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- (1) To bind together all sections within the School.
- (2) To strengthen the connection between our old and present members.
- (3) To Chronicle all events of interest to the School.

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(1960-61), J. G. EVANS (1960-61).

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EDITORIAL

Change is a constant theme of editorials. At the risk of appearing trite, this one will follow that fashion; but for what is, we think, a good reason.

During his career at King Edward's, a pupil witnesses many changes; some of them he welcomes, some, unfortunately but inevitably, he does not. In recent years we have seen a number of important changes in the school. Despite our own lack of all-round ability, we have been glad to see that the system of awarding prizes has been brought up to date, and now favours the all-rounder, rather than the specialist. We have been equally glad to witness changes in the physical structure of the school, with the opening of the new science-block (a sign of the times ?), the equipping of the Ratcliff Theatre, and the provision of a heating-plant for the swimming-bath, with the long overdue fall of the misnamed "Temporary Buildings", and the rise of the new South Field, which now provides an imposing setting for the south front of the school. We have seen, in the summer of 1960, the introduction of the new "Club System" for school sports, which we personally did not then, and still do not wholly favour, although we recognise its advantages. Finally, 1961 has seen the appearance of the new capless generation of Edwardians, the cap now being optional for members of the Sixth Form and Divisions.

Throughout the period covered by these changes, picked out at random, the CHRONICLE has been changing too. Numerous fashions in style and tone have been instituted, and, usually, have died; sardonic wit and flippancy have been in vogue for some time; pretentious foreign phrases have been in favour, and now, mercifully, seem to be fading out; and, on numerous occasions, a writer's search for effect has led him to the use of high-flown language, at the expense of clarity.

But changes in fashion, although interesting, are relatively unimportant; they imply no change in the essence of the CHRONICLE. The fundamental problem which the editor of the CHRONICLE has to face, is that, while the number of interests within the school grows with every succeeding generation, the CHRONICLE is unable to keep pace with this growth, for the simple reason that the cost of publication is always going up, while the value of the money available is for ever going down; as each new interest demands recognition in print, the amount of space per article decreases.

This year, in an attempt to solve this problem, there has been instituted perhaps the most major change in the history of the CHRONICLE. As things stood, the editor's "concession to intellect", in the form of snippets of original verse, and, occasionally, prose, took up valuable space, without itself having the room to be of any great value; the

reader was getting the worst of both worlds. So the CHRONICLE has split; the CHRONICLE is now just what its name suggests, while the new "Miscellany" is to be a collection of original articles and poems.

This move has gone some way towards solving the problem of restricted space. It is to be regretted that we are forced to charge for the Miscellany; but the price is moderate, and we hope that it will discourage nobody from buying. Before some of you uncultured-and-proud-of-it gladiators and/or scientists start to scoff, and to shout "You'll be lucky", we would like to point out, that the exclusion of creative writing from the CHRONICLE has allowed more space for your interests; and after all, the Miscellany is not as highbrow as all that.

The Miscellany is a worthwhile venture; but if it is to succeed it needs your support, not merely in providing finances, but, even more, in providing material; the more contributions that are made, the more selective we can afford to be. This school contains a number of creative writers, who regularly produce for their own amusement or relief writings of some merit; so, please, let us see some in print.

NOTES AND NEWS

SCHOOL DIARY

The Michaelmas Term began on Thursday, September 15th, and ended on Thursday, December 15th, half-term being taken from Friday, October 28th, until Monday, October 31st.

The General Committee of the School Club met on September 19th, when the Aeronautical and Model Aviation Society became affiliated to the Club, following an eloquent outline of its aims and plans by its Secretary.

The first Corporate Communion of the term was celebrated in the Chapel on Tuesday, September 20th.

Field Day was taken on Friday, October 7th.

Founder's Day Commemoration was celebrated on Saturday, October 15th, when the Bailiff, Alderman E. E. Mole, J.P., presented the prizes. We were honoured by the presence of the Lord Mayor, Alderman G. B. Boughton, J.P.

The Bromsgrove Match, aptly enough, was played on Saturday, November 5th, at Charford. Hard fighting on the field of play, and, on occasion, among spectators, produced a draw, 3 points all.

The competition for the Peter Mountford Fencing Trophy was held on November 7th and 9th.

The C.C.F. Church Parade was held on Sunday, November 20th, at Edgbaston Old Church.

November 22nd saw the launching of a new venture—weekly dancing classes held in conjunction with the High School. Tuesday afternoons have been swinging ever since.

On Tuesday, December 6th, the XV, and some privileged members of the XXX, went to Twickenham for the Varsity Match.

Carol Services were held in Big School on the evenings of December 12th and 13th.

The Instrumental Section of the House Music Competition was held in Big School on December 14th; Professor Willis Grant returned from Bristol to act as judge.

The Prefects' Ball was held on Wednesday, January 4th, from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. Big School seemed more mellow than ever.

The Lent Term began on Thursday, January 12th, the first Corporate Communion being celebrated on Tuesday, January 17th.

The Midland Eton Fives Championships, played on January 15th, provided us with no successes; but the Old Edwardian pair won the Trophy.

On January 26th, 27th, and 28th, the Dramatic Society gave performances of Ibsen's "An Enemy of the People".

The Foundation Service was held at St. Martin's on Thursday, February 2nd. The preacher was the Reverend Simon Phipps, M.A., Industrial Chaplain in the Diocese of Coventry.

SCHOOL AND OLD EDWARDIAN NEWS

M. D. Reeve, who was elected to a major Domus Scholarship in classics at Balliol College last March, has won the First Craven scholarship at Oxford. This is awarded on performance in a concentrated examination of ten papers, which demands knowledge in every department of classics, and forms the keenest test of the classicist. It is open to all undergraduates whatever their year, and thus it is a really remarkable achievement for a freshman of seventeen to have won this *palma lemniscata*.

In place of the Rev. Dr G. W. H. Lampe, M.C., now Ely Professor of Theology at Cambridge, Oxford University has nominated as its representative on the Governing Body the Right Rev. C. G. St M. Parker, Bishop of Aston. We are delighted to welcome as a new Governor an old friend. During the First World War before his ordination the Bishop was on the staff at Aston. Although he himself was sent to a boarding-school, there have long been links between his family and the Foundation: his brother's name is among those on our War Memorial in Chapel. The Bishop has always been a regular and welcome visitor to the School, especially since the creation of the Chapel, in which he dedicated the T. C. Kemp Memorial Altar. This term he is delivering the Lenten addresses and celebrating at the Holy Communion for the newly confirmed.

Mr T. E. B. Howarth, Chief Master from 1948 to 1952, who is now second master at Winchester College, has been appointed the next Highmaster of St Paul's School. He is to take up his new appointment in the summer of 1963.

The London Old Edwardians' dinner on the night of the Varsity Match at Twickenham was a particularly notable occasion, graced by the presence, among an unprecedentedly large number of diners, of Field Marshal Viscount Slim and J. Enoch Powell, M.P., Minister of Health.

We offer our congratulations to J. S. N. Drew on the award of a Fellowship at Harvard, to M. I. Williams on the award of the Johnson Exhibition at Cambridge, to B. F. Leek on a Research Scholarship at Cornell, to A. D. R. Ogborn on a Goldsmid Exhibition at University College Hospital, to J. W. Jordan on his F.R.C.O., to J. Pook on the Middlemore Exhibition at Birmingham School of Music, to G. M. E. von Simson on a Harmsworth Minor Exhibition, to M. H. Wilson on passing out from Cranwell with the prize for Commonwealth History and War Studies and to J. C. Green on the award of his Half-Blue for Eton Fives at Cambridge University.

We welcome the publication of Professor D. R. Dudley's book, "The Civilisation of Rome".

R. E. Baldwin in U.M.K. won a prize for his painting in the C.E.W.C. European Schools Day Competition, open to boys and girls from twelve countries.

H. Watton and D. A. T. Powis used a Howard-Vyse Bursary for a most scholarly piece of research into the culture, folk-tunes and poetry of the Island of Groix off the Breton coast. They have presented a copy of their admirable report to the Library, and we are glad to have a work which sets a high standard indeed for these foreign ventures. An extract from this report is to be printed in the first edition of the Miscellany.

Twelve boys were sponsored by the Governors on Outward Bound Courses in 1960: we extend hearty congratulations to the five of these who won the coveted Honours award. The Outward Bound Trust informs us that this is the highest score from any school in the country.

Congratulations also to three who won the Joint Services Cadet Badge at Frimley Park.

The following masters joined the Common Room last September:

Mr Holyoake, in the Modern Languages Department.

Mr Hadwen, in the English Department.

Mr Smith and Mr Hamlin, in the Science Department. Mr Hamlin was at this school formerly, but left in his year in the Removes.

Mr Robbins has represented England in the Rugby Internationals against South Africa and Wales.

A. H. PAPPS has been appointed Captain of the School.
 A. B. LOACH has been appointed Vice-Captain of the School.
 The following have been appointed Prefects:
 T. D. AUSTIN: (*Cary Gilson*).
 R. J. CADWALLADER: (*Cary Gilson*).
 J. G. EVANS: Vice-Captain of Cricket; Sub-Treasurer of the School Club; House Captain (*Heath*).
 D. S. FILKIN: Warranted A.S.M. in the Scouts; Secretary of the Film Society; House Captain (*Gifford*).
 J. E. GOLDINGAY: Secretary of the Music Circle; House Captain (*Cary Gilson*).
 A. E. GREEN: Co-Editor of the CHRONICLE; C.S.M. in the C.C.F.; House Captain (*Evans*).
 R. C. D. GREENHALL: Secretary of Rugby Football; House Captain (*Levett*).
 M. K. LEE: Co-Editor of the CHRONICLE; Secretary of the Anagnostics; Joint Secretary of the Debating Society; Secretary of the Closed Circle; C.S.M. in the C.C.F.; House Captain (*Vardy*).
 J. C. MASON: Captain of Cricket; C.P.O. in the Royal Naval Section; House Captain (*Jeune*).
 J. H. SIEGLE: Captain of Rugby Football; Captain of Lawn Tennis (*Gifford*).
 D. A. WEBB: Captain of Athletics; Secretary of the Photographic Society; House Captain (*Prince Lee*).
 M. A. WILKINS: School Recorder (*Vardy*).
 The following left at the end of the Michaelmas Term:
 R. B. ELLIS (1953-60): Prefect 1959-60; House Captain 1959-60; Joint Secretary of the Music Society; C.S.M. in the C.C.F.; (*Levett*).
 I. HARROLD (1953-60): Prefect 1960; House Captain 1960; Joint Secretary of the Music Society; Secretary of the Closed Circle; Merton College, Oxford (*Heath*).
 C. M. JOHNSON (1953-60): Prefect 1960; House Captain 1960; Secretary of the Modern Language Society; Exhibition in Modern Languages at Christ's College, Cambridge (*Levett*).

The following elections have been made:
 at Oxford:

R. J. Pritchett to a Raphael Scholarship in Natural Sciences at St John's College.
 T. J. Betts to an Exhibition in Geography at Jesus College.
 H. M. Jackson to an Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Lincoln College.
 D. Kirk to a Sir Louis Stuart Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Balliol College.
 A. J. Moreton to an Exhibition in Modern Languages on the Foundation of Mr William Hulme at Brasenose College (awarded after one term at Brasenose).

at Cambridge :

R. J. Cadwallader to a Minor Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Emmanuel College.

R. E. Molineux to a Minor Entrance Scholarship in History at Peterhouse.

C. M. Johnson to an Exhibition in Modern Languages at Christ's College.

We congratulate:

J. C. Mason on the re-award, and R. C. D. Greenhall, W. A. Aucott, J. G. Evans, R. J. Marston, T. D. Austin, D. A. Webb, A. H. Papps and A. R. Packham on the award of School Rugby Football Colours.

D. S. Filkin and A. B. Loach on the re-award, and R. M. Abrahams, R. D. Cooke, M. K. Lee, P. E. Stinton and G. H. Taylor on the award of School XXX Colours.

M. G. Smith and M. J. Lamping on the award of School Cricket Colours.

H. J. Ferns on the re-award, and R. C. J. Page and R. G. Simpson on the award of School Cricket Blazers.

D. R. Holby, A. R. Packham, J. G. Evans, M. S. Tracey, P. Hackett and D. A. Whitehouse on the re-award, and R. H. C. Jones, C. Jordan and R. Ledger on the award of School XXII Colours.

B. J. Hambidge and A. B. Loach on the re-award, and R. G. Titterington and R. H. Tedd on the award of School Swimming Colours.

R. Mellor and R. J. Wells on the award of School Eton Fives Colours.

FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S NEEDS

In the summer, after the main money-raising effort had been in support of World Refugee Year, the balance of the Cot Fund, £38, was devoted to the Royal Lifeboat Institution.

Chapel collections were given in support of the Christian Education Movement in South Africa, the Oxford Mission to Calcutta, the Cambridge Mission to Delhi, and Inter-Church Aid.

At Christmas the profits from the sale of the School Christmas card, amounting to £39 13s. 10d., were given to the Midland Spastic Association. The offerings at the Carol Services, £60, were divided equally between the Church of England Children's Society (formerly "the Waifs and Strays") and Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service.

The Cot Fund collections, totalling £100, were divided between the Ockenden Venture and the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief.

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

Gifts from parents to the School Fund, many of them under Covenant, are enabling us to provide more richly for the education of present Edwardians and are gratefully appreciated. It has been possible

to purchase a much needed new Stores tent for the Scout Group. We have received a number of specially valuable books for the Library. To the appeal for stringed instruments for the orchestra there has been a very helpful response, so that the new string classes are now in full swing, with twenty-eight boys learning.

OBITUARY

SYDNEY JAMES FORD

At the Old Edwardian Dinner at Michaelmas 1960 there was present, as has been usual now for many of these occasions, S. J. Ford. Head Porter at New Street from 1897-1933. At his departure about 10 o'clock Ford received a standing ovation, and in acknowledgment this fine 92-year-old made an impromptu speech of appreciation and reminiscence. Many of those who heard it must have felt it had in it a savour of valediction; all were very sorry to hear that just before Christmas after a mercifully brief illness his innings came to its close.

He was very much of a figure in New Street. He served the School long and faithfully. He was, until failing eyesight put a stop to his hobby, a skilled amateur photographer.

SIR ROBERT BIRD, BT., K.B.E.

Sir Robert Bird, whose death at the age of eighty-four we lament, was at the School from 1888 to 1895. He was one of a family of loyal and generous Old Edwardians. He it was who set up in 1952 "The Bird Fund" for the provision of opportunities outside the curriculum, and specially for the promotion of a knowledge and enjoyment of Shakespeare. He was a Governor of the Memorial Theatre. He was distinguished both as a man of business and as a Member of Parliament for twenty years between 1922 and 1945. For his services to Anglo-French relations he was made a Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur. He was a great benefactor to a number of good causes, especially in the Midlands.

We have received with regret news of the death of the following Old Edwardians:

A. W. Siddons (1884-1895), Canon and Alderman E. T. Kerby (1890-97), Canon T. A. Knock (1891-1900), A. Gauge (1930-31), and the Rev. F. Madeley (1883-1889).

Full notices are printed in the Old Edwardians Gazette.

CHAPEL NOTES

During the Christmas Term services were re-arranged. Evensong was sung and Evening Prayers said on alternate Wednesday evenings instead of on Fridays. Mattins was transferred from Wednesday to Friday. Holy Communion was celebrated fortnightly on Tuesday mornings as before. Morning Prayers for the Removes were introduced on Saturday mornings.

In the Lent Term, Evensong will be celebrated weekly until the beginning of Lent. Four Lent Addresses will be given by the Bishop of Aston.

Low relief effigies—one of St Martin by R. A. Hall and another of St Francis by A. J. Frost—have lately been carved on bench ends.

Collections this year have been shared between the Church of South India, the Christian Education Movement in South Africa, the S.P.G. Medical Missions, the Universities' Mission to Central Africa, the Church of England Children's Society, the Midlands Spastic Association, the Diocesan Ordination Fund and the Oxford Mission to Calcutta.

T. J. BETTS.

THE LIBRARY

"But it's only talking"—how often we have heard that cry. Members of the school must appreciate that all conversation, even in the softest of undertones, is banned in the Library. Last term, talking was on the increase, and stringent measures were taken to stamp it out. If necessary, they will be continued in the future. The Library is a place for study, not a "salon de causerie".

The number of library-ticket holders is down somewhat, and stands just below 300. The vast mass of the Middle School remains ticketless. Book circulation has fallen too; but it was obvious from the Book Check last summer that books continue to be "borrowed" unofficially at a fast rate. Too many of them never return. As a final complaint, laziness and untidiness are rampant. Books are left on the tables or, worse still, put back on the wrong shelf. Library users are urged to help, not to hinder, librarians.

New books continue to flow into the Library. 440 books were acquired during 1960, of which 195 were presented. Happily, leavers still find the practice of buying a book for the Library a useful way of commemorating their stay in the school. It is to be hoped that succeeding generations will think the same way.

K. A. PERCY.

THE SCHOOL WEATHER STATION

Much of 1960 was dominated by rain, only the spring being drier than usual. Snow fell on twenty-two days, and altogether 40-in. of rain fell, over 14 in. above the average. January (6 in.), September (5.2 in.), and October (5.8 in.), were the wettest months, but rain fell on twenty-seven days in November.

After a wet start, fine warm weather prevailed until June 11th. Then a great storm gave 2 in. of rain, and brought the temperature down by 20°F. After that date, the weather was consistently cool and wet, and December proved to be the coldest month of the year, with a mean temperature of 38°F., or 3°F. below average.

R. LEDGER.

SPEECH DAY, 1960

Speech Day, last July, was a particularly notable occasion, as the School was honoured by the presence of one of its greatest living sons, Field Marshal the Viscount Slim, K.G., who had lately returned from a successful term of office as Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. It was also marked by the presence of Mrs R. Cary Gilson, widow of one of the school's greatest Chief Masters, who handed over the deed establishing an annual prize in the name and memory of her late husband. In a short speech, she recalled some happy memories of her long connection with the school, and then referring to the new prize she said that her husband had always believed in the practical as well as the intellectual application of the brain by making and doing things with his hands. It was for this purpose that the Cary Gilson prize had been founded, to encourage skill with both brain and hand. It was a most moving address by a great figure from the past, who must have cast the minds of many back to a former age of glory in the School's history.

The Chief Master, in a survey of the past decade, said that it might be the most notable in the history of the School. For not only had it covered great achievements on the field of sport both collective and individual, as well as almost unprecedentied academic successes year by year, but it had also included the Quatercentenary and the visit of the Queen. The School had benefited from a number of important additions. The Chapel, the Cartland Floor, the Swimming Bath and its heating plant and the new science laboratories had all been taken into use. Lights had been installed in the fives courts and the South Field opened up.

Turning to the present and the future, he expressed anxiety about the degree of specialisation required alike from the able boy and the middle of the road man. Present pressures were demanding the specialist, but at a price. He suggested that that price was too high, and that placements at universities by reference almost exclusively to examination performance in required subjects was bad policy.

After he had presented the prizes, Lord Slim addressed the assembly. He said that many "dismal Jimmies" deplored the changes which had come over the world, and painted a gloomy picture of life. Of course changes had occurred, but the modern world, a great one of fantastic speeds, inventions and discoveries, required greatness to match it, and particularly the qualities of leadership. Firm leaders were needed at every level. Too many shallow people were shunning such words as honour, duty, religion, faith and discipline.

He recalled his father's definition of a gentleman, "A gentleman is a man who pays up, owns up, and shuts up". Pay up. Lord Slim said that everyone would always owe a great debt firstly to his parents and school, then to a large number of unknown benefactors, and finally to God and his country. It was a gentleman's duty to own up. This meant that he would not be afraid to admit it when he had been in the wrong, nor to confess what he believed as right and true. Finally, shut up. He said that if one had done something one was proud of, one should not brag, and Lord Slim illustrated this by an experience of his, when, as young officers, he and several others were taking a malicious pride in

having outdone another regiment in ceremonial. A colonel who happened to overhear the conversation had said, "The poorest way you can praise your own unit, gentlemen, is to run down another".

He concluded, "Go out from here to be Christian English gentlemen—pay up, own up and shut up. And good luck to you, young England!".

FOUNDER'S DAY, 1960

The Founder's Birthday was commemorated in Big School on Saturday, October 15th.

Speaking in reply to the Chief Master's welcome, the Lord Mayor, Alderman G. B. Boughton, J.P., talked of the school's tradition; he said that the education which we receive at King Edward's is something that can never be taken from us.

After presenting the Bailiff, Alderman E. E. Mole, J.P., with a bust of the Founder, as a birthday gift, the Chief Master spoke of the Anderson and Crowther Reports and their implications. He again spoke of the desperate need for good quality teachers, which was becoming more acute as "the Bulge" reached the age for secondary education. He continued by speaking of the academic achievements of past and present members of the school; he stressed the fact that we should not be concerned purely with examinations; it is important that we should enjoy exercising our minds. After speaking of developments in the C.C.F. and Scout Group, and of the formation of a Sixth Form Public Service Group, the Chief Master concluded by reminding the school that our aim in life should be to transcend ourselves spiritually.

After thanking the Chief Master for the present of a bust of the Founder, and Mr F. H. Viney for his gift to the foundation of a portrait of the Chief Master, the Bailiff presented the prizes. In congratulating winners, he said that, "in an age where things are obtained with little effort", these prizes are all the more valuable for the work put into them. Taking as his starting-point Ancient Founder's Day Rites, in which the prize-winners spoke, instead of the Bailiff, he reminded us of our inheritance of "a great foundation, based upon a time when England was great". He concluded by exhorting us to uphold this inheritance, and to make our school even greater.

A REVIEW OF THE SOCIETIES

Some seem to be under the impression that the school societies, like professional soccer and cricket, are fighting a losing battle to maintain, let alone increase, their attendances against the eroding influences of counter attractions, not least that of the notorious old spook, television. However, an objective examination of their fortunes does not justify the depressing picture they paint, even if attendance is taken as an indication of prosperity, a most questionable criterion.

Ironically enough, the society which can boast the largest regular attendance is one not even affiliated to the School Club, the Film Society.

It meets in the Ratcliff Theatre with an audience which generally fills the place to capacity, and on some occasions of great popularity has caused an invasion of the ills of the outside world, the cinema queue and the full house. Last term, the classic western 'High Noon' was received with great enthusiasm, and the documentary 'Battleship Potemkin' with a worthy appreciation of technique. More recently, 'I was a Fireman' has been shown, a film which aroused quite some derision until it emerged that the subject was not a member of the N.U.R. or A.S.L.E.F., but had performed heroic acts in the Brigade. Obviously, for sheer size of numbers, none can compete with the Film Society, but among the rest the Railway and Model Engineering Society still claims a large membership, chiefly in the lower part of the School. Expeditions to such strategic points as Crewe and Doncaster, places which few people would otherwise have cause to visit, are still popular with Loco-spotters in their avid quest for numbers, if not with the authorities in their vain quest for efficiency. The Scientific Society reports that as many as forty or fifty come to its meetings, drawn mostly from the science forms as the subjects are normally very technical.

The School Play, the Dramatic Society's only but important and exacting function, is still rightly one of the chief events of the calendar, but unfortunately there still persists a reluctance to take seats on the first two nights. It is a pity that there are a fair number who fail to see the play, whatever its merits, and whatever the exertions of its performers.

This year two new societies have been added to the School Club, and each seems to be flourishing with a youthful vigour. The Aeronautical and Model Aviation Society, already comprising a large body of enthusiasts after only a year, is decidedly off to a flying start. The Anagnostics, which has been in existence for somewhat longer, meets on Saturday nights to read Greek and Latin plays in translation. Evidently its appeal is not exclusively confined to the classicist, as several scientists applied for membership, which had to be kept down to dimensions manageable for reading plays. It should perhaps be added that the word anagnostics is of no religious significance, as some might imagine, but is simply a transliteration of the Greek word meaning "fond of reading".

The Shakespeare and Elizabethan Societies, on the other hand, which also meet on Saturday nights to read plays, have become less popular recently, and fewer applied for membership of each at the beginning of the year. A small but select group of members of the latter society met at the end of the Summer Term to read their own poems aloud, a rare event nowadays, and one which it must be hoped will become an annual feature of the Society.

In the past the Debating Society has depended largely on the support of classicists and historians. More recently, however, it has hardly found support from any quarter because it has an affinity with no particular academic group. After a disastrous opening meeting, an exhaustive campaign for publicity and the appeal of two topical motions, one on the state of the Labour Party, the other on Lady Chatterley and the principles of censorship, have recaptured sizeable audiences, especially necessary to debating. The Junior Debating Society is still thriving, but chiefly on

support from the Upper Middles and Fifths. It is hoped that more debaters will start young in the Removes and Shells.

The Modern Language Society inevitably has an appeal which is mainly specialist, as most of its meetings are conducted in some foreign tongue. Its most notable speaker has been M. Favre, Délégué Culturel at the Consulate in Birmingham who gave an account of "La Vie Politique en France". Even if the Literary Society is still unable to boast of a large membership, it can at least pride itself on a catholic taste. Lectures have ranged from a discourse on Ezra Pound to an illustrated exposition of Elizabethan lyrics by Mr Axford.

The Archaeological Society is not, as was feared at one time, crumbling along with the ancient monuments it studies, but has recently gained keen support from the lower school. Its chief events are trips, sometimes with members of K.E.H.S., to interesting sites and old buildings, like Wroxeter, the Roman town Uriconium, which they visited last Half Term. There is a prospect of digging in the Easter holidays.

Another Society which comes alive at Half Term is the Natural History Society, when it makes field expeditions to collect specimens. Apart from this it holds indoor meetings, confined to a select group of genuine members. A small group of the Christian Guild have been holding regular meetings to study and discuss the Creed. Among its general talks, Mr Burroughs gave an interesting account of "Work among Coloured People in Birmingham". The Junior Christian Guild continues to thrive on a diet of religious quizzes, plays and films.

Two societies, the Photographic and the Geographic, are all but in a state of suspended animation. They have each held one meeting so far this year to reassure us that they are alive. The Philatelic Society serves the useful purpose of being an exchange centre for swopping stamps, but little else.

For its labours, the Art Society receives remarkably little attention. It is responsible for two most interesting exhibitions staged in the course of the school year, one of contemporary prints, the other of Wassily Kadinsky. A party organised under its auspices made a most successful trip to the Picasso Exhibition at the Tate Gallery last July, and the Society has held a number of interesting meetings throughout the year. The Art Circle would like more members to hear its illustrated talks on alternate Mondays in the lunch hour. Finally, all societies owe their gratitude to the painstaking poster painters, so vital for publicity.

Most societies, regardless of their overall attendances, thrive on a nucleus of devotees, rather than on a large number of indifferent members. In the future, societies could play an even more vital part in school life. Every day we hear of the growing gulf between artists and scientists, and apprehensions expressed about illiteracy and innumeracy. Certain societies have succeeded in bringing artist and scientist together in a common interest, while others appeal only to a specialised membership. Would it not be possible for the latter occasionally to aim some of its meetings at the non-specialist; the Literary Society might direct a talk at the so-called illiterate scientist, or the Scientific Society at the definitely

innumerate artist ? Societies are well placed to bridge the gap, and they could take this practical step to answer a need, often discussed only in theoretical terms.

M. K. LEE.

MUSIC

Although this year has not been stamped with a personality like that of last year's Musical Society secretary, who is now 'playing his bassoon to plants' in South America, music still flourishes. In September Ian Harrold, who was joint secretary of the Musical Society with R. B. Ellis last term, conducted a woodwind and recorder ensemble in the first performance of his 'Suite No. 2 in D'—*gebrauchsmusik*, the composer calls it—at Kingswinford Parish Church, and several soloists from school are taking part in his latest work, a cantata, to be performed at Rowley Regis on April 23rd.

In the first part of the house Music Competitions another Edwardian, A. J. Frost, had his Capriccio—more *gebrauchsmusik*, one suspects—performed by Levett, who came second. The sixteenth century triumphed, however, as Vardy gained maximum points for their performance of Byrd's Pavana and Galiardo 'The Earle of Salisbury'.

The Musical Society gave five concerts last term: one remembers especially the accomplished playing of Julian Pook (oboe) and Martin Cook (clarinet), accompanied by I. Harrold. Part of Harrold's second suite was performed at the end of term, 'for the first time at these concerts', as the programme put it; this could not be said of 'La Calinda', 'Elizabethan Serenade', and Walton's Suite 'Façade', which all seemed suspiciously familiar. The programme was completed with a farewell alto duet, 'Sound the Trumpet' (Purcell), by the retiring secretaries.

D. A. T. Powis, the new secretary, promises a varied programme this term, including visits by A. J. Frost, C. M. Johnson, J. W. Jordan, and the Baroque Trio.

The school choirs have continued their clandestine practice and appear for appropriate occasions; the Choral Society and the combined orchestra are rehearsing Haydn's Imperial Mass for performance at the end of the term.

Finally, if further proof of musical life in the school is needed, the dormant Music Circle has not only appeared on the calendar but has even met.

J. E. GOLDINGAY.

AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE

"Money is like muck, not good unless it be spread." Bacon's aphorism takes us to the heart of the basic symbol which expresses the play's theme, the symbol of the magnificent new Baths. It is these Baths

and their healing waters which are to bring visitors and money to the town, and which are already reinvigorating society—the Mayor speaks of the excellent new public spirit which has sprung from the great common interest. But the Baths are contaminated with a filthy water supply; here it is interesting to note that psychologists tell us that money is a very common excremental symbol. There is not space to outline the argument here, but this emotional equivalence probably underlies phrases such as dirty money, filthy lucre, and the Lancashire “where there’s muck there’s brass”. In the context of the play, then, we get the progress of filth seeping into the Baths, the Baths creating fresh money (or filth), with the new society resting on this dirty basis. Given this basic equation in the first thirty lines of the play, we are prepared for Dr. Stockmann’s fourth act diatribe against the social poison of the compact majority.

This technique is typical of Ibsen. ‘An Enemy of the People’ is one of the group of five plays which test against his concern for truth in life the society of his own times, exposing the effect of lies and evasions, and showing how degraded men become when they lose integrity. Although these plays have been called realistic, “fourth-wall” drama, Ibsen’s material is rarely naturalistic: in all five, part at least is used for its symbolic value. Una Ellis-Fermor has described the coffin-ships in “Pillars of the Community” for example as one of the finest pieces of functional symbolism in modern drama, being simultaneously an important factor in the action, a clear representative instance of the corruption and greed of the ship-owners, and finally a symbol of the rottenness of society. “An Enemy” was written in 1882 following the uproar over the supposed indecency of “Ghosts”, when Ibsen had discovered for himself what it is to feel mob opinion swayed against one by those ‘leaders of opinion’ who are in fact mere frightened followers of dead convention. From the political aspect, the play is a sarcastic attack on that sentimental attitude which substitutes for the cult of the individual autocrat worship of the mass; it shows what democracy can sink to when petty self-interest gets to work. Aslaksen represents the democrat as social pest—with his continual bleating of the need for moderation and the wisdom which the compact majority has gained in the ‘university of life’. On a deeper level, though not of course a separate one, the issue is one of truth. Is the town to sacrifice its economic prosperity and warn its visitors off while the matter is put straight? Are indeed the majority of the citizens themselves to be told the truth?

For Stockmann only one answer is possible. His mistake is that in despising those who merely manipulate the people he has forgotten that the people do need handling; and this distinction is not just sophistry. If the Mayor acts as if he thinks might is right, his brother acts as if right were dynamite. And so it is—an explosive element for which most people have a healthy respect. To the crowd Stockmann can only appear as a demolition expert whose credentials have been impounded by the authorities, who in Aslaksen’s words ‘bombard only with moderation’. Although his “the strongest man in the world is he who stands most alone” rings out defiantly at the end, it is not enough. It is a natural reaction in the circumstances, but he has yet to discover that people can

and must be educated to wriggle free from the stranglehold of the compact majority. This discovery is however implied in his decision to open a school for the poor children, so that when they've "grown into free and high-minded men" as his son naïvely says, they can 'drive all the wolves out to the far west'. Once more this decision has been prepared for in the first act, where Petra complains that at school she has to stand up and tell lies to the children, and wishes she could start a school herself, a school where things would be very different. But it won't come to anything, she says. And to some extent this is what we feel at the end of the play. The balance is not struck evenly between Stockmann's present failure and future hope: Ibsen seems much more concerned to attack the authorities than to suggest remedies.

CHARACTERS

Early on the Mayor describes himself as a realist, who gets things done, and his brother as an idealist. He advocates the split-man policy; an employee has no right to have an opinion on the business which employs him. His brother is for the whole man, the right to tell the truth in any circumstance. The simple trick would have been to make the idealist the frugal eater, and the conformist the epicurean, as in the film 'Inherit the Wind' where the agnostic lawyer (whose faith is in truth) nibbles a sandwich while the bigoted fundamentalist belches his opinions to the press while devouring a hefty meal. Ibsen is more subtle and gives the conformist the frugal appetite. The basic polarity these two characters show is that of righteous choler against unrighteous smother, and I think the production brought this out well. A. H. Papps as the choleric doctor made a very fine effort at sounding the right age for the part, and he has a very confident stage presence, which he put to very effective use. He was better when speaking himself than when listening to others, when his indignant reactions were at times a little too positive. Showing response is a very sophisticated part of acting, however, and is a big problem in any amateur production. The choler came over very well, and only in a few asides did he descend into testiness. P. W. Grant's mayor was just a shade weak for the imperious Papps—and he failed to make quite the most of the Mayor's threats—a more intense malevolence would have helped here and there. His stage movements are a little stiff, but this was well suited to the Mayor. Altogether a good attempt, but he left me feeling he was perhaps too nice a chap for the part.

I enjoyed C. G. Rowland as Aslaksen—on the surface a gift of a part, but in fact very tricky. Played as a cosy but principled dodderer he came over very well. What perhaps no schoolboy could be expected to do is to play the surface and at the same time to suggest the unconscious social pest underneath. What stood out next I think were the women. I have seen women as convincing in school plays before, but never heard such feminine-sounding voices. A hard-headed friend now in Unilever inquired at the end whether they were imports from next door, which is testimonial enough. No performance was bad, and of the rest I should pick out J. P. Singer's Hovstad for getting the slipperiness of the opportunist editor across. The crowd were a little too well-drilled perhaps—more individual and collective surging to the daïs would have helped.

The sets were effective, and I liked particularly the room for the public meeting, with its grained-wood. The weakest set was that for the editor's office: after the naturalistic effect of the real pictures in Stockmann's house it was a little disconcerting to be transferred to a world of printed books and paintings of pictures.

Mr A. J. Trott's fine production started at a cracking pace, and if it tended to slow down in the second half this was in obedience to the movement of the play itself. Altogether a very creditable performance of a difficult play for a school production to take on, but one well worth attempting.

D. J. HANCOX.

THE PERSONAL SERVICE GROUP

This year, for the first time, remnants in the sixths and divisions, organised by Mr Williams and Mr Bolton, have had the opportunity of helping old and disabled people in the district on Friday afternoons. About ten boys have thus achieved a degree of domestication which, as an old lady in Selly Oak pointed out, will be very useful in married life. The jobs have been for the most part domestic chores which old people find difficult, such as shopping, cleaning, and getting in coal, although several of us have tried our hand at gardening, decorating, and forestry, all without the permission of the Trades Unions. Two sixth-formers spent an afternoon trimming a tree, cutting each other's fingers, and having a bonfire, but our afternoons have not usually been so active—another sixth-former who revealed that he could play the piano found that this interested one old lady much more than his domestic ability.

Most of the people we have helped are arthritic or handicapped in some other way, but they are extraordinarily cheerful and active. They are always ready to offer tea, cakes, and even cigarettes, and seem to like most of all having someone to talk to, since many of them see hardly anyone from one day to the next, and they appreciate any interest taken in them by the younger generation.

We have found these afternoons interesting and worthwhile, and will welcome any other remnants who would like to join us now that the examination season for upper sixth-formers is drawing to its close.

J. E. GOLDINGAY.

THE SCOUT GROUP

In the Scouts we have a reputation for what we call ingenious originality, and what others call pointless madness. This year especially we have tried some novel activities, admittedly weird and rather obscure in purpose.

After four well-run summer camps, with the usual climbing and hiking activities for the junior troops, the new scout year was begun by the initiating of several recruits who were immediately put in overalls and asked to decorate patrol corners. The annual competition for the

best corner was won by Squirrels and Eagles of Mitre troop and Park Vale respectively. One patrol is still finishing its decorations—or perhaps starting them for next year—and another prides itself on knowing its name in fourteen different languages. How the senior troops have fared is reported elsewhere, but if the number of notices they post is anything to go by, they are flourishing. Certainly they can now boast more Queen's Scouts than we have seen for a long time, which is a very healthy sign of purposeful endeavour.

During the Christmas holidays both Seniors and Juniors joined in competing in a Challenge. A very pleasing number of people must have perplexed the police as they were photographed in New Street, wearing kilts; or exasperated parents as they made grass skirts or shoes, sought to do old age pensioners a good turn, or appear on radio or T.V. They had to collect the autograph of one of five famous people, from the Prime Minister to Tony Hancock; one boy collected all five. Someone even managed to convince us that he had milked a cow—successfully.

This term the troops have tended to concentrate a little less on the frivolous, and more on first and second class work. It has now become the regular practice in at least two of the junior troops to extend meetings from 3-45 for another three-quarters of an hour, and the seniors regularly hold evening meetings. The short trousered brigade, which was so openly accused of indifference by a former A.S.M., appears to be more enthusiastic this year. Besides staying late on Fridays, several parties have set off on week-end hikes, despite the weather.

On looking back over the first half of the year, we see that the large intake of new recruits both into seniors and juniors has invigorated the group. The days of the uninterested scout are past, and the troops are absolutely full up. Next year there is liable to be a long waiting list. This really does mean that we have no room for part-timers and it seems that this problem has at last been overcome. If the crazy original vigour of the first half of the year is sustained, we shall have a very successful year. For the liveliness of the group, we must as always thank our G.S.M., Dr Mayor, and the scoutmasters who help him, amongst whom we welcome this year Mr Hamlin as Scout Master for Park Vale. With the annual departure of A.S.M.'s the stability of the group relies on their permanent support, and its success is a direct reflection of their efforts.

D. S. FILKIN.

SENIOR SCOUTS

After a most successful Summer Holidays of Camping, the Senior Troops settled down in earnest to the serious scouting of the Michaelmas Term. In view of the enormous size to which both troops had grown, new arrangements were introduced by which one troop met in the afternoon, and the other took over at 4-0 p.m. to have an evening meeting. This worked quite successfully but we were hampered during the evening meetings by rain which proved difficult to combat. This enabled us to put the Friday afternoon to more fruitful use.

Summer Camp was held by Lake Thur in Switzerland. This proved a most successful camp helped by good weather and the seniors did a lot of mountain climbing, boating and swimming. The camp was run by Mr Dodds, who is to be congratulated upon his smooth organisation of what was perhaps the best Senior Camp ever. He was helped most ably by Mr Morris, and three O.E.s, Mr Hodgkins, Mr Jepson and Mr Burgess.

Our Summer term field day took the form of a night operation on Cannock Chase. Although some parties did get a little lost, the Operation proved so successful that we intend to have a similar one in the Summer Term. It was organised quite brilliantly by the B—P Guild and we owe them our warmest thanks for their help.

During the half term in the Michaelmas term, a party went up to Snowdonia under the leadership of an O.E., Peter Hodgkiss. They stayed at a Scout Hostel at Llanberis and in the two days succeeded in climbing Tryfan and the Devil's Kitchen in a thick mist, and in doing some rock climbing. The venture proved very successful and it is under these conditions of cold, rain and mist that a scout's qualities may be really tested.

Our Field Day in the Autumn Term was near Tanworth-in-Arden. After camping the night the separate troops were engaged on different exercises. Windsor had a recce hike and Oakhurst mapped the area.

This term the Seniors have been engaged in a series of lectures under the title of 'Communications'. So far we have visited the Police Driving School and Information Centre and all the British Railways' modern instalments at Birmingham.

We would like to congratulate M. A. Sevitt upon gaining Queen's Scout, J. J. Claydon upon winning the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award, and D. S. Filkin upon being selected to represent Britain at the American Jamboree.

The new troop of Sea Scouts is flourishing. They have been given a hut down by the Ash path where they can store boats, and they visited the Boat Show in London at Christmas.

We would like to thank Mr Dodds for the encouragement he has given and for always working hard on behalf of the Seniors.

G. H. TAYLOR.

THE C.C.F.

The C.C.F. marches on from one form of "arduous" training to the even more "arduous," while the regular basic training of all three arms of the Services plods on apace. Our selection of extraordinary camps and extraordinary antics might now even rival that of the Scouts. But judging by the swarthy, bronzed stalwarts who return to fight another day, much ground seems to be gained and very little lost.

Three naval "camps", or rather voyages, were arranged for the summer holidays, apart from an "arduous" training course which was cancelled owing to a lack of Admiralty funds. Those who went to H.M.S. *Sultan*, a training establishment at Gosport, near Portsmouth harbour,

went pulling and sailing in whalers. Some voyaged from Portsmouth up the Channel as far as Cowes in H.M.S. *Dainty*, there to guard the harbour during Regatta week. No one quite seems to know exactly against what they were guarding it. Others were to have set sail in H.M.S. *Ulysses* for unknown waters, but unfortunately, or fortunately, as the case may be, a propeller had been damaged and they remained shore-bound in Plymouth, killing time, not as one might expect by playing bowls, but by carrying out various exercises, including one on Dartmoor, sinister as that may sound. The Michaelmas Term Field Day was spent pulling, canoeing, and sailing at Ravens Ait, an island in the middle of the Thames.

Annual camp for the Army Section was held at Kinmel Park, near Rhyl, and a cracking good time was had by all. The weather was fine, the food was good, and Company training proceeded smoothly, aided by excellent demonstrations, one of which was filmed by the C.O. for future use. Meanwhile, among the misty mountains and green valleys of N.W. Wales, watches were synchronised, compasses checked, and a new venture launched, under the appropriate title of "Operation Greenfields", dealt with in detail elsewhere in this CHRONICLE. Michaelmas Term Field Day was spent variously by 'A', 'B', and 'C' Companies. The raw recruits of 'C' Company made what has by now become a traditional excursion to the Lickey Hills, there to stalk one another through gorse bushes and across golf links, before returning to School to watch films. 'A' and 'B' Companies rubbed shoulders on the Clent Hills and laagered together in Hagley Park for lunch on the grass, beneath the Castle walls. In the afternoon 'A' Company carried out a platoon attack on a strongly-held copse, whilst 'B' Company crawled through an elaborate exercise designed to foster the delicate arts of stalking and ambush. On December 15th, four cadets watched the Sovereign's Parade at Sandhurst, and during the Christmas holidays six cadets were put through their paces on various specialist courses.

Our airmen spent their summer camp at R.A.F. Benson in Oxfordshire, but as is the wont of airmen anywhere they were not content to remain grounded. Flying was arranged in Valetta aircraft, and one intrepid N.C.O. was lucky enough to get a six-hour flight to the wilds of northern Scotland. A gliding course was arranged in the evenings for all who wished to glide, so one way and another our aeronauts were kept very happy. On Field Day, the Section visited R.A.F. Shawbury where many of them flew in Chipmunk aircraft, whilst others were conducted on an inspection tour of the Maintenance Unit. The highly successful Civil Defence Course has been repeated, and the members of the older Section are being instructed in light rescue work amidst the "devastation" at Belmont Row, assuming of course, that in the actual event of the Bomb exploding they themselves would be in any position to rescue anyone. It is hoped that next year's camp will take place at R.A.F. Kinloss, a Coastal Command Station in Morayshire.

Annual Church Parade was held on November 20th when Group Captain G. H. Everitt, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.F.C., took the salute outside Edgbaston Old Church. The standard this year was generally considered to be higher than in previous years—an encouraging sign. During the

summer, six N.C.O.'s, chosen from the ranks of all three Sections, attempted to win the Joint Services Cadet Badge at the Cadet Training Centre at Frimley Park, near Aldershot. Three succeeded—an even more encouraging sign.

In conclusion, one may say that despite the bewildering conglomeration of facts displayed above, the fundamental purpose of the C.C.F. remains the same, namely, to instil, to a greater or lesser extent, some measure of leadership into reluctant youths, whose future task, whether they like it or not, will be to lead others. Any success achieved in attempting to accomplish this end is largely due to the efforts and encouragement of our Officers, Warrant Officer, and Regimental Sergeant-Major, to whom we extend our thanks.

A. H. PAPPS.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Hopes that a good team could be moulded around the seven players with previous 1st XV experience were shortlived, and, despite an improved season, the results this year have been disappointing.

The absence of any outstanding players at the beginning of the season, brought home the importance of team work. However, the spirit and enthusiasm has always been high, and this led to the more successful spell at the end of the season, when we did play with considerable cohesion.

Our main fault has been the inability to turn territorial advantage into scoring advantage. In many matches, as those against Denstone and Worksop, the pack gained the upper hand initially, but we were never quite able to translate this superiority into points. Inevitably the opposition recovered, and determined, hard running found gaps in our defence, which throughout the season has been erratic under any real pressure.

In the tight scrums the pack has held its own, but a reluctance to get in and hunt intelligently, and as a unit, for the loose ball, has dissipated chances. Latterly this aspect of our play improved through the example of the second row. Mason, a big strong player, has often dominated lines-out, improving with each game he plays, and has indeed been a fine asset to the side.

The pack this year has been admirably led by Austin, a difficult job with such a fickle side. Without brilliance, he has worked hard and tirelessly throughout, and much is due to his steady, determined play. Marston, who has some subtle arrangement by which he sacrifices our ball to win against the head, has played very competently. He has been supported, throughout by Loach, a strong player who has only sporadically shown his true liveliness, and also, when he has managed to play, by Aucott, who, despite his hypochondriac tendencies, can be a valuable player if he tries. Filkin, our blind-side wing forward has played well, but it was Webb, who, introduced to the open side position nearly half way through the season, developed into the outstanding member of

the team. His tireless covering often saved the side, his following up led to many of the tries.

The backs have had an indifferent season. Flashes of brilliance have been overshadowed by the mistakes. Evans, whose touch kicking under pressure is invaluable, has given a steady service to our fly-half, Packham. This young player has often found the gap for his break and his tactical kicking tested the stoutest defence. The centres and wings have been quick up on these chances, and the unorthodox has proved the most successful.

Greenhall has dealt efficiently with the paper work off the field, and equally well with tasks on it. His tackling is good, and he runs hard when given the ball. The other wing has been a place for competition. Abrahams, a new addition to the school, was replaced, when injured, by Cooke. The latter player improved enormously, and revealed good attacking potential. They subsequently shared the position. In the centre, Papps lent experience to the backs; he played steadily, and showed an eye for the break.

Two new fixtures were played this season. The first was against a Moseley Club side before our school matches, and the second against St Edmund Hall at Oxford. Both, we hope, will become regular fixtures. The fixture with King's School Worcester was reopened, and resulted in a draw.

Undoubtedly the XV reached its peak in time for the Bromsgrove game and the matches just following. The first draw in the history of this annual fixture adds a note of distinction to a season otherwise disappointing for all the teams.

The 2nd XV, jointly captained by M. K. Lee and A. E. Green has not had a good season; often the forwards have held the opposition, but the backs have given way. Despite a good start, some heavy defeats have been suffered.

In winning half its matches, the 3rd XV has had a reasonably good season, probably because this is the first year that the team has been taken at all seriously.

The U.16 XV have failed to register a victory. Although there are some promising individuals, the team as a whole has not been strong. The slight revival at the end of the season leads one to hope that there is some potential for the future school XV.

The U.15 XV has had a mixed season, with a small measure of success. However, the keenness of the team augurs well for the future.

The U.14 XV started badly, but improved to win two matches towards the end of last term.

The U.13 XV has won one match, and the double fixture with Solihull has been successful.

The unfailing enthusiasm and perseverance of Mr Robbins has kept team-spirit high. His expert knowledge is invaluable to a school XV, and we hope that the results which his hard work merits will materialise in future years.

Our thanks go also to Mr Cotter, who has driven us through diabolic circuits, and to Mr Harris, Mr Hall, Mr Hodges, Mr Gregory, Mr Axford and Mr Buttle, who have organised the other school teams.

We thank the Chief Master, the friends, the parents, and the loyal ones from school who have braved the weather to support and encourage us.

J. H. SIEGLE.

The following have represented the XV: P. E. Stinton, D. R. Holby; R. M. Abrahams, R. D. Cooke, J. H. Siegle, A. H. Papps, R. C. D. Greenhall; A. R. Packham, J. G. Evans; W. A. Aucott, R. J. Marston, A. B. Loach, T. D. Austin, J. C. Mason, D. S. Filkin, M. K. Lee, G. H. Taylor, D. A. Webb; A. E. Green, R. J. Cadwallader, L. W. James.

THE XV v. BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

At Charford—Match Drawn 3 points all.

The XV kicked off towards the pavilion, and with the pack playing well and pushing hard in the tight, made the running in the opening minutes. However, a penalty awarded to Bromsgrove in front of the posts, on our ten-yard line, which dropped short, heralded a period of pressure by Bromsgrove, until a dangerous attack by their forwards was thwarted by Packham, who cleared our lines with a fine kick for touch.

After twenty minutes' play, Siegle narrowly missed with a penalty taken some ten yards inside Bromsgrove's half.

Play was now switching from end to end, and a neat move among the Bromsgrove three-quarters was foiled by a beautiful tackle by Webb; the XV broke away on the right, but a misplaced pass from Cooke led to a Bromsgrove forward rush; however, Webb was again there to fall on.

After twenty-five minutes, wing-forward Filkin was injured, but continued. The XV now appeared to be gradually gaining the upper hand, but faulty passing and handling was spoiling some promising movements. However, in the thirtieth minute, Mason jumped beautifully to back the ball from a line-out on the left, just inside Bromsgrove's half. Cooke raced onto Packham's nicely judged diagonal kick, and dribbled the ball over the line, for Siegle, following up, to score in the corner. He unfortunately failed to convert. Play up to this point had been exciting, if a little scrappy.

Half-time came at an opportune moment for Bromsgrove, as play was entrenched firmly in their "25".

Bromsgrove began the second half evidently determined to wipe out the deficit, and it needed a penalty for a scrum infringement for the XV to break out of their "25", following a dangerous run by a Bromsgrove centre. However, Bromsgrove were keeping up the pressure, and were awarded a penalty inside our "25", ten yards in from the left touch-line, which was fortunately pulled wide. Following this, Bromsgrove looked dangerous when Stinton gathered a difficult grub kick, and was caught in possession, but Evans cleared into touch. The XV then took play into Bromsgrove's "25" with a foot-rush, with Filkin prominent, and there it stayed for some time. Eventually Bromsgrove broke away, and were

awarded a penalty near our line, just to the left of the posts; it was an easy kick, which Neil converted comfortably. In a furious last attempt to cross Bromsgrove's line, the Captain of Football lost his shorts, but without any effect on Bromsgrove's defence.

The game ended with play in mid-field.

A. E. GREEN.

THE XV v. MONMOUTH SCHOOL

At Eastern Road. Won 13 points to 8 points

Despite almost continual rain this was a most exciting game, which the XV won because it took its chances. The School nearly scored direct from the kick-off, and following this the play remained in the Monmouth half. Gradually the pack got on top, and from a loose maul just inside touch on the Monmouth "25", our right wing Cooke picked up the loose ball to run through and score a brilliant opportunist try, which Siegle converted.

The School kept up the attack, and soon went further ahead when Webb, following up on a loose ball, kicked over the line for the second try, again converted.

So far the School had been well on top, and for the first time in the season, had gone ahead of the opposition. The score remained 10 points to nil at half time.

But from the start of the second half, the Monmouth team fought back, so that the school was pinned in its own "25". Monmouth now held the advantage, and soon scored an unconverted try. The School withstood their pressure for a while, until their fly half broke through for the centre to score a try which was converted.

With 15 minutes to go the score was 10 points to 8 in our favour, and Monmouth were fighting hard. But the pack came to our rescue, playing well, and slowly driving Monmouth into their own half with one scrum after another.

In the last minutes of the game we asserted our control with a try by Siegle following a cross kick into the corner, to win the match.

J. H. SIEGLE.

THE XV v. WREKIN COLLEGE

At Eastern Road. Lost 9 points to 19 points

Against a hitherto unbeaten fifteen, the School started off brilliantly. Playing in red, and looking much larger than usual, the XV were 9 points up after ten minutes. For the first half the forwards more than held their own, and of the backs Papps made many incisive breaks. The School opened the scoring when from a loose scrummage on the Wrekin "25" Evans cross-kicked to the right, Siegle gathered and passed to Cooke who had just enough space to cut inside his man and score. The second try came directly from one of Papps' breaks through the

middle. Siegle backed up well and went over to score. He failed with two difficult conversion attempts. The XV were then awarded a penalty for offside, and this time Siegle kicked a good goal.

Up to this time nothing had been seen of the Wrekin side's potential, but from now on they gradually came into the game. They were awarded a penalty for a scrummage infringement which they kicked, making the score at half-time 9 points to 3 in our favour.

In the second half Wrekin came right into the game. They quickly scored a try but failed to convert. Nevertheless, the School fought back and were still ahead with fifteen minutes to no-side. This last quarter of an hour proved disastrous to the XV; the forwards were gradually worn down and the Wrekin three-quarters showed their speed. Wrekin, still keeping the ball in the open, now took control of the game and scored three good tries, two of which were converted.

In this game the XV played extremely well in the first half but faded towards the end against a stronger and faster side.

R. C. D. GREENHALL.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

THE XV

Date		Opponents	Played	Result	Score
Sept. 24		Moseley	Home	Lost	12 17
Oct. 1		Solihull	Away	Lost	3 8
" 8		Warwick	Home	Lost	3 16
" 15		Denstone College	Away	Lost	6 21
" 22		Workshop College	Away	Lost	6 17
" 27		Monmouth	Home	Won	13 8
Nov. 5		Bromsgrove	Away	Drawn	3 3
" 8		St Edmund Hall	Away	Lost	3 19
" 19		Wrekin College	Home	Lost	9 19
" 23		King's School, Worcester	Away	Drawn	8 8
" 26		Nottingham H.S.	Away	Won	9 3
Dec. 1		Ratcliffe College	Home	Lost	3 5
" 9		Tudor Club	Home	Won	17 0

SECOND XV

Sept. 24		Lucas Engineering School	Away	Won	9 3
Oct. 1		Tettenhall College 1st XV	Away	Lost	0 23
" 8		Warwick	Away	Lost	0 14
" 15		Denstone	Home	Lost	3 9
" 22		King Henry VIII, Coventry	Away	Lost	0 31
" 27		Monmouth	Home	Lost	11 15
Nov. 12		Wrekin College	Away	Lost	0 37
" 19		King's School, Worcester	Away	Lost	0 18
" 26		Sebright School 1st XV	Away	Lost	0 33

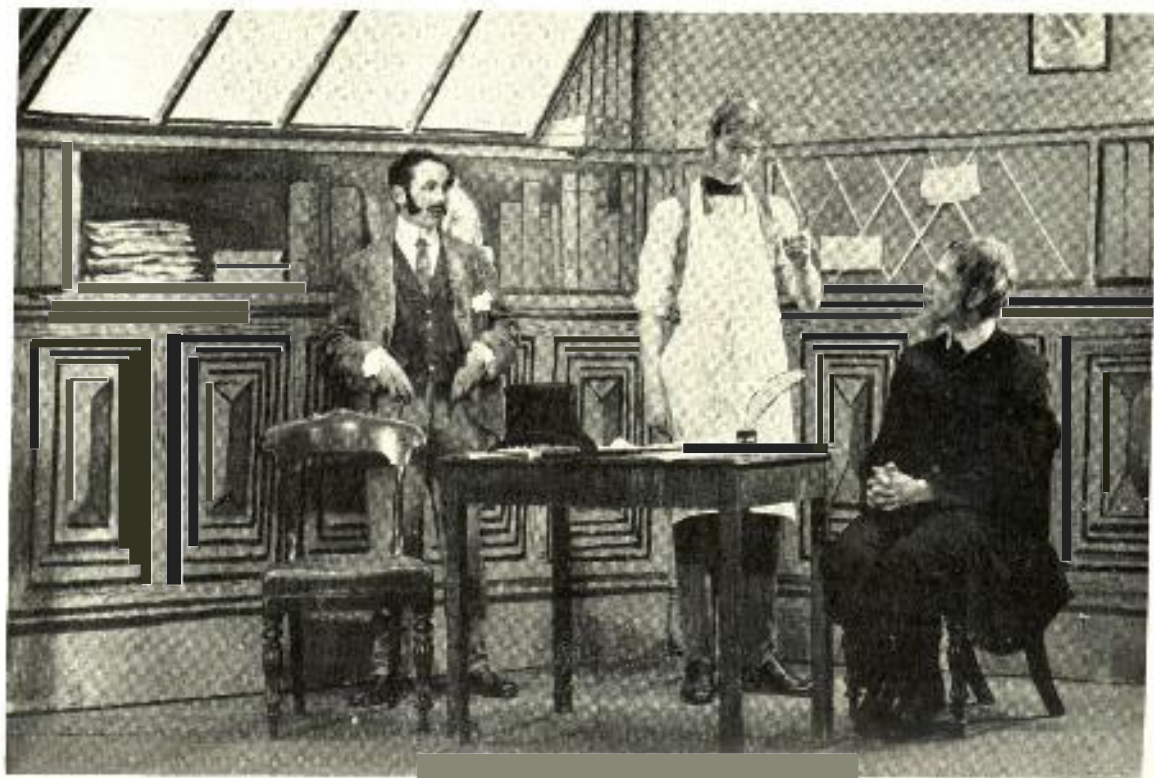
THIRD XV

Sept. 24		St Philip's G.S.	Home	Won	17 6
Oct. 1		Tettenhall College 2nd XV	Away	Lost	3 5
" 8		Warwick	Away	Lost	0 21
" 22		King Henry VIII, Coventry	Home	Lost	0 13
Nov. 12		St Philip's G.S.	Away	Won	34 0
" 26		Sebright School U.16	Away	Won	14 0



BROMSGROVE MATCH

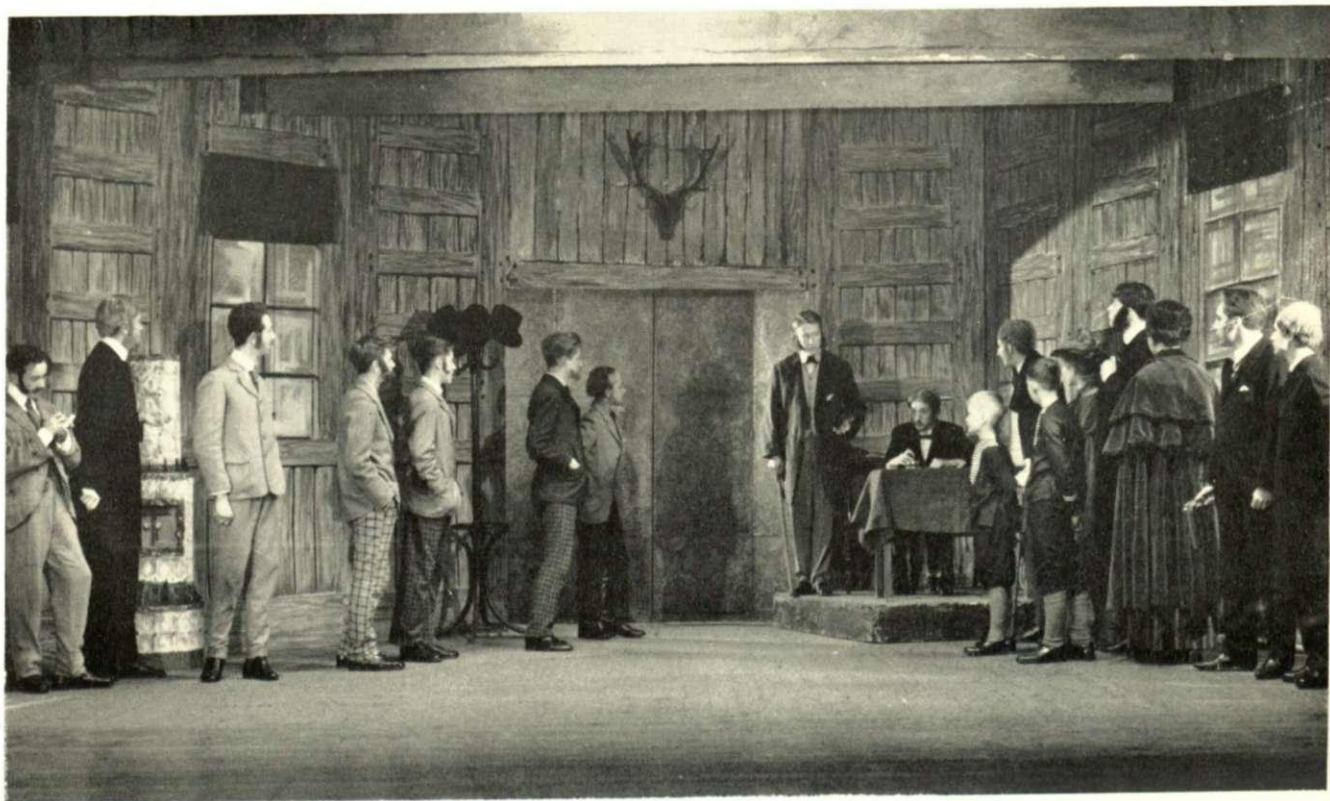
Mason backs the ball from the line-out to begin the movement which led to Siegle's try.



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UNDER SIXTEEN XV

Oct.	1	Solihull	Away	Lost	0	21
	8	Warwick	Home	Lost	6	17
	15	Denstone College	Away	Lost	0	33
	22	Worsop College	..	..	Away	Lost	3	24
Nov.	12	Wrekin College	..	..	Away	Lost	3	19
	26	Nottingham H.S.	..	..	Away	Lost	3	34
Dec.	1	Ratcliffe College	..	..	Home	Lost	0	3
"	3	Bromsgrove ..	..	..	Away	Drawn	0	0

UNDER FIFTEEN XV

Oct.	1	Solihull .. ..	..	..	Home	Lost	0	6
	8	John Willmott G.S.	..	..	Away	Won	6	3
	15	Denstone College	..	..	Home	Lost	0	29
"	22	King Henry VIII, Coventry	..	..	Away	Lost	0	24
Nov.	12	Wrekin College	..	..	Home	Drawn	0	0
"	19	King's School, Worcester	..	..	Away	Won	13	11

UNDER FOURTEEN XV

Oct.	1	Solihull .. ..	..	..	Home	Lost	0	23
	22	King Henry VIII, Coventry	..	..	Home	Lost	3	33
Nov.	12	Wrekin College	..	..	Home	Lost	5	11
	19	Tettenhall College	..	..	Home	Won	21	0
"	26	Sebright School	..	..	Home	Won	15	0

UNDER THIRTEEN XV

Nov.	19	Tettenhall College	..	..	..	Home	Won	9	0
Dec.	5	Solihull "A"	..	..	..	Away	Lost	5	9
"	5	Solihull "B"	..	..	..	Away	Lost	0	21

CRICKET

Looking back on the efforts of the XI last season, we may conclude that we were unfortunate not to record more than six victories. The batting, however, sometimes failed at the most important moments, and but for a wagging tail, we should, once or twice, have been beaten quite unnecessarily.

To single out the batsmen who scored with consistency—J. E. T. Harper, a reliable opener, and R. A. Green (No. 7) both had good averages. The latter also opened the bowling, but although the team lacked a really fast bowler, the attack was much strengthened by two spinners, R. C. J. Page and M. G. Smith.

The fielding was often quite inspiring, and it showed a great improvement on the previous season's. This was a result of the remarkable team spirit which existed in the XI throughout a very enjoyable summer.

This season we shall be without many of the old lags, and our main weakness seems to be in the batting. But even if the future does appear a little uncertain, we can at least hope that last year's latent talent will shine forth brightly this coming summer.

We are extremely grateful to our coaches, Mr Guy and Mr Cockle, for all the help they continue to give so willingly, and once again we must thank them, and the other masters who look after School and House cricket.

J. C. MASON.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

(Played 19: Won 6, Lost 5, Drawn 8)

THE XI v. KING'S SCHOOL, WORCESTER

Worcester	188 (M. G. Smith 5 for 81).
The XI	189 for 4 wks. (J. E. T. Harper 76, J. C. Mason 70).
THE XI v. TRENT COLLEGE	
Trent College	100 (R. A. Green 4 for 34, R. C. J. Page 5 for 14).
The XI	104 for 6 wks. (M. J. Lamping not out 45).
THE XI v. MALVERN "A" XI	
The XI	168 for 9 declared (J. E. T. Harper 37, J. C. Mason 37, M. J. Lamping 33).
Malvern "A" XI	119 (R. C. J. Page 5 for 32, R. A. Green 3 for 23).
THE XI v. BROMSGROVE SCHOOL	
Bromsgrove	204 for 5 declared (Burnett 102).
The XI	122 for 6 (J. E. T. Harper 45, R. G. Simpson not out 22).
THE XI v. THE COMMON ROOM	
Common Room	156 for 9 declared (J. B. Guy 110, R. C. J. Page 5 for 41).
The XI	141 for 9 (J. E. T. Harper 20, M. J. Lamping 26, R. A. Green 46; T. G. Freeman 6 for 66).
THE XI v. WARWICK SCHOOL	
Warwick	181 for 4 declared (Barker not out 106).
The XI	135 for 5 (J. E. T. Harper 26, J. C. Mason 20, R. A. Green not out 37).
THE XI v. OLD EDWARDIANS' ASSOCIATION	
The XI	135 (J. E. T. Harper 44, M. J. Lamping 29; B. Lobb 3 for 34, J. A. M. Harrod 3 for 36).
O.E.A.	138 for 3 wks. (G. E. Phillips 35, B. C. Homer 39).
THE XI v. KING'S SCHOOL, CHESTER	
Chester	161 (R. A. Green 3 for 21, J. G. Evans 3 for 54).
The XI	162 for 8 (J. C. Mason not out 46, R. G. Simpson 26, R. A. Green 38).

CRICKET AVERAGES

BATTING (Qual. 100 runs)

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
J. C. Mason	19	3	439	70	27.51
R. A. Green	19	7	315	46	26.25
J. E. T. Harper	18	0	411	76	22.83
M. J. Lamping	18	4	264	45*	18.84
M. S. Jones	19	0	312	100	16.42
R. G. Simpson	19	2	264	30	15.53
D. R. Holby	15	2	189	35	14.53
A. W. Hughes	15	1	135	19	9.64

BOWLING (Qual. 50 overs)

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. C. J. Page	217.1	70	562	33	17.03
R. A. Green	235	64	583	31	18.80
M. G. Smith	289.2	60	940	47	20.00
N. R. Tindale	72.1	19	222	7	31.71
A. R. Packham	61.1	18	213	6	35.50

CATCHES

M. J. Lamping (ct. 11, st. 5) 16; A. W. Hughes 10; J. E. T. Harper 7; M. G. Smith 5, J. C. Mason 5, D. R. Holby 5; R. A. Green 4; N. R. Tindale 3; M. S. Jones 2, R. G. Simpson 2; A. R. Packham 1, R. C. J. Page 1.

SWIMMING

Of nine matches we won six, drew one, and lost two.

The Water-Polo team won all its matches. At the Sports it triumphed again, against an Old Edwardians' team of considerable strength. The Water-Polo Knock-out was won by Cary Gilson who beat Evans 2—0 in the final.

No less than eleven records were broken, the most notable success being that of D. R. Ellison, the retiring Captain, who recorded a time of 59·8 secs. for 100 yards Free-style, thus becoming the first Edwardian to break the minute for this distance.

Our prospects for the coming season appear to be good. The team has been swimming and weight-training regularly during the winter and everybody should therefore be fit. Only two members of last year's successful team have left. But nevertheless we shall be a very young team which will contain the surprising number of seven school record-holders. The outlook hence seems to be a bright one.

We are most grateful to Mr Cotter who has trained and guided the team throughout the year. We also would like to thank Mr Porter and Mr Symes who have kindly officiated at numerous Water-Polo matches, School matches, and practices.

B. J. HAMBIDGE.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES AND WATER POLO

Malvern	|||	Won	44—17	Won	2—0
Ratcliffe	|||	Won	35—17	Won	5—0
Wrekin	|||	Won	42—29	Won	3—2
Rugby	|||	Lost	26—37	Won	2—1
Trent	|||	Draw	31—31	Won	5—0
Solihull	|||	Won	43—18	Won	4—2
Bromsgrove	|||	Won	46—24	Won	6—2
Repton	|||	Won	42—19	Won	7—0
Shrewsbury	|||	Lost	29—33	Won	4—3

RECORDS BROKEN DURING THE SEASON

- 100 yards Free-style: D. R. Ellison. 59·8 secs.
- 200 yards Free-style: R. H. Tedd. 2 mins. 20·3 secs.
- 50 yards Free-style: D. R. Ellison. 26·4 secs.
- 100 yards Breast-stroke: B. J. Hambidge. 72·5 secs.
- 50 yards Butterfly: B. J. Hambidge. 32·4 secs.
- 100 yards Free-style (Intermediate): R. H. Tedd. 62·7 secs. (equalled the record).
- 33½ yards Back-stroke, (Under 13½) P. M. Holtham. 24·0 secs.
- Plunge. (Under 13½) P. M. Spiers. 40-ft. 10-ins.
- 3×1 Length Medley Relay: (H. Watton, B. J. Hambidge, D. R. Ellison). 59·6 secs.
- 4×1 Length Freestyle Relay: (D. R. Ellison, A. B. Loach, R. G. Titterington, R. H. Tedd). 69·6 secs.
- 4×2 Lengths House Relay: Levett. 2 mins. 45·8 secs.

THE SWIMMING SPORTS

The Sports were held at Woodcock Street Baths on Friday, July 15th, and as usual they went off very smoothly. Our thanks are due to Mrs E. E. Mole who presented the prizes, and also to those members of the Common Room who acted as officials.

WINNERS AND TIMES OF OPEN EVENTS

50 yards Free-style:
(1) D. R. Ellison (E)
Time: 26.9 secs.

100 yards Free-style:
(1) D. R. Ellison (E)
Time: 62.9 secs.

200 yards Free-style:
(1) R. H. Tedd (V)
Time: 2 mins. 21 secs.

50 yards Back-stroke:
(1) R. H. Tedd (V)
Time: 33.4 secs.

100 yards Breast-stroke:
(1) B. J. Hambidge (P)
Time: 75.1 secs.

50 yards Butterfly:
(1) B. J. Hambidge (P)
Time: 32.4 secs.

Half-mile:
(1) R. H. Tedd (V)
Time: 12 mins. 30 secs.

Dive:
(1) B. J. Hambidge (P)
44 pts.

Plunge:
(1) J. P. Singer (C)
Distance: 55-ft. 7-in.

TROPHIES

Carr Cup:	Governor's Cup:
Open Champion	Junior Champion
R. H. Tedd	C. B. Tedd
Allday Shield:	Vardy House

LAWN TENNIS

As had been expected, the 1960 season was more successful than the previous year, but the results could have been better, if sufficient concentration had been given to winning, instead of just playing, the matches.

We went down to Wimbledon with a stronger team than in many previous years, but the draw was against us. In the first round we beat Oundle in a close game, the first pair winning in three sets, as did the second pair, after nearly capitulating.

Unfortunately the second round brought us against St Paul's, and both pairs were beaten easily by this team which later won the competition. In the Thornal Bowl, the U.16 pair lost to a strong Marlborough 1st pair.

With the formation of the Tennis Club, which has been successful in its first year, providing much more time for organised practice, the House competition was played in two parts. The League competition, for players not in any club, which developed into a tussle between Vardy and Gifford, was eventually won by Vardy. A Knock-out competition open to everyone brought Cary Gilson and Vardy together in the final, and Cary Gilson were victorious. Despite this set-back, the overall tennis cup was won by Vardy.

The singles competition produced the largest entry ever. The Burges Cup was won again by B. H. Shaw, and the Alan Hess trophy by R. H. Elgood.

Finally, on behalf of the Tennis Club, I should like to thank Mr Leeson for working so keenly to promote our success.

J. H. SIEGLE.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

June 11	VI v. Nottingham	Lost
16	VI v. Rugby	Lost
18	VI v. Ratcliffe	Won
25	VI v. Trent	Won
28	VI v. Malvern	Lost
AT WIMBLEDON:	IV v. Oundle	Won 2-0
	IV v. St Paul's	Lost 2-0
	U.16 II v. Marlborough I	Lost

ETON FIVES

Played 10, Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 6: this could hardly be called an impressive record. Most of our losses have been the results of closely contested matches, but have been lost because of poor finishing. This lack of finishing power is caused by the temperament of the players rather than by any lack of stamina. We have had bad luck this season, as the school has not yet been able to field its strongest side, thanks to injury and illness. After several combinations had been tried, two strong pairs emerged, Holby and Emslie, and Wells and Andrews, but unfortunately Mellor, talented but erratic, has yet to find a regular partner and it would be a great mistake to leave out one of his calibre. Babb has played steadily throughout with his various partners.

Of the five school matches played during the Christmas Term, we won two and lost three. We beat Five Ways and Wolverhampton, but lost heavily to a strong Old Edwardians' team, and narrowly lost to Mill Hill and Repton in very close matches.

The results of the matches played on our tour of London in the Christmas Holidays, although they appear reasonable on paper, were in fact very disappointing. We drew with St Olave's, beat the Old Olavians, but lost to both the Old Citizens and the City of London.

This term we face an exceptionally large fixture list, thanks to the efficiency of our secretary, R. Mellor.

The House Senior Fives Competition is almost finished. Cary Gilson and Levett are still unbeaten, each with only two matches to play. The Competition for Junior Fives has been started under a new system in which each House has now played three matches; it is to be finished before the end of term. These new arrangements have received much adverse criticism, and it must be admitted that they are not working as well as was at first hoped.

This year's handicap competition has already reached the stage of the semi-finals, and it is likely that it will be finished by the end of this term.

It only remains for me to thank Mr Smith for his most valuable help and advice to us all.

I. A. EMSLIE.

The School Team has been: R. Mellor, R. J. Wells, Holby, D. R., Andrews, J. C., Babb, P. D., and Barnfield, J. A.

The following have also played: Taylor, D. B., Osborne, J. R., Chadwick, G. J., Bowers, P. A., Cole, S. B., Jordan, C., and Downing, M.

SHOOTING

Last summer '303 was sadly disorganised by the protracted repairs to first Kingsbury and then Whittington Ranges and also by the exceedingly bad weather, and in the end only seven visits were made, the last being the firing of the Tunstall Cup House Competition.

The usual M.R.A. inter-schools 'Ashburton Trial' could not be held and the School did not send its usual four competitors to the individual competitions comprising the 'Birmingham Bisley' owing to the fact that it was postponed until September.

A bright spot in the term was our success in winning the Royal Engineers Warwickshire Trophy, generously offered for the first time last June by 1 E.S.D., Long Marston, our Regular Army assistance unit since the departure of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. It is a '22 competition on 'Country Life' lines (but less the Landscape) open to Warwickshire contingents of the C.C.F.

The Michaelmas Term produced better scores from the VIII than last year, four possibles being registered, two of which equalled the School record of 100·7. Members of C Coy have been shooting twice a week, and since several have shown both promise and keenness the numbers attending school practices should improve by the end of the year.

N.S.R.A. postal results were reasonable, the VIII winning 12, losing 8 and drawing 1. In the N.S.R.A. Schools Competition we sagged to 68th with a score of 738 ex 800. B. J. Eccleston was awarded his colours for a score of 96. The poor total score was mainly due to bad shooting by two members of the VIII, whose scores pulled the others down.

During this term we are practising for the 'Country Life' competition, and C Company shoots are continuing. We cannot conclude without saying how much we appreciate the continued interest and enthusiasm of W.O. Cockle and R.S.M. Allard, especially in bringing along the 'young idea'.

P. K. HALL.

CHESS

The three Chess teams have all performed creditably this season. They occupy first place in each of the top three divisions of the Birmingham and District Junior League. The first team narrowly lost its first match of the season, because two regular players were not available. Since then it has scored five convincing victories and should finish in first place. The second team does not believe in wasted effort and has won all its five matches by $3\frac{1}{2}$ points to $2\frac{1}{2}$. The third team has done well except for being unaccountably defeated in its first game. This season we have a good chance of equalling the achievement of the 1957-8 season when we were top of all three divisions.

Our chances in the *Sunday Times* National Schools' Chess Tournament are quite good. We have now reached the semi-finals of the Midland Zone and have to play Bishop Vesey's G.S., a team which we have already defeated in the League.

We have also played two friendly matches this season: against Wrekin School, which we won 6-0 and against Solihull, which we won 4-2. This term we will be having our annual match against Oxford University second team.

House Chess is proceeding quite smoothly despite some new rules which make it necessary to have chess-playing as well as negotiating ability. The senior individual competition for the Hurn Trophy has been finished in good time, but in spite of valiant efforts by our secretary, the same cannot be said of the junior competition.

The first team this season has been chosen from: D. B. C. Merry, J. D. L. Ball, J. M. Orrin, R. W. Goodsman, C. R. Flood, R. B. Davies, and D. G. Fletcher.

We thank Mr Hurn for his help and guidance.

D. G. FLETCHER.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Cross-country is rapidly coming into its own as a school sport. Talent abounds and is sharpened up by regular training runs around Edgbaston.

The Senior team has achieved some impressive victories, notably against King Henry VIII School, Coventry, where mud was more than ankle deep, and markers somewhat misleading. If the Junior team, formed only recently, continues to train with its present enthusiasm, prospects are bright indeed.

In the forthcoming Midland Public Schools Cross-Country Championships, the school will field its strongest possible team, and the race will provide a good indication of the team's fitness.

We sincerely thank Mr Morris, who has waited patiently for us, watch in hand, on many a rainy afternoon.

J. G. RUDDICK.

The teams have been chosen from the following:

Senior : J. G. Ruddick, J. W. A. Cosgrave, A. Norris, Templeman, Haseler, Fincher, Betts, Jones, J. P., Norris, J. M., Difford, Frazer, Healing.

Under 16 : Wallis, I. P., Knibbs, Butler, May, D. J., Bates, Croxall, Henderson, Metcalf, Jones, R. T., Dediccoat, Collins.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

Small Heath Harriers C.C. Meeting. 12th out of 25 teams.

v. K.E.G.S. Five Ways and Ratcliffe College	..	..	Won.	52-55-66.
v. K.E.G.S. Camp Hill	..	..	Lost.	41-38.
v. King Henry VIII School, Coventry	..	..	Won.	38-44.

FENCING

This year must be quite the most notable for the Fencing Club since its foundation. The club has been granted the right to award half-colours in the same way that other sports award full colours. Our numbers have swollen until we can boast of nine fencers of a high enough standard to represent the school in the National Public Schools' Fencing Tournament next Easter, and although it is understood that some may be prevented from going by family holidays, a number considerably greater than the usual two will be present. It is also well worth publishing that, besides the above-mentioned seniors, we boast the participation of a member of the Common Room in our meetings.

Our own competition, for the Peter Mountford Trophy, was enthusiastically contested, the winner being N. M. Maybury.

We have an efficient secretary who has arranged seven fixtures for this term in addition to two second team matches. Indeed, the future looks bright for next year, as only one of our first IV may be leaving, and the beginners are astonishingly proficient.

It only remains for me, on behalf of the entire Fencing Club, to thank Mr Cotter most sincerely for his painstaking and valuable guidance.

C. D. TYLER.

ROWING

On three occasions last season, the School IV was able to report a win, these victories being achieved in two regatta heats, and one school match. The introduction of the Club System for summer sports was the most important factor contributing to this result.

Our admittedly minor successes have had the encouraging effect of attracting members of the middle and lower school into the club; this influx may also be put down to the additional attraction of School Half-Colours, which have recently been granted. We can hope that, within a few years, K.E.S. will be represented by crews that have been in training for much of their school life, and which therefore have a fair chance of success in open regattas.

It must be remembered by all in the club that cups are not won merely by talk. Probably more than any other school sport, rowing demands a year-long programme of often dull training. We must be prepared to turn out regularly, both at school and at the reservoir, regardless of weather, if we are to make full use of our opportunities.

The plans for the new boathouse, in which it is proposed that the school should have a share, are now on the drawing-board. The eventual arrival of this amenity will be more than welcomed.

We are grateful to the Chief Master for his co-operation in helping along a minority sport, and we thank Mr Axford for his unrelenting efforts, and for his willingness to sacrifice a great deal of time and energy to the furtherance of rowing in the school.

G. OVENS.

GYMNASTICS

The House Competition will be held on February 16th, the Senior Individual Competition on February 15th, and the Junior Individual Competition on March 1st.

Meanwhile, House Captains have managed to produce teams. Some have scraped a team together, others have formed one with ease, but all are now practising hard with the feverish, intense energy always stimulated by this particular type of physical exertion.

This term, mutterings have been heard in high places concerning a revival of inter-school competitions, abandoned, apparently without hope, at the beginning of the last decade. If such a revival did occur it should be welcomed, not only in itself, but also for the desirable effect it would have on the standard of our own gymnastics.

Once again we are grateful to Mr Symes and Mr Cotter without whom very little effective Gymnastics would take place at all.

A. H. PAPPS.

SQUASH

This year there has been a marked decline in the standard of squash in the school, although the game still retains its popularity. Both the matches played so far have been lost, but we are hoping that the return matches to be played this term will show a definite improvement.

The A. W. Harris trophy was won last year by B. H. Shaw. There has again been a fairly large entry this year, and a keen contest is envisaged.

Once again we have to thank Mr Guy for his invaluable advice and assistance, without which squash would be in a very sorry plight.

R. MELLOR.

THE HOUSES

CARY GILSON

If I am to begin my house report with an apt quotation, then it must, alas, be 'How are the mighty fallen': for, having ended last year second in the House Championship, we found in September that we had lost most of the rugby team that carried off nearly all the available silverware during the previous two seasons. We fielded a very young XV which, despite showing considerable talent and enthusiasm, could only win two matches and draw one. Prospects for 1963, however, are very good.

In chess and shooting we had little success. Our chess captain blames the fixture-card and expects much better results this term, while our shooting captain, denying that we are pacifists, attributes our failure in the N.S.R.A. competition to nerves.

Our senior fives team however, has overcome the loss of two school fives players, winning all its five matches so far, and our junior team has won two of its three matches.

We look forward with some trepidation to the rest of the year, as we are notably lacking in athletes and cricketers. But the spirit of the house is such that I am confident that everyone will do his best, and that the name of the house will not be dishonoured.

We owe our thanks to our housemaster and house-tutors for their unfailing and active support. We have forgotten already that it is only a term since Mr Sacret became housemaster, so quickly have we come to know and respect him, and we have benefitted much from his coaching and advice on rugger. We also welcomed last term Mr Morris as house-tutor, and we look forward with mixed feelings to being taught cross-country running by him. Mr Ramsay, too, has maintained his active interest, and has kept up our morale by enlivening many a dismal school lunch.

J. E. GOLDINGAY.

EVANS

After finishing a disappointing sixth in the House Championship last year, Evans entered the Michaelmas Term determined to drag its prestige back up to its accustomed level; and even if it was by the scruff of the neck, it was done.

We are no longer taking first place, but we have been an encouragingly consistent second or third. In the Rugby League we came second, thanks mainly to our totally victorious 2nd XV. In Chess, we are lying first equal, but with our most difficult games to come. In Fives, the senior team seems set to finish about half-way, but we shall be surprised if the juniors, as yet unbeaten, lose a match. The Instrumental Section of the Music Competition provided our biggest disappointment, for the amount of work put in by the orchestra and conductor/arranger merited a better position than sixth. It seems right to conclude the statistical report with the results of the Shooting team in the N.S.R.A. competition, for, in coming third, without one member of the School VIII shooting for them, they demonstrated admirably the consistently high, if not brilliant, standard of the House's achievement.

It is difficult to assess in words something as nebulous as "House Spirit"; but it may be said that Evans is a "happy house". Most members of the House are responsible, and usually enthusiastic in their support of house affairs, and the captains have instilled the right sort of spirit into their teams. To most of its members, the ideal of the House means something; the feeling is right; this, I hope, is thanks enough for Mr Buttle and Mr Hodges. There is no need for forced, end-paragraph gratitude.

A. E. GREEN.

GIFFORD

Every July the retiring head of Gifford claims that the year has not been as good for the house as he had hoped, but he is always sure that

“next year will be much better.” Last year our finishing fifth in the Cock House competition put us at our highest level yet: the words of the retiring captain seemed to have a glimmer of the truth in them. This year we have at least justified the traditional speech in that our mediocre position after one term is not as low as usual.

All house rugby this year has been played with great vigour and much skill. We started by trouncing two of the weaker houses, grew over-confident, and finished the league competition an inglorious fourth. At five our undoubted talent was negated by bad luck and injury, as we lost several games, by tantalisingly few points, and one player broke a finger. The junior players range from keen to condescending—results show, unfortunately, which kind of player forms the majority.

But we have succeeded in some fields—and rather unexpectedly. The N.S.R.A. competition brought enough accurate shots to raise us three places above last year’s position—we were fifth. The playing of chess has been surprisingly successful, thanks to some extent to our opponents’ failure to turn up for matches. As long as we can avoid being overcome by the strictness of the new rules, we should finish fourth at least.

This term has aroused interest in every game except perhaps cricket. P.T. and swimming enthusiasts practice, but seemingly with little support from seniors. Cross country runners are pleasingly more numerous than usual. Athletes are thinking of their season, and the fives and chess players are finishing their competitions. After last term’s result, the musicians leave their instruments and hastily turn to singing. The rugby knock-out competition has started, and although the 3rd XV, despite their keenness, lost, the same enthusiasm saw the 2nd XV to victory before half time, and in a hard-fought game the Firsts were encouraged by their support and not at all put off by the opponents having oranges at half time.

Our hopes are high and our enthusiasm unmistakable. For such excellent house spirit, for unfailing touchline support, and for lunch-table wit we thank our housemasters and hope that we can reward them by preventing that traditional speech next term.

D. S. FILKIN.

HEATH

We started this year with very little to lose; in fact we had only two trophies in our cupboard. Last year we crashed from Cock house to a convincing bottom. We concluded the year by coming fifth in tennis and seventh in swimming and cricket; only one victory came to our cricket teams in the knock-out and this win just saved us from being bottom. This year many of our teams show only slight alteration from those performing last year, several officials remain and with their experience we can hope for better things; indeed, there are definite signs of improvement although we cannot expect to come top this year.

We finished sixth in the Rugby League last term but are not as far behind the leaders as our position suggests. Our 1st XV proved itself the best there was, but our 2nd XV could win no more than one game. This term the pattern is the same: our 1st XV has won the first round of the Knock-out and the 2nd has lost. Our marksmen have shot their way to the top, winning the N.S.R.A. competition, but unfortunately there is no trophy to help fill our cupboard. Fives and chess leave us pointless but a chess victory is expected in the near future. Our musicians did well in the first part of the music competition and are now reported to be preparing for the next round.

This term, practices in several activities have been arranged, but not all have been fully attended; perhaps we are not accustomed to such demanding captains. Our gymnasts have hopes of a good position, but otherwise prospects seem no more than fair.

Finally we must thank Mr Barlow and the House Tutors for their support and interest throughout these trying times.

J. G. EVANS.

JEUNE

The time has come for a frank appreciation of the situation: if we are to see the House prosper through these rather lean years, then a little of the burden must be borne by each of us. Therefore, I say to members of Jeune—unite. Our common enemy is the sluggard.

Briefly, we came sixth in Cricket last summer, despite our 1st XI's victory in the Knock-out, and third in Tennis and Shooting. The inevitable, however, overcame our Swimmers and this time nothing could keep us off the bottom. We finished seventh in the House Championship, but, unhappily, this has not served as much of a warning to us so far this year.

The Michaelmas Term did not reward our teams with much success. Let it suffice to say that we came eighth in the Rugby League. At the moment, the 1st and 3rd XV's have both won their first round of the Knock-out Competition, and I am sure that we are capable of improving our final position in Rugger.

The orchestra performed creditably in coming third in Part I of the Music Competition, and our Choir will be highly honoured if it can keep up the standard set by last year's musicians.

Down at the range, our marksmen fired us to second place in the N.S.R.A. competition.

Our Cross-country teams could well spring a pleasant surprise, and the Athletics results should show the House well placed on Sports Day.

To conclude this resumé of our achievements on a melancholy note. Chess, Fives, and even Gymnastics, are all undergoing a difficult period. But quite honestly, we must accept our weaknesses in the hope that keenness will flourish where talent is absent, and that hard practice will eventually make us perfect.

Last July, we said farewell to Mr Sacret, and as a small memento of fourteen years spent faithfully as Senior Tutor, the House presented him

with a silver tankard and a House photograph. So far as we know, Cary Gilson are delighted with their new House Master, and Jeune continues to chug along with Mr Leeds at the wheel, although the mechanism is now firing on only three cylinders.

J. C. MASON.

LEVETT

Last school year ended well. We finished fourth in the house championship. In cricket last summer a grave lack of talent was too obvious to be concealed in the knock-out, although the league teams played very well. The same swimming team dropped from first to second place in the space of a year, and the tennis team enjoyed themselves under their cheerful captain. With an extremely small number of leavers at the of the end term, we could well look forward to a good year ahead.

The Michaelmas term was one of the best ever experienced by the house. We now have a large and strong upper house which is using its talent and enthusiasm to their fullest extent.

The removal of the top thirty players in the school to school rugby this year deprived the house of only two people. After this the house league rugby teams were, as expected, more than evenly matched with their opponents. Our teams eventually won the league championship overall, even though neither 1st nor 2nd XV's came top of their own leagues. After losing their first match the 2nd XV went on very well to win the remaining six. The final result was due to two things: the enthusiasm of all players, and the leadership of the captain, C. M. Johnson. With our two members of the XV back, the knock-out side should win at least one match.

In senior fives and chess the final games will decide whether or not we win the championships. Both teams have won all their matches so far, and in these games we are blessed with plenty of talent. If the junior team does as expected, a high position in fives overall seems likely.

Our ensemble kept up their remarkably high standard in the competition for another year. The tactical shrewdness of the leader, D. A. T. Powis, helped considerably in attaining second place.

As usual our thanks are due to Mr Porter, Mr Freeman and Mr Hall.

R. C. D. GREENHALL.

PRINCE LEE

Last year, a high all-round standard of performance brought us third place in the House Championship. This year, although initial prophecies were perhaps excessively dismal, we seem, because of an unfortunate rarefaction in the Upper Sixth, to be heading for a lower position.

The only satisfactory results this term have come from Fives and Music, in which practice and talent have brought their deserts. Shooting has started poorly, and chess disastrously. A series of losses in the latter game is particularly disappointing, coming after two years of supremacy. We were placed fifth in the Rugby League Competition, the majority of our short tally of wins coming from a fairly talented 2nd XV. Skill was lacking in the 1st XV, and there was no determination in their play to disguise this fact. However, in the first round of the Knock-out this term, the vigour of the team's play was very pleasing. Although results so far may be disappointing, we hope for a fair final position. Determination not to repeat last year's debacle in athletics standards should outweigh the trepidation with which we approach the second half of this term.

House spirit, impossible of course to measure objectively, seems to be rising. Well may it continue to do so in face of the searching tests ahead. Our gratitude is, as ever, due to Mr Williams for his patient guidance through thick and thin, and to our House Tutors, Mr Axford and Mr Cotter for their great enthusiasm and energy expended in their particular spheres.

D. A. WEBB.

VARDY

It is generally difficult to gauge the immediate bearing of results and issues on the House Championship amid the feverish succession of events at the end of the Summer Term. This was particularly true in 1960 when Vardy, after an almost Olympian detachment from the fray, suddenly discovered that it had come first. On closer examination, however, a position of first in cricket, swimming, tennis and shooting amply attested this surprising result, but our success must be attributed to the resolution and energy which had persisted throughout the year in every quarter, despite an unusual lack of Upper Sixth Formers.

This year the position is much changed. With nine members in the Cartland Club, we are decidedly strong at the top, a preponderance only emphasised by the loss of two outstanding athletes in the middle school. Nevertheless, we have not made a particularly distinguished start to the year. Admittedly, our position in League Rugby was third, but both the 1st and the 3rd XV's have already been eliminated in the Knock-out. Despite a team substantially the same as last year's, we still seem to record only mediocre success in senior fives, but junior players in their new League Competition have had better results. The Chess League has yet to be finished, and it is a little difficult to assess our immediate fortunes, owing to the seemingly limitless length of the matches. Vardy, however, is expected to finish within the first three, and much the same may be said of shooting. Vardy's tradition in swimming is being fostered throughout the winter months by regular practices, and it is pleasing to record the large number of life-saving awards won by the House.

Undoubtedly our greatest success so far has been the notable victory of the House Orchestra in the first part of the Music Competitions.

Our Director of Music wisely chose a piece well suited to the limited range of instruments at his disposal. The accuracy and unity of the performance earned worthy recognition. Indeed, it is to be hoped that more will join the Orchestra and Choir, two most worthwhile activities, especially for those who have little athletic bent.

We were sorry to lose Dr Green in July after such a short but pleasant association, but welcome Mr Hamlin. As usual, we owe a great debt of gratitude to Mr Parry and the House Tutors.

M. K. LEE.

THE RESULTS OF THE 1960 COCK HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP :

1.	Vardy	375·8
2.	Cary Gilson	344·3
3.	Prince Lee	338·8
4.	Levett	324·4
5.	Gifford	319·1
6.	Evans	301·4
7.	Jeune	264·8
8.	Heath	231·4

C.C.F. GREENFIELDS CAMP, 1960

Last summer the Army Section of the C.C.F. held its first Greenfields Camp at Dyffryn Ardudwy, a small village between Harlech and Barmouth. In a Greenfields Camp the C.C.F. unit is responsible for finding its own accommodation, preparing its own food, and conducting its own training. The Army makes it as easy as possible by supplying stores, provisions and transport.

Twenty cadets and four officers were based on the Church Hall, which provided welcome shelter after damp days in the hills. It had been decided to use the seven days of the camp for training in moving and living in the hills which lie to the east and south of Dyffryn.

The importance of accurate map- and compass-work was realised on the first day, which we spent on the hills in the Rhinog area, with visibility restricted to a few yards by low cloud. On the second day the weather was kinder, and we enjoyed good views as we traversed Cader Idris.

The weather remained fine for most of the next day, which was the first of three days spent on a scheme in the wild mountainous country south of Barmouth, and Dolgelley. During these three days five independent groups moved round a circuit of check points, covering about thirty-eight miles. They pitched camp wherever night-fall found them. The weather broke on the evening of the first day, and gradually grew worse. The groups which were on the more featureless parts of the route when the mist came down had to rely on accurate map-reading to find their check points. One group had a very wet and windy night holding on to their tent poles, but all returned safely to base on the third day.

The next morning was used for drying kit and comparing blisters. However, the sun was out in the afternoon, when we visited the Army Outward Bound School at Towyn for two hours' canoeing. This was much enjoyed, though several of the party had involuntary bathes, and we were most grateful to Brigadier Howard for giving his own and his instructor's time, not to mention risking his own canoes.

During the day Colonel Cooke and the other contingent Officers from Kimmel Camp paid a visit to Dyffryn and seemed pleased to see that we were still smiling.

A two-day scheme followed, in which we were driven blindfolded to points about twenty-seven miles from base camp, dropped with brief written instructions and left to find our bearings. Luckily, the weather was good, and visibility so clear that no-one had any difficulty in reaching the check point near the Rhinog pass on the first night, and returning to camp early the following morning.

It was then all hands to cleaning and clearing up, although the afternoon was free for those who wanted to swim in the sea, fifteen minutes' walk away.

We all felt that this new style of independent camp was enjoyable and successful. We were grateful to Lieut. Webb, who was in command for the last time before leaving the school, and to Lieutenants Ramsey, Leeson and Symes for their efforts on our behalf. Thanks are due also to the base camp staff and to the Rector of Dyffryn for putting his hall at our disposal.

P. K. HALL.

A TRIP TO AMERICA

A party of eighteen British Boy Scouts was selected to visit America last summer for the Boy Scouts of America Jubilee Jamboree held in Colorado between Colorado Springs and Denver. The great attraction of the trip was that we were to be away for nine weeks, including a week's journey on board ship both to and from the States. Of the seven weeks in America, we were to spend ten days at the Jamboree, eleven days on a huge bus tour across the States going to the Jamboree and back to Michigan, where for the remaining four weeks we were entertained by American families. But when we looked forward to nine weeks' holiday we were rather mistaken: the entertainment and hospitality was truly American and can only be called colossal. Every single minute of our stay was scheduled as one thing or another on an extremely comprehensive itinerary.

Leaving Plymouth (of all ports !) on June 19th we travelled on a ship chartered exclusively for students, and on board, besides dancing into the late hours of the evening (or early hours of the morning to be exact), we were given several lectures on the Americans, their country and their way of life—a typically American idea. We could also learn languages ranging from Catalan to Russian once a day, besides entering bridge, chess, draughts, deck-tennis or shuffle-board tournaments.

We landed in New York on June 27th, and after getting lost and jostled around amongst the countless machines, selling everything from complete meals to shoe-laces and hair-cream, and fighting against the rush-hour crowds on the New York subways, we were taken to various Americans' homes for a meal. Then we spent the evening sight-seeing in Broadway before a 'bus journey to Detroit which took eighteen hours with two hours spent waiting to change 'buses. We were met at Detroit and quickly taken the odd 150 miles to Kalamazoo where we were staying for the three weeks before the Jamboree and one week after it. After our single night with no early scheduled rising time, our riotous programme of visits began. From family to family, press interview to T.V. studio, factory tour to baseball game, water skiing to drive-in movies, driving hydro-planes to controlling aeroplanes—everything was undertaken in a drunken frenzy of activity without our having time to realise exactly what we were doing.

Then our Jamboree tour began. We went over 2,000 miles each way to and from Colorado, with our time at the Jamboree breaking the tour. We travelled in fast luxury coaches and it was easy to sleep in their seats which could be made to adopt almost any position imaginable. Besides doing some wonderful sight-seeing, we managed to have a serious 'flu epidemic for three days and our coach twice broke down.

At the Jamboree itself, the American passion for size had outnumbered us by 3,000 Americans to one Englishman, and so we were pretty much in demand. The American craze for "swapping" articles was so strong that I came home less one scout shirt (which was old anyway) and plus a thirty-six feather Indian war bonnet. There were a few Belgian and German scouts whom I met as well as several Japanese and many Canadians and eighteen other nationalities.

Our return journey from the Jamboree was shorter than the outward trip. We saw Mark Twain's home and the tomb of Abraham Lincoln—but it was on the journey to Colorado that we saw the most fantastic sights. There were the various natural phenomena of America such as the "Bad Lands", an ocean bed which has dried up comparatively recently, leaving first small mud hills, then rugged heights developing finally into a maze of undulating hills. Layers of mineral deposits, left by the sea, as it receded, sparkle in stratified splendour in the bare, unweathered cliff-faces. We then saw the Mount Rushmore memorial where four presidents' heads have been sculptured in massive proportions: then on through uniquely beautiful country to Yellowstone National Park. We went through Shell Creek Canyon and across the Grand Tetons mountain range, and the whole route wound round the mountains spread far and wide all round us, and from the roadside a river crashed down into huge seemingly bottomless cracks in the earth. Pine trees were delicately poised on small ledges which the colossal sheer faces provided with paternal generosity. These faces reached down for nearly 1,000 feet as canyon walls, along which roads like sheep tracks squirmed along the only possible route. Long sheets of jagged menacing granite on either side of gaping crevices match so perfectly that the inevitable conclusion is that some activity ruthlessly split the ground wide open. The area is so

unsettled that the Yellowstone National Park, with its hot springs and mud pools, bear and elk, deer and moose, buffalo and bison, huge thick forests, deep wild canyons and spectacular waterfalls, presents a primitive scene not at all out of place in a paradise of unspoiled nature; even now the earth is not at all settled or ageing, and there was quite an earthquake there only two years ago.

After our return to Kalamazoo we were again hosted around before moving on into Canada. There were several things which were interesting and new to us—the six-laned highways with minimum, not maximum, speeds in certain lanes, and the huge cars, were probably the first. Then we discovered the “drive-in” establishments—cafes, shops and banks. You can park your car and take a speaker into the car from a nearby stand and speak your order. We were duly impressed by the magnificent facilities offered to university and high-school students—one *school* football ground held no less than 100,001, and they charged a minimum of 25s. to see their games. Nearly every school has an indoor swimming pool and many have indoor athletics tracks.

We returned home via Canada, and stayed for three very enjoyable days in Montreal, which is an extremely cosmopolitan city and one which is enchanting because of its many different national quarters. On the journey home on board ship we had the most relaxing part of the trip, but even there the dances and film shows kept us up late every night. It was a thoroughly exhausted but extremely impressed and grateful party which landed on August 13th at Southampton, all very pleased to be home again but all with memories which cannot yet have all been related and which will never be forgotten.

D. S. FILKIN.

I.S.C.F. LEADERS' CONFERENCE, 1960-1

Three members of the Christian Guild again attended the Inter-Schools Christian Fellowship Leaders' Conference from December 29th to January 1st, this time held in the Grange Farm Centre, Chigwell, Essex. Over 300 delegates attended from boys' and girls' schools all over England. The most striking feature of the Centre was its small chapel, built in a particularly successful contemporary style.

Addresses were given on doctrine, and on the practical leadership of Christian groups in schools. The Rev. E. F. Kevan, M.Th., principal of the London Bible College, gave talks on 'God in Three Persons', including a most arresting account of the work of the Holy Spirit in the universe and in men's lives. The I.S.C.F. staff took groups on Bible-Study leadership. A history and discussion of the problem of Predestination were also attractively presented.

Reference was made to Inter-Schools Summer 'Camps': a grand holiday will again be available, for example, at Penmaenmawr. Of particular note to scientists are the courses in marine biology, etc., run by the Research Scientists' Christian Fellowship.

The Conference, characterised by non-denominational unity and fellowship, was made aware of the challenge of Christian work in 1961.

There are great opportunities, but Christ has no hands of his own.

On Monday, the 2nd of January, we dispersed. The Midlands delegates were left singing hymns in the cold, waiting for the coach, which, if an hour late, was eventually the more appreciated.

G. N. CHARLTON.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

Browsing among old school chronicles the writer has come across items which give interesting glimpses of the life of our predecessors seventy to eighty years ago.

In the year 1879, the school cricket club incurred an expenditure of £34 7s. 9½d., with a deficit of 2s. 8½d. This would not have happened but for 4s. 6d. horse shoe repairs!

In the less hurried life of those days, we find four and a half full pages devoted to a report of Speech Day. Even in the late nineties of last century, the writer can remember this event, starting at 2.30, and still unfinished when the Big School clock struck 6 p.m. No wonder, for a regular feature of the occasion was scenes from three plays, one Greek or Latin, one Shakespeare, one French or German. These were interspersed with music. This was provided by a voluntary choir of worthy Edwardians who had practised together in the latter part of the summer term after school hours.

About this time a Bicycle Club was started, the subscription one shilling per annum. One summer holiday, so the record goes, two enterprising members started at 2.15 a.m., reached Stratford at 5, and without dismounting, rode on to Enstone, where they sat down to breakfast at 8 a.m. At 9.30, they resumed, reaching Oxford before noon, albeit the road from Stratford had deteriorated from being indifferent to becoming almost unrideable. Windsor (108 miles) was reached at a quarter to six, where 'The Star and Garter' furnished every comfort. Surely well earned, for their machines would be the old heavy tall bone-shakers with solid tyres.

In 1881, C. E. Mathews announced that he had at last obtained the unanimous agreement of the Governors to the proposal for building a gymnasium.

The Speech Day of this year reports that a custom was renewed "which we hope will never be allowed to die out again", the presentation of a bouquet of flowers to the wife of the Chief Master, by the school captain (J. F. Bethune Baker—later Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity at Cambridge).

Included in this programme was a scene from a German comedy. It is recorded thus:

"The humour was elephantine and the plot obscure. Last year if we remember rightly, the German play was omitted on account of the female characters in the piece. No one dared to unsex himself in public. This year however two were found valiant enough to fill the posts. Vince (the distinguished O.E. after whom School House is named) took the part of Francisca, a lovely young widow. According

to Vince, she was by no means a comely dame, with corkscrew curls and spectacles ”.

F. H. VINEY, O.E.

THE TRANSIT OF MERCURY, NOVEMBER 7th, 1960

A rather unusual astronomical phenomenon occurred upon Monday, November 7th, 1960, when the planet Mercury transited, or appeared to pass in front of, the sun's disk. Since this event is rather rare (the next is in the year 1970), the writer determined to observe the apparition, and accordingly permission was obtained from the appropriate subject-masters to spend the afternoon (the transit commenced shortly after 2 p.m.) watching the sun and Mercury.

The school telescope, a Cooke refractor of 3-in. aperture (that, for the uninitiated, means that the telescope employs lenses, the main lens being 3 inches in diameter) was procured and mounted on the roof terrace of the science block and preparations were made to time, draw, and, if possible, photograph the event. Despite the mistiness and haze existing in the sky at that moment, some good views were had of the sun beforehand, and several conspicuous sunspots could be seen.

After 2.30 p.m. a close watch was kept upon the edge of the solar disk, using a magnification of $\times 40$ (40 diameters) and dense green filters to occlude the excess brilliant sunlight; suddenly, at 14.35 hrs. G.M.T., a small, round, black spot, Mercury, was observed to emerge from the edge of the sun, and gradually make its way across the "surface". The exact time and position were noted, and a drawing of the relative positions of the disk, Mercury, and surrounding sunspots was made. Unfortunately, it was too hazy to allow a photograph to be taken, and I had to be content with my own sketches, of which there are four, depicting the progress of the transit.

Several members of the school, and some masters, too, came to view through the telescope, but soon after 3 p.m. the sun had set behind the Biology Laboratory, and no more was to be seen of Mercury. The observations I made have been published in several astronomical journals, and have been declared to be quite accurate. Is this the first scientific observation to be made by the school, I wonder?

M. D. PHIPPS.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SIR,

Rather a mixed bag this time, I fear. First, you'll be glad to congratulate the London O.E. Society on New Year Honours for two of its members. S. D. Sargent, who left School in 1925, gets a K.B.E. for distinguished work in the Civil Service. Most of it was in the Post Office, with occasional interludes at the Home Office. Later, Sargent was with the Control Commission in Germany and he is now working with the National Assistance Board, where he has been nearly two years. To

A. B. Agard Evans, Hon. Treasurer of the London Society goes an O.B.E. Those of us who were at this year's admirably organised London Dinner would like to believe it was a recognition of his services to the Society.

The Dinner, by the way, was a brilliant success. It was held at Whitehall Court instead of the usual Kettners, and was probably the best attended in the Society's long history. Among those dining were Lord Slim and Enoch Powell, M.P. now back in office as Minister of Health and a member of the Privy Council. Powell was responsible for the speech of the evening. Edmonds, from Cambridge, put up a good show, as did the School Captain.

London again! Mr T. E. B. Howarth is going there in 1963—as High Master of St. Paul's. Those who recall his term of four years as Chief Master here will not be wholly surprised and will certainly offer their sincere congratulations. Was it the taste for a day school he acquired here—a taste your present Chief Master shares—that drew him from Winchester a second time?

No boys at the School will remember Ford, so long porter at New Street, though many O.E. masters will. Ford, who passed away a week or so before Christmas, had always kept his interest in the School and "my boys". He was at the Fourteenth Dinner, in Big School, last September, at the age of ninety-one, and even at the close, lifted high on O.E. shoulders, made a speech. A great character, Ford, quite unlike the butler-like Willoughby who had preceded him; quite unlike, also, any of his successors. His Lodge, off the dim Lower Corridor in Barry's building, was a rendezvous, tea-shop and bookstall—in the days when we had to buy our own books and tried to get them secondhand. Ford was a great photographer, too, and produced some of the best camera studies of the New Street building.

Space runs out, but I must congratulate Reeve, last year's winner of a Domus at Balliol, on his Craven. Is he the first O.E. winner since Enoch Powell? I must also note that plans are afoot for a most ambitious Midsummer Eve Ball at Streetsbrook Road, of which much more will be heard shortly. The Cricket Club, by the way, did the ground credit by a very successful season; our footballers, alas, have not been so successful.

O.E.

SIR,

Someone said not long ago that owing to its traffic Oxford lives on a floor of tin. He might have added that it has iron crawling up its sides, since the colleges seem all to be crumbling at once and in need of scaffolding. St Mary's too, the University Church, is full of it, probably for the first time since Cranmer stood trial for his life there.

The tin problem is easily overcome. If Christ-Church Meadow is cut by a road, Christ Church will order its Etonians to turn out in force and march in protest to London, so that all roads between Oxford and London will be out of use. Besides, the gentlemen of the left, who think they are the only sincere and humane people in Oxford, will follow Lord

Russell's obstructionist example, sit down, and set the country towards anarchy. Lord Russell, though, can be excused; he is in charge of the Cambridge Heretics.

As for the iron, we must wait. Some colleges are always waiting, as Trinity is for baths, so far as we know from what news ever escapes its walls. The government offered Trinity free at the end of the war baths it had had installed to meet the complaints of officers staying in the college who objected to primitive sanitation. Trinity refused the gift and had them taken out.

So much for scandal. No Edwardian has gone further than John Peel in showing his mettle; as president of the Heraldry Society he deals in argent and or. What is more, he claims to have broken of other people's more chair legs, bathroom rails, and lavatory fittings, than anyone in Oxford. The examination at the end of this term for classics Mods., however, the longest in Europe, seems to be wearing him already. Robin Barton, too, is almost inaccessible behind either the Ashmolean's doors or his own pair. Tony Davies is universally accessible, since he can be found climbing over any wall near the High any time after midnight; but as he has his eye on a fellowship at Corpus, he works antipodean hours.

Bryan Wicken has decorated his 17th century room in Queen's annex with 150 prints, anything but period, after winning an argument with the authorities about the use of sellotape on walls; he hopes to visit the Sudan in summer. John Humphries lightens his leisure with long records of Mr Presley.

This year's freshmen are so far unchanged, except Bob Waterhouse, who goes early to bed and sets the alarm for 6.30 to get up and work. When his own and science's innate fallibility make the clock ring at 5.0, he has a perfect remedy: he seizes it and throws it across the room, so that he wakes up again after breakfast.

Some relics from the mists of Edwardian antiquity stand out in Oxford. Alan Smith, as he has been seen about the streets, is presumably not rusticated at the moment.

We hope not all of you who leave school this year will have shielded your eyes from the light of godliness and good learning and fled to the dark refuge of Cambridge. The sun will shine on you here.

OXONIENSIS.

SIR,

Since the CHRONICLE is now to be separated from the Miscellany, it is surely also time that its publication dates were made to fit in more effectively with the school year. There seems little point in publishing the CHRONICLE at the end of July, since it has to go to press long before the end of term, and the end of the summer sports seasons, the Swimming Sports, Speech Day, the O.E.A. match, the School Service, the end-of-term Concert, and the General Inspection have to be ignored or mentioned in retrospect in the March (!) issue.

Similarly the Spring edition goes to press in February, and we have to wait until July before reading the final rugger reports.

The alteration I would suggest is to publish the CHRONICLE at the beginning of the Summer and Michaelmas Terms. The former issue would go to press at half-term in the Lent Term, when rugger is over but for the Sevens, and the latter at the end of July, so as to cover athletics and the summer sports as well as the events of the latter half of the school year. The administrative problem this would create would be worthwhile in order to put an end to rugger reports in July and cricket retrospects in March.

I hope the Editorial Committee of the CHRONICLE will consider this suggestion.

Yours faithfully,

J. E. GOLDINGAY.

(We are grateful for this suggestion, and will certainly look into it.—ED.)

SIR,

Last April, it was announced that the summer sports were to be reorganised under an arrangement commonly called "the club system". The advantages were claimed to be twofold:

- (1) That specialisation would lead to an improvement in the standard in school sports.
- (2) As one person would be allowed to play for only one school and no house sport (barring the knock-out) he would have more time to devote to scholastic studies.

I submit that this system has lamentably failed. There has been no indication of any improvement in school sports; and scholastically the system has had no effect. The only results have been an overcrowding of school training facilities and a marked decrease in the standard of house sport.

As therefore the only effect has been detrimental, I suggest this disastrous system be abandoned, and the previous system re-adopted.

Yours faithfully,

IAN PLENDERLEITH.

(Whatever our personal views on the subject may be, we feel it our duty to point out that Mr Plenderleith's letter does not present a complete picture of the Club System and its results. Enquiry among senior members of the school leads us to think that, although our correspondent's views have quite a large following, they are not shared by everybody. The more prominent games players have certainly welcomed relief from the strain of competing in several activities. If the standard of House games has suffered, which is generally true, it is no less true that many boys, who would not normally have been selected, have had opportunities of representing their Houses.

We are grateful to our correspondent for airing what is a quite widely-held view; but we acknowledge that there are many arguments for and against the system, and would submit that it is a little rash to attempt any final judgment after only one summer.—ED.)

CONTEMPORARIES

The Editors acknowledge the receipt of:

The Wykehamist, The Arrow, The Skylark, The Verlucian, The Leys Fortnightly, Five Ways Magazine, The Leamingtonian, The Worcesterian (and Elizabethan), Holt School Magazine, The Beacon, The Stourbridge Edwardian, Sotoniensis, The Coventrian, The Edwardian (Nuneaton), The Herefordian, The Bromsgrovian, The Edwardian (Bath), The Tettenhallian, The Wolvernian, The Veseyan, The Ousel, The Dixonian, The Stratfordian, Liverpool College Magazine, The Wolstantonian, The Epsomian, The Ellesmerian, The Radleian, The Wrekinian, The Elizabethan, The Denstonian, Bristol Grammar School Chronicle, Griffin Magazine, The Portcullis, Saltley Grammar School Magazine, Lordswood Grammar-Technical School Magazine, The Staffordian, The Malvernian, The Shenstonian, The Moseleian, The Wulfrunian, The Log (Magazine of Hobart High School, Tasmania).

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O.E. MEMBERSHIP

The Old Edwardians' Association has two main objects. The first is to maintain touch between the School and Old Boys, and between Old Boys themselves. The second, very closely related to the first, is to provide in Birmingham a centre for those Old Edwardians who live in and around Birmingham. This latter object has become of much greater importance now that the School is no longer in New Street, and by providing Club Rooms in the centre of Birmingham the Association ensures that Old Boys may be able to meet their friends in a Club which provides all the amenities of the normal social club.

Those members who do not wish to avail themselves of the advantages of the Club rooms can become Honorary members of the Association, a class of 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, but does not entitle the member to the use of the club rooms.

To secure the best results from the Club rooms it is essential that there be a large number of Town members and to this end the cost of full membership is carefully graduated.

The welfare and traditions of the School depend to a great extent upon a strong Old Edwardians' Association, and the ideal is that every boy leaving school should give the Association his active support. Printed below is a list of the grades of membership with the subscriptions.

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

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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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The aims of the CHRONICLE, as stated in the first of the present series, March, 1875 :

- (1) To bind together all sections within the School.**
- (2) To strengthen the connection between our old and present members.**
- (3) To Chronicle all events of interest to the School.**

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EDITORIAL

Much has recently been heard about the 'affluent society,' in which we are supposed to live, and all that it stands for—a high standard of living, all-round prosperity, short hours and proportionately long leisure, and so on. But the economic crisis, into which we seem to have slid so blindly, must belie this happy notion. Basing himself on the hard unpalatable facts of his trade, the Chancellor of the Exchequer has seen fit to chide the country for its idle prosperity; hard work, greater effort and less luxury are what he prescribes. What then are we to believe? We seem to be treading a tight rope, uncertain whether we shall come down on the side of ease and leisure, or on that of austerity and toil.

Whichever way we fall, one fact must remain certain. However large our slice of leisure will be, which, we are assured by supporters of the 'affluent society,' should be pretty big, for the Edwardian at any rate it will never be large enough. His time is solicited every day by a thousand and one attractions. Sport has long been a part of the school life, and long may it remain so. However, other activities are now rightly assuming a greater importance. Out-of-door ventures in particular have caught the imagination, such as the Arduous Training Schemes, the C.C.F. Greenfields Camp, and the regular scout hikes and camps. There is keen competition for places at Outward Bound Schools. Lively interest has also been shown in craft, in the widest sense of the word, be it canoe-building, the construction of scenery, or wood-carving. A Summer Art School will be held for the second year in succession, an excellent innovation. Play-reading flourishes as never before with four separate societies, each operating in its own sphere. This year has been marked by the admirable achievement of two Folk Song Recitals. It would be possible to cite many other instances of this creative spirit abroad.

It is easy to underestimate the important part these activities play in school life. Some even regard their proliferation with mixed feelings, as they recognise more and more distractions for their leisure. Indeed, it must be confessed that the situation is such that there is need to take precautions to avoid the proverbial Jack of all trades. It was for this purpose that the club system was inaugurated last summer, to encourage a certain degree of concentration on one sport, and thus to prevent energies being dissipated. Alternatively, it would be possible to argue that in a school academy must take first place, and should allow time for little else if taken really seriously. This misses the point. At school, the importance of societies and other allied activities lies in the fact that they are complementary to abstract scholarship, and perform the vital function

of gearing intellectual power to practical use. Besides, they succeed in combining social and intellectual life, not always compatible.

If the Edwardian lives up to the school song, he will always be prepared to work hard, especially when a challenge comes. Time, however, for him will undoubtedly always be the commodity in shortest supply and consequently of greatest value, whatever sort of a society he may in fact live in.

The Editors announce that it has been decided to adopt the suggestion made by J. E. Goldingay in a letter in the last issue of the CHRONICLE. In future the CHRONICLE will be published in September and May, instead of July and March.

NOTES AND NEWS

SCHOOL DIARY

As a prelude to Half-term in the Lent Term, both the House Gymnastic Competition and the Final of the House Seven-a-Side Competition were held on Thursday, February 16th. Vardy won both cups.

Half-term was celebrated from February 17th to the 20th, and the return to bondage coincided with the start of athletics standards and cross-country runs. In consequence, fifteen exhausted rugby players emerged from hibernation to take on the Old Edwardians Extra XV at Streetsbrook Road on March 4th. Three days later, the House Cross-Country Races were held in and around Cannon Hill Park, and it was with a sense of relief that Field Day was taken on March 10th.

On the following Monday, Winterbourne was the scene of fierce battle as the rugger chaps took on the Girls' School—at hockey: the chaps emerged victorious by 3 goals to 1.

The School Confirmation Service took place on the evening of March 14th, and the Individual Music Competition a week later.

The climax of the term's sporting activities was held at Eastern Road on March 22nd, when a capacity gate watched the K.E.S. All-Stars crush the Common Room 3-0 in a game of soccer that was always full of incident.

Meanwhile, the oval-shaped ball had not been inactive, for School Sevens practices reached their culmination a day later when Solihull visited us for a friendly (?) practice. Moreover, the Hockey team, encouraged by success, again emerged victors after a thrilling encounter with the Church of England College on March 24th.

A day later, the Athletics Sports were held for the first time at the University track, where the excellent facilities were enjoyed by all. On Sunday the 26th, the School Service took place at Edgbaston Old Church, and the following day the Choral section of the House Music Competition was held in Big School. This competition had nothing to do with the concert of folk-songs performed by a number of sixth-formers, which was held later the same day.

The Lent term came to a close on March 28th, and on the same day several of our athletes distinguished themselves at the Midland Public Schools Athletics Meeting, again on the University track.

The Summer term opened (shortly before Half-term) on Wednesday, April 26th, and on the 29th, Big School was the scene of a performance of Plautus' "The Haunted House," which had been presented to the Classical Association.

Swimming standards began earlier than usual, on May 8th, by which time the last of the temporary buildings had disappeared. Half-term was willingly taken from May 19th to the 23rd.

The Scout Troop held their Parents' Evening on May 26th, and next day, the Rowing Team competed in the first Birmingham Regatta at Edgbaston Reservoir. On the evening of May 29th, Major-General J. F. Worsley inspected the C.C.F. and took the salute at the march-past. Smartness of appearance was found to be lacking in certain quarters, but this was in part compensated by the variety of the entertainments which followed the parade (including a life-saving display, a P.T. display, a camping race, blindfold drill, and the inevitable glider), and the impressive ceremony of Trooping the Banner, which concluded the evening.

An enlarged House Committee held a long and complex meeting on the Friday of the same week, and 'A' level began six days later. Meanwhile, the 'O' level victims were working up to fever pitch in preparation for their ordeal, which began on June 19th. Three days before this, members of Vardy had again made an almost clean sweep in the Half-mile Swim.

For the next fortnight, morning prayers took place in hot sunshine in Chantry Court, where only one person fainted. This splendid cricket weather provided an appropriate atmosphere for the XI's fixture with the Common Room on July 1st, after which one member of the Staff was heard to say that he would never play another game of cricket in his life.

The Admission Ceremony was held on July 6th, and Field Day followed on the 10th, although some sailors claimed to have spent a long week-end in a luxury hotel at Dartmouth.

Later in the same week, life-savers were examined and the majority passed, and the Cricket Knockout Finals were played on the wet afternoon of Saturday the 15th. Nevertheless, the climax of the cricket season was held over till the following Tuesday, when a certain House 3rd XI somehow managed to be all out for one run. Next day, another comic cricket match was performed at Eastern Road, as the Dragbeats' XI fought to a thrilling tie with the Intemperance XI.

At this stage of the term, events began to flow thick and fast. On July 21st, Big School was again invaded by electric guitars, microphones, and a Drum Set, as members of the Sixth-Form put on a second successful Folk-Song concert. Later in the evening, the Swimming Sports were held for the first time in the School bath, Vardy again sweeping the board, even in the Water Polo Final.

Speech Day was on Saturday the 22nd, when the Minister of Health, the Right Honourable J. Enoch Powell, P.C., M.P., O.E., presented the prizes and addressed the assembly. In the afternoon the O.E.A. match was played before a large gathering at Eastern Road, and the Junior

Swimming Sports were swum in the School bath. On the same day the K.E.S. MISCELLANY was published for the first time, and by evening had been sold out. An eventful and memorable day was brought to a close by the '61 Senior Scout Dance in the Dining Hall.

On the 23rd, the School Service took place at Edgbaston Old Church, and the following day there was a sale of old books in Big School, where bargains were plentiful. The End-of-Term Concert was held a day later, when a full and varied programme was performed. The Lower School reading over, the final House Committee meeting of the year, and the highly successful Cartland Club Dance at Streetsbrook Road occupied the penultimate day of term, and the School Year ended in a reasonably civilised manner on Thursday, July 27th.

SCHOOL AND OLD EDWARDIAN NEWS

This year the Bailiff of the Governors is Sir Robert Aitken, Vice-Chancellor of Birmingham University, and the Deputy Bailiff is Alderman Mrs. E. V. Smith, some time Chairman of the Birmingham Education Committee and now Chairman of the Secondary Education Sub-committee.

Our very heartiest congratulations we offer to M. D. Reeve on the continued distinction of his Oxford career. We were delighted to hear in June that he had been awarded the Hertford and the first de Paravicini Scholarship, the blue riband in the field of Latin literature.

For the first time on Speech Day there was awarded the prize entitled the 'M. J. Acatos Prize' for German. This prize was endowed by the subscriptions of his former pupils in tribute to M. J. Acatos, who was head of Modern Languages at the School during the latter period of Mr. Cary Gilson's reign. We are grateful to his former pupils for this act of 'pietas' and delight to have permanent commemoration of a Master who clearly made such a profound impression.

Also for the first time on Speech Day there was awarded the J. F. Gregg Memorial Prize. This has been given by the Trustees of the Eric W. Vincent Trust, already a great benefactor of the School, in memory of J. F. Gregg, O.E., Town Clerk of Birmingham, a founder member of the Trust. The terms of the gift are widely drawn—preference is to be given in the award to an intending lawyer, but this year permission was granted to award it to one who proposes to make his life work in the Penal Service.

On Speech Day the Chief Master also announced that the service here as Chief Master's Secretary over thirty-one years of Miss M. F. Minshull was to be permanently commemorated by the naming of the prize for a Commonplace Book or Anthology after her.

We are very grateful to a number of parents who, as a thank-offering, have presented teak seats to adorn the grounds at Eastern Road, and on the South Field. Other parents seeing the South Field opened up have donated gifts for the purchase of shrubs and trees to beautify the scene.

To the parents of members of the Scout Group we owe gratitude for their money-raising efforts in connection with the securing of a country headquarters for the Group at Alvechurch. A number of parents who wish to remain anonymous have provided most helpfully by their gifts to the King Edward's School Fund. There are, at the time of going to Press, just over fifty who have been particularly helpful and generous in agreeing to pay annually, over seven years, a gift into the School Fund, this arrangement of payment by Covenant enabling the Fund to benefit from a rebate of Income Tax. The School Fund is increasingly valuable in the provision of opportunities beyond the Governors' budget.

The Cot Fund in the Summer Term amounted to £75, which was divided equally between the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and the Bishop's Appeal for new churches.

We congratulate :

Mr. and Mrs. Leeson on the birth of a daughter on March 9th.

Mr. Harris, on his marriage at Easter to Miss Patricia Georgeson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurn on the birth of a second daughter on July 18th.

Mr. Ballance retired from full-time teaching last term. An interview with him can be found elsewhere in this CHRONICLE.

Mr. Hall left last term to become Head of the English Department at King's Norton Modern School.

We congratulate the following Old Edwardians on their honours, or achievements:

S. D. Sargent (1925) a Civil Servant, K.B.E.

C. H. Stuart-Harris (1926), Professor of Medicine at Sheffield University, C.B.E.

A. B. Agard Evans, Treasurer of London O.E.A., O.B.E.

R. R. Harvey, in his capacity as Chairman of the Birmingham Council for Old People, O.B.E.

P. G. Mason (1933) has been appointed High Master of Manchester Grammar School.

J. C. Green (1958) played Star Fives for Cambridge against Oxford, and was the only Cambridge man to win in the match.

H. M. Ballance (1940), son of Mr. H. W. Ballance, has been appointed Headmaster of Alderman Newton's G.S., Leicester.

Professor G. B. Caird (1936), of Mansfield College, has been appointed to the Grinfield Lectureship in New Testament History.

J. C. Silk (1954) is the new City Councillor for Acocks Green.

A. J. Cripps (1934) has been elected President of the National Union of Bank Employees.

M. J. R. Counsell (1954) has been made Deacon, for service in the Parish of St. Mary, Handsworth.

Dr. H. N. Gregg (1926) is believed to be the first O.E. to achieve the Gold 'C' award for Gliding, and the 300 km (191 miles) Goal Diamond award. He was 11th in the recent National Gliding Championships.

OBITUARY

We record with deep regret the death of Malcolm Houghton of Classical Fifth. Though quiet and unobtrusive he played an active part in his form, his house and the scouts. He would not have claimed to be a brilliant scholar, but he always worked very conscientiously ; and this thorough and wholehearted attitude coupled with an indomitable cheerfulness was also very apparent when he played rugger for the school or Levett house, or when he was actively scouting as a Patrol Leader in Vikings' Troop. His readiness to volunteer for the most unpopular tasks will be missed by the many of us he helped and worked with.

We record also the deaths of the following Old Edwardians :

A. S. Astbury, who filled every post in Barclays Bank from junior clerk to director ; aged 80.

Canon E. T. Kerby, of Pendlebury, Manchester. He won an M.C. in the First World War, and was councillor for Swinton and Pendlebury, and later alderman, mayor and freeman.

F. J. Bywater, who won an M.C. in the First World War, but is perhaps better remembered as the boy who climbed from the New Street playground in pursuit of a ball, and fell through the glass roof of New Street Station on to a pile of coal on platform 1. He lived, however, to the age of 82.

J. H. Aston, aged 90, one of the very few survivors of the old Middle School in New Street. He was the first managing director of Tube Investments Ltd.

Sir Arthur Smout, once a director of I.C.I. and Director of Small Arms Production at the Ministry of Supply, 1942-5. He was knighted in 1946 for his war service. In the First World War a shell made of a metal produced under his direction brought down the first Zeppelin destroyed over Britain.

J. A. Wright, aged 45, a member of the Birmingham Stock Exchange and an active member of the Rugger and Cricket sections of the O.E.A. In the Western Desert campaign after Alamein he rescued his Commanding Officer, whose tank had been disabled, and was wounded while returning on top of his own tank, there being no room for him inside. For this exploit he was awarded the B.E.M.

Major L. C. Hayes, aged 77, R.A.M.C., and later recruiting medical officer in Birmingham.

The following left at the end of the Lent term :

R. J. CADWALLADER (1954-61) : Prefect 1960-61 ; XXX Colours 1960-61 ; Sergeant in the C.C.F. ; Minor Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. (*Cary Gilson*).

J. E. GOLDINGAY (1953-61) : Prefect 1960-61 ; House Captain ; Secretary of the Music Circle ; Keble College, Oxford. (*Cary Gilson*).

A. E. GREEN (1954-61) : Prefect 1960-61 ; House Captain ; XXX Colours 1960-61 ; Co-Editor of the CHRONICLE ; C.S.M. in the C.C.F. ; Minor Scholarship in English at Wadham College, Oxford. (*Evans*).

The following were appointed prefects at the start of the Summer term :

T. J. BETTS (*Heath*), D. KIRK (*Jeune*), J. R. OSBORNE (*Evans*), I. PLENDERLEITH (*Evans*), R. J. PRITCHETT (*Vardy*), J. M. TAYLOR (*Vardy*).

The following left at the end of the Summer term :

A. H. PAPPS (1953-61) : Captain of the School and General Secretary of the School Club 1960-61 ; Prefect 1959-61 ; Captain of Gymnastics 1959-61 ; Rugby Football Colours 1960-61 ; XXX Colours 1958-60 ; Secretary of the Dramatic Society 1960-61 ; Secretary of the Christian Guild 1959-60 ; Secretary of the Film Society 1959-60 ; Under-Officer in the C.C.F. ; Knight Memorial Medal 1961 ; Rhodes Trust Tour of Canada, 1961 ; Nottingham University. (*Levett*).

A. B. LOACH (1954-61) : Vice-Captain of the School and President of the Cartland Club 1960-61 ; Prefect 1960-61 ; House Captain 1959-60 ; Vice-Captain of Swimming 1959-61 ; Swimming Colours 1958-61 ; Athletics Colours 1961 ; XXX Colours 1959-61 ; Petty Officer in the Royal Naval Section ; Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. (*Vardy*).

T. D. AUSTIN (1954-61) : Prefect 1960-61 ; House Captain 1961 ; Rugby Football Colours 1960-61 ; XXX Colours 1959-60 ; Co-Editor of the CHRONICLE and MISCELLANY 1961 ; Petty Officer in the Royal Naval Section ; Birmingham University. (*Cary Gilson*).

T. J. BETTS (1955-61) : Prefect 1961 ; Secretary of the Cartland Club ; Secretary of the Geographical Society ; Joint Secretary of the Debating Society ; Chapel Keeper ; Exhibition in Geography at Jesus College, Oxford. (*Heath*).

J. G. EVANS (1956-61) : Prefect 1960-61 ; House Captain ; Sub Treasurer of the School Club ; Sub-Recorder ; Vice-Captain of Cricket 1961 ; Cricket Colours 1961 ; XXII Colours 1960 ; Secretary of Cricket 1960 ; Rugby Football Colours 1960-61 ; XXX Colours 1959-60 ; Leading Seaman in the Royal Naval Section ; Birmingham University. (*Heath*).

D. S. FILKIN (1953-61) : Prefect 1960-61 ; House Captain ; XXX Colours 1959-61 ; Secretary of the Film Society ; Warranted A.S.M. in the Scouts ; University College, Oxford. (*Gifford*).

D. KIRK (1954-61) : Prefect 1961 ; A.S.M. in the Scouts ; Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Balliol College, Oxford (*Jeune*).

M. K. LEE (1956-61) ; Prefect 1960-61 ; House Captain ; XXX Colours 1960-61 ; XXII Colours 1961 ; Co-Editor of the CHRONICLE and MISCELLANY ; Secretary of the Anagnostics ; Joint Secretary of the Debating Society ; Secretary of the Closed Circle ; C.S.M. in the C.C.F. ; Open Scholarship in Classics at Worcester College, Oxford. (*Vardy*).

J. C. MASON (1955-61) : Prefect 1960-61 ; House Captain ; Captain of Cricket 1960-61 ; Cricket Colours 1959-61 ; Vice-Captain of Rugby Football 1960-61 ; Rugby Football Colours 1959-61 ; XXX Colours 1958-59 ; Athletics Colours 1958-61 ; Chief Petty Officer in the Royal Naval Section ; Bache Memorial 1961 ; Manchester University. (*Jeune*).

J. R. OSBORNE (1956-61) : Prefect 1961 ; House Captain 1961 ; Leading Seaman in the Royal Naval Section ; Birmingham University. (*Evans*).

I. PLENDERLEITH (1957-61) : Prefect 1961 ; Secretary of the Archaeological Society ; Christ Church, Oxford. (*Evans*).

R. J. PRITCHETT (1954-61) : Prefect 1961 ; Scholarship in Natural Sciences at St. John's College, Oxford. (*Vardy*).

J. H. SIEGLE (1955-61) : Prefect 1960-61 ; Captain of Rugby Football 1960-61 ; Rugby Football Colours 1959-61 ; XXX Colours 1958-59 ; Captain of Lawn Tennis 1961 ; Lawn Tennis Colours 1960-61 ; Guy's Hospital Dental School, London. (*Gifford*).

J. M. TAYLOR (1954-61) : Prefect 1961 ; A.S.M. in the Scouts ; Chief Electrician, School Stage ; G.E.C. University Scholarship to Emmanuel College, Cambridge. (*Vardy*).

D. A. WEBB (1954-61) : Prefect 1960-61 ; House Captain ; Captain of Athletics 1960-61 ; Vice-Captain 1959-60 ; Athletics Colours 1958-61 ; Open Champion 1960-61 ; Rugby Football Colours 1960-61 ; Secretary of the Photographic Society ; Sergeant in the C.C.F. ; Emmanuel College, Cambridge. (*Prince Lee*).

M. A. WILKINS (1953-61) : Prefect 1960-61 ; School Recorder ; C.S.M. in the C.C.F. ; Magdalene College, Cambridge. (*Vardy*).

The following were appointed prefects at the end of the Summer term :

R. MELLOR : A.S.M. in the Scouts ; Secretary of Fives ; Captain of Squash. (*Vardy*).

P. E. STINTON : Petty Officer in the Royal Naval Section. (*Heath*).

R. I. THOMAS : Treasurer of the Cartland Club. (*Levett*).

R. J. WELLS : Sergeant in the C.C.F. (*Levett*).

R. C. D. GREENHALL has been appointed Captain of the School for 1961-62.

The following elections have been made at Oxford University :

M. K. Lee to a Cookes Scholarship in Classics at Worcester College.

D. B. C. Merry to a Hugh Oldham Scholarship in Classics at Corpus Christi College.

A. E. Green to a Minor Scholarship in English at Wadham College.

We congratulate :

J. C. Mason and J. G. Ruddick on the re-award, and J. W. A. Cosgrave, R. C. D. Greenhall, A. B. Loach, A. R. Packham, and R. M. Abrahams on the award, of School Athletics Colours.

J. G. Evans, R. C. J. Page and C. Jordan on the award of School Cricket Colours.

M. S. Tracey, A. R. Packham, N. R. Tindale, R. H. C. Jones, and P. D. Babb on the award of School Cricket Blazers.

D. A. Whitehouse and R. Ledger on the re-award, and M. K. Lee, D. J. Glover, N. R. Baker, A. J. Watts, W. P. Ferns, and K. A. Bradshaw, on the award of School XXII Colours.

A. B. Loach and R. H. Tedd on the re-award, and H. Watton and C. B. Tedd on the award, of School Swimming Colours.

I. A. Emslie on the re-award, and R. Mellor and P. E. Stinton on the award, of School Tennis Colours.

R. W. Butler on the re-award, and J. C. Raynor and B. J. Ecclestone on the award, of School Shooting Colours.

THE LIBRARY

The Library this year has continued to run with its usual high standard of efficiency in spite of the fact that there are fewer librarians than in previous years. The worst aspect of the year is the lamentable fall in the number of books borrowed ; a drop of over one-third on last year's total—in fact the lowest ever recorded. This sad state of affairs has been aggravated by an increase in the number of books removed illegally. New books continue to flow into the Library, and the total number is fast approaching 14,000 ; leavers are reminded that the presentation of books, preferably reflecting their own interests, is an appropriate method of leaving a record of their time here. Thanks are due to those who have already presented books during the year.

On the whole, the School should show more appreciation for the services offered ; far more care should be taken with the large bound volumes, particularly "The Illustrated London News" and "Punch," which are irreplaceable. All Library users are, moreover, urged to make a habit of returning books used for reference to their appropriate shelves.

R. A. LOVELESS.

THE SCHOOL WEATHER STATION

A rather cold January was the forerunner of the mildest February on record at K.E.S. February, which is normally the coldest month of the year, had a mean temperature of 44°F., or 6°F., above average. Neither frost nor snow occurred, although the month was wetter than normal, with a total rainfall of 2.26-in. (Av. 1.79-in.). The first fortnight of March was also exceptionally warm, and on the 16th the temperature reached 69°F., to equal the high limit for March at K.E.S. Thereafter the weather was rather cool, and April was the wettest ever in Birmingham, with double the average rainfall. A warm spell around May 15th, with temperatures 15°F. above average, was followed by cold weather, and on May 27th the temperature fell to 31.9°F., our low limit for May, and by far the latest air frost on record at K.E.S. The summer has, to date, been rather cool and rather wet.

In addition to observations for 9 hours G.M.T., the School Weather Station began in July to send observations for 12 hours and 15 hours G.M.T. to the Meteorological Office. When the long-awaited Sunshine Recorder arrives, it will be possible for us to send sunshine observations to the Meteorological Office as well. January 21st, 1962, will be the fifteenth birthday of K.E.S. Weather Station ; and ten years ago this October observations were first sent to the Meteorological Office. Since January, 1960, our observations have been published in the Monthly Weather Report—a sign that K.E.S. is now a fully recognised weather station. Only one other school has observations published in this report.

R. LEDGER.

SPEECH DAY, 1961

Big School was graced last July, by the presence at Speech Day of one of the School's most distinguished sons in both intellectual and political spheres, Mr. Enoch Powell, but recently elevated to high office in the Government, as Minister of Health.

After the prize declamations, of which the Greek chorus evoked a lively response, the Chief Master welcomed the Lord Mayor, Ald. E. E. Mole, J.P., the Vice-Chancellor of Birmingham University, Sir Robert Aitken, who is the present Bailiff of the Governors, and Mr. Powell, whom he referred to as "egregius, pius alumnus."

In a review of the School's activities and achievements in the past year, the Chief Master spoke of the higher number of good degrees at Oxford and Cambridge and congratulated one past member of the School, M. D. Reeve, on following Mr. Powell's distinguished footsteps at another place, by winning both the Craven and Hertford awards in his first year at Oxford. Eleven boys were leaving with awards to Oxford and Cambridge, and this year there was an unusual majority to Oxford. Of this year's leavers, seventy-three per cent. were going on to a university.

The Chief Master next mentioned the decision to alter the dates of publication of the School CHRONICLE, so as to include the complete accounts of summer and winter activities in its two separate editions and went on to welcome the publication of the new "Miscellany," a selection of literary contributions from the School, of which he presented Mr. Powell with the first copy.

Passing on to a more general note, he said that this country had an important part to play in educating other peoples of the world, and K.E.S. had received many foreign visitors with just this purpose in mind. In the last few weeks there had been five Nigerians, two American headmasters, one Australian headmaster, and one prospective headmaster from Hong Kong "to look at, and learn from what we attempt."

After having spoken with pleasure of the demolition of the last of the temporary buildings, the Chief Master closed his speech with valedictions to two long-serving members of the staff, Mr. Ballance and Miss Minshull, who had both, in their respective fields, served K.E.S. with loyalty and affection for many years. He referred to a dinner given earlier in the year in Mr. Ballance's honour by over a hundred of his past pupils, who are now either doctors or dentists, and to the wish to perpetuate Miss Minshull's memory by calling the present Chief Master's Prize for a Commonplace Book, the M. F. Minshull Prize. He emphasised that these were only the first of many tokens of appreciation, which they would receive in the coming months.

Mr. Powell, after presenting the prizes, delivered his address, which had as its theme the conflict of quality with quantity. "The world," he said, addressing himself to the boys especially, "in which you have grown up and in which you will live, attaches extraordinary importance to mere numbers." It was a world which measured scientific research in terms of the amount of money spent or the number of people engaged in it. "Perhaps it is only poetic justice," he continued, "that the hero of the modern age is the man who submits to being trussed up and fired with a gun."

Speaking with a succinct and incisive mode of expression, Mr. Powell warned the assembly that the level of human achievements could not only fail to rise, but even fall, in an age where numbers and mass were constantly increasing and being multiplied. "In the last few hundred yards," as he put it, man is alone except for the inspiration of his predecessors. Human achievements did depend, in the last resort, on the effort and spirit of the individual and K.E.S., he was glad to say, guided by its present Chief Master and his long line of great predecessors, had always laid special emphasis on the maintenance of standards—standards of a community based on the greatest excellence of each.

The School Captain, in a short and amusing speech, thanked Mr. Powell, on behalf of the whole School, for having presented the prizes, and on behalf of all those who were leaving at the end of the year, for having created such a fitting culmination to their days at K.E.S.

MUSIC

There has been a good deal of news recently of achievements of Old Edwardians in the musical world. We extend our congratulations to J. W. Jordan on the award of an F.R.C.O., and also the Limpus and Read prizes, to J. Pook on his playing at the Kingswinford Music Festival, to I. Harrold on his steady output of musical composition, in particular the "Introduction and Chorale" for oboe and piano, to D. J. Munrow on two television appearances in Peru with propaganda on behalf of the recorder. There have been two public concerts since the last CHRONICLE report: the Annual Easter Concert and the End of Summer Term Concert. Haydn's D minor "Nelson Mass" formed the complete Easter Term Concert, and although this concert was rather short, the quality of the performance was much higher than last year. The main improvement has been in the better balance of the combined K.E.S. Orchestra. Particularly memorable was the fine singing of Mrs. Eileen Robbins and R. W. Bray, who has a promising though not fully rounded bass voice. The End of Term Concert was again a "mixed bag," and included a performance of Beethoven's little-known "Serenade for flute, violin and viola (op. 20)" and a revival of Thomas Wood's "Daniel and the Lions." This concert is reviewed elsewhere in the CHRONICLE. On the 22nd February, the School assembled for the Julian Horner concert given by the Intimate Opera Group, directed by Antony Hopkins, when there were performances of two relatively obscure operas. Dr. Arne's "Thomas and Sally" and Offenbach's "Jacques et Jacqueline."

The second part of the House Music Competition was held on March 27th, and the winners were Jeune with Hutchings' "All ye that pass by," and Mullinar's "I will give my love an apple." The competition was wittily and knowledgeably adjudicated by Mr. Gordon Clinton, Principal of the Birmingham School of Music. However, Vardy's excellent performance in the orchestral section of the competition and their second place in the choral section brought them to an overall position of top. On March 21st, George Miles, F.R.C.O., adjudicated the Individual Music Competitions, and the standard was universally high; there are some particularly talented pianists and instrumentalists in the lower part of the School.

A memorable musical item of the Easter Term was the recital of folk-songs organised and compered by A. E. Green. By popular request, T. D. Austin produced a second concert on July 20th, again featuring A. E. Green. It is in some ways sad to recall, however, that the audiences at both these concerts far outnumbered the usual number at Musical Society concerts.

On February 22nd, we celebrated the 150th anniversary of Liszt's birth when Andrew Frost gave a recital of late piano music of Liszt. The Baroque Trio from the Birmingham School of Music had set a high standard in a recital a week before in a recital of two trio sonatas by Loeillet, as well as three solo items. M. T. Young has played two of his own compositions, and drew quite a large crowd, which is more than can be said for C. M. Johnson's impeccable performance of Schumann's "*Faschingsschwank aus Wien*" on March 8th. The Lent term organ recital was given by J. W. Jordan, and the Summer term recital by J. W. Deathridge—a highly talented and promising player. We were particularly pleased, in the Summer term, to be visited by Julian Pook and Geoffrey Evans, who played Cimarosa's oboe concerts and Handel's 3rd Oboe Concerto, while Mr. Evans played two delightful interlude bagatelles by Frank Bridge. As usual, a recital by the Chapel Choir concluded the series of Summer term recitals.

One of the most important features of the Musical life of the School has been the bloodless revolution of the Music Circle. No longer a mere hypothesis on the calendar, the Music Circle now meets three or four times a year, and has been introduced by its members to a wealth of musical experience, including R. Bullock's masterly analysis of Schostokovitch's 'cello concerto. Mr. Holyoake gave an introduction to Modern Jazz on July 12th, which was illustrated by his own recordings. J. W. A. Cosgrave has been largely responsible for the change.

Looking into the future, it is hoped that the King Edward's School String Quartet and the Madrigal Group will be re-united this term to give a series of recitals. Rehearsals are now under way for a performance next term of Gluck's "*Orpheus*."

D. A. T. POWIS.

THE END OF TERM CONCERT

As Mr. Tunnard is fond of saying, amateur music is rather like rowing. They are both activities that depend on innate rhythm, and in both cases you have to cover a fair mileage in practice before you get any pleasure yourself, and a good deal more than that before you begin to give any aesthetic pleasure to a third party. The School's orchestra in the last three years has done its necessary mileage and in this year's concert gave a great deal of pleasure to its hearers. It is a measure of the development of the orchestra that one finds oneself making the same sort of demands of them as of a professional orchestra of the same size. H. J. Gracie, the soloist in the major orchestral work of the evening, the first movement of Beethoven's "*Piano Concerto in C*," played with a depth of tone and a resilience of rhythm that the orchestra did not quite match; a pianist does not have the problems of balance and intonation that an orchestra

has, but one found oneself applying the same standards to both. Like the opening overture by Mozart, the concerto was played with a confidence and sincerity of intonation that was obviously appreciated by the audience.

Big School is a very big room for chamber music, and I felt that Mr. Bolton, Mr. Craig and D. A. T. Powis were consciously worried during the first movement of the Beethoven "Serenade for Flute, Violin and Viola" by the lack of resonance. After that it was completely delightful and the crispness and verve of the last rondo made it one of the most charming pieces of chamber music I have heard for years. The music bubbled over just as it ought to, and caught up the audience in its swing as if the room had been a quarter the size. The orchestra could not have had a better illustration of what should come in the next stage of its progress—the ability to transmit physical movement and light-hearted personal enjoyment that is the essence of Baroque and early classical music.

The second half of the concert was a little disappointing after such a start. The Summer term, with House-games, examinations, and voluntary swimming is a difficult time in which to train a voluntary choir of juniors. After only six full rehearsals the final bars of Wood's "Daniel and the Lions" proved much too much for the trebles in the choir. It is a witty piece of music, after the style of Vaughan William's Tudor Portraits, but the choir were all a little over-strained, perhaps at the thought of that approaching climax, and they never really gave the music its head. The orchestra, on the other hand, banged and thumped and swung it with the verve and abandon that comes from knowing that the main responsibility is with the other fellow.

The son et lumière number, "Moussorgsky's Pictures from an Exhibition," played by R. Bullock and lit by J. M. Taylor was fine if you like your music in glorious technicolour. The colours were beautiful and synchronized with the music, but all the time I was haunted by the fear that those dreadful Disney animals from Fantasia would come waltzing on and permanently spoil the music for me as Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony has been spoiled. But my own feeling that the arts are not complementary in the way that Bullock and Taylor obviously felt they are is a personal one. I was not sorry to "Escape" with Mr. Tunnard in a highly autobiographical vein, when he sang of the merits of whisky, cigars and, oddly, space-ships.

Finally, the Quatercentary song, sung without texts by everyone, imposed a tremendous strain on one's memory for dog-Latin. Fortunately, Jack and Jill came to the rescue as they have so many times before, and we were able to sing *something*.

M. T. J. AXFORD.

THE HAUNTED HOUSE

In the Easter holidays of this year the Classical Association held its conference in Birmingham, and many of its members accepted the School's invitation to visit it to see a collection of classical and other treasures drawn from the Midland public schools, and a performance of a Roman

comedy by boys from a variety of our forms. It was a good idea that this production, directed by Mr. Bolton and involving the labours of many helpers, should be re-enacted for the entertainment of the School at the beginning of the Summer term.

Plautus' "Mostellaria," translated "The Haunted House," was given in a scholarly but vigorous translation made by M. D. Reeve and I. D. Mackenzie. It is a play both difficult to act and to produce as some of the characters seem to change their character, and the plot loses its direction and has no convincing dénouement. The whole thing revolves on the resourceful and roguish slave, Trasio, who glories in getting himself and others into and out of trouble. W. P. Ferns kept things going very well, though he has not the mischievous eye of a Max Miller. P. W. Grant told one sad story of his own dilapidation with the right tipsy truthfulness. A. H. A. Osborn was an angry old man with surprising touches of dignity and an imposing presence. C. J. Allen was the very incarnation of professional avarice. J. C. Burgess, J. R. Key-Pugh and G. R. C. Smith did their female impersonations quite prettily and wittily. The costumes and scenery were simple and effective, and all the actors were easily visible and audible.

R. C. DUNT.

THE FOLK SONG CONCERT

The second folk song concert began rather warily in semi-darkness with a harmonica solo of 'The Saints' by R. J. Marston. When the remainder of the cast found that his reception was not hostile, they all slunk on stage and joined in the chorus, which was well received. The programme then continued confidently, as the company sang "Gotta Travel On."

The contents of the concert were very cosmopolitan, songs coming from such widely separated places as Germany, Portuguese East Africa and Mexico. It was well compered by T. D. Austin, who kept it going, while at the same time giving a brief account of each number.

Every taste was catered for during the performance, as there were songs both humorous and sad, fast and slow, and even one that sounded like a certain "pop" number. Tyneside humour was represented by "Keep your Feet Still, Geordie Hinney," sung by J. N. S. Sibson, and cockney humour by "She was Poor but she was Honest"; both being well received. However, it was the faster numbers that were most popular, especially "Maladie d'Amour" and "Limbo," both ably led by our Old Edwardian visitor, A. E. Green.

One of the most striking successes of the show was J. C. Mason on the drums, who kept up a steady rhythm, and even allowed the vocalists to be heard at times.

The concert came to an end with the company singing "Banua," which the audience accompanied by clapping. This finished to tempestuous applause, and shouts of "encore," to which the company replied with two more songs. The second folk song concert had come to a successful end.

M. D. HASELER.

THE SCOUT GROUP

If it is true to say that the Scout group tends to develop slowly until it blooms forth at the various summer camps, then we may perhaps say that this year we have blossomed early. The number of small groups going out at week-ends has been large, and many new ventures have again been put into practice.

The four A.S.M.s of the junior troops, after a long and detailed correspondence with the "Scouter," have established space for the writing of a column in the new year, in which new ideas for practical scouting will be set out. In Park Vale a new idea has been put into practice already ; there, for the last term, a special Senior patrol of the elder boys to do more activities such as mountaineering and hiking, boating or visiting industry, has been very successfully formed. In an endeavour to be more adventurous, Vikings have had a night operation. Planned to finish at three a.m. at the latest, it was, in fact, over just after five ! In Mitre it seems that the main effort has been directed towards the winning of competitions—certainly they have outpaced us all in every one. Also they claim that their testing and training went so well in the first two terms that they can now do virtually none and use the time for more creative originality. In New Troop they have had marching practice for Rally Day and they had the best turn out for the Rally, too. They rounded the term off with a large 24-hour field day.

The Seniors have been at work too ! The projects of creating a pool out of a bog, of developing the nature reserve into a useful scouting area, and of helping the juniors do their outdoor work have gone well. A very well organised but poorly attended scout dance rounded off their work.

The highlights of the year have yet to be mentioned. First there was a very good Easter Camp at Hathersage. With rising water causing tents to be evacuated, and over-hot curries, it is bound to remain memorable, if only because of a case of measles contracted there. Then we had a very good parents' evening, the first of two visits by the County Commissioner. The second brought the term to a fitting climax ; for it was when Dr. Mayor the G.S.M. was presented with the Silver Acorn. We sincerely congratulate him, and to the thanks shown him by the Chief Scout we add our own for all his unstinting work with a large group. Our thanks also go to the other scoutmasters for their untiring help. With the coming and going of so many boys every year, it is only their guidance which keeps the group on a steady keel.

D. S. FILKIN.

SCHOOL TEAMS

RUGBY FOOTBALL

In the Spring term the only match was against the Old Edwardians Extra XV, at Streetsbrook Road. The conditions were ideal, and the XV lost a very open game 13-11. Scoring chances were often wasted, but it was pleasing to see the ball being moved around by the School backs, often at a speed to which the Old Boys are not accustomed.

The match with Mount St. Mary's was cancelled because of weather conditions, and fairly soon afterwards training for the Sevens began. The competition began on the day we finished school.

In the first round we met Monkton Combe, a school whose XV had had an unbeaten season. From the start our forwards mastered their opponents, and as we had our regular hooker playing, we won all the initial scrums. Taking advantage of this we scored an unconverted try when A. R. Packham took an overarm pass a few yards from the line, and then went further ahead when Greenhall finished off a passing movement by beating his man on the outside to reach the corner.

After the interval we were definitely on the defensive, and towards the end had some difficulty in keeping our 6-0 lead, but we succeeded.

In the second round we met Whitgift, a powerful team, who could easily have increased the 9 points, by which they beat us. Keeping the ball tight, and using the downhill wind to advantage, they were never really disturbed. They eventually lost in the semi-finals.

Although the results during his first year as Master in charge of Rugby have been disappointing we would like to thank Mr. Robbins for all the hard work he has put in on our behalf, and to wish him and next year's XV the best of luck.

J. H. SIEGLE.

ATHLETICS

Because of the unusually favourable weather in the Lent term, sufficient days were available for Standards. The result was that many more Standards than in the last few years were obtained and, in addition, a number of new standard events were included for the junior age groups. Evans won the competition and went on to win the Athletics Championship. Sports Day, for the first time held at the University Track, was, as far as performance was concerned, a great success. Disappointingly, however, only a small number of visitors were present. How one envies the scribe who, in 1888, recorded "quite a good crowd of 2,500 or 3,000 parents and friends." Perhaps this year's crop of unusually good performances will encourage more to attend next year. The day was won by Levett who were runners-up in the championship.

It seems fairly clear that this year's Track and Field team is the strongest ever to represent the School. Its record may not seem startling, however, because of, firstly the universally rising standard of schools' athletics, and secondly the unfortunate absence of key members of the team in both matches with Ratcliffe. But for this our second and third victories over them might have been won. It is pleasing to note, however, that we continue successful in the two and four lap events. Conditions for all three matches in the Lent term were excellent, but in the Summer matches we have been less lucky. The triangular match with the powerful Denstone and Ratcliffe teams was held in appalling weather, as was the Birmingham and District Grammar Schools Sports later in the term. On the whole, though, we can be thankful for the number of fine days we have had.

Outstanding among the personalities in the team has been the Vice-Captain, J. G. Ruddick, who has maintained throughout the season a high standard of performance over the mile, culminating in an excellent victory at the B.D.G.S. Sports, where he broke the meeting record. We think, however, that later his best distance may well turn out to be three miles. Our field events team has been stronger this year, and we can point to two 20-ft. long jumpers, two 40-ft. shot-putters and two 5-ft. 4-in. high jumpers. J. C. Mason has again been a tower of strength in field events, not least for the demoralising effect his warm-up—half a lap of hand-springs—has on the opposition. But for his cricket commitments he would certainly have done well in the various inter-schools championships. R. C. D. Grennall and R. M. Abrahams have been most useful all-round athletes, and the latter reached a very high standard in the hurdles. He was unfortunate not to be selected for the National Schools Championships, where, I am afraid, we have no representative this year. A. R. Packham, J. W. A. Cosgrave, A. B. Loach and C. S. Edge have also been very consistent performers. Packham won the high jump in the B.D.G.S. Sports.

The Junior team, which has had a most pleasing record, contains a number of promising boys, prominent among whom are T. C. Rollason and S. C. Tew. Both should do well in the future.

A little too old for the Under 16 team, H. D. Barlow has performed creditably for the Seniors, and he too, should do very well.

We have an old tradition of competition but we can only hope to steadily improve on our standards if a tradition of training such as exists at the three schools which have defeated us, is established. When this is achieved boys will progress from the shallow pleasure arising from victories easily won, to the deeper satisfaction coming from a good performance in more powerful company, and one which has been worked for.

It is largely Mr. Symes who has been responsible for the upward trend of K.E.S. athletics over the past few years, and to him we are most grateful. We would also like to thank those masters who have patiently officiated at School Matches, the Sports and at Standards. We all owe a considerable debt of gratitude to Mr. Holden, who has throughout the year, willingly and skilfully treated our injuries.

D. A. WEBB.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES

v. *Nottingham H.S.* 9th March, University Track.

School 74 pts. N.H.S. 48. Junior match: School 60, N.H.S. 55.

v. *Ratcliffe.* 16th March, at Ratcliffe.

School 56, Ratcliffe 71. Junior match: School 59, Ratcliffe 57.

v. *Warwick v. Worcester R.G.S.* At Worcester.

School 59, Worcester 40, Warwick 42.

Junior match: School 50, Warwick 35, Worcester 38.

v. *Denstone v. Ratcliffe.* 6th May, University Track.

	K.E.S.	Denstone	Ratcliffe
Senior	70½	103	80½
Under 15 ..	78½	88	62½
Under 16 ..	59	114	59

(Held at Denstone, on the 13th May)

v. *K.E.G.S. Five Ways.* 11th May, University Track.

	<i>School</i>	<i>Five Ways</i>
Senior	66	50
U.16	66	50
U.14	53	39

v. *Worksop.* 18th May, at Worksop.

School 57, Worksop 70. Junior match : School 66, Worksop 50.

Midland Public Schools Sports, 28th March, University Track.

880 yds. : D. A. Webb (1 m. 59·0s.).
 Mile : J. G. Ruddick (2nd).
 Hurdles : R. M. Abrahams (3rd—16·5s.).
 Discus : J. C. Mason (2nd).

Warwickshire Schools Championships, Bedworth, 1st July.

U.15 Shot : 1st S. C. Tew (39 ft. 3 in.).
 U.17 440 : 4th T. C. Rollason (54·1).
 U.17 Mile : 4th A. Norris.
 U.19 Mile : 2nd J. G. Ruddick (4 m. 31·8 s.—meeting record).

Birmingham and District Grammar Schools Championships. 12th July, University Track

1 mile : 1st J. G. Ruddick (4 m. 32·0s.—meeting record).
 High Jump : 1st A. R. Packham (5 ft. 4 in.).
 Shot : 2nd J. C. Mason (39 ft. 9 in.).
 Discus : 2nd J. C. Mason (124 ft. 0 in.).

Records during the season.

Senior 440. 51·8 s. D. A. Webb, University Track, 9th March.
 50·5 s. D. A. Webb, Ratcliffe, 16th March.
 Senior Mile. 4 m. 34·8 s. J. G. Ruddick, University Track, 9th March.
 4 m. 34·2 s. J. G. Ruddick, Ratcliffe, 16th March.
 4 m. 31·7 s. J. G. Ruddick, University Track, 11th May.
 Hurdles (120 yds., 3 ft. 3 in.) : 16·5s. R. M. Abrahams, University Track, 28th March and 6th May.
 (110 yds., 3 ft. 0 in.) Under 16. 15·4 T. C. Rollason, 13th May, Denstone.
 Under 16. 220. 24·4 T. C. Rollason, University Track, 25th March.
 24·2 T. C. Rollason, University Track, 6th May.
 23·9 T. C. Rollason, Kings Norton, 8th June.
 Shot : 41 ft. 7½ in. D. A. Webb, University Track, 11th May.
 43 ft. 8½ in. J. C. Mason, Worksop, 18th May.
 Under 16—Discus : 118 ft. 7 in. S. C. Tew, School, 18th March.
 119 ft. 0 in. B. J. Rollin, Worksop, 18th May.

SPORTS RESULTS

(Meeting held at the University Track, on Saturday, 25th March.)

Senior :

100 : 1st. Greenhall (L) ; 2nd. Jordan (P) and Aucott (H). 10·6s.
 220 : 1st. Webb (P) ; 2nd. Greenhall (L) ; 3rd. Edge (G). 24·0s.
 440 : 1st. Webb (P) ; 2nd. Greenhall (L) ; 3rd. Templeman (J). 50·8s.
 880 : 1st. Webb (P) ; 2nd. Cosgrave (H) ; 3rd. Templeman (J). 1m. 59·7s.
 1 mile : 1st. Ruddick (J) ; 2nd. Norris (L) ; 3rd. Cosgrave (H). 4m. 37·9s.
 Hurdles : 1st. Abrahams (C) ; 2nd. Mason (J) ; 3rd. Webb (P). 15·0s.
 Long Jump : 1st. Abrahams (C) ; 2nd. Barlow (L) ; 3rd. Greenhall (L). 19 ft. 6 in.
 High Jump : 1st. Packham (J) ; 2nd. Abrahams (C) ; 3rd. Clarke (L). 5 ft. 3 in.
 Shot : 1st. Mason (J) ; 2nd. Webb (P) ; 3rd. Jordan (P). 39 ft. 10 in.
 Discus : 1st. Mason (J) ; 2nd. Siegle (G) ; 3rd. Abrahams (C). 136 ft. 0 in.
 Javelin : 1st. Loach (V) ; 2nd. Mason (J) ; 3rd. Chadwick (C). 149 ft. 5 in.
 Relay : 1st. Levett ; 2nd. Gifford ; 3rd. Jeune. 47·9s.

Intermediate :

100: 1st. Rollason (E); 2nd. Gallett (G); 3rd. Knibbs (G). 10·8s.
220 : 1st. Rollason (E); 2nd Knibbs (G); 3rd. Gallett (G). 24·4s.
440 : 1st. Rollason (E); 2nd. Gray (H); 3rd. Croxall (P). 57·2s.
880 : 1st. Butler (J); 2nd. Gray (H); 3rd. Croxall (P). 2m. 16·5s.
Hurdles : 1st. Rollason (E); 2nd. Butler (J.) 3rd. Bates (E). 15·5s.
Long Jump: 1st. Gray (H); 2nd. Bates (E); 3rd. Bunting (H). 16 ft. 2½ in.
High Jump: 1st. Herring (V); 2nd. Bunting (H); 3rd. Hunt (P). 4 ft. 9 in.
Shot : 1st. Tew (P); 2nd. Rollin (P); 3rd. Bennet (J). 34 ft. 6 in.
Discus : 1st. Tew (P); 2nd. Rollin (P); 3rd. Rollason (E). 118 ft. 7 in.
Javelin : 1st. Tew (P); 2nd. Gardiner (C); 3rd. Holland (J). 134 ft. 1 in.
Relay : 1st. Gifford; 2nd. Heath; 3rd. Jeune. 50·3s.

Trophy Winners.

Under 12½ Champion : R. J. Arculus.
Junior Champion : P. W. Osborne.
Intermediate Champion : T. C. Rollason.
Open Champion : D. A. Webb.
Wiggins-Davies Cup—U.12½ Relays : Vardy.
Tudor Cup—Junior Relays : Heath.
Robert Moseley Cup—Intermediate Relays : Gifford.
Holdsworth Cup—Open Relays : Levett.
Richards Cup—Cross-Country : (Intermediate) : Evans.
St. Johnston Cup—Cross-Country (Open) : Levett.
Birmingham Athletics Club Cup : Levett.
John Urry Cup—Standards : Evans.
Mitton Shield—Athletics Championship : Evans.

The Athletics team has been selected from the following : J. G. Ruddick, Edge, J. C. Mason, R. C. D. Greenhall, R. M. Abrahams, A. R. Packham, A. B. Loach, J. W. A. Cosgrave, Clarke, Powell, Rollason, Tyler, Siegle, Barlow, Chadwick, Norris, Templeman, Jordan, D. A. Webb.

CROSS-COUNTRY

As forecast in the last edition of the CHRONICLE, the Midland Public Schools C.C. Championships did provide an indication of the team's fitness, but not quite in the way intended. It was more the case of the wrong kind of training rather than lack of it. Our representatives all practised hard beforehand, but even the steepest parts of Edgbaston cannot be compared with the hills of Rutland and the course was just too much for our team.

This inability to run well over such ground spotlights the need for a really tough course of our own ; one which would always test, and eventually improve our team.

The annual inter-house race was held this year in and around Cannon Hill Park. Eight from each house were selected on the results of four standards races, run around Eastern Road, but it is too early yet to say whether the new scheme is really successful. The senior race was clearly won by R. C. D. Greenhall, and two prospects emerged from the junior race in I. P. Wallis and R. T. Jones, 1st and 2nd respectively. These two with some other talented young runners will provide the basis of a very good School team in two or three years.

However, we must have eight strong runners in each team. By the method of scoring, the position of our last man to finish is just as important as that of the first. More people are therefore encouraged to participate, either as a worthwhile sport or as a preparation for middle-distance running in the summer. The fact that the School was able to field four milers in any of its athletics matches this year is a direct result of winter training.

The overall results then have been good. These now remain to build upon and to produce a really formidable team, which can become an integral part of School sport.

Finally our thanks go to Mr. Morris for managing the team, and to Mr. Holden, who has given us much help and advice.

J. G. RUDDICK.

Result :

Mid Public Schools C.C. Championships at Oakham, Rutland, on March 5th—seventh out of nine teams.

CRICKET

The most striking thing that has happened this year, and by far the most encouraging, has been the development of a number of younger players. Without doubt, last year's lags overshadowed some very keen cricketers, and at the start of the season, with an unusual exodus of several up and coming young players, we were left to weather the season as best as we could. Some thought disaster would come to the XI. But after a shaky start, the team moved into the proverbial rut and beat Bromsgrove. Three weeks later we beat Wolverhampton, but did not win again till we played Warwick School near the end of a very happy season, which made our record even, against school sides at any rate.

In between these matches, C. Jordan has shown a remarkable ability to hit the ball, both hard and high, and has been a great asset batting number three. He thoroughly deserved his maiden century against Repton, which he made in 124 minutes, hitting eleven 4's and a 6. It is indeed a pity he is leaving this year. Another young player revealing himself as a batsman is P. D. Babb. Nobody can deny that he has a natural eye for a ball, and though it seems strange that he was unknown as a batsman at the beginning of the season, he has produced some perfectly timed off-drives that are a joy to watch. A brilliant fielder, we have here a player with a promising future. M. S. Tracey has concentrated on his batting this year, with a fair amount of success, and has still managed some useful stock bowling as well. Next year should prove to be a very good one for him all round.

Another bowler turned batsman is A. R. Packham, a keen player at both skills. Batting number 6, a steady stream of runs makes up for his inability to hit large scores, and latterly, he has been slinging the ball down with much more accuracy. R. H. C. Jones is also a keen young player. Although he was the star batsman against Manchester G.S. and the O.E. Association, the number of runs he scored this season was disappointing for the number of strokes he possesses. He has been a little tentative

sometimes in his wicket-keeping, although he is certainly not afraid to dive in order to cut off the byes.

Our batsmen would do well to thank Mr. Holden for maintaining at Eastern Road a superb wicket, which, I am sure, is the main reason why they have displayed more strokes than one would have originally expected.

The bowlers, generally, have not enjoyed last year's success, chiefly because we still lack a penetrative opening pair, and quite often large scores have been set up against us. It was a disappointment that N. R. Tindale could only take twelve wickets after his religious appearance at nets, and a season of ceaseless trying. J. G. Evans our only leg-break bowler (and also one of our opening batsmen) is always devising cunning new methods to outmanoeuvre the batsmen. He has, however, not done quite as well as expected, but credit must be given him for leading the averages with 14 catches, many of them in his specialist position of silly mid-on. Since last year, R. C. J. Page has learned to flight the ball much better and he leads the bowling averages again this year. He has been a cheerful and reliable Secretary, and he will be next year's Captain.

The fielding of the XI has been, on the whole, of an exceptionally high standard. The fielding performances in the O.E.A. match provided the crowd with something good to watch, so that several notable spectators commented upon it.

The 2nd XI, jointly captained by D. A. Whitehouse and M. K. Lee, has won more matches than it has lost, and the 3rd XI captained by R. J. Pritchett and made up largely of non-club members, has had some victories, including moral ones. Lower down the School, the U.15's have had the best side for a number of years, and the U.14's have also had a good season. It is probable that a handful of players in these younger teams should develop into very fine cricketers.

It would be unjust not to mention the really splendid support given by many parents to the XI, and we do appreciate their interest. Nor do we forget P. S. M. Waters who has faithfully done the difficult job of scoring for the XI. Finally, at the conclusion of another season, we must all thank Mr. Guy, Mr. Cockle, and the other masters in charge of school teams for the fine coaching and help which they continue so willingly to give us.

J. C. MASON.

This season the XI has been selected from : J. G. Evans, R. C. J. Page, C. Jordan, M. S. Tracey,* A. R. Packham,* N. R. Tindale,* R. H. C. Jones,* P. D. Babb,* Baker,† Ledger,† Bradshaw,† Whitehouse,† Watts,† Ferns,† Hallowell, Honeybone, Barnfield and J. C. Mason.

*Denotes School Cricket Blazer.

†Denotes School XXII Colours.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

(Played 16 : Won 2, Lost 6, Drawn 8)

THE XI v. OLD EDWARDIANS' C.C.

(Played at Streetsbrook Road, 29th April, 1961)

The XI	..	..	79 (M. S. Tracey 20).
O.E.C.C.	..	..	80 for 3 (P. Vernon 30, B. C. Homer not out 22).

THE XI v. WYGGESTON G.S.

(Played at Eastern Road, 6th May, 1961)

Wyggeston	..	..	133 for 7 declared (J. G. Evans 4 for 31).
The XI	..	..	63 for 5 (J. G. Evans not out 26).

THE XI v. WARWICKSHIRE CLUB AND GROUND

(Played at Eastern Road, 12th May, 1961)

Club and Ground	..	..	182 for 4 declared (J. G. Evans 3 for 37).
The XI	..	..	64.

THE XI v. BROMSGROVE

(Played at Charford, 13th May, 1961)

Bromsgrove	..	..	189 for 1 declared.
The XI	..	..	193 for 6 (M. S. Tracey 88, J. C. Mason 30, A. R. Packham not out 22).

THE XI v. DENSTONE COLLEGE

(Played at Eastern Road, 20th May, 1961)

Denstone	..	..	256 for 3 declared.
The XI	..	..	214 (M. S. Tracey 33, R. H. C. Jones 32, J. C. Mason 53).

THE XI v. REPTON 2ND XI

(Played at Eastern Road, 27th May, 1961)

The XI	..	..	178 for 7 declared (C. Jordan 101, J. C. Mason 34).
Repton	..	..	181 for 6.

THE XI v. WOLVERHAMPTON G.S.

(Played at Wolverhampton, 3rd June, 1961)

The XI	..	..	105 (C. Jordan 29, J. C. Mason 28).
W.G.S.	..	..	94 (R. C. J. Page 4 for 30).

THE XI v. R.G.S. WORCESTER

(Played at Eastern Road, 10th June, 1961)

R.G.S.	..	..	253 for 3 declared (P. A. J. Helsetine not out 111, M. J. Taylor 96).
The XI	..	..	134 for 8 (J. G. Evans 34, C. Jordan 28).

THE XI v. KING'S SCHOOL, WORCESTER

(Played at Worcester, 17th June, 1961)

The XI	..	..	183 (C. Jordan 51, J. C. Mason 30, P. D. Babb 25).
King's School	..	..	162 for 8.

THE XI v. TRENT COLLEGE

(Played at Eastern Road, 24th June, 1961)

Trent	..	..	235 for 7 declared.
The XI	..	..	200 for 8 (J. C. Mason 74, R. H. C. Jones 30, A. R. Packham 28).

THE XI v. MALVERN 2ND XI

(Played at Eastern Road, 29th June, 1961)

Malvern	..	..	218 for 5 declared.
The XI	..	..	125 for 9 (C. Jordan 57).

THE XI v. THE COMMON ROOM

(Played at Eastern Road, 1st July, 1961)

The XI	231 for 7 declared (M. S. Tracey 27, J. C. Mason 69, P. D. Babb 51).
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Common Room	193 for 8 (J. B. Guy 56, S. J. Holyoake 37, T. G. Freeman 35, D. F. Cockle 30).
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THE XI v. MANCHESTER G.S.

(Played at Manchester, 7th July, 1961)

Manchester G.S.	194 for 5 declared.
The XI	..	..	115 for 9 (J. C. Mason 26, R. H. C. Jones not out 35).

THE XI v. WARWICK SCHOOL

(Played at Eastern Road, 8th July, 1961)

Warwick	..	..	110 (J. G. Evans 3 for 14).
The XI	..	..	111 for 4 (J. C. Mason 37, P. D. Babb not out 33).

THE XI v. OLD EDWARDIANS' ASSOCIATION

(Played at Eastern Road, 22nd July, 1961)

O.E.A.	..	..	181 for 5 declared (J. E. T. Harper 32, D. G. Ball not out 64, T. G. Freeman not out 42).
The XI	..	..	80 (R. H. C. Jones 30, A. E. Hornig 5 for 12).

THE XI v. HARBORNE C.C.

(Played at Eastern Road, 28th July, 1961)

The XI	..	..	164 (C. Jordan 49, P. D. Babb 27, N. R. Tindale 24).
Harborne	..	..	165 for 9 (R. C. J. Page 5 for 63).

THE XI v. BROMSGROVE

(Played at Charford, 13th May, 1961)

Bromsgrove won the toss and came out to bat on a beautiful wicket. The bowling opened with Tindale and Mason, and in his first over (a wicket maiden) Mason slipped a fast swinging full toss to the Bromsgrove captain, E. R. Davies, who caught an inside edge and played on. The score at this stage was one for 4, but the second wicket pair then proceeded to punish all the bowlers in a somewhat lucky, though brilliant, undefeated stand of 185. Twenty minutes before tea, Davies declared the innings closed at 189 for one, D. S. Neil being not out 104, and R. A. B. Green not out 76. 140 minutes batting time remained.

A slow opening partnership gave the XI 50 runs in the first hour, and shortly afterwards Evans was out. Jordan came in, but was out 17 minutes later to a splendid catch on the boundary. Tracey had meanwhile been batting steadily, and hit four dazzling 4's in succession before being bowled for 88. The score stood at three for 135, but Jones was run out immediately, and 54 runs were needed in 25 minutes—a rather doubtful issue. Packham joined Mason, and together they produced 50 of them in 18 minutes, but then Mason was caught in the deep after hitting two successive sixes which brought the XI ahead of the clock and in sight of victory. Baker capitulated on his first ball and there was panic when Tindale could not find his bat. He eventually came in and saw the remaining runs hit off with three minutes to spare.

THE XI v. KING'S SCHOOL, WORCESTER

(Played at the New Road Ground, 17th June, 1961)

Winning the toss, the XI chose to bat first, and with 17 on the board, Tracey was out to a very poor shot. Evans batted on steadily before he was bowled for 21, and the hundred was up just before lunch. Six minutes after the break, Jordan reached his half-century and looked well

set, but was caught out next ball swinging his bat. The score moved on to 129, when Mason, trying to turn the ball off his legs, was caught and bowled. Nearly an hour later, the innings ended at 183 with Babb being bowled after showing some promising strokes. J. Gibson's bowling analysis was 23-9-64-6, a very creditable performance on a lifeless wicket.

King's School opened quite well, but at 23, the first wicket fell to Tracey. Page came on Mason's end, and there followed a spell of disaster for the opposition. The next three wickets fell to Page for a loss of only two runs, and his figures showed 4-3-2-3. Tracey struck again immediately, and the score was 25 for five. Surely, with 104 minutes left, a result in our favour seemed likely. But strange things were to happen, and we were destined to be thwarted. D. Morris (No. 6) scored 27, and D. Robinson (No. 7) 31, and the score was still 118 for eight at 6.28 p.m. Two wickets to get in half an hour, and the XI scurried from one over to the next in a vain attempt to dislodge the remaining batsmen. Stumps were drawn at 7 o'clock with L. Wadley not out 41—an excellent example of steady batting. Heaven only knows why he was put in as low as No. 10. Page finished up by taking four for 52.

CRICKET AVERAGES

BATTING (Qual. 100 runs)

	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Not Out</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Average</i>
J. C. Mason	16	0	434	74	27.13
C. Jordan	16	0	417	101	26.06
P. D. Babb	12	2	212	51	21.20
M. S. Tracey	15	0	247	88	16.47
A. R. Packham	16	3	195	28*	15.00
J. G. Evans	14	2	177	34	14.75
R. H. C. Jones	15	1	193	35*	13.79

BOWLING (Qual. 50 overs)

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
R. C. J. Page	212.2	45	727	28	25.97
N. R. Tindale	92	22	312	12	26.00
J. G. Evans	129.4	25	485	17	28.05
A. R. Packham	56.2	7	191	5	38.20
M. S. Tracey	104	23	301	7	43.00
J. C. Mason	93.5	17	346	7	49.43

CATCHES

J. G. Evans 14 ; R. H. C. Jones (ct. 7, st. 2) 9 ; J. C. Mason 7 ; C. Jordan 3 ; N. R. Baker 3 ; M. S. Tracey 3 ; K. A. Bradshaw 2 ; R. C. J. Page 2 ; A. R. Packham 2 ; N. R. Tindale 1.

LAWN TENNIS

This season has undoubtedly been the most successful in recent years for the Tennis team. Four players remained from the previous season and, despite fluctuations in the third pair, all the pairs have had a rewarding year.

We began by losing heavily to Wyggeston, in what was almost continuous rain, and then won two matches. In the next, against Repton,



THE PREFECTS, 1960-61

*Back Row (left to right) : R. J. PRITCHETT, J. M. TAYLOR, D. KIRK, D. S. FILKIN, J. R. OSBORNE, R. C. D. GREENHALL,
T. J. BETTS, I. PLENERLEITH, J. G. EVANS, T. D. AUSTIN, M. A. WILKINS.*

*Front Row (left to right) : J. H. SIEGLE, J. C. MASON, A. H. PAPPS (School Captain), THE CHIEF MASTER, A. B. LOACH
(School Vice-Captain), M. K. LEE, D. A. WEBB.*



THE XI, 1961

*Back Row (left to right) : P. S. M. WATERS (Scorer), P. D. BABB, N. R. BAKER, C. JORDAN, N. R. TINDALE,
R. H. C. JONES, K. A. BRADSHAW, P. J. HALLOWELL.*

*Front Row (left to right) : M. S. TRACEY, J. G. EVANS (Vice-Captain), J. C. MASON (Captain), R. C. J. PAGE (Secretary),
A. R. PACKHAM.*



K.E.S. ATHLETICS TEAM, 1960-61

Back Row : D. S. FILKIN (*Recorder*), A. NORRIS, J. W. A. COSGRAVE, J. H. SIEGLE, M. TEMPLEMAN, H. D. BARLOW,
M. H. POWELL, C. JORDAN.

Front Row : A. B. LOACH, J. C. MASON, J. G. RUDDICK (*Vice-Captain*), D. A. WEBB (*Captain*), C. S. EDGE (*Secretary*),
R. C. D. GREENHALL, A. R. PACKHAM.

Not Present : R. M. ABRAHAMS, C. D. TYLER, D. W. CLARKE, G. J. CHADWICK.



TENNIS TEAM, 1961

*Back Row (left to right) : M. L. BASON, R. MELLOR, N. M. MAYBURY, R. H. ELGOOD.
Front Row (left to right) : P. E. STINTON, J. H. SIEGLE (Captain), I. A. EMSLIE.*

with the match balanced at 4-4, our 1st pair lost to their 2nd pair, to give them the match.

Following this, all five matches played have been won, and it is regrettable that the possibility of improving this sequence was denied us when both Ratcliffe and Solihull cancelled their fixtures with us.

With the one exception, the first pair has had a successful year. The second pair, on a good day, has been almost brilliant, and has a disturbing habit of beating opposing 1st pairs after losing to the 2nd pair. The third pair has performed much better than is ever expected of a third pair, and, in fact, it is because each pair has been equally successful that we have enjoyed such a good season.

The U.16 pair have only lost one match out of the five played, and before the draw came out, we had hopes of success in the Thomas Bowl, at Wimbledon. But their match against the Leys School will be difficult.

As part of the Club system, the Tennis club has this year been only partly successful. The numbers were restricted to 12 and thus there have been four "spare" members. As there have only been three 2nd VI matches, these people have not had their fair share of sporting activity. But as training for the first team it has worked admirably.

Undoubtedly the standard of play throughout the school is continuing to rise, the entries for the junior and senior singles competitions have been large, and people are playing tennis out of School much more. It is encouraging to see such keenness.

The House Championship has been a mixed affair. The league was jointly won by Levett and Evans. In the Knock-out final, Cary Gilson defeated Heath. Despite this win, Cary Gilson were only third finally. Heath were second, and Levett, who lost the first round in the Knock-out, came out winners.

Our attentions are now centred upon the Youll Cup, at Wimbledon, in which we meet Berkhamsted. We are hoping that after our successes so far, we may progress a round or two in this competition.

Finally, I should like to express thanks on behalf of all the Tennis Club to Mr. Leeson, who has coached us and worked hard for us this season.

J. H. SIEGLE.

The following have played for the VI : I. A. Emslie, P. E. Stinton, R. Mellor, Elgood, R. H., Bason, M. L., Maybury, N.

The U.16 pair : Forster, J. and Herring, A. J.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

May	6	VI v. Wyggeston	..	..	..	Lost 1-8
	13	VI v. Wrekin ..	..	..	..	Won 4-2
						(3 drawn)
	20	VI v. Denston	..	..	..	Won 9-0
June	3	VI v. Repton ..	..	..	..	Lost 4-5
	24	VI v. Trent ..	..	..	..	Won 9-0
	29	VI v. Malvern	..	..	..	Won 6-3
July	1	VI v. Nottingham	..	..	..	Won 6-3
	7	VI v. Manchester	..	..	..	Won 6-3
	8	VI v. Rugby ..	..	..	..	Won 7-2

ETON FIVES

During the Easter Term the School team showed its true form and, as predicted in the last CHRONICLE, its results improved. The greatest achievements of the team were the conquest of its suspect temperament and the development of a determination to win.

The term's results were six wins and four defeats. The two most notable victories of the term were over the Jesters and Shrewsbury ; our other victims were the Old Citizens, Marlborough, K.E.G.S. Five Ways and Wolverhampton. The only school that defeated us was Berkhamsted (our other three defeats were two by the Old Edwardians and one by the Old Uppinghamians).

At Easter two school pairs entered the Public Schools Competition at Eton, but both lost in the first round, the first pair losing in five games to Aldenham II, while the second pair lost in three games to Aldenham I, the eventual winners.

With all of this year's team remaining at School our prospects appear bright.

Numerous practices have been held for the Lower and Middle School, where there seems to be a wealth of talent. Many younger boys will next year have an opportunity of proving themselves in School matches.

The House Fives Competition was won easily by Levett, with Cary Gilson second. The Handicap competition was won by R. Mellor and Barnfield, J. A.

I would like finally to convey the thanks of all Fives players in the School to Mr. Smith for his efforts on our behalf.

I. A. EMSLIE.

The School team has been : R. Mellor, R. J. Wells, Babb, P. D., Andrews, J. C.

The following have also played : Barnfield, J. A., Taylor, D. B., Jordan, C., Taylor, G. H., Holby, D. R., Tracey, M. S., Tindale, N. R., Mason, J. C., Dewe, R. M., Forster, J. L., Gilson, R. J.

CHESS

In the Birmingham and District Junior League our three teams performed quite well and each finished near the top of its division. Our Division I team came first equal and, but for a depleted team in its first match of the season, might well have won its division outright.

The First Team has also done well in the *Sunday Times* National Schools Tournament and reached the last eight before being eliminated. The way in which we were eliminated was perhaps a little unfortunate since both sides won two games, but our opponents won on the higher boards.

The House Chess Competition was won by Levett, who also won the First Team Championship. The Senior Individual Championship was won by D. G. Fletcher and the Junior by R. B. Davies.

It is hoped to arrange, at the beginning of next term, a First team fixture with Wolverhampton G.S., and this promises to be a very good match. The prospects for chess in general next term are quite good and, although the First team loses two of its members, it could well equal or better the achievements of this year.

In conclusion we thank Mr. Hurn for his help and guidance, and Miss Chaffer for the continued use of the Dining Hall.

D. G. FLETCHER.

SHOOTING

The Lent term was spent in practising for the "Country Life" Public Schools Competition, and it seemed until the last moment that the resulting scores might be the lowest on record by the VIII. On the fateful day, however, all the members of the VIII shot with reasonable accuracy for the first time in the term and the final score exceeded that of last year by ten points, being 735 ex 800. Owing to a lack of experience in the second part of the competition, the Landscape Target, and a general improvement in the scores of all the schools taking part, our final position was only a little better than last year. J. C. Raynor was awarded his School Colours for a score of 96.

During the Summer term, 303 practices went ahead with great enthusiasm and greater frequency than last year, and there was an immediate improvement in scores, especially when shooting over 500 yards. Another occasion for pleasure was the consistent attendance by a group of cadets from "B" Company whose enthusiasm for the sport had been aroused by the Company Shoot held at the end of the Lent Term.

The VIII has attended two Open Meetings at Kingsbury during the term, the first organized by the newly formed Warwickshire Firearms Club in which B. J. Ecclestone came third in the competition at 200 yards and G. S. Bunting came third at 500 yards, the second being the Midland Ashburton Trials Match. In this competition the VIII achieved a better score than in preceding years, while the Cadet Pair, consisting of G. S. Bunting and A. P. Dawkins, excelled itself by achieving a position of third out of twenty-four schools competing. Unfortunately, we were not able to send any competitors to the "Birmingham Bisley" owing to a lack of transport.

Towards the end of the term the VIII again entered for the Royal Engineers Warwickshire Trophy, which it won last year, and succeeded in gaining three more points than last year with a score of 753 ex 800, and there is a reasonable hope of retaining this trophy, awarded for the first time a year ago by 1 E.S.D. Long Marston, our Regular Army assistance unit.

We extend our grateful thanks to W.O. Cockle for assistance in presiding over all our 22 practices, and Lieut. Ramsay and R.S.M. Allard for their long-suffering patience in dealing with 303 practices.

P. K. HALL.

SWIMMING

This year the pool was taken into use on the second day of term, earlier than ever before. The majority of people found the water at first somewhat colder than they were used to, at 68°F. But hard training was begun immediately on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

The season was an excellent one. Altogether, we swam nine matches, of which we won seven and lost two. The team was undefeated, for the second consecutive year, in our own bath. Our most notable victory was against Rugby School, whom we beat for the first time for many years. The team, as a whole, was a good all-round one, with, in several strokes, more than two swimmers capable of commanding a first team place. The Juniors once again showed their potential by having two of their swimmers regularly swimming in the senior team.

Owing to several schools' inexperience in the art of water-polo we played only four matches. Of these two were won and two were drawn. Thus the Water-Polo team retained its unbeaten record.

Life-saving in the School entered its second year with unbelievable successes. 110 awards were gained by members of the School throughout the year. Thanks are particularly due to G. R. Mackenzie, the secretary, who overcame the various problems with considerable ease.

On behalf of the team, I would once again like to thank Mr. Cotter who trained us, and guided us through many excitingly won matches. Thanks are also due to Mr. Symes, Mr. Porter and Mr. Gregory, who officiated on many occasions at School matches, Water-Polo matches and Life-Saving Instruction.

B. J. HAMBIDGE.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES AND WATER POLO

Malvern ..	Won	48—30	Draw 2—2
Ratcliffe ..	Won	48—29	—
Solihull ..	Won	39—38	Won 4—0
Trent ..	Lost	18—38	—
Rugby ..	Won	49—31	Draw 2—2
Bromsgrove	Won	59—29	—
Wrekin ..	Lost	29—46	—
Shrewsbury	Won	44—22	Won 4—0
Repton ..	Won	39—38	—

RECORDS BROKEN DURING THE SEASON

- 50 yards Butterfly : B. J. Hambidge. 32.4 secs. (equalled the record).
- 100 yards Free-style (Intermediate) : C. B. Tedd, 62.5 secs.
- 100 yards Free-style (Under 15) : C. B. Tedd. 62.5 secs.
- 50 yards Free-style (Under 15) : C. B. Tedd. 28.3 secs.
- 50 yards Backstroke (Under 15) : C. B. Tedd. 34.0 secs.
- Plunge (Under 15) : T. H. Gretton. 49 ft. 1 in.
- 33½ yards Back-stroke (Under 13½) : D. K. Earl. 22.4 secs.
- 50 yards Free-style (Under 13½) : D. K. Earl.
- Plunge (Under 13½) : D. L. Parsons. 41 ft. 2 in.
- 3 x 1 Length Medley Relay : (H. Watton, B. J. Hambidge, R. W. Cross). 59.4 secs.

THE SWIMMING SPORTS

For the first time the Sports were held in our own Pool. The Senior Sports took place on the evening of Friday, July 21st, and the Junior Sports on the following afternoon of the 22nd—Speech Day. On both days we were blessed with warm, sunny weather, and the sports went off with exceptional continuity and smoothness. This, of course, was due to the hard work of Mr. Cotter and the members of the Common Room, who acted as officials.

The House Water-Polo Knockout resulted in a narrow win for Vardy over Prince Lee by three goals to one. Vardy also won the House First Team Relay by a large margin.

Once again the Old Edwardians turned out in force. The School defeated them narrowly in both the Relay and Water-Polo game.

WINNERS AND TIMES OF OPEN EVENTS

50 yards Free-style :	50 yards Butterfly :
A. B. Loach (V)	B. J. Hambidge (P)
Time : 27.4 secs.	Time : 32.4 secs.
100 yards Free-style	Half-mile :
A. B. Loach (V)	R. H. Tedd (V)
Time : 63.9 secs.	Time : 12 min. 41.6 secs.
200 yards Free-style	Dive :
R. H. Tedd (V)	B. J. Hambidge (P)
Time : 2 min. 26.9 secs.	
100 yards Breast-stroke :	Plunge :
B. J. Hambidge (P)	J. P. Singer (C)
Time : 75.5 secs.	50 ft. 6 in.
The Carr Cup for the Open Champion : R. H. Tedd.	
The Governor's Cup for the Junior Champion : C. B. Tedd.	
Allday Shield for Swimming Champions : Vardy House.	

GYMNASTICS

Vardy, ably led by M. A. Wilkins, won the House Competition, and J. C. Mason and A. H. Papps were the joint winners of the Senior Individual Competition. R. E. Milward of Shell "B" won the Junior Individual Competition.

The C.C.F. General Inspection on May 29th was combined with an Open Evening for parents and friends, during the course of which a gymnastic display was presented on the South Field. It is to be hoped that this new tradition of open-air gymnastic displays, started at the Centenary Parade, will be maintained in the future.

Appreciation must once more be expressed for the services of Mr. Symes and Mr. Cotter, who can be relied upon to supply instruction, encouragement, enthusiasm and constructive criticism at all times. We owe them much.

A. H. PAPPS.

ROWING

The Rowing Club has had the most successful season in its history. In each of the eight open regattas this term we have got through at least the first round, while at Stratford Regatta we reached the quarter-finals.

The season has been notable because of the attention that the City of Birmingham has given to rowing. The first Birmingham Regatta was held on Edgbaston Reservoir, as was the first Water Festival. Birmingham Regatta was very successful, despite a certain lack of publicity and cold weather ; a hundred crews were entered, coming from as far afield as York and Berwick-on-Tweed. At the Water Festival the Rowing Club provided some entertainment, besides the attractions of water ski-ing, hydroplane racing, a calypso band, and a barbecue.

The first race of the season, excluding the traditional race against the masters, was a friendly match against Ratcliffe School at home, the first crew beating Ratcliffe second crew. Our first Regatta was at Birmingham, followed the week after by Nottingham Regatta, where we beat Burton Leander in the first round, and lost to St. Peter's School, York, in the second round, over the longest course of the season.

On 7th June we went to the Hereford Schools Regatta, but rowed very badly against Prince Henry's, Evesham, second crew.

Stratford Regatta was one of our most successful. We beat a crew from Worcester College, Oxford, in the first round, Stourport Rowing Club in the second round, and lost to the Royal Grammar School, Worcester, in the third round, after a re-row. At Bewdley Regatta we beat Barnes and District in the first round, and lost to Hereford R.C. in the second. The Rowing Club went to Loughborough Regatta for the first time on the 15th July, and beat Falcon Rowing Club in the first round, losing to Feldon School in the second. The following Wednesday we returned to Nottingham, where the Ball Cup races were held this year. We lost by two feet after rowing the whole course at a rating of 45 to the minute, to Orton Longueville. On the following Saturday with a scratch crew, we went to Derby Regatta, beating Derby School in the first round, and losing to King's School, Chester, in the second. This was the last regatta of the School term and a victorious note to end on. All the boys, except one, of the first two crews, are leaving this term, but there remain two junior crews in training, who after a lean year or two, we hope will continue this victorious trend.

We would have had none of these victories without the patience of Mr. Axford, who has given up all his half-days and Saturdays to help the Club. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Hamlin and Mr. Tunnard, who have been very enthusiastic and helpful.

Below are our performances in the Regattas held this term :

<i>Regatta</i>	<i>Beat</i>	<i>Beaten by</i>
Birmingham		Derby School.
Nottingham	Burton Leander	St. Peter's School, York.
Hereford Schools		P. H. G. S. Evesham.
Stratford	Worcester College, Oxford	R.G.S. Worcester.
	Stourport B.C.	
Bewdley	Barnes and District	Hereford
Loughborough	Falcon R.C.	Feldon School.
Ball Cup (Schools)		Orton Longueville.
Derby	Derby School "A"	King's School, Chester.

FENCING

The Fencing Club has been developed considerably during the season 1960-61. A slight increase in numbers, the power to award School colours, and the advent of a second IV mark the rising popularity of the sport. Several members have joined outside clubs, notably the Midlands Foil Club.

Our prospects for the future are healthy, as only one member of our first team, and none of our second, is leaving. The team this year has been chosen from : N. M. Maybury, R. N. Harvey, R. W. Watt, W. F. Burgess, A. P. Dawkins, and C. D. Tyler.

It remains to thank Mr. Cotter for his skill and understanding.

C. D. TYLER.

SQUASH

This year squash has become perhaps the most sociable game in the School, matches being restricted to the Common Room and the Girls' School.

The Harris Squash Trophy was won this year by D. B. C. Merry, who beat R. Mellor in a close final.

We must again thank Mr. Guy for all his help.

R. MELLOR.

CARY GILSON

If one goes on results this has not been a good year for Cary Gilson. In the first two terms, while we achieved a fair measure of success in gymnastics, athletics, cross-country, and fives, positions of eighth in rugby and chess did nothing to improve the overall placing.

Nevertheless, throughout the year we have been an extremely happy House—one unit in which everyone has played his part ; we can always laugh at our misfortunes, and never has this been more obvious than in our summer activities. In cricket, we have enjoyed ourselves, in spite of a final position of seventh ; though largely unsuccessful, the 1st XI has never given in without a struggle ; the 2nd XI contains a good number of promising players ; but the 3rd and 4th XI's unfortunately seem to be following in the footsteps of their elders. Our League tennis team meanwhile has talked its way out of many a tight corner ; however, in the Tennis Knock-out, a note of sanity was introduced and we won the competition, to give us an overall place of 3rd, but no more silverware. Swimming was somewhat of an anti-climax : Standards have been gained, relays have been swum with some measure of success, and lives have been saved in large numbers. Unhappily, the water polo team lost its magic touch of years gone by, but at least went down fighting, perhaps a little too obviously at times. In spite of this we could only finish seventh. It was also unfortunate for the Shooting team that the Tunstall Cup was cancelled, since hopes were reasonably high.

Thus, although we find ourselves in eighth position, there is no need to despair. On the contrary, everyone can be proud of his efforts, for keenness and willingness have always been evident, and we have done our best to overcome the marked lack of individual talent. Morale is high, and it is for this that we owe such a debt to Mr. Sacret, Mr. Ramsay and Mr. Morris ; between them, they have attended almost every House match of the year, and I feel sure that their support and advice will be fully rewarded in two or three years' time.

T. D. AUSTIN.

EVANS

After one of the most exciting finishes in recent years, Evans failed by a short head to win the House Championship. The final margin of 24 points belies the closeness of the struggle ; only during the last week of the year, when we failed unexpectedly in cricket and less surprisingly in swimming was Vardy able to creep ahead. Nevertheless, a position of second is a remarkable achievement in view of the small number of School players we possess. The House can have good cause for self-congratulation.

After finishing second in the Rugby League, the House won the Knock-out and thus the Rugby championship. The points thus gained were later to prove vital. Chess started well and though we failed to come first, a position of third is very creditable. In Fives we finished fourth ; the future is good, for our Juniors won their league by a clear margin.

It is perhaps inevitable that we should fail for once to win P.T. Nevertheless, our gymnasts gave a very thorough performance to finish third, one-seventh of a point behind Heath. In shooting we finished fourth. The fact that our juniors won their unofficial competition by a clear margin bodes well for the future.

Athletics provided a sensation. We won Standards by a clear margin, but surprised even ourselves by winning the Athletics Championship. Meanwhile our choristers were coming second in the Music competition.

Summer sports are always an uncertain factor. In cricket, our league team did well to come first, though as expected we lacked the talent to do well in the Knock-out. The Tennis team came first equal in the league but not unexpectedly were swamped in the Knock-out. Swimming was disappointing ; in fact we came fifth in Standards, but bottom overall.

It has, on the whole, been a good year. House Captains have worked hard and conscientiously, and everyone has turned out willingly. Our thanks go in particular to Mr. Buttle and our House Tutors, Mr. Hodges and Mr. Holyoake, who have been of tremendous help to all.

J. R. OSBORNE.

GIFFORD

Now that the date of the CHRONICLE's publication has been changed, a House report cannot, alas, be mainly wishful thinking. At the end of the Summer term the hard facts are undeniable and each year, in Gifford at any rate, the same disappointment prevails.

First the hard facts ; and then, perhaps, the reasons for disappointment. We were fifth in the Cock House Championship—as good a position as we have yet achieved—yet we were good thirds in cricket, cross-country and swimming. We were runners-up in the First Team league and finalists in the Knock-out and Seven-a-Side competition at rugger—but only fifth overall, owing to poor results from the junior teams. Again, in cricket, if first team Knock-out results were excluded, our position would be very poor ; we were only seventh in the League competition, with the excuse that Giffordians outnumbered members of other Houses in the School clubs. Tennis revealed the same poor results if the best players were unavailable : fifth in the league and second equal in the Knock-out. An unquestionable eighth in shooting, P.T. and swimming standards proves a second point : the least popular sports and those demanding concerted effort from everyone, such as standards, are badly supported unless we are determinedly captained. Undoubtedly a creditable position of fourth in Chess and the winning of the Cricket Knock-out were largely achieved through ruthless captaincy.

Now we can understand the disappointment. With a total of ten people in the first two School rugby teams at one stage, the largest School club representation of all the Houses despite the smallest Upper Sixth (three !), and an appearance in seven Knock-out finals in the last two years (though we have won only one), our talent cannot be denied. But when deprived of top players by the School teams, league results were needlessly poor. Admittedly six years ago we could never find enough people willing to play in second teams, while now there is some competition for places : but a state of static complacency over this has arisen. To succeed progress must continue. The desire to play has been carefully nurtured : if Gifford is to improve her Cock House position, the will to win and perform in less popular activities must be cultivated. Thanks once more go to our House Masters for their endeavours to further such a growth.

D. S. FILKIN.

HEATH

Once again we are in the top half of the Cock House Championship. We have climbed out of the hot seat to fourth. Such a position did not seem very likely at one stage this year, but more recently there have been more signs of enthusiasm, which are very welcome.

In the Lent term our athletes were found to be very few. This, combined with a general lack of interest from the rest of the house, brought us seventh in athletics. Our rugger was also disappointing. We had a very good start but failed to go on in our winning ways. Coming second in the gymnastics competition was a welcome bright moment in an otherwise poor term.

The Summer term started well; we were second in the Cricket league and third in the Tennis league. In the Knock-out our tennis team got to the final but could not win, and this meant we had to be content with second overall. All four of our cricket teams let themselves down at least once by irresponsible batting. The first two teams won one game each, and the other pair won two each. We came fourth overall in cricket, .05 of a point behind the third House.

Swimming was the least successful of our Summer activities, in which we came sixth, but less than one point behind the fourth House. Our main weakness was a lack of life-saving awards.

Bad weather robbed us of a cup for shooting, the Tunstall Cup, which our marksmen assure us they could have won. However, by winning the other two competitions they have added one more cup to our cupboard.

In all it has been a creditable year. Much of this success must be assigned to Mr. Barlow and the House Tutors, and we must not forget the other House officials.

J. G. EVANS.

JEUNE

Fate is now revealing the fact that Sportsmen are just not coming our way any longer. League teams have proved that the intellectual and the faint-hearted can play games when they try, and indeed, there are times when they have to. But unfortunately they do so without much success. Still we plod on, though somewhat painfully. A position of sixth in the House Championship showed us to be one up on last year—a result representing a year of blood, sweat, and tears for a handful of loyal enthusiasts, apathy for others, and for some, I may say, even laziness.

Steady practice at Rugger and Tennis could only bring us seventh in each, despite the 1st XV winning the Knock-out Cup. In Gymnastics, Fives and Chess, we came sixth, and in Cricket, fifth, although the League 1st XI won four matches and the Third XI won their Knock-out. Without a doubt, the Athletics results depended too much on a nucleus of good performers, mainly in the open age group, and but for coming second on Sports Day, our athletes would have been below fourth. The surprise of the year has been our coming fourth in Swimming, without a single member in the Swimming Club. This was due largely to a fine job of work on the part of the Captain, and a position of first in the relays.

Unfortunately, as in Athletics, the Standards gained in Swimming were too few altogether. How different it would have been in both activities if people only realised that the real test of a House is its position in Standards! Certainly, in any event, we ought to provide more life-savers next year, even if it means just saving ourselves. Remarkable though it is, we always seem to do well in Shooting and Music. We have a shooting team capable of a few more years in the top half of the table, and this year they achieved second place. The House Choir won the

Part-Song for the second year in succession, but just failed to do the double and came a close runner-up in the combined Music competition. So far, success in these "static" activities has not yet been traced to the very comfortable chairs in the Ratcliffe Theatre.

We must thank Mr. Leeds especially, together with Mr. Leeson and Mr. Ruddock, for all their help and support in keeping the wheels turning smoothly.

J. C. MASON

LEVETT

Most Houses have at least one sport or activity in which they gain notoriety ; a department in which for year after year they appear at, or near, the bottom of the House Championship. Cricket is such a sport in Levett.

Even though at the beginning of the summer term we appeared strategically placed to win the championship, it was going to be necessary to find some cricketers if we were to do so. These we did not, so we finished third, the highest position since 1950 and one well deserved by hard work.

Our Fives and Chess players both won their remaining matches and so headed their tables. In Athletics the individuals took up the challenge and won the Sports, the Open Relay team finishing with a convincing victory. The appearance of the two School footballers did not have the desired effect in the Knock-out—the First XV lost all three matches.

In the summer the tennis players took all their chances and, having won the League competition, did well enough in the Knock-out to hold off any challengers, and take the championship. To return to cricket we must note, though not without shame, that the first eleven won its first Knock-out match since 1955 ! The Junior sides won one game each and the second eleven, two. This, coupled with our league position, gave us a final place of sixth.

Notoriety at cricket and fame at swimming seem to be characteristics of Levett over the past few years. Indeed the swimmers again did well and held off all but the champions who can hardly rank as amateur. The Water Polo Cup seemed ours until we got into the water where we floundered against some brilliant goalkeeping from an apparent non-swimmer.

It is sad, indeed tragic, to have the end of so successful a year marred by the absence of Mr. Porter through sickness—we wish him a speedy recovery—and also by the death of Malcolm Houghton whom we shall sadly miss.

We must thank Mr. Freeman who has filled Mr. Porter's place so admirably during this hectic time of year. A debt of gratitude is also owed to Mr. Hall as he leaves us at the end of term.

R. C. D. GREENHALL.

PRINCE LEE

By no means a sparkling year. We have been placed 7th or 8th in a distressingly large number of games, including Chess, Shooting, Tennis and Swimming Relays, and this lack of success has insured for us a humble position in the overall classification. I am very pleased to point out, however, that in the activities which give a picture of the efforts of the House as a whole, rather than of a small number of individuals, Prince Lee has shown up rather better, being placed 2nd in cross-country and swimming standards, and third in athletics standards. Unfortunately, the drive, which although not very obvious at the time, must have been behind these three pleasing results, did not permeate as far as our cricket teams, for in the League we were 8th and in the Knock-out, when we could reasonably have set our sights at winning both first and second team cups, our teams melted away in the sun against strong opposition. The First XI did, however, achieve two crushing victories over not very notable opposition.

We are indeed proud of the achievements at Oxford of our former member M. D. Reeve, which are announced earlier in this CHRONICLE. Notable also was the scoring of a century against Repton at Eastern Road by our Captain of Cricket, C. Jordan. Other individual performances of merit include I. P. Wallis's winning of the Intermediate cross-country race, S. C. Tew's win in the Under 15 shot at the Warwickshire Schools Championships, and B. J. Hambidge's outstanding record in School swimming matches, and in the Swimming Sports.

We acknowledge with gratitude two gifts to the House : a copy of the New Testament of the New English Bible from L. P. Walker (1959), and a photograph of the Prince Lee portrait in Big School from the Chief Master. We also record with pride that Sir Donald Finnemore, O.E., has presented to the School Chapel a specially bound copy of the New Testament in the New English Bible translation to commemorate his visit last summer to our House Prayers in Chapel.

The most pleasing feature of this term has been swimming, in which our efforts, with a reserve of talent to say the least limited, have brought us second place in Standards and Life-saving, and a place in the House Water-Polo final. However, even B. J. Hambidge's great efforts could not disguise our lack of fast swimmers on Sports night. We hope that soon Mr. Cotter's constant help and advice given to House swimmers will be rewarded by a return to the sort of success in the sport enjoyed by Prince Lee in former times.

It is my pleasant duty to say on behalf of the House how grateful we are to Mr. Williams for his continued devotion to House matters, and to Mr. Axford and Mr. Cotter for their help.

We are very pleased to welcome as House Tutor, Mr. Hadwen.

D. A. WEBB.

VARDY

Once again Vardy clearly asserted its supremacy in the summer sports both in the water and on terra firma. Swimmers in particular have now for so long been on the crest of the wave that they can justifiably be

regarded as a traditional source of strength, and this year was no exception. A position of first in cricket and swimming on top of a fairly good showing in the winter games played earlier in the year was quite sufficient to bring the House first in the Cock House Championship for the second year running.

Rugby football ended on a successful note. The Seven-a-Side competition, normally cancelled owing to pressure of events or bad weather, was held for the first time in some years. Although we could not boast of any outstanding individualists, and the odds were reckoned to be heavily loaded against us, we nevertheless managed to defy the fallible laws of expectation and form by emerging outright winners. If swimming is our source of strength, athletics conversely is our source of weakness. For the second year running the House came eighth, although we were not left so far behind this year. As in swimming, success tends to depend on eminent individualists, in which we are demonstrably lacking; it also depends on everyone's willingness to expose himself to the elements on a cold March afternoon, and to apply himself to an activity for which he may often have no particular propensity or love. This is something that the majority of Vardy are not prepared to do. Indoors, on the other hand, our final position in Chess was second, as predicted, and our gymnasts worthily came first in the P.T. competition.

Like Fives, Tennis produced disappointing results, which did not reflect the talent we undeniably possess, but which seems to be too often wasted by a lack of discipline and resolution. In shooting, third place was no better or worse than we had expected. Our cricket league teams, considerably depleted by the large number of players involved in the Cricket and other clubs, nevertheless did remarkably well, and came second equal. In the Knock-out, the first XI lost an exceptionally exciting match in the first round to Jeune, who were certainly on paper, if not in fact, very much the stronger side. The second XI continued its success in the League by winning the Knock-out. Vardy supplies a fair number of players to both the Under 14 and Under 13 cricket teams, so both our 3rd and 4th XI's were strong. The former, however, were eliminated from the Knock-out for no other reason than a certain disastrous combination of the reckless and feckless, while the latter made up for their unwarranted defeat in the final of last year by winning the Knock-out this time. Cricket prospects, if the Junior House is any guide, are distinctly good.

Last word and supreme laurels must go to the swimmers, whose performance was by any standard outstanding. The year was particularly marked by the remarkable achievements of two brothers, who among other distinctions each managed to win the Half-mile swim, one in the senior section, the other in the junior. We came first in Water Polo, Swimming Standards, and the Swimming Sports, and won the Swimming Championship by a clear margin.

Any report would be incomplete without a frank acknowledgment of the services of Mr. Parry and the House tutors, to whom our gratitude will always be due.

M. K. LEE.

THE RESULTS OF THE 1960-61 HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Vardy	_____	389.4
2. Evans	_____	365.8
3. Levett	_____	342.8
4. Heath	_____	297.1
5. Gifford	_____	284.8
6. Jeune	_____	279.6
7. Prince Lee	_____	273.9
8. Cary Gilson	_____	249.7

INTERVIEW WITH MR. BALLANCE

Mr. H. W. Ballance, on the occasion of his retirement from a full-time teaching post at K.E.S., which he had held for 37 years, was interviewed by A. H. A. Osborn.

Osborn : " Could you tell me a little about your early life ? "

Mr. Ballance : " To begin at the beginning, I was the youngest of seven sons, something of which I am very proud, my father being an H.M.I.S. in Cheshire.

" Undoubtedly my life was profoundly influenced by the First World War, which broke out soon after I had left school. I entered the R.M.A., Sandhurst, and was gazetted to the Cheshire Regiment. I next served with the B.E.F. in France and was wounded at the Battle of the Somme. After convalescing I was sent out to Egypt to help demobilize troops, where I met with, as the Prayer Book puts it, ' all sorts and conditions of men.' I had hoped to start at Cambridge in 1919 but I was delayed a further year, when my battalion was ordered to Ireland, eventually beginning my studies in 1920. This meant that, in effect, I had had a complete break from any study at all for five and a half years so that, quite naturally, getting down to serious study after so long a break was, to say the least of it, a difficult matter. But I had so much to be thankful for and that spurred me on and sustained me. In fact for the first few weeks, I had great difficulty in understanding what lecturers were talking about."

Osborn : " Are the horrors of the First World War still vivid in your mind ? "

Mr. Ballance : " Immediately after the horrors of Flanders' fields and of the trenches, their impact was dominant in my mind. But it is said that 'time is the great healer' and their memory has, through the years, faded away. Only a few incidents remain clear.

"The most amusing (though it did not seem so to me at the time) was at the end of the war. Since ' mufti ' was not allowed during the war, after five and a half years, I had no clothes of my own—not even a pair of trousers. Consequently I had to replenish my wardrobe, starting, one might say, from the stud upwards."

Osborn : " What were the circumstances of your entering K.E.S.?"

Mr. Ballance : " I came to K.E.S. in 1924, with only a term's teaching at the Royal Grammar School, Newcastle. For a while I had been Secretary's Assistant to the City of London Chest Hospital, as it was then called, and though I found hospital administration very fascinating work, teaching had the stronger appeal for me. And so when Cambridge University Appointments Board informed me of the vacancy at K.E.S., I decided to apply for it. I can well remember Mr. Gilson saying to me : ' You will find the boys, with few exceptions, keen to learn,' and this, I am glad to say, is as true now as at the time when he said it."

Osborn : " Many of the more ambitious would wonder why in fact you stayed so long in one position. Why was this so ? "

Mr. Ballance : " The real reason, I think, was that after five and a half years moving from place to place, I was glad to take root in one school and during my time I felt no urge to move. especially as my son was at the School from 1933 to 1940."

Osborn : " During your time at K.E.S. have you noticed any significant changes in the boys under you ? "

Mr. Ballance : " It is not boys that have changed, so much as their environment. Life today is so turbulent, so distracting and yet so challenging, whereas in my youth it was essentially simple—boys' interests lay in the simple pleasures of cycling or fishing but the modern boy is faced by a whole host of counter-attractions. And by comparison with 37 years ago he has much more done for him, both in his work and in his play."

Osborn : " Have you noticed any corresponding changes in masters?"

Mr. Ballance : " Speaking of the country as a whole, teachers, I would say, nowadays show greater uniformity than those of my generation, who showed a somewhat greater range in personality and even eccentricity."

Osborn : " You have seen many masters come and go. What, from your long experience, do you think is the essential quality of a school-master ? "

Mr. Ballance : " The best way to learn a subject is to teach it, yet undoubtedly the first person the master has to teach is himself. One of the laudable, even if unconscious, attributes of youths and children, before they become inhibited by their environment, is their speed in weighing up character in a natural, unabashed way. They are the first to mark sincerity in a master and this is, without doubt, an essential for him, if he is to succeed in his main task of moulding the minds and characters of his pupils."

Osborn : " From your long and eventful career at K.E.S. could you select the events which made the deepest impression upon you ? "

Mr. Ballance : " From the many that there are, I would pick out these two. The first was the move from New Street, which though it marked the end of one era, and the opening of a new one, put the School through a phase of disturbance and difficulty, when its ultimate success

hung in the balance. In general Old Edwardians were against it but it is equally true to say that now this same group has been forced by the success of these flourishing new buildings to adjust their views and to welcome the move to Edgbaston.

"The second event was the evacuation in 1939 to Repton for three terms and I can remember well, how, on the School's later moving into its new abode, the first prayers were held in the library as Big School had not yet been completed."

Osborn : "If you will excuse me for asking the inevitable, how do you propose spending your retirement?"

Mr. Ballance : "By coming back to School! I shall, in fact, teach for twelve periods a week, which will be a great joy to me. I feel that if one's health is in good trim, one should retire to a new career; a hobby alone, unless it is all-embracing, is insufficient by itself to stop the yawning gap in a man's life that retirement creates. It is, I think, a great mistake to break off completely. When the mind dominates the body, by keeping the mind active, one gives the body the best chance of survival."

Osborn : "In conclusion, do you believe in the superiority of the 'good old days' or does the modern generation compare well with its predecessors?"

Mr. Ballance : "If it is true that the generation now rising does not come up to the level of the generation rising in my youth, the fault does not lie with them so much as with the standards they live by. If the standards as I am afraid they are, in terms of the home or of any other organisation, are lowered, the young will be the first to suffer and any weaknesses will first be seen in them. But if they are raised, then their opportunities are equally good, if not better. We must remember, however, the challenge of the great psychologist James to those responsible for our youth: 'Character, like plaster, rarely, if ever, softens again.'"

C.E.W.C. CONFERENCE, 1961

On July 17th and 18th the Sixteenth Annual Conference of Birmingham Sixth Forms took place in the Debating Hall of the University: The subject was "Germany."

During the two days there were four Lectures, a film, discussion groups, and what was termed a Brains Trust. The best paper was "Germany seen through the recent German novel," where the speaker, Professor Pascoe, realised the complexity of his subject and happened to know something about it as well.

Perhaps the most profitable discussion was the Brains Trust where answers were short and to the point. Two of the speakers had to catch an early train.

Though it was on the whole a successful conference, I thought that a larger time was needed for a really worthwhile study of Germany.

J. W. A. COSGRAVE.

ARDUOUS TRAINING, EASTER, 1961

Last Easter Holidays, from March 29th to April 6th, two officers and seven cadets took part in an arduous training scheme in Snowdonia. The training was organized differently from last year, the emphasis being on climbing and not as last year, on foot-slogging with heavy packs. A scheme was therefore evolved by which the party returned each night to a base camp, which was to be moved after four days to ensure that the maximum amount of time possible might be devoted to climbing and scrambling, which would be too difficult to be accomplished with packs.

Camp was set up in the shelter of a wall at Y Garth near Capel Curig, and later that evening we had our first view of Snowdon and heard a sound which was to become familiar, rain on the roof of the tent. Our first day of climbing was spent in scaling Moe. Siabod, drying out afterwards, drinking large quantity of tea, eating, and examining feet anxiously. On the second and third days we climbed Snowdon—on the first occasion via the Miner's Track and returning over the twin peaks of Y Lliwedd, and on the second occasion by way of a somewhat hazardous route over Crib Goch with a strong cross-wind blowing, and traversing the whole of the Horseshoe.

On the fourth day, Easter Sunday, the base camp was moved to a new location in the Ogwen Valley, the tents, kit, food and Lieuts. Symes and Leeson travelling by van while the cadets led themselves across the Glyders arriving exactly on the schedule worked out beforehand. The following day, one of brilliant sunshine and excellent visibility, was spent in climbing Tryfan, the Glyders and Y Garn, taking photographs, and collecting geological samples. Then the weather broke again and the party was confined to its tents and sleeping-bags while a snow-storm raged outside. The snow had melted by the following day, however, and the party climbed the majority of the mountains in the Carnedd Range. The fine drizzle, which became driving icy rain in the middle of the afternoon, forced an early return to camp, during which we floundered through a marsh and fell into streams. Mercifully the rain had stopped by six o'clock the next morning when the party broke camp and left on the return journey to Birmingham.

Our thanks and congratulations are due to Lieuts. Symes and Leeson for all their help and instruction.

P. K. HALL.

VISIT TO COVENTRY

On July 15th, 1961, the Chapel Choir was invited to sing Evensong in the Chapel of the Cross, underneath Coventry Cathedral. Many parents and friends joined the party, so that by 3-30 over 70 people were assembled, ready to be conducted round the ruins of the old cathedral,

and the outside of the new, by the Precentor, Canon Poole. The new cathedral was found to be much more impressive than photographs show it to be.

After tea, provided by the Cathedral, the Choir rehearsed in the Chapel of the Cross, a long narrow basement, originally designed for storing chairs, apparently. It proved difficult acoustically, and it was unfortunate that its narrowness made it impossible for the two sides of the choir to face each other. Nevertheless, the Choir gave a hearty rendering of Charles Wood's hymn-anthem, "Glorious and Powerful God" and of Mr. Tunnard's specially-composed chants to Psalm 78.

We are most grateful to the Cathedral authorities for inviting us, and to Canon Poole for showing us round. It is good that the Chapel Choir when given the opportunity has the temperament to rise to such an occasion as this and we hope it will happen more often.

R. W. BRAY.

A VISIT TO VANNES

During April of this year a School party of two masters and twenty-seven boys stayed for a week in Vannes, a small town situated on the Gulf of Morbihan, Brittany.

The first night of the outward journey was spent at Brighton, conveniently situated for catching the cross-channel steamer from Newhaven. We arrived at Paris in the evening of the following day and boarded the night train for Brittany. Just after dawn, and dead on time, we drew into Vannes station. Monsieur Bodard, the proprietor of La Maree Bleue escorted us to his hotel, a modern building in an interesting and picturesque town.

On the day after our arrival we went by boat to visit the islands of the Gulf. At the Ile de Gavrinis we explored by candle light a recently discovered prehistoric burial ground, and reached by means of a tunnel in the rock—a place where victims were left to die. Later at Locmariaquer we examined probably the largest dolmen known. Now fallen and split, it measures over twenty yards in length.

The next excursion was to Lorient, a town largely rebuilt since the war. Here there was plenty to see of interest, as the town can boast a very active harbour and a German U boat base, unscathed by R.A.F. bombs. After leaving Lorient, our coach took us to a Naval Air Base which claims to have the longest runway in Europe. Admittance was gained with a surprising lack of formalities and we were conducted around the base. We then motored to the southern tip of the Quiberon Peninsula and returned to Vannes via Carnac. Here we saw perhaps the finest of all the Stone Age remains. Huge menhirs were arranged in absolutely straight lines and stretched away almost to the horizon.

The last full day excursion was to Quimper. We visited the town on market day with the stalls clustered around the cathedral, and then went on to Concarneau, where the main point of interest was a fortified island joined to the town by a narrow bridge.

In addition to the excursions there were frequent walks to places of interest in the neighbourhood. All enjoyed, amongst other things, the spell of exceptionally fine weather, crayfish *à la mayonnaise*, the good humour of Alain the waiter, and the skill of Monsieur at table football. Everybody had a most enjoyable holiday and at the same time profited by speaking some French and finding that it worked. Our warmest thanks are due to Mr. Hodges and to Mr. Leeds.

J. M. RUDGE.

LILLESHALL, 1961

The eleventh Lilleshall Course for Young Athletes was held from April 1st to April 7th, and I was among the 40 boys and girls from Britain who were fortunate enough to be invited to attend. Most of the personnel was chosen from those who competed in the previous year's English Schools Championships, and among those present I was fascinated to meet a Junior world-record holder.

Situated in charming countryside, and well equipped for its use as a centre of physical recreation, Lilleshall Hall is an absolutely first class place for this, the best of many such courses now held in Britain. Coaching was given by Mr. G. H. G. Dyson, Chief National Coach, and his team of A.A.A. Senior and Honorary Coaches, and demonstrations by top British athletes, including P. F. Radford, R. I. Brightwell, Miss C. Quinton and Miss D. Hyman.

Sensibly, the instruction was divided into lectures and demonstrations on a number of athletics topics of general interest by Mr. Dyson and Mr. D. L. Pugh, A.A.A. coach for the Midlands, and specialist coaching to small groups of athletes on their particular events. We were not, however, always at the receiving end—periods of instruction being interspersed with periods of rather vigorous training.

The aims of the course were to give us all a deeper knowledge of athletics, and thus to increase our enjoyment of it ; and secondly to provide us with an entertaining few days. Both objects were successfully accomplished, and I hope that others from School will soon have what was for me a most enjoyable and worthwhile experience.

D. A. WEBB.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SIR,

May I confess that your change in date of publication caused me one grave personal disappointment? Receiving no "demand note" in May, I happily but rashly assumed that you would not this summer require an O.E. Letter—only to discover, in July, my task was merely postponed ! The change, on which I am sure you are to be congratulated, as on the publication of the delightful "Miscellany"—sold out already, I hear—makes acute one problem your letter-writer has never quiet solved : how much of the Letter should be Association news and how much O.E. reflections on School doings. At the moment my brain is seething with School affairs, Speech Day and all its pleasures. Can I find anything in O.E. business, Sir, worth your space or worthy your readers' attention ?

One thing perhaps, since it affects all future generations at the School. Almost eighty years old, the Association has at last decided to modify its formal organisation, the better to cope with new problems created by our acquisition of the Sports Ground at Streetsbrook Road. That noble ground, provided largely by the efforts and sacrifices of the older generations, is our own property for all time. It is linked with the Association, guaranteed by the Association. But it needs money and service for its successful conduct, and that must come from you and your successors as you and they leave the School. It has been arranged to entrust the Ground's finances and running to a separate organisation, the Old Edwardians Sports Club. Membership, for those playing Football and/or Cricket, or desiring to enjoy the ground's many amenities, is a "must"—as also, many will feel, is service for the Sports Club.

In future, to all boys leaving the School, there will thus be open, first and basic, membership of the Association itself. That, after over forty years of membership, I still regard as equally privilege and duty. Subscription is a mere twelve shillings and sixpence a year, with the opportunity to economise by paying a lump sum of five pounds for a twelve-year membership. Super-imposed on this, as before, is membership of our admirable Town Club, the Clef and Old Edwardians, at the low rates of subscription it offers its younger members and its University members. This is not a necessity : it is a highly desirable luxury which we hope all Old Boys will decide to enjoy. Lastly, there is membership of the O.E. Sports Club at one guinea.

All this is pretty dull and pedestrian. (I hasten to say this Sir, before you say it for me.) But I think it was worth setting out these details. Streetsbrook Road, at any rate, is very far from dull. In ideal conditions one has been able, for two years, to play or watch most attractive cricket, yearly better in quality. Last year was a record for successes. This year, with an even stronger fixture list, we hope for another record season. Admittedly, neither the winter conditions nor the football have been quite so good. But the ground, improving all the time, is about the best Old Boys ground anywhere. It is for the School to send on those who will recapture our old and proud traditions and reputation.

Streetsbrook Road was to be seen at its best on June 23rd. It featured a Midsummer Ball that recalled "Commem" dances, with its marquees and its first-rate band. Some four hundred guests immensely enjoyed a most pleasant function on a most delightful evening—a function that went on till well after dawn. An enterprising and thoroughly worthwhile venture, for which the promoters deserve both compliments and thanks.

And now to the School. We offer the Swimming team congratulations on a most satisfactory season ; the Eleven congratulations on several notable successes—in particular, the win against Bromsgrove, after Bromsgrove had declared with only one wicket down and nearly two hundred runs on the board ; the C.C.F. thanks for another exciting "Tattoo" at the annual Inspection. Speech Day was notable for several things—for the first use of the Memorial Bath for the School Sports ; for the sight, at long last, with the "Temporary" buildings utterly demolished, of the long grassy sweep of South Field, from Chapel to Vince House. Best of all we listened to another great Address in Big School. Mr. Enoch Powell, now Minister of Health, gave us all something worth hearing and remembering. Serious but never dull, beautifully delivered, this warning on the danger of thinking size and numbers the only things that matter, this insistence on what the individual can do if he sets his mind and heart to it, was a real tract for the times. One reflected with pride that here was one of the School's own sons, distinguished scholar and courageous man of action.

O.E.

SIR,

All too often are Cambridge letters devoted to a facile and laborious process, by which the writer tries to prove that O.E.s are the most eccentric clan in the University. Not only is eccentricity the most worthless road to fame, but it is also no attribute of Cambridge Edwardians, who are, for the most part, refreshingly and healthily normal. Our fame, such as it is, is not acquired by a conscious and diligent seeking after individuality for its own sake.

Three years ago the Tudor Club was on the point of extinction. Today, even if not abounding in vitality, it is undeniably alive. Many do not consider its salvation worthwhile ; their arguments are not unconvincing. Often the only link between O.E.s is their common Old Edwardianship. The Tudor Club is, to some extent, a backward looking society, although the Undergraduate species tends to live almost wholly in the present. Cambridge is life. The problem of the future is best postponed until the latest possible moment. What has passed is conveniently discarded as immature or naive. And no matter what good resolutions one may have in October to keep in touch with old So-and-So up at Jesus, by

December they will have been largely forgotten, and old So-and-So will by then be spending his time in a new circle of friends in any case. So often meetings in Cambridge between people who used to be good friends at School fall so flat that neither party has the slightest desire to repeat them. The chance that a first term at Cambridge offers to move freely in a circle of one's own choosing rather than in the restricted and compulsory world of K.E.S. is a factor which often alters people, and hence relationships, out of all recognition. The Tudor Club should, and, I think, does respect the opinions of defaulting O.E.s rather than condemn them. We have not the slightest wish to bring undue and fruitless pressure to bear on those to whom School has become a world which they want to forget. Young men detest being reminded that they were once younger and less mature than they are at present. Such an organisation as the Tudor Club must have aspects that are liable to prove totally repelling to the self-centred and independent-minded undergraduate. At present, for instance, there is almost too wide a differentiation between oldest and youngest O.E.s as National Service passes away. Not all members of the Tudor Club know each other or have even heard of one another. Any old-boy club is always in danger of becoming a breeding-ground for 'chappery' of the most hearty and worthless kind, a practice ground for 'old-school-tie' bores, and a training-ground for those who aspire to sink their liquor with nonchalant ease. If this were all the Tudor Club amounted to, its salvation would have been a waste of time. But many believe that it can still fulfil a satisfactory function in the social life of Cambridge. Not by holding frequent meetings, for it would then be attempting to claim for itself an importance undeserved in theory and unjustified in practice. It must not consider itself as the natural centre of an O.E.'s social life in the University. Too much bludgeoning for support would bring about the Club's death through consistent lack of it. But by offering an occasional opportunity for O.E.s to meet, in a variety of surroundings, to relax and discuss not other O.E.s nor how the School is doing at Rugger, nor what Mr. Biggs used to say at Speech Day Rehearsals, but anything else under the sun, the Tudor Club could be a most attractive proposition.

I am being neither patriotic nor self-satisfied if I say that what can be guaranteed at Tudor Club meetings (but not in many aspects of Cambridge social life) are qualities of intelligence and of pleasantness. If we can continue to offer these qualities then the Club deserves to flourish. We hope that those about to come up to Cambridge will not write the Club off as a useless bore before they arrive. I think it is fitting to conclude by congratulating those O.E.s who have distinguished themselves in the academic and social worlds of Cambridge, and to ignore the claims to fame of those who may or may not have slept for 24 hours in the University Library or sung 16th Century Madrigals from a punt under Clare Bridge in the middle of a snowstorm. There is rather more to Cambridge than pleasant flippancies.

J. C. FIELD (CANTABRIGIENSIS).

SIR,

May I in your columns advertise a few facts concerning the facilities which exist at the School for Athletics ?

For the past few years we have been using for our matches the excellent facilities at the University Track, and for this use we are most grateful to the University authorities. Unfortunately, in the near future the School's use of the track will be limited by the claims of other schools, clubs and associations. In order to establish systematic training for most of the year, at School, it is vital to have a permanent track and field events area. As it seems that these will soon no longer be available at the University, it is even more important that as soon as possible they are laid out on the School fields, which could now seem to be easily large enough to accommodate them.

In view of the most excellent conditions for play enjoyed by those engaged in other sports at the School, I think this is a reasonable appeal.

Yours, etc.,

D. A. WEBB.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR APRIL 1st, 1960, to MARCH 31st, 1961

INCOME				£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE				£	s.	d.
To Governors' Grant	..	..	..	300	0	0	By Football	..	..	..	315	12	3
„ Heath Testimonial Fund	..	..	..	10	17	0	„ Cricket	..	..	..	454	18	1
„ Levett Trust	..	..	..	10	10	0	„ Athletics	..	..	..	48	18	11
„ Mayo Trust	..	..	..	13	14	8	„ Swimming	..	..	..	70	14	11
„ Old Boys' Permanent Contributory Fund	..	..	..	7	13	8	„ Fives	..	..	..	177	13	3
„ Solomon Memorial Trust	..	..	..	1	19	10	„ Tennis	..	..	..	83	17	6
„ Honorary Members' Subscriptions	..	..	..	73	2	0	„ Squash Rackets	..	..	..	14	10	8
„ Boys' Subscriptions	..	..	..	695	0	0	„ Fencing	..	..	..	9	7	9
„ Grant from School Stock	..	..	..	480	0	0	„ Rowing	..	..	..	43	1	3
				£1592	17	2	„ Cross Country Running	..	..	..	9	13	9
							„ Shooting	..	..	..	9	16	3
(Signed) J. C. ROBERTS, <i>Hon. Treasurer.</i>							„ Chess	..	..	..	20	7	5
Examined and found correct,							„ CHRONICLE	..	..	..	251	18	6
B. D. GRAY							„ Civic Society	..	..	..	7	6	
M. D. WILLETTS							„ Art Society	..	..	..	8	0	
							„ Modern Language Society	..	..	..	3	18	3
							„ Philatelic Society	..	..	..	9	7	
							„ Railway and Model Engineering Society	..	..	..	1	0	0
Expenditure for year ending March 31st, 1961	..	..	..	1593	9	3	„ Aeronautical and Model Aviation Society	..	..	..	0	16	6
Deficit brought forward, April 1st, 1960	..	..	..	20	7	1	„ Christian Guild	..	..	..	3	3	9
				1613	16	4	„ Printing and Stationery	..	..	..	68	5	2
Receipts for year ending March 31st, 1961	1592	17	2	„ Postage and Telephone	4	0	0
							„ Bank Charges	10	0	
Deficit carried forward, April 1st, 1961	£20	19	2					£1593	9	3

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O.E. MEMBERSHIP

The Old Edwardians' Association has two main objects. The first is to maintain touch between the School and Old Boys, and between Old Boys themselves. The second, very closely related to the first, is to provide in Birmingham a centre for those Old Edwardians who live in and around Birmingham. This latter object has become of much greater importance now that the School is no longer in New Street, and by providing Club Rooms in the centre of Birmingham the Association ensures that Old Boys may be able to meet their friends in a Club which provides all the amenities of the normal social club.

Those members who do not wish to avail themselves of the advantages of the Club rooms can become Honorary members of the Association, a class of 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, but does not entitle the member to the use of the club rooms.

To secure the best results from the Club rooms it is essential that there be a large number of Town members and to this end the cost of full membership is carefully graduated.

The welfare and traditions of the School depend to a great extent upon a strong Old Edwardians' Association, and the ideal is that every boy leaving school should give the Association his active support. Printed below is a list of the grades of membership with the subscriptions.

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

	£	s.	d.
TOWN MEMBERS (full) residing or having a place of business within 15 miles of the Club Rooms	12	12	0
Town Members (full) under age 21	2	10	0
Town Members (full) under age 30	6	6	0
COUNTRY MEMBERS	2	2	0
UNIVERSITY MEMBERS , attending as students any university outside Birmingham	1	5	0
HONORARY MEMBERS not less than (Commutable in a sum of £10 10s. 0d.)	0	10	0
School Leavers may, on payment of £5 5s. 0d., become honorary members for twelve years.			

N. J. F. CRAIG,
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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.

