to Valetta, the capital, in an antiquated bus, whose conductor could not have been more than ten years old, gazing at the wonderful sight of the green fields, blue harbours, and the city, built of the local cream stone, which is so soft that the builders hew it into bricks with knives.

And so home, after nearly a month away.

J.W.N.



## “ AVE ROMA IMMORTALIS ”

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Unlike the pilgrims of more ancient days we were not singing as we came to the Eternal City, for, truth to tell, we had been travelling for thirty-six hours. Yet even tired as we were, on that same evening we walked beside the Tiber and along the Via Flaminia, and already we had sensed that this was indeed the Eternal City, where things changed but yet remained the same.

Fortunately this was not entirely one busy tour of ancient monuments and museums, though we saw the most important of them. Rome is not a city entirely given over to the past : it is a busy metropolis, not a vast mausoleum of “ far off things and battles long ago.” And what a beautiful city it is, with its fountains and its squares, its churches and its monuments ! Who could forget St. Peter’s on Low Sunday, where not only Mass was being said, but Baptisms and Weddings were being performed. The impression of St. Peter’s is one of size rather than beauty, perhaps the impression of the Catholic Church as a whole is much the same. With an eye unused to Baroque, Roman Churches are at first a little disappointing, and the mixture of ancient ritual and modern inventions is somewhat amusing—electric doors open silently to reveal the bones of saints, electric candles, all typical of the mixture and fusion of ancient and modern.

The spaciousness of the Churches contrasts with the narrowness of the streets. Here in narrow alleyways we found ourselves in the true Rome. Madonnas and Communist posters were side by side, while life went on unhurried. And there will always remain the memories of the friendliness of the Roman people, the clear sun and the fountains at Tivoli. But one memory above all other—the way in which the Chief Master led the party. It was his hard work that made it possible, and due to him the visit was such a success. His remarks were worthy of any Common-place Book, and we thank him most sincerely.

P.S.T.

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## FRANCE, 1953

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Once again, the visit to France surpassed those of previous years. This year, we stayed at but one place, St. Malo, a delightful walled town in Brittany.

Travelling to France, via Jersey, we were treated to a calm crossing during which the food was enjoyed to its fullest extent. Much to the relief of the party, there was no official reception at St. Malo and we relaxed in the informal atmosphere of the hotel.

However, there was no opportunity for boredom, for our time was well filled. Four trips had been arranged, of which the most spectacular was to Mont St. Michel. Here, having wended our way through a multitude of shops, we were shown round the Abbey, a marvellous piece of architecture surrounded by quicksands which exact a full toll of human lives. To the west, we visited the lighthouse at Cap Frébel, while those fortunate enough to visit Dinard, saw Mr. Biggs in the rôle of ferryman. The most strenuous visit was a whole-day tour to Camac, a French

equivalent of Stonehenge, and the Atlantic resort of Quiberon. Mr. Leeds organized exacting walking tours, but unfortunately the grandest of these was cancelled. Nevertheless, those who accompanied him tasted the joys of the French countryside and cafes.

Not that St. Malo was uninteresting : a French cup-tie provided the finest entertainment of the holiday and a visit to the cinema proved most enlightening. More actively, honours were shared in a football match against a local team, and a table-tennis tournament was arranged.

Unfortunately, this was curtailed by a mysterious "malaise" which laid many of the party low. Among the ailing were Mr. and Mrs. Biggs, and here we most appreciated their comforting help, together with that of Mr. Leeds whose strong constitution seemed to withstand the attack.

Fortunately, everyone recovered for the homeward voyage. This was broken by a coach tour round Jersey. Here, we indulged in the luxury of a cream tea, but once again the weather over the Channel favoured us, and we arrived in Birmingham, safe and in good spirits, on the 18th April, ten days after our departure.

More than ever before did we appreciate the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Biggs and Mr. Leeds. Their organization left no responsibility on the shoulders of the party, and during our indisposition, their self-sacrifice ensured that a most enjoyable holiday was not marred. We only hope they enjoyed themselves as much as we did—we cannot say more.

B. W. KINGTON.

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### VISIT TO GERMANY, 1953

On the morning of April 9th, the familiar beret was once again to be seen on Snow Hill Station, welcoming assorted boys and luggage. We were soon on the London train, and after Mr. Bolton had joined us in London, we gaily made for Dover, where we were greeted by a bracing, fresh sea breeze. Shortly after, we were steaming away in hazy sunlight across a choppy sea. Although the steak on the boat was very rump, most of us discovered we were good sailors, and we arrived safely at Ostend, where we caught the Aachen train. We were all glad when we reached Aachen at 2-0 a.m. ; and a cup of coffee was most welcome, among the dead and sleeping in the restaurant, after our somewhat curt reception by the jack-booted, green uniformed customs officials. Herr Hemmler's ancient coach was waiting for us, and when we finally found our way to Manderscheid in the misty night, we were quite ready for our first German breakfast.

One morning in bed was sufficient to revive us, and after an excellent lunch, we went for our first walk in the beautiful Eifel mountains which surround Manderscheid and its two famous castles. This was the first of several walks under Mr. Barlow's expert direction. He was obviously very well acquainted with the whole district ; he pointed out everything of interest, and took us to all the beauty spots near Manderscheid. This is a pleasant village, set high up above the valley of the Lieser, with a community of farmers, and hotel people who cater for the many tourists.

We made two coach trips during the visit : one to Bonn, and the other to Trier. We explored Bonn by ourselves and did some shopping,



trying out our German on the unsuspecting shopkeepers, who looked surprised but did their best. We went round the Nürburg-Ring, the largest motor-racing track in Europe, and had apple cake and coffee by the Rhine opposite Königswinter. Coming back, we followed the lovely valley of the Alr and saw the impressive vineyards on the steep mountainsides. On our visit to Trier, we saw, among other famous sights in the oldest town in Germany, the magnificent paintings on the ceiling of the highly decorative Church of St. Paulin, the Roman amphitheatre (in which we had our lunch) and the ancient market Cross. We drove alongside the beautiful River Mosel, and visited Barnkastel-Kues with its tall, leaning, half-timbered houses. At Wittlich, on the way home, we visited a wine cellar, where we tasted, with relish, some real Mosel wine, straight from the barrel. Much shopping was done in Manderscheid itself, and we all had a good chance to try to speak German.

One of the most memorable events of the visit was the marriage of Herr Heid, our hotel-keeper. There was a long evening party to celebrate it and the hearty singing of the Germans (and the three Englishmen) will long be remembered. Few English boys have had the opportunity of hearing a party of Germans singing "Hang out the washing on the Siegfried Line," "Roll out the Barrel," and "God save the Queen," in a mixture of languages.

The journey home was more tiring than the first one, as we were travelling from 11-0 o'clock on Friday night until 9-0 p.m. on Saturday ; however, we all arrived home safely and cheerful, but ready for bed.

It is solely due to Mr. Barlow's patient hard work in arranging and supervising the visit that it was so successful. Our most hearty thanks are due to him for a most enjoyable holiday.

T.C.B. and D.V.P.

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## NORFOLK BROADS

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The annual cruise on the Norfolk Broads has now become quite a tradition with members of the R.N. Section and this year the numbers taking part were larger than ever. The "Fleet," with a total complement of twenty-seven officers and men, consisted of the Flagship *Belvedere* (Mr. Benett), *Zephyr I* (Mr. Roberts), *Favourite* (Mr. Skinner), *Zephyr II* (Mr. Weatherall) and "Jumbo" (Jarman and Fuery).

The weather, on the whole, was not too unkind. It was rather colder than in previous years, but there was not a great deal of rain. There was, however, plenty of wind, so that the sailing conditions were good.

Although the ships came from different ports the traditional cruise was carried out : Thurne, Horsey, Hickling, Tile Bridge and Runworth. Some of the ships' companies attended Evensong in the simple little Church at Thurne and nearly everyone climbed to the top of Runworth Church Tower and enjoyed a wonderful view of the whole Broads.

It is not true to say that the voyages were without incident. Several of the sailors, led by one of the Commanding Officers, bathed, albeit somewhat unwillingly, and groundings were not unknown, even to the Flagship. However, as the week wore on, skill improved and several of the ships were able to negotiate the two low bridges at Potter Heigham

without, as is normally done, securing to the bank in order to raise or lower the mast.

The dinghies were again in great demand, as they gave excellent training and the thrill of "one's own command." By the end of the week most people were able to sail these by themselves.

Special thanks must be given to Mr. Roberts and to Mr. Skinner who, although not members of the C.C.F., so very kindly gave us the benefit of their experience.

J.F.B.

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## THE LOG OF THE ZEPHYR II

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It was a fine evening, although there was scarcely a breath of wind when a party of intrepid members of the Naval Section arrived at Wroxham, "the Capital of Broadland."

Having disposed of our bags and suitcases we set sail and *Zephyr II* was first away. We made very little way under sail alone so quants were brought out. It was during the usually monotonous process of quanting that our first mishap occurred. The port quant got stuck underneath the boat and the skipper, who was trying to pull it out of the mud, held on for too long. He went in with a look of pained surprise on his face: an instructive and entertaining moment for the rest of the crew.

As it was getting rather late we decided to moor where he had fallen in. The awning was put up, and those who had not been on the Broads before were initiated into the mysteries of cooking with Calor gas.

The next morning there was rather more of a breeze and we got some good sailing on Wroxham Broad. By lunchtime we had reached Horning where we found *Favourite* and *Zephyr I*. Our next port of call was Thurne Dyke, where most members of the party got some dinghy sailing. In the evening some of us went to Thurne Church, a plain but taking little building, lit entirely by oil lamps. Later in the cruise we went to Ranworth Church where we looked at the wonderful rood screen and went up the tower from which we got a magnificent view of the whole Broads.

The next day it was blowing quite hard so we took a reef in before setting sail. After we had passed under Potter Heigham bridge, a member of the crew was unwary enough to fall in while quanting, but he was fished out before he had gone in further than his waist. That afternoon we overtook the flagship, *Belvedere*, which we had not seen before because she had started out from Stalham. We moored in a dyke at the far end of Horsey Mere, a most beautiful broad only one-and-a-half miles from the sea.

The next afternoon, one of the rare occasions when we sailed without a cautious reef, we were caught on Horsey Mere in a most violent squall, which at one point heeled *Zephyr II* over so far that her sail was nearly touching the water. Three men were put on the tiller but she would not answer to the helm properly, and it was not until we had crashed a long way into the reeds on the edge of the Broad that we discovered the reason. The mudweight, which must have fallen overboard at the moment when *Zephyr* heeled over, had been dragging behind us.



Since we were now conveniently stationary we took a reef in and then sailed to the entrance to Meadow Dyke. We had to sail up this, the narrowest dyke in the Broads, with a strong wind dead against us. It took us four hours, but we did it. It was a slow business, for we had scarcely got way on one tack before we had to go about and pay off on the other tack. It was getting dark when we reached Hickling Broad, a very shallow broad with an inadequately marked channel. However, by great good luck we did not go aground once and reached the Pleasure Boat Inn on the other side of the Broad by half-past eight.

The next day was not an eventful one. We sailed on Hickling Broad for an hour and then made for Potter Heigham and got there by lunch-time. After lunch we sailed to Acle. On the way there, through an unaccountable error of judgment on the part of her helmsman, we were gently rammed by the flagship which was trying to overtake us.

On the last day we sailed to Horning, where after lunch a series of important documentary photographs of the first lieutenants of *Zephyrs I* and *II* were taken, (Chadwin rowing, Gane rowing, *Chadwin falling in*, *Gane falling in*, etc.). When we arrived once more at Wroxham after a comparatively windless sail on Wroxham Broad, a stump was unkind enough to make a hole in the bottom of our dinghy while it was being dragged ashore. In the evening there were, hectic games of knockout whist played for the remainder of the stores. These included nine large packets of dates all of which were won by one unfortunate who is still eating his way through them.

On Saturday morning we packed and caught the train, sorry that it was the end of so enjoyable and well-organized a cruise.

R.P.D.-J.

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## JUNIPER HALL

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In April this year, some twenty members of the School attended a Sixth Form Biology Course at Juniper Hall Field Centre near Dorking in Surrey.

Nearly three centuries old, the splendid house is picturesquely situated in chalk downs on the less frequented slopes of Box Hill. To the north-east, beyond the chalk, is the London Basin (Eocene), and southwards from Box Hill there is an outcrop of greensand falling down to the famous Weald Clay. Because of this geological variation, the area is very rich in its wide variety of contrasting flora and fauna.

Ecology was the main theme of the course, and during our week's stay we made a general survey of the plant and animal life on chalk and greensand showing how it is related to the type of soil beneath. One day was spent on fresh water and we studied a pond near Holmwood. Everyone paddled and one more adventurous member even swam in the muddy water.

On the last day our party undertook two projects. Some of us made a graphic representation of the plant life across a valley and produced an extremely good transect, whilst others were engaged counting round-mouthed snails per square metre at ten metre intervals up a hillside and relating the numbers to the soil acidity.

After breakfast each day, we usually attended a short lecture before going out on the day's expedition at 10-15 a.m. Packed lunches and drinks were provided and we returned to the hall between 4-0 and 5-0 p.m.

Most evenings were spent identifying specimens and making good use of the laboratory facilities provided by the centre.

Ornithologists in our party had a most successful time, but the patient badger watchers had very little reward for their nocturnal vigils, although Box Hill abounds in sets and well used badger tracks.

Our thanks are due to Mr. J. H. P. Sankey of Juniper Hall who was our lecturer and field guide-in-chief, and to Mr. Monkcom and Mr. Woods who helped to make our week's stay an enjoyable one.

B. D. WILLIAMS.

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### FROM THE CHINESE

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- MacHugh.*  
*Comet crash.* I said to my love, "Oh, the Oddity of Existence !  
A steward of the Union halts the Chariots of Mutation ;  
A comet falls and many souls depart."  
Under the almond-tree I lay with my love.
- Christie.* "A man embraces ladies with a grip too tight,  
It seems ; the corpses are incalculable.  
*Morton-Stewart.* And travellers take my gold across the sea."  
Under the almond-tree I lay with my love.
- Panmunjom.* "Eternity and Oriental peaceful conversation  
Are one ; the sands run out, men perish every day.  
*Malenkoy.* The secret is Iron-Curtain shrouded."  
Under the almond-tree I lay with my love.
- Rev. R. G. Lunt.* "The Chief of Origin is the Head of Interpolation,  
Now changed ; the thunder of construction  
*New Corridor.* Disturbs the rest of learned mandarins."  
Under the almond-tree I lay with my love.
- Australian*  
*Cricket Team.* "The men beneath our feet are our superiors,  
The wood-and-leather warriors overwhelm,  
*Nunn May, O.E.* Meanwhile ex-mandarins tell all our knowledge."  
Under the almond-tree I lay with my love.
- Coronation.* "In the City of Direction stands a multitude of people,  
Desiring to be pounded, crushed and trampled under-  
foot,  
And see a lady with a new but ancient hat."  
Under the almond-tree I slept with my love.

B.J.C.



Christianity claims to have the answer to all the deeper problems of life and destiny : the Churchman believes that God has made the world as a training ground for human character. Part of this training is the gift of a free choice, to accept or reject the purposes of God. All moral evil comes ultimately from man's abuse of his choice and his disregard of God's purposes. In Jesus Christ God entered the human world to do battle with those powers of evil which had proved too strong for the unaided powers of man. In his death he was fighting a decisive engagement, his resurrection shows him victorious. Jesus is now alive and ready to help his followers : in the end he will bring the purposes of God to a glorious conclusion.

Now if all this is true, it is clearly a truth beside which all other truths pale into insignificance. If it is false, Christians are of all men the most deluded, and their belief is a public menace encouraging an attitude of soft dependence and "other worldliness" in a life where above all else a virile self-reliance is required. We must then examine Christianity : it is reasonable to persecute the Christian religion, it is reasonable to embrace it : only a fool or a coward will ignore it.

Not only does the Christian accept all this : he is pledged by his membership to spread the Gospel. The encyclical letter of the Lambeth Conference of 1948 laid stress on Luke 11, 23. "He that is not with me is against me : he that gathereth not with me scattereth." Negative acceptance is not enough, positive action is required.

"Something is wrong with the Church of England." Perhaps something is : but for all that the Church is a tremendous force rooted in faith and history and covering the whole country. Is it, though, the power it could be ? Axel Munthe in his magnificent book says, "The (Roman) Catholic Church, which explains nothing, is the greatest force in the world to-day : the Protestant Church, which explains everything, is rapidly crumbling." (Story of San Michele). Munthe is unkind, but he shows which way the wind is blowing. Empty pews are a disturbing problem for the Church. The cause may be partially a quarrel between priest and people over liturgical details : more important is the attitude of many Church communities to other sects, for by trying to accommodate all shades of opinion under one roof they end by antagonizing all. Too many parishes, adopt the viewpoint of "all things to all men." There is too much pandering to Free Church thinking which in the long run can please nobody. Thus far is Munthe absolutely right.

Furthermore, the Church no longer has the old protection that Churchgoing is both a habit and a social refinement, indeed, a social requirement, as it once was. Congregations must be wooed ; the best way to do it is to stick firmly to one shade of opinion, to speak frankly one's mind. There is room for Catholic and Nonconformist in the Church of God, but not under the same roof. It is only the refusal of many parishes to see this, their panicky haste to attract a congregation that has led to empty pews. The Church has very largely lost its nerve : may it soon recover its senses.

D.H.B.

## “ MOONSHINE ”

No longer was the river embankment thronged with sun-burned tourists and gouty colonels. Now it was deserted, save for the lean rats snuffling and scuffling amongst the litter of empty sandwich bags, and a few grey moths fluttering forlornly in the glow of the lamplight.

I strolled along, straining to hear the whisper of music borne to me from the tiny water-front restaurants on the gentlest of midnight breezes. I reached a stone bench and sat down. Above, a wisp of new moon held sway in the evening sky amid a retinue of gilded stars, while below me I could see the moonbeams spinning silver cobwebs on the Seine.

Quite suddenly I became aware of someone standing a little way off, humming gently to himself. He was gazing over the embankment at the river and flicking pebbles with his cane so that they rattled over the edge and fell into the deep water below with tiny splashes. He turned and saw me. At first, he seemed tempted to slip away into the shadows, but then he stood quite still eyeing me. He was long and gaunt, his height emphasized by a tall stove-pipe hat.

A moment later he had walked silently towards me and had seated himself on the far end of the bench. He carefully swathed his battle-green cloak around him and for some time I sensed that he was staring at me. At length he spoke. “A wonderful sky tonight,” he murmured half to himself.

“Wonderful,” I echoed.

He moved a little nearer to me.

“You’re one of those young students, aren’t you”? he asked, and before I had time to answer he whispered confidentially, “You’re a lucky young fellow.”

He adjusted his hat so that its wide brim lifted a little and showed his thin face, its wrinkles, sharp as granite, in the cold moonlight. “To-day,” he went on, “the recipe for success is but a dash of brains and a pint of ambition. In my days it was different, very different, and besides I had no brains,” he sighed.

“But I had an ambition,” he stated proudly. “You may think it rather a strange one.”

“Really”? I said. This fellow seemed determined to pour his confidences on me, and I listened, wondering with some interest what his ambition might be.

For a moment he sat watching the roadway twisting and turning like an aimless serpent into the darkness.

“I wanted to learn to become invisible,” he stated simply.

“Invisible”? I queried. I looked at him—he seemed serious enough.

“Yes, I wished to become as translucent as a dream, as light as an autumn snow-flake.”

The man was mad, I decided. I moved down the bench and tried to think of an excuse for leaving.



"I wanted to be able to vanish in an instant, to disappear as suddenly as I had come," he stated triumphantly.

He whispered into my ear, "Think how it would be to wander through the earth with the cold night air, free from the petty squabbings and persecutions of man."

He moved closer to me and placed his long hand upon my arm. I was frightened.

"You're preposterous ambition is of no interest to me," I snapped with as much courage as I could muster. I looked away from him.

For a moment he was still and did not speak. Then I heard him rise and gather his cloak about him.

"Pardon me, good evening," he breathed.

I turned to look at him, but only the bare concrete of the embankment met my stare! Could he have attained his ambition after all?

P.F.B.

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### FAREWELL

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All this year's numbers now are past,  
Proofs and corrections gone beyond recover;  
We too must go, yet turn we at the last  
And look things over.

Now some there be, they tell me, who suppose  
An Editor's existence beer and skittles—  
They little know what toil he undergoes  
To earn his victuals.

Some think him happy, sumptuous witty, bland,  
Oft in P.R. so lazily reclining,  
While happy Prefects sit on either hand  
And watch him shining.

Some think him scornful, sour, stern, sedate,  
Holding all changes vile as revolutions,  
As one who loves to put within the grate  
Their contributions.

Thoughts of next number wear him day and night,  
Both ends he burns, a saddened lifetime's taper,  
We only wish our critics had to write  
This fine School Paper.

So now farewell to thee, loved CHRONICLE,  
Farewell to notes, to verses and to leaders,  
Farewell to you, who never have been fickle,  
Long suffering readers.

P.S.T.

## T. S. ELIOT

On the post-war mood of frustration Mr. Eliot made his first impact. At once he sounded a new note in poetic technique and subject. In place of fair lilies and blushing dawns were images breath-taking in their audacity :

“ Let us go then, you and I,  
When the evening is spread out against the sky  
Like a patient etherised upon a table.”

The protagonist proceeds to expatiate on the torture which life is for him. “ To be or not to be, that is the question,” and shackled by the inability to register a decision he cannot answer it. His life is an endless wandering through streets that lead nowhere, it is “ measured out with coffee spoons.” His love affairs are balked by his impotence to “ force the moment to its crisis ” : the dialogue between “ you and I ” will never be heard outside his own mind. And this is sardonically called “ The Love-Song of J. Alfred Prufrock.”

The effect of “ The Love-Song ” is gained by suggestion rather than description, by compression rather than elaboration. Thus the allusions to John the Baptist, Lazarus and Hamlet, brief as they are, bind into the poem all the associations of the experience of these figures. The use of not merely references to, but direct quotations from, various authors of the past is an integral part of Eliot’s technique. To suppose, however, that the resultant poem is no more than a rag-bag of borrowed lines strung together indiscriminately, is a complete misunderstanding of Eliot’s object, which is twofold : inclusion of echoes from earlier writers emphasizes “ not only the pastness of the past but its presence ” ; and the various notes are fused and synthesized into a coherent whole which is entirely new and different from the meaning of the sum of the individual quotaticus ; in other words, a completely new work of art is created.

This method is seen to full effect in Eliot’s next major poem *Gerontion*, published in 1920. *Gerontion* has never fought for anything ; he lives in a decayed house surrounded by a stony wilderness where even the mountain goat—a symbol of natural lust—cannot survive.

The appearance of “ Christ the Tiger ”—an allusion to Blake’s renowned poem—the rejuvenating force, means nothing to *Gerontion*. His is the degenerate, cosmopolitan world where art—the Limoges enamels for example—is a matter of surface texture, religion, a spiritist séance. His attempts to face the problem honestly are futile, and the mixed, rootless society of which he is a member is

“ Whirled  
Beyond the circuit of the shuddering Bear  
In fractured atoms.”

The suggestion of barrenness in the last line : “ Thoughts of a dry brain in a dry season,” prepares the way for “ The Waste Land.”

First published in 1922, “ The Waste Land ” is possibly Eliot’s best-known poem ; it is certainly one of his most rich and complex. Studded with references and quotations from as widely differing sources as



Baudelaire and the Buddha, Verlaine and Dante, it is a powerful indictment of modern civilization.

"The Waste Land" is inhabited by people who do not "exist." Spiritual values are forgotten, merely "a heap of broken images." Society, from the wealthy lady in Mayfair to the Cockney abortionist in a local pub leads a life which is not life, but merely conformity to a timetable. The third section of the poem, ironically entitled "The Fire Service" is an expression of the purely mechanical nature of the sexual performance which, far from revealing the fire of lust, indicates no more than indifference to chastity.

No solution to the futility of life is suggested. There are vague hints, but they do nothing but tantalize. "Death by Water" may mean rebirth through "baptism into death," but in contrast the rhythm suggests a sinking Lethe-wards. The rumbling of the thunder promises rain, but the thunder proves dry and sterile, the rain but a "damp gust." The demands of the Parable of the Thunder, Give, Sympathize, Control, are too great, and the poem ends where it began, with the barren Fisher King fishing with the arid plain behind him.

The beginning of "The Hollow Men," "A penny for the Old Guy," is sufficient indication of its subject. First published in 1925 it is more than a variation on the familiar theme; indeed, none of Eliot's poems is merely a repetition in different words of something he has said before. "The Hollow Men" goes one stage further than "The Waste Land." The prelude to any new life is the appearance of a symbol of resuscitation and revitalisation. In "The Waste Land" no such symbol appears; the peal of thunder brings no rain, the crowing of the cock no dawn, the damp gust no refreshing shower. In "The Hollow Men," what the poet feels to be the reviving symbol, the "eyes," appears only to disappear, and the hope aroused by the appearance disintegrates in a despair more gnawing and intense than the frustration of the end of "The Waste Land." The Fisher King goes on fishing, and an attempt is made at least to delay the collapse by "shoring fragments against my ruins"; the world of "The Hollow Men" perishes from sheer stagnation, "not with a bang, but with a whimper."

"Ash-Wednesday" (1930) represents an unquestionable advance in Eliot's poetry and experience. The imagery of broken images and barren soil gives way to the rose garden and the yew trees, and the mysterious, unidentified power is personalized in the Lady. The change in imagery is accompanied by a change in attitude. The early poems up to and including "The Waste Land" are objective analyses of the world as seen by the poet; "Ash-Wednesday" is the expression of a personal experience, and consequently pulsates with a vitality which is foreign to the earlier poems.

The way of "Ash-Wednesday" is no easy escape from the complete spiritual defeat of "The Waste Land," but it does offer the possibility of momentary release, of piecemeal progress, and the various sections of "Ash-Wednesday" are an alternation of periods of spiritual struggle and periods of spiritual uplift when the Lady appears.

"Four Quartets," first published singly and then collected under that title in 1944, are Eliot's latest poems. In an article entitled "Planning and Religion," Eliot wrote : "A religious 'experience' without dogma is very different from the experience of a dogma." "Four Quartets," which are essentially religious poems, are the expression of "the experience of believing a dogma," an attempt to reveal what it feels like to believe the poet's religion.

The especial importance of rhythm and the "music of poetry" in these poems means that they appeal to the ear as much as to the mind. In the whole of Eliot's poetry, it is well to remember that, in the final analysis, the meaning of a poem is the poem itself.

A.R.G.D.

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INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Governors' Grant .. .. .	200	0	0	By Football .. .. .	250	19	10
„ Governors' Grant to the Fencing Club ..	88	3	6	„ Cricket .. .. .	295	10	8½
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„ Mayo Trust .. .. .	13	14	8	„ Fives .. .. .	49	14	6
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„ Solomon Memorial Trust .. .. .	1	19	10	„ Squash Rackets .. .. .	6	11	0
„ Honorary Members' Subscriptions ..	68	13	0	„ Fencing .. .. .	5	6	8
„ Boys' Subscriptions .. .. .	518	7	6	„ Archery Society .. .. .	7	0	0
„ Grant from School Stock .. .. .	210	0	0	„ Shooting .. .. .	2	5	6
	£1129	19	2	„ Chess .. .. .	18	18	8
				„ CHRONICLE .. .. .	296	13	9
				„ Printing and Stationery .. .. .	36	3	3
				„ Postage and Telephone .. .. .	5	19	5½
				„ Civic Society .. .. .	5	10	6
				„ Debating Society .. .. .	1	16	0
				„ Music Society .. .. .	2	19	2
				„ Photographic Society .. .. .	0	9	2½
				„ Modern Language Society .. .. .	0	12	6
				„ Archaeological Society .. .. .	1	1	0
				„ Ground Upkeep .. .. .	5	0	0
				„ Bank Charges .. .. .	1	1	0
				„ Sundries .. .. .	1	16	2
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