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## O.E. MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

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

## CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

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

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

N. J. F. CRAIG,

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.

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# THE XI, 1953

*Standing (left to right):* M. WILKINS, A. C. SMITH (1952-53), E. L. B. SAXON (1953), P. H. R. MERCER, A. J. G. CAMPBELL, J. MULFORD,  
*Seated (left to right):* J. L. WILKINS (1951-2-3), O. S. WHEATLEY (1951-2-3, *Vice-Capt. and Hon. Sec.*), D. H. BENSON (1951-2-3, *Capt.*),  
 B. C. HOMER (1951-2-3), G. P. SIMPSON (1952-3).

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## EDITORIAL



The highlights of the Quater centenary now stand in our minds as happy memories. The festive gaiety and solemn ceremony of a year of national rejoicing fade into the past, as a dream ; the Coronation has now been recorded in history books. The great events of the past two years now lie behind us, linger in our memories ; the future towers ahead of us—as yet unknown, uneventful.

As we set out on the long journey towards our Quin centenary, we must reflect awhile, and consider how we, for our part, can seek to enhance the proud heritage of our School at the dawn of its fifth century of history.

One of the most striking features of our present history is the generous spirit of our benefactors, many of them our predecessors. As, from day to day, we see new luxuries emerge around us, we become ever more convinced that gratitude must be the key to our days at King Edward's. Of this we were reminded in no small way, when, in September, the Cartland family handed over to the School the magnificent Cartland Room.

This most generous gift marks an important step forward in our corporate life. In providing a common room for selected members of the Sixth forms, representing all spheres of School life, the Cartland Club sets out to create that social atmosphere, which has so noticeably been lacking from our community hitherto. Scientists and classicists, Rugby footballers and chess players, mountaineers and theatre-goers, to mention but a few of the varied occupations and pastimes of our Sixth-Formers, now have the opportunity of enjoying and benefiting from the fruits of each other's experience, talents, and interests. This must undoubtedly foster that broader outlook of the world, which is the aim of our education at King Edward's.

We would utter a word of caution to those gentlemen, who delight in passing the hours with magazine, tea and biscuits, in the luxurious comfort of the Cartland Room, unmindful of their duty, as privileged members of the School, to lead their younger brethren. We truly hope that, in time, the very privilege of becoming a member of the Cartland Club will bring senior members of the School to realise the responsibility which rests upon them to exert a beneficial influence on the rest of the School. Herein, tradition lies in our hands.

To the younger members of the School, who must surely regard the Cartland Room as a somewhat ethereal palace, we would say: work hard, play hard, and the privilege and responsibility of belonging to the *elite* will, in days to come, be yours.

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## SCHOOL DIARY

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Michaelmas Term began on Thursday, 17th September, and ended on Thursday, 17th December, half term being taken from October 30th to November 3rd, again being lengthened to include the Friday by the transfer of the Founder's Day Holiday.

On September 22nd, the Cartland Room was officially presented to the School by Mr. John Cartland and Captain Geoffrey Crawshay, who, in a short but very moving ceremony, handed the Room over to the School.

The General Committee of the School Club met on September 23rd to elect officers for the coming year, and the meeting was probably the shortest on record.

On October 10th, the School kept Founder's Day and in the morning Prize Giving was held. The Bailiff, Mr. T. W. Hutton, gave the address, and the Lord Mayor formally presented the City's Quatercentenary gift of twenty-five magnificent chairs to the School.

This term nearly twenty boys have entered upon preparation for Confirmation, and Holy Communion has been celebrated three times in the course of the term, in the Memorial Chapel.

On November 7th the Bromsgrove Match was played at Eastern Road, in extremely windy conditions, the XV retaining the Siviter Smith Cup.

The C.C.F. held a Church Parade on Sunday, November 15th, at the Parish Church. The Chief Master preached the sermon, and the salute at the March Past was taken by Rear Admiral L. N. Brownfield, C.B.E. The Parade was under the command of Under Officer J. L. Wilkins, whilst Under Officer J. D. L. Adams and Petty Officer J. G. Evans read the Lessons.

Field Day took place on Friday, November 20th, in weather best described by those present.

The Eleventh Julian Horner Concert was held in Big School on Wednesday, November 11th, when the School heard a programme of Chamber Music. The same bequest has also made possible the three art exhibitions that have been hung in the School corridors.

Two Carol Services were held on December 14th and 15th in Big School. On the following day, December 16th, the XV again travelled up to the Old Deer Park, Richmond, to play Christ's Hospital.

As we write desperate efforts are being made by the gentlemen of the Prefects Room to avoid a financial disaster on the night of December 29th, 1953. However, with the goodwill so typical of all their fellow democratic bodies at this festive season, their efforts in this matter are unstinted.



## GOVERNORS' NEWS

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Professor E. J. Maskell, of the University of Birmingham, has been appointed as the representative of the University of Cambridge in place of the late Bishop of Birmingham, who retired from the Governing Body shortly before his death.

Dr. R. S. Aitken, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham, has been appointed as representative of the University in place of Professor H. F. Humphreys.

Professor Hood-Phillips has been granted six months leave of absence, as he has gone to Singapore to act as Adviser to the Commission now considering the constitution.

Dr. Mary Woodall has been granted six months leave of absence, as she is on an extended lecture tour in the U.S.A.

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### Dr. E. W. BARNES

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Ernest William Barnes, O.E. (1886-93), one of Levet's most successful pupils, had a brilliant career at Trinity, Cambridge, becoming second Wrangler, President of the Union, Smith's Prizeman, Fellow and eventually Tutor. As a mathematician he won academic honours, his Doctorate of Science and Fellowship of the Royal Society. In 1902 he was ordained, and for fifty years he conceived it his mission, through thick and thin, through good report and ill report, to do his best to build a bridge between religion and science. As Master of the Temple and then Canon of Westminster, he won a reputation as a challenging preacher, fearless to espouse the cause of the minority, ruthless to expose slipshod reasoning and outmoded thought-forms. As third Bishop of Birmingham, from 1924 to 1952, he was often the centre of controversy, for his advanced modernism. This reached a peak with the publication of his provocative book, *The Rise of Christianity*. He served the truth, as God gave him to see the truth. It was said of him "He was the mildest-mannered man that ever scuttled a ship or cut a throat" (*Byron*). And it is this that will remain in the memory of all who knew him—that gracious and courageous personality, the fearless champion of unpopular causes, the generous host, and the devoted disciple of his Lord.

One of his last appearances in public in Birmingham was on October 11th, 1952, to attend the Quater-centenary celebrations, and in particular to dedicate the War Memorial in the rebuilt Upper Corridor.

The Bailiff writes :

"King Edward's has had few more distinguished or loyal sons. Indeed, Dr. Barnes takes his place on the Bench of Old Edwardian Bishops which includes Benson, Lightfoot and Westcott.

He was educated first at the Camp Hill Grammar School ; and then, as the leaving age at Camp Hill was sixteen and a half, at New Street. At both he had a most successful career. Though it was many years before he returned to Birmingham as its Bishop, he was a Governor, representing the University of Cambridge, long before his return. In fact, when he retired from the Governing Body, he had been a governor longer than

any living man, and longer than all but a very few in the long list of the school's Governors.

It was characteristic of him, however, that though the office of Bailiff normally comes after some eight or ten years as a Governor, Dr. Barnes refused it till, a few years ago, he felt he could spare the time to do faithfully all the work the office entailed.

His interest in the school was always keen, even in the years when he was away from Birmingham. He was always a loyal member of the O.E. Association, and has long been a vice-president.

As a Governor he was wise in counsel, tactful and moderate in the expression of his own views, reasonable in seeing the viewpoint of others. To younger Governors, in particular, he was a kind and generous friend. If he owed much to the school, as surely he did, the school owed not less to him."

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## COMMON ROOM

We welcome the following new members of the Common Room :

Mr. J. T. K. Adams, who has come to King Edward's from Christ's College, Cambridge. He spent the early part of his life in Uruguay, and since the war has served with the British Council there. As well as teaching modern languages here, he is Cultural Attaché to the Uruguayan Embassy in London.

Dr. R. S. Allison, who has come to teach Science. He was previously at Sheffield University, where he was doing research in glass technology.

Mr. P. B. Chapman, who has come from Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, to teach Mathematics.

Mr. C. H. Dodds, who has come from Abbotsholme School, Derbyshire, to teach Biology.

Mr. G. E. Cooper, who has taught previously at Bradford Grammar School and Christ's Hospital and joined us in January to teach Mathematics.

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We congratulate :

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, on the birth of a son, on July 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Skinner, on the birth of a son, on August 13th.

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## PREFECTS

We congratulate J. D. L. ADAMS on his appointment as Captain of the School, and J. L. WILKINS, on his appointment as Vice-Captain of the School.

The following gentlemen have been appointed Prefects :

A. BRAMLEY, Secretary of the Art Circle ; Secretary of the Arts Society (*Jeune*).

G. D. CLARK, House Captain (*Levet*).

P. R. FOXALL, House Captain (*Cary Gilson*).

J. A. P. FUERY, Captain of Athletics ; Secretary of Swimming (*Evans*).





CHAPEL BENCHES



JUNIOR CRAFT PRIZE, 1953  
BY P. A. STANWORTH



AUSTRIAN TYROL, 1953



THE CARTLAND ROOM

B. C. GANE, P.T. Leader ; Secretary of the Geographical Society  
(*Evans*).

N. W. C. GARDNER, C.S.M. in the C.C.F. (*Prince Lee*).

K. S. HUDSON, Vice-Captain of Rugby Football ; House Captain  
(*Evans*).

A. D. KIRKBY, Editor of the CHRONICLE ; School Librarian ;  
Secretary of the Modern Language Society ; A.S.M. in the Scouts  
(*Gifford*).

R. G. MENDELSSOHN, House Captain (*Gifford*).

G. P. SIMPSON, Captain of the House (*Vardy*).

J. M. VERNON, Secretary of the Scientific Society (*Cary Gilson*).

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## COLOURS

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We congratulate :

A. J. G. CAMPBELL and E. L. B. SAXON on the award of their School  
Cricket Colours.

M. WILKINS on the award of his School Cricket Blazer.

G. R. HORTON, J. S. PENDRY, M. J. SUTTON, and J. D. WATERSTREET  
on the award of their XXII Colours.

A. BRAMLEY, N. C. BROWN, B. C. GANE, K. S. HUDSON and D. F.  
LOMAX on being re-awarded their School Rugby Football Colours.

J. D. L. ADAMS, R. W. N. DAVIS, B. J. PIERCE, P. R. FOXALL,  
G. P. SIMPSON, R. K. WILSON and A. MANDERS on the award of their  
School Rugby Football Colours.

K. R. RUSHTON on being re-awarded his School XXX Colours.

D. E. PLEWS on the award of his School XXX Colours.

J. D. L. ADAMS and B. J. PIERCE on the re-award of their School  
Swimming Colours.

J. A. P. FUERY and P. R. FOXALL on the award of their School  
Swimming Colours.

A. W. HARRIS on being re-awarded his School Tennis Colours.

E. D. HATELEY and H. K. LAWRENCE on the award of their School  
Tennis Colours.

R. V. B. SMITH and J. G. HENLY on the award of their School  
Shooting Colours.

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We congratulate G. C. WEEKS, O.E., on being selected to play  
Squash for Oxford against Cambridge.

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## THE CARTLAND ROOM

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In 1944 the Priory Estate, King's Heath, which for more than a  
hundred years had been the home of the Cartland family, was sold to  
the Governors of the School as a site for the new Camp Hill Schools.

Many old Edwardians will remember the Vicarage Road field on  
the Estate, with affection ; the Rugby Football Club played here for

many seasons. One well remembers during matches that it was not unusual for the soldierly figure of Major Howard Cartland to be seen cantering round the ground on a white horse. Major Cartland was the last occupier of the Priory and it was as a result of his death that it came into the market—since his grand-nephews and heirs to the property, Major Ronald Cartland and Major Anthony Cartland, had both been killed in action during the withdrawal from Dunkirk on 31st May, 1940.

It was in this way that the property descended to Mr. John Cartland and Captain Geoffrey Crawshay, nephews of the late Major Howard Cartland.

When the whole property had been sold to the Governors, these two gentlemen wished to make a gift to take some tangible form at King Edward's School in order to record the passing of the last of the Cartland lands in Birmingham to the Governors.

It was after a meeting with the then Head Master—Mr. (now Sir) Charles Morris, that it was arranged that the donors would set aside £2,000 to provide the panelling, equipment and major furnishings for a Common Room for senior boys of the School.

About this time also, Mrs. George Cartland presented to the School the Sword awarded to her son, the late Major Trevor Cartland, when he passed out first from Sandhurst in 1912. Major Trevor Cartland was killed in action on 1st July, 1916. It was his mother's wish that the new Common Room, presented by other members of the family, should house also this Sword as a permanent reminder of the war-time sacrifices of the Cartland family in two Wars, which had included also Col. Bertram Cartland (father of Ronald and Anthony), who was killed in action leading the 1st Battalion Worcestershire Regiment on 27th May, 1918.

Accordingly, Mr. Holland Hobbiss was asked in his design of the room to include a special housing for the Sword as an integral part of the panelling over the fireplace.

The money made available for equipping a Common Room could not, of course, be used until the Governors had themselves provided the new floor which was designed to hold, not only the Common Room, but also the Study Rooms. The obtaining of a license for this work took time, but a start was made on the actual building in March, 1952. Thereafter great activity ensued, first with Mr. Howarth, and next with the present Chief Master in the selection of the equipment and furnishings. Each contributed much to the final pattern of the room as one sees it now, and one recalls with pleasure and gratitude the many meetings which took place, amidst a multitude of plans, catalogues and brochures. One recalls also that it was Sir Charles Morris, after visiting Charterhouse School (incidentally the School of the younger Cartlands), who expressed the hope that it would be possible in our own Common Room to reproduce something like the central feature of the Boys' Common Room at Charterhouse, where there is a particularly fine central fireplace forming a focal point in the room around which boys could cluster and chat. I think it will be agreed that Mr. Hobbiss has accomplished the fireplace feature in the Cartland Room very well indeed, and it is good to think that this feature also houses the Cartland Sword.

To one who knew the circumstances surrounding the gift and who believed so utterly in the value which such a gift would have in the life of

the School, the Opening Ceremony on 22nd September, 1953, was very moving.

Looking back one can do no more than repeat the hope that generations of Edwardians will honour the trust which has been placed in them in this gift to them by the Cartland family of so lovely a room. Speaking for that family, one can say again that they will be well rewarded if those who have the privilege of using the room will be thereby helped to serve the School in their day and generation ; and because of this service will learn to serve thereafter their City and their Country in a wider world.

C.D.A.P.

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## THE WAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Services have been held this term as before, with a series of addresses on The Lord's Prayer and another on the Service of Evensong, at Evening Prayers and Evensong respectively. The Chapel Choir, which at the beginning of term was naturally inexperienced, now sounds like a truly seasoned body of singers.

The interior of the Chapel begins to look a little like what we want it to become. There are now twelve benches in use, four having been completed this term by volunteers from the School Scout Group, led by P. K. Hodgkiss. Mr. Porter and Levett have made us a notable gift—an oak chest for use as a credence and for storing the appurtenances of the altar. Last year's Prefects have given an Altar Book, and other gifts have been promised by some of last year's leavers.

We are now considering the design and provision of an altar, kneeling rails for the choir and the front rows of benches, and stalls for the officiant and choir-master. In all these matters we continue to draw on the advice and help which Mr. Hurn so readily places at our disposal.

F.J.W.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

We congratulate D. H. Benson upon his election to the Dale Memorial Medal, and to the Knight Memorial Medal for the Army section of the C.C.F.

We congratulate R. S. Lowrie, upon his election to the Knight Memorial Medal (Air Force).

We offer our congratulations to B. C. Homer upon his election to the Bache Memorial Cup, and to P. S. Trevis upon his election to the Hammond Debating Trophy.

During the recent holidays seven Edwardians ventured to Canada. D. H. Benson and O. S. Wheatley travelled on the W. H. Rhodes Educational Trust tour of the Dominion, whilst P. R. Foxall, B. C. Gane, J. A. A. Stockwin and R. C. Blythe were invited to accompany the British Schools Exploring Society to the Lake Stuart area of British Columbia. A. R. G. Deasley, being a Scotsman, ventured to Medicine Hat, merely to spend a portion of his fortune.



The Prefects' Summer Dance was the usual social success, and we were indeed glad to see so many recent Old Edwardians present. The tickets for the Prefects' Christmas Ball, held on December 29th in Big School, were artistically executed and the price for them was merely nominal.

We noticed with genuine artistic appreciation the design of the School Christmas Card.

Although the collection is, as yet, incomplete we note that the photographs of past XVs and XIs are beginning to appear. At the moment these photographs are enhancing the appearance of the Cartland Floor, which, contrary to all expectations, has been opened prior to the Quin-centenary. Our Architectural Correspondent assures us that the appropriate Union has sacked those responsible.

We congratulate the members of the XV upon their victory over Bromsgrove by nine points to nil, and on thus winning the Siviter Smith Cup for the third successive year.

During the course of the term, in place of fourth period on Saturday, members of the Sixth and Upper Sixth Forms have been privileged to hear four or five informal talks on a wide range of topics, under the general title of "The World in which we live."

Here we should like to recall one of the highlights of the Summer Term, 1953. On Monday, July 20th, Big School resounded to the excellent, and understanding, renderings of various traditional tunes and folk songs.

Similarly, this term, those fortunate enough to be present, have heard numerous variations on Handel's "Water Music."

For our fashion note this term we should like to deplore the standard of turn-out in some of the recent House Matches.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### OLD EDWARDIAN LETTER

*To the Editor of the CHRONICLE.*

SIR,

The Association can claim this year to have pursued with considerable success its two closely-related aims—maintaining touch with the School ; and providing a social centre for Old Edwardians living in or near Birmingham. Not for a long time has liaison with the School been so close and fruitful ; and the Club rooms are being visited more and more not only by Town Members but by Old Boys, whether Country or Honorary Members or even not Members at all, anxious to keep or renew contact with King Edward's. More and more is the Association worth joining, alike on practical and on patriotic grounds.

This year has seen the money secured that was needed to complete the Swimming Bath by building the Close and surround planned in 1945. In all, your Old Boys will have raised for this War Memorial close on £20,000, as good an effort as most schools can show. In addition, there have been a number of special benefactions. Mr. Powell, from the apparently inexhaustible Heath Memorial Fund, was able to furnish one of the studies on the Cartland Floor ; on the initiative of Mr. Biggs,



another was furnished by Old Edwardians anxious to commemorate the late R. J. T. Bryant ; and a third is the gift of the Old Edwardian Masonic Lodge. There have been O.B. contributions, too, to the embellishment of the rebuilt " Upper Corridor."

No less notable, no less useful, has been the attendance of Old Boys at School " events"—in particular at Cricket and Football matches and at the Athletic and Swimming Sports. To help this sort of thing the Association now sends to all its Members, twice a year, a post-card giving the dates of interesting fixtures, both O.E. and School.

A record number of boys leaving School in July accepted the Association's invitation to take tea in the Club Rooms ; and there was a record intake of Members from the 1953 " leavers." In one respect there is room for improvement. Too many O.E.'s. seem, after joining the Association, to vanish either during their time at the University or during their military service. One ventures to hope the Genista Club at Oxford and the Tudor Club at Cambridge will impress on their members that the Association as a whole is not less important than any of its parts. But the real remedy is with individuals : if they will only keep the Hon. Registrar informed of the inevitable changes of address, he will not lightly let them go.

The O.E.C.C. and the O.E. Golfing Society had a good year. Of the O.E.F.C. it has to be reported that its record last season was poor. This season has started very much better—with the Old Alleynians and Old Whitgiftians beaten and Moseley run to a close result. Not only in the first fifteen but all through the Club there is a far better spirit.

Little room is left for the congratulations the School deserves and the good wishes it will always have. We do congratulate you, though, on the hard, if unsuccessful, fight against Denstone and on your brilliant win against Bromsgrove in what must have been one of the toughest games ever seen at Eastern Road. A speedy recovery to all your casualties, well as the substitutes have been playing ; and good luck against Christ's Hospital and Cardiff. Success, too, in due season, to the Eleven and to the fives team and Swimming Eight. In a word, a good year to you. O.E.

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## CAMBRIDGE LETTER

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*To the Editor of the CHRONICLE,*  
SIR,

The Tudor Club,  
Cambridge.

It is customary for our letter to leave Cambridge much later than mid-November, but since the Editor of the CHRONICLE is pressing for our report, the Tudor Club must loyally fall into line. Not that we are reluctant to keep you informed of our affairs—for how is it fitting to feel shame for that we cannot hide ?—but the plain truth is that we have been so occupied in our own individual pursuits that we have been unable to study the habits of our fellow O.E.s. We are not even sure who are our fellow O.E.s., as the Club shows ominous but fashionable signs of a split. If our eyes have seen incongruities, perhaps we were mistaken ; at least let us hope that we know who we are personally, if not collectively, and report what exists in spirit, if not in literal detail.

R. A. Tomlinson (St. John's) is the leader of the breakaway, but his quotations from Catullus can usually soothe our wrath. We suspect that they may, however, irritate his chief henchman, H. G. Brierley (King's), who has at last polluted his once-immaculate scarf ; on the other hand it may be merely a passing phase.

The air at Downing is once more fresh with the radiant bonhomie of R. N. Doubleday, now relieved of the cares of being President, and able to throw off his mantle of political neutrality. Also under the blue cloak is J. de C. Ling (Clare) our new President, whose passionate devotion to the river bids fair to exclude him from the bar, if not the Bar. By contrast, the air beneath D. J. McK. "Bruiser" Ford (Mitre) is not quite so clear. He is writing out an eviction order against the proctors but still remains benign enough to ask "How's it going?" to all our sleuths. D. C. Duckworth (Sidney Sussex) or E. H. G. Chitham (Jesus) could probably supply the answers.

P. K. Harber (Christ's) is rumoured to keep strange company, but J. A. Nimmo visits all the best restaurants for lunch and Dudy. Our other Christian, M. C. Dodd, is a jolly fine chap.

A resting-place has been found for W. R. Smith (St. John's) in the anti-Scottish set ; he never lacks in spirit, if spirit never lacks. Yet even he is kept under control by secretary D. C. Ward (St. John's), who manages a cafe selling mushroom omelettes and Labour sandwich spread.

In Caius', D. B. Hill is not, but N. Sankarayya is, head of a new cult, and looks down on the bustle of the market-place. R. F. Peierls argues about everything when challenged, although D. E. Lloyd is always at least three moves ahead.

We look upon G. J. Tayar (Jesus) with the suspicion that revolution is imminent. He is gathering his reds for a big break. Who knows, he may have enlisted I. R. McClelland (Sidney Sussex) and G. T. Lyall (Pembroke) into his conspiracy. They have disappeared lately, even from lectures.

M. F. Pride (Trinity Hall) has once more donned his soccer boots, and out at Peterhouse, H. B. Gottschalk is still throwing the dice. By the law of average Venus will turn up one day.

P. J. Welbank's youth hostel in Trinity may well be patronised by the Mather Brothers ; but then Trinity now shows lamentable signs of decadence.

We are pleased to be able to report the effervescence of A. H. Latham (Selwyn) who revolves in dramatic circles, and of R. M. Wilkinson (Pembroke), who is fizzing round the inside of the circumference. His comrade in distress is R. C. Perkins (Clare), a man of resource in many spheres. As treasurer of our Club, he has dodged the police admirably. But if any of your readers feel urged to help us, we can supply his address.

The truth is out, sir ; we can think of no platitudes with which to close. We were all pleased to read that Bromsgrove have once more been bounced ; we look forward to seeing the Cartland Room, even if our foibles preclude us from membership.

A merry Christmas to you all.

We remain, sir,

Your obedient servant,

CANTABRIGIENSIS.

## THE OXFORD LETTER

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As far as numbers go, I think that K.E.S. can regard the senior universities with satisfaction. We hear that at the "other place," there are some thirty O.E.s, while at Oxford we have nearly sixty, including dons. Potential Firsts and Blues may be few in number, if not quite non-existent, but in many aspects of University life, O.E.s are, as ever, playing an active part.

Last year, we had the inspiration of Bruce Laughland, whose contribution to Oxford theatre will long be remembered, and Don Collis, whose singing soothed every heart save his own ; but they have gone, and we can only wish them, and all O.E.s who fought their last battles here in the Examination schools in June, every success in the outside world.

Of the present members of the Genista Club, we notice the high proportion of Wadham men. A band of eight, headed by J. D. Mountford, are to be seen regularly in the "King's Arms," although J. L. Eaton and P. Harling do venture further afield to "reel" with the Scottish Club, and J. A. Veitch has been known to fly with the O.U. Air Squadron.

At Balliol, P. A. Gardner appeared in the college production of "Othello," out of which J. C. Field, as Publicity Agent, made quite a considerable profit.

In the musical world, T. F. H. Oxley (Christ Church) and D. A. Wright (Exeter) are following in the foot-steps, or rather the organ-stops, of A. J. Cooke (Keble) and have proved, I think, that some Edwardians have higher musical aspirations than the singing of "Jerusalem."

We have three pairs of brothers here at present. F. W. Wright (Lincoln) is happily married, but still finds time to study Medicine, and to warn his brother, P. F. J. Wright (St. Cath.'s) of the dangers of student life. The Bantock Boys are neighbours at New College and Hertford, and the Trevis Twins, although reading different subjects at different colleges, are frequently seen together, much to everyone's confusion.

It is perhaps very "obiter" to say that G. R. Green is playing rugger furiously ; that G. W. Peters harangues Labour Club meetings frequently ; that M. J. Davison still plays the clarinet ; that T. H. Keeley is still "Harry Brokers" ; or that J. R. Charlesworth has the noisiest M.G. in Oxford ; . . . or even that some O.E.s (the ones we never see) are working almost as hard as J. B. Gottschalk.

Altogether, Oxford benefits greatly from our presence. It is interesting to note that, whereas singing in public is usually frowned on by the Proctors, a rendering of the "Iron Heart of England" on the steps of the Radcliffe was hailed by many as the musical event of last year.

Yours sincerely,  
OXONIENSIS.

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In the July edition of the CHRONICLE, the report on the Junior Dramatic Society appeared over the initials P.H.H. These should have been D.A.P.W.

## RUGBY FOOTBALL



The steadily increasing standard of Rugby since the war has so far not been halted this season. After last year's somewhat disappointing XV it is pleasing to be able to report that the results have been quite good to date.

There is some difficulty in giving a report on a season when there is still a number of important games to be played, but at the moment the prospects are very bright. The forwards, as has been the general rule during the last three or four seasons, are good and have held their own against some stiff opposition. Their power lies in speed on the loose ball and general bustling, intelligent play. However, in the matches against Bromsgrove and Denstone, they were outplayed in the set scrums and harried in the loose mauls where the heeling was often rather sluggish. The backs are settling down now into a very competent line after the first three games when they were rather unsettled, mainly due to injuries and positional changes. The wings run very hard although not as fast as last year's. This lack of speed is counteracted, however, because the ball reaches them quicker through very balanced and often clever running by the fly-half and centres. The defence has improved in every game, especially against Bromsgrove, whilst the kicking and handling are of a competent standard.

If the covering of the forwards is faster and their binding in the loose and tight-scrums more determined, then, with some more initiative in both attack and defence from the backs, the team may not be beaten for the rest of this term.

The second XV is probably the most successful for the last six or seven years, as, although it is fairly young and not filled with stars, the members train hard and, most important, play as a team. The pack is quite tough and contains some very promising material whilst the backs, guided by the experience of R. G. Mendelssohn, the Captain, show considerable scoring power and a tenacious defence. The worth of this team is shown by its fine unbeaten record so far and especially a most notable victory over Denstone by 8-pts. to 5-pts.

With seven matches played and four won, it can be seen that the Under 16 XV is a competent if not an outstanding team. The pack, which is very large, shows considerable speed, spirit and intelligence after its excellent coaching from Mr. Osborne. The backs, however, although very good in defence, lack penetrative power and initiative. There are a number of promising players, nevertheless, and the whole team is ably captained by J. S. Pendry.

The Under 15 XV have lost one match, drawn one and won one, in that order. They have the bare nucleus of a workable side and must learn to adapt their play to give the best chances to the few strong runners that they possess.

Up to the present the Under 14 XV has played two matches, having beaten R.G.S. Worcester 9-0 and lost to K.E.G.S., Camp Hill, 6-3, after a very close struggle. With a heavy but inexperienced pack and some very

determined runners amongst the three-quarters, the prospects for the future are promising.

In conclusion, may we thank Mr. Parry for his unflagging energy and his advice and enthusiasm in coaching the XV. Our thanks are also due to Messrs. Leeds, Osborne, Sacret, McGawley and Buttle, and to all the other members of the staff who help to coach, organise or referee games. Their unselfish efforts are helping to raise the standard of Rugby at King Edward's continually. May we also express our appreciation of the interest and support shown by the Chief Master, the School and its friends.

J.L.W.

## FOOTBALL RESULTS

### THE XV

Date	Opponents	Played	Result	Score
Oct. 3	Ratcliffe College	Away	Won	25 6
10	R.G.S. Worcester	Home	Won	18 6
17	Denstone College	Home	Lost	8 11
24	Trent College	Away	Won	43 3
27	Solihull School	Away	Won	30 0
31	Worksop College	Home	Won	28 9
Nov. 7	Bromsgrove School	Home	Won	9 0
14	Nottingham High School	Away	Won	11 0
21	Wrekin College	Away	Won	5 3

### SECOND XV

Date	Opponents	Played	Result	Score
3	Bromsgrove School	Home	Won	20 3
10	R.G.S. Worcester	Away	Won	28 3
17	Denstone College	Away	Won	8 5
24	Sebright School 1st XV	Home	Won	15 3
Nov. 14	Solihull School	Home	Won	25 3
21	Wrekin College	Home	Drawn	16 16

### UNDER SIXTEEN XV

Date	Opponents	Played	Result	Score
Oct. 3	Ratcliffe College 2nd XV	Away	Lost	5 8
10	Bromsgrove School	Away	Won	18 6
17	Denstone College	Away	Lost	5 6
24	Trent College	Away	Won	29 0
31	Worksop College	Home	Won	19 0
Nov. 11	Rugby School	Home	Lost	3 16
14	Nottingham High School	Away	Won	9 3
21	Wrekin College	Home	Drawn	9 9

### UNDER FIFTEEN XV

Date	Opponents	Played	Result	Score
Oct. 3	Bromsgrove School	Home	Lost	6 25
10	R.G.S. Worcester	Home	Drawn	9 9
24	Sebright School	Home	Won	17 0

### UNDER FOURTEEN XV

Date	Opponents	Played	Result	Score
Oct. 10	R.C.S. Worcester	Won	9 3	
17	K.E.G.S. Camp Hill	Away	Lost	3 6



## THE XV versus BROMSGROVE

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### SIVITER-SMITH CUP MATCH

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The match was played at Eastern Road on November 7th. The weather was very dull, with an almost gale-force wind at times, blowing down the pitch. Bromsgrove won the toss, played with the wind, and ominously won the ball in the early stages of the game. During the first crucial fifteen minutes we did well to hold them. The tone and pace of the game was set in one particular piece of hostile following-up which crushed Lomax, the full-back, against the goal-posts. Fortunately we did not panic and made few mistakes. The tension was eased towards the end of the first half, when we forced the play up to the Bromsgrove line and kept it there for a few minutes. This incident was probably the turning point of the whole game because when the whistle blew for half-time, Bromsgrove had not scored. Our defence, which had obviously saved us so far, was very sound in every department, especially Wilson who covered magnificently and Lomax whose positional play was first-rate.

After the interval, so long as we could get enough of the ball, it was clear we could win. From the first kick we were in Bromsgrove territory, because of the wind, and we continued to get the ball near to their line, even though Maclachlan, their hooker, was performing magnificently. The opposing side was certainly shaky under pressure, and its lack of balance became evident when we did score. A good piece of work by Foxall in the line-out enabled Wilkins to throw a long pass to Pierce, who took it cleanly, ran down the middle and split their defence. About 15 yards from their line he threw a long pass to Simpson, comparatively unmarked, who picked the ball up cleanly and broke the tension by running very well and scoring in the corner. Bramley just failed with the kick. Then after good work by Brown in the loose and a smothering tackle by Hudson, their full-back was penalised for lying on the ball under their own posts. Simpson converted it easily and this was the end of Bromsgrove, the score now being 6 points to nil. Plews added another try by reversing through the Bromsgrove forwards to make it 9-0 just before the end. When the final whistle blew Bromsgrove were vainly pressing our line in an attempt to score.

Thus for the third year running King Edward's won the Siviter-Smith Cup by a hard-fought victory against good, and most sporting, opposition.  
J.L.W.

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### CHARACTERS OF THE XV

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J. L. WILKINS (18 years 1 month) (1951-2-3-4) (11 st. 2lb.).

Although he has not regained complete confidence after a season's absence, his play is normally of a high standard. His service from the base of the scrum has been excellent : he throws a long, accurate pass



which has given the backs plenty of room in which to manoeuvre. He kicks soundly, both in attack and defence ; sometimes he tends to kick too low and gives the opposition a slight chance of charging it down, while he could improve his left-footed clearances into touch.

For a scrum half he has a first rate personal attack, and is extremely difficult to stop near the line. He has been faulted for overdoing the break, but more effective backing up by the back row would have made this less obvious.

As captain he has set a fine example both on and off the field. On the field he has inspired the team by his play rather than by words ; and off the field he has made the team train and practice hard, thus ensuring a confident team.

*(Heath)* K.S.H.

K. S. HUDSON (18 years 7 months) (1951-2-3-4) (12 st. 2 lb.).

A centre three-quarter who has performed his task of making openings for the faster members of the line admirably. He is very strongly built and takes a number of hard knocks to prevent the other smaller players from getting hurt. He now has regained fully his confidence from a very bad injury of two seasons ago. He runs very hard, shows a fine knowledge of the game, and has obviously laid the foundations for this season's successful three-quarter line. His defence is very sound in all respects but he must try to cover the loose ball quicker. Although still a little slow off the mark he must be congratulated on the way he has trained to regain most of his former speed. As Vice-Captain his advice has been sound and readily forthcoming, being in every way of the greatest possible assistance on and off the field.

*(Captain of Evans)*

D. F. LOMAX (18 years 1 month) (1951-2-3-4) (12 st. 1 lb.)

A full-back of considerable experience, who although lacking some confidence at the beginning of the season has improved continually since then. His positional play and superb tackling make up for a certain lack of speed, whilst his touch-kicking with either foot is of a high standard.

He drops-on with great valour, which, combined with his calmness, has saved the team on a number of occasions. He is still slow in catching the rolling ball and getting it into touch and should sometimes attempt to begin a movement on his own. We are waiting patiently for his first major blunder as Secretary.

*(Captain of Jeune)*

N. C. BROWN (18 years 3 months) (1951-2-3-4) (12 st. 4 lb.).

Lock-forward, with considerable experience in this position, who has to do a lot of work, as the back row of the scrum is a little slow. He plays very hard, having regained most of his speed in covering which he lost last year, and uses his weight to bustle his way through, both in the line-outs and in the loose. His handling and smother tackling are effective and he is quick on the loose ball, but he must learn to link up with the rest of the forwards. After taking an interest in American football, his play in the loose has improved tremendously.

*(Captain of Heath)*

A. BRAMLEY (17 years 3 months) (1952-3-4) (13 st. 0 lb.).

Front-row forward. He is probably the best all-round player the school has produced for some time. Although hampered by an irritating finger injury, his jumping, catching, and heeling of the ball in the line-out are excellent. He runs hard in the loose, has a safe pair of hands and uses the ball intelligently. His tackling, covering and dribbling set an example for the rest of the forwards which, together with his "scrum-leading," have helped to mould such a competent pack. (Jeune)

B. C. GANE (18 years 3 months) (1952-3-4) (10 st. 6 lb.).

A small but well-built hooker, who is very lively in the loose, but has not quite reached last season's form yet. He strikes very well with either foot, usually getting the better of his opponent. He is very useful in the line-out and loose maul where he expends his energy intelligently. He handles and passes the ball very well, but is often a little slow in tackling and dropping-on. (Evans)

P. R. FOXALL (18 years 7 months) (1953-4) (13 st. 5 lb.).

Second-row forward, who is one of the most improved players in the team. His line-out work is very good where he uses his height to great advantage. He still, however, does not fight as hard as he should all the time and he does not tackle fiercely enough. His dropping-on is excellent, his passing, handling and dribbling of the ball are good, whilst his covering, if a little slow, is safe. (Captain of Cary Gilson)

R. K. WILSON (16 years 11 months) (1953-4) (10 st. 0 lb.).

Although originally a fly-half, he has been converted into a centre-three-quarter this season and after becoming accustomed to this position, he has played very well. His run, which enables him to penetrate openings that the other centre has made for him, is very deceptive as it combines a fine swerve with a considerable change of pace. His tackling is very good and he covers continually in both attack and defence. His two faults are that he runs across the field in attack, and that he holds on to the ball too long. Both of these will be remedied by experience. (Heath)

G. P. SIMPSON (17 years 6 months) (1953-4) (9 st. 10 lb.).

Wing three-quarter, who, once he had settled down and overcome his initial nervousness, has played well. As a winger, his size has been a handicap, but this has been more than made up for by hard running and a deceiving side-step which he has developed. His kicking and handling of the ball are very good, especially when it is greasy, but he should practise his cross-kicking more. (Vardy)

K. R. RUSHTON (18 years 3 months) (12 st. 12 lb.).

A tall, quite heavy second-row forward who shows considerable intelligence in the line-outs. His catching and general handling of the ball is good but he does not always use his height and weight to the best advantage. He must learn to fight harder and lose his temper more easily. His defence is very sound but he must be quicker in attack. (Cary Gilson)

A. MANDERS (18 years 3 months) (1953-54) (12 st. 3 lb.).

A wing-forward, who although rather slow, makes up for this by fine positional play, intelligence and a sound knowledge of the game. He tackles and drops-on very well, after smothering the scrum-half most effectively. He must learn to concentrate all the time and to pass the ball quicker, as he is often caught in possession. He has a useful place-kick.  
(*Captain of Vardy*)

J. D. L. ADAMS (17 years 9 months) (1953-4) (12 st. 2lb.).

A fairly tall, strong, front-row forward, who plays hard all the time and does some fine work in both the line-outs, where he jumps well, and in the loose. In the tight-scrums he might learn to follow the ball into the scrum and to bind lower. His covering is excellent whilst his tackling and dribbling leave nothing to be desired. He has a bad habit of over-head passing ; but when he overcomes this, he will be one of the most skilled and intelligent of the forwards.  
(*Prince Lee*)

R. W. N. DAVIS (16 years 8 months) (1953-4) (10 st. 5 lb.).

Wing-forward. The youngest member of the team who plays with great determination, running very hard when he has the ball. He is learning to break and harry the fly-half most effectively, being very fast on the loose ball. He must learn to back up the scrum-half and fly-half when they break through, and also not to "die with the ball." His tackling and falling-on are excellent. When called upon he has made an effective wing.  
(*Vardy*)

B. J. PIERCE (17 years 8 months) (1953-4) (10 st. 8 lbs.).

Has played in three different positions, wing three-quarter, centre three-quarter and fly-half, playing equally well in all three. He now, at last, seems set in the fly-half position where he handles and passes the ball well. He is a very balanced runner and has scored some very good tries from "cut through." His defence is sound but he must tackle his opponent quicker and with more determination.  
(*Prince Lee*)

D. E. PLEWS (18 years 1 month) (10 st. 6 lb.).

Wing three-quarter. A newcomer to the team who, although he has only played in the last five games, has already shown a fine burst of speed and some very hard running ability. His defence is sound if a little unorthodox but he must learn not to panic under pressure. His handling of the ball is good but he must think more quickly in both attack and defence.  
(*Heath*)

The team this year has been : D. F. Lomax, D. E. Plews, K. S. Hudson, R. K. Wilson, G. P. Simpson, B. J. Pierce, J. L. Wilkins, J. D. L. Adams, B. C. Gane, A. Bramley, P. R. Foxall, K. R. Rushton, A. Manders, N. C. Brown, R. W. N. Davis.

Also played : N. W. C. Gardner (last year's fly-half, who, through a bad knee injury has only played two games so far this season, and will probably be out of the game until Christmas), D. H. Jackson, J. H. Wilson, E. L. B. Saxon, J. R. Smethurst, P. C. A. Mountford, R. G. Mendelssohn, S. D. L. Holland, J. S. Pendry and R. G. Willison.



## CRICKET RETROSPECT

The School enjoyed a fairly successful season in 1953, winning nine games and losing five. Better results had been anticipated, as the XI was composed mainly of experienced players, but injuries and over-confidence had their effect. The batting was fairly consistent, B. C. Homer and G. P. Simpson often being outstanding, and with six batsmen averaging over fifteen, respectable totals were the general rule. The bowling was largely in the hands of D. H. Benson, the Captain, who took forty wickets and O. S. Wheatley, whose thirty-eight wickets was a creditable performance considering the number of matches he missed through injury. The fielding was good but not quite up to the previous year's standard, with the exception of A. C. Smith, who is an exceptionally promising wicket-keeper.

Our thanks must be extended to Mr. Gay and Mr. Cockle who spend so much of their time moulding the XI ; to Mr. Leeds and Mr. Trott for their coaching of the XXII ; and to Messrs. Freeman, Traynor, Sacret, Matthews, Woods, Robertson and Buttle for their coaching of the juniors.

Looking ahead to 1954, we can say that with four old colours still at school, the batting should be fairly safe ; but some bowlers will have to be unearthed. We look forward to an enjoyable season. J.L.W.

### RESULTS OF CRICKET MATCHES

#### THE XI v. BOLTON SCHOOL

*(Played at Eastern Road, 7th July, 1953)*

Bolton School . . 49 (D. H. Benson 4 for 8, G. P. Simpson 2 for 8).  
The XI ——— 53 for 4 (B. C. Homer 29 not out).

#### THE XI v. SHREWSBURY SCHOOL "A" XI

*(Played at Shrewsbury, 8th July, 1953)*

Shrewsbury School "A" XI 142 for 7 declared (T. C. S. Lane 53, D. H. Benson 6 for 38).  
The XI ——— 143 for 4 (B. C. Homer 55 not out, E. L. B. Saxon 40).

#### THE XI v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

*(Played at Manchester, 9th July, 1953)*

Manchester G.S. 136 (G. O. Edge 56).  
The XI ——— 23 for 3 (match abandoned as bad light stopped play).

#### THE XI v. BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL

*(Played at Eastern Road, 11th July, 1953)*

Bedford M. S. . . 190 for 3 declared (A. Norman 93 not, F. Comerford 43).  
The XI ——— 101 for 5 (G. P. Simpson 37 not out, D. Wilcox 2 for 9).

#### THE XI v. OLD EDWARDIANS ASSOCIATION

*(Played at Eastern Road, July 18th, 1953)*

Old Edwardians Association . . 115 (B. Harvey 20, D. H. Benson 4 for 31, O. S. Wheatley 5 for 52).  
The XI ——— 116 for 2 (G. P. Simpson 44 not out, J. L. Wilkins 37 not out, T. G. Freeman 2 for 7).

## SWIMMING



Once again the swimming team entered the season with high hopes, but once again the team failed to fulfil its initial promise. This can be ascribed to the lack of really capable sprinters for the relays. All four defeats, by Harrow, Rugby, Shrewsbury and Bromsgrove, can be traced to this particular fault. With two more, or perhaps even one more, fresh and capable sprinter for the relay, the School could well have remained unbeaten. In this respect it was unfortunate that, owing to illness, J. B. Hignett, last year's vice-captain, was unable to swim in the majority of matches.

For the coming season the prospects are nowhere near so good as they were at this time last year. With but one colour definitely remaining, much hard training will have to be done during the coming months. It is of no avail if swimmers await the opening of the War Memorial Bath in the Summer Term before starting to train. Let there be no mistake—this type of “training” is of no use. If the School's present high standard of swimming is to be maintained—and it is now higher than it has ever been—much hard and continued training must be done throughout the Michaelmas and Lent terms.

Here mention should be made of R. B. W. Price, whose captaincy and example through two seasons have inspired a new spirit.

Furthermore, with the magnificent War Memorial Bath, and the inspiring efforts of Mr. Cadenhead, Mr. Cotter and Mr. McGawley, we would do well to remember that “much is expected, of those to whom much is given.”

J.D.L.A.

### RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES

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

Swum in The Pool, with a water temperature of 57° F., on Saturday, June 6th.

#### RESULTS :

110 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, J. A. P. Fuery ; 3, Burford 63.6 seconds (new record).

50 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, J. A. P. Fuery ; 3, Burford 28.2 seconds.

100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, R. B. W. Price ; 2, P. R. Foxall ; 3, Castle. 81.9 secs.

50 yards Back Stroke : 1, B. J. Pierce ; 2, R. B. W. Price ; 3, Springall. 35.2 seconds.

Dive : 1, B. J. Pierce ; 2, J. D. Mathews ; 3, Williamson.

Medley Relay : 1, School ; 2, Solihull. 2 minutes 2.4 seconds.

In a Junior Match held at the same time the School drew 21-21 points.

SCHOOL v. SHREWSBURY. *Lost*, 27-38 points.

Swum in The Pool on Thursday, June 25th, the scores being level at 27-27 before the relays. Shrewsbury, however, won both these events and consequently won a very exciting match by eleven points.

#### RESULTS :

50 yards Free Style : 1, Price ; 2, J. A. P. Fuery ; 3, J. B. Hignett. 27.9 secs.

50 yards Back Stroke : 1, B. J. Pierce and Bowen ; 3, Whinster. 35.1 secs.

100 yards Free Style : 1, Price ; 2, J. D. L. Adams ; 3, J. A. P. Fuery. 63.9 secs.

Dive : 1, Mylne ; 2, B. J. Pierce ; 3, J. D. Mathews. 119 points-118 points.

100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, R. B. W. Price ; 2, P. R. Foxall ; 3, Cummins. 81.7 secs.

200 yards Free Style : 1, Price ; 2, J. D. L. Adams ; 3, Bowen. 2 mins. 24.5 secs.

Medley Race : 1 Shrewsbury ; 2 School.

Relay : 1 Shrewsbury ; 2 School.



SCHOOL v. MALVERN. *Won* 321-29½ points.

This match was swum in The Pool on Saturday, 27th June, against a team lacking its best sprinter, Alldridge. The Free Style Relay ended in a dead heat, Cooper for Malvern, and Adams for the School, swimming stroke for stroke over the last two lengths. If Malvern had won this event, they would have won the match, the best ending to which, however, would have been a draw.

RESULTS :

100 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, Cooper ; 3, J. A. P. Fuery. 64.1 secs.

100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, Philip ; 2, R. B. W. Price ; 3, P. R. Foxall. 79 secs.

50 yards Free Style : 1, J. A. P. Fuery ; 2, Peutherer ; 3, Philip. 27.8 secs.

50 yards Back Stroke : 1, Thornton ; 2, B. J. Pierce ; 3, Boultee. 34 secs.

200 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, Cooper ; 3, J. B. Hignett. 2 mins. 32.6 secs.

Dive : 1, B. J. Pierce ; 2, Cooper ; 3, J. D. Mathews.

Relay : 1, Malvern and School. 1 min. 57.8 secs.

Medley Relay : 1, Malvern ; 2, School. 1 min. 1 sec.

SCHOOL v. HARROW. *Lost* 29½-27½.

Swum at "Ducker," on Thursday, July 2nd, the match was won by the stronger all-round team.

RESULTS :

100 yards Free Style : 1, School ; 2, Harrow ; 3, School. Time 67.1 secs.

50 yards Free Style : 1, Harrow and School ; 3, School. Time 27.8 secs.

50 yards Back Stroke : 1, School ; 2, Harrow ; 3, Harrow. Time 35 secs.

100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, Harrow ; 2, School ; 3, Harrow. Time 78.4 secs.

Dive : 1, Harrow ; 2, Harrow ; 3, School.

Medley Relay : 1, Harrow ; 2, School.

Relay : 1, School ; 2, Harrow.

SCHOOL v. BROMSGROVE. *Lost* 36-33

The match was swum away on Saturday, July, 4th and the strain of the match on the previous Thursday was obviously felt. Nevertheless, Bromsgrove justifiably won on account of their superior relay strength.

RESULTS :

100 yards Free Style : 1, Kenchington ; 2, J. D. L. Adams ; 3, J. A. P. Fuery. 63.9 secs.

100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, R. B. W. Price ; 2, Shead ; 3, P. R. Foxall. 79.1 secs.

200 yards Free Style : 1, Shepherd ; 2, J. D. L. Adams ; 3, Came 2 mins. 33.4 secs.

50 yards Back Stroke : 1, B. J. Pierce ; 2, Redfern ; 3, R. B. W. Price. 33.5 secs.

50 yards Free Style : 1, Kenchington and J. A. P. Fuery ; 3, MacLachlan. 28.3 secs.

50 yards Breast Stroke : 1, R. B. W. Price. 2, Arthur ; 3, P. R. Foxall. 36.1 secs.

Dive : 1, Davies ; 2, B. J. Pierce ; 3, J. D. Mathews.

Relay : 1, Bromsgrove ; 2, School.

In a Junior Match held at the same time the School won 17-25.

SCHOOL v. TRENT. *Won* 40-12

Swum in The Pool, on Tuesday, July 7th, the afternoon being made notable by a fine swim in the 50 yards Free Style by J. A. P. Fuery, in which he equalled J. K. Hodgskin-Brown's record of 27.4 secs.

RESULTS :

100 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, J. A. P. Fuery ; 3, Sadler. 67.6 secs.

100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, R. B. W. Price ; 2, P. R. Foxall, 3, Chapman. 80.8 secs.

50 yards Free Style : 1, J. A. P. Fuery ; 2, Harrison ; 3, J. D. L. Adams. 27.4 secs. (equals record).

50 yards Back Stroke : 1, B. J. Pierce ; 2, R. B. W. Price ; 3, Beesley. 37.2 secs.

Dive : 1, Gent ; 2, B. J. Pierce ; 3, Beesley.

Medley Relay (3×33½ yards) : 1, School ; 2, Trent. 65.2 sec.

Relay (4×33½ yards) : 1, School ; 2, Trent. 75.2 secs.

In a 2nd team match held concurrently the School won by 28½-23½.



### SCHOOL v. RUGBY. *Lost* 38-25.

This match, swum at home, on Thursday, July 9th, was fairly even until the closing three events, in which Rugby obtained fourteen points to the School's four, thus clinching the match. The Rugby captain, Morris, swam a particularly fine race to win the 200 yards Free Style in the fast time of 2 min. 25 secs.

#### RESULTS :

100 yards Free Style : 1, School ; 2, Rugby ; 3, Rugby. 65.0 secs.  
200 yards Free Style : 1, Rugby ; 2, School ; 3, Rugby. 2 min. 25 secs.  
50 yards Free Style : 1, Rugby ; 2, School ; 3, Rugby. 27.6 secs.  
50 yards Back Stroke : 1, Rugby ; 2, School ; 3, School. 34.2 secs.  
100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, School ; 2, Rugby ; 3, School. 80.4 secs.  
Dive : 1, Rugby ; 2, School ; 3, School.  
Medley Relay. 1, Rugby ; 2, School.  
Relay : 1, Rugby ; 2, School.

### SCHOOL v. WREKIN. *Won* 40-21.

The match, swum away, on Saturday, July 11th, was again one that was in doubt until the final events.

#### RESULTS :

2 lengths Free Style : 1, Pindar ; 2, J. A. P. Fuery ; 3, Wylde. 22.9 secs.  
4 lengths Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, J. A. P. Fuery ; 3, Wylde. 51.6 secs.  
10 lengths Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, James ; 3, Tickell, C. R. B. 2 mins. 41.8 secs.  
2 lengths Breast Stroke : 1, R. B. W. Price ; 2, Harly ; 3, Cameron. 29.6 secs.  
4 lengths Breast Stroke : 1, R. B. W. Price ; 2, Rawsthorne ; 3, Trafford Willey, P. C. 64.4 secs.  
2 lengths Back Stroke : 1, B. J. Pierce ; 2, Taylor ; 3, Lamas. 27.6 secs.  
Medley Relay : 1, School ; 2, Wrekin. 82.4 secs.  
Relay : 1, School ; 2, Wrekin. 94.3 secs.  
Dive : 1, Mortimer ; 2, Pritchard ; 3, B. J. Pierce.

In a Junior Match held concurrently the School was heavily defeated 37½-8½.

### SCHOOL v. REPTON. *Won*, 37-24.

Swum away, on Tuesday, July 14th, this enjoyable match concluded an enjoyable season.

#### RESULTS :

100 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, Wishart-Kerr ; 3, J. A. P. Fuery. 66.4 secs.  
100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, Trott ; 2, R. B. W. Price ; 3, Wilticher. 79.4 secs.  
33½ yards Free Style : 1, J. A. P. Fuery ; 2, Leech and Wishart-Kerr. 19.2 secs.  
66¾ yards Back Stroke : 1, B. J. Pierce ; 2, Caudrey ; 3, R. B. W. Price. 51 secs.  
200 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, J. B. Hignett ; 3, Stanfield. 2 mins. 34 secs.  
Dive : 1, B. J. Pierce ; 2, Jefferson ; 3, Cook.  
Medley Relay : 1, Repton ; 2, School. 65 secs.  
Relay : 1, School ; 2, Repton. 65.6 secs.

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## SWIMMING SPORTS

The Swimming Sports were held this year at Woodcock Street Baths, on Friday, July 17th. As usual an evening of keen competition was enjoyed, the high-lights being the victory of Vardy over all challengers in the House Competition (despite Prince Lee's retention of ten of the twelve first places in the Open Events), and the School's defeat of the Old Edwardian Relay team.

The Sports were indeed a suitable climax to the season, and our thanks are extended to Mrs. R. G. Lunt, who so graciously presented the awards, and also to all those members of the Staff who worked so hard to make the evening a successful occasion.

## RESULTS :

### Open :

- 50 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams (P) ; 2, J. A. P. Fuery (E) ; 3, B. J. Pierce. (P) 4, Tickell (L). 28 secs.
- 100 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams (P) ; 2, J. A. P. Fuery (E) ; 3, B. J. Pierce (P) 4, R. B. W. Price (V). 66.8 secs.
- 200 yards Free Style : J. D. L. Adams (P) ; 2, J. A. P. Fuery (E) ; 3, B. J. Pierce ( P) 4, R. B. W. Price (V). 2 mins. 29.5 secs.
- 100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, R. B. W. Price (V) ; 2, P. R. Foxall (C) ; 3. Trafford-Willey (L) ; 4, Manders (V). 83 secs.
- 50 yards Back Stroke : 1, B. J. Pierce (P) and J. D. L. Adams (P) ; 3, R. B. W. Price (V) ; 4, J. A. P. Fuery (E). 35 secs.
- Dive : 1, B. J. Pierce (P) and Mathews (P) ; 3, Richardson (G) ; 4, Pendry (V).
- Plunge : Masters (G) ; 2, Turner (H) ; 3, McCracken (J) ; 4, Edwards (L). 48 ft. 11-in.

### Intermediate :

- 50 yards Free Style : 1, Hodgetts (E) ; 2, Edwards (L) ; 3, Mathews (P) ; 4, Young (J). 30 secs.
- 100 yards Free Style : 1, Hodgetts (E) ; 2, Mathews (P) ; 3, Edwards (L) ; 4, Young (J). 74.8 secs.

### Junior :

- 50 yards Free Style ; 1, Whitfield (V) ; 2, Rufus (V) ; 3, McCarty (V) ; 4, Ogborn (C). 32 secs.
- 100 yards Free Style : 1, Whitfield (V) ; 2, Rufus (V) ; 3, Mellows (V) ; 4, Ogborn (C). 79.2 secs.
- 50 yards Back Stroke : 1, Whitfield (V) ; 2, Rufus (V) ; 3, Ogborn (C) ; 4, McCarty (V). 42 secs.
- 50 yards Breast Stroke : 1, Whitfield (V) ; 2, Ogborn (C) ; 3, Bellamy (G) ; 4, Clayton (V). 41.2 secs.
- Plunge : 1, Wilson (L) ; 2, Whitfield (V) ; 3, Ogborn (C) ; 4, Mellows (V). 40-ft. 3½-ins.
- Dive : 1, Whitfield (V) ; 2, Rufus (V) and Ogborn (C) ; 4, McCarty (V).
- One length (Under 14½) ; 1, Whitfield (V) ; 2, Ogborn (C) ; 3, Mellows (V) ; 4, Spiers (C). 21.2 secs.
- One length (Under 13½) ; 1, McCarty (V) ; 2, Cowie (V) ; 3, Leader (P) ; 4, Hornig (G). 24.4 secs.
- One length (Under 12½) ; 1, Harwood (G) ; 2, Pardoe (G) ; 3, Stanworth (L.), 4, Kiparsky (L) 27.2.

### THE RELAYS :

- Philips Cup : 1, Prince Lee ; 2, Levett ; 3, Vardy ; 4, Heath. 2 min. 56.4 secs.
- Scarf Cup I : 1, Vardy ; 2, Prince Lee ; 3, Levett ; 4, Heath. 1 min. 28.4 secs.
- Scarf Cup II : 1, Vardy ; 2, Gifford ; 3, Levett ; 4, Jeune. 1 min. 13.6 secs.
- School v. the Old Edwardians : (9×1 length) : 1, School ; 2, Old Edwardians.
- Allday Shield for terminal competition ; 1, Vardy, 50 ; 2, Prince Lee, 37.1 ; 3, Levett 26.3.
- Jacot Cup for the Champion House at the Sports :  
1, Vardy, 25 points ; 2, Prince Lee, 21.2 points ; 3, Levett, 9.6 points.
- Solomon Cup for Cock House Swimming :  
1, Vardy, 75 points ; 2, Prince Lee, 58.2 points ; 3, Levett, 35.9 points.
- Carr Cup (Open Champion): J. D. L. Adams (P) 48.5 points ; prox acc B. J. Pierce (P).
- Governors' Cup (Junior Champion) : Whitfield (V) 35 points. prox acc Rufus (V)

On Wednesday, July 1st, the annual Half Mile Swims were held in Edgbaston Reservoir.

Senior, for the Heath Cup : 1, J. D. L. Adams (P) ; 2, R. B. W. Price (V) ; 3, P. R. Foxall (C) ; 4, J. A. P. Fuery (E). 13 mins. 46 seconds.

Junior, for the Hereward Cup : 1, Whitfield (V) ; 2, Rufus (V), 3, Ogborn (C) ; 4, Mellows (V). 17 mins. 11 seconds.

## ETON FIVES



First and foremost in this year's report, it is my pleasant duty to thank the Governors who have been responsible for having our courts covered. This is quite obviously an enormous asset and, judging by the number of boys now taking a keen interest in the games, fives is definitely on an upward path.

Just under half the House matches have been played this term, and at the moment it looks as if either Heath or Evans will win the championship. Whilst mentioning House Fives, I would exhort all the House captains to persuade and encourage their younger members to practise really hard, for it is only by continuous and hard practice that anyone can become adept at this game.

To date, only one School match has been played against Repton School which we lost by 115 points to 86 points, a slight improvement on last year's showing. Both pairs played well, but the much faster courts and the hard killing rather than tactical play of our opponents were our undoing.

At the end of this term, we are making our annual tour of the London Schools; Westminster, Aldenham and City of London being our opponents. We hope that this match play will be a valuable experience to our rather immature team.

Finally, our report would not be complete if we did not thank Mr. E. V. Smith for the fine work he does on the administrative side of the game; his unflagging efforts and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated.

N.C.B.

## SHOOTING

### .303 RETROSPECT :

Last summer's .303 season was disappointing. The VIII was placed fifteenth out of eighteen in the Midland Ashburton, which was won by Leys School, Cambridge, who subsequently won at Bisley, where the School was not represented.

### N.S.R.A. SEASON :

Despite the loss of five of last year's VIII, this year's team has had, to date, a very successful season. Of nine matches shot, we have won eight and lost one. Use of the new No. 8 rifles, coupled with talent and practice, has improved scores beyond expectation. The School Individual Record has been equalled by J. W. North with a score of 99 ex 100, and five scores of 98 have been made.

Our thanks must go, as ever, to Major Cooke, for his encouragement and coaching, and to R.S.M. Moore, without whom the Armoury would indeed be desolate.

### RESULTS OF MATCHES :

<i>Opponents</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Agst.</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Agst.</i>	<i>Result</i>
v. Denstone	744	713	Won	v. Kings' School			
v. Rugby	744	726	Won	Worcester	759	733	Won
v. Highgate	744	W.O.	Won	v. Wrekin College	754	720	Won
v. Glenalmond	744	762	Lost	v. Elizabeth College	754	747	Won
v. Sebright	743	719	Won	v. Merchant Taylors'	760	734	Won

B.S.A.

## LAWN TENNIS

During the Summer holidays the School again sent a team, consisting of Harris, Hateley, Lawrence and Tongue, to compete in the Public Schools' Championship at Wimbledon. Maintaining our form of last year, we again lost our first match, this time to King's School, Canterbury. The score was 2-3, but we could and should have won this match. The blame must lie with our first pair, who, in their vital match against King's first pair, lost 4-6, 6-3, 5-7, despite having held leads of 4-2, in the first, and 3-0 in the final set. With our second pair beating their opposite numbers, and the other rubbers ending as expected, all depended on the deciding single. In this, despite leading 3-0 in the first set, Tongue was beaten 3-6, 0-6 by a better, more consistent player. In the Plate Event (a competition for those who lost their first match), we were beaten 1-3 in the semi-final by Tonbridge, after having beaten both Douai and Bryanston by 4-0. After the Tonbridge match Lawrence and Hateley were awarded their School Colours.

Our performance in the Public Schools' Championship was a rather disappointing end to a season that did not fulfil its early promise. After winning our first six games, we lost five of the remaining six, although some of these five were exceedingly close. The match against Mitchells and Butlers was decided on games, whilst we were knocked out of the Glanville Cup by the Leys in a match of which the score at one stage stood at one rubber all, with one unfinished. In this rubber the score was one set all, four games all, and deuce, but having lost a point for a 5-4 lead we lost the set at 4-6, and with it went the rubber and match.

Internally the House Tennis Championship was, as generally expected, won by Prince Lee, who were unbeaten; runners-up were Cary Gilson, whilst Vardy were third. It has been decided to discontinue the Knock-out Competition held in previous years during the Michaelmas term, since more matches were won by default than by skill.

As mentioned in the last edition of the CHRONICLE we said farewell to our Chairman, Mr. Monckcom, at the end of last term. Mr. Osborne has kindly consented to take his place, and, with him in the Chair, and four of last year's six remaining, School Tennis may look forward to a bright (and dare we say successful) New Year. R.C.T.

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### P.T.

P.T. in the Christmas Term always experiences a period of dormancy, and this year is no exception. Nevertheless the keenness and ability of the junior school is particularly noticeable, and this augurs well for the future.

In July the Senior P.T. Competition was won by B. F. Leek with B. C. Gane and J. S. Mather second and third respectively. G. M. Henman won the Junior P.T. Competition. The House Competition aroused great enthusiasm and was won by Gifford with Evans second and Cary Gilson third.

We now look forward to a period of activity for P.T. in preparation for the competition next summer and for a school match proposed for next year. With Messrs. Cadenhead, Cotter and McGawley at its head P.T. can expect the usual keenness and activity for the remainder of the School year. B.C.G.

## CHESS

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The School's three teams have again performed well in the Birmingham Junior League : the 1st and 3rd teams have each played and won two matches, while the 2nd team has played three, winning two and losing the other.

Outside the League, only one match has been played. On Saturday, November 14th, we made our annual trip to Oxford to play the University. This year the match was on eight boards instead of the usual six, which meant that we had to include some inexperienced players. Despite this we felt we had a good chance of repeating our victories of the last few years. This was not to be, however, for the University put out their strongest team and overwhelmed us by  $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$ , the heaviest loss the School has suffered for many years.

In July, C. G. Tayar represented England in the Junior International Matches against Wales and Ireland, winning one of his games and drawing the other—a very creditable performance.

Within the School, I should like to see many more Juniors playing chess, since they will form the School team in a few years' time. It is to be hoped that the competition for the senior and junior Pugh Chess Cups, now under way, will do much to awaken interest in the game.

To Mr. Porter and Mr. Leeds we extend our thanks for allowing us to use their form-rooms during lunch hour. We thank the Dining-hall staff for putting up with us in the evenings ; finally, a special word of thanks to Mr. Hurn, our enthusiastic Chairman, without whose supervision School chess would be in a chaotic state.

K.W.L.

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## THE HOUSES

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### CARY GILSON

The House is by no means a crumbling ruin, although it has lost many of its sturdy pillars. A new House is forming from the old foundations. At first sight it may seem unimpressive.

Talent is, as ever, latent and under-exploited : but we are notably a House of late starters. Our enthusiasm gains momentum through the year. We hope our first XV will do better. Its present record of having lost four and won two games does not bring praise to a team, which, against heavy opposition, can play keenly and well. The forwards make up for lack of skill by their enthusiasm, and the three-quarters have potentialities although it is doubtful whether the ball has been the length of the line more than once this season. The wingers have developed a detached air as they stand "far from the madding crowd's ignoble strife." The team for the Knock-out will be heavier, the effect remains to be seen.

The second team look happy in victory and defeat alike, and win at the most unexpected times. The third team, keen as always, have been known to win, but are averse to making this a habit.

Other activities seem to be proceeding slowly and unsurely. Chess matches are postponed whenever possible until such times as the opponents have a headache. Fives has only just begun and it has not



begun well for us : we hope for better things in this field next term. Shooting cannot be expected to bring the honours of last year's record, but the captain remains cheerful.

We are not high on the championship ladder on results so far obtained, but the future is not without hope. Stars in the House appear to be "in eclipse," but enthusiasm is not waning. Our Housemaster, Mr. Biggs and his able assistants Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Weatherall do not allow results to dampen their spirits, and remain cheerful and confident of better things to come. Their tireless efforts and enthusiasm deserve better results. Let hope be our watchword !

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

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### EVANS

Now that the stalwarts of the House have left us, it becomes apparent that, as on a more historic occasion, never was so much owed by so many to so few. The House in the past has been idle and is now suffering for its lethargy.

Such, then, was the situation which faced the House at the beginning of this term. There was little to be optimistic about, although we had nearly all last year's unsuccessful Rugger team left. Faced with this serious challenge, the House began to pull itself together, and its spirit, dormant for too long, began to spring into life. The Rugger teams went on to the field at full strength, backed up by willing reserves, in itself a sign of determination.

The inexperienced first team, without even a school second team player in it, has fared badly losing five games and winning but one. However, the spirit and will to win has been apparent and the team has improved consistently, so that we look forward with more confidence to the knock-out competition next term. The second and third teams have triumphed. The former has won five of its six games, losing one, and the latter has won six and drawn one. This promises much for the future, but everyone must continue to pull his weight and not, as often happens, leave it to his neighbour.

We have won both our Fives matches : Chess matches as yet have not been completed.

The present is uncertain. Only by a concerted effort made by everyone can the House regain its former status. In this, the New Year, Evans should determine to fight to the last, giving no quarter and seeking none.

Even if defeat is splendid, victory need not be shame.

K. S. HUDSON (*House Captain*).

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### GIFFORD

At the end of last year all the energies of the House were directed towards the struggle with Levett to avoid bottom place in the House championship, a struggle which we fortunately won. This was mainly due to the fine achievement of the P.T. team in winning the P.T. competition. Our leader also won the individual competition.

This term found us by far the smallest House ; our Sixth Form and divisions were particularly diminished. A lack of experience was understandably manifest in our first team Rugger. Although the team failed



to win a match in the league competition, their play often showed, if not skill, a doggedness and spirit which was very encouraging. Particularly was this true of the forwards. This, and the youth of the team, augurs well for next year. The second team with its combination of skill in the backs and weight in the pack played on occasions some excellent Rugger, and succeeded in gaining second place in the league competition. The third team was most disappointing. Their play was often poor and nearly always half-hearted. They seemed to lack a team spirit both on and off the field. Let us hope they will redeem themselves during this term.

Owing to the mysterious and unaccountable dispersal of our Chess fixtures, the House has so far only completed half a match against Levett. But for the first time in four years we have some keen juniors. There is still hope.

The only senior Fives match played this term was lost to Jeune, but again the youthfulness of the team promises well for the future. The junior team lost only two matches.

Classification, we assume, continues.

Having disposed of results, tired of tales of tribulation and woe, of success and failure, what can we say of that quality so essential to the success of any House, more important even than academic or physical ability, namely of the spirit of the House. In the past we have been sadly lacking in such a quality. Dare it be said that the House spirit is slowly coming out of its long hibernation; that more people are ready to sacrifice their own interests in favour of those of the house? The next two terms will prove or disprove this. Let us hope that it is the former.

R. G. MENDELSSOHN (*House Captain*).

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## HEATH

"Friends, Heathens, school-fellows, lend me your ears, I come not to bewail but to praise you." After a sound but not outstanding year in 1952-53, finishing fifth in the House Championship, we are beginning to reap the benefits, both of the last few seasons' excellent junior teams, and of the general keenness shown by nearly all the members of the House.

The first XV has won four of its seven games, playing good football on occasions, while the second XV, although with less success, has shown considerable enthusiasm. The juniors have not lost a game, but would do even better with more support on the touch-line.

With the team skilfully captained by N. C. Brown, we can look forward with confidence to good Fives results next term, having already won two of our matches. In Chess, a little more successful diplomacy from the captain has enabled us to win two of our games. Of Shooting, we hear little, except that large numbers are classifying, while "practice" is the byword of the Swimming this term. Let us hope these efforts will not be unrewarded.

Never let it be said that Heathens are famous only for their sporting prowess, for we are in prominence in every sphere of school life. There is evidence of a real core of enthusiasm and capability throughout all the age groups, but if we are to finish up in the top half of the House Championship, the Sixth Form must play a fuller part in the House activities.

House prayers are becoming an ever more important House activity. We should like to thank P. S. Trevis for the magnificent Bible which he presented to the House, when he left in July, 1953, and to extend to him our best wishes for the future.

To the House Prefects, we give our thanks, and no less to the other House officials ; also to M. Wilkins for his splendid coaching of the beginners and juniors. Finally, to Mr. Barlow, Mr. Whinnerah, Mr. Trött and Mr. Woods, we express our deepest gratitude for their help and support.

J. L. WILKINS (*Head of the House*).

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### JEUNE

Under Mr. Leeds' capable guidance and Messrs. Sacret's and McGawley's chee ful support we have been doing greater things in this last year. In our cupboard, the John Urry Cup has been joined by some summer trophies showing that our sphere of influence has spread to the cricketing world.

As is natural, this major success has to be set against a minor catastrophe in that we were completely eclipsed in swimming.

It seems that we shall always have a cupboard with some trophies in, but that the Championship laurels are not to be for us. It has been observed that our second and third teams in any sport always do well but that when their members become first team players they can never reproduce their earlier form.

However, "*Fais énergiquement ta longue et lourde tâche*" has been a helpful motto and we have just had a pleasant surprise in coming first equal in the League Rugby. Our Fives and Chess teams should, as usual, finish in the first half of their competition. On this evidence we can forecast a year of the minor successes, trials and tribulations which have been our comfortable lot in recent years. We welcome our new boys to this happy family and hope that they will be able to carry on the fine work in the years to come.

D. F. LOMAX (*House Captain*).

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### LEVETT

"Arteriosclerosis," better known as the hardening of the arteries—often of the heart as well—is a complaint to which Levett is very prone. It is characterised by an attitude of indifference towards all worldly matters, that is to say, towards all House activities. In its chronic stages, the grey matter between the temples can be vaporised at will, so that words may literally go in at one ear and out at the other. Fortunately, there are symptoms that Levett is past the crisis and progressing towards its former virile strength.

This opinion was not arrived at without due cause. Spurred on by the example of its indomitable captain, E. L. B. Saxon, who is never without fans on the touch-line, the Fifteen has surpassed itself. Strange to relate, it has even laid low the once boastful "intellectuals." So far it has four hard-won victories to its credit and two defeats, with the prospect of another close game. Perhaps the glories of the golden days of yore may yet return !

The Shooting-men have itching trigger-fingers. J. W. North, their captain, shoots very straight, and has equalled a school record by dropping

only one point out of a possible hundred. Our congratulations are due as well as our wishes of good "shootin" in the future competitions. Fives has gone into hibernation. However, information has been gleaned that we are ahead on points in one match ; the other has been unavoidably postponed till next term. At Chess, C. G. Tayar has difficulty in holding himself in check, and has recently swept the board in six moves. Prospects, apart from the first team, are none too rosy. Evidently we are feeling the loss of several men with serious faces and high foreheads.

The giants have gone and the less talented remain. Our rugger has a moral to teach : ruggedness pays. Lack of distinction can be replaced by a united effort and enthusiasm.

G. D. CLARK (*House Captain*).

### PRINCE LEE

"When pride cometh, then cometh shame, and he that hateth reproof is brutish." Surely brethren, this sums up the attitude of so many of us in the struggle of the Lent and Summer Terms, more especially following the winning of two of the major sporting trophies of the year, the Knock-Out and Rothe Cups. By the end of the Summer Term, apathy was rife, and despite the valiant efforts of the few in the senior Swimming Sports the House was, quite frankly, fortunate to hang on to its position as runner-up in the House Championship.

This year has seen the now customary sound display in the League Competition by the House XV and its junior partners. Most pleasing, however, is the long-awaited revival of the Third XV, and here our gratitude should be extended to B. J. Pierce, whose coaching of the team has been largely responsible for this revival. We were indeed sorry to lose him at Christmas, and extend to him our good wishes for the future.

The successes gained by the House XV were once again based on a pack that could, when roused, play well. Too often, however, it tended to slack, and has been dominated by less doughty opponents. This was undoubtedly the cause of the team's sole league defeat.

The prospects for the Knock-Out Competition are, as they were last year, fair. The eventual success, or failure, of the team can be said to depend on whether the House has the services of its two three-quarters from the XV. We are expected to reach the Third Round.

House Fives seems to have gone into hibernation, but it appears that only much hard practice will materially improve last year's poor position. In Shooting, Certification of Classified Shots would appear to be a good thing, for we have twenty-nine of them. Twelve of them are Marksmen, and these, we presume, are the gentlemen who hit the target. The prospects for the N.S.K.A. Competition are good.

In Chess the auguries, it seems, are fair and a fourth place seems assured. Of the three matches so far played only one has been lost, and that to this year's strongest Chess House.

However, despite the adequate record achieved so far this year, we will have to work hard to avoid mediocrity in the final results. This charge has been made before, not without due cause, and we should remember that it has always been the failing of the House "to sit content and to applaud the prowess of others." Let us not fall into this, the cardinal error, this year. There was a time when we could boast of

more trophies than any other House, and of more Open Award winners at the ancient universities. These passing glories resulted from the efforts of the few who have now left our ranks. Who is now willing "to wear the yoke in youth," and to restore these former triumphs?

Whatever the future holds for us, our gratitude must be extended to Mr. Williams, his assistant, Mr. Osborne, and to Mr. Bolton and Mr. Hutton. Furthermore, as victors or vanquished and in honour or shame, we would do well to remember that "Wisdom excelleth folly as far as light excelleth darkness." Wisdom is the principal thing.

J. D. L. ADAMS (*Head of the House*).

### VARDY

At last the seemingly never-ending patience of Mr. Copland, and his House Tutors, Mr. Parry and Mr. Skinner, has been rewarded by the winning of the House Challenge Cup for the Cock House. This was obtained by the close co-operation between the masters, officials and members of the House, and, in addition, by the inspiring leadership of P. H. R. Mercer and R. B. W. Price.

However, we must not rest upon our laurels! We must strive as hard as possible to retain the Cup, although at the moment we have not made a very encouraging start. The spirit and vitality of the First XV of last year can be seen in this year's team, which has done well in winning, to date, five of the six matches played. With the addition of the three School Team players for the Knock-Out, it is to be hoped that we shall do well, but we must not be over-confident. The Second Team, which contains many able players, has been a source of great disappointment, having won only one match in six. The Third Team, meanwhile, in being successful three times out of seven, has done reasonably well, considering that it has been handicapped by injury.

The Fives Team has been unable to win either of the two matches played. This can be attributed partly to a lack of the practice, which may bring the team more success in the New Year. But practice it must, as the Junior Team is doing in readiness for its matches. In the world of chequered boards the House has been performing moderately well; the Third Team has been the most successful, having won three matches out of four.

As to the future, we must all do our utmost to repeat last year's performances in Athletics, Swimming and Cricket. We must work hard and take to heart the enthusiastic encouragement and advice, for which we are always grateful, of Mr. Copland, Mr. Parry, and Mr. Skinner.

G. P. SIMPSON (*Captain of the House*).

The results of the Cock House Championship, 1952-53, were:

Vardy	..	..	409.7
Prince Lee	.	..	374.1
Cary Gilson	.	..	367.1
Jeune	.	..	337.9
Heath		..	291.1
Evans	.	..	254.1
Gifford	.	..	229.1
Levett		..	227.6

## SYNDICATES, 1953

It is fairly true, if not truly fair, to say that advanced level papers encourage neither imagination nor variety of interests. They demand most, and reward most, industry and accurate presentation of detail ; and this year the sixth form notably satisfied the examiners on these two counts. To such good effect, in fact, that as the examination cloud dispersed in the latter half of June, a fifth of their number had earned state scholarships.

As anticipated, two related problems now arose : the purely administrative, that of occupying 166 senior boys for much of the remainder of the term ; and, more important, that of indicating tactfully to lively but understandably relaxed minds that between an advanced level pass in three subjects, and full capacity for citizenship, to put it no higher, lies a wide expanse of knowledge and research presenting a sharp intellectual and moral challenge to the city's ablest young men. This latter problem, needless to say, is not tackled exclusively during one month in the year ; from the Upper Middles onward the young Edwardian grows up in its atmosphere ; but it is here presented in concentrated form in the only period available, to those most capable of responding to it.

Thus : a variety of subjects is offered, each sponsored by one or more masters ; the sixth former makes his choice and becomes a member of a syndicate ; a week's preparation takes the form of reading in both school and public libraries, and perhaps visits, or talks by visiting experts ; the topic is then covered in a series of papers, each presented by a member, followed by discussion under the chairmanship of another member. A third member, the secretary, keeps a record of proceedings and compiles a report which is read before the assembled syndicates at a final meeting.

This year's subjects dealt with by this method ranged in nice gradation from the technical to the humanistic, as follows : rubber ; statistics ; astronomy ; the development of Africa ; European civilization ; racial problems ; the British working class movement ; Marxism and modern man ; the period between the Testaments ; English literature in the sixteenth century. At either end of the scale stand two more : construction of chapel benches, and a production in English of "Orestes." These of course dictated a different approach, and provided different reports : there is dignified witness of the former in the Memorial Chapel, and the accomplished and imaginative "Orestes" is noticed elsewhere in this issue.

Here, then, we have positive testimony of the success of two syndicates, a success which may fairly be claimed for the other ten. As I read the reports of these, it is the secretary who claims attention. B. W. Kington was an especially skilful recorder of the development of Africa ; P. J. Jones' report on the British working class is a model of painstaking concentration. But looking beyond the records it is not hard to picture the active participation of every member in preparation and discussion of a subject outside or supplementary to the normal curriculum. A suitable conclusion to this brief summary is provided by P. J. Riley's entertaining account of his study of Marxism and modern man.

R.D.J.R.



## KARL MARX AND MODERN MAN

Although, comrades, our shirts may appear to be a uniform crimson, intellectually we sport a coat of many colours. That is to say that members of the Marxist syndicate are neither diehard specialists nor over-zealous Communists. Our disbelief in Communism as a form of government, however, in no way affected our highly democratic organisation as a syndicate. For the time being even the masters became our comrades, and our secretary was elected by the anti-communist system of oppression of the few by the many.

Together, in the wake of Marx and Engels, we have abolished the family, confiscated all private property, deposed the oppressing bourgeoisie and instated the humble proletariat as dictator. Unsatisfied with what we consider a Utopia too optimistic in its conception, and too downright inefficient in practice, we have reunited, redistributed, reinstated and repressed again so that everything is as it was.

We have explored spirals of Hegelianism, negated the negation, analysed economic rifts and expounded on art and literature. Not content with Communism, we have given our attention to Fascism, Nazism, Socialism, Bolshevism, Menshevism and any other kind of "ism" that offers itself up as a sacrifice to analytical studies. In the tradition both of the syndicate system and the democratic outlook we have each given a paper. An exposition of the life of Karl Marx revealed that a great part of his life was spent in the British Museum. The speaker assured us later that this was in the capacity of a student, not an exhibit. Through the medium of other papers on Marx's teachings and philosophy, the influence of Communism on art, literature, Christianity and modern life, and Communism in America, we acquired a good general basic knowledge of our subject.

We learned about the dubious methods of Senator McCarthy, and as men of culture we enjoyed the paper on the influence of Communism on literature. Neither did we neglect Engels, Lenin or Stalin, and it is only the exigencies of time which force us to deprive the members of other syndicates of the gems of knowledge we unearthed.

But as one man we rejected Communism. Perhaps our conditioning was wrong, perhaps we lacked that drop of alcohol in our surrogate, or perhaps we were not fervent enough. Whatever the reason, we rejected the claims of the oppressed proletariat, the soap-box orators and the demi-gods of Russia. We foresaw, not a Marxist Utopia, but a Stalinist concentration camp. Furthermore we approve of the family as a social unit, we like our small plot of private property, and we disapprove of the rantings of power-greedy cloak-and-dagger men. We have argued over the right of the proletarian to Shakespeare and the Symphony Orchestra. We have debated the scientist's approach to the arts, and conversely the artist's approach to science. We have differed in personal opinions on the colour schemes of Rembrandt and the desirability of a grammar school education for all, but basically we are united. Marx's calls to a proletarian *Vereinigung* left us, it not cold, at most lukewarm. By a process of analysis and comparison we have achieved a state where we are able to reject Communism with a clear conscience. We feel that Marxism does not allow for the inevitably contrary behaviour of each individual, and that it is not practical in its views of human nature. It over-emphasises the selfishness of man under a Capitalist regime, and ignores it in its plans for a Communist state. Altogether we find it illogical, idealistic and anti-social.

P.J.R.



## ORESTES

The production of Euripides' "Orestes," on July 20th and 21st was the most exciting dramatic venture that has happened at K.E.S. for several years. It was, moreover, a convincing proof that Greek drama does not always turn out as one expects. Here is a play that gives us a splendidly neurotic protagonist, a melodramatic situation and a good deal of sceptical debunking; the resulting amalgam is a drama, the prevailing tone of which is very far from the dignified fatalism which we too easily accept as being characteristic of all Greek "tragedy." It is, in fact, curiously suggestive of that interesting phase of our own Jacobean drama that was initiated by the Revenger's Tragedy in 1607; the conventional revenger had blended with the conventional malcontent to produce a new type of protagonist who displays an anatomising interest in his own neurosis and a mind, filled with all the *saeva indignatio* of the contemporary commonplace book. Orestes, too, is morbidly interested in his own feelings and this interest co-exists in the play with a sardonic irreverence for the gods, evident not only in the direct commentary of the characters themselves but also in the treatment of Apollo when he appears as a *deus ex machina*. This latter episode is burlesque and very different from the seriousness with which Euripides himself treats the appearance of Dionysus at the end of "The Bacchae."

The impact which the play makes in the theatre is obviously going to depend largely on Orestes and Electra, and the onus of conveying the unique tone of the play is in their hands. There is an obvious danger; it is to present them as sympathetic characters, which any producer who still nurses the notion that the play is a tragedy is bound to do. There was no doubt that Mr. Hutton firmly avoided this pitfall and that Bradley succeeded in expressing the essential degeneracy of Orestes, by the right degree of over-emphasis. It was of capital importance that he should do so, because there is a danger that the genuine affection between Orestes and Electra which is so strongly expressed at the beginning of the play will obscure Euripides' real intention, which is, (as the programme note indicated), to portray the children of Agamemnon as two aristocratic degenerates. And this Bradley, as Orestes, and Wilkinson as Electra, certainly did. Both are experienced actors and it was to be expected that they should be good; and good they were, in command of gesture, in confidence of movement and in vocal range. Both were at times compelling, and Bradley, who, it must be admitted, had the more rewarding part, particularly so. His degree of absorbed intensity was impressive indeed.

These two were supported intelligently and well, particularly by two very fine performances from Horton as the messenger and Coleman as a Phrygian slave. Horton has a born stage presence and hence achieves a degree of dignity and sincerity which is all too rare on the stage. His appearance lasted no more than ten minutes but it held the stage and lingered in the mind long after he had departed. Coleman triumphed by intelligence and a firmness of will which resisted any temptation to

overplay his part, which would have been easy enough. Stockwin as the aged Tyndareus looked superb. The peculiarly arresting edge on his voice—whether you like it or not and I personally do—at least ensures that he commands attention when on the stage ; there is little chance of interest flagging when so individual a note is introduced into the general vocal pattern. Herringshaw and Turner, as Menelaus and Pylades respectively, had to deal with parts which no one would go out of their way to choose and both made something out of them, in spite of the fact that Herringshaw's playing was mannered and Turner's hearty rather than brutal when, one felt, brutality was what was required. As Hermione, Avenell looked nonplussed which was all that was required, and Buttress as Apollo managed well enough the difficult deflationary asides that are so important if the play is to end on the right sardonic note.

Pendry was a buxom and beefy Helen but as, in this play, Euripides did not entirely subscribe to the notion that her face launched a thousand ships this was right enough.

A word must be said of the chorus which, so far as productions of this play go, constitute an embarrassment. They are never presented with opportunities comparable to those which the chorus have in Aeschylus or Sophocles. Euripides, however, turns this to an advantage by making Electra herself regard them as an interfering nuisance at one point early in the play. In this production they were unobtrusive and above all audible. Hodgetts, Power, Rudkin and Short who formed the chorus did not have exciting things to do and little that was exciting to say, but what they did they did well. It was, in fact, particularly in the handling of the chorus that the cardinal excellence of Mr. Hutton's production was most easily noticeable. They were always introduced unobtrusively ; there was no suggestion that they were a *corps de ballet*, that had not quite made the grade as dancers, and this economy of movement and lack of fussiness was characteristic of the whole production. Intensity and melodrama were achieved with a minimum of fuss and a refreshing absence of clever business. Mr. Hutton was not frightened to let the drama dictate its own pace ; one never felt that artificial respiration was being applied in the form of the "damnable faces" that Hamlet so objected to. The result was that the impact of the play was direct and powerful.

A large measure of the production's success must be attributed, I think, to the translation. Translations of Greek drama so often sound like third-rate Swinburne or the sort of incomprehensible nonsense that A. E. Housman parodied so beautifully. In this instance the play was translated by the Classical Sixth whose versions were radically vetted by a committee of four under the chairmanship of Mr. Bolton. As one who was on several occasions privileged to make tea for this committee when it was in session, I can vouch for the meticulousness of its labours and the blood and tears and sweat which it expended. At all events they produced a play in speakable English that was idiomatic without vulgarity and (I am told) accurate without pedantry.

Mr. Hurn's set was very impressive, but this is becoming so regular a feature of school productions that it scarcely needs saying.

The whole enterprise, produced under the animated conditions that give the end of the school year its characteristic flavour, was a triumph of hard work, co-operation and belief in the fact that Greek drama is worth acting.

A.J.T.

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**THE MOURNING SPEECH OF ELECTRA (FROM THE  
" ORESTES" )**

*(From the translation of the " Orestes " made by the Classical Sixth)*

Electra : Now I begin my mourning, women of Argos, tearing my cheeks till the blood runs ; beating my head I pay the dues of the underworld, of Persephone, goddess of the dead. Let the land of Argos echo the grief of the House, as our heads are shaved in mourning. This misery comes for the dead, the dead who once led the armies of Greece.

The whole race of Pelops is gone, gone ; its children are lost and it is not a great house any more. The jealous gods and the cruel murderous vote of the citizens have destroyed it. Alas, alas ; look all you mortals, unhappy, short-lived, hard-worked ; your fate comes, but not as you expected her.

Could I but fly to that rock, chain-stretched between earth and heaven ; that Olympian star borne by golden chains through the eddies of air ; there in my mourning I would cry to old Tantalos ; the father of the fathers of my house. We have seen all the disasters : the winged rush of the horses when Pelops drove by the sea and hurled Myrtelos down to his death, down to the rocks of Geraistos where the waves break in foam.

Then came to my house the curse of many sorrows ; the golden lamb in the flock of sheep, wonderful but deadly, very deadly for Atreus, tamer of horses. So this quarrel reversed the winged chariot of the sun, turned its westward path back towards the slow dawn ; and Zeus changed the course of the seven Pleiades. So one death after another is requited with Thyestes' Feast, with the double-dealing adultery of Aerope. Last of all on me and on my father has the curse come, the curse of the house with its doom of many sorrows.

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**CATULLUS V. " Vivamus mea Lesbia, atque amemus . . . "**

Now, dear Mary, to live and to be lovers ;  
Joy is sweet, never heed the gloomy stories  
Old men tell us of happiness and sorrow.  
Bright days darken, but leave us their to-morrow,  
Sunset falls, but the dawn brings back her glory  
Till all ends. Life is short, but death eternal,  
One long sleep far away but still together.  
Kisses ! kiss me a thousand then a hundred,  
One more thousand and then a second hundred ;  
After thousands some more to stop us counting.  
Some false critic might envy us our pleasure  
Should he know there could be so many kisses.

O.C.W.T.



## THE SOCIETIES

Whereas it hath been pleasing in time past to set forth the actions of divers Societies of this School, for this CHRONICLE also it hath been my duty and delight to contrive and arrange all news of them. But I do beseech you, my masters, scorn not our conceits ; for there yet are many societies that would welcome, an it be but for an evening, your most gracious company.

Since brevity is the soul of wit, I will proceed. If thou takest delight in the love of letters, the Literary Society, I ween, hath that with which to charm your fancy. R. H. Goodall hath beguiled an hour talking of "The Literary Life" and P. J. Riley, albeit with unpleasing advertisement of "The Wages of Sin," hath read from sundry romances of the day. Or if matters of state are dear to thy heart, the Civics Society hath proffered answers by four members of the staff to provocative questions, a discourse on "The Town Clerk's Office," by Master M. J. Methuen and another, by no less a person than the Pro-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham, Master Sydney Vernon, LL.M., on "Birmingham University." Some from that noble company have visited the Kynochs Division of the I.C.I.

Canst thou love Beauty ? For this pursueth the Arts Society, aided by Master Lemon and Master Whiting of the Worcester Guild of Artist-Craftsmen. Master Lemon hath spoken of stained-glass windows and Master Whiting on "The importance of hand-made pottery in the world of to-day." Fear not to visit this Society, because thou art young ; it would welcome thee. The Art Circle hath heard from Master J. B. Hurn of the most ancient art, contrasting it with the most modern. But, my lords of the Cartland Club, we do beseech you to favour it with your presence.

It hath been requested that I should say that thou mayest visit the Barber Institute on the first Saturday of every month. Master Hurn hath escorted sundry persons to this seat of the Muses, which will charm the most savage breast. Certain also of the Fifth Form have devised a playhouse of puppets, for which they are to be commended.

The Archaeological Society, ere this the resort of bearded pards, now, as it appeareth, hath snatched babes almost from their mothers' arms and beguileth them with pictures of ancient sport and the Olympic Games. The Christian Union hath held frequent meetings in the dinner hour and one after the hours of school addressed by Councillor A. G. B. Owen. There have been also instituted studies of the Bible. The S.C.M. hath heard the Venerable Michael Parker, Archdeacon of Aston, discourse of "Christianity and the New England."

Dost thou, perchance, love stamps ? An thou dost, the Philatelic Society will teach thee some matter. Master R. A. V. Tayar hath shewn stamps of Malta, Brazil and Great Britain, there have been exchanges of stamps and a test of stamp knowledge.

If thy winged thought encircleth the globe, the Geographical Society desireth thee. Master Ramlall, from that seditious part of the Empire, British Guiana, hath told it of that country. P. R. Foxall and J. A. A. Stockwin have recounted their travels in British Columbia and B. W. Kington, his adventures on the glaciers of the Oetzal.



If thou hast the gift of divers tongues, the Modern Language Society hath power to divert thee. Yea, verily, their members have mused whether "*les messieurs préfèrent les blondes.*" A traveller, late arrived from the German Court, hath spoken in strange words of "*Karnivalzeit in Deutschland.*" In the hour of dinner, there have been conceits of French writers, read by Master J. A. Bolton, and of Latin-American Folk Music presented by Master J. K. T. Adams. The Photographic Society hath learned how to make the most of its cameras. The Railway and Model Engineering Society hath heard from S. Lane and B. A. Haywood and hath pursued iron horses in London. Master C. Dodds hath informed the Scientific Society of the scientific approach to forestry and Master R. J. Stilton of phosphorus.

The pastoral glories of the Bittell, Bartley Green and Bellfields Reservoirs, with Enfield, have delighted the Natural History Society and Field Club, who held eleven outdoor and eleven indoor meetings this year. The Field Club have seen the Lickey Hills with Master A. R. Stephenson, now of Repton School. Here the old order changeth, Master M. E. Monkcom (Chairman) and B. D. Williams (Secretary) being succeeded by Master C. Dodds and D. W. G. Budd. That strange company, the Cactus Society, have had three meetings and a bartering of plants which produced £1 12s. 0d. for the Cot Fund.

The Players of the Dramatic Society prepare their lordly revels, a masque of Master Eliot called "*Murder in the Cathedral,*" to be produced on January 28th, 29th and 30th. The Film Society hath witnessed diversions called "*Odd Man Out,*" "*Jour de Fête*" and "*Kind Hearts and Coronets.*"

Twice have been heard the alarums and excursions of the flourishing Shakespeare Society.

Noble eloquence is a virtue in any gentleman and justly will the Debating Society and Junior Debating Society develop it. The cloistered calm of the library hath resounded with motions on the absence of the question of the death penalty's abolition from the Royal Commission's terms of reference and on the habit of "*hitch-hiking.*" The Junior Debating Society flourisheth with motions on changes in English spelling and the pernicious growth of occidental manners in this realm.

If Music be the food of love, wherefore dost thou not attend the Concerts of the Musical Society? Pianos, flutes, organs, recorders, drums and, sweetest of instruments, the human voice, hath uttered their sundry melodies from such artists as Master T. F. H. Oxley, Master D. A. Wright, Master J. A. Bolton and B. S. Adams. There is a preparation for the Carol Service on December 14th and 15th by the Choral Society. The Music Circle lacketh not to add that it hath listened to compositions of C. P. E. Bach and Hindemith and heard from Dr. Willis Grant of the beginnings of Western Music.

And hereto, may we add thanks to all chairmen, secretaries, committees and poster-designers. For, good my lords, our true intent is all for your delight and it hath always been our grievous concern in all ways to please you. And so, my masters, I bid you adieu.

B.J.C.



The climax of the C.C.F. year invariably comes at the Annual Inspection. This year was certainly no exception, and the Parade, held on July 10th, was favourably commented on by the Inspecting Officer, Air Marshal Guest, C.B., C.B.E., O.E. After the March Past, the Air Marshal, accompanied by numerous officers from the other services, inspected all branches of the C.C.F. training.

After the end of the Summer Term the various branches of the C.C.F. attended their respective camps. The Senior Service had the choice of two, at Portsmouth, aboard H.M.S. Duchess, or at Sheerness, aboard Campania. The Army and Basic Sections attended camp at Bourley, near Aldershot. As usual this week under canvas was of invaluable benefit to all who attended. This can be clearly seen in "A" and "B" Companies, where the dividing line between those who attended camp, and those who did not, is painfully obvious. Only one thing marred an otherwise successful camp, the untimely and unfortunate illness of R.S.M. Moore. We are very glad to see that he is now once again in good health, and back with us. He will, no doubt, be glad to know that in C.S.M. Cotter he had an excellent deputy. The Air Section once again attended camp at Hawarden, where the lectures were of great value and interest. Among many features of interest, link flying and a visit to the de Havilland factory were but two.

This term the Naval Section has divided its attention between boat-pulling on Brookvale Park, preparation for the forthcoming Able Seaman Examinations and Proficiency Tests. During the Summer Term a number of the section successfully rigged a mast, which, when completed, one fine summer's day was hoisted into the air accompanied by the triumphant and expressive phrase, "My word!" A new branch of naval training is now being undertaken, that of the ship-wright. The section has four new P.O.s., P.O. Jarmain being senior cadet.

This term the three Army Companies are proceeding with their various programmes. The recruits are shaping well under Captain W. R. Buttle, and performed creditably on Church Parade, on November 15th. The Salute at the March Past was taken by Rear-Admiral Brownfield, C.B.E., and the Chief Master preached the sermon.

Under the command of Lt. R. D. J. Robertson, "B" Company is ironing out the usual unmilitary indiscipline of its members, whilst "A" Company under the command of 2nd Lt. P. H. Hutton, is feeling the effect of, and obviously benefiting by, a more rigid drill programme.

The Air Section possesses a record number of Proficient Cadets, whilst the keen if high-spirited recruits are rapidly learning the principles of airmanship and floor-polishing. Some of the Proficient Cadets are again undergoing (nay! going under) a Leadership Training Course with the Army Section.

Field Days were held at Lichfield in the Lent Term and at Abingdon in the Summer Term. At Abingdon paratroop training was observed and all cadets had an hour's flying.

Thus the Air Section continues to improve its record. Indeed, another cadet has flown to the Far East with Air Marshal Guest, three more flying scholarships have been obtained as well as the section's first "C" gliding certificate.

The C.C.F., then, continues its invaluable rôle in School life, in training its members in leadership and discipline. But of how much greater value it could be if only all its N.C.O.s. would realise that character is based on discipline, and that in the C.C.F., discipline is based on drill and, furthermore, drill is solely their responsibility.

For its achievements during the past year, in examinations, on Parades, and at Camp, the C.C.F. is deeply indebted to all its officers, and to R. S. M. Moore and to C.S.M. Cotter. Especial mention should undoubtedly be made of Major O. M. Mathews, the Commanding Officer, and his deputy, Major L. K. J. Cooke, who, together with all their fellow officers work so unsparingly to give of their hard-earned experience.

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## FROM THE CHINESE

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Swirl, swirl, the Yellow River round an island  
Beating the rocks with its eddying stream.  
Depressed, depressed the scholar in a crowded chariot :  
Clutching his satchel, he crouches in a corner.  
When he tries to leave, there is no way out,  
People and baggage block up his path.  
He composed a great essay, but it was spurned and rejected :  
He is commanded his task to renew.  
And now—he cannot find a halfpenny for his fare  
And Training of Body has wearied his person.  
His relations upbraid him for the unkind words of the Masters,  
His friends rebuke the Mediocrity of his Re-creation.  
While Wo Lu acclaims the Wisdom of the Sages,  
Ko Min, alas, prefers the Vision from a distance.  
I once thought I was a Leader of Sages  
But here in the chariot I am pounded and crushed.  
But when you wear a robe, it should not be longer than you  
are ;  
Enough is good, but more is an affliction.  
I hold the Seat of Comfort while many others lack it—  
For this I thank the noble Corporation.

B.J.C.

## THE SCOUT GROUP



The Summer months provided many excellent opportunities for our Scouting activities. At the last major Scouting event of the Summer term, the Annual Scout Rally at Handsworth Park, the Group contributed three amusing episodes to the pageant and, for the first time in sixteen years, took part in full force in the March Past.

As a new departure the Junior Troops held their Summer Camps in the Lake District this year. One camp-site was situated at the head of Patterdale, at Hartsop Hall and was used by Vikings and Mitre Troops. The Lake District lived up to its reputation and during the first three days of their camp Vikings Troop were blessed with over five inches of rain. We are pleased to report that this inclement weather in no way damped their enthusiasm or lowered their morale and that they went on several climbing expeditions. They tell us that they will never forget the sight of Mr. Leeds, usually in shirt sleeves, vigorously stoking the camp's "altar" fire. They would like to thank Mr. Osborne, who, though unable to devote time to Scouting during the term, can still organise a most enjoyable camp.

Mitre Troop enjoyed quite exceptionally fine and dry weather. A nearby stream provided opportunities for bathing and fishing until it partially dried up. The Troop went swimming and boating on Ullswater, and Helvellyn, St. Sunday Crag, High Street and many other surrounding peaks were climbed. Thanks are due to Mr. Skinner and R. A. Tomlinson who ensured a successful camp by their efficient organisation and to Mr. Weatherall for the manner in which he took charge for the last few days of the camp.

Park Vale Troop made use of the Great Tower permanent site at Windermere. They too, had a great deal of rain, but this did not deter them from going on patrol hikes and expeditions by steamer round Lake Windermere. As the Troop does not possess a Scouter, no climbing was organised. Their days were well spent, however, in meeting other Scouts camping on the site and discussing camping experiences with them. At this camp the patrol was the unit used for all activities. Park Vale are indebted to J. Leadley and C. May for their help in running the camp.

New Troop, camping at Thornythwaite Farm, Borrowdale, had a very hot, dry camp and, naturally enough, swimming played a large part. Parties climbed Great Gable, Scafell and Scafell Pike and the Langdale Pikes. The camp was enlivened by Camp Sports, an aerial runway and an exciting patrol competition. Mr. Whinnerah, Mr. Kent and W. G. G. Lindley should be thanked for their assistance in leading expeditions and in ensuring an efficient and happy camp.

Dr. Mayor, who joined us at the end of year, began the term by organising a training camp at Woodcote for Patrol Leaders and Troop Officers. The training sessions and discussions were much appreciated by all present and they will be a source of inspiration in the future.

This term new recruits have been received into their respective Troops only after they have gained their Tenderfoot tests. This system has operated most effectively and we find the enthusiasm of our younger brethren infectious. Junior Troops this year are, however, not filled to capacity for the counter attraction of Shells and Removes Rugger has at last made itself felt. The standard of our Scouting is rising and we look forward to the time, in the not so distant future, when all Patrol Leaders will have gained the First Class badge. Troop programmes have continued as usual with hikes and camps at week-ends and at half-term, when a few of our more hardy members ventured out to enjoy the beauties of the countryside, despite the heavy rain.

The Senior Troop, ever a source of awe and inspiration to the Junior Troops, is, despite its temporary lack of a Scouter, a hive of activity. During the holidays an adventurous climbing camp was held in the Austrian Tyrol, a report of which appears elsewhere in the CHRONICLE, while this term the Troop has certainly "looked wide" for its choice of activities. One meeting was devoted to finding suitable week-end camp sites, while another was used to study birds with Mr. Woods. The Senior Troop is again helping to run the "Farm Street" Troop in Lozells and is also helping to cut down trees near Alvechurch. At half-term a few Seniors went as a working party to a Malvern Youth Hostel and did much valuable work. Some of the activities of the Senior Troop, however, remain incomprehensible to the uninitiated and the sight of two members of "A" Block walking up Bristol Road in boiler suits carrying a plank, and followed by what seemed to be a furtive padre, was enough to keep the Juniors guessing.

The events of this term have given us every indication that the achievements of the new Scouting year will be exceptional. We have won the Senior Section of the Divisional Swimming Sports, the size of the Group Court of Honour has been decreased in order to deal with business more efficiently and the Group Committee has been quick to offer us its services. We must most heartily congratulate Haseler and Pillinger on becoming Queen's Scouts, bringing our total number up to four, and Davies on gaining his Bushman's Thong.

We are looking forward with interest and anticipation to Field Day and the Troops are preparing for Parents' Evening, at which we hope to satisfy, in some small measure, the curiosity of parents.

Already there are rumours of Christmas good turns, Troop parties, indoor and outdoor activities and Troops are even thinking about possible Summer Camp sites. The Seniors have a scheme on hand for extensive improvements in and around their hut. In all quarters the emphasis is upon greater activity as a means to improving our own standards of scouting and helping others to improve theirs.

Finally, and most important of all, we must thank Dr. Mayor, for his conscientious leadership in his first few months as G.S.M. and also our Scouters for their patient guidance and enthusiastic encouragement of our activities.

J.H.W.



## GERARD MANLEY HOPKINS

Gerard Manley Hopkins was born in 1844, and as a young man he was converted to Roman Catholicism and became a Jesuit. This set up a conflict in him between poetry and religion as to whether he could continue to write poetry. In a letter to Robert Bridges on August 7th, 1868, he wrote : " I cannot send my " Summa " for it is burnt with my other verses : I saw they would interfere with my state and devotion." From then on he wrote no poetry " but two or three little presentation pieces which occasion called for," until winter, 1875. At that time the " Deutschland " was wrecked in the mouth of the Thames and five Franciscan nuns, exiled from Germany under the Falck Laws, were drowned. Hopkins " was affected by the account and happening to say so to my rector, he said that he wished someone would write a poem on the subject." Thus in the winter of 1875 the silence was broken.

After this, Hopkins wrote more poetry, but he died in 1889 and completed fewer than 150 poems. His religion was undoubtedly responsible for this small number, but it was also responsible for the excellence in the poetry he wrote. His work shows intense religious feeling and religious pre-occupations, which are reflected in his superb technical skill. This can be seen in his first poem, the one that broke the silence, " The Wreck of the Deutschland."

It has significance as the silence-breaker, and some critics tend to leave it at that. There is also a tendency to praise it solely for its contrast with its contemporaries—the works of Bridges, Arnold, Lang and a declined Tennyson—which reflect the Victorian enervation of sensibility. But it is in itself a great poem—for its intense emotion and expressed experience, its structural unity, its outstanding technique.

Hopkins begins the poem horror-stricken at the wreck and God's apparent cruelty :

" Thou hast bound bones and veins in me, fastened me flesh,  
And after it almost unmade, what with dread, thy doing : and dost  
thou touch me afresh ?  
Over again I feel thy finger and find thee."

But gradually he moves to acceptance of God's will, for God is exerting His " stress " on man (" thy rebel ") with the storm, for man's spiritual improvement—it is the " ennoblement through suffering " brilliantly expressed :

" Be adored among men,  
God, three-numbered form ;  
Wring thy rebel, dogged in den,  
Man's malice, with wrecking and storm."

The poem ends on a note of triumph, praising God : " Bride, rose, prince, hero of us, high-priest, Our heart's charity's hearth's fire, our thoughts' chivalry's throng's Lord."

Obviously in the progress of this change, as in a violent chemical reaction, a great deal of feeling has been expressed. Great poetry is the conveying of intense feeling.

This feeling is reflected and conveyed through Hopkins' complicated technique. He is difficult, but not so difficult as Bridges said when he

called the "Deutschland," "a great dragon folded in the gate to forbid all entrance." He has to be difficult, for he thereby compels concentrated attention, while a superficial reading would defeat his purpose.

Hopkins is difficult because every word has over-whelming significance. The poem is remarkably concentrated. He omits "that's" and conjunctions and re-shapes words, invents them, uses nouns as adjectives, forms compounds. No redundant word is tolerated. A pattern of contrasting violence and beauty runs through the poem. This is achieved through the imagery which is *used* and is not merely decorative. Puns even, are used, and rhyme as it has not been for ages, to gain the concrete, vivid and dramatic effect of the poem :

"Thames would ruin them ; Surf, snow, river and earth gnashed . . ."

The conceit in stanza Five is superb :

"I kiss my hand

To the stars, lovely—asunder

Starlight, wafting him out of it."

The opening of the poem is an epitome of its technical excellence :

"Thou mastering me

God ! giver of breath and bread ;

World's strand, sway of the sea ;

Lord of living and dead."

Every word carries weight. There are : expressive, vigorous rhythm, concentration and intensity of statement, the telling power of almost every word, symbolism, association, combining in an epitome of the poem's technical excellence.

These virtues continue throughout Hopkins' poems, little in quantity as they are. The themes of his work are religious and deal with the universal emotions, fears, feelings and doubts that have come to most religious men.

"The Windlover" is the expression of doubt in the chosen ascetic life. The "daylight's dauphin, dapple-dawn-drawn Falcon" symbolises the world of beauty and sense, that Hopkins has shut himself from — "My heart in hiding

Stirred for a bird, . . ."

In the sestet there is a brilliant expression of ambiguity, conveying Hopkins' doubts and the division of his sympathy.

"Brute beauty and valour and act, oh, air, pride, plume, here Buckle !" can mean either that they "buckle" as a bicycle wheel buckles or as a belt, perhaps is buckled ; either they are wrecked ; or united, with associations of vigour.

" . . . blue-bleak embers, ah my dear,

Fall, gall themselves, and gash gold-vermilion," shows the beauty of the ascetic life : "embers" suggest the ashes of penitence and "gash gold-vermilion" is a lovely image. But "gall" and "gash" suggest pain and violence. Hopkins' doubts are not resolved—the senses have possible destruction and the spirit pain.

In "Felix Randal" there is the same division, finely reflected in the contrast of sound, image and association—but Hopkins achieves a triumphant conclusion—Randal's resurrection (he is a smith) :

“ poor Felix Randal ;

How far from then forethought of, all thy more boisterous years,  
When thou at the random grim forge, powerful amidst peers,  
Didst fettle for the great grey dray-horse his bright and battering  
sandal ! ”

It is with triumph that we should think of Hopkins, for though he died young, an apparent failure, an unrecognised genius, thirty years before his work was published, he is a great poet. D.N.G.

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## THE APOCRYPHAL GOSPELS

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“ The Church, when it canonized the Four Gospels, displayed the excellence of its literary as well as its religious judgement.” (E. V. Rieu.)

It often comes as a shock to people to discover that the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were not the only ones written. Indeed, very many were written ; but only the Sacred Four had the Word uncontaminated by the rival dogmas of different sects and unadulterated by Gnostic or other superstition and only they, in addition to their religious purity, had the quality of great—it may be said, supremely great—literature. And so the Christian Church, within the first few hundred years of its life, canonized these and rejected the others. Several of the others, however, have come down to us and it is to be regretted that they are not more readily available to the general public. Though their religious value is practically nil, they are object-lessons in how the original Gospel-message could be obscured by myth and legend.

The Protevangelium of James claims to have been written by James the Just in Jerusalem. The present form probably dates from the third century, but there are traces of an earlier form of it in the second century. It relates the birth and childhood of Our Lady and ends with the birth of Jesus.

The Gospel according to Peter is one of the heretical Gospels, written about 150. It may be described as the handbook of the docetic heresy, which taught that Jesus' humanity and sufferings were not real, but only apparent. Thus, in this fragmentary Gospel's account of the Crucifixion, Jesus cries from the Cross “ My power, my power, thou hast forsaken me.” And when he had so said, he was taken up.” Also, in the Resurrection scene, two men come out of the tomb supporting another, and a cross following after. And there came a voice from heaven saying “ Hast thou preached to them that sleep ? ” And an affirmative answer came from the cross itself.

The Gospel according to the Hebrews, written about 100, is also fragmentary, but contains some interesting references and sayings. It includes the resurrection appearance of Jesus to his brother James, mentioned by Paul in 1 Corinthians 15 vii : Jesus said : “ My brother, eat thy bread, for the Son of Man is risen from the dead.”

The apocryphal Gospels sometimes tried to fill in the gaps in the New Testament account of Jesus' life. The Gospel of Thomas and what

is called "the Gospel of Pseudo-Matthew" are devoted to describing Jesus' childhood, with such unpleasant fancies as the cursing of a playmate by Jesus and the playmate's immediate death. Another favourite ground is the trial of Jesus, described in particular in the Gospel of Nicodemus.

The Passing of Mary is a fantastic and mythical account of the death of Our Lady, written about 400 and putting back contemporary Church practices to Gospel times. Also, "Sayings of Jesus" have been found on papyri in Egypt, some of which may be genuine.

It has recently been announced that a codex containing a work called the "Apocryphon of James" has been discovered. It is dated to 150 and purports to deal with secret doctrines revealed by Jesus after his resurrection.

After a study of the apocryphal Gospels, it is an interesting speculation how much legendary material there is in the New Testament Gospels. Is it not possible that the account of the Virgin Birth in Matthew and Luke is a legend derived from a misunderstood verse of the Septuagint? Is it not probable that Luke's account of the Slaughter of the Innocents, not recorded in any other historical document, is pure myth? These are matters for the individual conscience to decide.

B.J.C.

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## BLACK WINTER

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Icy wind bites the street, stark. Only emptiness. Dirty lunch-papers are whirled, to nowhere. Two men shuffle along, one behind the other. We cannot see whether they are pinched and cut because their eyes are looking on the ground, at a point which does not exist for them. Their hands shiver in their pockets. Guilty, wretched, they cannot look up at the world: they are black in a white land.

In the Corporation bus someone points and says pathetically: "Mrs. Jones, 'ave you 'erd about Mrs. Smith's Ada, 'ers bin ruined by one o' them sort—they're alwis 'angin' round pubs they are—got nothin' better ter do with their time."

Eye-grit spits from the ground. "Mummy, why does that black man smell different from us?" Mummy shudders; shivers, cannot answer. The dead scarecrow in the bus says: "Our Ada found one lurkin' in a passage-way, waitin', vicious." People swish their heads; rub the whipped stones from their red eye-flesh. "What weather! . . . Like the Coronation." We always go back to the past, the present—daze, noise, horror, death. No wonder we return to the past! and no future except death.

A frightened glance is twisted round the men, and looped back again. Their great sad eyes, hidden, terrorize the soul. Brown lips move, seem to say: "O, why was I born with a different face! Colour's no difference! not even in a white land. Only people matter, and love."

R.H.G.

## FROM PROLOGUE TO "ROBERT CATESBY'S TREASON."

- 1     Huddington Court lay silent in the dawn.  
      The sun's first fingers touched each window-light  
      With silver fire ; still on the neat-cut lawn  
      Sparkled the molten diamonds of night.  
         A glossy blackbird slipped betwixt chimneys tall  
         Moulded in brick like vine-stems up a wall.
- 2     Madrigal-melody, mellow, magpie-beauty,  
      Shimmering in mirror-moat. Dawn's warm red gleam  
      Paints neat-clipped box-hedge and sod-swarthy yew-tree,  
      Paints whitewashed plastered panel and tarred beam.  
         But in the woods, dull glint and gloat of pike :  
         Pursuivants watching, waiting to stoop, strike.
- 3     Beneath the high sun-gilded weather-vane  
      Father Garnett said Mass, bolt on the door.  
      The sun shone gently through each diamond-pane,  
      Flooding the attic-chapel's rough-board floor,  
         Strown with the fragrant sweet-sedge from the moat.  
         And rippling plainsong sounds from the dove-cote.
- 4     The morning seemed to accompany that Mass  
      On its most sweet stop. Then a wild bell-peal ;  
      "Pursuivants"—splitting woodwork, smashing glass—  
      Feet thundering on the stairs, a rasp of steel—  
         Father Garnett has slipped into a hide—  
         The chapel-door splits, pikemen stamp inside.
- 14    And now on nights when inky storm-clouds run  
      Across the darkened sky and wild winds howl,  
      Rattling the tiles, beneath a fitful moon ;  
      When over silent fields, the sudden owl,  
         Hoots, when dark shadow through the branches plays  
         Men ride by hidden lanes and bridleways.

### OCTOBER

Gaunt, lightning-blasted oaks against the sky ;  
And watery sunlight's chill, pale shadows cast  
Across the lifeless turf where dank leaves lie,  
Rotting ruin of golden summer past :  
      Chill death succeeds to glorious pageantry,  
      Shrill winds to summer's sweet, bright melody.

M.W.H.



## “ CORSICA ”

*(Free translation from the Latin of Seneca)*

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Huge, dusty rocks bar out the sea from us  
Beyond the desert ranges, where the sand  
Of Corsica, from north and south, at us  
Blows, erodes us, corrugates the land.

If there were plains, or genuflecting scrub,  
And were some hardy husbandman alive,  
Never in the blackened cold, never in the hub.  
Of mad sirocco could a favoured fruit survive.

There is no spring, O Spring, before my eyes  
Where is your rain to fertilise the soil ?  
Beneath these royal feet an empire lies  
Where grass seeds from its cutting dust recoil.

And who are we two, lonely, parched and spent ?  
A banished man, a land of banishment.

J.A.A.S.

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## “ MIGHTY ATOM ”

Little black button  
And an Exide battery,  
Filament of wire  
At the end of a broomstick  
(Shiny little broomstick  
Joined to the battery)  
Lights the gas fire  
With a smallish explosion.

Bigger black button  
On a hatch for delivery,  
Instrument of ire  
At the end of a parachute  
(Big white parachute  
Alleviates delivery)  
Lights the death pyre  
With a biggish explosion.

J.A.A.S.

## THE WESSEX UNIVERSITIES G.C.E. REPORT

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The all round standard of achievement in the English language Ordinary\* Level was not at all satisfactory. So unsatisfactory was it in fact, nay, poor, that we feel compelled to make mention of particular candidates. Firstly, T . . . S . . . E . . .

He wrote sentences that just did not make sense and were so complicated that examiners could not be bothered to try to puzzle them out, particularly as a number of them were hopelessly under-punctuated . . . Why does he never say what he means, but merely what he does not ? He was the only one of these candidates capable of describing a railway station. Such all-round incompetence is only equalled by the fact that neither E . . . Sp . . . , W . . . S . . . , J . . . D . . . nor G . . . Ch . . . knew what oxymora, similes or metaphors were.

G . . . Ch . . . showed in fact, an unparalleled ignorance of spelling. He was foolish enough to believe it correct to put an "e" at the end of practically every word and one would have thought that even the most ignorant schoolboy knew that "town" and "down" are not spelt with a "u." His general essay on philosophy revealed an utter blank as far as the writings of Bertrand Russell, C. E. M. Joad and other more modern thinkers were concerned.

Syntactical errors were rife. E . . . Sp . . . showed an insatiable capacity for writing long, unreadable sentences, which he made extremely complex and, really, muddled. This does not make examiners rejoice. W . . . S . . . really must realise that a frivolous attitude to sex is not particularly "grown-up," and must not mix his metaphors so. How can one take up arms against a sea of troubles ? A lot of his work one just cannot understand. Apart from the fact that his punctuation is haywire, J . . . D . . . showed a passable (though facetious) knowledge of science, geography and mathematics. J . . . M . . . is all too evidently a classicist.

We feel that S . . . J . . . must be an abnormally stuffy boy : he has a most unhealthy pre-occupation with the narrower side of ethics. Perhaps if he played cricket (he has evidently not heard of the game) . . . or collected stamps. We were very interested in A . . . P . . . 's entomology, but his spelling, particularly in the case of "through," "though" and in his past participles—all imperfectly understood—is very slack. He failed through devoting a great deal too much time to (disproportionately) attacking Mr. Masefield's little poem in the Appreciation with shocking violence and impoliteness.

J . . . K . . . is incomprehensible and does not seem to know what a full stop is. His ideas on Sparrows are fantastic.

G . . . M . . . H . . . is a very serious case. He seems to have no idea of syntax or even grammar. His whole purpose (a lenient word) in writing appears to be to heap as many adjectives as possible on top of each other. Intent on this play, he leaves out vital prepositions and conjunctions, and is careless even, in his stock-piling, of which adjectives are really included in the O.E.D. and which, such as the preposterous "never-eldering," he has wantonly invented himself.

D.N.G.

[\*Sic. D.N.G.]

## THE FLAME

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When in our lives, not saintly nor sinful, night nor day,  
But an even, neutral, dusk-like gray,  
When in this placid neutrality,  
Flares up the reality  
Of Hell fire, the realisation  
Of possible eternal damnation,  
The sudden flame sears the fleshly clay,  
Jolts the heart,  
Makes it from the gridiron ribs start  
Quivering away.

Such an intuition of Hell fire has a flame  
More potent than the heat of anger, the fire  
Of passion, of lust, of impure desire,  
More consuming than burning shame.  
In its light our little feeble vices show  
Like the pale flicker of candles, so  
Meanly do they glow.  
Our sins, on the peeling wall of the conscience, throw  
Dark shadows, greater even than their size :  
The flame so magnifies.  
It pierces our virtues with X-ray rays,  
Casting like gallows on the wall,  
Images—black, stark, empty, tall,  
Bone-shadows stripped of the flesh of self praise.

Burn, purge the building, flame of hell,  
That we may rebuild inside the shell.

D.N.G.

## IMPRESSIONS OF CANADA

*(The W. H. Rhodes Educational Trust Tour of Canada, 1953)*

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Anyone who has travelled will readily verify Bacon's dictum : "Travel in the younger sort is a part of education." The idea which led to the foundation of this Trust by Mr. W. H. Rhodes, was not to give forty boys from London, Birmingham, Bradford and Glasgow, a holiday, but rather to show them at close quarters the way of life in a great new country.

Throughout the stay in Canada the party was constantly moving. During the course of twelve days Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Ottawa and the Lake Tanagani district were visited. There were many receptions—civic and otherwise. At every port of call a cordial welcome was extended and an attempt made to explain and describe the grand scale developments which have taken place in recent years, as well as those which are planned for the future. Frequently the need for young immigrants was pointed out: the population is insignificant for a country of such magnitude and potentialities. During the next thirty years Canada will continue the process—already begun—of mastering and realising her own immense wealth.

One of the outstanding memories of the visitor is the tremendous programme of development which is under way. Everywhere there are new towns, factories, hospitals and schools springing up. Huge projects are being undertaken such as the Sir Adam Beck Generating Plant No. 2, which is harnessing some of the power of Niagara Falls and which is costing a mere 343 million dollars. The system of communications is constantly improving with the construction of new highways and railroads. The forging of these links between wilderness and civilisation means that Canada will shortly be in a position to exploit her vast mineral and timber resources more fully. The wealth which should result from these commodities, combined with an enormous agricultural output make Canada the land of the future.

Canada is a young country and consequently has many of the traits of an under-disciplined adolescent. Among her people it is not the custom to express personal views politely and quietly but rather to state an opinion in such a loud voice that no one dares to contradict. Though obviously very Americanised in every way, Canadians do not seem prepared to admit this. Wishing to retain their independence they are fighting against the influence of their powerful neighbours whose money is developing their country ; there is a strong fear of being directed and dominated in the interests of the United States.

While they are at work Canadians do work hard ; for instance, the factory employees do not seem to have so many tea breaks per day as in Britain. The reason for this enthusiasm to get on with the job in hand is easily pin-pointed—the incentive is so much greater. Income tax is comparatively low while wages are higher ; the result is that ownership of a new house and motor car for the average man materialises in the space of a few years, whereas it often takes a lifetime of endeavour in the "Old Country." There is astonishing enterprise and keenness

among the people for the development of the prosperity of their country, their towns and their own small communities.

Of the individual cities that the Party visited, Montreal was the most attractive with its cosmopolitan atmosphere and the mixture of old and new world. The City of Toronto, a far more recent growth, seems to hold better hopes of being the leading light in years to come with the possibility of the construction of an ocean seaway of the St. Lawrence River. This would enable large ships and liners to sail right through to the great lakes and reach the centre of the North American continent. Thus Toronto might easily eclipse both Montreal and New York. Quebec is very old-world and appears to be more of a museum than anything else ; even its people seem to live in the past and to have slipped behind the rest of the nation.

In the final analysis, Canada may have some minor faults but these are outweighed by her numerous major assets. Do not conclude that life in this fine country has only material attractions. The country itself possesses beauty and grandeur, and such sights as Niagara Falls have to be seen and studied to be appreciated. Indeed the Nineteenth Century hoarding advertisement "Go West young man," still retains all of its original significance when applied to Canada. O.S.W.

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## SCOUTING IN THE TYROL

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It was in excited and expectant mood that eighteen "Seniors" met at Victoria Station, London, on Monday, August 17th, laden with heavy rucksacks, ice axes and other paraphernalia. As the French railways were "en strike," we were forced to take the longer route across Belgium and Germany to Austria. Weary, after nearly forty-eight hours of travel by land and sea, we arrived at our camp site some four thousand, five hundred feet above sea level near Zwieselstein in the Otz valley, surrounded by all the mountain beauty that the Austrian Tyrol can offer. We all felt a tremendous exhilaration on that scorching hot day at the alluring, snow-covered peaks and glaciers which encircled us.

On the following day, having settled in our new surroundings, we began our climbing programme in earnest. For the first few days several parties ascended the less strenuous peaks nearby, by way of acclimatisation. Later, however, we enjoyed climbs of up to eleven thousand feet, and scope was found for enthusiasts on rock, snow and ice. The camp was so organised that, of the four patrols, three were free to carry out expeditions while one remained on duty in camp each day.

Towards the end of camp several parties wandered further afield, using the accommodation offered at the huts of the Austrian Alpine Club, which we all heartily recommend. On such expeditions some more advanced climbing was done and many gained their first knowledge of glacier technique, while most of our signatures embellish the visitor's book at the summit of the 12,380 ft. "Wildspitze," the highest peak of the Tyrol.



Thus, climbing, for which the weather was mainly favourable, was the chief activity of the camp and the only reluctance noticeable was at the need to rise at dawn in preparation for some major climbs. On occasion we did remain at valley level and learned something of Austria, her people and her language. We were charmed at the little villages nestling below mountain peaks, and by the magnificence of Innsbruck, which we visited on both inward and outward journeys. Perhaps the only thing about Austria that shocked us was the traditional sausage ; the taste of which lingers even now on the palate of one traveller.

We achieved a great deal, and were rewarded by the intense satisfaction of all, who pronounce the camp an outstanding success. Sincere thanks are due to Mr. Hurrell, to Mr. Hutton and the three Rovers who helped him in running a camp which will long remain a happy memory. The camp marks the last of Mr. Hurrell's ambitious ventures with the Senior Troop, which he has so enthusiastically served for the past five years. We wish him every success in his new appointment.

J.E.N.

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## THE MIDDLE EAST

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The morning of October 26th was cold and dull as we took off from R.A.F. Lyneham on the first step of our Middle East tour. Soon, however, the clouds dispersed and I was able to see most of the French countryside as we flew over it. I caught a glimpse of the Eiffel Tower but Paris was too distant to be clearly visible. We flew over the Massif Central to Istres, about twenty miles from Marseilles, where the aircraft was refuelled. We then flew over the blue Mediterranean to Libya, landing at Castel Idris in the evening. Here we were to spend two nights, so on the next afternoon a trip was arranged into Tripoli, where we walked round the local bazaar. Here it was most interesting to see the native craftsmen at work with their primitive tools. We also saw the Palace of King Idris of Libya, after whom the aerodrome has been named.

The next day we flew over the desert to Fayid on the Suez Canal. I could still see marks of the desert war-trenches, pill-boxes, even a few tanks, left on the sand. From Fayid we went to Ismailia, the centre of all the Egyptian trouble. Here the camp is securely defended with barbed wire and day-and-night patrols, no one being allowed to leave.

Habbaniya, in Iraq, was our next port of call, and to reach it we had to fly across the Arabian Desert. This is just rock and sand and, when seen through a heat-haze, reminds one of pictures of the Moon's surface. From Habbaniya we flew over Baghdad and the Abadan oil refineries to Sharjah, on the Arabian Coast of the Persian Gulf. While here, we visited the little town of Debai, where we walked round the market. The conditions of life in the East were here brought home to me very forcibly, the stench being unbelievably potent. We spent one night at Sharjah and then flew to Masirah Island, about nine hundred miles north-east of Aden. Here the temperature was 105 degrees, with the sea itself at 75 degrees. Having spent a night here, we flew down to Aden, which at first sight reminds one very strongly of Gibraltar, with its rocks and wonderful harbour.

The highlight of the trip, however, was Nairobi, which we reached in six hours from Aden, with a refuelling stop at Hargeisa in British Somaliland. At Nairobi we were taken round the Kenya National Park, where we had the luck to see two lions making their evening kill. To end a perfect day, the Mau Mau terrorists decided to attack our camp, but they were beaten off, no casualties being suffered on our side. From Nairobi we flew to Khartoum, which stands at the confluence of the two Niles. We were taken over to Omdurman and shewn the relics of the battle which took place in there 1898.

The next and last place of interest which we visited on this trip was Malta, which we reached in two days from Khartoum, with another night-stop at Ismailia. In the afternoon I managed to look round Valletta, the capital of Malta.

Flying from Malta we arrived back at Lyneham at 4.0 p.m. on November 11th. It was a wonderful trip, one which I shall never forget. My warmest thanks go to the Chief Master for allowing me to go, to Mr. Traynor for all the preparatory work and, of course, to Air Marshal Guest, without whose kindly interest in the school's welfare, such a trip would have been impossible.

B.H.S.

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## AUSTRIA

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During the summer holidays, a party of seven under Mr. Benett's leadership went on a high-altitude climbing and walking tour of the Oetzal Alps. The journey via Belgium and the Rhine valley was pleasant but tiring on account of the "luxuries" of third class travel on the continent.

The first night we spent in the Youth Hostel at Landech recuperating after the journey. Next morning we began in earnest—we took a bus up the valley and climbed to our first mountain hut. These huts, situated at a height of between 8,000-ft.—10,000-ft. were to be our havens for the rest of the trip. They are well-equipped and provide excellent food considering all provisions have to be brought up from the valley, some 5,000-ft. below, either by pack horse, wire rope railway or even human porter.

The remainder of our stay was spent climbing and progressing from hut to hut usually after a visit to the local Gasthaus on the pretence of buying provisions and postcards. The climax of the trip for the majority of the party was the ascent of the Wildspitze (12,382-ft.) which entailed a seven-hour day across glaciers and a start at 6-0 a.m. The party was sustained by drinking vast quantities of red wine, cold tea and sugar.

What impressions did we gain from the trip? Undoubtedly the most lasting impression of Austria is the magnificence of the scenery—the snow-capped peaks towering into a cloudless blue sky and the contrast between the extreme heat and the glaciers with their many crevasses. One remembers the cordiality of the industrious Austrians with their "Gruss Gott" for friend and stranger, the French Occupation

troops who seemed to swarm everywhere and the inquisitive mountain goats. Unfortunately, the memories of this trip are too numerous to include them all here.

On behalf of the party, I would like to thank Mr. Bennett for arranging the tour, and it suffices to say that his plans worked out smoothly and efficiently. His phonetic German, his inexhaustible supply of vitamin pills and seemingly limitless appetite for Frankfurters provided amusement both to the natives and to the members of the party.

J.E.T.

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## THE BRITISH SCHOOLS EXPLORING SOCIETY EXPEDITION TO BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1953

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In 1932 Surgeon-Commander Murray-Levick, a member of Scott's last Expedition to the South Pole in 1912 and Founder of the B.S.E.S., led the first expedition of the British Schools Exploring Society to the wilds of Finnish Lapland. This summer, exactly twenty-one years later, the society undertook its fifteenth expedition which, consisting of the Chief Leader, eight Assistant Leaders, three Medical Officers and sixty-nine boys, travelled further than on any previous occasion. King Edward's was represented by the four of us.

On July 28th the *Empress of Scotland* left Liverpool with seventy-five of us on board, ten leaders and sixty-five members of schools from all over the country : seven more had gone on ahead, including B. C. Gane, who was lucky enough to travel on the *Queen Mary* and to see New York. It was said that we on the *Empress* gave the Chief Steward serious worries by consuming enough food for 150 normal souls, in anticipation of our privations in British Columbia. Our diet was to consist of thirty two ozs. per day, no less, and unless we happened to be fishermen, no more, of sugar, salt, sultanas, porridge, tea, cocoa, chocolate, margarine, processed cheese, "hard tack" biscuits, dehydrated vegetables, and, most important, pemmican. The rule, "no exchange of rations," was drilled into us from the first, for this was a diet designed to keep us not only alive, but fit.

Our crossing was calm and pleasant ; those among us, and there were several, who had intentions of emigrating to Canada, were given a fine first impression of this "country of the future" by the river St. Lawrence, surely as majestic a gateway as any land can boast. We parted with our suitcases, containing superfluous trappings of civilisation, at Quebec, whence the ship continued to Montreal, whose cosmopolitan splendour and coca-cola advertisements we admired in very English rain.

Travel across Canada we heard described as a "toughening up" process for us. We covered the 3,000 miles in two "Colonist Cars," a type of railway carriage in which we lived and slept and cooked (on a charcoal stove). Here, however, rations could be augmented by our few dollars, and by the generosity of Rotary Clubs. The Rotary Club at Winnipeg greeted us with cars to show us round their thriving modern city. It was the most impressive of the cities that we passed.

Our journey took us through the lakes and forests of Ontario, over the flat and monotonous prairies of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, relieved only by grain elevators and clumps of trees used as wind-breaks, up through Alberta to Jasper and the Rockies, where the snow-covered peak of Mount Robson towered above us as we crossed the Yellowhead Pass.

We left the railroad at Vanderhoof, British Columbia, and were taken by a bus to Fort St. James, thence by launch to our Base Camp on the shores of Lake Stuart. After the rigours of a march through the virgin forest, Base Camp was to have the function of a place in which to recuperate. We soon learnt to agree with a Canadian who told us that England knows nothing that does any justice to the word "forest." In British Columbia there is little but wood, noble trees reaching 100 ft. high into the air, and rotting trees piled up in chaos upon the ground.

For cooking purposes we were divided into "Fires," each under a leader. Many of us specialised in various branches of natural history, meteorology, etc., each being under expert supervision. The wireless group kept us in touch with Fort St. James. Apart from such research the main routine of the expedition was a series of marches, where everything necessary for existence was carried on backs. They progressed from two-day, five-day, eight-day to the final test, which in a way was the object of the expedition, the Long March. Fifteen were carefully picked for their qualities of endurance and initiative, and subjected to a fourteen-day trek of which the main object was, in the Chief Leader's words, "to make everyone, at his return to Base Camp, unable to walk another 100 yards."

Fires 4 and 5 were a body apart, known in polite circles as the Survey party. The efforts of everyone in these Fires during the whole four weeks, were to be directed towards the production of a map, some thirty square miles in area, which would supplement the rather inaccurate small-scale maps already existing. We were known as "trig" (trigonometrical) and "topo" (topographical). The trig party first had to "beacon" trees in prominent places and fix their positions by means of a theodolite. Subsequently the wilderness was braved by the topo party, working in groups of four for about eight days at a stretch. We could generally camp on the lake shore, journeying into the "interior" by day, and receiving occasional visits for checking purposes by our leader. Two main difficulties beset us as surveyors; the denseness of the terrain, rendering trig. points hard to see except in particular places, and the shortage of time, narrowed down to one month by the length of the journey from England. Time was found for our technical training, as most of us were novices, on the *Empress of Scotland*, and in the first week at Base Camp.

We saw something of the Indians and their way of life where it is still largely their own. We tasted moose meat, a great delicacy, and found moccasins a welcome souvenir of an area with resources still largely untapped and few inhabitants.

Moose and bears were seen by the lucky ones, but, although their tracks were frequent, and there were reports of "bears heard crying," these animals generally kept themselves out of the way of their intruding rivals.

Canadian generosity gave us yet more to think about on our return, a wonderful supper at Fort St. James, an exhibition of square dancing at Vanderhoof, and tours of Winnipeg (a second time) and Quebec by the Rotary Clubs of those cities. At Quebec we renewed acquaintance with our suitcases and embarked on the *Franconia* for home, happy to have been members of yet another expedition made possible by Surgeon-Commander Murray-Levick.

R.C.B., P.R.F., B.C.G., J.A.A.S.

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## ON WRITING VERSE WHICH THE EDITOR WILL ACCEPT

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Be learned, meaning cloaked in dark disguise,  
Incomprehensible, and therefore wise :  
If none can read you, none can criticise.  
And show your readers that you're Upper Sixth ;  
Use strange, unusual versifying tricks ; th-  
-is kind of rhyme for instance—very neat,  
And likewise so is adding on a couple of extra feet  
Once in a while. Your really learned man  
Adds beauty by a line that won't scan.  
Apart from jazz, only one subject pays :  
Broadcasting forth your ego's inner haze :  
e.g. : " If you could transport yourself now  
    Into the Being of our soul  
    You would find the consternation  
    Of a rootless existence, choked with flourishing  
        impressions  
    Of demented irrelevance."  
Quite. Now you know.  
                                    Arise, poetic tiros,  
Invoke a Muse of Fire, get out your Biro.

N.B.—Quotation from CHRONICLE, July, 1950.

M.W.H.

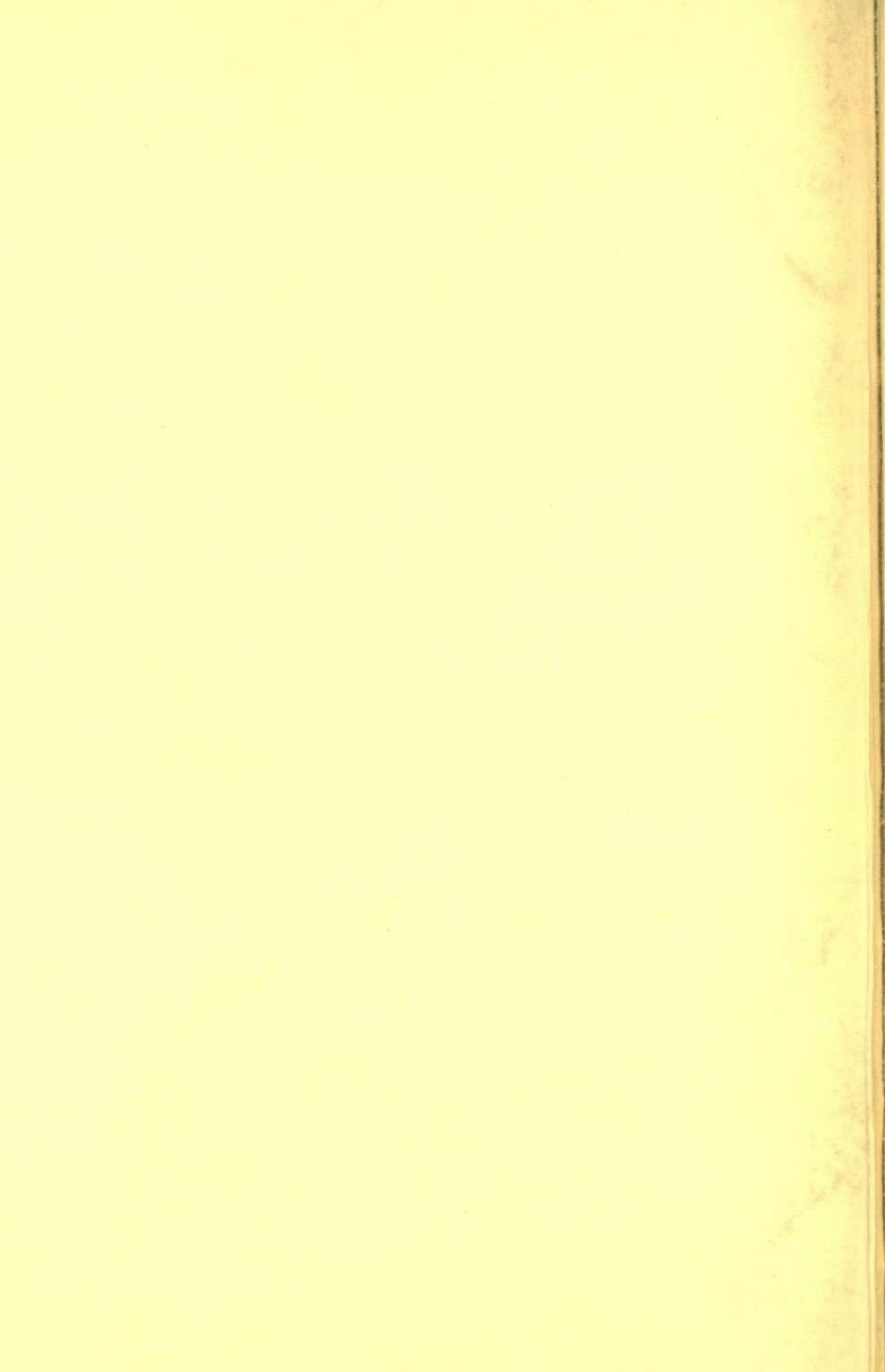
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## O.E. MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

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

### CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

For Members residing within 25 miles of the Club			
Building .. .. .	£4	4	9
But until the expiration of three years from the			
date of leaving School .. .. .	1	10	0
and then for the next four years .. .. .	3	3	0
Country Members .. .. .	1	0	0
All University Members .. .. .	0	10	0
Honorary Members not less than .. .. .	0	10	0

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

N. J. F. CRAIG,  
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.

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THE XV, 1953-54

Standing (left to right) : G. D. HARRIS (1953-54), N. W. L. GARRICK (1953-54), B. J. PIERCE (1953-54), K. B. RUSHTON (1953-54),  
P. R. DORRILL (1953-54), A. MANSOUR (1953-54), D. J. PIERCE (1953-54), R. W. N. DAVIS (1953-54).  
Seated (left to right) : K. K. WILSON (1953-54), N. C. BROWN (1951-52-53-54), K. S. HARRIS (1951-52-53-54), *Goal-keeper* J. L. WILKINS  
(1951-52-53-54), *Captain* : D. F. THOMAS (1951-52-53-54), *Secretary* : IS. C. GOSK (1952-53-54), J. D. L. ADAMS (1953-54).  
*Absent* : A. BRAMLEY (1952-53-54).

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## EDITORIAL



The wheel of time turns ceaselessly on, and yet another School Year nears its close, evoking some sort of reflection with varying emotions. The end of the Summer Term may be a time of looking back, even a time of looking forward (though perhaps not very far), and for those who seem to "press on" all too regardless, it may merely be the next event in that rather curious sequence of events known sometimes as life. For those who are to leave the comparatively sheltered calm of their schooldays to face the battle with the modern world, it surely presents an opportunity for reminiscence : for those, whose schooldays are not yet over, it is perhaps the long-awaited signal for that brief escape from the all too present world of reality into that dream world of adventure—the summer holidays. But however each one thinks of it, the end of the School Year is, in some sense, a point in time where past meets future.

What can we, who must depart, say of the past and hope for the future ? Looking back over the past year, we record that the School has followed up the sporting distinctions of the previous year with new academic honours and with worthy achievements in the realms of drama and music. But beneath our more outstanding successes, we have realised too that voluntary activities of all kinds have, this year, saturated the fixture card, and that these have, on the whole, been enthusiastically supported, although we still feel that the variety of facilities provided is still too little appreciated by many of our number.

Notable of recent years has been the almost continuous development of the School buildings, most of which has been made possible by the generosity of others. The presentation of the Memorial Cloister marks, at long last, the completion of the War Memorial : and there are amongst new gifts two bequests for still further glorification of the buildings. We sincerely hope that the new interest shown in the School by our predecessors and their relatives will be maintained by those who are now to become O.E.s.

As the year closes, however, we realise that most will be thinking of the immediate future, and we deign to take this opportunity of wishing our readers an adventurous and refreshing holiday. Holidays, we feel, are an essential part of education.

## SCHOOL DIARY

The Lent Term began on Thursday, January 14th.

On the evenings of January 28th, 29th and 30th, the Dramatic Society, under the direction of Mr. Trott, gave an outstanding performance of T. S. Eliot's drama " Murder in the Cathedral," with J. G. Evans in the leading rôle as Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Representatives of the King Edward VI Schools in Birmingham assembled in the Parish Church of St. Martin's, on the morning of February 2nd, for the annual Foundation Service. The sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham, the Rt. Rev. J. L. Wilson.

Half-term was taken from the 19th to the 23rd February, on which date there was a record entry for the arduous Cross Country Race. The senior event was won by B. W. Kington (*Vardy*).

The Science Department held a *Conversazione* on March 12th and 13th. Parents of the 150 exhibitors visited the display on the Friday afternoon : on the Saturday morning the school enthusiastically inspected the exhibits, and in the evening, parents and friends were welcomed.

On the evening of the 15th March, the School welcomed Sir George Dyson, K.C.V.O., to judge the Instrumental Music Competitions.

School Confirmation took place this year on March 17th at Edgbaston Old Church, when the Lord Bishop of Birmingham confirmed seventeen members of the School.

Field Day was held on Friday, March 19th.

The Athletic Sports took place in fine but chilly weather on the afternoon of Saturday, 27th March. The Sports were won by Cary Gilson ; and the Open Champion was D. H. Jackson of Cary Gilson.

A Service of Passion Music and Readings was held on the last Sunday of Term at Edgbaston Old Church.

The Easter holidays began on the 30th March and ended on the 29th April.

The Foundation Conference took place this year on the last Monday and Tuesday of the Easter Holidays, 20th and 27th April, when lectures were given by experts on " The American Scene."

This year's Junior School Play was Sir James Barrie's " The Admirable Crichton," which, produced by Mr. Hutton, was performed with the customary verve and enthusiasm on the evenings of May 20th, 21st and 22nd.

On the evening of 27th May, the Choral Society, conducted by Dr. Willis Grant, gave a rousing performance of Haydn's great choral work " The Seasons."

Field Day took place on May 28th, and Half-Term was taken, as is customary, at Whitsuntide.

At a ceremony held on the evening of June 23rd, Mr. T. W. Hutton, O.E., from the beginning one of the most active members of the O.E. War Memorial Appeal, handed over, on behalf of the Old Edwardians, the Memorial Cloister to the School. This presentation marked the completion of the War Memorial, comprising the Chapel, the Swimming Pool and the Cloister, a monument of bold beauty and a worthy tribute to those Old Edwardians who gave their lives in the two World Wars.

The annual half-mile swim took place in the icy waters of Edgbaston Reservoir on June 25th.

Major-General K. G. Exham, D.S.O., Chief of Staff Western Command reviewed the Parade and took the salute at the March Past at the C.C.F. Inspection on July 9th.

The Swimming Sports are to be held at Woodcock Street Baths on the eve of Speech Day, which is to be celebrated on Saturday, July 17th, when the Bailiff of the Foundation, Sir Wilfred Martineau, will present the prizes. On the following Sunday, the final School Service of the Year is to be held at Edgbaston Old Church, when the Preacher will be the Rev. K. M. Carey, Principal of Westcott House, Cambridge.

The School Year ends on July 22nd.

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## GOVERNORS' NEWS

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We welcome Sir Wilfred Martineau, M.C. as Bailiff this year. His Deputy is Professor H. F. Humphreys, O.B.E., M.C., who, after his period as Vice-Chancellor of Birmingham University has rejoined the Governing Body as the Warwickshire representative.

Councillor H. W. Wilkes has resigned from the Governing Body, and his place has been taken by Alderman Mrs. E. V. Smith, Chairman of the Birmingham Education Committee.

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## OBITUARY

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The Right Rev. C. K. K. Prosser, O.E., Bishop of Burnley, died at home in Burnley on June 27th, after several weeks' illness. He was fifty-seven.

Bishop Prosser was at King Edward's from 1911 to 1916, and after that at Queens' College, Cambridge. He was a curate in Birmingham for two years, 1923 to 1925, and later spent five years in British Columbia before returning to England. He was consecrated Bishop of Burnley in 1950, and in 1953 he preached at the School Service.

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## COMMON ROOM

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We congratulate :

Mr. and Mrs. Gosling, on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent, on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, on the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. McGawley, on the birth of a son.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

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The following elections have been made:

*At Cambridge:*

G. H. Brindley to an Organ Scholarship at Selwyn College.

G. D. Clark to an Exhibition in Modern Languages at St. John's College.

B. J. Coleman to a Fielder Exhibition in Greek at King's College.

D. N. Gallon to a Minor Scholarship in English at Queens' College.

J. B. Haseler to a Major Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Gonville and Caius College.

B. W. Kington to a Munro Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Queens' College.

A. D. Kirkby to an Exhibition in Modern Languages at Downing College.

D. F. Lomax to an Exhibition in Mathematics at King's College.

A. C. Pillinger to a Ratcliffe Exhibition in Geography at Selwyn College.

P. J. Riley to a Minor Scholarship in English at St. John's College.

J. D. Roberts to a Minor Scholarship in Mathematics and Physics at Trinity College.

O. C. W. Thomson to a Minor Scholarship in Classics at Trinity College.

D. J. Young to an Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Peterhouse.

*At Oxford:*

D. J. Buttress to an Open Scholarship in History at Jesus College.

P. R. Foxall to an Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at University College.

C. B. Harris to a Hulme Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Brasenose College.

J. A. A. Stockwin to a Waugh Scholarship in Classics at Exeter College.

P. J. Stoward to an Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Oriel College.

J. M. Vernon to a Demyship in Natural Sciences at Magdalen College.

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## COLOURS

We congratulate:

N. W. C. GARDNER, D. E. PLEWS, and K. R. RUSHTON on the award of their School Rugby Football Colours.

R. G. MENDELSSOHN and E. L. B. SAXON on being re-awarded their School XXX Colours.

G. H. BRINDLEY, D. J. BUTTRESS, W. D. GRIFFITHS, S. D. L. HOLLAND, D. H. JACKSON, J. D. MATHEWS, P. C. A. MOUNTFORD, J. A. PICKERING, R. D. PICKERING, B. H. SHARPE, J. R. SMETHURST, R. H. TIPTON, R. J. N. TRUNDLE, M. WILKINS, R. G. WILLISON, and J. H. WILSON on the award of their School XXX Colours.



E. L. B. SAXON, G. P. SIMPSON, and A. C. SMITH on being re-awarded their School Cricket Colours.

J. MULFORD on the award of his School Cricket Colours.

M. WILKINS on being re-awarded his School Cricket Blazer.

G. H. BRINDLEY, D. F. LOMAX, and A. MANDERS on being re-awarded their School XXII Colours.

G. D. ANDREWS, A. N. B. DAVIES, J. MANTTAN, and P. F. WILLIAMS on the award of their School XXII Colours.

J. L. WILKINS on being re-awarded his School Eton Fives Colours.

I. O. A. D. BRODIE and K. W. LLOYD on the award of their School Eton Fives Colours.

A. W. HARRIS on being re-awarded his School Tennis Colours.

K. W. LLOYD and C. G. TAYAR on being re-awarded their School Chess Colours.

R. H. GOODALL on the award of his School Chess Colours.

D. E. PLEWS and D. G. TODD on the award of their School Shooting Colours.

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## PREFECTS

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D. J. BUTTRESS (*Jeune*) has been appointed a Prefect.

The following gentlemen left at the end of the Lent Term:

G. D. CLARK (1947-54): Prefect, 1953-54; House Captain, 1953-54; Exhibitioner of St. John's College, Cambridge. (*Levett*.)

J. A. P. FUERY (1947-54): Prefect, 1953-54; Captain of Athletics, 1954; Secretary of Swimming, 1953-54; Athletics Colours, 1953-54; Swimming Colours, 1953; XXX Colours, 1952-53; Petty Officer in R.N. Section; Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. (*Evans*.)

The following gentlemen are leaving at the end of the Summer Term:

J. L. WILKINS (1947-54): Vice-Captain of the School, 1953-54; Prefect, 1953-54; President of the Cartland Club, 1953-54; Captain of Rugby Football, 1953-54; Captain of Cricket, 1953-54; Rugger Colours, 1951-52, 1953-54; Cricket Colours, 1951-54; Eton Fives Colours, 1953-54; House Captain, 1953-54; Under-Officer in C.C.F.; Bache Memorial Cup, 1954; St. John's College, Cambridge. (*Heath*.)

D. F. LOMAX (1946-54): Prefect, 1953-54; School Recorder, 1953-54; Secretary of Football, 1953-54; Rugger Colours, 1951-54; XXII Colours, 1953-54; House Captain, 1953-54; Queen's Scout; Exhibitioner of King's College, Cambridge. (*Jeune*.)

D. J. BUTTRESS (1947-54): Prefect, 1954; XXX Colours, 1953-54; Sergeant in C.C.F.; Scholar of Jesus College, Oxford. (*Jeune*.)

P. R. FOXALL (1946-54): Prefect, 1953-54; Rugger Colours, 1953-54; Swimming Colours, 1953-54; House Captain, 1953-54; Scholar of University College, Oxford. (*Cary Gilson*.)

N. W. C. GARDNER (1947-54): Prefect, 1953-54; Sub-Treasurer of the School Club, 1953-54; Rugger Colours, 1953-54; C.S.M. ("A" Coy.), 1953-54; Birmingham University. (*Prince Lee*.)

K. S. HUDSON (1947-54): Prefect, 1953-54; Vice-Captain of Rugby Football, 1952-54; Rugger Colours, 1951-54; House Captain, 1953-54; Birmingham University. (*Evans*.)

A. D. KIRKBY (1946-54): Prefect, 1953-54; Editor of the CHRONICLE, 1953-54; School Librarian, 1953-54; Secretary of the Modern Language Society, 1953-54; A.S.M. in Scouts; Exhibitioner of Downing College, Cambridge. (*Gifford*.)

R. G. MENDELSSOHN (1947-54): Prefect, 1953-54; XXX Colours, 1952-54; House Captain, 1953-54. (*Gifford*.)

G. P. SIMPSON (1948-54): Prefect, 1953-54; Vice-Captain of Cricket, 1953-54; Rugger Colours, 1953-54; Cricket Colours, 1952-54; Athletics Colours, 1954; House Captain, 1953-54; Flying Scholarship, 1954. (*Vardy*.)

J. M. VERNON (1947-54): Prefect, 1953-54; Secretary of the Scientific Society, 1953-54; Sergeant in C.C.F.; Demy of Magdalen College, Oxford. (*Cary Gilson*.)

## SCHOOL NEWS

With nineteen awards at Oxford and Cambridge to its credit, the School was placed third equal of all the schools in the country, and easily broke the previous record for the School.

We congratulate J. A. P. Fuery and P. G. Coombes on gaining Special Entry Cadetships to the Royal Navy in the Engineering and Executive Branches, and P. H. Midgeley and V. G. Hill, who have been accepted for Cadetships (Executive Branch) at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth.

We also congratulate C. R. B. Tickell on being awarded a Cadetship at the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell.

We record with regret the death in a flying accident of Flight-Cadet A. V. Bennett, O.E., of the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell.

We congratulate J. L. Wilkins on his election to the Bache Memorial Cup.

The Prefects' Christmas Ball was the usual social success. Owing to continued financial losses, through lack of support on the Summer Dance over the past few years, this event will not take place this year.

Evening Prayers, Evensong, and Corporate Communion have been held regularly throughout the year.

Great interest and curiosity was aroused in the Lent Term, when the B.B.C. Television Service invaded the School and proceeded to transform Big School into a television studio. A number of Sixth Formers took the opportunity of watching an operatic programme televised from the School.

Honourable gentlemen, who once daringly took lunch without foreknowledge of the food to be served, need suffer no longer.

Among our benefactors this term, was, rather curiously, an enterprising "pop" firm. Needless to say, we have taken to "coke" to a man.

We have also encountered a large number of rather lovely little jobs.

As speakers in the "The World in which we live" series of lectures on Saturday mornings, the Sixth Form has welcomed a local magistrate, a publisher, a geographer, a rather nice young man from Fleet Street, a space-travel enthusiast, and the local M.P.

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## GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL, 1953-54

Among a number of most welcome gifts to the School during the year, we should like to record our special thanks for those of two donors in particular, whose gifts will bring about valuable changes in the buildings. Firstly, in memory of A. C. W. Aldis, O.E. 1900, Mr. John Aldis and his mother have given a bequest to equip a new optical laboratory. Secondly, the relatives of Harold Smith, O.E. 1902, have given a bequest to equip, in his memory, an additional music room.

Since the opening of the Cartland Room, a number of visitors, impressed with its beauty and magnificence, have wished to make further gifts to it. In particular, we would thank Mrs. Cartland and her daughter

for the gift of the antique clock, and Mr. John Cartland for a generous gift of books to the Cartland Library.

To commemorate the year in which King Edward's School won the Public Schools' Fives Competition, the winning pair, A. J. G. Campbell and N. C. Brown, have given a Challenge Cup for House junior fives. A. W. Harris, the retiring Captain of Squash, has given as a leaving present, a School Squash Trophy.

To these and to others who have given us gifts, ancient and modern, we set on record our most grateful thanks.

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## FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S NEEDS

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## THE CARTLAND CLUB

The Cartland Room was officially opened on the 22nd September, 1953 and its first meeting took place in the Cartland room on the 28th. So the club is approaching the completion of its first school year—a very successful one.

Like all infants in their first twelve months, the club has been lavished with gifts. The Room itself was the first one and those that followed have been fine echoes of this one magnificent stroke. The latest has been a sum of money from Mr. John Cartland to buy books for a Cartland Room Library. These have arrived and the collection contains some very attractive volumes from both a literary and a typographical point of view. I should like to thank, on behalf of the members, all those who have given gifts—from stationery to kettles—to the club, particularly of course the Cartland family.

The room is marvellous ; it is luxuriously decorated in scarlet leather and light oak, extremely comfortable and in a suitably imposing position. It is a very appropriate setting for the club itself, which consists of fifty to sixty members, drawn mainly from the Upper Sixth form. It is surely right that selection should be made—the room, of proper club dimensions, cannot hold the whole Sixth form, much less any more of the school. This is not, however, intellectual snobbery, for, after all, admission to the school itself is regulated by intellectual worth, not by wealth, sporting qualities or the ability to write controversial letters to newspapers.

The Club, in fact, provides the body of *élites* on whose eminence a well-balanced society depends. It is a solid core of worth, to which the rest of the school will look for its standards, ambitions and manners. For the Club contains all the prefects, all the house prefects, and secretaries of the leading societies, and from its original members came seventeen of the nineteen university awards won by the school. These boys are now united, undivided by lengths of corridor, laboratory smells, academic rivalries or form-room walls, a source of example which will draw the whole school, down to the humblest Shell boy, together into an ideal, stable social pyramid.

D.N.G.

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## THE WAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL

During Lent a celebration of the Holy Communion was held every Tuesday morning. For these services the Chapel was sometimes almost, sometimes quite, full. We wish it were nearer to being full at the short Friday evening services which go on regularly through the year. This term two series of addresses have been given at these services : one on the Holy Communion, and the other on the Fruit of the Spirit.

Since the last number of the *CHRONICLE* went to press we have received the following gifts, for which we are very grateful : from B. F. Leek (1953), a wafer-box; from J. M. H. Buckler (1953), a green burse and veil; from P. W. Burton (1953), a blue burse and veil; from Mrs. K. M. Drew, a donation towards a carpet.

We hope that before the end of this term we shall take into use kneeling rails and stalls for minister and precentor, all of which have been designed and made chiefly by J. B. Haseler, with Mr. Hurn's ever resourceful advice and supervision. Parents, Old Edwardians, leavers and other friends of the School who are disposed to make us a gift are urged not to hesitate : after buying timber for benches we have now exhausted our Chapel Fund, although we still need—apart from a number of smaller articles—a permanent altar, four more benches, and two more kneeling rails.

F.J.W.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

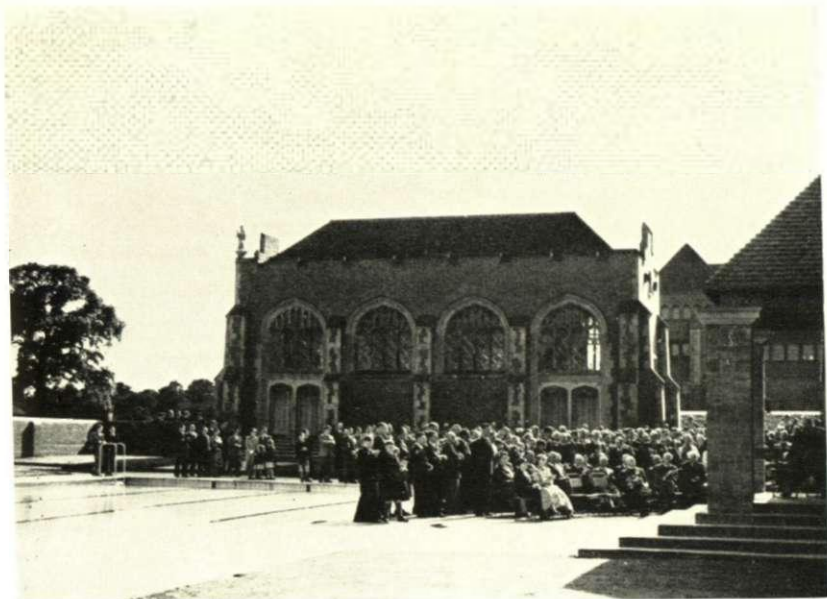
### OLD EDWARDIAN LETTER

*To the Editor of the CHRONICLE.*

SIR.—One's first and most pleasant task, this term, is to congratulate the School on its impressive record of Scholarships and Exhibitions won at Oxford and Cambridge. Not the oldest inhabitant of the Club rooms, not even the dustiest of Dons at the oldest of Universities, can recall a comparable year. We note with admiration that only two schools stand above K.E.S.—Manchester, twice our size; and Bristol. Maybe you will improve on this next year! Now we look for consequential results a little later in a higher sphere—a few more Firsts, a Fellowship or two to add to that of N. S. Sutherland.

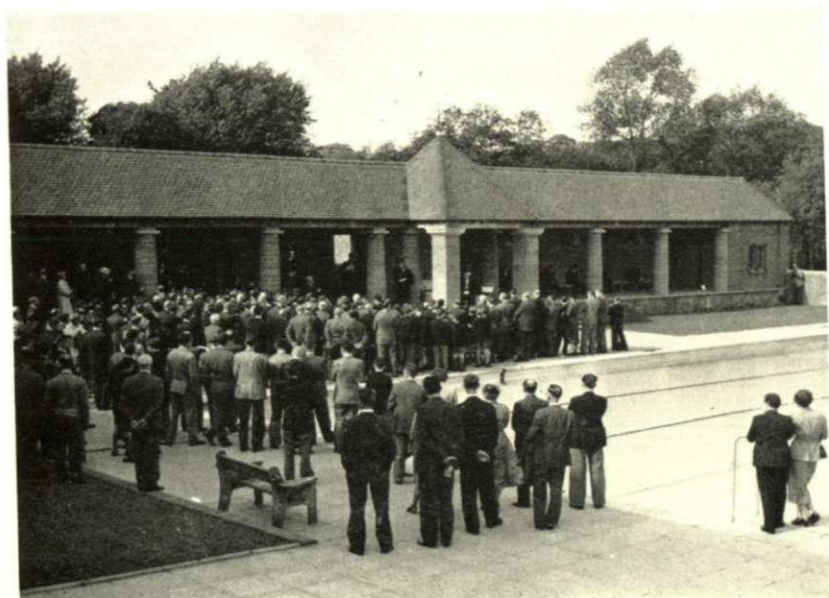
Our own Honours, though not to be compared with yours, are perhaps worth noting—a G.C.V.O. for Sir William Slim, to add to the





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#### THE PREFECTS, 1953-54

*Standing (left to right) : G. P. SIMPSON, B. C. GANE, D. J. BUTTRESS, R. G. MENDELSSOHN, J. M. VERNON, K. S. HUDSON, A. D. KIRKBY, N. W. C. GARDNER.*  
*Seated (left to right) : D. F. LOMAX, J. D. L. ADAMS (Captain of the School), THE CHIEF MASTER, J. L. WILKINS (Vice-Captain), P. R. FOXALL.*

many letters trailing after his name; the K.B.E. for Sir Robert Bird, long ago a Knight, and for Air-Marshal C. E. N. Guest; a Knighthood for Donald Hurst. *Per contra* we mourn the passing of not a few distinguished O.E.s, most of them at a ripe age. It is for the younger generations to fill up the gaps. How many years is it since an O.E. was made a Bishop or became Head of an Oxford or Cambridge college?

The Association's affairs prosper, though our one athletic success was the excellent show put up by the Golfing Society in the Halford Hewitt. A stricter watch by the Hon. Registrar and Hon. Treasurer on both subscriptions and addresses has done a power of good. A very small minority have taken amiss, not very badly amiss, reminders that subscriptions are due at the *beginning* of the year; a very large majority have made a point of paying early. As a consequence we have money in the bank instead of expectations and an overdraft; and have even been able to start the long overdue refurbishing of the Club rooms. These domestic matters we venture to mention because shortly, we hope, they will interest you directly.

Mere modesty has left to the close of this letter what we regard as the Association's greatest achievement so far. On June 23rd we were able to hand over to the School Captain, complete at long last, the Memorial Swimming Bath, Cloister and Surround we set in hand close on ten years ago. To finish the job properly has not been easy; we honestly believe it would have been impossible had not our Old Boys been organized into a solid and active corporation for over seventy years. True, many generous donors were not active Association members, some not even members at all. But it was the existence of the Association as a body that really made the great enterprise possible.

The weather smiled on the great occasion. Speeches were brief and to the point. (In passing, may we congratulate the School Captain on his.) The Swimming Match against a strong O.E. side, collected by G. R. Green, ended handsomely in a tie (27 all) after the School just lost the Relay. Finally, the Governors' hospitality afterwards was the crown of a happy evening.

Through it all one was impressed most by the gathering together of so many O.E.s of every age from the eighties down to the eighteens. It was, one hopes, an inspiration to the School. It was, most certainly, a justification, if any were needed, of the Association that seeks to canalise all this goodwill, to bring and keep Old Boys together, however widely their jobs in life may separate them.

But enough—this letter is already too long. The best of wishes from all of us to all of you.

O.E.

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## CAMBRIDGE LETTER

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*To the Editor of the CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR.—Let us away for a while, from the sordid circle of University politics, the mud-slinging of undergraduate newspapers, the hearty world of sport, the constant flow of shop-bought coffee, the busy life of Woolworths and the Market Square; let us instead creep up unawares on the so ordinary life of the so ordinary majority of Old Edwardians in

Cambridge. On such unsullied creatures as D. C. Ward (St. John's) whose main occupation is forging signatures in the College Suggestions books, or B. S. Mather (Trinity) whose present disguise consists of dark glasses and a beard. We have followed E. H. G. Chitham (Jesus) about the city; no longer do his footsteps lead him to the bus garage. H. G. Brierley (King's) was last seen playing with Slinky on a remote staircase. His fellow Kingsman, K. F. Neeves, is a member of the Inter-Collegiate Christian Union, while Billy Graham has worked wonders for D. J. McK. Ford (St. John's). G. T. Lyall (Pembroke) has seen fit to announce publicly that he claims his hair is no longer red. P. J. Welbank (Trinity) covers his tracks by Morris dancing in front of Great St. Mary's, or disappearing into the wilder fens with the Rambling Club. He is accompanied thither by R. A. Tomlinson (St. John's), who is otherwise engaged on an extensive study of Cambridge slum life.

What a relief, then, it is to come to J. de C. Ling (Clare), whose major sin is an attempt to bring a personal touch into the Tudor Club, or to R. C. Perkins (also Clare) who in fact carries this out. We believe that R. N. Doubleday (Downing) is still in Cambridge. D. E. Lloyd (Caius) is fighting for a reputation in the Chess Club. H. B. Gottschalk's (Peterhouse) main ambition is to look like a post-Aristotelian philosopher.

But enough personal comment. Let us class the rest of us, all in our neat little columns on the Tudor club card, as either hearty or virtuous, or, preferably, both. And what of your correspondent? As he is about to depart on an attempt to blow up the University library, he hastens to sign himself.

Your most obedient servant,

CANTABRIGIENSIS.

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## OXFORD LETTER

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In common with most Oxford Correspondents to the CHRONICLE, in my last report I contented myself with trying to mention as many O.E.s as space allowed, with only a passing reference to our organisation, the Genista Club. But this last year has seen a record number of meetings of the Club—there have been five in all—and I think that before I subside into mere superfluous chit-chat, it would be as well to report these functions.

Our Freshmen's Tea at the beginning of the year showed us eight new members of whom little has, unfortunately, been seen since. John Buckler (B.N.C.) and Glen Yardley (St. John's) have been rowing, which pastime will explain, if not excuse, their absence from civilised society. Michael Maxam's preoccupation with the Wallabies at Worcester leaves him little time for human converse, but of the others, save for the ubiquitous Vern Wright (St. Caths) little is heard and less is seen. However, hermits, oarsmen and socialities, almost forty in number, left their retreats in the Turl, the Isis and Long John's to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Howarth and Mr. Burgess to our Sherry Party last December, and some twenty of us gathered in the Mitre one evening last term for the Annual Dinner, when our guests were Sir Charles Morris, the Chief Master, and the School Captain. This latter function was particularly

enjoyable, despite the President's rather dubious biological stories and the Secretary's half-grown beard. This term we were guests at a tea party given by Sir Donald Finnemore, who was in Oxford as Judge of the Assize; and this week there is a tripartite meeting in Oxford with London and Cambridge O.E.s. Altogether, for an association whose essential characteristic has always been its nebulosity, this year has been truly remarkable in the amount of organised activity.

Moreover, hardly a week passes without some kind of informal meeting of various members. Pte G. F. B. Laughland, B.A. (Oxon.), has been entertained, and entertaining, at the Kemp, the King's Arms, and the Welsh Pony at various times during his distinguished military career; at G. R. Green's party last term, only the subdued lighting and the strength of the "refreshment" prevented me from distinguishing many whose names are inscribed forever on the Honour Boards and in the Prefects' Black Book at K.E.S.; and although Joe Gottschalk has left his cigar-scented rooms at Pembroke to live in work-infested "digs" in the Banbury Road, one always has the comfort of hot chocolate and cold Catholicism with Paul Gardner at Balliol in the hours of cigarette-less depression.

Thus, in our varied ways we meet and pass as ships in the night. Old-Boymanship is, fortunately, not a malignant disease amongst O.E.s, but we are aware of each other and occasionally appreciate each other's existence by meeting together. The strength of any Old Boys' Association lies not in its formal meetings or its organisation, but in the feeling that in any thing we undertake, singly or collectively, our actions are somehow governed by what we learned in our six or seven years at K.E.S. This is the true Old-Boy spirit and as such, I believe it exists in Oxford.

Yours sincerely,

OXONIENSIS.



## RUGBY FOOTBALL

The final statistics of the Rugby Football season, 1953-54, read: played 15, won 12, lost 2, drawn 1, points for 230, against 55. The defeats were inflicted by Denstone College 8—11 and by Christ's Hospital 3—10.

The reason for the success of the team was the enthusiasm and keenness shown by everybody who played. An encouraging feature was that the team played harder and often better under adverse conditions. For example, against Wrekin College, with three reserves in the side, we gave our best performance, winning by 5 points to 3. Injuries became worse and more frequent until against Christ's Hospital, the whole back division had only one regular member. However, the splendid second XV who were unbeaten, contributed in no small measure by providing many reserves who always performed creditably.

In the Public Schools' Seven-a-side Competition we were knocked out in the first round by Truro School after a rather disappointing game.



The reason for this defeat was the complete lack of any real speed in the backs with the forwards being good scrummagers, but not fast enough on the ball. Having the School Athletic Sports only three days before the competition did not help matters.

The team enjoyed its matches, which is, we hope, some reward for the efforts of Mr. Parry, who has helped us all so much and will certainly continue to improve our standard of Rugger.

In conclusion, I wish A. Bramley and his XV good fortune and hope they have a successful season.

J.L.W.

## FINAL RESULTS

### THE XV

<i>Date.</i>		<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Played.</i>	<i>Result.</i>	<i>Score:</i>	
					<i>For.</i>	<i>Against.</i>
1953						
Oct.	3	Ratcliffe College	Away	Won	25	6
"	10	R.G.S., Worcester	Home	Won	18	6
"	17	Denstone College	Home	Lost	8	11
"	24	Trent College	Away	Won	43	3
"	27	Solihull School	Away	Won	30	0
"	31	Workshop College	Home	Won	28	9
Nov.	7	Bromsgrove School	Home	Won	9	0
"	14	Nottingham High School	Away	Won	11	0
"	21	Wrekin College	Away	Won	5	3
"	28	Bedford Modern School	Away	Won	23	0
Dec.	5	Warwick School	Away	Drawn	3	3
"	16	Christ's Hospital (London)		Lost	3	10
1954						
Jan.	23	Old Edwardian Extra 1st XV	Home	Won	12	3
Feb.	6	Mount St. Mary's College	Away	Cancelled.		
"	17	K.E.G.S., Aston	Home	Won	12	3
"	20	Cardiff High School	Home	Cancelled.		



## CRICKET

The undoubted success of a fairly young XI so far this year is due entirely to the unflagging coaching of Messrs. Guy and Cockle.

The scoreboard reads so far: Played 11, won 5, drawn 4, lost 2.

The batting has normally been reliable with Simpson, Saxon, Mulford and Wilkins, M., all performing very well and helping to amass some large totals. However, the bowling is less effective, though Mulford and latterly Manttan bowled steadily and were mainly responsible for keeping the opponents' score to reasonable proportions.

Of the performances this year, the win by two wickets against Denstone with a second wicket stand of 141 between G. P. Simpson and J. L. Wilkins, and the win by eight wickets against Warwick School must be mentioned as outstanding.



The fielding at all times has been sound, with some first-class catches being held in the deep and near the wicket, but the ground fielding generally is a little slow.

It is to be hoped that the second half of the season will be as successful as the first, of which there is little doubt if the spirit and enthusiasm of the team continues.

The Second XI, under a number of captains, has been unsuccessful, mainly due to timid and unadventurous batting, but partly due to the calls made by injuries in the XI. It is hoped that the remainder of the season will see an improvement.

The Under Fifteen XI has won two matches and lost one out of five. There has been some stable batting and quite steady bowling. An encouraging feature is the high standard of fielding, which augurs well for the future.

The strong point of the Under Fourteen XI is also their fielding, but much promise is shown both with the bat and ball, and more success will come with greater confidence.

Our unreserved thanks are due to Messrs. Guy and Cockle who have coached and advised the XI; to Messrs. Trott and Leeds for working hard with the Second XI; to Messrs. Sacret, Freeman and all the other masters who spend considerable time coaching the Juniors.

J.L.W.

# CRICKET RESULTS

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

(Played at *Hunnington*, 1st May.)

The XI	154 (E. L. B. Saxon 53, G. D. Andrews 41, J. A. M. Harrod 7 for 47).
Old Edwardians	98 (P. R. Langham 23, A. N. B. Davies 4 for 25, J. Mulford 3 for 4).

## THE XI v. TRENT COLLEGE

(Played at *Trent*, 8th May)

The XI	125 (J. L. Wilkins 50, J. Mulford 24, Cattell 4 for 28, Reading 3 for 13).
Trent College	90 (J. D. Green 33, M. J. Disney 4 for 23, A. N. B. Davies 5 for 18).

## THE XI v. WYGGESTON G.S.

(Played at *Eastern Road*, 15th May.)

Wyggeston G.S.	180 for 9 declared (D. Holland 51, R. D. Rawson 27, A. N. B. Davies 4 for 38, J. Mulford 3 for 42).
The XI	183 for 6 (J. L. Wilkins 58, E. L. B. Saxon 45, R. Cross 3 for 50).

## THE XI v. SHREWSBURY SCHOOL "A" XI

(Played at *Eastern Road*, 20th May.)

Shrewsbury "A" XI	139 for 9 declared (J. O. Redman 33, M. Williams 29, J. L. Wilkins 3 for 35, A. Manders 2 for 12).
The XI	113 for 4 (G. P. Simpson 35 not out, E. L. B. Saxon 24, M. Wilkins 22).

## THE XI v. DENSTONE COLLEGE

(Played at *Denstone*, 22nd May.)

Denstone College	206 for 8 declared (E. J. Everall 68, G. Blenkinsop 53, B. J. Fradley 36, A. Manders 5 for 42).
The XI	209 for 8 (J. L. Wilkins 80, G. P. Simpson 80, A. Phillips 4 for 84, T. Burke 3 for 58).

THE XI v. WARWICKSHIRE CLUB AND GROUND  
(*Played at the County Ground, 25th May.*)

The Club and Ground	....	143 for 7 declared (J. S. Ord 42, R. Robotham 39, J. L. Wilkins 3 for 23).
The XI	_____	94 for 4 (J. L. Wilkins 38, A. C. Smith 28 not out).

THE XI v. NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL  
(*Played at Eastern Road, 29th May.*)

Nottingham H.S.		180 for 9 declared (J. Rutherford 54, N. Warren 37, J. L. Wilkins 4 for 56, J. Mulford, 4 for 61.)
The XI	_____	89 (J. L. Wilkins 36, G. P. Simpson 20, S. Unwin 5 for 40).

THE XI v. WARWICK SCHOOL  
(*Played at the County Ground, 1st June.*)

Warwick School		161 (R. G. Huband 71, M. S. Cook 39, J. L. Wilkins 4 for 12, M. Wilkins 3 for 47).
The XI	_____	162 for 2 (E. L. B. Saxon 58 not out, M. Wilkins 54).

THE XI v. THE COMMON ROOM  
(*Played at Eastern Road, 12th June.*)

The XI	_____	132 for 7 declared (J. Mulford 33, A. C. Smith 31, J. L. Wilkins 29, T. G. Freeman 4 for 49).
The Common Room	_____	113 for 8 (W. R. Buttle 28, A. Manders 2 for 24, J. Manttan 3 for 19).

THE XI v. ST. EDMUND HALL, OXFORD  
(*Played at Oxford, 17th June.*)

St. Edmund Hall		158 for 7 declared (P. Ford 31, J. Skinner 30, J. Marlton 2 for 43).
The XI	_____	96 for 7 (G. P. Simpson 55 not out, J. Branston 4 for 23).

Matches to come:

June	19	The XI v. R.G.S., Worcester (Away).
	26	The XI v. Bromsgrove School (Home).
July	3	The XI v. Solihull School (Away).
"	6	The XI v. Manchester Grammar School (Home).
"	10	The XI v. Bedford Modern School (Away).
"	17	The XI v. Old Edwardians Association (Home).

## CRICKET CHARACTERS

J. L. WILKINS, *Captain* (1951-2-3-4). An excellent all-rounder, combining with his enthusiasm a great determination to win. As a batsman he sets an excellent example to the rest of the team, for he has curbed somewhat a natural inclination to hit out before playing himself in. He possesses a large range of strokes, and is able to hit the ball tremendously hard, especially on the leg side.

Having completely recovered from a knee injury, he now bowls fast and vigorously, with accuracy not seen last season. In the field, he is always keen, possessing a very powerful throw.

A strict captain, expecting the best from his team in the field.

(*Heath*).

G. P. SIMPSON, *Vice-Captain* (1952-3-4). Undoubtedly the soundest batsman in the team with a defence which few school bowlers can penetrate. He has developed many more attacking strokes and can now score quite freely when required. A very polished fielder in any position and a useful bowler, it is certain, if he were ever called upon. As Vice-Captain, he is a first-class example to the rest of the team.

(*Captain of Vardy.*)

A. C. SMITH, *Wicket-keeper* (1952-3-4). Yet again this season, he has shown what a very fine wicket-keeper he is, and has played no small part in producing a successful team. He moves across both to the "off" and "leg" with almost professional ease, but of late one or two possible chances have been grounded. His batting is disappointing and shows a lack of concentration. He is always willing to take off the pads and bowl in a difficult situation. (*Captain of Evans.*)

E. L. B. SAXON (1953-4). Forceful right-hand opening bat, who has scored quite freely and consistently this season, playing some very valuable innings. Noticeable is his increased range of strokes, for he no longer relies mainly on the "leg-side" push. His fielding is good, and he has a powerful throw. (*Captain of Levett.*)

J. MULFORD, *Secretary* (1954). A young player whose all-round competence belies his age. His right-arm off-break bowling has been the mainstay of the attack, whilst his very tenacious batting has saved the side on more than one occasion. He may, however, be sometimes criticised for bowling or batting defensively; more aggression, especially with the bat, will come with experience. A safe fielder. (*Evans.*)

M. WILKINS \* A right-hand opening batsman, who has shown great improvement. He has been unfortunate in getting out early in some matches, thus, perhaps losing a little confidence. Nevertheless, when he finds his touch, he is able to score very freely, and, with more concentration, ought to do very well indeed. As a bowler, he has not come up to expectation, being disinclined to bowl a length. He can bowl both leg-breaks and googlies, but his most dangerous ball is a "treble-bouncer." He is, in general, a very safe fielder, possessing a good hard throw. (*Captain of Heath.*)

A. MANDERS † A steady medium-paced opening bowler who can move the ball both ways. He has obtained more wickets this season than before because now he pitches the ball up, but must learn to bowl at the stumps. His batting suffers from nerves, but is always liable to come off. Rather slow in the field. (*Vardy.*)

A. N. B. DAVIES † A bright prospect for future School cricket, showing great promise. A young right-arm off-break bowler who has taken many valuable wickets for the School. He has the confidence to flight the ball, and is able to keep a steady length. A competent batsman, although, at the moment, he lacks aggression. Safe in the field, his catching excels. (*Levett.*)

J. MANTTAN \* A bowler who has only been unearthed recently but already shows great ability as a seam bowler. His length is very good, and he is capable of moving the ball both ways. Slow but safe in the field, whilst his batting remains an unknown quantity. (*Evans.*)

D. F. LOMAX † A right-hand batsman who has shown much improved form this year and has made some useful scores. He suffers from not moving his feet and is especially vulnerable to slow bowlers. A very safe pair of hands make him a competent fielder.

(*Captain of Jeune.*)

G. D. ANDREWS † A young player of much promise who has shown considerable powers of concentration in more than one difficult situation. Good, if a little over-exuberant, in the field. (*Vardy.*)

P. F. WILLIAMS † A young player who has improved consistently this season. His batting shows great promise as he has a very sound defence. Strokes will come with confidence and experience, but he must try to hit the bad ball. Rather slow in the field. (Gifford.)

The following have also played : G. H. BRINDLEY, † M. J. DISNEY, A. D. HOLLAND, P. N. BROMLEY.

\*Denotes School Cricket Blazer.

†Denotes School XXII Colours.

The Second XI has been chosen from: G. H. Brindley, Wilson, R. K., Tipton, R. H., Bromley, J. N., Sharpe, B. H., Robinson, P. G., Alexander, T. J. R., Holland, A. D., Pickering, R. D., Disney, M. J., Pendry, J. S., Whitley, N. J., Parslew, M., Soutter, D. F. and Fletcher, J. A.

## CRICKET RECORDS

The following additions should be made to the list of records compiled in the July, 1949 edition of the CHRONICLE, and supplemented in July, 1950 and July, 1951:

Hat Trick: J. L. Wilkins v. R.G.S., Worcester, at Eastern Road in 1953.

Batsmen who have finished the season with an average greater than 40.

		<i>Innings.</i>	<i>Times Not out.</i>	<i>Highest Score.</i>	<i>Total Runs.</i>	<i>Average.</i>
1951	P. A. Gough	18	4	82*	582	41·6
1952	F. B. Revill	18	2	147	664	41·5

Bowlers with more than 50 wickets in a season:

	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Overs.</i>	<i>Maidens.</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Wickets.</i>	<i>Average.</i>
1951	O. S. Wheatley	304·4	102	731	55	13·3
1952	O. S. Wheatley	315	99	691	51	13·56
1952	D. H. Benson	312·4	98	604	51	11·84

Centuries:

147 F. B. Revill v. Bromsgrove School, at Eastern Road, 1952.

110\* B. C. Homer v. Bromsgrove School, at Eastern Road, 1952.

New Record Stand for Third Wicket:

266 F. B. Revill and B. C. Homer v. Bromsgrove School, at Eastern Road in 1952.

The old record was 208 made in 1927.

Worthy additions to the list of all-round performances:

	<i>Wickets.</i>	<i>Average.</i>	<i>Runs.</i>	<i>Average.</i>
F. B. Revill, 1952	43	12·56	664	41·5
O. S. Wheatley, 1952	51	13·56	304	17·88

## ATHLETICS

Adverse weather conditions marred as always our brief season of Athletics, causing the cancellation of one inter-school match. Of the two fixtures which were fulfilled, however, the away match with Ratcliffe College provided an unpleasant surprise in the shape of annihilation by an altogether fitter team. This defeat reveals that, if competition is to be maintained with boarding-schools of this standard, Athletics must be treated as a major activity.

The Sports were held on Saturday, March 27th, an afternoon remarkable for its lack of rain. However, an already wet track did not make for fast times, and the two records broken were in field events. Jeune having previously registered their seemingly inevitable "Standards" victory for the John Urry Cup, the competition for the Championship Shield was keen, culminating in triumph for Cary Gilson.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. A. F. Adams, who presented the awards after the Sports, and as usual to Mr. Cadenhead and other masters for their work in coaching, organisation and administration.

D.H.J.

## RESULTS OF MATCHES

SCHOOL V. WARWICK SCHOOL AND R.G.S., WORCESTER

*(Held at Eastern Road on 13th March, 1954.)*

*Result :* School 62½ points; R.G.S. 26 points; Warwick 39½ points.

*Junior Match :* Warwick 41½ points; R.G.S. 40½ points; School 35 points.

SCHOOL V. RATCLIFFE COLLEGE

*(Held at Ratcliffe on 18th March, 1954. On Cinders.)*

*Result :* Ratcliffe College 59½ points; School 43½ points.

*Junior Match :* Ratcliffe College 61 points; School 33 points.

The team this year has been selected from: N. C. Brown, D. H. Jackson, R. K. Wilson, G. P. Simpson, A. Bramley, P. G. Coombes, S. D. L. Holland, B. S. Adams, Saxon, E. L. B., Manders, A., Sharpe, B. H., Tipton, R. H., Pendry, J. S., Davenall, W. W., Grogan, R., Mountford, P. C. A.

## ATHLETICS SPORTS RESULTS

### OPEN EVENTS:

100 yards: 1, Simpson; 2, Tipton; 3, Mountford. 11·0 secs.  
 220 yards: 1=, Simpson, Wilson; 3, Davenall. 24·8 secs.  
 440 yards: 1, Jackson; 2, Wilson; 3, Simpson. 55·6 secs.  
 880 yards: 1, Jackson; 2, Coombes; 3, Millar. 2 mins. 9·0 secs.  
 One Mile: 1, Jackson; 2, Coombes; 3, Grogan. 4 mins. 58·4 secs.  
 High Jump: 1, Adams; 2, Evans, Davenall. 5-ft. 3½-in.  
 Long Jump: 1, Davenall; 2, Mountford; 3, Plews. 19-ft. 0½-in.  
 Hurdles: 1, Bramley; 2=, Pilling, Wilson. 16·6 secs.  
 Discus: 1, Adams; 2=, Sharpe, Manders. 102-ft. 6-in.  
 Weight: 1, Bramley; 2, Nightingale; 3, Brown. 37-ft. 4¾-in.  
 Javelin: 1, Adams; 2, Andrews; 3, Bramley. 143-ft. 9-in.  
 Relay (4×110): Vardy.  
 Cross Country Run: 1, Kington; 2, Brown; 3, Jackson. 20 mins. 49·4 secs.

### INTERMEDIATE EVENTS:

100 yards: 1, Russell; 2, Holland, R. P.; 3, Bromley. 11·6 secs.  
 220 yards: 1, Russell; 2, Bromley; 3, Holland, R. P. 25·6 secs.  
 440 yards: 1, Russell; 2, Bromley; 3, Holland, R. P. 59·6 secs.  
 880 yards: 1, Ogborn; 2, Bull; 3, Leigh. 2 mins. 16·4 secs.  
 High Jump: 1, Holland, A. D.; 2, Midgeley; 3, Guest. 4-ft. 8-in.  
 Long Jump: 1, Mountford, J. D.; 2, Midgeley; 3, Holland, A. D. 16-ft. 6½-in.  
 Hurdles: 1, Holland, R. P.; 2, Mountford, J. D.; 3, Midgeley. 12·0 secs.  
 Discus: 1, Henley; 2, Spencer; 3, Spiers. 88-ft. 0-in.  
 Weight: 1, Masters; 2, Spiers; 3, Dauncey. 32-ft. 1-in.  
 Javelin: 1, Whitley; 2, Robinson; 3, Goode. 14-ft. 10½-in. *Record.*  
 Relay (4×110): Gifford.  
 Cross County Run: 1, Leigh; 2, Ogborn; 3, Guest. 14 mins. 15·6 secs.



#### JUNIOR EVENTS:

100 yards: 1, Brown; 2, Cashmore; 3, Beaumont. 13.0 secs.  
220 yards: 1, Beaumont; 2, Brown; 3, Webley. 29.6 secs.  
High Jump: 1, McCarty; 2, Russell; 3, Udell. 4-ft. 2-in.  
Long Jump: 1, Udell; 2, Webley; 3, Brown. 14-ft. 5-in.  
Cricket Ball: 1, Hornig; 2, McCarty; 3, Webley. 196-ft. 6-in.  
Relay (4×110): Vardy.

#### UNDER 12½ EVENTS:

80 yards: 1, Jones; 2, Whitehouse; 3, Papps. 11.0 secs.  
150 yards: 1, Jones; 2, Whitehouse; 3, Papps. 20.0 secs.  
High Jump: 1, Reeves; 2, Jones; 3, Papps. 3-ft. 11-in.  
Long Jump: 1, Jones; 2, Reeves; 3, Papps. 14-ft. 0-in. *Record.*  
Cricket Ball: 1, Smallwood; 2, Smith; 3, Dunn. 153-ft. 11-in.  
Relay (4×110): Levett

Open Championship: D. H. Jackson.  
Intermediate Championship: Russell.  
Junior Championship: Brown, C. H.  
Under 12½ Championship: Jones.  
Holdsworth Cup (for Senior Relay): Vardy.  
Robert Moseley Cup (Intermediate Relay): Gifford.  
Tudor Trophy (Junior Relays): Vardy.  
Richards Cup (Cross Country Run): Heath.  
John Urry Cup (Standards): Jeune.  
Wiggins-Davies Cup (for Athletic Sports): Cary Gilson.  
Mitten Shield (Athletic Championship): Cary Gilson.

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## SWIMMING



Initially it is my most pleasant duty to thank the Old Edwardians for their completed gift of the Memorial Cloister, the Bath and the Surround. This gift is deeply appreciated and will undoubtedly prove itself to be an invaluable social and sporting asset to the School.

“Swimming this year has been very slow in starting”; thus I quote my predecessor. Unfortunately this year the start has been even slower. With Midsummer’s Day reached, general school swimming had barely begun. It is in expectation that we thank the parents for their contributions to the heating fund.

The VI has remained undaunted in the face of these disadvantages and willingly has trained in water frequently as low as 58°F. As a result, despite the departure of the majority of last year’s team—containing as it did four record holders in six events, and constituting, on performances, the best team yet to have represented the School—moderately good results have been obtained. Indeed, three of the matches swum to date have been won, but the harder fixtures lie ahead. Yet the future is faced with no little confidence, for whatever might be the final results this year, several members of the VI remain to swim in 1955. If much hard practice is done, then the prospects are good.

J.D.L.A.

## ETON FIVES



This year Fives is enjoying great popularity, and this new enthusiasm for the game is reflected in the success of the School team. The first pair, N. C. Brown and I. O. A. D. Brodie, lost only twice, each time to Highgate School on Highgate courts. The second pair (from K. W. Lloyd, J. L. Wilkins

and Smith, A. C.) has performed very creditably considering its lack of experience.

At the end of the Christmas term, the team made its annual London tour, and for the first time we won all three matches: v. Westminster 5—2, v. Aldenham 5—4 and v. City of London 5—3. The tour proved a great social success and provided us with some much-needed match practice. During Lent term, three matches were played. We lost to the Old Citizens by 3—5, due to a disappointing 3—0 defeat for the second pair. Shrewsbury were beaten 5—4, undoubtedly the School's best win of the season—but we lost 1—6 to Highgate, who had been enjoying an unbeaten season.

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIP, 1954.

As last year, this tournament was held at Highgate School, and again the School entered two pairs: Brown and Brodie, and Lloyd and Bird (M. R.). In the first round, the first pair easily defeated Lancing III (12—6, 12—1, 12—0), but the second pair were unfortunate in meeting a strong pair from St. Olave's, and were defeated 12—4, 12—5, 14—13 in a match they might well have won had they won the third game, since they were then settling down and getting the measure of their opponents.

In the second round, Brown and Brodie scored a comfortable win over Berkhamsted I by 12—0, 12—5, 12—4. In the third round we met Highgate, who had earlier beaten us in a School match. Once again their smashing was considerably better than ours and they were much faster around the court, but they allowed us to play our tactical game, and consequently did most of the running. In the first two games we twice held the lead at 9—7 but eventually lost both by 9—12. The third game was fought at terrific pace. Again we held the lead, but slipped back to 10 all. It was decided to play to 15, and we went into a 13—10 lead. Once again Highgate pulled up and the score reached 14 all and remained there for some time before a simple return was put down and we were out of the competition, which was easily won by the Highgate pair.

Finally, our report would not be complete if we were not to thank the Second Master for his help and especially for keeping us supplied with equipment.

## ETON FIVES CHARACTERS

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N. C. BROWN, *Captain* (1952-3-4). The outstanding player of the side, he possesses a large number of powerful shots, notably the overhead smash which he plays superbly with either hand. His tactical play has always been exemplary and has been the main reason for the success of the team. An enthusiastic and remarkably efficient captain. K.W.L.

I. O. A. D. BRODIE (1953-4.). A well-built, stocky left-handed player, he has by hard practice become a very competent player indeed. He is perhaps a little slow upstep, but his downstep play is very aggressive, while his shrewdly placed and very fast first cut has completely bewildered nearly all his opponents. He should be congratulated on his fine display against Highgate.

K. W. LLOYD (1953-4). When on form, an extremely difficult opponent to beat. He is undoubtedly a very fine tactical player and on his day will dominate the game in the best of company. He has practised hard and is now overcoming his main fault of inconsistency. He has a very hard first cut, which when it is more controlled should be a very useful shot. Captain for 1954-5.

J. L. WILKINS (1953-4). Unfortunately numerous official duties have reduced his appearances on the courts this year. This is a pity since he could, with practice, have become a very fine player. He hits the ball hard and accurately with his right hand, and his left hand is very reliable.

SMITH, A. C. Introduced to serious Fives only this year, he has given a very good account of himself. He cuts the ball well with his right hand, while his left hand is remarkably steady. When he has gained more experience, and learnt more of the tactical side of the game, he should be very good indeed.

BIRD, M. R. Has played one match for the School and performed quite creditably. He is very good upstep, but over-eagerness in trying to control the game whether he is upstep or downstep tends to leave his partner little or no scope. N.C.B.

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## SHOOTING

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### N.S.R.A. SEASON.

The winter term was a successful one for the VIII, for of our thirteen matches we lost only three. The individual averages were headed by D. G. Todd, with 95·7. Two scores of 99 were made and several of 98.

### COUNTRY LIFE SEASON.

Throughout the Lent Term the VIII shot consistently at a rather unfortunate level. The weakest aspect was the rapid fire, and despite practice, this did not become consistent. Nevertheless, we won seven of our twelve matches.

### ·303 SEASON.

Although the bangs are louder, the ·303 season has begun with a whimper. Scores have been poor, chiefly on account of lack of practice while Kingsbury was closed. In the Midland Ashburton we finished twelfth of sixteen, scoring 453. Next day four members of the team shot in the Birmingham Bisley, not without success.

Next year's team will be almost unaltered, since we lose only R. V. B. Smith and J. W. North from the regular VIII.

Finally, we must thank Major Cooke for giving us the benefit of his experience and advice, and also R.S.M. Moore, for the great attention he devotes to our weapons. Also, for the first me, we thank Flt./Lt. Traynor for considerable financial assistance.

### RESULTS OF MATCHES

<i>N.S.R.A. (H.P.S. 800)</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Agst.</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Country Life</i>			
				<i>(H.P.S. 720)</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Agst</i>	<i>Result</i>
v. Wellingborough . . .	758	761	<i>Lost</i>				
v. Eton College . . .	768	W.O.	<i>Won</i>	v. King's School,			
v. Bromsgrove . . .	760	722	<i>Won</i>	Worcester . . . .	611	677	<i>Lost</i>
v. Hampton G.S. . .	1133	1109	<i>Won</i>	v. Glasgow Academy	653	693	<i>Lost</i>
v. The Leys School . .	766	769	<i>Lost</i>	v. Bromsgrove . . . .	633	600	<i>Won</i>
				v. St. Paul's School . .	637	633	<i>Won</i>
				v. Oakham School . .	653	647	<i>Won</i>

### LAWN TENNIS

A record of won 6, lost 2 suggests that so far the VI has had a good season, and, indeed, in tennis skill, this year's team compares favourably with most School teams over the past few years. But apathy caused defeat in certainly one and possibly both of the School matches lost to date ; and a number of matches have been won by default in both the House and Singles competitions.

Nor, if we look to the future, is the outlook particularly bright. With five of this year's VI leaving at the end of term, one cannot expect very good results in School matches next year, although one or two boys staying at School for at least another year seem to be able to combine enthusiasm with some knowledge of the game. In an attempt to increase this number, coaching lessons were arranged on six days of the Easter holidays, but this was not an unqualified success for a number of reasons, not all of which can be traced to the boys themselves. To the same end, there have been practices on Monday evenings for potential members of the VI, and two 2nd VI matches have been arranged, the one against Nottingham High School having been lost, and, at the time of writing, the one against Solihull still to be played.

However, under the able and enthusiastic guidance of Mr. Osborne, School tennis will continue undeterred, and those who play it will continue, we hope, to derive enjoyment from so doing. If next year is not a record-breaking one we can always console ourselves with the thought that "the game's the thing," until we build up, as we hope we shall in the near future, a first-class VI.

R.C.T.

### P.T.

This term the House teams have been rehearsing for the P.T. competitions, to be held at the end of this term, results of which will be announced in the next edition of the CHRONICLE.

## CHESS

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School chess seems to have reached that decadence that follows a period of a high standard of development. This is particularly noticeable internally. The house competition, which was won by Gifford, was, with difficulty, completed on time.

However, the School team still does very well, though now only one of the "old guard" remains. The Junior League, Division 1, was won with ease. The second and third teams, though strong enough to have a regular team, did not do so well, but will probably—the league results are not known yet—come third and second respectively in their respective leagues. The match versus the Common Room, a long-established annual event, ended in victory for the School, another long-established annual event. It was good to see Roberts, J. D. break his run of draws—though it would have been even better had he broken it in a different way. The School's only defeat came from an extremely strong Oxford University side—almost the one which held Cambridge to a draw—determinedly out to avenge two successive defeats. No team was entered in any postal competition.

Individually there were many triumphs. K. W. Lloyd led the Warwickshire Junior Team to victory in the Inter-County Junior Championship, won an open event in the Birmingham Easter Congress, and came second in the Midland Boys' Championship. This was actually won by C. G. Tayar, who brought down with this almost as many prizes as could be won on an American television quiz programme. He obtained  $9\frac{1}{2}$  points out of 10, and came first equal in the Warwickshire Boys' and Junior League Championships with 9 out of 10. Hawes, P. K., captain of the second team, came fourth equal in the second of these, Kiparsky, P. R. V. was fourth equal in the Warwickshire Under 14 Championship, and there have been as many as nine members of the School in the first sixty boards for the County Seniors. We have the stars but also need the efficient humbler players to maintain continuity.

We should like to thank Mr. Hurn for his help throughout the season, and also Miss Chaffer, who showed so much tolerance towards the barbarism and destructiveness with which the most junior boys seem compelled to play what should be a comparatively quiet game.

D.N.G.

The School team has been drawn from: K. W. Lloyd, C. G. Tayar, R. H. Goodall, Silk, J. C., Price, C. D., Young, D. J., Roberts, J. D., Huskins, J., and D. N. Gallon.



# THE HOUSES

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## CARY GILSON

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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 sixth. Our Chess had potentialities and was played as a mathematical game, but our probability equations always appeared to include the possibility of defeat. Here again we scrambled into sixth place.

The Senior Fives team was weaker than in past years, but it was unfortunate to win only one match.

The middle of the Lent term, however, was a turning point for us all. The whole House made a concerted effort in the Athletics standards and our athletes triumphantly retained the Athletics Shield for us on Sports Day.

Cricket prospects did not look particularly encouraging. But the House has been brilliantly successful with astonishing regularity. All four sides appear to excel and revel in the sport of the English gentleman, and if they lack the traditional dignity as they play they make a valuable contribution to brighter cricket. From a total of twenty-four games we have only one defeat and two draws to spoil the record. Our team for the knock-out will not be violently disrupted by the return of members from School teams. Despite the strength of our first round opposition, we should put up a good effort.

About swimming, many advise a reverent two-minutes silence for House swimmers long departed. But lack of ability has not proved a handicap in our other activities, and so we wait and hope.

Tennis matches are played or postponed, alternately, apparently. Our success is again due to enthusiasm rather than skill and is all the more creditable for that.

Our junior Fives team is vindicating the senior team and has won all four of the matches played so far.

The House's final position in the House Championship is not completely predictable, but will assuredly be creditable ; great honour should go to those who keep up our hope. Mr. Biggs and our House Tutors, Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Weatherall, should be thanked for continued efforts to maintain a cheerful spirit of optimism and determination, despite difficulties which we encountered early in the year.

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

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## EVANS

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This year has not been a successful one for the House, for, unlike some houses, we have lacked in all our teams good individual performers, who provide a sound backbone of experience for the rest of the team and

give invaluable advice. This was especially apparent in both Rugby and Athletics where we met with little success, despite the efforts of all those who participated.

In the Senior part of the House, and to a much lesser extent in the Junior part, there has been some reluctance to play both Rugby and Athletics, but the commencement of the Summer term awoke the House from its winter hibernation and brought forward numerous volunteers who wished to indulge in the noble art of Cricket, which I feel I must point out has been played in conditions which would make even the most hardened rugger enthusiast shudder. What a magical word "Summer" is.

Our hopes for Cricket were higher than for Rugger and Athletics and we had enough players, even though we have had to sacrifice to school teams more than we expected, to make up the requisite number in each team and several reserves for each, ready and willing to turn out. These hopes, to a certain extent, were justified, for with two games of the League still to be played, we have collected more points than we did in the whole Rugger competition. With the return of School team players, providing the wicket is turning, we should do well in the knock-out competition.

Swimming is not a favourite pastime of the House, for it seems that most of the Seniors are reluctant to approach the water; this is possibly a reflection on their early childhood.

We have redeemed our good name in Chess, Fives, Tennis and Shooting and it is hoped that we should finish in the first four in all these activities.

Congratulations should be offered to the Juniors as a whole for their efforts throughout the year and the success they have brought the House, for without them we would be in a far lower position in the Championship than we already are. However, the Juniors must realise that playing for a School team is a greater honour than playing for the House. By so doing they gain experience which in later years will benefit not only them but also the House.

Although this year things have not always gone right, those of us whose time has come to part, feel assured that the prospects of the House are good and its future secure.

The House would like to thank Mr. Dunt and Mr. Buttle for all the encouragement given and for all the time they have devoted to us this year.

K. S. HUDSON (*House Captain*).

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## GIFFORD

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Quality not quantity is our watchword. Although we are small in numbers our spirit is high. We are undismayed by constant failure. Success shocks us. Indeed, our tennis team who have so far not lost a match, are regarded with amazement and awe. Cricket, however, returns us to a more placid frame of mind, for here at least we can boast a certain measure of failure. The First XI has not lived up to the high hopes of our effervescent captain, having lost more matches than it has won.

The other three teams, especially the Second XI, have done well. Here it must be pointed out that this term a grand old Gifford tradition has been broken, and for the first time in five years we have two members of the House playing for the School eleven.

But what of the minor activities? Are we holding our own at the bottom of the championship as magnificently as ever? The answer, it must shamefully be admitted, is in the negative. Our Junior Fives team is winning matches. We are third in Swimming standards, and our P.T. team has every chance of doing well. And last, but by no means least, even our eating habits show signs, however slow, of amelioration.

It seems that the bad old days of Gifford are on the way out, no doubt to be regretted by all. This year has seen the re-emergence of a certain spirit and combined effort on the part of the House. There are definite rumours abroad that if all goes well we may rise to the giddy heights of sixth in the house championship. But whatever our final position, whatever our success or failure, we can at least say to posterity "Let not Ambition mock their useful toil."

G. MENDELSSOHN (*House Captain*).

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## HEATH

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There is little time now with the multiplicity of House activities to sit back and assess our overall position. With some five weeks of the term still to go, accurate results cannot be determined.

Our fortunes have fluctuated over the past year. In the Michaelmas term great deeds were performed on the rugger field, Fives Court and may we even say, on the Chess board. Christmas seemed to have no immediate effect on the results and we continued in an all-conquering mood by convincingly winning both the Knock-out Final and Championship. At this point, however, fortune seemed to desert us, for we narrowly missed winning both the Hill Cup and the Rothe Cup. This disappointing trend continued in Athletics, where we came third, when, on paper, the championship should have been ours. Fives continued to be encouraging, but Chess returned to its normal level, and yet again Heath filled the eighth position.

With the advent of summer, members of the House have begun to show a lack of enthusiasm hitherto unknown. Cricket has consequently suffered to such an extent that not one first, third or fourth team win has been recorded. Shooting is also disappointing considering the efforts of D. E. Plews; but tennis has possibilities, we are told.

Our first object of finishing in the first half of the House Championship will be achieved, but beyond that little can be said or hoped for, because of the unaccountable lapse this term. However, next year, prospects are bright with very few stalwarts leaving and a solid core of reliable people staying on.

May I thank the House Prefects, House Officials and most of all you, Heathens, for the way you have rallied round and tried so hard. Our thanks are due also to Mr. Barlow and the House Tutors. In conclusion, on behalf of all who are leaving, I give our best wishes to the House for the future.

J. L. WILKINS (*Head of the House*).

## JEUNE

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In our lean years we have preached so ardently the gospel of non-interest in worldly matters, especially silver trophies, that a run of successes leaves us a little unsure of ourselves, perhaps even a trifle guilty, as a vicar might feel if it were discovered that he had been surreptitiously investing in the football pools. With this criterion in mind the Christmas and Lent terms embarrassed us greatly, but it appears that we are slowly regaining the straight and narrow path of circumspect morality.

At the end of the Lent term when Rugger, Athletics and Chess had been completed we were head of the house ladder, but we fear there will be many gains and losses of position as the results of the other sports are known. The winning of the Rugger Championship came as a very pleasant surprise, which must be credited to the members of the house who gained us first place in the League Competition, and especially the second XII who emerged victorious in their sphere of activity. It is many years since we last had the Rugger and Cricket Championship cups in our cupboard at the same time. A steady position of fourth in Chess, Senior Fives and Athletics, where we had the added and expected satisfaction of keeping the John Urry Cup for "standards," and a second position in what Shooting has been completed, will ensure that we do not let ourselves down in these sports.

With luck we may vacate the eighth position in Swimming, where our prospects are the brightest for years; but this gain is offset by our failure to keep up with the success of last year in Cricket. We could do with a little Mo' success in Tennis where to date we have only succeeded in winning one match out of five.

Our vain and vague talk at the end of the Lent Term of being Cock House might well be the specific subject of the Spanish proverb: *Mucho ruido y pocas nuecas*, which immediately comes to mind. The noise we made has in retrospect little justification.

The year has been a very pleasant one, for which we have to thank Mr. Leeds and his two aides, Mr. Sacret and Mr. McGawley very sincerely. May the House remain next year in its present state of well-being, and if I may add a personal note, my best wishes to all its members then.

D. F. LOMAX (*House Captain*).

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## LEVETT

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*Video meliora proboque, deteriora sequor.* This, alas, has been the apparent policy of too many of the House this year. That dread goddess Apathy has stalked in our midst, bringing such banes to mortals as Dentistsappointmentitis. All that cheerfully can be said is that, though the House may not be bottom, it will certainly not be top.

Both the Rugger knock-out and Athletics were disappointing, although, under the guidance of P. C. Trafford-Wiley, the number of cross-country standards was quite impressive. Also, A. M. Russell won the House's only cup so far (the Intermediate Athletics Championship).

Cricket is struggling; but it is hoped that E. L. B. Saxon can infuse new vitality for the knock-out competition.

*A monumentum perennius aere* is being fashioned to commemorate the fact that the Tennis team has won a match. Much the same is true of Fives. The wettest June for fifty years has put a slight damper on House Swimming, but there is talent and therefore hope in the House. J. W. North informs that, with the Tunstall Cup postponed, the House is well placed to come first in Shooting. Classification is going better than last year. Chess, under the very able leadership of C. G. Tayar, still keeps opponents in check; the House came second.

These few successes are only a small reward for the hard work of Mr. Porter, Mr. Cadenhead, Mr. Freeman and Mr. Adams; all the House admires and appreciates their efforts. It may be that, artificial a unit as it is, a House has some of the qualities of a Frazeresque dying god and in the cycle of years our revived Adonis may return. Courage, therefore, men of Levett—the phoenix hour shall dawn.

B. J. COLEMAN (*House Captain*).

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## PRINCE LEE

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Still more labyrinthine buds the rose and still we have not gathered—it appears that our motto for sport should be “moderation in all things.”

On the football field, despite the House XV's again reaching the final, we finished third, thus losing the Rothe Cup. In Chess the House also finished third, a position which it seems we are likely to assume in Fives, Shooting and Tennis. Fives still requires more “pep,” Tennis more drive, whilst our Shooting is apparently less crooked than before.

Athletics, however, represents a dismal failure on the part of most of the House. But this state of affairs is not confined to Prince Lee, for despite the fierce competition of the octagonal system, it appears that the satisfaction of the many too often rests in the hands of the few.

Cricket, as yet, is incomplete, but G. H. Brindley confidently predicts that third or fourth place should be obtained. This would represent an effort refreshingly worthy of cricket's rather leisurely atmosphere—an effort in keeping with the true traditions of playing the game not always for the result.

Thus it appears that it will be left to Swimming and P.T. to maintain our Championship position. As ever, we will not take on any assuring airs, but merely state that we have a quiet confidence in our own abilities.

Moderation, then, shall be our sporting motto, but what of the School itself? Here we have noticed many members of Prince Lee making their mark, and we hope that this indicates that the uphill struggle against the House being a mere sporting entity is being won—that the House is confined no longer to the sporting sphere. Sport, inevitably, if unfortunately, forms the basis of our aspirations, but need it be the pinnacle as well?

When, as very shortly they will do, many of our more senior gentlemen leave our midst, they will do so with the sincerest thanks and good wishes of the House. They will rapidly become Edwardians of the



past—members of this School no longer in the body but for ever in the spirit. We trust that this may also now be said of Prince Lee. For this our deepest gratitude must be extended to the Rev. F. J. Williams, his assistant, Mr. Osborne, and to Mr. Bolton and Mr. Hutton.

J. D. L. ADAMS (*Head of the House*).

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## VARDY

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This term has been marked by the absence (on account of ill-health) of our House Master, Mr. Copland. The House welcomes his return and hopes that he has made a complete recovery. He has returned to find us making a great effort to maintain the high standard set up in the past two years. House spirit has not waned. In the past the House has done great things, there is no reason why it should not continue to do so.

In Football, third position was gained in the league championship. In the knock-out we finished third also, while in the Seven-a-Side championship the first team won its final, but the Hill Cup was lost because of the low position of the junior team. In Athletics, the House performed quite well, finishing a good second in the championship. In Standards we came fourth, mainly because a great lack of effort by the Intermediates, none of whom obtained more than five standards. In the Sports, the Seniors acquitted themselves well, winning the Holdsworth Cup for the Relay. The Juniors did well in winning their Relay, and two members of the House came close to winning the Junior and Under 12½ Individual Championships respectively.

Results in the minor activities have, on the whole, been disastrous. However, the Tennis team, following in the footsteps of its predecessors, is playing well, having won four matches out of five. Senior Fives was once more unfortunately, poor, only two matches being won. The Junior team has not performed as well as it promised, winning two matches out of four played. The Chess team has this year let us down, finishing in the very low position of seventh. So far in Shooting, the House is sixth.

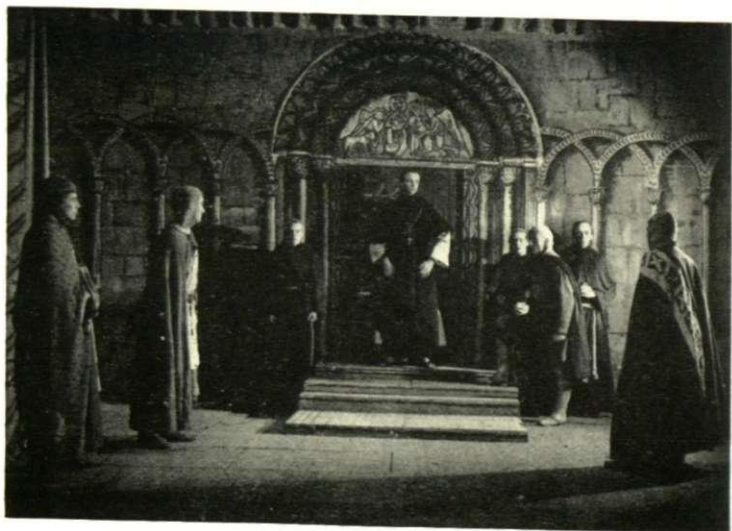
It is difficult to report on Cricket and Swimming, as the competition in these activities is not nearly finished. Suffice it to report that we have done moderately well, while in the Knock-out we shall field quite formidable teams, on paper at least. Swimming is not progressing as well as it should be, not many swimmers having gained standards, whilst the number of entrants for the half-mile race is not large. It is to be hoped that the House will do much better as the term continues.

To our House Prefects and House Officials, who have done so much for the House throughout the year, I should like to express my sincere thanks. The House is, as always, most grateful to Mr. Copland for his encouragement and advice, without which we cannot do; to Mr. Parry, who has this term so ably taken on the responsibility of House Master in Mr. Copland's absence; to Mr. Skinner, whose enthusiasm is an example to every member of the House.

G. P. SIMPSON (*Captain of the House*).



IMAGINATIVE SCRAPERBOARD : J. S. PENDRY.



SCENES FROM "MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL"



## MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL



As I settled into my seat I wondered how many shared my relief that the handsome programme did not announce a Shakespeare play. The Bard is generously commemorated on regular Saturday evenings, and his unlovely theatre can be sensed just over the

horizon. Moreover, duly proud as I am of the School Dramatic Society, I could not but reflect that of its many past achievements, only two are invariably quoted with awe: "Abraham Lincoln" (1944) and "Saint Joan" (1949).

Well, whatever lustral cycle governs these matters, the 1954 production of "Murder in the Cathedral" confirmed my tentative deduction. The conjunction of an exceptionally gifted actor, an illuminate producer and a major modern play ensured a most exhilarating and memorable experience, well worth undergoing again, in but slightly diminished degree, a fortnight later, when the Society gave a performance in St. Mary's Church, Selly Oak.

Eliot's plays are an acquired taste. They make stern demands on both actor and spectator. The story of Becket, one would say the very stuff of dramatic action, is for Eliot (I quote him) "somewhat limited. A man comes home, foreseeing that he will be killed, and he is killed . . . I wanted to concentrate on death and martyrdom." And so he does. The murder of Becket by a quartet of tipsy knights is a briefly violent eruption into an elegantly statuesque threnody, the crude historical act of 29 December, 1170, fitted into an essentially modern pattern of intellectual suffering, the great lassitude of the cultured Western mind. Becket is shown as not outfacing three temptations, but as outgrowing them, and with them all terrestrial experience; in his debate with the fourth tempter we await a revelation, but he dies with the secret of his martyrdom sealed as firmly from the great poet as from the author of the Cambridge Medieval History. Such conflict as there is in the play is not between Church and State, nor between spiritual and material values; it is between characters speaking different languages, a problem of communication repeated in "The Family Reunion," in "The Cocktail Party" and even in "The Confidential Clerk." This novel, though perhaps rather sterile, approach to drama has been handled with great verbal virtuosity by Eliot—so much more entertaining a poet to read than to hear—and Mr. Trott and his company took all pains both to treat the brilliant text with imagination and understanding; and to achieve dramatic effects and contrasts by way of necessary support.

Evans invested the part of the Archbishop with rare distinction. His grace of diction and control of gesture during the Christmas sermon encouraged a most illogical impulse to stand up and cheer; his poise was unruffled alike by the fussy, uncomprehending priests and by the occasional negotiation of a door specifically designed to knock his mitre off. Anyone's vocal resources would have been strained to dominate the bellowing knights, even discounting the feeble lines he is given to speak

to them. The virile recollection, the last flexing of the muscles that once ruled field and tilt-yard were perhaps not in Evans' rendering of the part, and in this he truly interpreted the author. Here was a man already dedicated to sainthood, looking steadfastly forward and beyond. It was a most notably poised performance.

Around Evans' commanding figure rallied admirable support. Pettitt and Williams, as the second and fourth tempters, spoke with especial clarity—the former reciting rhythmical riddles so as to make them almost intelligible, the latter palely urgent. Holland and Wilson, well cast as rakish reveller and bluff country squire, completed a most interesting sequence: the idea of dressing the tempters in modern garb succeeded doubly—it added variety and point, and was by way of a concession to an audience struggling with Eliot's poetic and philosophic fare.

Sweeney, Whiteman and Homer made the most of the thankless rôles of the priests, and Honeybone made a short, typically puckish appearance.

The four knights, more earnestly portrayed, would show up the somewhat unnatural pallor of the rest of the play; we are therefore encouraged to regard them with mildly supercilious amusement. In this spirit, casqued, mailed, brutal and licentious, they were most robustly acted by Vaugon, now ranting, now soberly presiding; Pickering—eloquently compensated for his disastrous part in "Twelfth Night"; Buttress—jolly sound chap, that William de Traci; and Coleman, whose sidelong, lipping analysis of Becket's sanity wound up the case for the Crown.

The poetry which I am assured is the play's chief claim upon the attention of posterity is recited by a chorus of (Eliot again) "excited and sometimes hysterical women, reflecting in their emotion the significance of the action." Grouping themselves with smooth and unobtrusive precision, they delivered their forebodings, gossip and pangs unfalteringly, in an adroitly blended range of keys—a marshalled body and yet taking on marked individuality as the play developed: Davies, for example, so self-effacing, while Whitfield chafed against anonymity. A most effective choir off-stage reinforced the chorus at critical moments. If I felt occasionally dissatisfied, perhaps it was because I wanted to, but could not, relate them to that other chorus of women of Selly Oak who twice daily, with no less pungent comment, efface our ephemeral traces here.

Various isolated impressions linger: Kuphal looking as though he had just stepped down from a stained-glass window; Vaugon, as he hooted before Becket, suddenly bringing the first stanza of "Sweeney Among the Nightingales" to life; Evans' dramatic gesture implicating us all in that age-old crime; Stockwin's falsetto mercilessly cauterizing the tortured tripe of the chorus; the lights lingering a second too long on the swords poised over Becket; the bawling, clanging entry down the cringing aisle of Reggie Fitz Urse and his gang; and, once again, supreme, the quite remarkable beauty and entire harmony of the moments during which Becket delivered his last sermon.

The play was presented with a tautness, an economy of movement and décor, with an overriding artistic unity on which Messrs. Trott, Hutton and Vaughan cannot be too highly congratulated. The school's flourishing dramatic tradition has been worthily upheld and enriched.



## THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON

McCarty and Swales opened carefully on a rather slow wicket, but soon gained confidence and began to score freely. The middle batsmen attacked cheerfully and confidently, and despite some difficult bowling which swung sharply away from the batsman in the heavy pre-1914 atmosphere, and caused even the most experienced to miss on occasions, the brisk rate of scoring was maintained throughout. It was easy to see that these youngsters had been well coached. The speaking was excellent, the actors moved well and listened well; they knew their places and what they were about, and did not mask each other. Best of all they enjoyed themselves enormously. The only possible criticism is that they were so well drilled that the drill did obtrude itself at points. They squeezed themselves into impossible positions behind sofas to avoid masking the entrance of the next character, and the complicated tea-party scene, with the servants entering at the back (I thought that Lord Loam was at his best here, in welcoming them) and then peeling off, first to the left and then to the right, reminded me of the well-drilled evolutions of a minuet or musical ride.

Perhaps the most remarkable thing about this production was that the "girls" outshone the "boys." R. A. P. Duval gave a most intelligent and lively portrait of Lady Mary Lasenby and was an outstanding success, and he was ably seconded by R. W. Braithwaite as Lady Agatha, who also spoke beautifully and moved well; M. A. Babb as Lady Catherine completed a most convincing trio of sisters. Eliza, the teeny (H. C. Mason) was also very good. His embarrassment in the first and fourth acts was beautifully done. Further he had a natural advantage for his part that other members of the cast lacked. No adult could possibly have looked so wistful and appealing as this boy of eleven. This was a successful and imaginative piece of casting, but one is left hoping that for his own sake Mason will not try out this admirable technique on his masters too often.

The burden of the play was honourably sustained by M. W. Swales as Crichton. He acted with ease and fluency throughout and impressed a most pleasant personality on his audience. He did not make the mistake of trying to be a stage butler. But Crichton is the perfect butler and the play's merit depends on the cleverness with which Barrie makes us admire the man while he ridicules the system of which Crichton is the perfect flower. It would hardly be fair to expect the Junior Dramatic Society to include the pointing of such criticism of bygone Society in its repertoire. Swales succeeded splendidly in putting across the likeable part of Crichton's personality, but the pompous self-assurance natural to the last of a long line of butlers and lady's maids was outside his experience. So favourably, however, did he impress us that we felt that this was a virtue on which he was to be congratulated. A Crichton born into the Welfare State, one hoped, would have been like Swales.

C. Whitfield as Lord Loam had another part in which realism was virtually impossible. He had to act second childhood before he was out of his first, and right at the beginning of the play he had to pat on the head a page boy taller than himself. He romped through his part with enormous dash and enjoyment. There was, however, a certain monotony

in his gestures ("nor do not saw the air too much with your hand, thus") and very occasionally he was inaudible.

N. M. McCarty as the Hon. Ernest Woolley improved every evening and J. S. Thane gave a convincing interpretation of the cricketing clergyman. P. J. Stephens looked formidable in hat and wig and spoke his lines clearly. R. C. Bonehill was admirably wooden as Lord Brocklehurst and provided an excellent foil to Duval in their scene together in the fourth act which I thought was the best scene in the play. Here Duval displayed great virtuosity in showing the change which the island life had wrought in the languid Lady Mary of the first act. He bounced on the sofa with indignation, his eyes flashed and he filled the stage with his new energy.

The enormous difficulties in dressing and making up a play of this kind were very creditably overcome. I should have liked a little more disarray in the second act, and particularly a few more stray hanks of hair to emphasise the need for hair-pins. The minor characters were very well turned out, particularly R. Bagnall, a most seductive Fisher and A. E. H. Hornig, who provided some amusing by-play as the page boy.

The sets were, as usual, excellent; I admired very much the island scene in Act II. The smooth finish of the whole production showed how much hard work had been done by everyone concerned. I should like to congratulate them all, especially the producers and actors, on the happy success of their labours.

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## THE SEASONS

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In the last three years the Choral Society has done a lot to demonstrate the range and variety of eighteenth century choral music. We have heard the solemnity of Handel's "Judas Maccabaeus," the poignant intensity of Mozart's "Requiem" and now the invigorating, muscular extraversion of Haydn's oratorio, "The Seasons." In some ways this last work is the most interesting, for it is excellent in so many of the various *genres* of which the century approved. One thinks of the melting *galanterie* of the duet, "Ye gay and painted fair," the rousing four-square rhythms and solemn counterpoint of the choruses and the perpetually felicitous instrumentation. The slightly effeminate sensibility that reveals itself in Thomson's original poem is completely submerged by Haydn's robust music and, paradoxically, by the libretto itself. This retranslation of Van Swieten's German version constitutes a superb collection of all the tricks up the eighteenth century poetaster's sleeve, and is a sheer joy to those who take an innocent, but perhaps immoderate, pleasure in the *cliches* of the period. Like the delicious formality of the closes at the end of the recitatives it is very much a part of, what was on the whole, the healthy and vigorous sensibility of the age. The apparently pompous vacancy of:

"Anon the sportsman's voice  
Along the sounding vales heard  
And keen to share the healthful sport  
The lusty swain assists his lord"

—is an embodiment of that sense of the fitness of things that is so noticeable in the music, in the perfect adjustment between imagination and technique.

The predominance of the chorus is the characteristic of the oratorio and Haydn certainly gives the singers plenty to think about. If one felt that possibly they were not so impressive as they were last year this is by no means an unfriendly criticism. It is a testimony to their general excellence that the occasional unsatisfactory moments are precisely what one remembers—remembers simply because they unexpectedly surprised the confidence that the rest of their singing had created. With this point established, one need not feel too nicely censorious in recording that their initial entry in "Come, gentle Spring" was indecisive and blurred or that the trebles occasionally sounded overstretched and uncertain. Otherwise, they sang with a commendable balance of tone, a firm bass and steady tenor line and a good deal of verve. Indeed, it was remarkable how well they stood up to the demands of the big chorus, "Hark, the deep tremendous voice," and how well they responded, after what must have been a strenuous evening, to the stimulating sentiments of the final chorus, devoted to celebrating "the joyous produce of the grape." They can certainly look back on their performance with satisfaction.

To the untrained ear of the present writer it seemed that the orchestral playing was better than in former years. The work makes demands upon the orchestra, particularly upon the wind band, and the hurdles were always surmounted. They played with attack and, with the possible exception of some of the lightly accompanied solo numbers, with clarity and confidence. Of the soloists, Miss Joan Clarke, soprano, and Mr. Philip Russell, tenor, sang deliciously, without effort, without licence, with a beautiful full tone and, one would say, with obvious enjoyment. The bass, Mr. William Goodsman, was always safe and steady but his voice seemed to lack edge and resonance with the result that his solo numbers lacked impact.

One looked in vain on the programme for the name of the prime mover of the enterprise, Dr. Willis Grant. Whether this was the result of inscrutable policy or was a whimsical subterfuge to pretend that he was not really there, one does not know. But the concert, as in former years, bore testimony, beyond all else, to his colossal energy, determination and confidence. To the uninitiated, it seems a very considerable achievement indeed to have fused so diverse a body as the school choir and an augmented orchestra into an instrument of such efficiency that a performance of such distinction was possible.

A.J.T.

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## THE SCIENCE CONVERSAZIONE

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It is not often that a door opens for you as you approach it, and closes itself after you, all without assistance, or that you are repeatedly beaten at noughts-and-crosses by a machine; but these and many other remarkable things were experienced by visitors to the Conversazione staged in the Science School on Friday and Saturday, 12th and 13th

March, 1954, after weeks of intensive mental, experimental and constructional work.

Members of the Science Masters' Association, meeting at school on the Saturday afternoon, were interested in our efforts, and staged a more professional, if less comprehensive exhibition in the Junior Physics Laboratory.

High voltage discharge phenomena, photoelasticity of plastic, properties of ultrasonics, optical illusions, Lissajou's figures, Lecher wires, the electrostatic photographic process of xereography and simple but convincing experiments with liquid air were all demonstrated in the Pugh Laboratory.

In the Biological department, wood lice showed their preferences for light and moisture, while an anaesthetised frog was expertly examined. Coffee was imbibed by a model man, and the uninitiated learned about fermentation. A series of microphotographs of tissues and a fine exhibition of bones, butterflies and other biological sundries were on show.

The three inch telescope was in use, and so, sometimes, was a wind-tunnel.

A model gas works and preparations of dyes and drugs from coal-tar by-products were part of a project in the Coal Industry, while another project dealt with the extraction and properties of phosphorus and the commercial uses of its compounds. The Chemistry Laboratories were the scene for these and other exhibits: staining anodised aluminium, etching glass and metal, chromatographic absorption, etc. A display of chemical magic had a very successful run.

In a darkened lecture room chemiluminescent, phosphorescent and fluorescent effects were produced. Those engaged in an ambitious glass project poured coloured ash-trays from melts in a home-made furnace in the cellar, and a professional glass-blower demonstrated his skill in fashioning birds, wine-glasses and other objects, many of which were distributed as souvenirs.

Mathematicians explained moment of inertia, precession with the aid of gyroscopes, and traced beautifully intricate and symmetrical harmonographs by compounding pendular motions. Also in Big School, the usual Foucault's pendulum proved that the earth was still rotating.

We would like to thank the Science Masters for showing enthusiasm and restraint at the right times, and for supervising the whole show, and the laboratory stewards for their invaluable assistance. With the strains of "Pop goes the Weasel," rendered on the electronic organ, still echoing faintly in our ears, together with many other memories, we congratulate the staff and exhibitors alike on a most successful and impressive conversazione.

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## THE LIBRARY

Throughout the year the library has maintained the high standard of efficiency achieved in 1953. Moreover, with the opening of the Cartland Room at the beginning of the year, its rôle as a common-room and *salon de causerie* for the Sixth Form has now lapsed, and it now functions



as a School Library should—as an invaluable store of information and a place for reading and study.

On the whole, the School should show more appreciation for the services offered : far more care should be taken with the large bound volumes, in particular with the *London Illustrated News* and *Punch*, which, once damaged, are irreplaceable. All library-users are, moreover, urged to make a habit of returning books, used for reference, to their appropriate shelves.

New books continue to flow into the library. By the end of the School Year, eleven thousand books will have passed through the Librarian's hands, since books were first entered in the Accession Register in 1936. Among our numerous benefactors during the past year, we offer our thanks to Miss Pugh, who, as a regular donor, shows continued generosity; to A. Jackson, Esq., for a set of Mathematical Gazettes; to Dr. W. D. Nicol, for very scarce early volumes of the *CHRONICLE*; to T. W. Hutton, Esq.; to Miss E. C. Goodwin for books from her father's library; to Charles Vince, Esq., O.E.; and to London O.E.s for continuing their annual gift of money. With great pleasure we record our thanks also to all those boys who have contributed books to the library on leaving school, and suggest that future leavers continue the tradition.

Finally, I should like to pay tribute to the efficiency and enthusiasm with which all the librarians have carried out their thankless duties over the past year : their purely voluntary services are too little appreciated by members of the School. To them, my sincerest thanks, as also to Mr. Blount for steering us so confidently through a highly successful year.

A.D.K.

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## THE SCHOOL WEATHER STATION

The station's seven observers have continued to maintain the almost uninterrupted record since our recognition by the Meteorological Office. In fact, observations have been made on every day during the past three-and-a-half years, with but one exception.

It had been hoped to start sunshine observations and resume wind speed records this year, but this has not been possible owing to lack of suitable exposure for the instruments.

P.M.H.

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## THE SOCIETIES

When you're lying awake with a dismal headache—Society notes to be written—I concede one may find there's no more perplexed mind in the whole of the realm of Great Britain. For ready to hand is a formidable band of reports and remarks very numerous: some are long, some are short, some make sense, some make naught, some are serious, others are humorous. So pardon is sought if from someone's report an important remark is omitted. But let me begin, for delay is a sin, and see just what in can be fitted.



Now many a word has been spoken and heard within the Debating Society on Spain and Gibraltar, should democracy alter, have the English excess of propriety? With the S.C.M. too they've accepted the view that this House believes in infernos. Ex-secret'ries said they would rather be dead (but afterwards one could discern noes) than live in the future—a notable feature in the Society annals. And there will be later an impromptu debate—er, if members will doff cricket flannels.

Next the Literate set—they have heard and have met with some Greek, Chinese and English men, sir. "Greek Chorus" has been Mr. J. Bolton's theme, G. G. Ney the works of Edmund Spenser. B. J. Coleman was terse on "Chinese Lyric Verse," Mrs. Duncan-Jones spoke of Jane Austen. It is hoped that now on some scientists will come and fill this assembly to burstin'.

I couldn't fill pages on Modern Languages—this Society's had but one meeting. The members have heard (or so I'm assured) a lecture of linguistics treating. Professor Ross came, a professor of fame, University sage of linguistics. Let the school interest take and not this forsake as a company that's too specialistic's.

Mr. Lawrence has told the Photographers bold of the science and art of processing. Then Mr. Eric Hale of the town's *Post and Mail* (no time on that staff is for messing) made many to see press photography. Flashing poster brought record attendance. Mr. Morland Braithwaite's wealth of cameras could rate with the wealth of Croesus and dependants.

For those who are bored, I next will record Scientific Society's all right. Visits were paid to where phosphate's made, the factories of Wilson and Albright, and to the Machine (I the cyclotron mean) round which Dr. Bracher well guided. Chemical Engineering, its scope and its bearing on life Dr. Nutt has confided. Mr. A. Douglas-Jones in entralling tones has told of a visit to Russia to the Artists and expressed how very impressed he was that the war didn't crush her. Good pictures were shown to display how she's known to build greater buildings than others. Sweet music has charmed and wholly disarmed the Society of music lovers: P. Cutts and A. Kirkby you could not be irked by performing upon pianoforte; records of Bach, a Brahms trio, and mark these my words, all you proud and you haughty—the musical contest was this year among the best the walls of Big School have encompassed and the chapel will ring when the chapel choir sing Tudor music, for can this be surpassed?

Many Junior Debators give promise that later success will attend them in speaking. This Society does thrive with motions alive and no-one can call it a weakling. The Shakespearean set have frequently met, popularity never declining. Many plays have been read, as need hardly be said, of Arden or the Moor's undermining. Varese has been played (Modern Music he made) to the Musical Circle's one meeting.

On some Monday lunch-hours talk of spiritual powers the Christian Union's greeting. A film has been seen and declared to have been a success by all those who were present. Bible studies there were of value quite rare; they were very inspiring and pleasant. The S.C.M.'s heard from the Reverend Tizard of marriage the Christian's conception. The Reverend Beaumont explained Christian treatment of ex-convicts and their reception. The Reverend Crowle Ellis expounded quite well his ideas

of the sense of devotion. But really support is desperately sought for the Movement to have locomotion.

Mr. P. Gelling was very compelling to the few that are Archaeological on Romans in Britain. This Society's hit on the Lab. that is Biological. Mr. Biggs' talk was second: as one might have reckoned, of the Holy Land a splendid survey. Model Engineers have been, it appears, to Liverpool, Swindon and Derby (Darby to some) and the quest of their fun was engines and rolling-stock dirty. Though the railway reproaches, they travel in coaches that hold between twenty and thirty.

One cannot deny and one cannot decry the Civics men's choice of good speakers. H. E. Dollery one, who a very great sun brought of eager young cricket tip-seekers. And out one can't miss Mr. Dennis Morris of the B.B.C. Midland Region. A tableau will take place which many will grace with talks of eighteenth century legion. The Film Societee have witnessed films three: Marius, Ghost goes West, and a third one, Bataille du Rail. No critic could fail to declare the choice not an absurd one.

And as for the rest, many thanks are expressed to all chairmen and helpers united. Now I finish my song, to go on would be wrong and to end I am really delighted !

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## DEBATING CHARACTERS OF THE YEAR

J. A. A. STOCKWIN. A forceful speaker who can quickly discover the flaws in his opponent's armour, but is sometimes unable sufficiently to exploit them. Looking every inch a debater, and a classicist, he is apt to carry away the listener by the sheer weight of his erudition, and, at times, himself, though there is no lack of humour to counteract the solemn philosophies which he propounds. As Secretary he bears minute book and agenda paper valiantly, and with an endless source of good humour, whilst his twinkling eye constantly inspires the more timid to even greater efforts.

D.J.B.

G. M. SIMON has spoken at every debate this year (*as well we know*!—*Editor*) and can be relied upon at Committee to find good motions. He knows the ropes and swings on them with the greatest confidence. When called upon to deplore Socialists, or foreigners, or Socrates, or the Secretary, he does so with withering scorn, a highly accomplished debating style, and a splendid conviction of the monocle through which, and the pinnacle from which, he surveys the world.

O. C. W. THOMSON, though the study of "Truth" at Bodmin has unfortunately curtailed his time with the Society, went far to conquer an initial slight lack of confidence and audibility. A subtle northern wit, and a command of the best that has been said on many topics, lend colour and unity to his speeches.

M. J. SUTTON has also, alas, departed. He is declamatory in manner and sensible in matter; a good, straight speaker.

G. A. BUNN, the Society's tame comedian, remembers his Celtic ancestry, and replaces logic with a warm-hearted and endearing inconsequence. If ever our hearts do not go out to him, at least we commiserate.

D. J. BUTTRESS is a new boy who has rapidly acquired the skill of an old master. It is impossible to associate with him a bad speech. When he is on his feet, there speaks an authority, with the facts at his fingertips, whose strident tones would resound to good effect both in the Bull Ring and in the Mother of Parliaments.

J. G. EVANS brings to the Society archi-episcopal dignity and true-blue conviction. His majestic figure looming over the table strikes awe into his opponents. A stage-bred command of gesture and a beautifully modulated voice are useful capital.

M. PARSLEW is a conscientious speaker, who may reap a very successful harvest next year. That it may be the earlier gathered, let him fearlessly project a little more of the sparkle and verve of his private life into the soul of debate.

B. J. COLEMAN is an all-too-late comer to the Society. He has defended Hell, democracy and eccentricity with enthusiasm, wit and learning.

G. G. NEY is very sincere and unspoilt by the wicked wiles of debaters.

J. D. RUDKIN's speeches tend to possess the logic of a maze—get there in the end. Nevertheless, they are as agreeable as a Tipperary-fairy, and must continue.

Eighteen other gentlemen have spoken during the year. We hope to hear more of them.

At the Ex-Secretaries' Debate, the Society was honoured by speeches from J. Gottschalk, Esq., R. C. Perkins, Esq., P. A. Gardner, Esq., J. E. Trevis, Esq., B. W. Tanner, Esq., G. W. Peters, Esq., K. J. Werring, Esq., P. S. Trevis, Esq., A. J. Trott, Esq.



### C. C. F.

Somewhat depleted at the time of writing by the calls of the N.U.J.M.B. examiners, the C.C.F., nevertheless, continues preparations for the two main events in its calendar, the Annual Inspection and Camps. For the latter, the Naval Section will serve aboard H.M. Ship

*Glory*, while the Army and Basic Sections will pay another visit to Castlemorton. Mae Wests will be the order of the day for the R.A.F. Section when it invades the *provincia* of the Senior Service with a week at Thorney Island, near Portsmouth.

It is reliably stated that training in the Naval Section has been varied and interesting. Now that work on the cutter, including the installation of a bilge-pump, has been completed, boat-pulling takes place at Brookvale Park each Friday. A very successful Field Day was held on the Severn at Tewkesbury, where a flotilla of skiffs and sailing dinghies terrorised all other river traffic. Following in the wash of P/O Fuery, three of the Section's A.B.s, Coombes, Midgeley and Hill have obtained cadetships at Dartmouth, a very creditable achievement. Another four

ratings have been accepted by the R.N.V.R. for training under the schools and Universities scheme.

As results were disappointing in the Cert. A., Part 2 exams., much more practical work has been done of late in the Army Section, and a Field Day was spent on the Clent Hills making sure that cadets would pass on their next attempt. A successful N.C.O.'s cadre has been held, enabling cadets to gain experience of responsibility before promotion.

In spite of congestion with scouting activities, Basic Section training has continued over the well-worn battlefield of Park Vale, and the results of the Part 1 examination were excellent. After this term's Field Day in Hagley Park, B Company received valuable information about tactics in a short lecture by Major Podesta, O.E.

As it was discovered that anyone seating himself in the Air Section's Link Trainer and touching the controls received a severe electric shock, Link training has not taken place this term. The problem of occupying the Advanced cadets for whom there are no vacancies as N.C.O.s was partly solved by joint Signals and Royal Engineers courses with the Army Section.

Of the twenty odd (sic) cadets who took the Proficiency Exam., there were only two failures, and equally good results are expected this term from No. 2 Flight, who, returning unscathed (all but one) from their sojourn with the Army Section to the tranquility of the Lecture room are now studying for the Advanced Exam.

Field Days were spent visiting R.A.F., Ternhill and R.N.A.S., Bramcote, both of which provided flying in Ansons. Although flying time has been cut by the Air Ministry and there are fewer vacancies on Gliding Training Courses, Flying Scholarships continue to be awarded frequently to members of the Section.

The Section Shooting Team entered the 63 group Championships at Sealand in April, and were runners-up.

At the end of another year of splendid achievements, the C.C.F.'s warmest thanks go out to Major Mathews and all his staff for all the hard work that the organisation and smooth running of the Corps entails.

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## THE SCOUT GROUP

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During the Lent and Summer terms, the activities of the Scout Group have followed their normal, progressive course. Camping, always our most important activity at this time of year, has occupied the time and energy of the whole Group. During the Easter holidays troops held camps on three new sites: Vikings at Hagley, New Troop at Dowles Manor, near

Bewdley, Mitre and Park Vale at Stratford.

From the beginning of the Summer term, troop week-end camps have been held regularly for the training of recruits for Summer camps. The Group now possesses enough hike tents for troops to hold light-



weight week-end camps. This innovation has already proved a success, although several recruits, attending their first camps, have found that to avoid a soaking, cautious movement is necessary in small tents in wet weather—*experientia docet*.

After some difficulty and uncertainty, Summer camp sites have finally been settled. New Troop and Park Vale are to camp in the Tal-y-llyn Valley, near Cader Idris, Mitre and Vikings at Aberayron, Cardigan-shire, and the Seniors in northern Scotland.

Troop programmes continue as usual. The Juniors progress along the normal lines, steady training mixed up with a little fun and games, while the Seniors are continually reported to be working off surplus energy by climbing trees at great speed, by dangling from ropes and by tramping through the countryside at the dead of night. The Rover Crew is steadily swelling its ranks with Scouts still at school and it has a comprehensive programme of meetings and good deeds planned for the remainder of the year.

Outside school our activities have been numerous. We contributed an item to a Divisional Gang Show, a considerable amount of work was done in "bob-a-job" week and at Alvechurch bridges have been built, trees felled and undergrowth cleared in the construction of a picnic ground. Recently we have gained cups for the Trafford Willey competition, the junior section of the Division First Aid competition and the senior section of the Divisional Sports. Only the Annual Scout Rally at Handsworth Park now remains before the end of term. The Group Committee is preparing a side-show, an action for which we are all grateful, and the whole Group is to take part in the March Past at which Brigadier Sir John Hunt will take the salute.

Here may we take the opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Kent who has taken charge of Park Vale and to Mr. Dodds who has joined us as Senior Scoutmaster. We all hope they will be happy with us.

We are all most grateful for the unfailing help and enthusiasm of Dr. Mayor and our Scouters. Finally, may we say how very much we appreciate the constant interest of the Chief Master, and his generous participation in our activities.

J.H.W.

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### C.A.C.T.M. CONFERENCES, EASTER, 1954

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The Central Advisory Council for the Training for the Ministry held a series of three-day residential conferences during the period April 6th—12th, two at Jesus College, Oxford, and one at Queen's College, Birmingham. Two Edwardians were present at each of the Oxford Conferences and one at the Birmingham one. The purpose of the conferences was to show the nature of the Church's work and the ways in which those who felt they were called to serve God could help the Church, although not necessarily in the Ministry.

The pattern of each conference was the same—lectures by outside speakers, discussion groups, and question times. There was Holy Communion in the college chapels each morning and either Evensong, Compline or Prayers at night.



The speakers included two Members of Parliament and the subjects covered included "The Parson's Life," "The Layman's Task" and "The Church at Home and Overseas." The Birmingham conference was visited by Dr. Wilson, Bishop of Birmingham, and the first Oxford one by the late Bishop of Oxford, Dr. Kirk, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Fisher.

It was not intended that anyone should commit himself to a decision about his vocation at the conferences. But all came away with a conviction of "a growing sense of claim" and of the fact that God lives in the hearts of very many people to-day.

M.J.R.C., J.R.S., J.L.G.L.

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## FRANCE, 1954

This year it was decided that the French trip should once again be stationary, and a hotel near Avignon was duly reserved for a week.

Midnight on Monday, April 5th, saw an unusual amount of shedding behind the Civic Centre, with cars arriving in a steady stream, shedding their occupants to board the coach for Newhaven. The party ate its way steadily to the coast, where we were met by the familiar face of Mr. Leeds. After a calm channel crossing the first few minutes of the journey to Paris excited great interest, as the train steamed down the main street of Dieppe, and then through a gate on to its own track. Following a coach trip around the sights of Paris, a restaurant near the Gare de Lyon provided us with our first taste of French fare. Leaving Paris in the late evening, we journeyed through the night towards Avignon, trying to make the best of the doubtful comfort of the French Third Class. Boarding a coach, which was to be our only means of transport for the next week, we soon arrived at our hotel, which was discovered to be adjacent to a monastery on the top of a hill. Preliminary fears as to the effects of the ascetic life were soon dispelled, and the monastic influence was virtually non-existent.

Several coach trips to see the neighbouring places of interest had been arranged, the first of these taking us to Avignon on the Thursday morning to explore the town and Papal Palace. The following afternoon the party visited Nîmes, for the inspection of several Roman remains, then the great aqueduct known as the Pont du Gard, and then Uzès, where we were received by the mayor and the local "college," who conducted us round the town. With girls in the school, several of the party, who had hitherto taken little interest in foreign conversation, now produced dictionaries, and Uzès was soon dotted with small groups, discussing—presumably—points of grammar.

Saturday's trip consisted of a visit to the third largest hydro-electric power scheme in the world at Douzère-Mondragon, and thence to the Roman theatres at Orange and Vaison.

On Monday the party was excited by the prospect of a visit to the Mediterranean in the Rhône delta. Highlights of this trip included the rock formations at Les Baux, the sight of real, live cowboys on horseback, lizards crawling over the church roof, and a view, accorded only to the

privileged few, of a certain notorious individual paddling in the sea. On the return journey, yet another Roman theatre was invaded by the party at Arles, and was found to be prepared for a bull-fight the following week.

Mr. Leeds's numerous walking expeditions were interspersed between these trips, and were attended only by an energetic minority, but, for those, Mr. Leeds nearly always managed to find a place of refreshment.

Laden with such trophies as seemed likely to evade the censure of the Custom's officers, the party made the return, on a similar pattern to the outward journey, reaching Birmingham at midnight on Wednesday.

For some, a short experience of communal life and a foreign country was novel; for all enjoyable. We had tried strange food—and drink—and not always found it to our liking. We had experienced what a kindly reception English visitors can have in France. We had seen numerous Roman remains, each of which was enthusiastically claimed to be the only one of its kind in the world.

The great success of the French trip is now customary, but this does not detract from the very hard work which Mr. Biggs accomplished both before and during the trip. We are also sincerely grateful to Mrs. Biggs and Mr. Leeds for the part they played in the success of the trip.

R.J.N.T.

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## GERMANY, 1954

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The party to Germany this Easter consisted of fifteen boys, Mr. Barlow and some relatives. We left Snow Hill Station punctually at 9-0 a.m., everyone in high spirits. The train journey to the coast, via London, was uneventful, and to those of us who had already experienced the Channel crossing, came speculation upon what it had in store for us on this occasion. Our forebodings were justified for the voyage was far from smooth.

However, with our feet once more on *terra firma* at Ostend, and with the prospect of a pleasant train journey across Belgium before us, the sea-crossing, with all its concomitant evils, was soon forgotten.

On arriving at Aachen, we were relieved to find Herr Hemmler and his coach waiting to take us to our destination, Manderscheid. Despite the darkness, we had fleeting glimpses of the badly war-scarred town of Aachen as we passed through, in the early hours of the morning. We arrived at Manderscheid in the grey, misty light of dawn, and stumbled wearily into the Hotel Fischer for an inordinately early breakfast. As the hotel was rather full, some of the party were allotted rooms in the attractive, white-washed annexe nearby, and, on the advice of Mr. Barlow, proceeded to bed without protest.

It took us very little time to settle down and become accustomed to the German way of life, but at first we were somewhat slow to speak much German. The villagers must have thought that our vocabulary consisted solely of *Danke schon* until we were forced to speak in sentences when the question of food was at stake.

In the afternoon on the day of our arrival, Mr. Barlow arranged a short walk to show us some of the glorious scenery that surrounds Manderscheid. His fearsome, badge-bedecked walking-stick stabbed out at interesting landmarks with unerring accuracy, and we saw a great deal of the neighbouring countryside.

Life in Manderscheid takes a quiet and unhurried course; it was a common sight to see heavy bullock carts moving leisurely along the main street, with noisy groups of hens following in their wakes. The weather at this time was excellent, and apart from occasional showers, remained consistently fine throughout the holiday.

A trip to Bernkastel, a quaint old town on the river Mosel, taught us more about Germany and its people. We admired the vast vineyards that covered the mountainsides, some having such delightful names as "Kingdom of Heaven." Every available inch of ground was occupied by tall vine-sticks, still awaiting their leafy adornment, and looking like huge forests.

The following day was spent in touring the large volcanic lakes of the region and ended with a visit to a wine-cellar in Wittlich. Unfortunately, Mr. Barlow had lost most of his voice, and in low tones translated the detailed description of the wine-making processes given by the owner, to Mrs. Barlow, who in turn, valiantly relayed it to us.

The *pièce de résistance* of the tour was undoubtedly the trip to the great city of Bonn. Here, all our presents, ranging from throwing-knives to bottles of wine, were purchased, and we spent the remainder of our time in a sightseeing tour of the city. As a final thrill we drove around the celebrated Nürburgring.

But all good things must come to an end, and it was with some regrets that we left Manderscheid *um Mitternacht*. The long journey home was accomplished without mishap, and we disembarked happily at Dover, with the soothing thought that school began the next day.

We extend our sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Barlow, who made the holiday the success it certainly was, and give them our best wishes for all future holidays that they may organise.

P.J.D., G.S.K.

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## THE NORFOLK BROADS

Once more the members of the R.N. Section spent a pleasant week cruising on the Norfolk Broads. The fleet, manned by twenty-five officers and men, consisted of *Belvedere*, *Belvoir I*, *Belvoir II* and *Tantivy*.

The crews arrived at 5-0 p.m. and after a hurried tea prepared to leave the moorings at Wayford Bridge. But as there was only a faint breeze, the ships were towed and quanted to Barton Turf where everyone moored for the night. After a visit to Thurne, we spent an exciting time sailing on Horsey Mere, for the sun shone despite the strong wind. At Horsey the whole party walked across the fields to the sea, but it was soon time to return and set sail for Hickling.

There were many sighs of relief when we were safely moored at Hickling because the channel had silted up and the larger ships, even the Flagship, frequently grounded in the middle of the channel. The

following morning we sailed for Acle but towards the evening the wind dropped and there was nothing to do but start towing. This resulted in frantic races between the crews. Some towed madly from the bank, others used their dinghies as tugs, while others relied on that dangerous implement, the quant-pole.

The sailing dinghies again proved themselves invaluable and they were in use even before breakfast. In an emergency they could be used to tow a ship out of danger or to pick up anything that fell overboard.

We left Acle and sailed for Ludham Bridge, encountering the only rain which fell during the whole voyage. The next day, also the last, we visited Ranworth and climbed the church tower to obtain a marvellous view that stretched to the horizon. Although the sails were reefed, when returning across Barton Broad, there were times when the decks were awash. So we soon reached our home port, Wayford, and began discussing the happenings of the cruise.

We extend our thanks to Tony Latham, a former member of the Naval Section, who very kindly skippered *Tantivy*, and to an anonymous benefactor whose generosity provided many additional luxuries.

V.G.H.

## PAGEANT OF THE PAST

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- 1 The fairies of the Past are its occasion.  
Hung in the dawn flash, ripples on the crest of rollers  
Rainbow in concerted wide invasion.  
    But the dark spume-laden trough  
    Goes forward unperceived: it is enough
- 2 Unseemly that the turgid-hearted rollers,  
Massed in a dark line, streaming in an even motion,  
Belabour more the faltering and flotsam  
    With an iceberg-bladed spear.  
    We do not calm the wind: we will not hear
- 3 The wind that steers us where the waves are mounting,  
Wind that in the dawn-dusk draws us in the half-light blinded.  
Draws us optimistic to be counting,  
    But perilous on our way,  
    The shimmer-tinted waterspouts of spray.
- 4 The fairies of the present time and station,  
Beautiful as pink foam, foil for us against foreboding,  
Too misty, yet too clear for our conviction,  
    We are dogged still to stalk,  
    Lest there become a tremor in our walk.
- 5 And, as a fly that crosses on a membrane,  
Straining at a tight pulse, bursting—in the overflowing  
Blood drowns, we assume the riceless pain,  
    And the slums on the dust-stormed lands,  
    And the moronic child dragging from two thin hands.

J.A.A.S.