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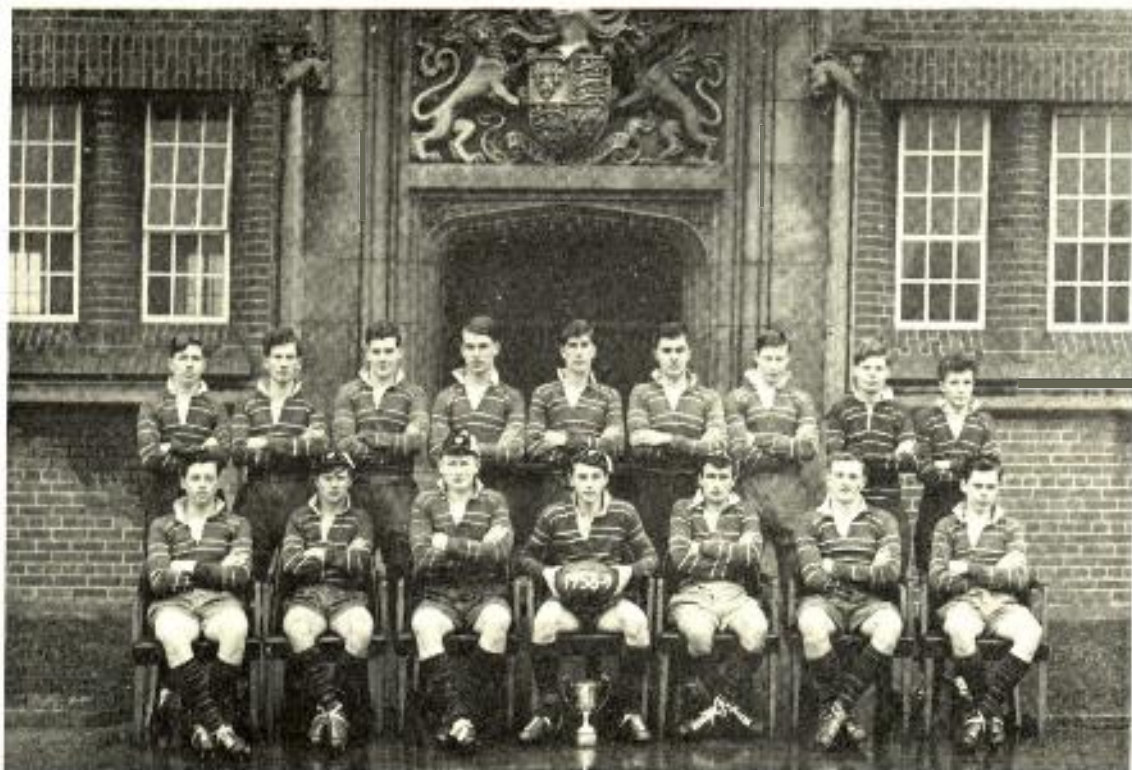
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The aims of the CHRONICLE, as stated in the first of the present series, March, 1875 :

- (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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# THE XV, 1958-59

*Back Row (left to right):* P. J. TYRER; T. P. LEE; G. E. STOLLARD; R. F. WATERHOUSE; J. H. SIEGLE; D. R. ELLISON;  
J. C. MASON; D. K. BRAY; P. P. FORD.

*Front Row (left to right):* C. J. WOOD (1958-59); W. E. ODDIE (1958-59); I. T. KNOWLES (*Vice-Captain*) (1956-57-58-59);  
D. K. LINDLEY (*Captain*) (1955-56-57-58-59); P. B. M. MATHEWS (*Secretary*) (1957-58-59); P. DAVIES (1958-59);  
L. J. STAGG (1958-59).

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## EDITORIAL

As I look out this Spring morning the sun is piercing the fogs of Winter in which we have been muffled for so long. A new land is appearing before our School, and soon this great building will be seen to the best advantage, above a rolling vista of green ; this building which has an appearance of strength and permanence, and seems to grow from the hill on which it is founded.

The building is symbolical of the King Edward's Foundation. Too often, editorials such as this are devoted to criticism and complaint. But I say we have every reason to be proud of our present generation at School. Firmly founded on the heritage of over four hundred years, we continue to flourish in the academic world and the field of sport. This realization of our achievements should not lead to complacency, but rather should stimulate our younger members to greater efforts, that they may emulate success. Frequent criticism too often leads to despondency, and despondency can never breed success. Therefore, in the words of Dickens' Mr. Chadband—" Let us be joyful ! "

This term, a term when fog and flu have dulled the senses, life has been hectic. The conflicting fevers of flu and over-activity have contrived to bring a haggard look to many faces. Let us hope that the advent of Spring will bring new life and vigour to the weary, who have struggled to keep the machine of School-life in motion. There is even now a sense of expectancy in the air as all look forward to the palmy days of summer and the click of the bat. We look beyond the toil and sweat of cross-country running, beyond the tension of athletics, to the delicious coolness of the swimming pool and the warmth of grass. And so life goes on . . .

## NOTES AND NEWS

### SCHOOL DIARY

The Michaelmas Term began on Thursday, 18th September and ended on Thursday, 18th December. Half-term was taken from Friday, 31st October until Monday, 3rd November.

The General Committee of the School Club met on 22nd September to approve the election of officers and committees for the coming year.

The first Holy Communion of the term was celebrated in the Chapel on Tuesday, 23rd September.

Cadets and Scouts terrorized the neighbourhood on 3rd October, Field Day.

Founder's Day Prize-giving was held on Saturday, 11th October, when the prizes were distributed by the Bailiff, Professor O. Hood-Phillips.

On 24th and 25th October we saw one of the infrequent Common-room plays. "Romanoff and Juliet" was a great success, which revealed much hidden talent.

On Saturday, 8th November, the School made its biennial pilgrimage to Charford for the Bromsgrove match. The School, players and spectators, rose to the occasion and retained the Siviter-Smith Cup, winning by nine points to nil.

The C.C.F. paraded on Sunday, 16th November, at Edgbaston Old Church, where Major-General R.C.O. Headley took the salute.

The Chapel Choir gave its Christmas Recital at 1-0 p.m. on Monday, 15th December.

The Carol Service was held on the evenings of 15th and 16th December.

The Instrumental section of the House Music Competition took place on Wednesday, 17th December, when a number of people were seen to wield instruments with a certain amount of skill. Mr. Meredith Davies was the adjudicator.

Another successful Prefects' Ball was held on Tuesday, 30th December.

The Lent term began on Thursday, 15th January, and the first Holy Communion was held on Tuesday, 27th January.

The Foundation Service took place on Thursday, 29th January, in St. Martin's Church. It was followed by the School Play—"Henry IV" Part II—which was also performed on Friday and Saturday, 30th and 31st January.

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### COMMON ROOM

We welcome the following masters :

Mr. Robbins, who came in July, to teach French and Latin.

Dr. Green and Mr. Morris, to the Science School, Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Thompson to the Department of Mathematics, and Mr. Symes, O.E., to be Director of Physical Education, all in September.

Mr. Stamp, for Mathematics, and Mr. Ruddock, O.E., for Science, both in January.

We congratulate :

Mr. Chapman, on his marriage in July to Miss Elizabeth Flack.

Mr. Robbins, on his marriage in September to Miss Eileen Lemon.

Mr. and Mrs. Symes, on the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, on September 11th.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent, on the birth of a son, Andrew Peter, on September 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolton, on the birth of a son, Richard James, on December 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. Buttle, on the birth of a son, Richard, on February 4th.

Mr. Robertson, on his appointment as Senior Modern Languages Master at St. Michael and St. George's School, Iringa, Tanganyika. Mr. Robertson left in December after just over eight years at King Edward's, during which time he gave much of his abundant energy, both mental and physical, to many sides of School life. Outside the classroom he played a full part in the athletic, military, social, tourist and, when opportunity offered, histrionic activities, and his pungent comments on topics of all sorts brought many a discussion back to earth.

We record with deep regret the death of Mr. J. D. Lean, Headmaster of King's School, Pontefract, who taught French at K.E.S. from 1930 to 1939. For some years he was Housemaster of the House now called Heath, and will be remembered by those whom he taught as a friendly and skilful teacher.

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## PREFECTS' ROOM

P. DAVIES has been appointed Captain of the School.

I. T. KNOWLES has been appointed Vice-Captain of the School.

The following gentlemen have been appointed Prefects :

R. BARTON : Secretary Debating Society ; C.S.M. in C.C.F. (*Heath*).

D. K. BRAY : Sub-Treasurer of the School Club ; House Captain (*Gifford*).

R. T. COTTON : Captain of Athletics ; House Captain (*Levet*).

J. C. FIELD : Secretary Railway and Model Engineering Society ; A.S.M. in Scouts (*Gifford*).

R. C. HEADING : Sub-editor of the CHRONICLE (*Evans*).

G. M. HENMAN : Editor of the CHRONICLE ; Secretary Modern Language Society ; Secretary Closed Circle ; House Captain ; A.S.M. in Senior Scouts (*Heath*).

B. HUGHES : A.S.M. in Senior Scouts (*Jeune*).



M. S. JONES : House Captain (*Prince Lee*).  
 T. P. LEE : Captain of Cricket ; House Captain ; Under Officer in C.C.F. (*Vardy*).  
 J. MARRIOT : Secretary of Chess (*Levett*).  
 M. D. RADFORD : Captain of Chess (*Prince Lee*).  
 A. R. ROBERTSON : School Recorder ; Secretary Scientific Society (*Jeune*).  
 R. F. L. WILKINS : Secretary of Cricket ; Secretary Film Society ; Secretary Photographic Society ; C.S.M. in C.C.F. (*Vardy*).  
 W. E. ODDIE : (*Heath*).  
 R. A. WALTERS : House Captain (*Cary Gilson*).  
 The following gentlemen have left :  
 A. E. H. HORNIG (1951-58) : Prefect, 1958 ; Captain of Cricket, 1958 ; Secretary of Cricket, 1957 ; Cricket Colours, 1957-58 ; XXII Colours, 1956-57-58 ; A.S.M. in Senior Scouts, 1958 ; Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge (*Gifford*).  
 J. C. KELLY (1951-58) : Prefect, 1958 ; Sub-Treasurer of the School Club, 1958 ; Sergeant in R.A.F. Section ; Trinity Hall, Cambridge (*Cary Gilson*).

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## CARTLAND ROOM

There have been changes ; the antique clock has at last started to go after some gentle persuasion, and—remarkable event—the spirit of intellectualism has invaded the Cartland Room in the form of chess, which is played avidly by both jazz-minded scientists, and aeschylus-minded classicists. We can only hope this habit will endure, for of intellectual conversations there have been very few. J.D.Y.P.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

The following elections have been made :

*At Oxford :*

L. A. Davies to an Open Scholarship in Classics at University College.  
 J. D. Y. Peel to a Domus Scholarship in Classics at Balliol College.  
 B. A. Richards, to an Open Exhibition in English at Brasenose College.  
 J. F. Humphries to an Open Exhibition in Natural Science at Christ Church.

*At Cambridge :*

J. W. Jordan to an Organ Scholarship at Emmanuel College.  
 M. J. Fry to a Minor Scholarship in Modern Languages at Corpus Christi.  
 J. A. Reeves, to a Minor Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Queens' College.  
 E. K. Turner to a Minor Scholarship in History at Trinity College.  
 G. M. Henman to an Exhibition in English at Queens' College.



W. E. Oddie to an Exhibition in English at Pembroke College.  
D. G. Pearson, to an Exhibition in Mathematics and Physics at Trinity College.

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## COLOURS

We congratulate :

I. T. Knowles and P. B. M. Mathews on the re-award of School Rugby Football Colours.

W. E. Oddie, C. J. Wood, P. Davies and L. J. Stagg on the award of School Rugby Football Colours.

J. H. Siegle, P. P. Ford, D. K. Bray, R. F. Waterhouse, G. E. Stollard, D. R. Ellison, T. P. Lee and J. C. Mason on the award of XXX Colours.

A. S. Brode on the award of School Lawn Tennis Colours.

C. J. Wood on the re-award of School Shooting Colours.

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## CHAPEL NOTES

Services were continued as usual last term, although attendances at Evensong and Evening prayers were disappointing. I would like to remind the school of the existence of Matins. The Friday services so far held this term have been well attended. During the first four Friday evening services a series of addresses on Christian Unity was given. The first three speakers were visitors and the course was concluded by the Chief Master, who is chairman of the Birmingham Council of Churches. The Lent addresses this term are to be given by The Rev. Christopher Martineau, vicar of All Saints', Shard End. We hope for the usual good attendances at these Lent services, especially from the Sixth Form.

Singing by the Chapel Choir has retained its high quality under the guidance of the new Director of Music, Mr. T. N. Tunnard.

Thanks are due to A. H. Woodward, last year's Chapel keeper, for the gift of a Revised Standard Version of the Bible for use in the Chapel.

The collections at the Holy Communion last term were given to the Church of South India and the Asia Christian Colleges. E.N.B.H.

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## THE LIBRARY

1,350 books were borrowed officially in the Michaelmas Term, over a hundred more than in Michaelmas Term, 1957, which held the previous record, although a disappointing fall off in the succeeding terms resulted in an annual circulation that was about the average of 2,500. Unfortunately, there is evidence that a similar number of books leave the Library unofficially, many never to return.

This year the percentage of members of the School equipped with Library tickets has fallen slightly ; few scientists possess them and most members of the Middle School seem to display an aversion to reading.

They claim that the Library contains inadequate numbers of books relevant to their requirements, but Mr. Blount always welcomes sensible suggestions for new works.

Many extremely useful books have been added to the Library recently, a large number of them having been presented. In particular, thanks are extended to Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Lee, Dr. C. R. Mayou, and last year's leavers for a very large and varied selection. Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Walker presented the biography of King George VI, and the prefects of 1957-8 the latest volume of the *Oxford History of Technology*, two most valuable works.

New books have entered the Library in such a swift flow that it has been found necessary to put duplicate and little-used books from the Biography, History and English sections on the new upper shelves in order to make room below. These books are now only obtainable on request to a Librarian, as it is not considered expedient to allow members of the School use of the ladders.

Thanks are due to the Librarians who endeavour to keep books and people in order and to Mr. Blount who skilfully guides and encourages all.

R.H.D.

### THE SCHOOL WEATHER STATION

During 1958 the School's ten meteorologists continued their daily task of braving the elements in order to record them at an extremely exposed area near the top of the Main Drive. The results of their labours are given in tabular form below, together with certain of the averages and extremes for the period 1947-56 (inclusive) which have recently been completed.

The year 1958 was a disappointing one from the meteorologists' point of view, for no records were broken, either for warmth or cold, wetness or drought. Unfortunately, although the School possesses a sunshine recorder, there is no suitable location for it, but the cynics might say that in 1958 it would have recorded no more sunshine outside than it did on top of the cupboard in Geography Room "A" !

	1958	Mean, 1947—56	Extreme 1947—56
Absolute Maximum temp. of year . . .	79°F, July 9	82°F	88°, 1947
Absolute Minimum temp. of year . . .	22° Jan. 24	20°F	5°, 1947
Lowest Maximum temp. of year . . .	31° Jan. 23	29°F	21°, 1956
Highest Maximum temp. of year . . .	61° Sept. 5	60°F	62°, 1950
Warmest month of year	July, 61°F	July, 62°	Aug., 1955, 64†
Coldest month of year	Feb., 39°F	Jan., 38°	Feb., 1947, 29
Wettest month of year	Sept., 3·60"	Oct.*	Nov., 1954, 6·01"
Driest month of year	April, 0·63"	April*	Aug., 1947, 0·00†
Wettest day of year	June 3rd, 0·97"	1·05"	31 Dec., 1948, 1·85"
No. of days with snow lying in year . .	15	15	35, 1947 and 55

#### NOTES :

\*October and April have on five occasions been the wettest and driest months of the year respectively.

†Probably exceeded in August, 1957, when daily readings were not taken.

‡Estimated figure.

R.H.D.

## **SPEECH DAY, 1958**

Sixth-form Speech Day was held on Saturday, July 19th, when the distinguished visitor was Lord Denning, Lord of Appeal in Ordinary. After the prize declamations had been made, the Lord Mayor in a brief speech urged young people to take a practical interest in voluntary work. The Chief Master, in his report, declared that K.E.S. was one of the most democratic institutions in existence, where there was true equality of opportunity and where class distinction was entirely absent. He bewailed the lack of "Firsts" won by Old Edwardians at Oxford and Cambridge, and recorded that 75 per cent. of the School leavers were going on to universities. Lord Denning presented the prizes, and in his speech said that every boy had a part to play in the formation of public opinion, and that he should fulfil his responsibilities in society.

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## **FOUNDER'S DAY, 1958**

Founder's Day was celebrated on Saturday, 11th October, when the chief guest was the Bailiff, Professor O. Hood-Phillips, the public orator of Birmingham University. The Chief Master, making his report, announced the work in progress on the new science laboratories, which would be completed in time to receive next year's flood of "would-be scientists." This year, boys specialising in science and maths. outnumbered those taking arts subjects by more than two to one; next year this would be three to one. Sixty-one of the 100 School leavers in July went on to university, a lower number than previously because it was becoming increasingly difficult for boys of moderate intelligence to secure university places. He singled out the Chemistry Department for special praise with regard to the results of the "A" level G.C.E.

Professor Hood-Phillips said that Oxford and Cambridge were skimming off too much of the cream of school leavers, and raised the question of whether the state of affairs in which the ancient universities attracted all boys of high intelligence should continue.

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## **OLD TOM**

On Wednesday, 14th January, Mr. Tom Macdonald, Old Edwardian, celebrated his 100th birthday at his home in Salisbury, Rhodesia. A former sea cook, bookmaker's assistant, prospector and, for many years, the oldest working journalist in Africa, Mr. Macdonald is a veteran pioneer of Rhodesia and the oldest inhabitant of Salisbury.

Among the many telegrams, he received one from the Queen, and another from his old school, which read: "From out of your distant past old boys and present boys of King Edward's School send you proudest congratulations and heartiest greetings on your hundredth birthday."

## SCHOOL NOTES

The end of the Summer term was marked by a sudden blossoming of dramatic talent. An enterprising stage-reading of Dylan Thomas' "Under Milk Wood" was effectively presented by darkening the stage and illuminating only the faces of the readers. The performance was well worth hearing, if only for the variety of Welsh accents.

The Scouts' Gang-show-cum-revue—"Sing As We Go"—was a great success, and most enjoyable for both cast and audience. The inevitable technical hitches added immensely to the interest.

During the summer holiday a School party under the leadership of Mr. Benett visited Iceland. The expedition is reported elsewhere in the CHRONICLE.

The School was recently featured in the "Illustrated London News," and the original drawings by Dennis Flanders have since been purchased for the School Library.

Members of School contributed a large number of exhibits for the section of school art in the recent *Conversazione* at the Birmingham and Midland Institute.

We congratulate A. Cowie on gaining entrance to Sandhurst.

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## OLD EDWARDIAN LETTER

SIR,

Since the Thirteenth Triennial Dinner was held at the School, and as usual, owed almost everything to the hospitality and organising ability of the Chief Master, this letter must open with an expression of gratitude which, I know, would be endorsed by every O.E. present—some three hundred *plus*.

We were delighted the Chief Master had invited as a Guest his immediate predecessor, Mr. T. E. B. Howarth, and that this time Mr. Howarth was able to accept. Those who had known him at School found him little changed: the polished wit and his speech proposing "The School" was characteristic, as were the occasional barbed arrows so neatly aimed. It was good to know he still thinks well of us.

Among O.E.s present was one we were to lose within a few weeks—"Joe" Manton, at the School as a boy and later as a master and thereafter for many years Headmaster of Aston. Manton, despite a little deafness, was at his cheerful and vigorous best; and it was a great shock to hear of his death. A splendid footballer, a cricketer in the first class, a fine scholar, and a well-read man, Manton never seemed to realise how highly his fellows rated him—as boy, as Old Boy, as schoolmaster. He never saw his own greatness, and his modesty was no small part of his charm. His services to School and Association will always be remembered, and hundreds of O.E.s, of all generations, know they have lost a friend.

On the morning after the Dinner, there was a pleasant function at Streetsbrook Road, when the handsome wrought-iron gates of the Association's new football and cricket ground were formally opened.

These are the gift of F. H. Viney, O.E. and Governor, yet another of his many benefactions. A bright morning showed the new ground at its best. Though there is work on the turf still to be done and the pavilion still to be built, a definite date has been fixed for the first football match. On Saturday, October 24th, we shall play Moseley, and a distinguished company of guests will be present. We hope the School will be there in force. After all, it is for you and your successors this ground has been acquired—at the cost and quite considerable sacrifice by your fore-runners.

Between now and October, at any rate, we hope you will go and see it. No boy who has learned his cricket and football at the School should be in doubt about the Clubs he joins when he leaves ; but this ground, soon to be among the best in the country, should be an added inducement to playing cricket and football for the Old Edwardians. Cricket, we hope, will be going strong in 1960—but a good “square” needs patience in preparation.

Our cricketers so far as weather allowed, had a pretty good season ; our football XV has been playing better and with more success than for many years. But, as the presence of our Oxford and Cambridge players demonstrates twice yearly, we shall get much better results when we can count on all available talent. Bramley, you will have noted, is playing for Oxford this term. He was perhaps a shade unlucky not to get his Blue last December and we wish him better luck in 1959.

One other athletic activity : an Eton Fives Section has been formed. Those interested should consult G. I. A. Taylor, of the Association.

Congratulations to a not very strong School XI on the show put up against a formidable O.E. side on Speech Day.

Congratulations to the XV on a much better season than some had expected—and, of course, on beating Bromsgrove once more. What a genius Mr. Parry is at making the best of his material.

And, of course, best of luck in the “Sevens.”

O.E.

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## CAMBRIDGE LETTER

SIR,

From the foggy fastnesses of our frozen fenland greetings to our “alma mater” and her present generation ! The Tudor Club flourishes as never before, with some seventy members gracing its ranks. Over all shines the benign countenance of our President, J. H. Wilson (Trinity Hall), who divides his time between this Club and the College XV, of which he is captain. At the Observatory, J. B. Haseler (Caius) has acquired fame as a Sputnik tracker, while the University Jazz Club is firmly held in the grip of President G. D. Clark (St. John's) and band-leader G. H. Brindley (Selwyn). M. Wilkins (St. John's) has become famous—or notorious—as an eloquent and convivial darts player. B. S. Adams (Pembroke) is the proud possessor of a luxuriant moustache, the first in the Club for some years. N. Joseph (Queens) is heard in the Union frequently, but is rarely seen otherwise. R. K. Wilson and J. Mulford (both Corpus)



are high in popularity on the south side of the city and have both been seen on a rugger field at times. J. M. Whitmarsh (Trinity) follows his own way, which does not unfortunately coincide with those of his contemporaries. R. Whitfield (St. John's) reads Japanese.

This year's Treasurer, A. P. Round (Clare), wears a perpetual frown, due possibly to the approach of Tripes, but more probably the effect of examining the Club's bank balance. Our Secretary, B. H. Sharpe (St. John's), is the fortunate possessor of spacious rooms, and "volunteers" them for most Club meetings.

Your correspondent has now, Sir, laid himself wide open to actions in libel, and therefore purports to retire behind a discreet curtain of anonymity, but not before relaying the Club's belated, but no less sincere, wishes for a prosperous 1959 to you and all your contemporaries.

CANTABRIGIENSIS.

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## SCHOOL TEAMS

### FOOTBALL

A young and inexperienced XV, with only three old colours, has performed creditably throughout the season. The main fault in most games, apart from those against Solihull, Warwick and Bromsgrove, was the failure of the forwards to gain possession. This was, perhaps, because they were not as physically strong as the opposing packs, but also because there was sometimes a lack of concentration, particularly after the start of the second half. Even when we did catch the ball in the line-out we were often deprived of it.

The defence in general was very good. Against Denstone, it was penetrated, but this was the only match which we lost decisively. Monmouth could have been defeated by successful goal kicking.

One main factor contributing to our success has been our ability to fight back in the closing stages of the game. Against Wrekin we fought back from 5-11 down to a 13-11 victory.

The outstanding features of the side have been Mathews at full back, the defensive work of the three-quarters, the spirited work of Knowles in the mauls, and of Staggs and Davies in the loose. The general physical fitness of the team has been good.

The best performance of the XV was against Bromsgrove whom the School have defeated for the past eight seasons. In the battle for the Siviter-Smith cup, Bromsgrove have fourteen wins and this season the School has gone ahead with fifteen.

Two new fixtures were played. Monmouth defeated the XV as also did the visitors from Ireland—The Methodist College, Belfast. They were, perhaps, more suited to aquatics than we were! J. C. Green collected together a XV which played the School during half-term. A hard, open game was enjoyed by both teams.

The 2nd XV has not had a good season. Against superior opposition, they have been heavily defeated on several occasions. Lack of outstanding talent and inconsistency in the team has helped in creating these defeats. The team has been cheerfully captained by G. M. Henman.

The 3rd XV has won three and lost two matches. There has been an excellent spirit in the team and they have enjoyed their sport, well captained by M. S. Jones.

The U.16 XV after a promising beginning, faded away towards the end of the season, though they lost several matches only by narrow margins. Potentially the backs have power but have rarely been seen in full action. This team should produce some useful players for next year.

The U.15 XV once again have not had a very successful season, scoring only one victory. Although full of good players, the team lacked cohesion.

The U.14 XV has done moderately well, winning several games. This keen side has deserved its victories.

The XV owes its success to the efforts of Mr. Parry, through his guidance and ability to make most out of the material available. To him, above all people, our thanks are especially due. Also we must record our thanks to Mr. Robbins for his keen interest and practical help in making the team conversant with current trends in first class rugby, to Mr. Cotter who has driven us through circuits with success, and to Messrs. Webb, Hall, Sacret, Hodges, Axford and Buttle for the organisation of the other school teams. To the Chief Master, the School, friends and parents, who have loyally supported the XV throughout the season, we give our thanks.

D. K. LINDLEY

*(Captain of Football).*

### **THE XV v. BROMSGROVE**

*At Charford. Won 9 pts. to nil.*

Conditions were perfect when the XV took to the field. There was a light wind and the pitch was in a good, firm condition. In front of a large crowd, the XV defeated Bromsgrove in a fast, open game, by 9 pts. to nil. Only at one stage did the School not control the game. This was just after the beginning of the second half.

The XV having won the toss, played with the slight slope advantage. After both sides had tested each other out, the School settled down well. The pack played together and the ball was moved along the line many times.

The first score came after we had held Bromsgrove in their 25 and went over for a push-over try credited to Staggs. Bromsgrove replied by driving the ball into our own half and holding it there.

Thus the score was 3 pts. to nil at half time. The XV started the second half slowly and allowed Bromsgrove to attack. Mathews, at full back, playing a very good game, came into the line and this resulted in a try by Lindley.



The XV were now on top. Superior fitness gained us the upper hand and Knowles was driving the forwards well and hard, the ball being moved smoothly. Davies after forcing his way through the Bromsgrove team went over for an unconverted try.

Among other good performances of the team, Oddie had an outstanding game. He handled the ball superbly and gave the School backs swift, efficient service.

The XV had reached its peak at the appropriate time and had thus retained the Siviter-Smith cup for yet another year.

## THE XV v. WREKIN COLLEGE

*At Eastern Road. Won 13 pts. to 11 pts.*

The School won this exciting match because it took its chances. In the opening stages we had a good share of the ball, as they were playing only seven men in the forwards. Ford found a gap in their defence near their line and went over for a try converted by Siegle. By the middle of the match we were continually losing the ball. Wrekin were awarded a penalty and the score at half time was 5 pts. to three.

In the second half, Wrekin were awarded two penalties, one of which was a penalty try. This made the score 11 pts. to 5 pts. in their favour when we only had about 10 minutes left.

The School responded and fought back. The pack again won the ball. Oddie gave an excellent cross-kick to Lindley who scored in the corner. In the closing stages, Lindley picked up a loose ball and went over. Siegle triumphantly converted and the match was ours.

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## CHARACTERS OF THE XV

D. K. LINDLEY (1955-6-7-8-9).

An extremely accomplished and experienced wing three-quarter with a remarkable power of acceleration, if required, and a deceptive change of stride, which qualities have enabled him to score excellent tries, particularly when going outside his man. Often his text-book tackling has saved the game. He allows opponents sometimes to pass, and then using his acceleration tackles superbly from behind.

In his second year as captain he has been very conscientious both in our training sessions, taking a personal interest in the members of the team, as well as in the heat of a match, making important decisions. Considering there were only three old colours, he has moulded a truly efficient XV. Some say our results would not have been so good without our circuit-training. I would add that without D. K. Lindley's leadership and ability we could not have had so much success.

(Captain of Jeune)  
I.T.K.

I. T. KNOWLES (1956-7-8-9).

A seasoned and tough front row forward who manages to out-scrummage most of his opponents. His experience has been of invaluable benefit to such a young pack. Is extremely fast about the field and always into the loose mauls. Makes the pack work intelligently especially in the line-outs. Through his determination and example he has led the pack with great success. As vice-captain he has been immensely keen and helpful, both on and off the field.

*(Captain of Evans.)*

P. B. M. MATHEWS (1957-8-9).

A full back who has enhanced his reputation this season with some fine performances. His positional play leaves little to be desired and whilst his kicking tends to be one-footed, the length of the kick compensates for this. Has developed the tendency to come up in attack with sound results. Elusive when in possession. Has discharged his secretarial duties with a high degree of efficiency.

*(Captain of Prince Lee.)*

W. E. ODDIE (1957-8-9).

A fly half who swings the ball well and gives an accurate pass. Under pressure, his defence is much improved, whilst in attack, he is thrusting and elusive. He has brought his diagonal kicking to a fine art and it has achieved good results.

*(Captain of Heath.)*

C. J. WOOD (1957-8-9).

A powerful centre who after an initial burst is difficult to stop once in his stride. He is a little slow up in defence but is extremely difficult to beat because of his smother tackling. Wishes that circuits and training were a figment of the imagination.

*(Gifford)*

P. DAVIES (1958-9).

Initially a three-quarter, but soon found his vocation as lock. Uses his speed and physique to excellent purpose in an intelligent covering of the ground. Tackles ferociously with damaging effects. Usually covers himself with blood during a match.

*(Prince Lee)*

D. K. BRAY (1958-9).

A wing three-quarter possessing a deceptive turn of speed. Has regained his confidence this season and continues to tackle well. Makes use of the inside pass in attack and kicks successfully in defence. Sometimes has difficulty in throwing a straight ball.

*(Captain of Gifford)*

J. H. SIEGLE (1958-9).

A young centre who shows much promise. He handles well and possesses an extremely elusive run. His defence is tight and he tackles low and hard. Kicks for the team, sometimes with great success. Has been observed to stroll quietly through the opposition.

*(Gifford)*

P. P. FORD (1958-9).

A small scrum half who has played courageously throughout the season, in spite of knocks. An accurate but slow pass. Must learn to swing the ball more. At his best upon a muddy ground.

*(Evans)*

**L. J. STAGG (1958-9).**

A lively and energetic hooker who has held his own throughout the season. Strikes cleanly and quickly, providing the backs with a good service. At home in a loose maul, alert in the loose. Always likes to have his say. (Evans)

**R. F. WATERHOUSE (1958-9).**

Tall, loose-limbed prop who manages to tuck away his inches in the tight. Jumps hard, catches cleanly, and provides the scrum-half with a good ball. Bursts away quickly in the loose. (Jeune)

**D. R. ELLISON (1958-9).**

A young, second row forward who enjoys the combat of the loose maul. Although inexperienced, has done well against more seasoned players, particularly in his jumping. Needs to be a little tougher, physically. (Evans)

**G. E. STOLLARD (1958-9).**

A strong second row forward who has learnt his job well this season. A good jumper with safe hands. Works hard in the tight and often uses the open ground to advantage. (Cary Gilson)

**T. P. LEE (1958-9).**

A wily wing forward who has made the opponents' plans go astray many times. Always alert to the false move. He moves about with speed. Handles well and has a devastating break, especially from the loose maul. Has scored several tries through good backing up. (Vardy)

**J. C. MASON (1958-9).**

As wing forward he has helped to keep the defence tight throughout the season. Although inclined to be slightly over-zealous, he goes for the man very hard. Has surprising speed in the loose and scrags well. (Jeune)

**G. J. GREGG.**

A wing three-quarter who has been a little disappointing this season. Good in attack, he must regain his confidence in defence. (Evans)

**P. J. TYRER.**

A small wing forward who is at his best with the ball at his feet. Drives the loose ball quickly and dribbles well. (Evans)

**A. D. GUEST.**

A small courageous wing forward who was most unfortunately injured at the beginning of the season. His presence has been missed throughout the season. (Evans)

The XV this term has been : P. B. M. Mathews, D. K. Bray, J. H. Siegle, C. J. Wood, D. K. Lindley, W. E. Oddie, P. P. Ford, I. T. Knowles, L. J. Stagg, R. F. Waterhouse, D. R. Ellison, G. E. Stollard, T. P. Lee, P. Davies, J. C. Mason.

Also played : A. D. Guest, P. J. Tyrer, G. J. Gregg, B. Hughes, C. W. Hughes, P. B. Rothwell.

R. F. L. Wilkins has acted loyally as touch-judge throughout the season.

# RESULTS OF MATCHES

## THE XV

Date		Opponents	Played	Result	Score
Oct.	4	Solihull	Away	Won	12 6
	11	Warwick	Home	Won	11 3
	18	Denstone College	Away	Lost	0 15
	25	Workshop College	Away	Drawn	3 3
	30	Monmouth	Home	Lost	3 9
Nov.	8	Bromsgrove	Away	Won	9 0
	15	Wrekin College	Home	Won	13 11
	29	Nottingham H.S.	Away	Drawn	3 3
Dec.	4	Ratcliffe College	Home	Won	10 6
	12	Belfast Methodist College	Home	Lost	0 13

## SECOND XV

Oct.	4	Solihull	Home	Cancelled	
	11	Warwick	Away	Lost	0 18
	18	Denstone College	Home	Won	16 3
	25	Bromsgrove	Home	Lost	8 16
Nov.	15	Tettenhall Coll. 1st	Away	Lost	0 46
	22	Sebright 1st	Away	Lost	6 28
	29	Tudor Grange G.S. 1st	Home	Lost	0 3
Dec.	13	Old Edwardians 2nd	Home	Cancelled	
Jan.	24	Lucas E. S.	Away	Won	37 0

## THIRD XV

Oct.	11	Warwick	Away	Lost	0 11
	18	Warwick	Home	Lost	0 6
Nov.	15	Tettenhall 2nd	Away	Won	18 0
	22	Sebright School 2nd	Home	Won	15 0
Dec.	6	Tudor Grange 2nd	Away	Won	9 3
	13	Old Edwardians		Cancelled	

## U.16 XV

Oct.	4	Solihull	Away	Won	24 3
"	11	Warwick	Home	Won	12 3
	16	Rugby	Away	Lost	16 40
	18	Denstone College	Away	Lost	5 8
	25	Workshop College	Away	Lost	3 26
Nov.	15	Wrekin College	Home	Lost	0 23
	29	Nottingham H.S.	Away	Lost	5 9
Dec.	4	Ratcliffe College	Home	Lost	0 3
	13	Bromsgrove	Away	Lost	0 14

## U.15 XV

Oct.	4	Solihull		Cancelled	
	11	Tettenhall	Away	Won	6 5
	16	Rugby	Away	Lost	6 15
"	18	Denstone College	Home	Lost	0 6
Nov.	15	Wrekin College	Away	Lost	8 15
	22	Sebright	Away	Lost	11 14
Dec.	6	Tudor Grange G.S.	Away	Lost	0 23

## U.14 XV

Oct.	11	Tettenhall	Away	Won	6 3
	18	Warwick	Away	Lost	8 18
"	25	Tettenhall	Home	Won	18 5
Nov.	22	Sebright	Home	Won	8 3
	29	Tudor Grange G.S.	Home	Lost	0 25
Dec.	6	Moseley G.S.	Away	Lost	6 9

## U.13 XV

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct. 25	Tertenhall	Home	Won	14 0
Nov. 22	Bishop Vesey's G.S.	Away	Lost	3 5
" 27	Five Ways G.S.	Away	Lost	0 14
Dec. 6	Moseley G.S.	Away	Lost	0 19
" 11	Five Ways G.S.	Away	Lost	0 5

The three matches which were to have been played by the Old Edwardians School boys fifteen during the Christmas holidays were cancelled owing to the state of the weather.

## CRICKET

Last season only the captain, A. E. H. Hornig, showed any signs of brilliance, but his ceaseless energy was not enough to pull us together. R. A. Walters was the most successful bowler, and the only one with any real penetrative quality. The fielding was generally below standard, and only occasional flashes of neatness were seen.

Next season we hope to reward Mr. Guy and Mr. Cockle for their unfailing help and guidance throughout the year, by producing better results. This should be within our powers with eight members of the 1958 eleven still with us.

T. P. LEE (*Captain of Cricket*).

### RESULTS OF CRICKET MATCHES

#### THE XI v. DENSTONE

(*Played at Denstone, 7th June, 1958*)

Denstone .. .. 67 for 4 (Foster 29).  
Match abandoned

#### THE XI v. WADHAM COLLEGE

(*Played at Oxford, 10th June, 1958*)

Wadham College .. 171 for 3 (Perrett 99 not out, Jones 31, Walshe 24)  
The XI .. .. 93 for 5 (Hornig 33, A. C. Smith 4 for 22).

#### THE XI v. R.G.S. WORCESTER

(*Played at Worcester, 14th June, 1958*)

R.G.S. Worcester .. 114 (Dinsdale 21, Walters 5 for 46).  
The XI .. .. 69 (Hornig 22, Dinsdale 4 for 29, Morris 4 for 12).

#### THE XI v. TRENT

(*Played at Trent, 17th June, 1958*)

Trent .. .. 149 for 5 declared (Bous 54, Holden 39).  
The XI .. .. 72 for 6.

#### THE XI v. KING'S SCHOOL, WORCESTER

(*Played at Eastern Road, 21st June, 1958*)

THE XI .. .. 123 (Harper 36, Ashton 27, Haywood 4 for 30).  
KING'S SCHOOL .. 125 for 4 (Dimbleby 34, Hazeldine 36 not out).

#### THE XI v. WARWICK SCHOOL

(*Played at the County Ground, 24th June, 1958*)

Warwick .. .. 216 for 0 declared (Sale 106 not out, Coleman 103 not out).  
The XI .. .. 75 for 6 (Hornig 38, Lunn 3 for 18).

### THE XI v. THE COMMON ROOM

(Played at Eastern Road, 28th June, 1958)

Common Room	..	174 for 6 declared (J. B. Guy 42, W. Traynor 46, T. G. Freeman 51 not out).
The XI	..	118 (Rothwell 34, Hornig 35, J. B. Guy 5 for 38).

### THE "A" XI v. MALVERN 2ND XI

(Played at Malvern, 1st July, 1958)

Malvern	..	137 for 6 declared (Faridany 31, Green 26, Daniell 38 not out, Walters 5 for 27).
The "A" XI	..	44 for 2 (Lee 24). (Match abandoned)

### THE XI v. BROMSGROVE

(Played at Eastern Road, 5th July, 1958)

The XI	..	93 (Hornig 43, Mountford 5 for 13, Ashworth 4 for 12).
Bromsgrove	..	97 for 3 (Huins 27, Burnett 39, Bunn 21 not out).

### THE XI v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

(Played at Eastern Road, 15th July, 1958)

Manchester	..	127 for 6 declared (Morris 60 not out, Hornig 3 for 30).
The XI	..	76 for 8 (Harper 40, Green 6 for 25).

### THE XI v. THE OLD EDWARDIANS' ASSOCIATION

(Played at Eastern Road, 19th July, 1958)

Old Edwardians' Ass.	276 for 8 declared (Gough 33, Wilkins, M. 70, Homer 63, Kendrick 36, McClelland 38 not out).
The XI	108 for 5 (Lamping 34, Hornig 30 not out, Ashton 20).

## CRICKET AVERAGES

### BATTING (Qualification 100 runs)

		Innings	Not Out	Score	Runs	Average
A. E. H. Hornig	_____	15	4	43	250	27.77
M. J. Lamping	_____	14	2	34	179	14.93
P. B. Rothwell	_____	16	2	40*	197	14.07
J. E. T. Harper	_____	14	2	40	155	12.93
T. P. Lee	_____	13	1	37*	141	11.75

\*Not out.

### BOWLING (Qualification 10 wickets)

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
R. A. Walters	197	27	670	27	24.81
R. F. L. Wilkins	108	10	405	14	28.93
A. E. H. Hornig	138	13	600	20	30.0
R. A. Green	144	31	416	13	32.0

CATCHES : T. P. Lee, 9 ; R. A. Green, 5 ; J. E. T. Harper, 4 ; M. J. Lamping, 3 ; R. A. Walters, D. J. L. Ashton, R. F. L. Wilkins, 2 ; J. A. Fletcher, ct. 5, st. 7.

## SWIMMING

The season was begun in a quiet and hopeful manner. Although talented, the team was young and inexperienced and our prospects were therefore uncertain. Encouraged by Mr. Cotter and Mr. Cadenhead, the team embarked upon strenuous training with enthusiasm and determination.



In the circumstances results were satisfactory, as we won four matches out of ten—the water-polo continuing its unbeaten progress. On the whole, the performances were good, although we badly needed a second-string free-style swimmer.

Prospects for next season are very good as most of the team remain, and we have acquired another free-styler. As can be seen from the number of records broken, we can justifiably hope for an unbeaten season.

P. DAVIES (*Captain of Swimming*).

### RECORDS

The following records were set up during the season.

Open 50 yards free-style. 26·9 secs. D. R. Ellison.

U.16½ 50 yards free-style. 26·9 secs. D. R. Ellison.

U.16½ 100 yards free-style. 62·7 secs. D. R. Ellison.

Junior 50 yards backstroke. 34·8 secs. H. Watton.

Junior 50 yards breast-stroke. 35·8 secs. B. J. Hambidge.

U.13½ 50 yards free-style. 34·3 secs. R. C. Booth.

U.13½ 50 yards breast-stroke. 42·3 secs. R. C. Booth.

U.13½ 33½ yards back-stroke. 27 secs. C. B. Tedd.

### THE SPORTS

The Sports, held at Woodcock Street Baths on the 18th July, were the usual success. For this we thank Mrs. Cadenhead, who presented the prizes, and all those members of the Common Room who worked so hard to make the occasion notable.

We wish Mr. Cadenhead every success in his appointment at Loughborough.

### RESULTS

#### OPEN EVENTS :

50 yards Free-Style : 1. D. R. Ellison (E) ; 2. P. Davies (P) ; 3. R. G. Titterington (L.). Time : 27·1 sec.

100 yards Free-Style : 1. D. R. Ellison (E) ; 2. R. G. Titterington (L.) ; 3. R. Bagnall (H.). Time : 64·1 sec.

200 yards Free-Style : 1. D. R. Ellison (E) ; 2. R. Bagnall (H.) ; 3. J. M. Tagg (E). Time : 2 min. 33·3 sec.

50 yards Back-Stroke : 1. P. Davies (P) ; 2. D. R. Ellison (E) ; 3. A. B. Loach (V). Time : 33·9 sec.

50 yards Butterfly : 1. P. Davies (P) ; 2. J. M. Tagg (E) ; 3. C. F. Jenkins (H). Time : 33·7 sec.

100 yards Breast-Stroke : 1. P. Davies (P) ; 2. R. Bagnall (H) ; 3. J. R. Hiam (C.). Time : 82·3 sec.

Half-Mile : 1. R. Bagnall (H.) ; 2. R. G. Titterington (L) ; 3. J. M. Tagg (E). Time : 14 min. 12·4 sec.

Dive : 1. J. M. Tagg (E) ; 2. R. Bagnall (H.) ; 3. J. C. Mason (J).

Plunge : 1. A. S. Brode (H) ; 2. J. H. Siegle (G) ; 3. R. J. K. Beaumont (V).

Distance : 45-ft. 10-in.

### TROPHIES

Carr Cup—Open Champion : P. Davies.

Junior Champion—R. H. Tedd.

Allday Shield—Levett.

### LAWN TENNIS

In contrast to the previous year, 1958 season proved to be little more than an average one, owing to the fact that the team at times played rather erratically. On off days there were some rather disastrous results ; on the other hand, there were several good wins.



We did well to reach the area final of the Glanvill Cup, and we were also successful in the Public Schools' Competition at Wimbledon. Although we lost in the first round to Eltham College we then entered the Plate Competition and defeated first, Radley College, and second, Douai. In the quarter-final we lost narrowly in the final set of a deciding single to Lancing, who went on to win the Plate. The Under Sixteen pair, J. Siegle and I. Emslie, lost in the first round of the Thomas Bowl.

The House Tennis Competition resulted in a triple tie between Heath, Jeune and Vardy. The Alan Hess Trophy for the Junior Singles was won by J. Siegle. It remains to say thank you and good-bye to Mr. Cadenhead and wish him well in his new office. He has worked very successfully in promoting the standard of tennis in the School. We welcome back Mr. Osborne in his place, and look forward to his guidance in the coming seasons.

B. H. SHAW (*Captain of Lawn Tennis*).

<i>Date</i>		<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
May	3	VI v. Nottingham High School	Home	Lost	0—9
	10	VI v. Wyggeston School	Home	Won	5—4
	21	VIII v. The Masters	Home	Won	5—3
	24	VI v. Kettering Grammar School	Home	Lost	1—2
		VI v. Ratcliffe College	Home	Won	3—0
June	5	VI v. Rugby School	Away	Lost	3—6
	7	VI v. Denstone College	Away	Abandoned	
"	14	VI v. The Leys School	Away	Lost	0—3
		VI v. St. Albans School	Away	Lost	1—2
	17	VI v. Trent College	Away	Lost	2—7
"	18	IV v. Goldeslie L.T.C.	Away	Won	4—0
	22	VIII v. The Masters	Home	Drawn	4—4
July	1	VI v. Malvern College	Away	Won	7—2
	5	VI v. Solihull School	Away	Won	6—3
	12	VI v. Manchester Grammar School	Home	Lost	3—6
	28	IV v. Eltham College	Away	Lost	0—2
	29	IV v. Radley College	Away	Won	2—0
"	30	IV v. Douai	Away	Won	2—0
		IV v. Lancing School	Away	Lost	1—2

## ETON FIVES

This year's rather young and inexperienced team has had little success so far. During the Christmas term matches were played against Repton and a strong Old Citizens side. At the end of term a six-pair match was played against the Old Edwardians. This pleasant function was drawn 3-3, but the School lost one more game than the Old Edwardians. The annual London Tour again took place at the end of the holidays. Hard, but enjoyable, matches were lost to City of London, Old Citizens, and St. Olave's. It was interesting to see how much the standard of play at St. Olave's has been raised over the last twelve months, by the determined efforts of a few players. The game with a Highgate team, which included the winners of last year's Public Schools Competition, was drawn.

Much hard practice is still needed before the Public Schools' Competition at Easter, but it is not only the School players who need to practise. Fives is, perhaps more than other games, a sport which needs

continual practice at and thought about its skills. There is a wide interest in the game in the School—some sixty-seven pairs having entered for the Handicap Competition, and it is to be hoped that most of them will have a serious attitude towards the game.

The House competition is speeding to its close. After a number of freak results it would be dangerous to hazard a guess as to the likely winners.

The Old Edwardians' Fives Club is becoming established this year. We wish them luck in their matches and thank them for all the help they have given to the school team. In this respect A. Hughes has been invaluable. We welcome K.E.G.S. Five Ways, at Bartley Green, to the brotherhood, and hope they have much pleasure and success in their new courts.

Finally it is my pleasant duty to convey the thanks of all players in the School, and particularly of School players, to Mr. Smith for his efficient organisation, apparently infinite patience and encouraging words.

R. J. ROBERTS (*Captain of Eton Fives*).

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## ATHLETICS PROSPECT

Last season was the most successful that the athletics team has had for many years, and we can look forward to the coming season with confidence, since the team of track athletes remains almost intact from last season. It is to be hoped that the weekly circuit-training will be well-attended, and that weight training may improve the standard of field athletics. Negotiations are in progress to increase the fixture list, thus extending the athletics season into the first month of the summer term, but how successful these will be remains to be seen.

We all welcome Mr. Symes, an Old Edwardian, who is now Master in charge of Athletics, in place of Mr. Cadenhead.

R. T. COTTON (*Captain of Athletics*).

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## SHOOTING

In spite of the fact that the VIII was left with a hard core of five experienced members at the beginning of Christmas term, scores were not up to expectations during the N.S.R.A. season. Although the season started well enough, scores from then on degenerated, in spite of constant practice, reaching their lowest ebb with 734 ex 800 in the Public Schools competition. This was our worst performance in this competition for some years, but as several other teams also performed poorly our final position of 77th out of 109 competitors was better than we deserved. Postal matches were a little more encouraging, and we won six of our nine matches.

Prospects for the Country Life season are not too gloomy as the younger members of the team are keen, and practise often. Constant practice is probably the only way to success in this competition.

We extend our thanks to Warrant Officer Cockle, and C.S.M. Allard, who have spared us so much of their valuable time to fill the gap left by the departure of Sergeant Major Moore.

J. E. MOSELEY (*Captain of Shooting.*)

### RESULTS OF VIII MATCHES, N.S.R.A. SEASON 1958

		<i>Opponents</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Result</i>
Sept. 27	v.	Glasgow Academy	766	760	<i>Won</i>
Oct. 18	v.	King William's College	745	731	<i>Won</i>
Nov. 1	v.	Bromsgrove	734	721	<i>Won</i>
1	v.	Downside	734	784	<i>Lost</i>
8	v.	Framlingham	753	787	<i>Lost</i>
15	v.	Solihull	760	711	<i>Won</i>
29	v.	Ardingly	768	754	<i>Won</i>
29	v.	Wellington	768	—	<i>W.O.</i>
Dec. 6	v.	Wellingborough	768	778	<i>Lost</i>
Oct. 30		Public Schools N.S.R.A. Competition.	734 ex 800.	77th out of 109.	<i>Winner</i>
788.					

### VIII AVERAGES

	<i>Fired</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Av.</i>
J. E. Moseley	10	973	99	97.3
C. J. Wood	9	851	96	94.6
Cunningham	10	941	97	94.1
Stanworth	10	950	98	95.0
Chalmers, D. W.	10	959	99	95.9
Butler	7	663	96	94.7
Hall, P. K.	7	651	100	93.0
Sessions	6	542	97	90.3

*Also fired :*

Heading, Kelly, Raynor.

### HOUSE N.R.S.A. COMPETITION

1. Heath \_\_\_\_\_ 512 ex 600  
(D. W. Chalmers 92)
2. Prince Lee \_\_\_\_\_ 506 ex 600  
(J. E. Moseley 93)
3. Jeune \_\_\_\_\_ 494 ex 600  
(J. C. Raynor 92)
4. Levett \_\_\_\_\_ 482 ex 600  
(P. A. Stanworth 90)
5. Evans \_\_\_\_\_ 472 ex 600  
(Bill 86)
6. Cary Gilson . . . . 461 ex 600  
(G. A. Shepherd 88)
7. Vardy \_\_\_\_\_ 447 ex 600  
(R. W. Butler 91)
8. Gifford \_\_\_\_\_ 443 ex 600  
(Dunn and Bruce 89)

## CHESS

It is always difficult to sum up half way through a season. This year we have entered two teams in each division of the Birmingham and District Junior League. To do this we have had to tax our playing strength to the full, but it has given all our players good practice and many juniors are able to play School chess. Results so far have been quite good, but all the teams will have to fight to win their divisions.

By winning the first division last year we qualified for the finals of the Warwickshire County Club Championship. We have finished two of our three matches, beating Bablake Old Boys, winners of the Coventry League and losing to Erdington, qualifiers from among the Birmingham senior clubs.

Two friendly games have been played and both won :

I v. Warwick School W. 5—1

II v. Denstone College W.

We have completed two rounds of the Sunday Times National Schools Tournament. The first team has won both its games ; a second team played Ardwyn G.S., Aberystwyth, by telephone, drawing on games but losing by the age handicap ; and a young fourth team lost very narrowly in the second round to Wolverhampton G.S., whom the first team meets in the zonal semi-final.

At School, House matches are being played and another close finish to the competition is likely. Play in both senior and junior individual championships is proceeding. Lunch time chess is now being played in the Maths. Laboratory.

I would like to see many more entrants from K.E.S. in this year's Birmingham Easter Congress than there have been recently. Players from any age group will benefit enormously from this type of experience ; I especially encourage competitors for the Junior events. Entrance forms can be obtained from me during the last fortnight of term.

Finally a word of thanks to Miss Chaffer for the continued use of the Dining Hall, to Mr. Porter for letting us into his form room at lunch times, and once again to Mr. Hurn, our patient chairman, for his interest and advice.

M. D. RADFORD (*Captain of Chess*).

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### P.T.

The life-blood of School P.T., the House Gymnastics competition, has received an injection. Leaders have been given some freedom in choosing their programmes. The results have yet to be seen, as teams prepare to go into secret practices.

The House Competition is being held earlier this term, on February 20th. Practice will become intense as this date is approached.

The Senior Individual Competition is held the following week and already has many keen entrants.

We welcome Mr. Symes to the Gym most warmly. It is to both him and Mr. Cotter that we owe our thanks for all their help and work which they put in during the competition.

D. K. LINDLEY (*P.T. Leader*).

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### FENCING

This year nineteen new members joined the club, and although our total strength is still less than it was two years ago, enthusiasm for fencing is again on the increase.

During the Michaelmas term we welcomed Mr. Hammond of the Arme Blanche club, who very kindly presided over the Individual Fencing Competition for the Peter Mountford Trophy. This was again won by A. J. Walford with M. Totty coming a very close second. The club was also very pleased and honoured to welcome Mr. R. T. G. Anderson, the National Fencing Coach and Professional European Sabre Champion,

who watched the competition and commented very favourably on the standard of fencing. Fencers should note that his one criticism was the execution of the lunge !

The only match of the term—against Lucas Engineering School—resulted in a very close win.

Finally, we extend our warmest thanks to Mr. Cotter, for his continued enthusiasm and advice. G. E. STOLLAND, (*Captain of Fencing*).

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## SQUASH

Although squash has become more popular this school year there are still many in the upper part of the School who could indulge in this excellent pastime but who do not. The quite large entry for the Harris Trophy is a tribute to Mr. Guy who has worked hard encouraging and coaching. It is due to his effort that the standard of squash played at School is being maintained at a reasonable level

B. H. SHAW (*Captain of Squash*).

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## ROWING

Michaelmas Term has been one of hibernation for rowing, but the Club's energies have been directed towards rebuilding the boats and constructing a boathouse. New equipment is starting to arrive, eventually it is hoped that the Club will be self-sustaining.

Last season was disappointing for we did not win a heat in any of the three regattas that we entered. At Bewdley, the reason for defeat was believed to be lack of experience on the swiftly flowing river. Derby was easily the most worthwhile outing of the team but when victory seemed imminent a jammed sliding seat disrupted our rhythm and the race was lost. Ironbridge was also lost through lack of rhythm, each member of the four (including the cox) choosing his own, each no doubt, trying to win the race by himself. In spite of all this effort, victory eluded us.

Two of last year's four remain, and with the enthusiastic younger members of the Club, a new four will emerge which we hope will be more successful than those of previous years. Success, however, will not come without more practice and harder training.

Finally, our sincere thanks go to Mr. Axford for his coaching and encouragement both in the art of rowing and, more recently, in the use of a ratchet screwdriver.

H. E. GREENWAY (*Captain of Rowing*).



# THE HOUSES

## CARY GILSON

The results of last year's House Competition have proved to all that we cannot hope for success if we rely on individual genius to pull us through. Since we have a fairly young sixth form, this year will no doubt be one of convalescence.

Last term the House got off to a very good start but unfortunately finished with a typical "Cary Gilson stand." The first XV, containing no real stars, but playing as a team, surprised the pundits by finishing first equal. The second XV, however, never found their feet, or the ball, and lost every match heavily. The third XV have fared none too badly and should finish in the top half of the knockout. More supporters for all teams would certainly be a welcome sight.

At Eton Fives we have played five matches and won three and should be well placed at the finish.

Occasional chess results indicate slow but steady progress.

Shooting, having been weakened by the departure of the House-captain, remains an unknown quantity, as does Athletics. We also have a House instrumental group.

Such are the results of our efforts this term. If we are to achieve a higher place in the House Competition than last year, the House must realise that greater effort is required. The slackness that is becoming apparent in certain parts of the House must be eradicated, in order that Cary Gilson may once more occupy its proper position at the top.

We *can* do well, if the spirit which has so far been shown by the rugger team reveals itself throughout the entire House, as it reveals itself in our House Master, Mr. Biggs, and in our Tutors, Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Webb, whom we thank for their support and advice at all times.

R. A. WALTERS (*House Captain*).

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## EVANS

It is, indeed, difficult to emulate such success as achieved by our immediate predecessors. We have been the champion of champions for two years, and so it becomes all the more a Herculean task to retain our enviable position. However after celebrating last year's victory we set about the new year's competitions with energy and heart, if with not so much skill. Our first XV achieved third place in their league. This was a reasonable effort, yet there were times when better scores ought to have resulted, which could have ensured a position of first. The second XV did as well as expected, winning four out of seven matches. Knock-out prospects are good as we have four regular School XV players to increment our team.

The Senior Fives team have assured a position of second in a sport, in which the House continues to excel, and if the Junior team do not let us down, a high position in Fives is certain. In Chess there seems every

possibility we shall not accomplish our usual position, eighth, as the team has started to win matches. Shooting also has emerged from obscurity, due to an energetic captain, but I am afraid there is much lacking at the moment.

A few brave members have circuted the reservoir beside the golf course, so that at least they know the course for the cross-country. Practices have also begun for the P.T. competition. We must do well in Rugger and Athletics this term to maintain our chances in the House Championship, as we have no particular talent on the cricket field.

In the instrumental part of the Music Competition our rather large orchestra were very close on the tails of Levett, who were first. This was a worthy reward for the hours of hard practice required for such a number of musicians. We only hope our Part-Song group practise as well as the orchestra. If they do so they will ensure a high position.

Finally, we wish to thank Mr. Dunt, Mr. Buttle and Mr. Hodges for their help and advice in times of perplexity, and more so for ensuring that Evans House spirit does not dwindle but remains at the high standard established in past years.

I. T. KNOWLES (*House Captain*).

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## GIFFORD

We are, traditionally, an unlucky House. Time and again, in the past, we have lost promising and talented members from the middle and top of the House, who leave School early, for one thing and another.

So it was this year. Two of our best rugby players departed, almost without warning, during the first half of the Michaelmas term, and, with two of our 1st XV joining the School XV at half term, the original league XV was one-third missing by the end of term. With constant reshuffling of both teams, there were complications in the second XV as well, we did well to come fourth, although one more win from the second team would have brought us up to second place in the league table.

In Rugby, then, we are similarly placed to last year, and with three School players joining the league team for the Knockout competition, the prospects are bright.

While not lacking in enthusiasm—there is, at last, a good deal of spirit throughout the House—we do lack talent in Fives and in Shooting. The Chess Captain assures me that next year will be a good one for Gifford Chess. He is doubtful about this year.

We congratulate our two State Scholars, and also our musicians who, in the instrumental part of the Music Competitions, played a Haydn String Quartet without a string instrument, unless you count that guitar!

What of the future? As has been shown in the past, enthusiasm more than compensates for lack of ability, and with House spirit in Gifford so strong this year, we should do well.

We thank Mr. Kay, Mr. Benett, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Gregory for their encouragement, and we wish Mr. Robertson happiness and success in his new appointment in East Africa.

D. K. BRAY (*House Captain*).



## HEATH

"We are temperamental." This was the conclusion of an ageing Heathan in one of his more enlightened moments. This seems very true. A potentially all-conquering first XV was disappointing, only winning matches when half the team was missing. However, the second team preserved our honour and the House gained second place in the Rugby league.

The Shooting fraternity helped to replenish our dwindling stock of silverware by unexpectedly winning the N.S.R.A. competition. The strain of this performance is expected to tell upon our temperamental marksmen, and their captain predicts a decline in the remaining competitions.

The Fives team have now mastered the art of losing their matches by an infinitesimal number of points. As the House seems to have little success on the chequered board, the captain of chess places his faith in negotiation.

In the Instrumental section of the Music competition, a harmonious and lively performance earned third place. Rehearsals for the vocal section of the competition are believed to be under way.

In this term of many and varied activities, success depends upon the participation and co-operation of every member of the House. The elite are already paying occasional visits to the gym, and a number of yellow-clad figures have been seen battling against the elements and dissipation on the cross-country course. This event has been made more attractive this year, as a brisk run can now be combined with nature-study.

In athletics, tennis and cricket we can do well, for there is considerable latent talent in the House. If we can triumph over listlessness on the running-track and temperament on the cricket field, we shall be difficult to beat. This could be our year, and if everyone follows the example of Messrs. Barlow and Trott, it will be.

G. M. HENMAN (*Head of the House*)

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## JEUNE

Other societies may be experiencing the bulge at the present, but we are feeling the pinch. There was a mass departure of senior talent last summer and, as a result, our successes are somewhat numbered. However the most important factor still remains, and that is the spirit of Jeune.

The inglorious position of eighth was reached in the Rugby Football League Championship. Both teams remained undaunted to the end, with a strong revival by the second XV during the latter part of the term. Prospects for the Knock-out must be more hopeful with three members of the School XV giving their services.

The Senior Fives team has recorded only one victory to date, due partly to the inexperience of the team. Hard practice by both seniors and juniors should bring its rewards in the near future.

The records of the less athletic activities give us hope, for both Shooting and Chess have had their successes. A position of third equal

was obtained in the N.S.R.A. competition. Our sedentary chess friends have recorded three wins out of five matches.

The performance of the House in the first part of the Music competition can be said to be only fair as we were placed fifth. Persistent practice did not result in offsetting the slightrness of our talent.

The Spirit of Jeune which, during the opening stages of the School year, seemed a trifle in disrepair, has blossomed to its former strength. It will, we hope, take us through the coming trials with credit.

Success is sweet, defeat bitter, but through both, we are guided and helped by our House Tutors. It is to Mr. Leeds, especially, and to Mr. Sacret and Mr. Kent that we owe our thanks.

D. K. LINDLEY (*House Captain*).

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## LEVETT

Of recent years, Levett has been content to occupy the lower places in the Cock House Championship, but a trend, already noticeable last year, towards greater enthusiastic co-operation from all members of the House is still in evidence. Lack of success, seen more especially in those games where brawn counts for more than skill, has been, and still is, due to the small number of senior boys we possess, a number that compares unfavourably with our bigger brothers. Our need has at last been recognised, and our large intake last September in the Middle School will soon partially offset our present deficiency.

House spirit at its best is that which keeps a House together when it is not doing well. A decline in this quality is now no longer the inevitable result of failure, on the contrary, our House Spirit is on the rise, and this spiritual improvement is reaping its reward in increasing success. We hope that competition for the Levett cup, so kindly presented by Mr. Cadenhead, will increase our House Spirit, until it reaches the heights.

And so to hard fact. In the Rugby Football League, our position is sixth. The first XV, led by a courageous captain, has only lost two matches, and has often escaped near-defeat by good team-work—the result of commendable enthusiasm of the whole team. A tendency in the middle season to assume that the game had ended when the half-time whistle blew has, happily, been latterly eliminated. The second XV suffered many close defeats and, although not a successful team, was a happy one. The third XV contains some promising players, but team-work has been lacking.

Disgrace is no longer a synonym for Senior Fives, and we hope that the ardent pursuit of this game by many younger members of the House will bear fruit in the foreseeable future. Chess, that sport in which Levett is traditionally highly placed, was a little disappointing last term, but the captain promises better results for this term. Shooting remains a mystery, as unpredictable as ever. Finally, Levett instrumentalists again recorded a meritorious victory in the first part of the Music Competition. Looking into the future, cross-country and P.T. are now under way in capable hands.

We must maintain our determination to raise Levett to its former high position, and in this we can rely on the firm encouragement of Mr. Porter and the House Tutors. But let us remember that it is better to be a good and keen House than merely a successful one.

R. T. COTTON (*House Captain*.)

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## PRINCE LEE

The optimism prevalent at the beginning of last year was hardly justified, and we were finally placed sixth in the House Championship. Nevertheless we finished on a bright note, winning the 1st XI Cricket Knock-out, our final position in cricket being fourth. Our two swimmers brought us fourth position in the Swimming Sports—P. Davies was Senior Champion. However, Junior Fives and Tennis were disappointing.

The Michaelmas term has given us a good start, as it has done in the past. We have won the Rugby League, for the second time in three years, and by a convincing margin. We are strongly placed in Fives, and in Chess, and we were second in the N.S.R.A. competition.

There would seem to be reason therefore for optimism at the beginning of 1959, but let us take a warning from previous years, and remember that it is in the crowded Lent term that the severest test lies. It is at this time that we must call upon all to do their part and give of their best. We are confident that this effort will be forthcoming.

Pressure of other work unfortunately caused Mr. Bolton to retire from his House Tutorship at the end of last Summer term. We are very grateful to him for the assistance he gave us. Our thanks are due to all House officials who work so hard for success, and also, once more, to Mr. Williams and Mr. Axford for their unceasing support and encouragement.

M. S. JONES (*Head of the House*.)

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## VARDY

There are still a number among our ranks who are firing on only one cylinder. Fortunately, of these there are only a few, but we must all realise that it is only with a supreme effort from every single one of us that we can hope to keep our elevated place among the "Big Three." We lack great numbers of aged gentlemen, for better or worse, and our reliance on the Middle and Junior part of the House is, I believe, well founded. The second XV have had a spectacular season, being the only team in the School to have the proud record of—Played 7, Won 7. The third XV, sometimes XII, sometimes XIV, have magnificently supported them. Unfortunately the first XV have remained in the doldrums.

The brightest side of our activities has been Fives, where, for the first time since 1952, we appear likely to finish in the top half of the table. Our shooting remains little publicised, but so far we have not acquitted

ourselves with any great brilliance. The intellectuals' game—Chess—which queerly enough seems to be sweeping the School at present, progresses with great assurance in the House.

We are not a House of purely sinewy muscle, for we are extremely proud to have among us four of the School's eleven award winners at the ancient universities. We congratulate them all most heartily.

Our success in the near future must depend on an able and vigorous lead from the Officials, and an immediate response from the masses (no reflection on their characters), as we possess no real stars at present.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the progress of the House, and not least Mr. Copland and Mr. Parry, who continue to be pillars on which we lean.

T. P. LEE (*House Captain*).

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#### HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS, 1957-8

1.	Evans	405.2
2.	Jeune	354.1
3.	Vardy	346.4
4.	Heath	319.9
5.	Gifford	308.4
6.	Prince Lee	297.1
7.	Levett	273.4
8.	Cary Gilson	246.0

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#### SOCIETIES

Just as the intellectual palates of the world are changing, so too is the fare provided by School Societies, and the choice and varied additions to a hitherto conventional menu are sufficient to satisfy even the most demanding gourmet.

There are now more Societies in existence than ever before, a fact no doubt responsible for the present policy which dictates that some institutions must trespass into the provinces of their rivals in order to gain support. Thus, the Modern Language Society has heard talks in English, about America; the Railway and Model Engineering Society shows train-less films; and even the placid dignity of the Shakespearean Society has been interrupted by the Ellingtonian strains of fife and bugle. If the present trend continues, perchance the day will dawn when one concern—"The Society"—will cater for all tastes.

Not all Societies, however, scorn the banner of conservatism. The secretary of Natural History regards advertisement as a base concession to a vulgar public, with the result that the cries of the Lesser Splay-toed Peewit echo but feebly through an empty school. The Closed Circle, to the frustration of the lower, and the satisfaction of the Upper School, has remained closed. The Christian Guild is simply divine, whilst the Literary fraternity still meets to avoid School dinners. Members of the Archeological Society, couched in the pneumatic comfort of their coach trips, periodically re-discover a very ancient art. The more percipient



cynics discern affinities between this institution and the Jazz Circle : both "dig" and the latter, stemming from an antiquated form, may sadly revert to the status of an archaic curiosity. The Music Circle often holds its meetings on the same evenings as their rustic counterparts enabling the more athletic listener to undergo the exhilarating experience of hearing a theme stated by Yehudi Menuhin, continued to a second chorus by Louis Armstrong, and back again for a rousing finale by the Philharmonic.

In the end, however, the microcosm, it seems, will ever reflect the macrocosm and the Film Society reigns supreme. It can now boast, complete with "X" certificate, to be more similar to a Cinema than any other institution of its kind. The only difference seems to be one of respectability. Respectability has been the attraction for Debaters, for the ambiguity and sobriety of the motions has strangely eradicated much of the effervescent frivolity hitherto the trade-mark of their discussion.

The scene, then, is one of flux, progress and innovation. Alas, however, equality of opportunity does not always breed equality of success and the lesser relatives of the social fraternity have suffered from the exertions of a Big Brother snoring complacently in the Ratcliff Theatre. We appreciate the attitude of the Photographers who cancelled both their meetings !

W.E.O.

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### THE C.C.F.

Following the retirement from command of Major Mathews last September, the Corps has suffered another loss in the departure from the School of Capt. Robertson, B Company Commander. The highly individualistic character of his Company orders will long be remembered. We welcome as new Officers Lieut. Ramsay, whose knowledge of the Regular Army in his capacity of Major, R.Sigs., will be most valuable to us, and Lieut. Cotter, whom we congratulate on attaining commissioned rank.

Warrant Officer Cockle, B.E.M., and C.S.M. Allard, both already well known to us in non-military capacities, are doing sterling work in place of R.S.M. Moore, whose retirement last August bid fair to rock the Corps to its foundations. We were very fortunate in being able to have the services of these gentlemen at such a difficult transitional period.

Mr. Moore's richly deserved B.E.M. was presented to him on the Parade Ground on January 30th, when Major-Gen. Pugh, G.O.C. Mid-West District, paid a special visit to perform this ceremony on the Queen's behalf.

The C.C.F. enjoyed a most successful Church Parade last term, when we were honoured to have for the March Past Maj-Gen. Headley, Schools Liaison Officer at Western Command.

The R.N. Section enjoyed and benefited from Annual Camps at Dartmouth and Whale Island, and the heights of the Long Mynd served as an excellent area for some tough Field Day campaigning. The Section looks forward this term to yet another cruise on the Norfolk Broads, under the Command of Lieutenant Benett, and hopes to eat its lunch, as usual, where the Princes recently slept.

Everyone was delighted to hear of Petty Officer Sessions' success in gaining entry to R.N.C., Dartmouth.

The Army and Basic Sections went for Summer Camp to Kinmel Park, near Rhyl, where the weather in the circumstances of last summer might have been worse. There was more emphasis on arduous training by night and day, and selected cadets were launched into Snowdonia on a miniature Outward Bound type exercise. The catering by Civil contract showed signs of teething trouble (no pun intended), but next year's camp should improve in this respect. We have been allocated a quota of 97 places at Bourley, near Aldershot, for the period July 29th—August 5th. The last time we went there we had a very successful camp, and we look forward to going South again this year.

The R.A.F. Section spent their Annual Camp at R.A.F. Scampton. Good flying facilities were provided, although the wind was quite strong at times for Chipmunk flying. The interesting programme included a visit to Cranwell for the Passing-Out Parade, in which G. D. Andrews, O.E., figured as a Senior Under-Officer. In the Advanced Proficiency examination, the last on the old syllabus, D. A. Evans achieved 95 per cent.—a R.A.F. Section record !

The new C.C.F. centre at Frimley Park, Camberley, opens in April and thereafter it is hoped we shall be able to send selected cadets from time to time on courses, the successful completion of which will entitle them to be considered for the new Joint Services Cadet Badge. This Badge has come to be looked upon here as the carrot suspended permanently in front of the donkey's nose, but it looks as if it may materialise in the not too distant future and glorify the sleeve of a few proud cadets. Meanwhile the emphasis in training is more and more towards the development of powers of endurance, initiative and leadership, which is why the Corps sent ten cadets, under the guidance of Capt. Hodges and Lieut. Cotter, on the Mountain Activities Course at Plas-y-Brenin, Capel Curig, run by the C.C.P.R. A more detailed report of this enjoyable "toughener" appears elsewhere. As we go to press, we await news of vacancies allotted to us on the War Office sponsored visit to B.A.O.R., which was such a memorable experience for twenty of us last year.

The very interesting Civil Defence course begun last September is continuing this term for a group of cadets doing Stage III training. They are now engaged in Rescue training and getting plenty of practical work. We are grateful to Mr. Baverstock at Civil Defence headquarters, Birmingham, for arranging this course.

We all owe a great debt of gratitude to Lieut-Colonel Cooke, our new Commander, and to his fellow Officers for their unending energy on our behalf, which continues to make the C.C.F. a flourishing and extremely worthwhile part of School life.

T. P. LEE (*Under-Officer*).

## THE SCOUT GROUP

The 1958 Summer Camps disproved the theory that bad weather is the scourge of the Scout Movement. It usually is, but the School Scout group remains a unique and unruffled institution, a mysterious kind of

junior Cartland Club in an uncivilised part of the School, whose members gather to confer about paint pots, nylon ropes and cheese sandwiches, making the most inexplicable noises in the process. Three of the four junior troops experienced cold, wet weather during the camp, but most people seem to have returned, for the Scout rooms appear to be in their customary chaotic condition.

Park Vale's Borrowdale weather was pretty bad, and only the P.L.s had a clear view of the whole area, including Calder Hall, from the summit of Pillar. A swimmer reported that the River Derwent was not too warm. Vikings also made a pilgrimage to Borrowdale, and found that Park Vale had absorbed all the bad weather. The troop climbed Scawfell Pike and Fleetwith Pike and terrorized Thirlmere and Keswick. The Patrol Leaders had a private hike over Great Gable and Pillar but it is reported that they have been seen since. Mitre went to Arran and paid the penalty. Three days were spent in ferrying cold food across flooded River Sannox to the isolated few on the opposite side. Since no-one held a census on the way home it was not decided how many were swept away in the torrent. However, activities remained fairly well organised. Everyone climbed Goat Fell and claimed to have trodden on an adder and to have seen hundreds of red deer. Mr. Leeds went swimming before breakfast and became a pyromaniac for the rest of the day. Camp cricket was played under camp rugger conditions, and plagues of frogs, insects, water and macaroni-cheese were slight complications.

It is thought that New Troop also went to Arran, but their activities remain a closely guarded secret. Vague rumours are afoot concerning a pet adder, a French judo expert and early rising. The troop climbed Goat Fell, but failed to find the goat. Someone saw a white deer in a mirage, and someone else swam.

All too often the Christmas term dissipates the keenness engendered by camp. This seemed especially probable this year because of the departure of three scoutmasters and the unwillingness of replacements to replace. However, the troops appear to be running no less, and even, if it dare be said, a little more efficiently than normal. Congratulations to all A.S.M.s and T.L.s for their organisation of the troops last term, and condolences to the tribe of scoutmasters who had previously thought themselves indispensable. Nevertheless, we welcome Dr. T. Green, who has joined the group as a scoutmaster. We hope that its activities do not deter him too soon. It is claimed that normal troop meetings continued last term, and that everyone made progress. Gulland gained his Scout Cord, and several others have gained their First Class Badges. Beavers of Vikings won the Patrol Corner Competition and were runners-up in the Trafford-Willey competition. All the troops celebrated the Festive Season with due festivity.

Group prospects will improve with the weather for, at the present time, activities are limited to interior decorating, bemoaning the ravages made on equipment by camp and accumulating the dust and rubbish to which the Scoutrooms are particularly prone. Yet improvements are under way, even in these conservative chambers. The hardboard walls, proving all too soft for the wear imposed by generations of scouts throwing and being thrown against them, are to be replaced by plain honest wood.



The P.E. staff will be greatly relieved at the prospect of finding no further holes in the gym ceilings. Many other wild rumours, including the provision of shower-baths, polished floors, a modern monkey-run, and warmth are also circulating. Dr. Mayor and Mr. Kent, providing the only line of continuity from last year, are doing their hard-working best to keep the group in orbit, and we hope they will survive to spend a few more weeks with us. We fully appreciate all their efforts. J.C.F.

### “ SING AS WE GO ”

The producer wisely decided to make this show a combination of a Gang Show and a revue and as a result, “ Sing as We Go ” remained a scout production, while having a sufficient number of straightforward revue items to make it interesting for non-scouts. It was in this happy balance that the key to the overall success of the production lay.

It was significant that the show opened and closed on a Gang Show note. The opening choruses (“ Sing as We Go ”) were quite well handled; great credit is due to whoever managed to get so many scouts on stage at once. In *Ad Alta*, the seniors gave us an impassioned rendering of “ *Cwm Rhondda* ” with somewhat changed words. The close harmony group was good in its two appearances. They performed confidently and their singing was pleasant to the ear—a distinct improvement on most professional groups. “ The Marriage Market ” was a quite well written sketch, in which the obvious cross-purpose conversation was heavily exploited. The performance of the actors was, for the most part, good ; Wilson’s splendidly baggy suit, and the impressive sight of D. G. Viggers and R. S. Bailey as women supposedly seeking husbands linger in one’s memory. G. M. Henman delivered “ The Cremation of Sam McGee ” well, and successfully held the audience’s attention throughout the lengthy monologue.

“ Horses Tale ” was most entertaining ; this was a result not so much of the material, but of the performances. Green was a great sight as the woman in question, and Wilson, Bailey and Smith were an admirable trio of suitors. I particularly enjoyed Bailey’s “ P-P-P-Pamela ” and Wilson’s colonel (“ ’tis woman that seduceth all mankind ”). The first half was brought to a fitting end by a recording of B.P.’s voice, which was well amplified so that the audience could hear clearly.

The second half opened with “ Vassals Departing.” This somewhat extraordinary play proved to be entertaining if only for the sight of Lear’s hobnail boots, and of Bessent’s angular and truly tragic Desdemona. Other characters too, were good ; Carmeli’s faintly sinister shop steward (Bottom), and Henman and Bailey who were suitably seductive.

“ Top Twenty ” was one of the best items in the whole show. The material was very good ; nearly all the possibilities of satire were explored. The whole was well handled ; the conversation between the master and the boy before each tableau was an excellent device. I liked particularly the rehearsal for the march and Green’s final inspection before Prayers. The freshness and detail of the material in this item was excellent, particularly the office efficiency of the Prefects’ Room “ in real life.”

The end of the show was typical of a Gang Show. The producer managed somehow to get all his massed forces on stage for "We Bring the Jubilee," which was intelligently staged with the black curtain as background and a camp fire in the middle. The singing was good—particularly from the seniors, but the younger boys seemed a little unsure of their words. "We Bring the Jubilee" led naturally into the finale, where all concerned took their well earned bow.

On looking back, what one perhaps remembers most is the general smoothness of production. The continuity was excellently maintained by the short items played in front of the curtain, such as the "Lollipop" and "Cricket in the Morning" sequences and Carmell's trumpet playing. The lighting and stage management were admirable and the scenery was a credit to C. R. Edmonds; the pin-up for the Prefects' room was, one felt, one of the highlights of his sets.

"Sing as We Go" was a notable success.

M.W.S.

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### **"ROMANOFF AND JULIET"**

Common Room plays occur with great infrequency. None but the hoariest of our Sixth-formers could remember the previous one. The demand for tickets was great, and only legal sanctions kept the vacant spaces of Big School free of extra seating.

This play is about the delicately poised relationships between the American and the Russian interests in a small, presumably central-European, republic, and the relationships between that republic and the two giants. The clash revolves mainly around a love-affair between the American Ambassador's daughter, torn between love and the obvious disadvantages of marrying a commie (besides, she is engaged to a fine, clean-limbed, clean-idealized, crew-cut boy back home, yes, sir), and the Russian Ambassador's son, torn between love and the decadent, quite bourgeois, and most unidealistic sentiments which it arouses behind his handsome Russian features (besides is he not betrothed to Marfa, a ship's captain, who might be as skilled as Igor's own ex-captain at bringing a frigate into Murmansk harbour at night in a snowstorm, backwards?)

Familiar figures in unfamiliar contexts are a fertile fount of fun, and all the persons in this play looked, and, except when the acoustics failed them, sounded their parts. Mr. Vaughan, temporarily reduced to the ranks, and Mr. Hall, each playing a half of the native army, sloped as poor an arm as we have ever seen, and sold Egyptian-type souvenirs in their frequent spells off-duty. Mr. Trott, who held, it seemed, all positions of civic and military responsibility in the state, was suave, well-groomed, and unconcerned about most things, as befits a President quite incapable of using the balance of power which he mistakenly supposes he holds in his gloved hands.

John Foster Hodges as the American Ambassador, out-Yanked all other Americans, real and fictional, and was himself outdone, yes sir, by Mrs. Benett, in the role of his wife, Beulah. These two expatiated loudly on topics national, international, and personal, but nearest their hearts, one felt, amid the welter of telephone and counter-telephone, was

the happiness of their daughter, Juliet. Mrs. Hall played Juliet with the tenderness and delicacy of a girl in love, and the teasing provocation appropriate to Igor's deviationist doubts. If at times she was difficult to hear, the situations left us in little doubt about the general drift of her words, and one can hardly expect the secret whisperings of a tortured soul to be shrieked to the back of the hall. Mr. Axford, as Freddie the boy from home, flew from there to try, in vain, to rescue Juliet from the Russians. He failed after a perilous climb, which shook the whole building, up the Embassy stairs to Juliet's room (though that, as may have been said before, was another storey).

In the opposite Embassy Mr. Leeds, the Russian Ambassador, was what we have always known him to be ; a mixture of geniality, appreciation of the good things of life, and iron discipline when needs must. His command of Russo/English was remarkable : at times we were two or three clauses behind in our unseen translation. His mental conflict revolved around his duty to U.S.S.R., his affection for his wayward son and regret at, and perhaps envy of, his waywardness, and a secret wish to buy a very very capitalist hat for his wife. Mrs. Mayor wanted that hat badly, and was worried by that fact. Despite this, one felt that she could have run the Embassy most efficiently if Mr. Leeds had been assassinated. Mr. Robertson as Igor was more worried by his dilemma than any of the others, and murmured his hidden thoughts across the street as Juliet murmured hers. The producer of the next Common Room play will look far before he finds another so handsome protagonist. Completing the four-sided triangle on the Russian side, Mrs. Lunt as Igor's betrothed was quite firm, when she came to settle her end of this disgraceful affair, that she would not even consider marrying Igor after he had let his thoughts go west. Resplendent in naval uniform, she really did look as though she could have done that with that figate.

Things turned out very happily. Igor and Juliet, by the time-honoured rope of knotted sheets, quit their Embassies and were married under very suspicious circumstances by Mr. Benett, the Archbishop (and, I suspect, the only cleric) of the Republic. In gorgeous ecclesiastical robes, Mr. Benett doddered beautifully, helped by a part which provided him with that rare convenience, a personal prompter, crawling reverently behind him on his knees, with the text of the central-European marriage service open in his hand (the one not clutching the Archbishop's dress), so that he could put the Archbishop right every time he forgot his words. Mr. Robbins, as the Russian Embassy's chauffeur/spy, who had his own personal revolution and became the devoted satellite of the Archbishop, gave an amusing display of violent emotion showing itself freely on expressive features. Was this the real Russian Everyman, shorn of doctrine and 5-year plans ? What hardy knees he must have !

The naval captain and the boy from home were not excluded from the general jollification and thaw which emerged from the United State of Romanoff and Juliet. They had, it seemed, shared a taxi from the airport, during which journey Freddie had, unknown to her, begun to undermine Marfa's principles. They were seen, when the Iron Curtain came down at the end of Mr. Bolton's entertaining production and covered the Embassies, precision built to such good effect and with sacrificial toil by

Mr. Hall and his apprentices and Ruritanically painted by Mr. and Mrs. Hurn and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hayes, and covered also the Emettoid clock which we heard wheezing periodically, but which none but those bordering the central aisle of Big School could see because the gap between the Embassies was too narrow, they, I repeat, the captain and the boy, were to be seen together in an attitude which left no doubt about their intentions ; promising, if not actually compromising.

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## KING HENRY IV—Part II

King Henry IV, part II, is plainly a good choice for a school play. It is comparatively unfamiliar Shakespeare. It is a play full of awkward corners, difficult to understand at first hearing and very bitter in tone. One might call it one of Shakespeare's *pièces noires*. But it is a superb play with very few characters beyond the range of a boy's emotional grasp and it provides a magnificent number and variety of parts. Of course if the aim of a school play were to provide an evening of professional theatre the large number of parts would be a disadvantage, for at any given time there can only be a very limited number of boys with acting ability in a school. But the primary purpose is to give a large number of boys the experience (and excitement) of attempting a play, and the understanding of the play that can only come from actually acting in it.

Of course many of the cast did very good work although they are by no means natural actors. The Archbishop of York delivered his long speech splendidly. I enjoyed the gusto with which the Gloucestershire C.C.F. mopped and mowed in the background, even if they were overdoing it a bit and were less good when they came down stage. Travers was a competent messenger and the Page had plenty of life and a good sense of fun. But I propose to devote most of this review to the better actors. In fact this is turning into that trusty old friend of School Magazines :

### CHARACTERS OF THE FIRST FIFTEEN

Cairns' Falstaff was in a class by itself. Helped by good make-up and padding, by his resonant voice and commanding presence he gave an impression of ripe maturity in everything he did. He has discarded the grimaces that last year threatened to have become a mannerism, but his eyebrows are still wonderfully expressive. Most of all he set an example to nearly all the rest of the cast by thinking about his walk and carriage. Far too many barons slumped, stooped and shuffled.

Papps' Lord Chief Justice was almost equally admirable. He will have gained a lot by not being cast as a buffoon. His command of the controlled, imperious gesture should have been an example to some of the finger-twitchers. Duval as Shallow had obviously taken a lot of trouble to develop an old man's dodder and speech, but he wasn't quite successful with either. He seemed to me a bit "stagy," but his timing and command of the stage were as good as ever. The part of the King is easier and Richards brought off very well the feeling of physical weariness. He spoke the speech about King Richard's prophecy particularly well and stood still *comfortably*.



Of his sons Waterhouse as Prince John with less to do was more successful. His lesson-reader's voice seemed admirably suited to the most treacherous piece of double-dealing I know outside Roman history. Grant, Prince Hal, managed his final scenes very well. For one thing he stood up when he was wearing the crown. Before that he had seemed a bit lacking in vitality, particularly as Pook (Pointz) stormed at his part and generated more life than I had thought he had in him.

Of Falstaff's companions Bardolph was easily the best. Again his make-up did a lot to establish his character, but his bandy walk and mobile features did more. Good as he was, he did not try to play Falstaff off the stage and was always in control of everything he did. The two women were also good. Munrow (Mistress Quickly) made a very good sketch of the part although a lot of details had gone astray. In particular his costume needed padding at the hips; below the chest he was perfectly rectangular. Rowland as Doll did valiantly at short (two days) notice, though understandably his spitfire patches showed signs of lowered vitality. Pistol was disappointing. He overacted and his gestures were repetitive and consequently largely meaningless.

Henman did yeoman's service in his four parts; Davy was perhaps the happiest. the lords of Warwick and Westmorland spoke well, but both had defects of posture or walk. Lee was over-rigid; Taylor stooped and let his fingers twitch. Reynolds as Lord Bardolph found that it often needs more technique to play a small part than a big one. As Puff he had so much to do that he could largely conceal the stiffness of his walk and gesture. He has a lot to learn if he is to make the best of his great natural assets.

The scenery was exciting. It is the first time we have had an abstract set. It seemed to me that it suited the open scenes (Shallow's orchard and the battle scenes) better than the tavern or the court. The screen for the sick-bed was much more successful than the bright red and yellow background to the tavern. I did feel that the set demanded costumes designed for it. Of course making costumes demands elaborate organization and many of the Stratford costumes were very good (Papps' and Waterhouse's for instance); all the same even the good ones were a bit out of key and a few were painful.

So Mr. Trott had a fine open setting within which he was able to bring the different scenes quickly to life. This meant that the play could generate its own momentum, and enabled the good scenes to carry the weak patches along. At the end I felt that I had seen the play and experienced its wry flavour.

J.A.B.

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## AT HOME AND ABROAD

### THE ERIC W. VINCENT BURSARY EXPEDITION

This year's bursars, R. S. Birch and G. M. Henman, set out on 18th August to visit the remains of Roman civilization in Provence.

Travelling by the usual channels, and after spending an uncomfortable night in the company of the Paris Metro's two- and four-legged rats, we began our investigation in Orange. Here we visited the magnificent

theatre which towers massively over the town, and the well-preserved triumphal arch—a large and decadent example of this architectural form.

From Orange through Aix-en-Provence to Marseilles. The most impressive sight here was a huge fire at an oil-refinery which had been visited by Algerians. We moved on through the mosquito-ridden marshes of Miramas to Arles and Nîmes, both rich in Roman buildings—arenas which are still in use, theatres, baths, aqueducts. We visited the famous Pont du Gard, St. Remy, Avignon and Vaison.

We were most impressed by the sheer massiveness of the amphitheatres and theatres, the truly classic perfection of the Maison Carée, a temple in Nîmes, and by the relative poorness of the museums, which we had hoped would fill in the detail of Roman provincial life. Of all the ruins which we saw, we were most interested by the functional beauty of the Pont du Gard, and the careful excavation of the Graeco-Roman town of Glanum Livii near St. Remy.

We returned from Provence acutely conscious of a great and luxurious civilization, now past, but which will never completely die while its buildings remain.

R.S.B. and G.M.H.

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## THE HOWARD-VYSE BURSARY EXPEDITION

Last year this travel prize was awarded to us, R. A. Clarke and R. M. Hughes, to enable us to study the motor industry, motor racing and road construction in Western Europe. We were fortunate enough to be able to go by car which we crammed full with camping equipment and tinned food, before leaving England, by the speedy and delightfully informal Silver City Air Ferry, towards the end of July.

Our first stop was Paris, where an enlightening tour of the Renault factory at Flins was followed by champagne, which did little to improve our driving. Four intensely exciting days were spent at the Nurburgring for the German Grand Prix, and, due to the generosity of Tony Marsh, we were lucky enough to spend the race in the pits.

We drove south along the Autobahn to Stuttgart where the factories of Mercedes-Benz and Porsche were visited. Our route then lay through Munich and Innsbruck before going over the Brenner pass into Italy, where we spent a glorious day on the shores of Lake Garda before going on to the Ferrari works at Maranello, near Modena. Here, we had a magnificent private conducted tour of every section of the factory. The craftsmanship of the highly skilled workers was a joy to behold after the apathetic attitude of most workers in the less exotic factories.

A fast drive through the heat and dust along the Via Emilio brought us to Milan where we visited the Cathedral and Monza Autodrome. A few days on the Riviera, during which we met several O.E.s, served as a pleasant interlude before going on via Geneva to Brussels. We were disappointed by the International Exhibition and only spent one day there, but were very impressed the following day when an engineer showed us around the new road tunnels and overhead roads in the centre of the city. We then returned to England after exactly one month abroad, and with 3,500 miles behind us.







EXPEDITION TO ICELAND 1958

What conclusions did we draw ? The majority of the plant in the factories was no better than in Britain but the cars produced are generally of more advanced specification. Unfortunately the motorways are, as yet, without parallel in England, but here the secondary road system is superior. Motor Racing on the continent carries enormous prestige value ; the fact that a British Vanwall won the German Grand Prix does this country more good than, say, winning the World Football Cup. Our thanks are due to the Governors of the School for making this most valuable experience possible.

R.M.H.

### ICELAND, 1958

On Sunday, August 17th, the twelve members of the Geographical Society's Iceland expedition set off on the night train northward. By the following evening, we had installed ourselves in "Gullfoss," a modern motor vessel named after the famous Icelandic waterfall, and were moving out from Leith to the open sea which was, then, comfortably calm. We did full justice to dinner that evening—as always in "Gullfoss" the meal was of a quality that far exceeded our greatest expectations.

We arrived in Reykjavik early on the Thursday morning, and disembarked after breakfast.

Not until midday did we leave this city, Iceland's capital, in a specially chartered motor coach, and turned inland along the bumpy, unsurfaced roads. This eighty mile journey showed us a good cross-section of Icelandic scenery. This is quite unlike anything in Britain, and we were somewhat awed by the barren windswept appearance of it all.

The country is, of course, very volcanic and the infertility of the soil coupled with the climate make vegetation very thin.

Our first camp was set up close to a modern prosperous-looking farm, but we soon moved some stores out to a proposed camp site about eight miles away. This trip involved us in a four mile trek across a lava river which proved very exhausting.

Our camp was set up there on the Monday, and the rest of that week was spent exploring the whole area using the camp as a fixed base. The weather stayed fine and the fairly easy walking was very pleasant.

Eventually we moved off towards civilisation via our previous farm camp, but we interrupted our march for a day to climb on to an icecap. We were very lucky with the weather—it was almost too hot—and this was thought by many to be the most enjoyable day of the whole trip.

We then moved on to a little hamlet from which we took the bus service back to Reykjavik and so had three restful days on "Gullfoss" before arriving back at Leith.

As on any trip of this sort, we all have innumerable memories of the little things that really made the expedition a success. We encountered no unpleasantness over the fishing dispute which was then at its height and the Icelanders seemed very friendly and helpful. Ill feeling over this might easily have made our stay very difficult.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Bennett without whose expert guidance and competent leadership the expedition could not even have taken place, let alone have provided the worthwhile experience and enjoyable holiday that it did.

R.C.H.

## SWEDEN, 1958

Since the 1958 Senior Scout camp involved a two-day journey across Europe to Sweden, a certain amount of tourist activity seemed quite legitimate. The fact that the party of thirty-four saw as much as possible of the countries through which it passed showed what a comprehensive expedition this was, ranging from a midnight trip on a Copenhagen tram to a night encamped by a log-covered lake in the heart of the Swedish lumbering country.

By first light on September 3rd, we had docked at the Hook of Holland, and boarded the Holland-Scandinavia Express, which took us to the Baltic Coast of Germany via Rotterdam, Bremen, Hamburg and Lübeck. There we faced a three-hour sea trip across the Baltic to Denmark, and we reached Copenhagen at midnight. Next day we became tourists, and visited the Round Tower, the Harbours, the Carlsberg Brewery and the Tivoli gardens. In the evening we were entertained at an indoor camp-fire by a local scout troop. We were impressed by the modern architecture of the Danish capital and the difficulty of learning Danish in 24 hours.

Next day after a short ride to Elsinore the train was loaded on to the ferry across the Skagerrack to Sweden. The rest of the journey was broken only at Gothenberg, and we reached Uddevalla, the nearest railway town to the camp, in perfect weather which was to last for the whole camp. A coach took us to the island of Orust, involving our fourth boat journey on the outward route.

The camp was situated in an area of rocky woodland overlooking a large fjord. The camp's fame soon spread, for we were the first English people on Orust in living memory. From time to time reporters entered camp, and Mr. Dodds had to hold press conferences to enlighten the baffled inhabitants, who nevertheless showed their hospitality by inviting the more presentable members of the camp to their homes.

Unplanned incidents and events make any foreign visit memorable rather than the fact of its having taken place. Two days after our arrival we were entertained on board the Elida, a converted British fishing-boat, by a group of local sea-scouts. We discovered that to climb rigging was not as easy as it looked, and that although the end of the forward jib was a fine place to sit with a camera, reaching it was a precarious process.

The chief activity of the camp was a three-day expedition to the lake district 60 miles to the north-east. We had to buy our own provisions and choose our own camp sites, and all seemed to manage adequately with a limited vocabulary, and much gesticulation. Everyone we met went out of their way to help us and one working man took a small party a mile in his motor-boat to a more suitable camp site. Among other things we found that eight holes have to be punched in each bus ticket, that Sweden was in the middle of an election campaign, and that it was possible to walk six miles in an hour to the tune of "The Iron Heart."

Apart from this expedition we seldom left the island, but spent these warm days of early autumn swimming and eating. We eventually left Orust on the Monday morning before the start of term, having been presented with an ornate metal tray showing the counties and emblems

of Sweden. We spent the same afternoon in Gothenberg, and a rapid change of trains in Copenhagen after a night crossing of the Skagerrack was in turn followed by an unearthly crossing of the Baltic from 1-0 a.m. until 4-0 a.m. On reaching Hamburg at six, a guide was waiting to show a now weary party of tourists the sights of the city, chief of which was a tour of the Docks in an Elbe tugboat. On the Holland-Scandinavia Express again most of the party justifiably slept, and, admitted in a kind of stupour to the boat at the Hook, we had docked in Harwich by the time we had recovered.

The expedition was organised to a high degree of efficiency, the brain behind the camp being that of Mr. Dodds. All those involved tender their appreciation of his achieving the near impossible : conveying thirty-four Senior Scouts on a 3,000 mile round trip involving visits to three busy foreign cities. The fact that all thirty-four returned is proof of his efficiency.

J.C.F.

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### SENIORS IN SCOTLAND

Last summer, four Senior Scouts spent a fortnight in Scotland, camping first at Brodick on the Isle of Arran. Despite the frivolity of Scots weather, they climbed several peaks, practised abseiling, pitched tents in a storm and swimming trunks, and bathed under a waterfall.

After several days in Arran, they moved on to a site near Crianlarich, in the Perthshire mountains. One day, they climbed Ben More (3,848-ft.) and its twin, Stobinian. The return to camp was by "bog-slog" down the valley. After conquering several other peaks they finished the camp with a large feast of innumerable courses, and returned to Birmingham.

D.A.B. and R.A.C.

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### MALHAM, 1958

Ten members of the Geography Department spent last half-term Youth Hostelling in Yorkshire with Mr. Benett, studying geology in the field. We walked about fifty miles from Ingleton to Linton over Ingleborough, brandishing our geological hammers all the way. We explored numerous interesting features, including Gaping Ghyll pothole, Malham Cove and the Norber glacial erratics made famous by Professor Holmes.

We express our sincere thanks to Mr. Benett for all his efforts to ensure that the trip was a success.

M.G.C.

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### THE C.C.F. IN SNOWDONIA

Early in January a party of ten cadets, with Capt. Hodges and Lieut. Cotter, enjoyed seven active days at Plas-y-Brenin, the C.C.P.R. Mountain Centre at Capel Curig.

During this Mountain Activities course we were shown, and later used, the best equipment for living out-of-doors. Our programme included an ascent of Snowdon, an introduction to rock-climbing (and



its hazards), map-reading in hill country, a bivouac in a deserted farmhouse, and, as a grand climax, a skiing session, sadistically filmed by B.B.C. Television.

Excellent weather, scenic splendour and the first-class arrangements at the Centre combined to make the week a memorable experience.

I.R.W.

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## THE CLOSING OF THE WYE VALLEY BRANCH LINE

On January 4th, with two form friends, and the Stephenson Locomotive Society, I went on an arranged tour of the Wye Valley Branch Line. On arriving at Chepstow we boarded a train, pulled by two G.W.R. Pannier tanks, which was the Special last train along the Wye Valley Branch.

We crossed the Wye at Chepstow and went through Tutshill Halt, but did not see the Wye again until the end of Tidenham Tunnel. We left the Main line and passed Tidenham and Netherhope Halt and through Tidenham Tunnel. The train then ran parallel with the River Wye and we saw the beautiful remains of ancient Tintern Abbey.

To reach Tintern railway station we went through Tintern Tunnel, across the Wye and passed through Tintern and a number of halts until we crossed the Wye again, passing through very pleasant scenery which looked even more attractive in the snow.

At Monmouth we were disappointed not to see the model depicting early railway schemes because of the number of people in front of us.

Then the train reversed, went back a short distance, and on to Monmouth May Hill. From here we could see the 300-year old Monmouth Public School. The train continued, with a steep cliff on one side and the river on the other, to Symonds Yat, where the driver and fireman were given champagne by the local people.

After Symonds Yat we went to Lydbrook Junction across the Wye and through Lydbrook Tunnel to Kerne Bridge. From here we had a good view of the ruins of Goodrick Castle.

Kerne Bridge to Ross-on-Wye, back to Chepstow and from there we went to Caldicot Junction. Here the train reversed down a single line to Sudbrook Pumping Station. Here we got out of the train to make a tour. When the Severn Tunnel was first built in 1830 it developed a leak and Sudbrook Pumping Station was necessary. Since it was mended it is just used for emergency and show purposes. All the pumps are beam engines and are driven by steam. Also they have a steam engine with Corless valve gear. While we were at Sudbrook we had a magnificent view of Bristol across the Severn Estuary. From the pumping station the train retraced its steps to the Severn Tunnel Junction where the tour terminated.

From here we returned to Birmingham. The B.B.C. covered the trip and we were pleased to see ourselves on the Midland News Commentary on Monday, January 5th.

C.L.R. (Shell C).



## THE CHARACTER OF J. S. BACH

Few people interested in music are ignorant of the great musical debt which we owe to J. S. Bach, but how many know anything of the character of this great musician ?

From all the records we possess he appears as the most amiable and modest of men. He was upright, incapable of any injustice, and it is well known how impartial he was. This impartiality appeared especially in his dealings with matters concerned with the organ—whether examining candidates or newly-built organs, his conscientious impartiality was so great that, as we hear from Forkel, he rarely gained any friends by it. But in addition, Bach was generous—if he thought that the builder of a well-constructed organ was being underpaid, he would advise the congregation to make an additional payment.

Bach never refused to do anyone a service, and exerted as much influence as he could on behalf of his pupils. He was modest—for though he proudly faced his superiors, he let no-one else feel his superiority. However, even when he wrote to his king he managed to preserve his dignity. It is not difficult to read between the lines, “I, J. S. Bach, have the right to demand this of my prince.” To Frederick the Great, in spite of the respect he pays, he speaks as an equal. Though he never commented upon other musicians he severely criticised his own pupils.

Frequently people asked Bach how he managed to bring his art to such perfection, and according to Forkel his usual reply was, “I have had to work hard ; anyone who will work equally hard will be able to do as much.” Forkel dwells especially upon Bach’s modesty, and contradicts the legend that Bach would sometimes go into a church disguised as a poor village schoolmaster and ask the organist to be allowed to play a chorale, merely to enjoy the astonishment created among those present by his playing, or to hear the organist say, “it must either be Bach or the Devil.” We see how Bach admired what he thought great by his attitude towards Handel—all his life he regretted not having been able to meet this great artist ; three times Handel visited his native town of Halle, but on each occasion Bach was unable to see him. Forkel says that, “Any lover of art, stranger or fellow countryman, could visit his house and be sure of meeting with a friendly reception.” Those sociable virtues, together with his great artistic fame caused his house rarely to be free from visitors. What better example of Bach’s hospitality could there be ? In one thing only his family spirit seemed to be absent : he did not take in his stepmother in her hour of poverty, and allowed her, two years after the death of her husband (1752) to beg for alms from the Council which he had so proudly withstood, and finally to let her die in receipt of poor relief, on 27th February, 1760.

Scant though this account is, I think it shows some of the most interesting traits of the character of J. S. Bach. His music is solid though not dull, and it seems to me that his music corresponds very closely to his character.

R.B.

**SIR PHILIP SIDNEY (1554-1586)**  
*(One of the "Sonnets of Astrophel")*

With how sad steps, O moon, thou climb'st the skies !  
How silently, and with how wan a face !  
What, may it be that even in heavenly place  
That busy archer his sharp arrows tries ?  
Sure, if that long-with-love-acquainted eyes  
Can judge of love, thou feel'st a lover's case ;  
I read it in thy looks ; thy languished grace  
To me, that feel the like, thy state describes.  
Then, even of fellowship, O Moon, tell me,  
Is constant love deemed there but want of wit ?  
Are beauties there as proud as here they be ?  
Do they above love to be loved, and yet  
Those lovers scorn, whom that love doth possess ?  
Do they call virtue there ungratefulness ?

Wie traurig gehst du deinen Himmelsgang,  
Wie still, o Mond, wie sehnsuchtsvoll dabei !  
Was, Ziel des Eifrigen Scharfschiesserei  
Bist denn noch du, obwohl am Sternesrang ?  
Ich seh's an dein Gesicht, so reizend-bang,  
Von Liebesqualen kommst du auch nicht frei.  
So sind wir eben Brüder, und wir zwei,  
Wir stöhnen beide unter Liebeszwang.  
Nun sag mir, Bruder, wie die oben sind.  
Gilt Treue bei Euch Wahnsinn ? Ist der Stolz  
Dort oben auch der Schönheit Pflegekind ?  
Sucht sie auch Liebe ? Ist ihr Herz auch Holz ?  
Hasst sie ihn auch, der ihr das Herz geweiht ?  
Nennt sie dort Tugend auch—Undankbarkeit ?

V.G.

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**SUMMER NOON**

The heat curls around me like a long moist snake,  
And the slow breezes, weary and pale, break  
Their way through the warm gold wall of fire.  
The air stings and stifles, all desire  
For movement cut to the roots. The old tree,  
Crouching in exhaustion above me, moves as in a sea  
Of leaves, tired but borne upon the billow,  
Reluctant in a death-sleep. And there still, low  
Upon the horizon lie the clouds, banished by the god-great  
Sun-power in his glance. Flies settle and wait,  
Spent by the crowding heat, and I in the lonely drug

Of warmth stare into the haze, and shrug  
The shoulders of my mind. And then I laugh  
Inwardly at the leering flight of time, and half  
Wish for freedom of its forward tread, for peace,  
For full forgetfulness of time, and full release.

A.J.M.

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### MIST-EYE

Locked in the fog of the city,  
Veiling false mirror of light ;  
Are there not strange affinities  
Twixt life and a misty night ?

Glimmered the spark of a headlamp,  
The torch of a smug T.R.2.  
Stifled, the wince of a hooter ;  
Stand—and watch Progress march through.

When framed in a mist-clear proportion,  
Was a moan all that Progress could say ?  
Was this all the light it could offer,  
Wink, splutter, and scuttle away ?

Locked in the fog of the City,  
Only The Truth can have sight ;  
Are there not strange affinities  
Twixt life and a misty night ?

W.E.O.

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### OUR CONTEMPORARIES

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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.
<b>TOWN MEMBERS</b> (full) residing or having a place of business within 15 miles of the Club Rooms .. .. .	7	7	0
<b>Town Members</b> (full) under age 21 .. .. .	2	2	0
<b>Town Members</b> (full) under age 30 .. .. .	4	4	0
<b>COUNTRY MEMBERS</b> .. .. .	2	2	0
<b>UNIVERSITY MEMBERS</b> , attending as students any university outside Birmingham .. .. .	1	0	0
<b>HONORARY MEMBERS</b> not less than .. .. . (Commutable in a sum of £10 10s. 0d.)	0	10	0

N. J. F. CRAIG,  
R. J. GARRATT,

*Joint Hon. Secs.*

## KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL CLUB

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







# KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL CHRONICLE

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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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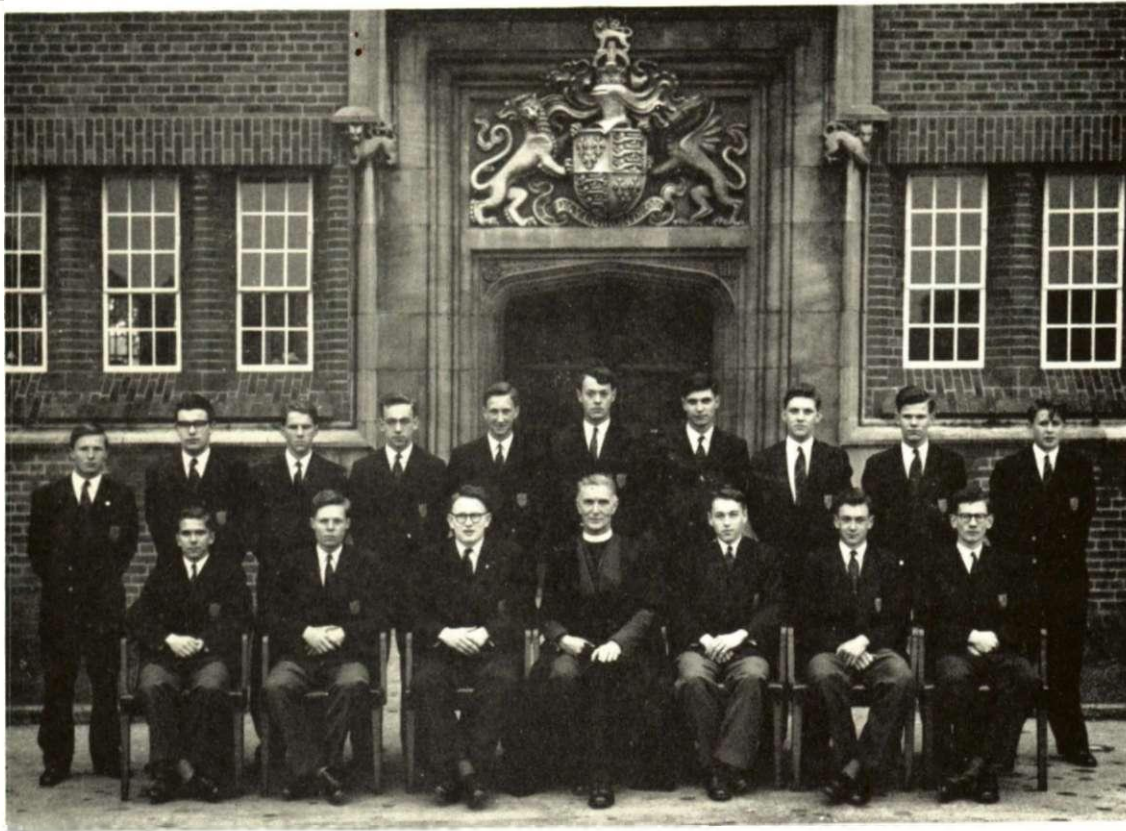
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*Front Row (left to right):* R. T. COTTON, D. K. BRAY, I. T. KNOWLES (*Captain of the School*), THE CHIEF MASTER, D. K. JENNINGS (*Usher Captain*), M. S. JONES, T. P. LEE.

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## EDITORIAL

King Edward's School enjoys a high reputation not only locally but throughout the world wherever its former pupils, in all walks of life, have settled. What has made it so? It is a School in the truly English tradition where the major job of learning rightly forms only one aspect of its activities. These activities, as they should for the development of future citizens in an increasingly complicated world, cover a wide range, providing for the development of mind, spirit and body, and a boy can make good or ill use of these opportunities as he pleases. The boy who does nothing other than work is failing miserably to gain the maximum School can offer him. He who follows too many avenues is likely to be frustrated by making himself master of little. He must learn to select judiciously from the free choice he must be given and to keep an even balance between work on the one hand and activities both mental and physical on the other.

It is axiomatic that everyone does his best in that in which he is really interested, and to cover the interests of most boys, a wide variety of activities is essential. King Edward's is fortunate in being large enough to provide this rich variety in sport as well as in other directions. It is inevitable that certain sports tend to gain a prestige value over others because of tradition, but traditional sports enjoying such prestige must be prepared to be challenged by and be kindly disposed to other more recently and increasingly popular sports, and be even ready to foster peaceful co-existence. No single sport, whatever its popularity, can in itself be claimed as more important than another, since the ideals of sport, playing for the value of the game and giving of one's best, are common to all. Ideally, boys should be given the opportunity of displaying their interest and increasing their skill in the physical pursuits of their own free choice.

# NOTES AND NEWS

## SCHOOL DIARY

The House Rugger Knockout Competition was successfully completed, but yet again the House Sevens and Kicking Competitions were victims of inclement weather. Mount St. Mary's managed to visit Birmingham, though their school has not been seen by us for generations.

The House P.T. Competition was held on February 20th, much earlier than is usual. The Individual Competitions took place just after half-term, celebrated from Friday, February 20th, to Monday, February 23rd. The Scouts *et al* danced on the Saturday night.

The cross-country races were run on the new course on 3rd March. Oozy mud claimed some unfortunates' footwear.

The Vicar of All Saints, Shard End, The Reverend C. Martineau gave weekly addresses in Chapel on Fridays during Lent. The School Confirmation was conducted by the Bishop of Aston at Edgbaston Old Church on March 4th.

Athletic standards were attempted, and often obtained, in dry, cold conditions.

Mr. T. N. Tunnard kindly judged the Individual Music Competition on March 10th, while the following day Sir Steuart Wilson gallantly adjudicated the House Choral Groups.

The Cadets and Scouts made hay, ominously on Friday, 13th March.

The Musical Society performed "Peasant Cantata" by J. S. Bach on March 19th. It was the first concert of its type to be given without professional assistance.

The social life of the Cartland Club suffered a set-back when their annual hockey match against E.H.S. had to be cancelled (because of rain).

Sports Day, Saturday, March 21st, was a surprisingly pleasant day. C. W. Hughes was easily Open Champion. Jeune once more were Sports Champions, though Evans, who had previously won the John Urry Cup for standards, was awarded the Mitton Shield for all the Athletics.

"The Gospel of the last days of our Lord" was sung at Edgbaston Old Church on March 22nd to celebrate Passion Sunday.

The Lent Term ended on March 24th.

The Summer Term began on April 23rd, and half-term was taken from May 15th to May 19th, after less than one-quarter of the term had been completed.

The first Holy Communion of the term was celebrated on Ascension Day and fortnightly thereafter.

Selected senior members have taken to Russian as a summer past-time, and may be expected to roll out the red carpet at any moment.

Deeds of daring were accomplished by Cadets and Scouts on the night of May 5th and the day of May 6th. The Remnants picked stones: surprise is evident at the reluctance of a few to help.

Aristophanes' comedy "The Birds" was confidently performed by the Junior Dramatic Society on the evenings of May 12th, 13th, and 14th.

The Triennial Photograph of the school should have been undergone on May 20th, but owing to the fickleness of the weather was postponed 24 hours.

G.C.E. began on Monday, June 8th.

The half-mile swim took place on June 26th. On the same day the XI played Warwick at the County Ground.

The final week of the school year will follow its traditional, crowded course. Outstanding amongst the official events: the Swimming Sports will be swum at Woodcock Street Baths on the evening of Friday, July 17th; the following morning Mr. Roy Jenkins, M.P., will present the prizes at Speech Day, and the same afternoon the cricket match between the O.E. Association XI and the School XI will be played (it is to be hoped that for this occasion strawberries will attract schoolboys as carrots do donkeys); the School Service, at which the Bishop of Birmingham will preach, will be on the Sunday, July 19th; all members of the school must ("let's face it") attend Big School on either Monday or Tuesday, July 20th and 21st; finally, the C.C.F. General Inspection by Rear Admiral Evershed, D.S.O., will take place on July 21st.

The Summer Term will end on July 23rd.

We congratulate Field-Marshal Sir William Slim, O.E., on being created a Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

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## COMMON ROOM

Mr. Vaughan left at the end of the Spring term to become Head Master of the Lickey Hills School. For a decade or so he served the School tirelessly, in the C.C.F., on the cricket field, as House Tutor in Cary Gilson, and as President of the Railway and Model Engineering Society. We wish him success in his new project.

Mr. Kent leaves at the end of term to become Senior Chemistry Master at Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, Liverpool. He has been at King Edward's just over seven years, and for most of that time has been a Scoutmaster, and in charge of the S.C.M. and Christian Guild and the Junior Scientific Society. We wish him happiness in his new post.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Hurn on the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Anne, on May 12th.

We welcome Mr. Leeson, who joined us this term in the Modern Languages Department, and wish good fortune to Mr. Goddard in his new post at Haberdashers' School.



We sympathise with Mr. Robbins, whose accident deprived him of a tour of Australia with the British Lions Rugby team.

We congratulate Mr. Hodges on being selected to accompany the Rhodes Trust Tour of Canada as assistant master in charge this year, and master in charge next year.

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## PREFECTS' ROOM

The following gentleman has been appointed Prefect:

J. D. Y. PEEL: Sub-editor of the CHRONICLE; Secretary of Cartland Club; Secretary of Anagnostics; Secretary of Closed Circle (*Vardy*).

The following gentlemen have left:

P. DAVIES (1950-1959): Captain of the School and General Secretary of the School Club, 1958-1959; Prefect, 1957-58-59; Captain of Swimming, 1956-57-58; Secretary of Swimming, 1955-56; Swimming Colours, 1954-55-56-57-58; Athletics Colours, 1957-58; Rugby Football Colours, 1958-59; Head of the House, 1957-58; Under Officer in C.C.F., 1958-59; Rhodes Trust, 1958; Manchester University (*Prince Lee*).

G. M. HENMAN (1951-59): Prefect, 1958-59; XXX Colours, 1958-59; Editor of CHRONICLE (1957-58-59); Secretary of Cartland Club (1957-58); Secretary of Closed Circle (1957-58-59); Secretary of Modern Language Society; Warranted A.S.M. in Senior Scouts; Head of the House; Exhibitioner of Queens' College, Cambridge (*Heath*).

M. D. RADFORD (1952-59): Prefect, 1958-59; Captain of Chess, 1957-58-59; Chess Colours, 1956-57-58-59; Troop Leader in Senior Scouts; Trinity Hall, Cambridge (*Prince Lee*).

The following gentlemen are leaving at the end of the term:

I. T. KNOWLES (1953-59): Captain of the School and General Secretary of the School Club, 1959; Vice-Captain of the School, 1958-59; Prefect, 1957-58-59; President of the Cartland Club, 1958-59; House Captain, 1958-59; Vice-Captain of Rugby Football, 1958-59; Rugby Football Colours, 1956-57-58-59; XXX Colours, 1956-57; C.S.M. in C.C.F.; Rhodes Trust, 1959; Birmingham University (*Evans*).

D. K. LINDLEY (1951-59): Vice-Captain of the School, 1959; Prefect, 1957-58-59; President of the Cartland Club, 1959; Captain of Rugby Football, 1957-58-59; Secretary of Rugby Football, 1956-57; Rugby Football Colours, 1955-56-57-58-59; Athletics Colours, 1956-57-58-59; Open Champion, 1958; School P.T. Captain, 1958-59; House Captain, 1958-59; Bache Memorial Cup, 1959; Sergeant in C.C.F.; Rhodes Trust, 1959; Aberdeen University (*Jeune*).

R. BARTON (1951-59): Prefect, 1958-59; Secretary Debating Society; C.S.M. in C.C.F.; Head of the House, 1959; St. John's College, Oxford (*Heath*).

D. K. BRAY (1954-59): Prefect, 1958-59; Sub-Treasurer of the School Club, 1958-59; XXX Colours, 1958-59; Sergeant in C.C.F.; House Captain, 1958-59; Choral Exhibitioner of Clare College, Cambridge; National Coal Board Technical Scholar (*Gifford*).

R. T. COTTON (1954-59): Prefect, 1958-59; Captain of Athletics, 1958-59; Secretary of Athletics, 1957-58; Athletics Colours, 1957-58-59; House Captain, 1958-59; Editor of CHRONICLE, 1959; Sergeant in R.A.F. Section, 1959; St. John's College, Cambridge (*Levett*).

R. C. HEADING (1957-59): Prefect, 1958-59; Sub-Editor of CHRONICLE; Sergeant in R.A.F. Section; University of Edinburgh (*Evans*).

B. HUGHES (1954-59): Prefect, 1958-59; XXX Colours, 1958-59; Warranted A.S.M. in Senior Scouts; University College, London (*Jeune*).

M. S. JONES (1952-59): Prefect, 1958-59; School Cricket Blazer, 1958-59; Leading Seaman in C.C.F.; Head of the House, 1958-59; Guy's Hospital Dental School, London (*Prince Lee*).

T. P. LEE (1953-59): Prefect, 1958-59; Captain of Cricket, 1958-59; Cricket Colours, 1958-59; House Captain, 1958-59; XXX Colours, 1958-59; Under-Officer in C.C.F., 1958-59; Knight Memorial Medal, 1958; Worcester College, Oxford (*Vardy*).

J. MARRIOTT (1952-59): Prefect, 1958-59; Secretary of Chess, 1957-58-59; Chess Colours, 1957-58-59; Exhibitioner of Imperial College of Science and Technology, London (*Levett*).

J. D. Y. PEEL (1954-59): Prefect, 1959; Sub-editor of CHRONICLE; Secretary of Cartland Club, 1958-59; Secretary of Anagnostics, 1957-58-59; Secretary of Closed Circle, 1959; Sutler of Shakespeare Society, 1958-59; Sergeant in C.C.F.; Scholar of Balliol College, Oxford (*Vardy*).

A. R. ROBERTSON (1951-59): Prefect, 1958-59; School Recorder, 1958-59; Treasurer of Cartland Club, 1958; Secretary of Scientific Society, 1958-59; Exhibitioner of Imperial College of Science and Technology, London (*Jeune*).

R. A. WALTERS (1952-59): Prefect, 1959; House Captain, 1959; School Cricket Blazer, 1958-59; XXII Colours, 1958; Sergeant in C.C.F.; Metallurgical Apprenticeship (*Cary Gilson*).

R. F. L. WILKINS (1951-59): Prefect, 1958-59; Secretary of Cricket, 1958-59; XXII Colours, 1957; Cricket Blazer, 1958-59; Secretary of the Film Society, 1957-58-59; Secretary of the Photographic Society, 1958-59; C.S.M. in C.C.F.; Knight Memorial Medal, 1959; University of Manchester (*Vardy*).

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## THE CARTLAND ROOM

The Summer term finds the Cartland Club slightly smaller than usual; and the tenor of its life has been so peaceful recently, apart from a few impassioned arguments about the price of biscuits, that there is very little



to say about it. However, I think it has been a successful year, with the vast majority of "Carters" serving the school loyally before launching themselves on an unsuspecting world.

J.D.Y.P.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

The following elections have been made:

D. K. Bray to a Choral Exhibition at Clare College, Cambridge, and a National Coal Board Scholarship.

M. P. Connon, to an Exhibition in History at Brasenose College, Oxford.

A. R. Robertson and J. Marriott to Exhibitions at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, University of London.

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## COLOURS

We congratulate:

G. M. Henman, P. J. Tyrer, A. D. Guest, C. W. Hughes, B. Hughes, J. H. Cayton, S. P. Tyrer, I. R. Webley, K. J. Bloomfield, D. G. Hemming, G. J. Gregg, A. H. Papps and D. N. Whalley, on the award of XXX Colours.

D. K. Lindley, C. W. Hughes, M. P. Connon and I. R. Webley on the re-award of School Athletics Colours.

G. E. Stollard and J. C. Mason on the award of School Athletics Colours.

M. J. Lamping, N. V. A. Hobbs and J. Marriott on the re-award of School Chess Colours.

D. G. Fletcher, on the award of School Chess Colours.

C. J. Wood on the re-award of School Shooting Colours.

J. M. Cunningham, J. L. Sessions, P. A. Stanworth, and P. K. Hall on the award of School Shooting Colours.

P. B. Rothwell on the re-award of School Cricket Colours.

R. A. Walters, J. C. Mason and M. S. Jones on the award of their School Cricket Blazers.

M. S. Tracey and J. G. Evans on the award of School XXII Colours.

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## CHAPEL NOTES

The Lent series of addresses at Friday afternoon Services were given last term by the Rev. Christopher Martineau, Vicar of Shard End, who spoke on "Giving and Getting in the Christian Life." The Lent Term had begun with four talks on "Christian Unity", contributed by three visitors (Professor Henry Lefever and Canon Stacy Waddy of the Selly

Oak Colleges, and the Rev. Jack Newport of Birmingham University) and by the Chief Master, who as Chairman of the Birmingham Council of Churches, rounded off the series.

As has been usual in recent years, there was a weekly celebration of the Holy Communion during Lent, which was, as always, well attended. We were glad to have the Bishop of Aston with us again as celebrant on 24th February. The newly confirmed made their first corporate Communion on March 17th when the Bishop of the Diocese was our celebrant. Collections at last term's Lent Communion Services were given to the Bishop's Appeal Fund.

This term's Friday afternoon services have begun with three talks by the Chaplain on Christian vocation, entitled "God and me." There is to be a further series towards the end of the term on "What is God like?"

On May 26th the celebrant at the Holy Communion was Canon C. F. Evans (O.E.), Lightfoot Professor of Divinity at Durham University.

We record our thanks to the Second Master and Mrs. Smith for the gift of a pair of kneelers for the Communion rail.

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## THE LIBRARY

It is pleasing to report that the crusade against gossip is at last bearing fruit from all except a vociferous and anti-social minority. Consequently, there is about the Library a pleasant aura of bookish intellectualism—even if a close inspection reveals that the bound volumes of *Punch* are the most-read works. However, the record of books in circulation reveals that members of the Upper School at least realize the true value of the Library when reading is suitably integrated with school work. It is necessary to make a plea that all books used for reference purposes be returned to their correct place on the shelves. To return a book to an incorrect shelf renders virtually impossible the task of finding it again. Another alarming habit is the stacking of books one on top of another: this is damaging to the bindings, particularly in the case of such large books as the bound volumes of *Punch* and *The Illustrated London News* which are quite irreplaceable.

A considerable number of new books have entered the Library recently. At the beginning of May the thirteen-thousandth book was added since the commencement of the present catalogue in 1936. The actual number of books in the Library remains below 13,000, however, as a small number of old books are withdrawn, but also because a distressing number of books are missing. Many books have been presented to the Library by people to whom we are very grateful; in particular, thanks must be extended to the Chief Master for a generous gift. Members of the school who will shortly be leaving are reminded that the presentation of a book to the Library is a most satisfactory way of commemorating one's stay at this school.

Finally, thanks are extended to all the Librarians without whose labours the Library would be a mere jungle of books, and to Mr. Blount whose unobtrusive guiding hand ensures we do not wander from the straight and narrow path.

R.H.D. (*School Librarian*).

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## THE SCHOOL WEATHER STATION

Monthly reports continue to be sent by the station to the Meteorological Office who, in turn, use them in several publications. Readings sent include details of temperature and rainfall, and also reports on visibility, cloud, and wind.

We record the unusual fact that during February no snow at all fell even though the mean temperature for the month was a little below normal. By contrast there was an extremely warm spell shortly before Whitsun, during which the temperature rose to 76°F., almost twenty degrees above the average for May.

R.H.D. (*School Senior Meteorologist*).

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## THE CHANGING FACE OF EDGBASTON

Learning has dominated this area of Edgbaston since the late Nineteenth Century, and it is only appropriate that in this era of rapid educational development, Birmingham University and King Edward's School should be responsible for the most notable changes in the appearance of the district. Behind School, the new University library is now being finished, and modern buildings for both Arts and Sciences are rising nearby. It is in the vicinity of the school buildings themselves, however, that recent progress should be most admiringly recorded. It is only a few years since the Paddock was levelled, sown and transformed into Winterbourne Field, while at the end of Park Vale Drive, the new lodge is guarding our front entrance. The demolition of the unlamented Temporary Buildings has given traffic on the Bristol Road one of the finest views along its length, and promises to provide the school with the finest sports field in the district. When the remainder of the wooden buildings disappears, the imposing new Vince House will look out across a quarter of a mile of turf, the South Front, the Chapel and, we hope, a running track. Finally, the new science laboratories now all but complete in the west courtyard will make the work of teaching science subjects more of a pleasure and the work of learning them less of an ordeal. Without doubt, the last six years have been a time of wonderful development in the history of King Edward's which, associated with far-reaching developments at the University, will make Edgbaston a model of the British educational system at its best.

J.C.F.

## FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S NEEDS

SUMMER TERM:							£	s.	d.
Ockenden Venture	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	10	0
Christian Aid Appeal for Refugees	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	10	0
CHRISTMAS TERM:									
Midland Spastic Society	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	0	0
Midland Societies for the Blind	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	0	0
LENT TERM:									
Christian Education Movement in South Africa	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	0	0
C.E. Children's Society	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	0	0

## OLD EDWARDIAN LETTER

*To the Editor of the CHRONICLE.*

SIR,

All O.E.'s interested in cricket or football are thinking—and a great many working—for the Association's great adventure, the opening of the new ground at Streetsbrook Road. Much, of course, still remains to be done and there will be no cricket there till next season. But there will be no more football on the County Ground. The day of opening, as I wrote in the March CHRONICLE, is fixed—October 24th: and a number of distinguished persons are expected to be present. Even more important, the Pavilion, though it will not be finished completely for some time, should be ready by October to serve the needs of home and visiting Fifteens. Do try and attend the opening; and, meanwhile, we hope as many boys as possible will come and have a look at a charming ground.

Many boys now at School, we know, could be using the ground and many more still of those who come after. Those who have financed the purchase of the ground, those who have worked so hard on its preparation, are offering their successors a boon they themselves never had—a permanent, inalienable home for athletics. All we ask is that you should use it to the utmost.

That means, of course, that you play for one or other of the Elevens or Fifteens of the Association. The first step to that is to join the Association. To that end the recruiting sergeants of the O.E.A.—if I may so describe them—will be attending at the School on Wednesday, July 22nd, to point out the many benefits membership offers. In the evening of the same day all leaving school this term are invited to our annual party in the Association's rooms at 23, Paradise Street. There they will see a side of the Association's activities which will, I believe, appeal no less to the non-athletic than to the athletic. Will all leavers note the date and keep at least some part of that evening free?

It was pleasant to have Vince House, the residence in future of all Chief Masters of the School, ready for the return of your present Chief Master (and our President) from his interesting but crowded visit to the United States. It is, I suggest, worthy of the School, and, like the

Streetsbrook Road Ground, a possession of the School for ever. Old School House does, I fear, look a trifle under the weather ! But the adjacent South Field, almost cleared and levelled, is a hint of what the School House site will become—another addition to the amenities and beauty of K.E.S. There, *inter alia*, we hope soon to have Squash Courts of our own.

O.E.'s followed with interest the fortunes of your Fifteen and regretted your rapid departure from the "Sevens." We ourselves had a better football season than for several years, largely because so many of recent footballers from the School are playing for us. For you and for ourselves we look forward to a good Cricket season.

Streetsbrook Road is the work of loyal and generous Old Boys too numerous to mention. Vince House is due largely to two Old Edwardians, Charles Vince and Frank Viney. So long as O.E.'s continue long after leaving, to keep their *alma mater* in mind so long will School and Association flourish.

Yet O.E.'s are not immortal: we mourn this Spring the loss of three—distinguished men, long years and long distances away from Birmingham, who never wavered in their affection for and interest in K.E.S.—Joseph Manton, "Ned" Ravenhill, Sir Leonard Browett. It is from the School and Association, from men like you, that their successors must come.

O.E.

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Queen Victoria School,  
Matavatuou,  
Fiji.

25th February, 1959.

To the Editor of the CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,

When I was at school I had my reservations about the British Empire, but having now seen modern colonialism in action and in a small way had some part in it, I now have a great admiration for what the enlightened colonial servant has achieved and is achieving. I read Ballantyne's "Coral Island" when at K.E.S. and more recently Grimble's "A Pattern of Islands" and was fascinated by the romantic nature of the Pacific. But I never for a moment thought I would ever see it, let alone work there. The travel books of my school days I always took with a pinch of salt, but I need not have done so; from my house I can look down to: seventy-foot high coconut palms on the beach (source of oil for cooking, a cool drink, bark cloth, leaves for shelter), bread fruit trees whose fruit when cooked is a good substitute for bread, pawpaws, pineapples, lemons and bananas for fruit, vou trees from whose bark grass skirts and garlands can be made, coral reefs with their unbelievable beauty and variety of fish and coral, Fijian houses—but living men are no longer buried at the corner posts of a Chief's house!

Fiji certainly is a delightful place to live in; one soon gets used to the



steady temperature of 75-85°, and the high humidity. The sea temperature of about 80° is ideal for leisurely swimming whilst inland the volcanic origin of the land has left many precipitous plugs to challenge the mountaineer. The yachtsman with protecting outer reefs has little to fear if he knows his charts well.

The school to which I have come is a boarding school for Fijian youths, and nearly all the most promising young Fijians come here at about fourteen years of age: many are now completing the five years course to New Zealand University Entrance. There is a great shortage of well qualified Fijians to fill important posts in the Colony's administrative, medical and educational services as well as to guide the country's primitive agriculture in the villages to a more productive and efficient standard. The urgency of the situation is great because there are already more Indians than Fijians in Fiji and they are increasing faster, whilst both groups show signs of an awakening political consciousness.

To me living amongst coloured peoples, and often not realizing it, it is amazing to read of race riots in England. One just does not notice any difference of colour or race. I certainly had my doubts before coming here but they rapidly melted on arrival.

The Fijian, naturally courteous, except perhaps to his women folk, was effectively living in the stone age 100 years ago and, in a land which produced subsistence crops well, had little incentive to better his living. Even to-day the Fijians, especially the old men, whilst capable of hard work, prefer to take things easily and procrastinate. Now with fear of inter-tribal raiding gone, his main fear is hurricanes and, if he is young, the future of his country.

There is too much to condense into a short letter. I should for example like to compare the boys here to ones at home. How would you react to a normal school day with an hour of farm work before breakfast, sports, cadets or more maintenance after school, "prep." after dinner and in addition be responsible for keeping the school clean and for all your own washing and ironing, and since the school uniform is white that means a *lot* of washing, starching and ironing. I wish you could see the boys' prowess in field athletics, the verve and speed with which they play rugby, their superb fielding at cricket—but why shouldn't you? The Senior Scout motto is "Look Wide" and if ever you get the opportunity, take it—not hesitantly and tentatively as I have done, but firmly and expectantly. Don't wait until your family tends to immobilise you but in a spirit of service take opportunity in both hands and I am sure you will never regret it. Even if, as one day I may have to, you return to England, you will I am sure carry away with you perennially fresh and wonderful memories and a more understanding sense of the brotherhood of man.

Yours sincerely,

A. HURRELL.

(From Arthur Hurrell, O.E., once master at K.E.S., now Head Master of his school in Fiji.)



## RUGGER RETROSPECT

Rugby Football in the early part of the Lent Term was marred by the bad weather. The XV's match against the Old Edwardians was cancelled because of frost. Fortunately, the weather permitted the fixture against Mt. St. Mary's College to be played, for the first time in four seasons. The School was narrowly defeated by 8 points to 3.

Hard practice was put in by the various members of the Rugby world to prepare the School Seven for the Public Schools' Seven-a-Side Competition held at Roehampton. Training spells were also taken at Rugby and Denstone College.

The Seven was matched against Dulwich in the first round. Against a side with fast, experienced backs, the School could not develop its game and made its exit from the competition by losing 13 points to nil.

Finally it remains to thank Mr. Parry for his wise guidance and hard work and to wish next year's XV the best of luck.

D. K. LINDLEY (*Captain of Football*).

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## ATHLETICS

This year, we have seen an innovation in the schools' athletics—the extension of the season for the school team into the summer term. There has, understandably, been much adverse criticism of this move, chiefly on the grounds that it might interfere with our more firmly established summer sports. However, the fact that athletics is a minor sport, and therefore involves relatively few boys, invalidates this argument. Points in favour of this innovation are, first, with the increase in number of Public Schools becoming interested in athletics, certain of them are coming to be known for their prowess, not only at rugger and cricket, but also at athletics, and it is not part of our great tradition to provide fewer facilities than other schools; and secondly, again unlike such established sports as rugger and cricket, athletics is an infant sport, growing in standards, that is truly international, being one of the few sports common to East and West.

This season we have been most fortunate with the weather, which has not interfered with our programme at all.

The season was initiated with the annual Cross-Country run, held on March 5th on our new course, which certainly provided some thrills. We all felt that this circuit was far preferable to the previous road-course, and we are much indebted to an Old Edwardian, Dr. C. St. Johnston, and Mr. Symes for their diplomacy in enabling us to run over the course. The senior race was won by C. W. Hughes (Jeune), and the junior by D. A. Webb (Prince Lee).

Standards, which were in fact started before the Cross-Country races, proceeded uninterrupted, and throughout there was keen competition for the John Urry Cup, the winner being in doubt until the last moment. Evans eventually won.

Sports Day was traditionally held on the last Saturday of term, on

a surprisingly pleasant afternoon. The ground was in good condition, and performances in general were excellent. We extend our thanks to Mrs. Hood-Phillips who kindly presented the awards.

The Athletics Team has done well this season, though severely weakened on the sprinting side by the absence of D. K. Lindley, and has proudly worn the new school pale blue athletic vest. Individual performances have been of an extraordinarily high calibre, as witnessed by the success of individuals in open competition, and by the number of records that have been bettered. At the Midland Public Schools' Meeting at the University Track, we gained 1 first place (880 yards), 3 second places (Javelin, 200 yards Low Hurdles, Steeplechase), and 2 thirds (mile, 440 yards). And then we showed that not only could the Rugby Sevens Team and the Eton Fives Team further the good name of K.E.S. in Public Schools' Competitions, when D. A. Webb won the Junior (U. 16) 440 yards at the L.A.C. Public Schools' Meeting at the White City. D. A. Webb and C. W. Hughes have been selected to represent the Warwickshire Schools in the All-England Schools meeting at Northwich on July 17th and 18th.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking all those masters who have in various ways helped to make this season's athletics a success. Now, it only remains for me to thank Mr. Symes, the new Master in charge of Athletics, who, after having put every effort into making last term's athletics a success for both the team and "standard getters," is now guiding our summer programme.

R. T. COTTON (*Captain of Athletics*).

## RESULTS

K.E.S. v. N.H.S. at Nottingham, 12th March, 1959	K.E.S., 80	N.H.S., 50
K.E.S. v. R.C. at Ratcliffe, 19th March, 1959.	K.E.S., 59	R.C., 71
K.E.S. v. Warwick and Worcester at Warwick, 23rd March, 1959.	K.E.S., 60	W.S., 55 W.R.G.S., 42
K.E.S. v. Warwick, K.H.8, Coventry, and Solihull, at University Track, 14th May, 1959.	K.E.S., 45 K.H.8, 40	Warwick, 47 S., 21
K.E.S. v. R.C. at University Track 21st May, 1959.	K.E.S., 55	R.C., 72
K.E.S. v. W.C. at Worksop, 28th May, 1959.	K.E.S., 49	W.C., 82

## RECORDS

During the season the following records have been broken:

Open 440 yards. D. K. Lindley. 52.2 secs. University Track.  
 Open 880 yards. C. W. Hughes. 2 mins. 2.0 secs. University Track.  
 Open 1 mile. M. P. Connon. 4 mins. 37.8 secs. Worksop.  
 Open Discus. G. E. Stollard. 126-ft. 6-ins. At Warwick.  
 Open Javelin. I. R. Webley. 160-ft. 9-ins. University Track.  
 Intermediate 880 yards. D. A. Webb. 2 mins. 4.8 secs. Coventry.  
 Intermediate 440 yards. D. A. Webb. 52.2 secs. University Track.  
 Intermediate 220 yards. D. A. Webb. 24.5 secs. At Ratcliffe.  
 Intermediate Weight. D. A. Webb. 43-ft. 0-ins. At Nottingham.  
 Intermediate Relay. Heath House. 49.3 secs. Sports Day.  
 Junior Relay. Gifford House. 57.0 secs. Sports Day.  
 Under 12½ 150 yards. S. D. Henderson. 19.9 secs. Sports Day.

## SPORTS RESULTS

### Trophy Winners:

Under 12½ Champion: Ansdell.  
Junior Champion: Gray.  
Intermediate Champion: Webb, D. A.  
Open Champion: C. W. Hughes.  
Wiggins-Davies Cup—U.12½ Relays: Heath.  
Tudor Cup—Junior Relays: Gifford.  
Robert Moseley Cup—Intermediate Relays: Heath.  
Holdworth Cup—Open Relays: Heath.  
Richards Cup—Cross-Country (Intermediate): Prince Lee.  
St. Johnston Cup—Cross-Country (Open): Evans.  
John Urry Cup—Standards: Evans.  
Birmingham Athletic Club Cup: Jeune.  
Mitton Shield—Athletics Championship: Evans.

### OPEN EVENTS:

100 yards: Knowles, I. T. 10.9 secs.  
220 yards: Jones, M. S. 24.7 secs.  
440 yards: C. W. Hughes. 55.7 secs.  
880 yards: C. W. Hughes. 2 mins. 5.8 secs.  
1 mile: C. W. Hughes. 4 mins. 48.0 secs.  
Hurdles: Gregg, G. J. 16.8 secs.  
High Jump: J. C. Mason. 4-ft. 11-ins.  
Discus: G. E. Stollard. 120-ft. 1-in.  
Weight: Gregg, G. J. 37-ft.  
Javelin: I. R. Webley. 137-ft. 3-ins.

The Athletics team has been selected from the following: C. W. Hughes; Gregg; D. K. Lindley; I. R. Webley; M. P. Connon; G. E. Stollard; J. C. Mason; P. Davies; Wood, C. J.; Siegle; Waterhouse; Ruddick; Knowles, I. T.; Jones, M. S.; Webb; Loach; Heading; Pettitt; Munrow; Barlow; Pook; Cave; Hall; R. T. Cotton.

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## CRICKET

The team has started steadily and with some assurance, and as we approach our key school matches, everyone's morale is gradually rising. The fielding has greatly improved this season, and safe fielding is becoming aggressive in several cases. Good catches have been taken, and the only real black spot in fielding at present is the lack of any brilliant slip-fielders. The batting is sound, with at least six or seven batsmen who can make, and have made, good scores. Potentially, the batting is good but we must remember that style counts for little, where concentration and determination are lacking.

The discovery of two good young performers, M. S. Tracey and J. G. Evans, has greatly strengthened the bowling power, and when R. A. Walters returns, it should become both a steady and penetrative attack.

The five matches played so far have all been drawn, except for that against Wyggeston, which was lost. The team was perhaps a little unfortunate to lose to them, for having captured 9 opponents' wickets for 117, we met with stern resistance from a determined and skilful last wicket pair, who put on over 50, which robbed us of a hoped-for victory.

The 2nd XI continue their unbeaten run, started in May, 1958, and contain a very menacing and useful array of fast bowlers, but lack any real batting core.

The Junior teams still enjoy their cricket, although not achieving any dazzling success. There are several very good individuals in the U.15's who will be of great value to the school in the near future.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Guy and Mr. Cockle for all the advice and coaching, so expertly and generously given to the XI, and hope that we may reward their enthusiasm with better results during the rest of the season. We are most grateful to Mr. Brierley who continues to spend hours of labour on preparing what must be becoming one of the best School wickets in the country. The coaching of the other teams must not pass without recognition, for many masters give much of their time to guiding the other teams in their cricket techniques, for which we are greatly indebted.

T. P. LEE (*Captain of Cricket*).

## RESULTS

### THE XI v. OLD EDWARDIANS' C.C. (Played at Hunnington, 2nd May, 1959)

Old Edwardians' C.C. 139 for 7 declared (McClelland 52, Homer 39).  
The XI .. .. 105 for 9 (P. B. Rothwell 41, Harrod 5 for 16).

### THE XI v. WYGGESTON G.S. (Played at Eastern Road, 9th May, 1959)

Wyggeston G.S. .. 171 (Spikings 40 not out, Smith 34, Billings 23, J. G. Evans 5 for 69, M. S. Tracey 4 for 33).  
The XI .. .. 132 (P. B. Rothwell 38, J. C. Mason 43, Clarke 4 for 48).

### THE XI v. BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY II. (Played at Eastern Road, 16th May, 1959)

B'ham University II. 196 for 5 declared (Hartley 31, Garrard 44, Gray 38 not out, J. G. Evans 3 for 46).  
The XI .. .. 116 for 6 (J. C. Mason 24, P. B. Rothwell 20, Macleay 4 for 50).

### THE XI v. SHREWSBURY "A" XI (Played at Shrewsbury, 21st May, 1959)

Shrewsbury "A" XI.. 14 for 0. (Rain stopped play.)

### THE XI v. THE COMMON ROOM (Played at Eastern Road, 23rd May, 1959)

THE XI		THE COMMON ROOM	
J. E. T. Harper, c Buttle, b Freeman	16	W. M. Traynor, b Green	2
D. R. Holby, lbw, b Guy	0	A. J. Trott, st Rothwell, b Lee	23
T. P. Lee, c and b Leeds	36	W. R. Buttle, b Lee	29
M. S. Jones, lbw, b Guy	53	J. B. Guy, c Green, b Lee	6
P. B. Rothwell, b Leeds	0	T. G. Freeman, c Rothwell, b Evans	8
J. C. Mason, c Traynor, b Freeman	14	M. A. Stamp, b Tracey	30
R. G. Simpson, b Guy	2	L. B. Goddard, b Tracey	2
H. J. Ferns, b Freeman	5	T. Green, c Holby, b Green	12
J. G. Evans, c Freeman, b Guy	2	J. A. Gregory, not out	0
M. S. Tracey, not out	0	O. M. Mathews, not out	0
R. A. Green, lbw, b Freeman	1	A. E. Leeds did not bat	
Extras	9	Extras	19
TOTAL .. ..	138	TOTAL (for 8 wickets) ..	131

T. G. Freeman 4 for 49, J. B. Guy 4 for 33, A. E. Leeds 2 for 18.

T. P. Lee 3 for 40, M. S. Tracey 2 for 22, R. A. Green 2 for 24, J. G. Evans 1 for 26.

**THE XI v. WARWICK CLUB AND GROUND**  
(*Played at The County Ground, 28th May, 1959*)

Warwick C. and G. . . 237 for 3 (Coles 76, Bennett 45 not out, Amiss 42 not out, Glynn 41).  
The XI . . . 110 for 5 (H. J. Ferns 34 not out, P. B. Rothwell 20).

**THE XI v. NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL**  
(*Played at Nottingham, 30th May, 1959*)

The XI . . . 152 for 9 declared (H. J. Ferns 48, P. B. Rothwell 33, M. S. Jones 32, Taylor 3 for 31, Palfreman 3 for 34, Martin 3 for 26).  
Nottingham H.S. . . 155 for 8 (Rodda 63, Richardson 36, Whalley 21, R. A. Walters 6 for 60, including hat-trick).

**THE "A" XI v. REPTON 2nd XI**  
(*Played at Eastern Road, 4th June, 1959*)

Repton . . . 168 for 2 declared (Farrington 82, Broomhead 61).  
The "A" XI . . . 134 for 7 (T. P. Lee 38, J. C. Mason 30, M. J. Lamping 24).

**THE XI v. DENSTONE**  
(*Played at Eastern Road, 6th June, 1959*)

The XI . . . 132 (T. P. Lee 42, M. S. Jones 29, Molyneux 5 for 39, Standerwick 3 for 42).  
Denstone . . . 133 for 1 (Foster 79 not out, Lees 40 not out).

**THE XI v. WADHAM COLLEGE**

The XI . . . 96 (P. B. Rothwell 27, James 7 for 48).  
Wadham College . . . 97 for 1 (Rayman 52 not out, Ferebee 29).

**THE XI v. R.G.S., WORCESTER**  
(*Played at Eastern Road, 13th June, 1959*)

**R.G.S., WORCESTER**

P. A. J. Heseltine, b Lee . . .	12
B. B. Clifton, c Rothwell, b Whitehouse . . .	0
S. T. Highcock, b Walters . . .	4
D. A. Brant, b Walters . . .	4
R. C. Tong, b Walters . . .	7
B. V. Dinsdale, c Mason, b Lee . . .	5
R. A. Weaver, c Walters, b Evans . . .	11
C. P. Morris, lbw, b Walters . . .	7
M. D. Hawkins, b Walters . . .	10
J. G. Newell, not out . . .	8
A. F. Dale, b Walters . . .	6
Extras . . .	9
<b>TOTAL . . .</b>	<b>83</b>

**THE XI**

H. J. Ferns, c and b Dale . . .	11
P. B. Rothwell, c Morris, b Dinsdale . . .	17
T. P. Lee, c Tong, b Dale . . .	0
M. S. Jones, b Hawkins . . .	19
J. C. Mason, not out . . .	28
M. J. Lamping, b Hawkins . . .	3
J. E. T. Harper, c Newell, b Hawkins . . .	5
J. G. Evans, not out . . .	1
D. A. Whitehouse, R. A. Walters and M. S. Tracey did not bat.	
Extras . . .	0
<b>TOTAL (for 6 wickets) . .</b>	<b>84</b>

Hawkins 3 for 32, Dale 2 for 21.

R. A. Walters 6 for 33, T. P. Lee 2 for 9.

## CHARACTERS OF THE XI

T. P. LEE, Captain (1958-59).

He has made himself into a popular and efficient captain, and it is largely due to the drive behind his leadership that the XI has become a better-knit unit than of late.

Now his true batting potential is being fully realized we are at last seeing the strokes of which we knew he was capable. This year, on the hard wickets experienced so far, his fast leg-break bowling has earned him many good wickets, while his fielding still continues to be of the highest quality.

(*Captain of Vardy*)  
P.B.R.

P. B. ROTHWELL, Vice-Captain (1958-59).

A very fine batsman, whose off-side shots are of the highest quality. In his new capacity as wicket-keeper he has performed well, but seems mystified by the leg-side ball and the "beamer." His great knowledge of the game, and extensive experience in club cricket have been invaluable in tackling some of the finer points of the game.

(*Captain of Heath*)

R. F. L. WILKINS,\* Secretary.

The length and direction of his off-breaks have so far been very erratic, but he has been handicapped by an injury to his spinning finger. His batting could be good, but lack of confidence has always caused an early downfall. A very keen, if slow fielder. He now has an intimate knowledge of the fixture-list, after two most efficient years in office.

(*Vardy*)

J. E. T. HARPER.\*

An opening batsman, whose forte is his leg-side shots, which hetimes admirably. However, we have been pleased to note one off-drive this season. His fielding and catching in the covers are exceptionally good. Off and on the field he is a witty and constant conversationalist.

(*Captain of Evans*)

R. A. GREEN.\*

Has put far more effort into his bowling this year and is capable of pitching the ball on any given spot. His steadiness is a great asset to the team, and "with a little bit o' luck" he would have gained many more wickets. His fielding is excellent, when not at first-slip.

(*Cary Gilson*)

M. J. LAMPING.†

An opening batsman, who must curb the desire to score off every ball, and avoid getting flustered during difficult times. His fielding has improved enormously, and he now throws full-toss from the boundary.

(*Cary Gilson*)

M. S. JONES.†

Has batted very well, and by sheer concentration and determination has made some good scores, notably against his tutors. Has fielded well at gully, but must anticipate better.

(*Captain of Prince Lee*)

J. C. MASON.†

His strength with the bat is remarkable, but he must control his inborn desire to despatch every ball to the brook. He has made some good scores, but has lifted his head, and lost his wicket at crucial moments. His fielding is safe, and at times aggressive, but he tends to lose the ball in his gigantic hands when picking it up. Bowls dangerously on a cut-up wicket.

(*Jeune*)



M. S. TRACEY.†

A very useful young opening bowler. Moves the new ball a little, and bowls on a consistent length. His fielding is slow, and lacks any fire, but he is gradually learning to catch the ball dropping from the heavens. His batting in the middle has not been of the same quality as that seen in the nets. (Gifford)

J. G. EVANS.†

A cool and calm leg-break bowler, who is luckily not harassed by either sixes or wides. He has taken a number of wickets, and will certainly continue to do so, if he bowls to his field. Bats effectively, and fields very aggressively. (Heath)

R. G. SIMPSON.†

Potentially a very good batsman, but he has not had the luck necessary to make big scores. Must avoid getting his head beyond the line of the ball. His fielding has improved out of all recognition, but in the slips he must be more relaxed. (Cary Gilson)

H. J. FERNS.†

A solid batsman, who defends stoutly when he sights the ball, and even attacks with vigour on occasions. He must practise sprinting for the quick single. Has not been so prolific in his backside deflections, which have in the past contributed enormously to the leg-bye total. His fielding is more enthusiastic than last season, and he is now considered a very safe mid-off. (Evans)

D. R. HOLBY.

A very promising young batsman, and a fine cover-fielder. Bowls ambidextrously with great success in the nets. (Gifford)

R. A. WALTERS.†

The most successful bowler in 1958, has been unable to play so far this season, owing to a back injury, but we look forward to his return in the very near future. (Captain of Cary Gilson)

D. K. BRAY.

Earns our gratitude for scoring most conscientiously.

\*Denotes School Cricket Blazer.

†Denotes School XXII Colours.

The Second XI has been selected from : J. A. REEVES, P. B. M. MATHEWS, I. R. WEBLEY, P. HACKETT, M. G. SMITH, D. A. WHITEHOUSE, J. S. THANE, C. JORDAN, A. R. PACKHAM, R. C. D. GREENHALL, P. STINTON, N. R. TINDALE, K. A. BRADSHAW.

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## LAWN TENNIS

With only two members of last year's team remaining at school no-one can rightfully expect exceptional results this season. The team, though inexperienced, is by no means poor and we started the season

with a convincing win over Wyggeston and then just managed to beat the Common Room. In the second round of the Glanvill Cup we beat Moseley but then lost narrowly to Solihull, who go through to the area final.

There have been large entries for the Burges Cup and the Alan Hess Trophy and it is encouraging to note the considerable enthusiasm and talent in the younger half of the school. Our thanks are due to Mr. Osborne for his efforts to promote the standard of tennis in the school.

The team has been chosen from : A. S. Brode; Siegle; Emslie; Mellor; Barton; Oddie; B. H. Shaw.

B. H. SHAW (*Captain of Lawn Tennis*).

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## ETON FIVES

The second half of this season has been a little more successful than the first. A victory over Shrewsbury on their own courts was the best single result. The Old Edwardians, however, beat us more decisively in March than in December.

During the Easter holidays four pairs played in the Public Schools' competition at Highgate. This was the largest entry ever from K.E.S. but successes were slight. The first pair (R. J. Roberts and M. D. Radford) beat Aldenham V and lost to Eton II. The second pair (M. S. Jones and B. H. Shaw) beat Aldenham III and lost to Charterhouse I. The third pair (A. J. Walford and R. B. Simpson) had the misfortune to meet Aldenham I in the first round. The fourth pair (I. A. Emslie and R. Mellor) beat Shrewsbury IV and lost to Eton III. In these games we exhibited our usual lack of concentration.

While the Public Schools' Competition was being played in London, a team of Old Edwardians were coaching members of the school. I would like to thank them for giving up so much time for the benefit of the school teams of future years. If such an opportunity should occur again, I urge all those who take the game seriously to avail themselves of it.

The senior part of the House competition was won by Prince Lee. The handicap competition has reached the semi-finals and may, or may not, be completed. Senior members of the school have an aversion to playing in the sun. This term the House Under 15 Fives competition takes place.

Again it is my pleasant duty to thank Mr. Smith for his skilful and knowledgeable handling of the routine work of running Fives.

R. J. ROBERTS (*Captain of Eton Fives*).

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## SWIMMING

We have at last realized our ambition to use the bath almost from the start of the summer term, and standards have been in progress for some time now. Training for the team has just started, and we seem to be in

the usual state of uncertainty which is typical of the period just before the first match. We seem to have a general shortage of swimmers in both the senior and junior teams, and it remains to be seen if the juniors will improve upon last year's performance.

Our Water Polo prospects are quite good, as everyone has had some practice in the House knockout games, and a number of promising players have been observed.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Cotter, who has supervised all our training and encouraged us constantly, and to Mr. Porter, who has kindly officiated at many Water Polo matches and practices.

R. BAGNALL (*Captain of Swimming*).

## RESULTS

Saturday, June 13th v. Ratcliffe (H)

Seniors Lost. Juniors Won.

Water Polo: School 2. Ratcliffe 1.

Tuesday, June 16th v. Malvern (A)

Seniors Lost, 31—21. Juniors lost 22—21.

Water Polo: School 4. Malvern 3.

Saturday, June 20th v. Repton (A)

Seniors Won 33—28. Juniors Lost 29—23.

Tuesday, June 23rd v. Solihull (H)

Seniors Won 33—28. Juniors Lost 30—22.

Water Polo: School 3. Solihull 2.

Saturday, June 27th v. Trent (A)

Seniors Lost 44½—17½. Juniors Won 39—22.

Tuesday, June 30th v. Rugby (H)

Seniors Lost 32½—30½.

Water Polo: School 5. Rugby 3.

In the first match B. J. Hambridge set a new record time of 74·8 seconds for the 100 yards breast-stroke. R. H. Todd broke the Under 15 100 yards free-style record, with a time of 66·0 seconds.

## CHESS

The first team has again been strong this season. It easily won division one of the Birmingham Junior League, winning ten matches and drawing one. The other five teams in this league have played well, but final positions are not yet available.

In the *Sunday Times* National Schools' Tournament the first team disappointingly lost the Midland Zone semi-final against Wolverhampton Grammar School. The competition is handicapped by age and we needed to win by a margin of 3 points to go into the final, but failed to do so.

I v. Wolverhampton G.S. 4—2. Lost on handicap.

Four friendly matches have been played and won. The victory over Oxford University second team was particularly pleasing.

I v. Hittittes (Auriol College)	..	..	8	—0	Won
I v. Oxford University II	..	..	4½	—3½	Won
II v. Wrekin	..	..	4	—1	Won
III v. Denstone	..	..	5	—0	Won

The keenly contested House Chess championship, which is largely responsible for maintaining the high standard of School Chess, was won for the second year by Prince Lee. The Margaret Pugh Cup for the first team championship was won by Cary Gilson.

Full use is still not being taken of the experience that can be gained at the Birmingham Easter Chess Congress. Entries in the senior tournament were poor and performances were poorer. The junior tournaments however were encouraging and congratulations are due to J. M. Orrin, winner of the Warwickshire (under 14) championship; J. D. L. Ball, second equal in the same event and R. B. Davies, winner of the Warwickshire (Under 12) championship.

As half of the first team are leaving, next year's prospects are uncertain. The team will still be better than most Birmingham schools, and could develop into a strong one.

We thank Mr. Hurn for his support and advice, and Miss Chaffer for so patiently suffering our presence in the Dining Hall.

The first team this season has been chosen from: M. D. Radford, M. J. Lamping, N. V. A. Hobbs, D. G. Fletcher, Fremlin, D. H., Silk, M. S. and J. Marriott.

J. MARRIOTT (*Secretary of Chess*).

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## SHOOTING

The Country Life season during the Lent term failed to produce any pleasant surprises. Although individual scores fluctuated widely, team scores in Postal matches remained fairly constant, and somewhat higher than last year. Results were not noticeably improved, however. Our performance in the Public Schools' Country Life Competition was well below expectations, partly because the absence of an experienced team member and the last minute substitution of a reserve. Our final score was 826 ex 992 giving us a position of 86th ex 147.

Practice at Kingsbury for the Midland Ashburton was severely curtailed because of the close proximity of the meeting to the beginning of term, and the intervention of half-term. This may help explain our poor performance, the VIII being placed 20th with 465 ex 560. P. A. Stanworth, however, succeeded in gaining second place in the 9th man competition with a score of 64 ex 70. On the following day four members of the team fired in the Birmingham Bisley, and we congratulate P. K. Hall on winning the "M" class of the 500 yard competition. As to the future of the VIII, most of the experienced members of the team are leaving, but we have some excellent, if at present inconsistent, youngsters, and it is on them that future progress depends.

Finally, we must extend our grateful thanks to C. S. M. Allard and Warrant Officer Cockle, who continue to encourage and help us, and to Lt. Col. Cooke who remains the guiding hand at the helm.

J. E. MOSELEY (*Captain of Shooting*).

## HOUSE SHOOTING COMPETITIONS

<i>Country Life.</i>			<i>Tunstall Cup.</i>		
		Total (ex 600)			Total (ex 140)
(1) Prince Lee		450	(1) Levett		127
(P. K. Hall 86)			(Papps 34)		
(2) Heath		417	(2) Heath		118
(B. J. Ecclestone 91)			(M. J. Chalmers 32)		
(3) Jeune		391	Cary Gilson		118
(Fincher 76)			(Shepherd 32)		
(4) Levett		385	(4) Prince Lee		113
(Hughes 77)			(P. W. Johnson 31)		
(5) Vardy		384	Jeune		113
(Butler 80)			(J. C. Raynor 31)		
(6) Evans		356	(6) Evans		112
(Gregg 79)			(Gregg 29)		
(7) Cary Gilson		335	(7) Vardy		109
(Stollard 74)			(R. W. Butler 31)		
(8) Gifford		251	(8) Gifford		105
(Dunn 71)			(Dunn 28)		

Colours awarded to : J. M. Cunningham, J. L. Sessions, P. K. Hall,  
P. A. Stanworth.

## SHOOTING RESULTS

### VII MATCHES

		<i>Opponents</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Result</i>
Feb.	14	v. Worksop	751	721	Won
	21	v. University College School	747	761	Lost
	21	v. Wellington	747	—	W.O.
	28	v. Downside	748	753	Lost
Mar.	7	v. Framlingham	753	773	Lost
	7	v. Sebright	753	664	Won
	14	v. Bromsgrove	755	712	Won
	14	v. Portsmouth	755	748	Won

### VIII COUNTRY LIFE AVERAGES

	<i>Fired</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Average</i>
J. E. Moseley	9	868	99	96·44
Hall, P. K.	9	849	95	94·33
C. J. Wood	9	847	95	94·11
J. L. Sessions	9	839	95	93·22
J. M. Cunningham	9	838	94	93·11
Raynor	9	835	94	92·67
Chalmers, D. W.	9	826	94	91·67

*The following have also fired for the team : Stanworth, Butler, Heading.*

## P.T.

The House P.T. Competition was held early in the Lent Term. The leaders had considerable freedom in the choice of their exercises and several Houses made the most of the occasion. Evans. led forcefully by D. J. Munrow, won the Competition by a good margin, with Jeune and Prince Lee second and third respectively.

The Senior Individual Competition, held a week later, was a little disappointing as there were only five performers out of an original entry of a dozen. J. C. Mason was the winner, with D. K. Lindley a close

second. P. W. Welch, Esq., an Old Edwardian and former winner of the Senior Competition, adjudicated. The Junior Competition was won by J. L. Forster.

Our thanks are due to Messrs. Symes and Cotter for all their help and encouragement in the world of School P.T.

D. K. LINDLEY (*P.T. Leader*).

## FENCING

This year the Fencing team remains undefeated. In particular A. J. Walford is to be congratulated on fencing excellently in all our matches, only losing one out of twelve fights, while C. D. Tyler also deserves congratulations on reaching the quarter finals of the Junior Public Schools Fencing Competition.

Prospects for next season appear to be good, with three of this year's team staying on. However, we shall desperately need another fencer to fill the remaining place.

The annual Birmingham Fencing Rally was again held at school on May 10th, with Professor L. M. Bennett to lead a team of instructors. Although three members of the school fencing club were present, I am sure that several other members would have found this course extremely helpful, and hope that on future occasions they will avail themselves of this opportunity.

The team this year has been : M. Totty, C. D. Tyler, A. J. Walford and G. E. Stollard.

G. E. STOLLARD (*Captain of Fencing*).

## FENCING RESULTS

<i>Date</i>		<i>Result</i>		
Dec. 10	IV v. Lucas Engineering School	..	<i>Away</i> 8— 8	
			Hits for 51—46	<i>Won</i>
Feb. 18	IV v. Lucas Engineering School	..	<i>Home</i> 10— 6	<i>Won</i>
„ 25	IV v. Birmingham University	..	<i>Home</i> 9— 7	<i>Won</i>



# THE HOUSES

## CARY GILSON

The achievements of the House this year have been somewhat unpredictable.

The year started disappointingly with our Rugger. For, despite considerable enthusiasm for the greatest of all blood sports, we attained a final position of seventh.

With half of the League Competition gone, the House Cricket teams have yet to win a match, although due to "fortuitous" weather conditions we have two draws to our credit.

Our Chess, after slow and steady progress throughout the year, earned us the position of third, whereas our athletes showed just how strong they were by holding six other houses above them.

The Senior Fives team completed a successful season by finishing second equal, and with our Junior Fives team winning their first four matches, a high position is certain.

Although swimming standards are not being gained in great numbers, due to the hard work of G. E. Stollard, we have reached the Water-Polo final.

Ground lost in earlier Shooting this year was partially regained in the Tunstall Cup. Rapidly developing skill of a very sound Tennis team is already bearing the fruits of success.

The House's final position in the House Championship is not completely predictable, but should show some signs of recovery after last year's disaster.

Mr. Biggs and our House Tutors, Mr. Webb and Mr. Ramsay, should be thanked for continued efforts to maintain a cheerful spirit of optimism and determination, despite difficulties which we encountered early in the year.

R. A. WALTERS (*House Captain*).

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## EVANS

It is possible to win the House Championship for the third successive time, but the competition this year is very close, and we could be pipped at the post. This chance is afforded to us again because every member of the House contributes his best.

Strengthened by our school players, our First and Second XV's each won their knockouts, whilst the Third XV were third in their competition. Thus we finished top in all Rugby Football retaining the Rothe Cup for a second year. Evans once more were to win the House P.T. Cup; this year, however, with less talent but more determination. The Music Cup eluded our grasp by one point, even though we tied in the Choral Section with Levett, the eventual winners. In Athletics we were to do better than last year. Since we did so well in regaining the John Urry Cup for Standards, we won the Mitton Shield for all athletics, despite the fact we were second to Jeune on Sports Day.

The Summer term brings G.C.E. and Cricket. The former always seems to dull the enthusiasm of the Seniors. We hope new vigour will be evident after the exams. In the Cricket league we are well placed, but harder matches are to come. Prospects for the knock-out are not too good. Tennis this year has become one of our weaker sports due to lack of talent rather than lack of spirit. Again the House must combine in Swimming standards to help our position in swimming. We have won our second round water polo match. Shooting, as reported in the last CHRONICLE, is rather dismal, with a position of sixth or seventh envisaged. On the other hand the Junior Fives team are having fair success.

The last weeks of the term demand much in the sports line, which can affect positions in the House Championship greatly. Our performance to date, however, is very creditable, the more so because it has been a full House effort. Much of this drive and determination has originated from Mr. Dunt, Mr. Buttle and Mr. Hodges, to whom we are ever grateful.

Finally, on behalf of all leaving I extend our best wishes for the future, and hope that Evans' House spirit will continue as strong as before.

I. T. KNOWLES (*House Captain*).

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## GIFFORD

We sympathise with Mother Hubbard. Our cupboard, also, is bare, or very nearly so. With the Summer Term half completed it would be unwise to prophesy a vast increase in our stock of silverware. We ask ourselves: why is this so?

The House as a whole is not unenthusiastic—far from it. In Athletics in the Intermediate Age Group, we gained more standards than any other House. We always have full teams of willing players to do battle on pitch and square, and yet—nothing in the cupboard. This can only mean one thing—lack of talent. Coupled with this is the fact that at the top of the House the ranks are sadly depleted. At the time of writing only four Upper Sixth-formers remain, and, who knows, they may yet disappear.

This report, however, must not be dismal, for we are on the whole a cheerful lot, and, despite the high percentage of Fourth-formers in the House, regard this year intelligently and in a philosophical manner: Our luck must surely change soon. We are disappointed, but not disheartened.

As to hard facts, senior cricket has started off well, with three successive victories for the First XI in the League Competition. The Second XI enjoy their game. Swimming practices are being held, and Tennis prospects are good. The Junior Fives team has won a match, and there is every indication that we will avoid finishing last in the Cocks House Championship.

Once again it is my pleasure to thank, sincerely, all House Official

and particularly Mr. Kay and his colleagues, who with sparkling wit, have, on more than one occasion, reduced the House to a state of hysterics. I am confident that in the near future their efforts will be rewarded. The letting of the Trophy Cupboard for advertisement space will, I am sure, never be possible.

D. K. BRAY (*House Captain*).

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## HEATH

A pernicious air of despondency appeared to be holding the House in its grip after the rather disappointing results of last term when we were fourth in Athletics, the Cross-Country and the Gym Competition. However, the genteel pastimes of the summer have succeeded the barbarous activity of the winter months, and briefly-clad figures in white—and other colours, dominate the fields of play. In fact, under the influence of the torrid summer heat, Heathans have been winning more honour for the House than is their custom at this drowsy time of the year.

So far we have done well in the Cricket league—especially in the Second XI; and at the time of writing the First and Second XI's have just won outstanding victories in the first round of the knock-out. But perhaps if the First XI's reputation were founded more upon skill than the favour of the propitious deities, they might inspire more confidence in their supporters.

The Tennis team, with the casual but efficient indifference they have learned from their captain, have, up to date, maintained an unbeaten record; perhaps for once the soft ball sport will help rather than hinder our progress in the House Championship.

Our Swimmers have done better than usual in obtaining standards, but they were unlucky to lose the first round of the Water Polo knock-out to Vardy.

Let us hope that the Junior Fives team manages to achieve results somewhat more encouraging than those of the Seniors who, with a potentially strong team, fell a long way short of expectations.

It is extremely gratifying to have heard that our unpractised Shooting team have managed to come second equal in the Tunstall Cup and that our overall position in shooting is first.

Practise hard; be patient; and endeavour to follow the example of our exceptionally talented and hard-working House Master and Tutors, and we shall deserve to regain that one cup of all cups which should be ours by right. (? ? Ed.)

R. BARTON (*Head of the House*).

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## JEUNE

The tide has turned in our favour and it brought us a fair amount of success in the Lent Term. Our House spirit continues to flourish in spite of the disappointments of the Michaelmas Term.

Although the House finished in a good position of second equal in



THE ATHLETICS TEAM. 1959

*Back Row (left to right): J. G. RUDDICK, C. J. WOOD, C. E. PETTITT, R. F. WATERHOUSE, D. A. WEBB, M. S. JONES, R. C. HEADING, A. B. LOACH, D. J. MUNROW.*

*Front Row (left to right): I. R. WEBLEY, J. C. MASON, D. K. LINDLEY, C. W. HUGHES (Vice-Captain), R. T. COTTON (Captain), G. J. GREGG, G. E. STOLLARD, M. P. CONNOR, I. T. KNOWLES.*





THE XI, 1959

*Standing (left to right):* D. K. BRAY (*Scorer*), J. G. EVANS, R. A. WALTERS, J. C. MASON, M. S. JONES, M. J. LAMPING,  
H. J. FERNS, M. S. TRACEY.

*Seated (left to right):* R. A. GREEN, P. B. ROTHWELL (*Vice-Captain*), T. P. LEE (*Captain*), R. F. L. WILKINS (*Hon. Sec.*),  
J. E. T. HARPER.



THE TENNIS TEAM



THE SHOOTING TEAM, 1958-59





VINCE HOUSE



THE BIRDS

the Rugby Knock-out Competition, our overall position in the Championship could not be raised above that of sixth. Determined effort had its just reward in Athletics. C. W. Hughes won the Senior Cross-Country for the second year. The House, although it had to yield the John Urry Cup for standards, was placed second. Our performance on Sports Day exceeded all expectations for we finished as victors.

The P.T. team gained its almost traditional place of second in the House Competition. The Junior Fives team continues to play hard but with little success.

With a strong league side, prospects for Cricket are good. An excellent start has been made and both the elevens are through the first round of the Knock-out Competition after marathon games. After the firing of the Tunstall Cup the House found itself in a position of fourth equal.

The tropical heat of the School Bath has tempted more members to become swimmers, thus overcoming the current trend of the lack of swimmers in Jeune. Let us hope that our aquatics will continue to improve. The Tennis team lacks only talent but is still undismayed. One win has so far been recorded.

At the end of this term the House bids farewell to Mr. Kent. Although with us for only a short time he has served Jeune well.

To our House Master, Mr. Leeds, and our Tutors, Mr. Sacret and Mr. Kent, the House would like to give its thanks for all their help and guidance and to wish Mr. Kent every success in his new appointment.

D. K. LINDLEY (*House Captain*).

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## LEVETT

It is a joy to look into our House Cupboard to see a representative selection of the School's Cups, even though the proportion of individual to team cups may be higher than is materially good for the House. Nevertheless, congratulations to all individuals concerned.

Sporting activities can be divided into three groups: those in which we have done, or expect to do, well; those where we have performed with average success; and those in which we have done badly. Happily, only rugby and tennis can possibly be considered in this last group, from which can be concluded a considerable upward trend in our positions or relative success in the various House Competitions. In rugby we were eighth, while in tennis we have at least proved ourselves to be not the weakest side.

Foremost amongst the first group is music, since we retained the Music Trophy for the second year when our choir (though second) managed to maintain the lead established by our instrumentalists the previous term. Three more sports may be included in this class: in chess we have reached second place, after a mediocre start; in shooting we were placed third, after winning the Tunstall Cup; in fives, if the Juniors play well, we may be placed in the first three; in swimming, our hopes for a high position are good, since last year we were beaten into second place by only one point, and no star swimmer has left.

Athletics, P.T. and cricket fall into the second group. We have risen two places to fifth, in athletics, chiefly due to a good effort to attain standards. Although seventh in the P.T. competition, our relative success, considering the points, was good, as one-seventh of the marks were forfeited since one member of the team was absent. As for cricket, we can only hope—we are certainly one of the best of the League sides, but we may not do as well in the Knock-out.

Once again, it is my pleasure to thank most sincerely Mr. Porter and the House Tutors, Mr. Freeman and Mr. Hall, for their continuous help and encouragement in all matters concerning the welfare of the House. Finally, on behalf of all of us who are leaving this term, I extend our best wishes for a continued rise in our position in the House Competition.

R. T. COTTON (*House Captain*).

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### PRINCE LEE

Despite being placed fourth in the Rugby Knock-out, our win by a convincing margin in the League gave us second position in the Rugby Championship. We won, furthermore, the Senior Fives, the Chess, and by a good performance in the Country Life, the '22 Shooting. In Athletic standards, due to a fairly determined effort by all, we were third, and some half-a-dozen individuals, by securing us second place in the Sports, brought us finally into third place in Athletics. In P.T. by hard practice we were placed third, a totally unexpected success.

All these are pure facts, and tell us nothing about the enthusiasm with which the game is played. As is amply illustrated by our splendid success in the Cross-County races, the spirit of Prince Lee is on the rise. All are beginning to play their part, as all must.

One member of the House, D. A. Webb, is to be congratulated on breaking three Intermediate School Athletics Records in the course of our very short season, and also upon winning the Junior 440 yards at the L.A.C. Schools Athletics Meeting Junior at the White City.

The results of the enthusiasm within the House are immediately apparent and after two successive low positions in the House Championship, Prince Lee seems destined to some extent, at least, to return to its former glories. The future is by no means yet certain, of course, but providing we continue, throughout this term to do everything to the best of our ability; whatever our final position, we can be well satisfied with our efforts as a House during this year. If this improvement is to be continued throughout next year, a similar effort, or an even greater one, will have to be made by all.

At the beginning of this term we were very pleased to welcome the arrival of Mr. Cotter as House Tutor, and also the return of Mr. Osborne after an absence of some length. Our thanks are due to the House Tutors, and to the House Officials for holding the House together through success and defeat.

M. S. JONES (*Head of the House*).

## VARDY

The Summer Term has in the past been the time of our revival, and this year seems likely to be no exception, judging by results up to date. We are leading in Swimming Standards and have won the first round of the Water Polo competition, although a hard semi-final is looming. Tennis is progressing well, and although it is unlikely we will win the competition we hope to be in the first three. We still boast of having many school cricketers in the House, including the captains of four school teams, but this is to our peril in the League, where only the natural elements have so far provided us with any points. The Knock-out, which under the new system carries nearly two-thirds of the Cricket points, should bring us a greater reward, with the assistance of our dozen or so School players.

We finished in the first half of the table in Fives, and although we started badly in Junior Fives (against the two strongest teams) we should be able to maintain our much-improved position. In Chess we were fourth, the junior team being particularly impressive. Fifth position in P.T. was a slight improvement upon last year's performance, although we had expected to come even higher and were perhaps a little unlucky to finish so low down. A position of fifth or sixth seems likely in Shooting.

In the major winter sports, Rugger and Athletics, we did not do brilliantly. Our efforts in the Knock-out, which were very encouraging, pulled us up to a position of fifth in the championship, only a fraction of a point behind Gifford. In Athletics we possessed no really good performers, and although coming seventh in Standards, we were eighth altogether. This was very disappointing, although rather expected after the departure last year of our best athletes.

Every member of the House must try to take the lead in some sphere of the House's activities, whether it be by directing its music, or captaining the Third XI, for the experience is invaluable. No House can win competitions with brilliant athletes alone. It is essential to have a band of leaders in every activity and in every age-group throughout the School, who will be able to direct the energies of other members of the House into the right channels. In this respect non-athletes can make a big contribution to the House, if they will give time and interest to some activity that attracts them. We need their support.

Our Music has been most excellently and ambitiously run during the past few years by J. W. Jordan, and his example may well inspire his successor to maintain this high standard. Our waiters have worked most efficiently this year, and for doing this unrewarding job we do owe them our thanks. Mr. Copland and Mr. Parry, who have for so long guided the House through thick and thin, continue to keep a watchful eye on our interests, for which we are ever indebted.

T. P. LEE (*House Captain*).



## SCOUT GROUP

The Scout Group continues to thrive, despite such counter-attractions as the Library, the C.C.F. band and stone-gathering. Easter Camp was held at Osmaston, near Ashbourne, on the estate of the Lord-Lieutenant of Derybshire, from April 14th to April 21st. Rain marred the first few days, but otherwise a full programme of training, 24-hour hiking and eating was maintained, while badges gained included Cook, Camper, Observer and Backwoodsman. A high-class coffee bar was opened, whither the few brave souls who bathed and the fewer still who slept out in rhododendron bushes resorted after their ordeals.

Field Day was actively celebrated on May 6th, when two troops held night hikes and camps. A successful outdoor Parents' Evening was held on May 22nd, when displays of signalling, pioneering and raft-building were presented, and at which Sir Adrian Boulton vied with Dr. Mayor as to whose trained band could make most noise. Handsworth Rally will take place on July 4th, and a massive transformation of felt hats into Roman helmets is taking place for the pageant.

Summer Camps will be more ambitious than usual this year. New and Mitre troops will camp near Enniskerry, County Wicklow, and be prepared to defend themselves against the I.R.A., while Vikings and Park Vale will visit Glen Sannon, Isle of Arran.

The gaining of tests and badges has continued, but with diminished momentum. The rate is not likely to improve this term, with the approach of patrol and summer camps, and school examinations. Nevertheless, Dawson, Parsons, Gulland, Carpenter and Baugh have gained their Scout Cord, and Parsons, Sevitt, Baugh, May and Robertson their First Class. We learn with regret that this is Mr. Kent's last term as Scout-master of Park Vale. His services to the group, especially in this last year, have been invaluable, and we thank him for his unfailing enthusiasm and wish him every success in his new post.

J.C.F.

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## THE SENIOR SCOUTS

Although the Senior Troops of Windsor and Oakhurst have undergone changes in personnel during the year their clandestine activities continue. The welcome heating of the hut seems to have encouraged lassitude, for interior decorating has amounted only to the reconstruction of the fireplace (which now sometimes works !), and the elevation of one pair of antlers to a more comfortable position.

Out-of-doors, however, much energy has been expended on the flagpole, and after our more scientific minds spent many happy hours in mechanical debate, it was finally manoeuvred into its present state of gleaming-white verticalness, reinforced and fortified. The course for our annual run was given a face-lift, and the effort seemed to inspire some of our members to great things in the Senior Scout Cross-Country Race.

The end of the Lent Term heralded a profitable occasion when

another Dance was held in the Temporary Buildings. A hut, disguised as the stores, thrives and continues to accumulate a wide miscellany of equipment.

During the Easter holidays, Bob-a-Job-Week was spent peacefully if not passively. A few people, under the guise of programme-vendors, enjoyed free concerts in the Town Hall, while others faced the hazards of the Group Camp at Osmaston, and still occasionally hear the call of *Phasianus colchicus*.

Our Friday afternoons recently have been devoted mainly to the study of Public Health: after a string of lectures the series culminated in a grand visit to the salvage department and an interesting excursion to the waterworks at Frankley. Field night this term was spent in persecuting the C.C.F. at Walton Hall, and another evening was devoted to amusing the parents. We look forward to camps this summer both in the wilds of Scotland and the depths of the Norfolk Broads, while plans for 1960 are already being discussed: did somebody mention Portugal?

One of our number, lost to another cause, continues to render useful service at the "Woodlands" Orthopaedic Hospital—we wish him all support.

Finally, it is that we come to Mr. Dodds, who has steered us so skilfully through our various activities. His guiding hand and scouting advice are ever available, and it is to him that we all owe our hearty thanks.

B.H.

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### C.C.F.

The lack of the South Field, a well-worn battlefield of the past, has made the more practical side of training very difficult, as there is a great demand for such open spaces as remain in the School's precincts. This deficiency, however, has been partly compensated for by the undertaking of more adventurous Field Days. This term's exercise was held on a warm and sunny day early in May. The two senior companies spent their time at Walton Hall, where the night-life of Warwickshire was seen at its best as they crawled through dense undergrowth at 1.0 a.m. in the morning, with the prospect of being jumped upon by a large and comely N.C.O. "B" Company cooked, and slept (a little) in the hutments, while "A" Company, spent their night under field conditions, bivouacking nearby. "C" Company underwent a rigorous day at Dovedale, crossing streams on ropes which swayed and sagged, climbing cliffs, and sprinting up hill-sides.

The Naval Section enjoyed a day of sailing and rowing at Tewkesbury, and unusually no-one appears to have been ducked.

The R.A.F. Section split into two flights, one party going to Gaydon, and the other to the Ministry of Supply airfield at Pershore. This is a Radar Research Establishment, where new equipment is tested; besides seeing many different types of aircraft, everybody had a half-hour flight.

During the Easter holidays members of the Naval Section were again



guided through the perils of the Broads by their officers. A group of Army Cadets made the annual trip to B.A.O.R., and gained great experience of Army life and language, both on and off the square. A report of this trip appears separately in this issue.

Thirty ratings of the Naval Section are spending their annual camp at a Minesweeper Depot at South Queensferry on the Forth. Lieut. Bennett also hopes to hold a Commando Course during the Summer in the Berwyn Mountains near Llangollen, where cadets' initiative will be well tested.

Despite the greater emphasis on Army training in their new syllabus, the R.A.F. Section continues to flourish, and the glider is enthusiastically assembled, although the lack of a flat field makes the flying of it impossible. We congratulate Flt./Sgt. Hughes who has completed his flying scholarship training with the Midland Aero Club and obtained his Private Pilot's Licence. The Section this year looks forward to its camp at the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell.

The Army Section continues to send a considerable number of cadets on courses provided by the War Office or Western Command, whereby they stay a week with various specialist units of the Army. They come away with an insight into Army life, and usually with the necessary technical qualifications for Certificate T. This year, Sgts. Ellis, Richards, and Titterington went on an Army Outward Bound Course at Towyn, and all returned with encouraging reports. We also congratulate Sgt. Stanworth, L/Cp. Morton, and Cdt. Macrae on passing-out first or equal-first on their respective courses.

A highlight of this term's military activities for some twenty cadets will be a week-end camp, and the "arduous training" activities that will undoubtedly accompany it. It is being held at Wetton in the Peak District, under the direction of Capt. Hodges and Lieut. Webb. The Army Section's Summer Camp is being held at Bourley, near Aldershot, and after much initial difficulty, we now hear that the 120 cadets who applied will be able to attend. The programme looks attractive, and includes a searchlight tattoo, and a March Past on the Sunday, when the salute will be taken by Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery.

In August we also hope to send our first group of senior N.C.O.s (from all Sections) to Frimley Park, Camberley to undertake the Course for the Joint Services Cadet Badge. Only 2 per cent. of the corps may be nominated for this course, and we wish this pioneering band great success.

An encouraging number of cadets passed the Army Proficiency Certificate this year—as the old Certificate "A" Part II is now called. Of the sixty-two entered from the Army and R.A.F. Sections only nine failed in the two exams. held this year.

The Civil Defence course, started in September for a group of cadets doing Stage III training, has now been completed. Their Field Day was unfortunately put off owing to their Instructor's illness. The Army Section Cadres are now being trained in First-Aid and Rescue Procedure by the same Instructor.

In a few weeks time Drill practices will begin, in preparation for the General Inspection on July 21st, when Rear-Admiral Evershed, D.S.O. will inspect the Corps. The maintenance of a high standard of ceremonial drill is essential, for it is primarily on its performance in this field that the Corps is judged by the outside world.

We were very sorry to lose Capt. J. P. Vaughan at the end of last term, for during the better part of a decade he has given of his best to all Companies of the Corps.

The C.C.F. has weathered a year of changes, both in personnel and training, and to Lieut.-Colonel Cooke, and all the Officers, we extend our thanks and gratitude for all the work entailed in organizing and instructing nearly 300 cadets.

T. P. L. (*Under-Officer*).

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### C.C.F. VISIT TO THE B.A.O.R.

During the Easter holiday Lieut. Cotter and fifteen cadets took advantage of the War Office Scheme whereby C.C.F. and A.C.F. cadets spent ten days with Units of the British Army of the Rhine. Our party were indeed fortunate to be posted to the First Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery.

A very full programme was arranged for us and most efficiently organized and carried out. As an introduction to military life it could not have been better, but on top of this we had a full share of the tourist attractions of the district; ranging from the Harz mountains and the medieval town of Goslar to the Continental tyre factory at Hanover.

The military side of the visit had many highlights. Some of us drove Centurion tanks and other vehicles across country, and every one had the opportunity of firing the sub-machine gun. A School "shooting team" did extremely well in the Regimental 303 School. Four cadets had some flying when we visited the Army Air Corps, while Lieut. Cotter gained the admiration of the Officers' Mess by staying on a horse they thought was definitely a bronco! Mention must be made, too, of the occasion when we were the guests of the Officers in their Mess—a very gracious gesture.

We should like to say "Thank You" to Captain Jones and Lieut. Quayle, R.H.A., for their patience and understanding in seeing to our welfare. We enjoyed every minute of the programme they arranged for us. Also to the N.C.O.s and men of the Regiment for making the visit a memorable one, and finally to our Officer, Lieut. Cotter, for taking charge of the party and acting as a "good shepherd" throughout.

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### CIVIL DEFENCE COURSE

Every Friday during the Michaelmas and Lent terms, members of the Army and R.A.F. sections took part in a Civil Defence Course, organized by the Birmingham C.D. Corps. After a tour of the Area Control, we set to work.

There were films about nuclear bombs and protection against the dangers of radiation. From this, at the end of the first term, we went on to First Aid and Rescue Training under the instruction of the Chief Instruction Officer of the area, Mr. Hunt. After learning how to tie knots and lash inert "volunteered" bodies to stretchers, we started in January to attend the Rescue School in Belmont Row. This is a truly remarkable place. At first sight it appears that a bomb has made a direct hit; in fact, the "wrecked" buildings were constructed to exact specifications by contractors. Here we put our knowledge to the test, lowering stretchers through holes in several floors, or down steeply-sloping ladders, pulling 16-stone casualties through 2-ft.-square hatches and tunnels, with much crawling through confined spaces.

Special memories were:

A certain corporal's amazed look when his oxy-acetylene torch blew back seven times.

The anguished yells of one volunteered "casualty" as his stretcher slipped more and more sideways, towards a twenty-foot drop.

Our thanks go to Mr. Baverstock and Mr. Hunt, who ran the course so efficiently, and to F/O. Freeman and Lt. Ramsay who accompanied us.

A.G.T. and M.A.B.

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## THE BIRDS

There is clearly no limit to what the Junior Dramatic Society will tackle. Its previous productions range over the last four hundred years of drama and its latest, Aristophanes' "Birds," extends this range by the odd two thousand years. It also believes in living dangerously. More than one sceptical eyebrow was raised when its last production was announced; but the event turned out happily and at the final curtain we were left wondering whether next year it will offer Maeterlink or Bertold Brecht.

This production of the "Birds" was well served in the first place by Dudley Fitts' swashbuckling translation. This provides the actors with lines that fall naturally on the tongue and do not involve them in any perplexity about the meaning of what they are saying. The opportunities which the words offered were well taken by Ferns, Key-Pugh and Plowright, the actors who had the most to say. They twanged off their speeches with relish, as did many of the cast in smaller parts, notably Singer, Faulconbridge, Garrett, Coode and Crigman. In the second place, the actors had a very attractive set to act on and equally attractive costumes to act in. As usual, Mr. Hayes' set, besides being delightful to look at, offered various acting levels and gave a sense of depth and space. It was interesting without being distracting. And if further proof were needed that junior plays benefit from made-to-measure costumes this production furnished it. The actors were able to move easily and naturally in

costumes that fitted them. In the third place, the production was intensified by interesting music. Mr. Tunnard was faced with a difficult problem as any musician writing incidental music must be. His problem is to write music that makes a contribution to the play without diverting the audience's attention from the main business of a dramatic action. Mr. Tunnard's settings of choruses and his other incidental music were, I thought, in an idiom piquant enough to embody the play's atmosphere and to command attention yet straightforward enough to avoid any possibility of obtrusiveness; the problem of integrating the music into the production was well solved.

From what has been written so far it may sound as if the actors were of minimal importance, an assumption which is, indeed, the basis of many a professional production these days, particularly those which are box-office successes. It was not the case in this production. Ferns (and on the first night, Baily) was the driving force of the play. His gusto was unquenchable and his ease and naturalness of movement delightful. He and Key-Pugh, as smart slick and old lag respectively, got the play off to a confident and fast start, a bit too fast as far as my ear was concerned. The next really good moment, I thought, was the gradual first entry of the chorus, which fluttered, hopped and twittered its way into a good group to the accompaniment of appropriate commentary by the actors. Its leader Plowright, addressed the audience with the suave aplomb of a parliamentary candidate. After the interval the play seemed to produce itself, although I doubt very much if it actually did so. Sufficient to say that it was very lively and that several of the miscellaneous visitors to Cloud-Cuckoo land made quite an impact on the place; I refer particularly to Andrews, the poet, to Harris as Iris, to Crigman as an Inspector of Colonies, to Garrett as a Mathematician, to Coode as an informer, to Rollin as Poseidon and to Singer, probably the definitive Heracles of all time. Throughout, of course, Ferns (or Baily) linked the separate episodes with fruity gusto. If I have an adverse comment it is that the words were sometimes difficult to hear. Light voices speaking fast make an audience's life difficult. The actors were not helped by the impressive looking but fundamentally unfunctional masks, the beaks of which completely obscured their mouths and so made audibility even more of a problem. A small alteration in design would have made a lot of difference.

The production was always alive; there was a good deal of movement, there was a wide range of characters, imaginatively dressed (I was very amused by Prometheus' umbrella), there was singing if not dancing, there was some good speaking and some natural and energetic acting, there was a magnificently efficient *dea ex machina* and there were two actors in the main part, a final *embarras de richesses*. The stage hands had a lot to do and did it as well as they always do. Somehow Mr. Bolton managed to control the network of pressure groups that was responsible for the various aspects of production and at the same time actually get down to directing the actors; he and Mr. Axford deserve every congratulation for achieving a unified production which was bold, enjoyable and successful.

A.J.T.



## THE PEASANT CANTATA

"To use to the full the musical resources of the School" was the avowed aim of this year's Choral Society presentation, and at last we have given a public concert which was all our own work, complete with soloists, choir and orchestra. To have brought about such a concert is a considerable achievement, and the ideas and work which went into "The Peasant Cantata" cannot be spoken of too highly. Nevertheless it must be acknowledged that those who came expecting the high standard of previous years were disappointed.

This was inevitable, and it was brave of Mr. Tunnard to break the tradition of trained soloists and a professionally assisted orchestra in his first year here. Perhaps a little too brave, for the standard of orchestral playing was a great deal lower than we might reasonably expect from a school like King Edward's. But then it was good to know that there was a school orchestra receiving its fair share of attention and certainly showing signs of a steady improvement.

The real trouble was lack of guts (in both senses). The strings were too few and too timid (alas! without their most promising violin and solitary double-bass). The problem of balance was thus a formidable one and four accomplished masters assisted seven diffident boys in bowing an unequal battle against a lusty wind septet. Of these we would mention the charming and effortless flute-playing which was heard to good advantage in the aria "of flowers the fairest," and the trumpet and bassoon which, while splendidly resonant, might have been a little quieter and (sometimes) more in tune. The solution to this problem of the orchestra is, surely, that more boys lower down the school should be persuaded to take up stringed instruments, and that all string-players in the school should, as a matter of course, play in the orchestra. Once in, they must learn to move with more confidence to the less secure positions on their instruments and particularly to make use of the full length of their bows. Under the helpful and sensitive direction of Mr. Tunnard, we may anticipate a fine school orchestra in years to come.

The choice of the "Peasant Cantata" did not quite solve the perplexing difficulty of finding a work which was not hopelessly out of the orchestra's range, nor too easy for the choir. While the orchestra had more than enough to get its teeth into (as, for instance, in the tricky time changes of the overture to the Cantata, or the deceptively difficult overture to "Pan and Syrinx" with which the concert opened) the choir gave the impression of finding that their own part demanded too little of them to give of their best. The music is certainly insignificant, and a trifle banal here and there, and the arrangement did not seem entirely successful to one who had not seen the original. The woodwind scoring, particularly, strayed far from what Bach himself might have written.

In spite of the fact that "Young Maidens" were many and altos, tenors and basses few, the trebles produced a surprisingly small and husky tone which became raucous on top notes. This is a seemingly unavoidable shortcoming of a boys' school choir without "real" sopranos. The



firm richness of the basses was excellent however, and their confidence and their breath never flagged for a minute. (They added, with obvious relish, a new significance to chorus: "I know an inn close by"). They were doubtless stimulated, if not actually led, by P. M. Cairns who was separated from them by a great gulf of trebles. One felt that the soloists might have been given the psychologically and acoustically dominating position accorded to all their predecessors. Cairns' assured performance was a joy to hear and if he was not always entirely audible, this was due to his curious position. His fine, natural voice was allowed full scope in the aria "Good Fellows be merry" and he sang throughout the evening with obvious enjoyment and musical sensitivity. C. J. Tipping's solos were rendered only less admirable by the fact that he came to his soprano role a little late in life. Granted that his voice was already breaking, he did extremely well, and unlike many of his fellow trebles, stood up straight and opened his mouth when he sang. He knew just how to project his voice forward into the hall and one felt sympathetic if his resolute efforts did not always secure quite the right intonation. The success of the evening's entertainment depended in no small measure upon these two, and upon the musicianly continuo provided by J. W. Jordan, which never dominated the ensemble, but was more than once responsible for binding it together. Orchestra and choir alike might take their cue from him and watch the beat more often: failure to do so resulted in some ragged moments.

One found the name of Mr. Tunnard tucked away in an obscure corner of the programme and this notice has, I fear, exhibited a similar defect. The credit for the whole idea, organization and final performance must go to him, and thanks for the kindness with which he has set about organizing rehearsals for musicians who tend to be otherwise occupied and a little scatterbrained in the bouleversement which is for many the Easter Term. When the music really came alive, the effect was delightful and invigorating and possibilities for the future loom large. Performers and listeners alike were swept along by the final chorus "Now let us to the bagpipes sound."

Mr. Tunnard has broken a tradition and created a precedent. We can look forward with confidence to next year's presentation. D.J.M.

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## TRANSATLANTIC JOURNEY

Walter Hines Page scholarships, named in honour of the U.S. Ambassador to the Court of St. James in World War I, are given to enable teachers and some other professional people to visit the U.S.A., and by getting to know their opposite numbers there, to contribute to the fellow feeling of the English-speaking world. This year for the first time a Page scholarship was awarded to a member of the Head Masters' Conference.

I crossed the Atlantic in a freighter of 7,500 tons. After a rough crossing we made our first landfall at St. Johns, Newfoundland, passing

through an ice field to enter this bleak port, exposed to the harshest of Atlantic weather and knowing no relief from a Gulf Stream. Our next port of call was Halifax, Nova Scotia. With two days in each there was some opportunity of learning the point of view of the Maritime provinces of Canada. At Halifax I was entertained by an O.E., Michael Eames, and met another O.E. of older vintage, T. Howard Rogers, both working in the Naval Research Establishment. Opinion of Canadian education (which is practically all coeducational) seems to be that it is doing well by its girls and ill by its boys. I spent a day at Dalhousie University, met the President with whom I discussed two things in particular—admission to the University and recruitment for the Ministry of the Church—saw over the Medical School and spent an afternoon in the Department of Education. To our way of thinking the school system in Canada is very like that of the U.S.A., though over there each would claim considerable difference from the other!

The tour proper started in Boston, Mass., which is I think appropriate as from New England American education really took its origin. Across the Charles river, at Cambridge, are both Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, among the most selective and demanding Universities in the States. What struck me straightaway about Universities in the U.S.A. is the emphasis on general education alongside of the subject in which a man is going to "major." The College course is four years, and at the end of it a student graduates A.B. but he will not be placed in any class. A large proportion go on to post-graduate work: at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology there are 3,500 undergraduates, 2,500 graduate students, and a staff of 1,000.

It is in New England too that the schools allegedly on the English pattern are to be found: four of these I visited, two boarding, one day and one mixed boarding and day. All of these are for boys only, but two have a neighbouring girls' school on the same foundation. They are independent and the fees by our standards are high. Andover Academy is exceptional: it is very well endowed and it is large, at 800. All the others that I saw were under 200 strong. Schools in the independent sector as a general rule are much smaller than with us, the schools in the State system much larger, Boston Latin School for instance has 2,800. The course in the private, preparatory schools as they are called is usually a four year, but can be a five year course, preparing boys for College. To College of one sort or another one in three American boys and girls go (that contrasts with one in twenty-five with us): there is no difficulty about getting into a state university, but entrance to one of the well known private universities is highly competitive.

The whole system is entirely different from ours: academically, there is much less examination than with us. An academic record is built up by doing certain courses, i.e., a subject for a year. But there is much less continuity from year to year than here. I was astonished and appalled at the little science being done: everyone must do a year of Biology, no one can do more than one year of Physics and one year of Chemistry at School. To do a subject means to do it once a day, or five

times a week. Most people "do" five such subjects, but the weaker brethren may do only four.

They do not much use the Prefectorial system: it seems to be a denial of the blessed concept, Equality. Year groups are generally kept separate from each other, there is no equivalent to our house system. Boys live in great comfort, usually two in a spacious bed sitting room—none of the spartan rigours of the traditional English boarding school. Discipline is very much less in evidence: of course one seldom sees school uniform. There is very generous provision for all kinds of physical education. These preparatory schools regard it as their function to lay on a kind of dress rehearsal for University life, they treat boys as undergraduates, they put upon them too young choices and responsibilities that belong to men rather than boys. I think that the boys have a lovely time, I do not think that enough is demanded of them, that life has sufficient challenge, despite a much greater freedom I do not think they achieve a greater happiness.

New York I found less alarming than I had expected. The wonderful way in which Manhattan is laid out and numbered helps you not to get lost: on my first coming I found my way by underground and bus from the station to my host's house without the usual difficulty in a strange and very large city. Here I saw a very new comprehensive school of about 2,000 which has closed circuit television laid on. Yet I was surprised at how little use generally is being made of the television medium. This large establishment is run more like a university, the subject-departments being very self-contained and independent of each other.

At Philadelphia I welcomed the opportunity to stay out in the country in an ancient Quaker village where I visited the Friends' School and attended, and spoke at, Meeting. I spent a day on what has been called the most beautiful University campus in America, at Princeton, New Jersey. And so on to Washington for Easter, all the trees on Capitol Hill bursting into flower—I preached at Alexandria, Virginia, just across the River Potomac, and felt stirred to sympathy with the history of this people as I looked from the Lincoln Memorial across the bridge up to the Lee Mansion on the Confederate side of the river. Here in the lovely Federal architecture of Georgetown, now the residential part of Washington, one can taste of gracious living indeed. Twice I went to the Mellon gallery, did my devoirs to the famous picture of our Founder at the age of six, hired the electronic device called Lec Tour which enables you through a little hearing aid to receive the spoken comments on each picture as you go round, and was astonished at the enormous number of works of art of every school and every country that have crossed the Atlantic.

A night train took me into North Carolina where I spent a superb week and fell for the many charms of the South and its people. Here I began to see more of the public provision of education, the State University and the high schools, and had extraordinarily interesting conferences with directors of education and their staffs, at both State and municipal levels. Here too, of course, I saw the steps being taken albeit

slowly towards desegregation and some of the problems that face the South. After a brief week-end in South Carolina, which was chiefly notable for a wonderful tour round some of the old plantations which are now the most magnificent and extensive gardens, I went as in duty bound to our name-city, Birmingham, Alabama. There I was most cordially received first by the Mayor, then by the Bishop and as everywhere else very generously entertained by the English Speaking Union.

I then turned North and stopped next in Kentucky, a border state; for at Louisville they have by patience and foresight made some success of integrating the public schools, and I was taken round a number of them by the assistant director of education. I also had a chance to watch the horses in training for the Kentucky Derby! By this time in my tour the distances between places were lengthening out and I was flying—most punctually, comfortably and refreshingly—from point to point. I next touched down at Chicago where I spent most of the time in liaison with the Church, and attended a meeting addressed by an Indian priest, now studying there, who told me that he had been confirmed by my uncle, when he was Bishop of Tinnevely. Thus is brought home the world-wide nature of the family of God.

Friends in America laugh at my next destination—a little town called Tomahawk in North Wisconsin where my colleague in Norway at the end of the War is now the Lutheran pastor. I was delighted at the chance to see what might easily have been the prototype of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, and to be allowed to preach in the Lutheran Church there and to address the Senior High School, all assembled in their gymnasium—a most delightful and responsive audience. From there on one day I was taken a long drive over that land of lakes, through a Red Indian Reserve, and up to Lake Superior: on the way we encountered some forty of the deer that roam the forests, and a groundhog.

Next I went to Cleveland, Ohio, and stayed with Professor Harlan W. Hamilton who lectured so winningly to our Sixth Forms in the spring of 1958. Here I saw Western Reserve University and Oberlin College and a number of pretty impressive schools, but once again encountered the feeling that people have lost confidence in the State system and, though at great financial sacrifice, will do all they can to educate their child at a private school and a private university, which were in that country so munificently provided by the great pioneers and are now so generously backed by the charitable foundations and loyal alumni.

And so back once again to New York for a last week-end, to preach in the Church of the Ascension on Fifth Avenue, to go to a very searing verse drama by Archibald MacLeish now running on Broadway called *JB* and being the Book of Job set in our own day, and finally to sort out the many additions to my baggage that I had been given en route, and to embark in the *Mauretania*. Before we cast off we saw the Queen Mary, with her eight or nine attendant tugs, turn in the Hudson river and come to her berth alongside us—an impressive sight, as was the New York skyline and the statue of Liberty as this great Continent receded from view, and I felt that I had left some part of my heart behind there.



Such is a brief narrative of an exciting tour which gave me both much enjoyment and also much cause to think: but there is not room to set down the thoughts it provoked. The United States though they speak the same language is a foreign country, a most friendly one but one more dissimilar from us than are our European neighbours.

Perhaps, however, the best moment of all was, after these manifold adventures and new experiences, to return into the quietly ordered prayers of K.E.S., and to see our company of English schoolboys, calm because of disciplined surroundings, dignified in their school uniform, and still for a moment in the day.

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## FRANCE, 1959

This year, a party of eighteen boys went to Dinan, in Brittany, for ten days, accompanied by Messrs. Hodges and Leeds. It was an unusual party in that half consisted of Removes and Shells.

We travelled from Birmingham via Southampton, Jersey and St. Malo on Wednesday, 8th April, and arrived at Dinan at supper-time on Thursday the 9th. There and then we all decided whether we liked French food or not.

Three excursions were organized by Mr. Hodges: one to Dinard (a wet and desolate holiday resort), another to the Mont St. Michel (a most interesting monastery-fortress) and a day-long drive along the coast as far as Paimpol, with a pleasant trip by boat to the Ile de Brehat thrown in.

The remaining days were spent in walks, either around the town, or, accompanied by Mr. Leeds, in the country around Dinan. Such walks usually ended with a call at the "Bar Fred Nuttall" at Lehon.

Most evenings were passed by either learning to play bridge, or in whist-drives. One evening we watched some Breton dancing, and on another saw a film of the Fetes de Cornouaille, the great Breton folk-lore meeting.

The weather during our stay was good, except for the first day (market day) when the rain poured in torrents.

Quarters were good, and what was for most of us our first experience of foreign food and drink proved interesting and pleasant.

The return journey was somewhat more comfortable: the sea was calmer, there was no changing of boats at Jersey, and we slept in second-class bunks instead of in the Saloon. We all arrived back at Snow Hill on Saturday, the 18th, safe and well, with our knowledge both of French and of the French way of life enlarged.

The success of the trip is tribute enough to Mr. Hodges' unbelievable gift of organization and Mr. Leeds' legendary energy. K.F.W.G.



## VISIT TO THE BRUSSELS EXHIBITION, 24th JULY, 1958

The visit to Brussels on the last day of the 1958 Summer Term, of some twenty boys and two masters, was unique in the annals of school travel, being the first day trip to the Continent by air ever run under its auspices; a precedent that future generations would do well to bear in mind.

The party flew from Elmdon in an aircraft chartered from Don Everall and Co., Ltd., taking off at 8-0 a.m. to land at Brussels' Moelsbroeck air terminal some two-and-a-half hours later. This section of the trip was of incidental interest to many of us as our first experience of air travel. No one was any the worse for the flight, and only occasional clouds obscured the fascinating panorama of Southern England, the glittering Channel, and hedgeless Belgian countryside, that unfurled itself below. Indeed, the weather was perfectly suited to our needs, being neither too cloudy for the Sun to show itself, nor too clear for excessive heat to cause discomfort during the long inter-pavilion walks which we undertook.

The party split up into groups of four to tour the Exhibition, thus combining individualism with a certain minimum of order; the only rendezvous were for lunch near the Atomium and at the main exit for the journey back. The most interest was shown in the pavilions of the U.S.A., the U.S.S.R., and Great Britain. The Russian—or Soviet—stand consisted of an immense four-square glass palace, the inner walls of which were hung with twenty-foot murals of doubtful aesthetic value, and whose main hall was dominated by a bronze statue of Lenin and the figures of two peasants toiling. The emphasis being on technological development, the Sputnik and Laika held pride of place.

The Americans contrived to get as many exhibits as possible into the largest pavilion they could construct: the result was a mass of confused, colourful, and unco-ordinated stands. Cars alternated with Indian art, cinemas strove with fashion models for attention: the inevitable confusion caused the possibilities inherent in the size of the pavilion (so well utilized by the Russians) to be dissipated in a welter of fragmentary exhibits.

By comparison with the other pavilions that of Great Britain was so steeped in an air of traditional superiority that many visitors were observed to remove their hats upon entering the cathedral-like, carpeted hall which contained the discreet and tasteful displays of our inherited glory: gold dinner services and a wax model of Prince Philip, in the costume of Knight of the Order of the Garter, were typical of the essentially aristocratic, almost feudal, atmosphere generated by our pavilion. Having passed through this haven of contented tradition we were then assailed by an exhibition of British technical achievements, predominantly in the field of atomic energy: the contrast was as impressive as it was startling.

The Atomium, a towering monument to man's mastery of the basic element of power, afforded a superb aerial view of the whole Heysel

Park. Pavilions and stretches of clear blue water shimmered and glittered in the heat. Stands had been erected by countries as remote as Liechtenstein and Cambodia; the ground was dotted with visitors from lands equally little-known.

It was interesting to note how much pavilions reflected national characteristics. The Czechs concentrated on triumphs of engineering, the Finns—their sole natural asset being wood—had a large display of timber products housed in an all-wood pavilion. Thus, in touring as much of the Exhibition as we could cover, we gained an insight into other countries' ways of life which would have remained a closed book for many years. More especially are left three memories: those of Russia—enormous, rigidly-ordered, soulless; America—a chaotic jumble of achievement in every sphere; and Britain, shown to foreign eyes as still the land of cricket on the village green; a view modified only a little by the impressive, but small, technical display.

We were all sorry to have to leave the Park after a necessarily superficial inspection of the world's combined achievements in all fields of endeavour. However, we arrived back at Elmdon at 10-0 p.m., a tired and a wiser party.

It only remains to thank sincerely, on behalf of us all, Messrs. Hurn and Biggs, without whose initiative and enthusiasm in organizing such an enjoyable and rewarding trip, our education would have been that much the poorer.

R.E.M.

## A VISIT TO GREECE

When you wake up in the middle of the night and see snowflakes pelting against the train windows, it is difficult to believe you are on the way to Greece. Our route to the Mediterranean sun by train was covered in two nights, yet in France it rained, in Switzerland it snowed, and in Italy the sun shone as in a true English summer.

The nineteen-day visit was arranged in the Easter holidays by King's School, Canterbury, and five boys from King Edward's joined the party. Though the objective was eleven days in Greece, we saw over an hour's worth of Paris and a day each of Milan and Brindisi on the way out. M.V. *Miaoulis* sailed on a Saturday night from the pleasant harbour of Brindisi, and the next place we saw was Corfu, whence you can visit Canoni and see an island purported to be the stone remains of the Phaeacian ship that took Odysseus home.

Ithaca received us with a freak gale. The island, mountainous and sinister, seemed a fit home for the enigmatic Odysseus. The night was seen on its way by a sing-song at which three Greeks, to the accompaniment of a guitar, sang Greek and Italian tunes and learnt such classics as Clementine.

We were soon between the sheer sides of the Corinth Canal and into the Piraeus. The coach drive to the hotel showed us the modern aspect of Athens: modern shops and offices have been superimposed on a more

Oriental framework of bustling side-streets. Churchill Street, in the centre of the city, falls short of no modern capital, while Omonia Square, with an impressive fountain, receives thoroughfares old and new. Throughout Athens several smaller squares, planted with lush trees, contribute to the cool and spacious atmosphere. In the old quarters the streets are narrow and dusty, while the whitewash of the buildings has long yellowed. The city is astir at five in the morning.

Generally, only in the modern shops are prices fixed. Haggling with street vendors can be amusing and profitable. Though poor, Greece is not dear to live in, since, for example, a hot meal can be obtained for two shillings in a "taverna," but you try squids and octopus at your peril. The most popular wine, "ouzo," an aniseed brandy, costs sixpence a glass and scalds your throat.

Many Greeks speak English and tolerate classical archaisms with a smile. People often stopped us to ask if we were German or American, and did not show any resentment at our being English. When we went to Aegina on a boat trip a farmer called down from his cart "Eoka" and "Cyprus," but grimaced at the mention of Makarios. In Aegina we walked ten miles under the sun to a ruined temple on a hill. After reducing the price of a mule-ride from 6s. 3d. to 1s. 9d., we were taken three-quarters of a mile down a steep hillside to the sea.

From Athens we visited Delphi, where the scenery is a magnificent mixture of rugged, snow-capped mountains and fertile valleys. After six days in the capital we moved south to Nauplia, on the east coast of the Peloponnese, to stay in the "Grande Bretagne" hotel for three days before going on to Olympia, where we spent the last night and day. Though the weather was not now so propitious, we could enjoy the luxuriant scenery of the home of the Olympic Games to the full. From Nauplia we visited the massive and forbidding citadel of Mycenae, Tiryns, and Epidauros, where plays are still performed in the ancient Greek theatre.

Reluctantly we rejoined the Miaoulis at Patras at midnight, to be greeted by a short electric storm that made the boat look like a blue neon advertisement. The return through Italy and France was to us only a means of getting home. In the Channel it rained.

M.D.R.

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## NORFOLK BROADS, ETC., 1959

When the Wayford Bridge Yacht Station was approached to provide, as usual, boats for the 1959 Annual Naval Cruise to the Broad, it could only muster one out of the fleet of five required since the others were already chartered. So on March 26th, *Tantivy II*, commanded by Mr. Gregory, set out alone down the River Ant, hoping to meet the next day the rest of the fleet, which was made up of boats from Wroxham.

But came the 27th, Thurne Dyke saw only four King Edward's crews, from *Ruby*, the admiral's barge (and one of the largest boats on the broads), *Playmate*, under J. L. Sessions' command, and *Beryls I and II*, captained by C. J. Wood and C. E. Pettitt respectively.

By lunch time on the next day at Potter Heigham, the straggler, who had been delayed by contrary winds, had caught up, and the fleet was complete. Here calamity attended the two senior boats, in the form of the picturesque but extremely low old bridge—Mr. Gregory got stuck fast underneath it, and Mr. Benett, though he forced his way through it, received some punishment in the process.

From here the usual course was pursued—to Horsey Mere, Hickling Broad, Acle (for some of us, Ludham bridge); whence we parted to our several destinations.

The voyage was packed with incident. From the moment when *Playmate* tore her sail on the trees near Wroxham, to the time six days later when a sailor, back from the deep, gladly leapt from the boat into the water, there was never a dull moment. Besides the normal chagrin at going, or being forced, hard up the bank, and the pleasure at seeing others in the same position, the following seem especially memorable:

The moment on Horsey Mere when a gust of wind caught the unwary helmsman of *Beryl II*, and heeled the boat so far that the table in the cabin turned upside down and put its foot through a porthole.

The time when the admiral's number one, teaching recruits to sail a dinghy, brushed a hawthorn bush with the canvas, and had to row back.

The satisfaction at Hickling of seeing an Old Edwardian triumphantly bump into every boat in the Dyke as he approached the Broad—knocking an unfortunate but luckily good-natured stranger into the water with his boom.

The occasion when the three junior boats got left behind on the way to Acle, and that night made hay at Thurne Dyke instead.

The vision of our strong man, forgetting perhaps that the seven-asides did not start for a fortnight, successfully ramming his boat into the bows of *Beryl II*, leaving a deep dent in the gunwale. And the discovery that sailing five abreast up a narrow river with the wind dead astern is hardly easy (only one succeeded in reaching Ludham without going aground: the others fell by the wayside.)

Altogether it was a very eventful trip, with the English weather sometimes supplying wind. Thank you very much indeed, Mr. Benett and Mr. Gregory, for organizing and seeing through such an enjoyable week.

R.F.W.

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## SNOWDONIA, EASTER, 1959

On Tuesday, 7th April, nine members of the Science Divisions and Sixths gathered for the fourth year running, at the Christian Endeavour Holiday Home, Plas-Y-Nant, which lies in the valley west of Snowdon. Two arrived in the evening, apparently having walked most of the way.

We were soon quite at home in this very unusual house, and in the lively company of Mr. Kent and Dr. Allison, who had arrived with a party from Ashby-de-la-Zouch Grammar School, and one of his Masters, Mr. Gavins.

On Wednesday we started serious work, climbing three peaks in

the Nantlle Range in glorious weather, obtaining as a reward very good views of cloud-wreathed Snowdon, and her satellites.

Thursday brought the most exciting climb of the week, that of the North Ridge of Tryfan (3,010-ft.), and the Bristly Ridge of Glyder Fach (3,262-ft.). We were lucky to find the summit of Tryfan clear of cloud, and had a panoramic view of the Glyders, the Nant Ffrancon Pass, and the Carneddau. The rocks were still sprinkled with snow, which made the ascent of the Bristly Ridge quite adventurous. A brisk descent brought us to Pen-y-Gwryd, and pints of orangeade.

On Friday morning it rained too heavily to start out, but by 1-0 o'clock it had cleared up, and after lunch a convoy of vehicles proceeded to Beddgelert, and the Aberglaslyn Pass, from which a few climbed Cricht (2,265-ft.). After this easy day, it was befitting that a concert should be held in the "Rec."

Saturday dawned clear, but this was not to last! We set out to climb Snowdon from Pen-y-Pass, via Lliwedd (2,947-ft.). On arrival at Pen-y-Pass, the weather had changed, and we climbed up through mist and driving rain, which soon turned to snow. We finally slogged up the loose, steep screes to Snowdon Summit (3,561-ft.), where we dripped on the Hotel floor, amongst the dry clad people who had ascended in the train. We descended by the Ranger track, soaked to the skin but happy, to a welcome hot shower and dry clothes.

On Sunday, a few went to Chapel, to sample a tape-recorded sermon. All attended a service held in the "Rec." in the evening.

Monday dawned wet, and we decided not to bother with Crib Goch (3,023-ft.), though two of the party claimed to have actually seen it.

In the evenings, much use was made of the table tennis facilities in the "Rec." and the traditional "Down and Up." A "walk" round the grounds in pitch darkness was appreciated by a few.

It now remains to thank Mr. Kent and "Doc." for all the trouble they took to keep us safe and happy. We all wish to return to Plas-y-Nant as soon as possible.

T.N.H.

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## ALTA SACRI RESONANT ORGANA

Having been brought to a state of transient sobriety by the sombre thought of leaving school a few weeks hence, I fell a willing slave of the muse (as Homer puts it), and this, for better or worse, is the fruit of my servile labour.

At the end of the first World War, a War-Memorial committee was formed, and carried out four projects: the erection of eight bronze tablets (which now stand in the chapel recording the names of Old Edwardians who fell in the War; the publication in 1920 of a War Record of old boys who had served in the War; an investment of £1,000, to provide, in certain cases, free education for children of those who had been killed; the provision of an organ in Big School. This last was effected only through the great financial backing of Mr. F. H. Viney, a school governor, who was school captain 1900-1.



The organ was unveiled on January 25th, 1928, in the presence of the head master, Mr. Robert Cary Gilson, and the school, by the Hon. Sir Henry MacCardie, Judge of the High Court, and was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Dr. E. W. Barnes. The organ was played on this occasion by Dr. G. D. Cunningham the City Organist, who gave a spirited performance of "Marche Pontificale" by Widor.

The instrument was built by Henry Willis and Sons, at a cost of nearly £3,000, to the design of Dr. Cunningham, and was placed in the gallery behind "Sapientia." It stood very much as it does to-day, a two-manual electric-action organ, and the specification as it then was, is here given.

GREAT		SWELL		PEDAL	
Lieblich Bordun	16	Open Diapason	8	Bordun	16
Open Diapason, I	8	Lieblich Gedackt	8	Open Bass	16
Open Diapason, II	8	Salicional	8	Flute	8
*Dulciana	8	Vox Angelica	8	Octave	8
*Hohl Flute	8	Gemshorn	4	Octave Flute	4
*Violoncello	8	Mixture	15, 12, 22	Contra Oboe	16
*Harmonic Flute	4	Contra Oboe	16	COUPLERS	
Principal	4	Trumpet	8	Great to Pedal.	
Fifteenth	2	Clarinet	8	Great Octave to Pedal.	
Great Octave Coupler.		Swell Octave Coupler.		Swell to Pedal.	
Great Sub-Octave Coupler.		Swell Sub-octave Coupler.		Swell Octave to Pedal.	
Great Unison Off.		Swell Unison Off.		Swell to Great.	
Tremulo.		Tremulo.		Swell Octave to Great.	
(* enclosed).				Swell Sub-octave to Great.	
				Gt. and Ped. Combs.	
				Coupled.	

The organ has two balanced Swell pedals, six pistons to the great, six to the pedal, and five to the swell.

(No explanation of this will be needed by those who understand, nor required by those who understand not).

The organ played a full part in school life during the following years, numerous recitals being given by Dr. Wostenholme, the Music-Master.

Upon moving from the Barry school in New Street, to Edgbaston in 1936, the organ was stored in crates, and remained silent for ten years. The new Big School was first used on Speech Day, 1942, but the organ was left, crated, in a Moseley Warehouse, and owing to the bombing of the school architect's office, and the consequent destruction of the plans for the gallery, the first appearance of the organ was not made until the War Memorial service on May 10th, 1946.

Under the steady guidance of Mr. Philip Cranmer, the Director of Music (now Professor of Music at the University of Belfast) the organ began to play again a full part in school life, and this progress continued with even greater momentum under his successor, Dr. Willis Grant, who had already been for the preceding twelve years, since 1936, organist and choirmaster at the cathedral church. Dr. Grant (now Professor of Music at the University of Bristol), realising the great need for a balanced set of swell trumpets for the adequate leading of school singing, had the Contra Oboe, the Trumpet, and the Clarinet replaced by the present 16, 8, and 4 foot reeds. The work was carried out by Nicholsons of Worcester, who had just rebuilt the cathedral organ to such good effect, and are the

present maintainers of the organ. This change has fully justified the wisdom of Dr. Grant's decision, and the organ is now quite capable of accompanying the massed singing of the 700-strong school without any difficulty whatsoever.

So it has stood, effectively silenced only when the water tank, cutely placed directly over the instrument, overflowed in October, 1956, putting three-quarters of the organ out of action for some time.

Tonally it is most satisfying. A mixture and reed on the great, a fifteenth on the swell would be pleasant, but not necessary, and if money could be spent, a new case to supersede the few sticks of wood now serving to keep the show-pipes in place would be most welcome.

But the school has yet another organ, housed in the New Music Room. In 1953, Mr. George Cadbury wrote to Dr. Grant, seeking advice as to the most musical way of disposing of a small chamber organ which had belonged to Dame Elizabeth Cadbury, who had recently died. A few months later the organ stood gleaming in the New Music Room.

The instrument has faithfully served Shell after Shell, who having dutifully followed the Director of Music across the South field, spent amusing periods, whilst the intricacies of organ construction have been made manifest to them. It is a beautifully made tracker action organ, built by William Hill and Sons in 1897, and has withstood with remarkable fortitude, the inclemencies of a cold climate, the amateur experiments in organ building by music students, and other such vicissitudes.

GREAT			SWELL			PEDAL		
Open Diapason	..	8	Hohl Flute		8	Bourdon	..	16
Gedeckt	..	8	Salicional		8			
Dulciana	..	8	Gemshorn		4			
Principal	..	4	Twelfth		2 $\frac{2}{3}$	COUPLERS		
Suabe Flute	..	4	Fifteenth		2	Great to Pedal.		
						Swell to Pedal.		
						Swell to Great.		

(The organ has a trigger swell pedal, and two foot pistons to the great organ. The Swell fifteenth was originally an oboe, and the Swell twelfth, a voix celeste.)

Suffice it to thank many members of the staff who have helped me over obscure details, and also and especially, Professor Willis Grant, D.Mus., F.R.C.O., of Bristol, and Mr. A. J. Cooke, M.A., B.Mus., A.D.C.M., O.E., Director of Music at K.E.G.S. Aston, who have furnished me with a mine of minute detail.

AVE                      ATQUE                      VALE

J.W.J.

## FAREWELL TRIBUTE

This term the School loses its four most distinguished musicians, three to Cambridge and one to Oxford. It is typical of them all that only one should intend to read music and make it his career, for in spite of their considerable and various achievements in the world of music, they have not fallen into the way of being narrow-minded. High and demanding standards and a great degree of specialisation too often succeed only in producing blinkers and it is much to their credit that they have separate

and individual interests. Besides the Cartland Club and the Library, the rugger or cricket field, the parade ground, the track of the swimming bath will frequently reveal one or more of them. Two will be appearing on the stage at the end of term.

To my mind they represent the spirit peculiar to musicians which comes from the experience and the joy of music; from the sense of achievement of a job well done; from being brought into contact with other members of a choir or orchestra; from simply messing about with notes. They are, as I have suggested, versatile and consequently just too busy. This bias lent spice to the task of persuading them to appear in public and arranging their programmes. There has always been a certain element of suspense about their recitals: one could never be quite sure whether they would go according to plan, or, indeed, go at all, until they had actually gone (or not gone). This is not to say that they are anything short of delightful as people, and simply as people it has been a great pleasure to know them.

Their academic distinctions need no enlargement; neither do their musical triumphs. A choral scholarship, connection with the National Youth Orchestra and two concertos with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra speak for themselves. They have given a great deal to the School and memories will linger of remarkable lunch-hour performances of Mozart's flute and clarinet concertos; of English cadences which have decorated the morning voluntaries and hymns with such impressive regularity; of a real counter-tenor voice echoing briefly round the Chapel, or (more sustained) round the changing rooms at Eastern Road.

This has been an essentially personal tribute, but I am sure that everyone who has known them will wish to join in saying goodbye. Those who remain cannot do better than try and follow in their footsteps.

D.J.M.

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## THE FFESTINIOG RAILWAY

In 1829 Henry Archer asked James Spooner to construct a tramway across the Traeth Mawr embankment, at Portmadoc, and up the vale of Ffestiniog to the Blaenau Ffestiniog slate quarries. An act of Parliament was passed in 1832 allowing it to be built. The tramway was constructed quickly and completed and opened in 1836. Originally the method of locomotion was by gravity on downward trains, the return journey being made by horse haulage. By 1863 the slate output had extended so locomotive working was introduced. In 1865, after being inspected by Captain Tyler of the Board of Trade as suitable for carrying people, it was the only narrow gauge line authorized to have passenger service. Most of the signalling and telegraph equipment fell out of use in 1923 when it became authorized as a light railway. Although the company tried very hard to keep the passenger service going, it was withdrawn in 1939 owing to lack

of public support. Another blow was struck in 1946 for the goods service was then withdrawn. By 1953 many people thought that it would be demolished but in 1955 the first section as far as Boston Lodge was re-opened to passenger traffic. More and more enthusiasts became interested in the railway and in 1956 it was re-opened to Minffordd, in 1957 to Penrhyn, and in 1958 to Tan-y-bwlch. It is now proposed to re-open it to Blaenan Ffestiniog. There is one difficulty, however, for a reservoir is being built across the track beyond a long tunnel.

M.R.G.S. (Shell C.)

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### NATUROIDS—A VISION

Sheltered sphere by soft interment of high heaven;  
Expanse of puffing white, a rolling misty sea  
Of haze, a white wilderness of drifting tincture;  
Sombre richness of mellowed senses, suspicions.  
Tufted, a light expanse, without the barren void  
Of vast ocean wasted, green and grey, two fathoms  
Still of shining deep before imagination  
Pulls its depth from the seething crested top.

A break, a blue intense, a moving lapse of light,  
A gape in the padded softness of ocean heaven;  
Penetrating vision of vaster, further states,  
Which shedding motive light leap on lightning fire.  
Engraved soft sphere, height, breath of universal crowds,  
Shabby growth, decayed, green, swallowed in gloomy shrouds.  
D.A.T.P.

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### LIFE'S LOVES

Life is that mystic thing which, like a wife,  
You have to love; or else no happy life !  
From this it can deduced be: " To love  
Is life." But, " What to love ? " you ask askance.  
Not life ! For he who life itself does love,  
And no thing else, to all the world is dead.  
" What then to love ? " Love but the world alone  
And all its pleasures; yet soon will hate you  
Those you yearned to have. " Love one another " :  
That is Christian code. " Thy wealth to the poor  
With all you own." " To Him who died for you  
Give all thy heart, and Him do love the best."  
" Love God, and love Him more than all the rest."  
You yet will stray beyond the godly way !

J.P.S.

## EPIGRAMMATA SELECTA

M. S. BOMBYCIS

P ictor es insignis; sic et quos pingere gaudes  
I nsignes, quod habent corpora manca lue.  
C alcum alibi lumen mediis e naribus exstat,  
A urem alibi lusco lippa lacuna tegit.  
S cauro dependet iunctis huic planta lacertis,        t  
S ub lumbos illi calva trifilis adest.  
O ssibus alter eget, cervice tripectorus alter.  
Nos igitur tabulas poscis amare tuas.  
C ivit ridiculus populos per pulpita risu  
H istrio qui, populis visus homullus, agit.  
A usterus tamen esse potest: belli odit amorem,  
P rofret se risu velle nec ense mori.  
L una nitens effulget in hunc, si nenia vera,  
I nfractae caligae, braca suenda tumet.  
N os qui scurratur sapiens et sannio aniemus?  
Iudex luna bonus: cui favet, omnis honos.

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### LETTER TO K.E.S. CHRONICLE

DEAR SIR,

Any spectator at school matches over the past few years must realize that no school team, even when playing at home, receives adequate support. A good following on the touch-line or the boundary makes a tremendous difference to the performance of the team, as the results of the last eight Bromsgrove matches have shown.

We appreciate the loyalty of the few stalwart supporters who appear regularly at Eastern Road on Saturday afternoons. Even without the lure of a strawberry tea, a summer afternoon spent at Eastern Road is a most relaxing and enjoyable experience. We hope that in future many more members of the School, with parents and friends, will come down to give school teams the encouragement they deserve, and so promote at all levels in the School enthusiasm for the teams, which have in the past won so many distinguished victories, and which, with sufficient support, can do so in the present and future.

Yours faithfully,

T. P. LEE.

D. K. LINDLEY.

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# King Edward's School Club

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR APRIL 1st, 1958, to MARCH 31st, 1959

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Governors' Grant	300	0	0	By Football	257	11	2
„ Heath Testimonial Fund	10	17	0	„ Cricket	454	12	4
„ Levett Trust	10	10	0	„ Athletics	25	10	9
„ Mayo Trust	13	14	8	„ Swimming	48	12	6
„ Old Boys' Permanent Contributory Fund	7	13	8	„ Fives	186	10	8
„ Solomon Memorial Trust	1	19	10	„ Tennis	110	2	2
„ Honorary Members' Subscriptions	64	12	6	„ Squash Rackets	24	16	6
„ Boys' Subscriptions	679	0	0	„ Fencing	8	17	6
„ Grant from School Stock	440	0	0	„ Rowing	13	7	8
	£1528	7	8	„ Shooting	1	15	0
				„ Chess	68	1	6
				„ CHRONICLE	244	14	6
				„ Archaeological Society	2	3	6
				„ Music Society	4	16	10
				„ Scientific Society	0	12	0
				„ Civic Society	0	7	6
				„ Natural History Society	4	7	3
				„ Debating Society	0	7	6
				„ Christian Guild	0	4	4
				„ Printing and Stationery	60	7	2
				„ Glass and China	3	5	2
				„ Postage and Telephone	9	16	9
				„ Bank Charges	0	10	0
					£1531	10	3
(Signed) J. C. ROBERTS, <i>Hon. Treasurer.</i>							
Examined and found correct,							
D. J. COTTON							
R. D. LAMBOURNE							
Receipts for year ending March, 31st, 1959	1528	7	8				
Balance brought forward, April 1st, 1958	4	14	1				
	1533	1	9				
Expenditure for year ending March 31st, 1959	1531	10	3				
Balance carried forward, April 1st, 1959	£1	11	6				



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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.
<b>TOWN MEMBERS</b> (full) residing or having a place of business			
within 15 miles of the Club Rooms .. .. .	9	9	0
<b>Town Members</b> (full) under age 21 .. .. .	2	10	0
<b>Town Members</b> (full) under age 30 .. .. .	5	0	0
<b>COUNTRY MEMBERS</b> .. .. .	2	2	0
<b>UNIVERSITY MEMBERS</b> , attending as students any university			
outside Birmingham .. .. .	1	5	0
<b>HONORARY MEMBERS</b> not less than .. .. .	0	10	0
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HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL CLUB (which includes a subscription to the SCHOOL CHRONICLE) is open to all Old Edwardians and to parents of boys in the School, and friends of the School, at a subscription of not less than 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.

