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

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EDITORIAL

With a grey morning muttering outside the window, and the smell of burning toast climbing up the stairs, the beginning of a day seems such an odd affair. But then beginnings of all shapes and sizes are not the sort of things you can rush into. You could, of course, take the bull by the horns and try to lay it flat before it does the same to you, but in the dawning hours such firm resolution is pitifully elusive.

Beginning, you see, is not an end in itself. If it were, a lot of time could be saved but there would also be the problem of deciding when to say goodbye.

Instead of turning over the page, wait—and think for a moment what ‘beginning’ really means. At this point we *could* draw a few tempting, unnecessary, herring-red quotations across the paper, but, unfortunately, fish and burnt toast just don’t mix. Beginning must be a partial revelation of what happens in the middle and should contain a hint of what is to be expected at the end, you may say, which, to some extent, is true of most beginnings. There are, however, the inevitable exceptions. Who, for instance, would suppose that a blob of black ink in a ball of jelly could turn into a frog, or a grain of oystered sand into a priceless pearl? It is then that comprehension is strained to its limits for although these phenomena are facts indisputable, we usually prefer to see with our own eyes before we believe. Should you attempt this tadpole beginning, remember that you run the risk of reducing even the most enduring reader to baffled boredom. He’ll probably skip the rest and turn on to find out what the finished product looks like. And so all your labours have been wasted, and you’re to blame.

There is one way out. If you have ever watched raindrops tiptoeing reluctantly from dusty leaves or heard a lonely sparrow talking to the pavement, you might, perhaps, have realized that the commonest things can sometimes be attractive. Platitudes of Nature are no different from those of literature and conversation—interpret them in your own way and they are platitudes no more. It always seems that the English choose their platitudes on purpose. To say that they are the only nation of weather-talkers is unjust lunacy. The truth is that they discuss an indifferent climate in suitably indifferent terms. Mind you, the Welshman will go on for hours about the Jones’ next door or the Williams’ round the corner, but he invariably turns the conversation, one-sided though it will be, along channels that are, if not interesting, at least diverting. When the American poet E. E. Cummings said :

‘and it’s
spring

when the world is puddle-wonderful’
he wasn’t trying to be funny. It just struck him that there was another way of saying ‘spring is the showery season.’ And why not?

"Oh, this modern stuff," people grumble, "so clever. Give us something that looks like poetry not long multiplication." Well, that sort of attitude leads you nowhere. We'd be in a fine state now if some perceptive brain hadn't realized that pumping more blood *into* a man got better results than taking a couple of pints out. How many of us really understand nuclear fission? But instead of regarding it as something the tide brought in, we shiver in our boots and wonder who invented it. Poetry and nuclear fission, you know, are natural twins. Treat them delicately, dissect them with understanding, and you'll feel a better person. Rip them to shreds like a bull (he's the star of this piece) at a matador's cloak, and you'll end up as a tangled heap of charred remains.

But—

Alas,

the hot-water bottle is cold, and the kettle shouts you out of bed—which is one way of saying—
the beginning is over.

NOTES AND NEWS

SCHOOL DIARY

The Michaelmas Term began on Thursday, September 20th and ended on Thursday, December 20th. Half-term was taken from Friday, October 26th (transferred from Founder's Day) until Monday, October 29th.

The General Committee of the School Club met on September 26th to approve the election of officers and committees for the coming year.

The first Corporate Communion of the term was celebrated in the Chapel on Tuesday, October 2nd.

On the morning of July 19th, Speech Day was held in Big School, when Sir Richard Howard-Vyse was the Guest of Honour.

At a ceremony in Big School on July 24th, Mr. H. W. Hobbiss, F.R.I.B.A., Architect to the Direct Grant Schools, handed over copies of the School plans to mark his retirement.

A Field Day took place on October 3rd. The Naval Section went sailing at Tewkesbury, while detachments of the Army and R.A.F. carried out night operations near Stratford.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress honoured us with their presence at the Founder's Day Prizegiving on Saturday, October 13th. Prizes were presented by the Bailiff, Mr. B. A. Thomas, O.E., who afterwards addressed the School.

Parents' Days last term took place upon October 16th and November 29th.

The James Neale Thorne Memorial Chapel of the Guild of the Holy Cross, was dedicated by the Bishop of Birmingham at a service in St. Martin's, on the evening of Monday, October 22nd.

The Ratcliff Theatre was officially opened by its benefactor, Mr. Gerald Ratcliff, A.R.P.S., on Friday, 12th October, at 6-30 p.m. Mr. Ratcliff, later, showed some of his colour films.

Charford was the scene of the Bromsgrove Match which was played on Saturday, November 3rd. Conditions were excellent and after a hard game the School won by five points to nil.

On Thursday, November 8th, we were entertained to a Piano Recital by Mr. Eric Hope at 1-20 p.m. in Big School.

The C.C.F. Church Parade was carried out on Sunday, November 18th. Brigadier N. L. Cariss, T.D., took the salute.

On November 19th, the Julian Horner Concert took the form of an exotic and well-attended performance of Mozart's 'Il Seraglio.'

The Carol Service was held at 7-0 p.m. on the evenings of December 17th and 18th. The congregation enjoyed, and took part in, an outstanding display of beautiful, controlled singing.

The first part of the Music Competitions took place in Big School at 11-30 a.m. on December 18th. We were fortunate in having Mr. Harold Gray as adjudicator.

The Prefects' Ball was held in Big School on January 1st and has been hailed, once again, as the major success of the New Year. It was followed by the Old Boys' Dance on January 4th.

At noon on Saturday, January 5th, the T. C. Kemp Memorial Dedication Service took place in the Chapel. The Bishop of Aston consecrated the permanent Altar and dedicated the new ornaments and furnishings of the Sanctuary.

The Lent Term began on Thursday, January 17th. The first Communion of the Calendar Year was celebrated on Tuesday, January 22nd.

The Dramatic Society gave three performances of Molière's 'Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme' on the evenings of January 31st and February 1st and 2nd.

The Foundation Service took place at 11-15 a.m. on Thursday, February 7th, at St. Martin's.

Parents' Days in the Lent Term are held on February 7th, and March 7th and 19th.

GOVERNORS' NEWS

We welcome Professor D. R. Dudley, O.E., of the department of Latin at Birmingham University, who has joined the board of governors. He is the representative of Worcestershire County Council and takes the place of Mr. R. Y. Logan who has resigned.

We offer our congratulations to Professor H. F. Humphreys who was made a C.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List.

OLD EDWARDIAN NEWS

We congratulate Mr. Enoch Powell, M.P. for Wolverhampton South West and formerly Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Housing, on his promotion to Financial Secretary to the Treasury. We wish him all success in his new post.

Our congratulations, too, to J. F. Wainwright on the award of his Cambridge blue. As blind-side wing-forward he took an active part in the defeat of Oxford by 14 points to 9, in the Varsity Match last year.

We heartily congratulate P. B. Jackson who has again won an England Cap. In the recent match between England and Wales, his courageous running was an inspiring sight. We confidently await his next cap.

COMMON ROOM

We congratulate Mr. Trott on his engagement to Miss D. Coulman.

We welcomed at the beginning of last term three new members of the Common Room, Mr. Axford and Mr. Hall to the Department of English, and Mr. Webb to the Department of Modern Languages.

The death occurred recently at the age of eighty of Mr. H. R. (Tacho) Smith, who retired in 1936 after teaching mathematics here for 33 years.

PREFECTS' ROOM

P. C. N. VAUGON has been appointed Captain of the School.

N. G. MCGOWAN has been appointed Vice-Captain of the School.

The following gentlemen have been appointed Prefects :

P. J. DAVIES : Editor of the CHRONICLE ; House Captain. (*Evans.*)

J. D. EAGLES : Secretary Geographical Society ; Joint Secretary of Junior Christian Union ; Captain of the House ; A.S.M. in Senior Scouts. (*Vardy.*)

C. P. GANE : Secretary Scientific Society. (*Evans.*)

L. R. HOLLOWAY : Vice-Captain of Rugby Football. (*Heath.*)

A. HUGHES : School Recorder ; Captain of Eton Fives ; House Captain. (*Gifford.*)

P. MATTHEWS : Sub-Treasurer of the School Club ; C.S.M. in C.C.F. (*Heath.*)

A. D. R. OGBORN : Secretary of Athletics ; House Captain ; A.S.M. in Scouts. (*Cary Gilson.*)

M. J. SHORT : Secretary Pugh Society. (*Vardy.*)

M. G. VARLEY : Captain of Rugby Football ; Secretary Modern Language Society ; House Captain. (*Jeune.*)

R. E. WEAVER : (*Cary Gilson.*)

M. A. WHITLEY : Head of the House. (*Heath.*)

A. A. WILSON : House Captain. (*Levett.*)

J. C. GREEN : Captain of Lawn Tennis ; Vice-Captain of Athletics ; Secretary of Eton Fives. (*Evans.*)

N. JOSEPH : Secretary of the Cartland Club ; Secretary Dramatic Society ; Secretary Film Society ; Joint Secretary Debating Society. (*Gifford.*)

D. E. ROTHERA : Vice-Captain of Swimming. (*Evans.*)

The following gentleman has left :

M. J. SHORT (1948-56) : Prefect, 1956 ; Secretary Pugh Society ; Flight Sergeant in R.A.F. Section, 1955-56 ; Pembroke College, Cambridge. (*Vardy.*)

THE CARTLAND CLUB

'... that blessed mood
In which the heavy and the weary weight
Of all this unintelligible world
is lightened.'

Wordsworth might so easily have dangled his feet from the Club's fireside rail, though the occupants of the comfortable red armchairs (is the colour significant ?), tend to disregard 'the sylvan Wye' in their proximity to the rippling Rea.

In general, flippancy has reigned supreme, with her mischievous mignons, iconoclasm and facetiousness, in good favour. Unfortunately flippancy's reign has heralded self-satisfaction and unconsidered judgment, and these two threaten to breed decadence ; the President has chastised members for lack of responsibility. Strengthened bodily by strong tea the worthy gentlemen are tensing their moral fibres.

Conversation and the acceptance of responsibility and 'setting an example,' tend, (the former by habit, the latter by indoctrination), to overshadow study. Never let it be said, however, that conversation, though flippant, is uneducated, nor that the lead given to the rest of the school is not studied. Indeed, some avowed 'intellectuals' bemoan the predominance in the Club of gentlemen, whose sole claim to fame is their ability to kick, throw, hold, or otherwise manipulate, an oval ball. These hearties, to the terrifying war-cry of 'Bunch and take,' have repelled assailants.

Having been told that 'a book is like a mistress,' gentlemen have, at least, sampled the former luxury, one worthy having ploughed through 'War and Peace' and 'The Forsyte Saga,' a feat of endurance he will never rival on the sport's field. The remainder have sampled the contemporary best-sellers by Messrs. Brinnin and C. Wilson, not to mention the joys of the 'high-class' periodicals.

To return to Wordsworth,

'Enough of science and of art
Close up those barren leaves' ;

despite scholarship commitments the Cartland Club finds time to broaden its outlook ; 'the recluse' is scorned, and so is 'the special.' Gratitude for the privilege of entry into this 'retreat of the élite' is abundant. To the rattle of tea cups, the one-eyed men set their example to the country of the blind.

N.J.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following elections have been made
at Oxford :

D. T. Overton to an Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Worcester College.

D. A. H. Bennett to an Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at New College.

C. G. Harrison to an Open Scholarship in Classics at Exeter College.

at Cambridge :

B. F. Astle to an Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Peterhouse.

N. Joseph to an Exhibition in English at Queens' College.

A. P. Round to an Exhibition in Mathematics at Clare College.

P. M. Thompson to an Exhibition in Modern Languages at Downing College.

M. G. Varley to an Exhibition in Modern Languages at St. John's College.

COLOURS

We congratulate :

L. R. Holloway, D. K. Lindley, J. R. Mountford and G. R. Bellamy on the re-award of School Rugby Football Colours.

A. D. R. Ogborn, J. M. H. Spencer, J. C. Green, I. T. Knowles and W. F. Pickworth on the award of School Rugby Football Colours.

R. J. K. Beaumont, R. P. Holland, N. G. McGowan, R. C. Spiers, M. A. Whitley, P. C. N. Vaugon, R. M. Frobisher, M. J. Baverstock, W. Shrimpton, P. J. Davies, P. Matthews and P. B. M. Mathews on the award of School XXX Colours.

D. E. Rothera on the award of School Swimming Colours.

J. C. Green on the award of School Eton Fives Colours.

G. E. Phillips on the award of School Cricket Colours.

J. G. Henly on the re-award of School Shooting Colours.

D. W. Cope and M. I. Campbell on the award of School Shooting Colours.

OBITUARY

H. R. SMITH

Generations of Old Edwardians will mourn the passing of Mr. H. R. Smith, who died in January in his eightieth year, after an operation. He was a master at King Edward's for thirty-three years, retiring in 1936. Many will remember his big room in New Street, immediately behind Big School. He had a dry humour, best appreciated when it was not directed at oneself.

H. R. Smith took a scholarship to Harrow, where he won the coveted Neald Gold Medal for mathematics. He then went up to Cambridge with a Trinity scholarship, in due course becoming a Wrangler. He acquitted himself so well in the Tripos that he was considered to be the finest applied mathematician of his year.

After a short spell of teaching in Cairo, he returned to England as a mathematics master at Haileybury (where Cary Gilson had been a boy and master).

Spending only a year at Haileybury, Smith came to King Edward's under Gilson. He was a very good shot, being in the VIII at Harrow ; he coached the shooting at King Edward's, taking the team to Bisley for many years. He himself had won numerous medals and cups ; it was he who started the miniature rifle range in the cloisters. He was later in charge of school swimming.

He was a good tennis player ; some will remember pleasant afternoons on his delightful grass court at Edgbaston. He was also a keen gardener. He retired to Horam, Sussex, where he lived until his death. He lost his only son, an Old Edwardian, in the war.

Quiet and fastidious in manner, he was a firm friend to those who knew him well. They will all wish to join in a message of sympathy to his widow and daughter.

N.J.F.C.

SCHOOL NOTES

Our congratulations to P. W. Pardoe on winning a Scholarship to Cranwell.

We were interested and pleased to see in " The Britannia Magazine " that V. G. Hill passed out from Dartmouth fifth in his term, being placed in the First Class, and winning a number of prizes, including the Science Prize (Alpha), the Seamanship Prize and the Navigation Prize. We congratulate him on this splendid start to his service career.

In the same number of the Magazine we notice that Peter Midgley is the Musical Critic, and we read with interest his article on Elizabeth Powell's Piano Recital at Dartmouth.

D. Arthur and H. R. H. Gibbons attended the Christmas Holiday Lectures and discussions of the Council for Education in World Citizenship. One of the lecturers, Professor D. G. Hitchner, an American, spoke at a Sixth Form Lecture on February 13th.

We admire the striking style of Mr. Hurn's " Crucifixion " that forms the background of the permanent Chapel Altar.

Christmas Dinner was taken on Wednesday, December 19th. We observe that the price of School Dinner has now been increased by 1d.

The Christmas Card, issued in aid of the Hungarian Relief Fund, was appropriately unpretentious. Its austere simplicity was a sharp reminder of the tragic cause to which it contributed.

Near the end of the Christmas Term a football match, played with a round ball, took place at Eastern Road. We later learned that the Upper Geography Jugglers had challenged the History Hotspotters. The result, however, was thought to be a draw.

The Temporary Buildings are to be temporary no longer. They are now a mournful shadow of their former selves for evacuation is in progress and only a few hard-working stalwarts remain.

It is with some trepidation that we report the publication of a subversive magazine " Critique," produced by the Classical Press. They may be assured of our sympathy when they run out of paper.

We congratulate Mr. Frank Carter and band on the few clandestine Rock 'n' Roll numbers which enlivened the Prefects' Ball.

Prophecies that the School is shortly to become a built-up area appear to have been correct, for the black and white striped ' No Parking ' signs each side of the main door lead one to assume that having our own zebra crossing is not beyond the realm of possibility. Indeed, it will soon be a necessity.

The benches of the Large Lecture Room, now the Ratcliff Theatre, have been put to notable use in the changing rooms at Eastern Road.

During the year the Badminton Club has continued to meet in the Gym, and has played four matches which were unfortunately lost. The team, however, remain undaunted, and the prospects for this season are much brighter.

Gentlemen are reminded that the new fence erected on the far side of the bulldozer trench is not to form part of a School race-course.

CHAPEL NOTES

Chapel remains the only place in the School that can be crowded and quiet. Holy Communion is celebrated fortnightly, and the number of communicants has remained high. Alas ! the same cannot be said of Mattins on Wednesday mornings, and the weekly Friday evening service is not well attended. It seems to be easier to come to School three-quarters of an hour early than to stay three-quarters of an hour late.

The Chapel Choir was an inexperienced body of singers at the beginning of the year, and tended to make an inexperienced noise. However, practice has remedied some of the major faults. Mr. Gerald Knight, Director of the Royal School of Church Music visited the School in December, heard Evensong, and commented favourably to the choir after the service.

By far the most important service in the Chapel, since the Dedication of the War Memorial by the late Bishop Barnes, took place on January 5th when the Bishop of Aston dedicated the T. C. Kemp Memorial. A report of the service appears below. It is to be hoped that the Chapel will be used more and more as its beauty grows.

The year 1956 has seen the completion of Chapel furniture to coincide with the making and furnishing of the new altar. Mr. Hurn has designed and C. R. Edmonds has made the new lectern ; and the Sixth Form Syndicate put in over-time at the end of the summer term to produce the full complement of Chapel benches, another of which has now been carved (by R. H. Harper). We are immensely grateful for the devotion and skill which have gone into all this work.

We record with gratitude the following gifts (apart from the T. C. Kemp Memorial) : a silver chalice and paten (made by Mr. Stanley Morris) from Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Huskins ; a donation from T. C. Brooke, O.E.

R.M.S.

THE T.C.K. MEMORIAL

The furnishing of the Chapel, begun four years ago, was brought very near to its completion when the Bishop of Aston dedicated the T. C. Kemp Memorial on Saturday, January 5th, at noon. It was two years since 'T.C.K.' died, and the Chapel was crowded with a large congregation of his friends, of friends of the School, of governors, masters, and those Old Edwardians and boys at the School who had been intimately concerned with the construction of the Memorial.

After the Choir—the Altos, Tenors, and Basses of the Chapel Choir—had sung Psalm XLIII, and a short motet arranged by Dr. Willis Grant, the Bishop of Aston gave a short address. He drew on early memories of the Kemp family, which had lived in his father's parish. It was a reflection on no-one, he said, that Kemp had not fitted easily into the pattern of life at the School. No-one had been more surprised than T. C. Kemp himself when he was asked to forsake an office-desk to become Dramatic Critic of *The Birmingham Post*. His aim in life had been to help people think for themselves.

Then the Bishop consecrated the new Altar—a plain oaken table, designed by Mr. Hurn and made by W. J. Spencer, O.E., and M. J. Day—and dedicated its furnishings; a silk Laudian Pall-frontal, presented by Mr. Porter; an Altar-Book, presented by Mr. Jackson; two candlesticks, presented by Mr. Ivan Shortt, O.E.; an Altar Cross made by Mr. D. G. Todd, O.E., when he was still at School; Mr. Hurn's painted reredos, an appraisal of which appears elsewhere. The T. C. Kemp Memorial inscription was carved by C. R. Edmonds.

A hymn and the Bishop's Blessing brought the impressive ceremony to its end. We are fortunate in having so much beauty to surround our liturgical worship, and return grateful thanks to that great number of donors which has provided so much for us.

THE REREDOS

The following description and assessment of the Reredos was kindly written for us by Mr. Kenneth Garlick, Honorary Lecturer at the Barber Institute of Fine Arts.

When Mr. Hurn accepted the commission to paint an altarpiece for the School Chapel he had to face one major problem—how best to relate his picture to its architectural setting. Naturally his own style of painting has a contemporary flavour and he had to adapt it for a picture on a large scale which would be almost the only focus of colour in the rather austere stone setting of Barry's Gothic Revival building. Barry's design was a great success and so, to my mind, is Mr. Hurn's design for the altarpiece. He has not compromised by changing his style. He might have painted a detailed picture with a highly polished surface in a manner historically appropriate to the Gothic style. Instead he has created a bold, bare design which in its strong uprights holds its own with the strong perpendiculars of the walls. He has avoided detail and he has given the surface of the picture a dull varnish so that it does not appear smooth or polished when it catches the light. The result is that the whole composition in which the central tragedy is taken up by the symbolism of strewn stones and leafless thorns has an architectural strength which relates it to its stone framework. This effect would be lost if stained glass were ever to be substituted for the almost plain windows which the chapel has to-day. The altarpiece as it is demands clear and searching light. It would be inappropriate to the jewelled shadow which is cast by stained glass, and the restricted scheme of rather harsh colour would lose its meaning if a number of reflected coloured lights played over it.

An interesting point to note about the composition is that the crosses on which the two thieves hang are set back at a considerable distance from the cross and figure of Our Lord. In many traditional representations of this scene the three crosses are much closer together. By this device Mr. Hurn has gained an illusion of depth which is necessary to give strength to so large a picture, approximately 8-ft. \times 6-ft. 6-ins., and he has most effectively made the series of triangles formed by the horizontal bars of the crosses and the upstretched arms, a formal part of his design.

His canvas has been set down on a twelve ply resin bonded board made up of fine laminations of mahogany and poplar. The whole is sealed with white lead and the back of the board has also been treated with white lead so ensuring protection against the damp which is inevitable in a cold stone building of this kind.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OLD EDWARDIAN LETTER

To the Editor of the CHRONICLE.

SIR : You will forgive me, I hope, if I offer you, in guise of a letter, something like a business communication. The thing mainly in the minds of O.E.'s is the safe and successful transaction of the Association to new premises at Paradise Street, formerly in the sole occupation of the Clef Club, a social club of an antiquity and status comparable with our own. Relations between the School and the Association are so close, so many boys in due season become members of the Association, that this transaction, I feel, matters as much to you as to us.

At the end of last September the Clef Club faced extinction : its old lease was up and it could not possibly consider the enormous increase in rent and rates involved in a new lease. We ourselves expected the same sort of death sentence, except that there were two years or so to run of our New Street lease. After that . . . ? Well, we could see no prospect of suitable premises at a cost within the modest means provided by our necessarily modest subscriptions.

In the summer our Chairman, aware both of the present troubles of the Clef and the future peril of the Association, secured from his Committee authority to open discussions with the Clef Club with a view to a joint user of premises that, between them, the two organizations might be able to afford. As a result, a joint negotiating committee got to work. It soon realized that a mere joint user of premises held in common was unlikely to succeed ; something like a fusion of two rather dissimilar bodies had to be attempted.

That fusion, though some administrative and legal loose ends have still to be tidied up, has now taken place and is working smoothly and happily, thanks largely to the friendly co-operation of both sides. The amount received from the landlords for surrender of the unexpended portion of the New Street lease was sufficient to pay for the decoration and furnishing of a floor of the Clef Club that had not been in use in living memory—thus providing the necessary additional accommodation. As a result, the amenities of the new premises are far better than those of the old—three billiard tables, for example, instead of one : two cardrooms ; better furnishings and equipment.

All that mattered in the Association has been preserved. We still have a centre and meeting place for Old Edwardians in the heart of Birmingham, where it necessarily must be ; we still have a headquarters for our athletic activities ; we still have a social club largely Edwardian.

Let me sum up briefly the present set-up. First, and most important, the Association, as a corporate body of Old Boys of the School, remains unimpaired—its fundamental subscription, that of Honorary Member, unchanged at ten shillings a year ; its conditions of election as they were ; adequate sums reserved for publication of the *Gazette* twice yearly and for the prizes the Association now offers to the School. Secondly, those whom we have known in the past as Town Members have been elected or will in future be elected to a joint social club, the "Clef and Old Edwardians Club." There will, however, also be eligible for membership of this Club such persons, not necessarily Old Edwardians, as a joint committee may deem desirable. (It may be noted that potential members will include parents and sons of Old Edwardians and others interested in the School, previously ineligible for membership of the Association.)

Thirdly—and this perhaps most concerns you and your readers—though the full Town Member's subscription will rise from the present five guineas to seven, we have been able to continue the admirable system of asking from our younger members a substantially-reduced subscription for full membership rights. Up to the age of twenty-one this will be £2 2s. 0d. ; from twenty-one to twenty-five it will be £4 4s. 0d. University members, excluding Birmingham, will pay only £1 0s. 0d.

In all the circumstances the Committee feels it has taken the best possible chance—and a very good chance, too—of keeping alive and vigorous the Association as it has been in the past. Full success depends, now as ever, on the full co-operation of all Edwardians, past and present. The new Club already is a pleasant place to use : one of its great advantages is that the old Clef membership contained many Old Edwardians. From the outset we have been made to feel at home. Early this year, indeed, the Tudor Club, consisting of Cambridge O.E.'s, held a most successful dinner in the new rooms.

Apologies, Sir, for the unconscionable length of this letter. Will you spare me a few lines more to congratulate J. F. Wainwright on a Blue, albeit of dubious colour ; to congratulate you and the Governors on the addition to the Governing Body of another O.E., Professor D. R. Dudley, who has been nominated by Worcestershire and will be the more welcome to many of us for the very active part he has taken in building up the O.E. Cricket Club. Last, but not least, to congratulate the School and the State on the promotion of J. Enoch Powell, M.P., to be Financial Secretary to the Treasury, a post traditionally a long step towards Cabinet rank.

O.E.

THE CAMBRIDGE LETTER

SIR : The Lent Term is upon us and once more Cambridge resounds to the patter of Old Edwardian feet, dancing their "antic hay" about the Fountain and down Trinity Street. The return to fenny culture has been quiet and what with a combination of recent, heady festivities and

the stark frigidity of our East Anglian retreat, scandal and sauciness lie dormant—presumably waiting for the warmth of May Week and the flower-bestrewn Backs, to reappear with increased vigour. J. F. Wainwright (Selwyn), laying his snooker cue aside for a while, recently trod immortal turf and, we are proud to say, played a major part in the handsome defeat of that “other place,” at Twickenham. His light blue scarf has obviously excited the envy of our President, A. D. S. Roberts (Pembroke), who—muttering fiendish Chinese spells—divides his time between practising ping-pong and collecting train numbers out near Homerton. R. A. Tomlinson (St. John’s), moving serenely into his sixth year, busies himself with a little hammer, a flat in Athens, and a wealth of ancient Greek stories. J. L. Wilkins (St. John’s) scurries through the mud to his Finals, and J. M. S. Arnott (Peterhouse) strides in search of good coffee and the best way to cure corns. B. E. Fryer (Selwyn) was recently seen doing the Highland fling in pink pyjamas and a false moustache outside Marks and Spencer.

H. J. Hibberd (Downing) has had the bailiffs and finds himself cast out into the cold, cold snow ; he has the full sympathy of a fellow-refugee, A. L. S. Brown (Caius), who—true to his blood—mixes collecting coal with camping out at the “Scotch Hoose.” From the ruins of last term’s party, like a Phoenix triumphant, J. G. Evans (St. John’s) has risen and, when not at the Kinema, is learning the euphonium. This meets with the frank disapproval of his almost-permanent lodger, M. Parslew (Selwyn), who is said to be perfecting an infallible pontoon system. At Trinity Hall, D. H. Benson makes good coffee and keeps cream sherry in a milk-bottle ; but his room-mate, J. D. Waterstreet, through multitudinous illnesses, has been unable to taste these delights and is resident at the hospital, where J. L. Beeby (Clare) can always be found.

M. R. Bird (Clare), for whom orange juice and bicycles are sacred, has set a new fashion by attending lectures in bedsocks. F. K. Hammond (Pembroke) is joined by M. H. B. Carmalt (Peterhouse) for vodka-drinking at the Old Castle and the D.R. Their mystic rites at the altar of medicine are beyond the ken of G. H. Brindley (Selwyn), whose organ-playing is erratic but scintillating, whose jazz is definitely progressive and whose socks blaze luminous glory.

And so, Sir, we could go on all night. There are others lurking in dark corners, who have not been exposed, but who—nonetheless—are busy leaving their mark on Cambridge. So, pray excuse us if we gather our cloak and rush away into anonymity, pausing but briefly to sign ourselves

Your obedient servant,

CANTABRIGIENSIS.

CRANWELL LETTER

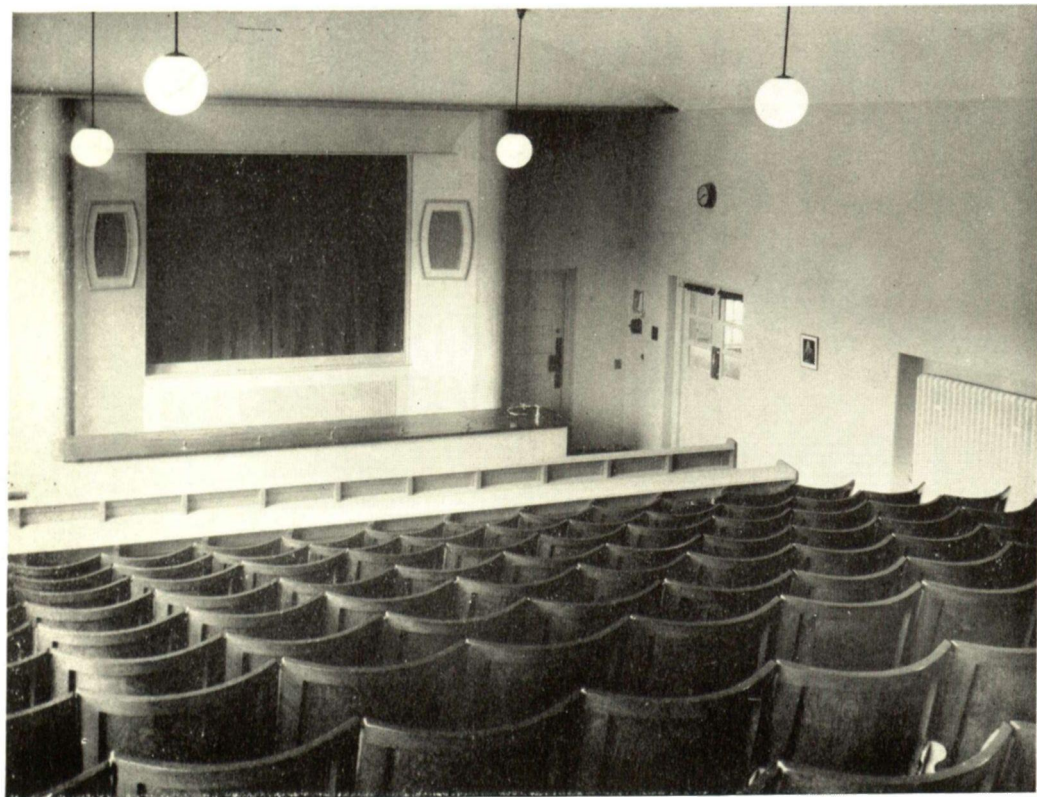
At present there are only two Old Edwardians at the college : C. R. B. Tickell and G. D. Andrews. The former is in his final term and in April receives his permanent commission. With 300 hours flying experience behind him he will go to an Operational Conversion Unit where



THE XV, 1956-57

Standing (left to right) : W. F. PICKWORTH (1956-57), J. C. GREEN (1956-57), I. T. KNOWLES (1956-57), R. C. SPIERS, R. J. K. BEAUMONT, N. G. MCGOWAN, M. A. WHITLEY, R. P. HOLLAND, R. M. FROBISHER.

Seated (left to right) : A. D. R. OGBORN (1956-57), J. R. MOUNTFORD (1955-56-57), L. R. HOLLOWAY (Vice-Captain) (1955-56-57), M. G. VARLEY (Captain) (1955-56-57), D. K. LINDLEY (1955-56-57), G. R. BELLAMY (1955-56-57), J. M. H. SPENCER (1956-57).



THE RATCLIFF THEATRE

he converts from Vampires to Hunters. The latter, now in his fifth term, is still flying the basic trainer, the Provost, and is preparing for his Intermediate Examinations which take place later in the term.

It is surprising that there are not more O.E.'s at the college so perhaps a résumé of life at Cranwell would not be inappropriate. We rise at 0700 hours and have breakfasted by half past. At 0800 hours the morning's programme begins, often with drill which is then followed by four lectures on subjects ranging from Air Force Law to atomic physics. Lunch is taken between 1230 and 1330. The afternoon is invariably devoted to professional subjects, Flying for the General Duties cadets, Navigation for the navigators and appropriate lectures for the Equipment and Secretarial cadets (the General Duties cadets comprise 80 per cent. of the college). Tea at 1700 hours brings the working day to a close though there is often much to do in the evening. Dinner at 2000 hours usually provides excellent fare, as indeed do all the meals.

One is never at a loss for something to do either during term time or on leave. There are all the usual societies and activities as well as the more unusual ones such as : Motoring, Mountaineering, Potholing, Sailing, Ski-ing, Wildfowling and Beagling. Sport is well provided for, there being facilities for twenty-two different sports, from Archery to Water Polo. Compulsory participation in one of them on Saturday and Wednesday afternoons ensures a high standard in every branch.

The week-end brings a convivial atmosphere to the college. " Wine, W*m*n and Song " is perhaps a fitting description of the average week-end. Does this sort of life attract you ? (Details on most ' There's a place for you in the R.A.F.' posters.) I am quite serious, however, when I say that it is the start of the finest career to-day.

Contrary to popular opinion cars cannot be run upon aviation spirit (the liquid kind naturally)—extensive personal experiments have proved this.

Our congratulations to M. H. Wilson and P. W. Pardoe on the award of their Cranwell Scholarships.

PERKESADASTRAM.

SPEECH DAY, 1956

The Upper School Speech Day took place on the morning of July 19th, shortly before the end of the summer term, when Sir Richard Howard-Vyse was Guest of Honour.

Having heard the Prize Declamations and presented the prizes, Sir Richard began a memorable address. He told us that he proposed to endow the school with a new gift consisting of ground rents in the City, the income of which would enable Scholarships for one of the Service Colleges to be awarded to 'deserving boys.'

In describing the aim of his generous endowment Sir Richard expressed his desire to cultivate the qualities of 'unselfishness and tact' in the young men of to-day, particularly those who were contemplating Service careers. Sir Richard emphasized that he had designed the Scholarship hoping that it would help and strengthen the character of all who received it, and pointed out that :

"the world is small nowadays and its various parts are so closely interwoven that no particular part of that world can take any action without its having some repercussion upon another section."

He went on :

"It follows that you cannot in life hoe a lonely and selfish row without becoming a public danger. If you are going to be any good at all to the world—and I do not mean in the world—you must be actuated by motives of high principle more than material advancement. Realize what effect your action is going to have on other people and recognize their point of view."

Sir Richard finally urged us to be prepared if the call to lead should come and to follow it unswervingly.

THE RATCLIFF THEATRE

The School's latest and very handsome birthday present, the Gerald Ratcliff Theatre, was opened on the Founder's Birthday before an audience of invited guests and radio and T.V. technicians.

The Chief Master welcomed the assembly, and proceeded to explain briefly how the scheme for building a cinema within the School had been launched. When Mr. Ratcliff made the film of the Royal Visit, "it became perfectly plain that we had neither projector nor showing place worthy of the film."

Mr. Ratcliff spoke of his decision to make provision for both a cinema and a projector, and mentioned the hard work and difficulties involved in converting the building into a cinema, whilst retaining its use as a lecture theatre. Mr. Ratcliff concluded by formally handing over the Theatre to the School.

The Chief Master, replying on behalf of the School and Governors, expressed his gratitude to Mr. Ratcliff for his gift. He paid tribute to Mr. Geoffrey Hoare, O.E., for his consistent enthusiasm, which the Chief Master had become accustomed to expect, on the administrative side of the Theatre's development. Finally the Chief Master congratulated Mr. Ratcliff on what was in these days too rare an achievement—completing the Theatre punctually.

The guests were then treated to a selection of Mr. Ratcliff's colour films, the first, appropriately that of the Royal Visit to the School. Three more films, "Italian Itinerary," which included scenes in Rome, Venice, Florence and Pisa, "European Horse Trials at Windsor," where many delightful "close-ups" of the Royal Family were made, "jockeying" for position among dozens of other photographers, and lastly "Dream Island," which has been shown all over Great Britain and contains some of the finest sequences yet seen of sea-birds in their natural surroundings, brought this memorable occasion to a suitable close.

FAREWELL TO H.W.H.

On July 24th Big School witnessed an unusual but historic ceremony—the handing over of copies of the original School plans by the Architect, Mr. H. W. Hobbiss. Among those present were Mr. Byng Kenrick, the Deputy Bailiff, the Governors and senior pupils from both schools.

The Bailiff was at the last minute prevented from presiding over proceedings by an attack of sand-fly fever. The Chief Master therefore welcomed the guests, making special reference to Miss A. M. Jaques, Acting Headmistress of the High School for Girls, and to the fact that this day was Mr. Byng Kenrick's Golden Wedding Day. Mr. Byng Kenrick, as the sole surviving member of the original Building Committee, paid tribute to Mr. Hobbiss's work over more than twenty years. He told of his planning and of his persistence, and spoke of those with whom he had worked so closely, Governors and former Heads of the Schools. With his felicitous choice of words Mr. Byng Kenrick painted for us as it were the backcloth against which we play our parts.

Then Mr. Hobbiss, Architect to the Direct Grant Schools, gave a fine speech in which he recalled the ' trials and tribulations ' with which he and those associated with him were faced when it was decided to recreate King Edward's at Edgbaston. He paid tribute to all who had shared with him the responsibility of undertaking so great a task. In business-like detail he related how the building materials were gradually amassed upon the site and how, despite constant labour difficulties, the work was continued even after the outbreak of War. He then quoted the words of Alderman Harrison Barrow who had once told him :

" If you have only a man and a boy on the job, go ahead," and added that this decision undoubtedly saved the School.

After describing the actual construction work, Mr. Hobbiss reached a moving climax when he expressed his feelings at seeing what had formerly appeared only in blue-print, transformed into a living organism :

" And so at last the Schools were completed and I had the thrill of hearing prayers said in Big School and the organ accompanying the Hymn."

Mr. Hobbiss recorded his deep thanks to those who take care of the School building and then moved on to what was, both for him and for us, a sad moment :

" I feel that the time has now come for me to retire from the responsibility of looking after these Schools . . . I am not as agile in climbing ladders as I used to be and sometimes I forget things I should remember. As King Edward's must have only the best of service I feel that I should now make way for those more fitted to give it."

With the sincerity that had marked his speech throughout Mr. Hobbiss concluded :

" I only hope that you boys and girls and those succeeding you will come to have the veneration, respect, and affection for these buildings as we had for the Old School in New Street. And so farewell. God bless you all."

Mr. Hobbiss then handed over the drawings to the Deputy Bailiff. We wish him a long and happy retirement. Proceedings ended with the singing of his and our School Song which he had first heard on his coming to the School in 1896.

Afterwards the Governing Body entertained Mr. Hobbiss, together with Mr. Birks, representing Messrs. J. L. Deacon, Ltd., the builders, to luncheon in the Governors' Room.

FOUNDER'S DAY

The commemoration of the Founder's birthday was suitably kept on October 13th. The first part of the proceedings were of a sacred nature in which the company was reminded of our benefactors and gave thanks to God for our heritage.

The Chief Master then welcomed the guests, especially the Lord Mayor, Alderman E. W. Apps, J.P., father of a former School Captain, the Lady Mayoress, and our energetic Bailiff, Mr. B. A. Thomas, O.E. In common with many other speakers this year the Chief Master pointed that it is schools like ours who are to be counted upon for the largest proportion of the country's future technologists. About 70 per cent. of Edwardians are going forward to Universities. He spoke of the work of education under the parable of the pencil that has to be sharpened, and of the need in our day to retain high intellectual standards even if these are hard of achievement.

On a day of gratitude he appealed to parents for gifts in support of the O.E.A. Sports Ground. The response to this appeal has so far amounted to £250, which means that because of generous augmentation from anonymous donors we have been able to help forward that cause to the tune of £350.

After presenting the medals and prizes the Bailiff in a short and forceful speech reminded boys that the University was by no means the sole, nor necessarily the best route into the professions. He spoke particularly of the training of accountants and solicitors, pointing to the many sons of the School who had like himself gone forward to serve the professions in the City and beyond by means of articulated clerkships.

The School Captain expressed thanks to our visitors; and proceedings ended as usual with the School song.

HUNGARIAN APPEAL FUND, 1956

On November 3rd the Hungarian Appeal Fund was opened by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham. The Chief Master then announced that our particular fund would remain open until the end of November and exhorted us to do all in our power to raise a sum worthy of the School.

It cannot be said that there was a lack of imagination in the school, for every conceivable method of raising money was perpetrated. An interesting and enlightening picture-gallery appeared in the Maths. Laboratory, and "sympathy ribbons" were made and sold at considerable profit. A sixth form introduced their "Secondary Bond Saving Scheme." The first main opportunity of using the Ratcliff Theatre was seized with both hands. Varied and various record recitals and films were presented to a full house.

The largest collection by any single form came from the Maths. Sixth and Upper Sixth who by raffles, film shows and an enterprising and well-supported whist drive in Big School collected over £20. The form representative was then presented with a bust of Edward the Sixth by the Chief Master who closed the appeal and announced that a cheque for £250 would be sent to the Lord Mayor.

A.H.

FOOTBALL

The standard of football produced by the XV so far this season has been varied and little knowledge of its performances and ability can be gleaned from casual observation of the results. Games which should have been victories have been lost by our own errors and by a factor beyond our control—luck in all its phases. Conversely, some of the results paint a flattering picture of the team's capabilities.

At times the pack has been outstanding, notably so against Bromsgrove. On other occasions the lack of shove of the forwards in the tight scrums has been their principal feature. Among its three-quarters the XV contains several fast runners, but none of the backs has really looked penetrating or consistently dangerous. They have preferred to kick rather than run and search for gaps.

The Second XV has had an encouraging season, having won five of its nine matches so far. Its strength lies in the pack which plays as a single unit. The backs, whilst never outstanding, are all dependable. The team has recorded two particularly notable wins, over Wrekin and Bromsgrove, but has also contrived to lose by considerable margins on two occasions. The team is cheerfully captained by P. C. N. Vaugon.

One of the most encouraging aspects of School Rugby is the development of the Third XV which now has seven pre-Christmas fixtures. Four games have been won and one other drawn. The team is driven to greater efforts by the incentive schemes of Mr. Hall who has taken over the management of the team, which is enthusiastically captained by P. M. Johnson.

The U.16 XV has had a disappointing season and has yet to score its first victory, but it must be added that a number of games have been lost by only a few points. Inevitably, it seems, the members of the team are always smaller than their opponents.

The U.15 XV : A depressing feature of its result-table is two defeats by over fifty points to nil. This suggests a lack of toughness and determination when facing really good opposition.

The U.14 XV has had a fairly successful season. The team has few large players, who can make all the difference in junior teams. This lack of size, however, has its compensation in keenness and enthusiasm.

Mention must also be made of a new venture this year, organized by the Old Edwardians' Rugby Football Club. This involved the playing of two matches against sides raised by the Nottingham and Moseley Rugby Clubs as possible recruits for their senior sides of the future. The Old Edwardians had a similar aim in mind. The XV which represented the Old Edwardians was composed of members of the School first, second, third and U.16 teams. Both matches were won by good margins. Our thanks are due to the Old Edwardians' R.F.C. for arranging the fixtures, transport, jerseys, etc. at no cost to ourselves.

We thank Mr. Parry for his advice, coaching and continual enthusiasm. His efforts are not unappreciated and we hope to repay them more generously in the Lent term. Thanks must also go to Messrs. Webb, Hall, Robertson, Sacret, McGawley and Buttle for the organization of the other School teams and to all masters who referee or arrange games. We appreciate also the support and enthusiasm of the Chief Master, the School, parents and friends at all times.

M. G. VARLEY (*Captain of Football.*)

THE XV v. BROMSGROVE

Played at Charford. Won 5 points to 0.

The conditions for this, the most taxing game of the season, were almost perfect. The ground was firm, the sun was shining gently, but a stiffish wind blew down and across the pitch. The School won the toss and played with the wind.

Within seconds the School pack was entrenched in the Bromsgrove 25 and remained there, pressing the opponents' line for twenty minutes. The pack pushed well and quick heels resulted. The School backs did not make full use of this service and were inclined to kick too often instead of attempting to penetrate gaps, which were, admittedly, somewhat rare. After continual pressure Spiers was unlucky in missing a penalty goal from the touch-line. The ball rebounded from a post. A few minutes later Spencer charged down a kick by the opposing full-back and only just failed to score. The play was carried into the School 25 by the Bromsgrove winger, who was brought down with a magnificent tackle by Pickworth, the School full-back, about ten yards short of the School line. Bromsgrove, in this attacking position, missed two penalty-kicks and henceforth, until half-time, the battle-honours were evenly divided. The score at half-time was 0—0.

For twenty minutes of the second half Bromsgrove were largely in control, but five minutes later Mountford took a long pass from a forward and ran forty yards, only to be tackled a few yards in front of the line. A scrum ensued under the Bromsgrove posts. The School heeled quickly and held the ball in the back row, thereby restraining the Bromsgrove wing-forwards. After the eventual heel Whitley, the School scrum-half, broke wide and forced his way over the Bromsgrove line, some considerable distance from the posts. The try was well converted by Spiers with a long, accurate kick.

The game resumed its course of attacks and bursts by each side and the final whistle blew whilst play was in midfield. It was a fitting conclusion to a hard-fought, even game, which was decided, not so much by tactics, but by the team's ability to withstand the tension of a whole hour without score in so vital a match. The sixtieth minute brought well-earned reward.

CHARACTERS OF THE XV

M. G. VARLEY (1955-6-7.)

He makes up for his lack of inches by strong and intelligent play. His running is deceptively fast when in possession of the ball and his passes are always well timed. His experience in the tight scrums has been invaluable to a young pack and his fine dribbling and quick following-up have been an inspiration to them in the loose.

He has, as captain, set a worthy example both in fitness and enthusiasm and deserves to be captain of a more consistent and successful team.

(Captain of Jeune.)

L.R.H.

L. R. HOLLOWAY (1955-6-7.)

He has fulfilled the expectations of last season, cut short by injury, and again plays with his former courage and vigour. He is invaluable in the line-out, but lacks the weight to take full advantage of the numerous occasions on which he catches the ball. He goes very hard in the loose. He both tackles and falls well and times his passes carefully, never drawing his opponent too close. During a busy term he has, as vice-captain, been of considerable assistance in matters of administration.

(Captain of Heath)

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

A speedy wing-three-quarter who usually outruns his opposite number and is the leading try-scorer. He has developed the technique of forcing his opponent outside himself and then tackling him from behind. At times, however, he concentrates on the opposing centre and leaves his own man unmarked. He has been invaluable thus far as a reliable and efficient secretary.

(Jeune)

J. R. MOUNTFORD (1955-6-7.)

A fast and strong centre-three-quarter whose play is sometimes marred by his inability to take his passes. At times, when tackled, he is apt to fling the ball wildly. He is difficult to stop when moving at speed and, because of the length to which he is prepared to run, is often found in quite unusual positions. He is reluctant to fall, but his tackling is good.

(Gifford)

G. R. BELLAMY (1955-6-7)

A hooker who heels the ball quickly both with and against the loose head. He is a little slow in reaching the mauls, in which he participates vigorously. In the open he penetrates every available gap and when tackled forces his opponent along. He is, however, loath to part with the ball early enough.

(Captain of Gifford)

A. D. R. OGBORN (1956-7)

The toughness of this wing-forward is more apparent than his size. His tackling and falling-on are fearless and he is always up with the ball. As a wing-forward he does his job well. In attack he links up with his halves. In defence he spoils the opposition's passes.

(Cary Gilson)

J. M. H. SPENCER (1956-7)

A tall, strong, second-row forward. His weight is particularly noticeable in the tight scrums, but he shows a certain lethargy in entering loose mauls. Otherwise his play in the open is outstanding. His dribbling is good and he runs and handles competently.

(Cary Gilson)

J. C. GREEN (1956-7).

A fly-half who has been most conspicuous by his kicking, including, of late, his place-kicking. His taking of passes is erratic. At times he picks up the most awkward and at times drops the simplest. He is too often caught by the opposing fly-half or wing-forward but usually saves the situation by his kicking. He covers well in defence.

(Evans)

R. J. K. BEAUMONT (1956-7).

A tall, powerfully-built forward. His line-out play fluctuates between competent prominence and relative obscurity. He is a leading figure in forward passing movements. In the open he does not take full advantage of his size and passes much too late and is often caught in possession.

(Vardy)

R. P. HOLLAND (1956-7).

A wing-three-quarter with considerable speed and variation in his play, both of which he has had little opportunity to exploit. On the few occasions when the ball has reached him he has run strongly. His falling and tackling are good, but sometimes he mars his play by not advancing with the rest of the three-quarter line. *(Captain of Cary Gilson)*

I. T. KNOWLES (1956-7).

A medium-sized prop forward, who has now lost a former tendency to buckle in light scrums. He is frequently at the head of forward rushes, both dribbling and passing. Invariably he has a foot over the ball before most of the pack in the loose mauls. *(Evans)*

N. G. MCGOWAN (1956-7).

A tallish centre-three-quarter who can run well. At the beginning of the season he did so and took advantage of gaps in the opposition's defence. Of late he has been prone to over-use his long, safe kick. He has, however, rescued us from several dangerous positions with his kicking. His defence is reliable. *(Prince Lee)*

M. A. WHITLEY (1956-7).

A well-built scrum-half who could use his weight to more advantage. His passing is reasonably accurate, if a little slow at times. His kicking in defence is good, but occasionally his cross-kicks are ill-timed. He breaks intelligently, but a little too frequently. *(Heath)*

W. F. PICKWORTH (1956-7).

Converted from a scrum-half to a full-back he has shown himself capable and courageous. His tackling is good and he kicks well with either foot. However, he shows at times a dangerous hesitation to catch a ball cleanly before it bounces. *(Jeune)*

R. C. SPIERS.

A large second-row forward who makes his weight felt in the tight. He is sometimes sluggish in the open and therefore less prominent than he might be in the mauls. Except on one notable occasion his kicking has not reached expectations. *(Cary Gilson)*

R. M. FROBISHER.

A smallish but robust back-row forward, who never lacks determination and courage. He is often a prominent figure in forward rushes. In defence, he needs to tackle rather than scrag. His falling-on is courageous. *(Jeune)*

The XV this term has been : W. F. PICKWORTH ; R. P. HOLLAND, N. G. MCGOWAN, J. R. MOUNTFORD, D. K. LINDLEY ; J. C. GREEN, M. A. WHITLEY ; M. G. VARLEY, G. R. BELLAMY, I. T. KNOWLES ; R. C. SPIERS, J. M. H. SPENCER ; A. D. R. OGBORN, R. J. K. BEAUMONT, L. R. HOLLOWAY.

Also played : R. M. FROBISHER, C. H. BROWN, P. J. DAVIES, J. H. ETTRITCH.

M. J. DAY and C. I. DAVIES have served loyally as touch-judges for the first and second teams respectively.

RESULTS OF MATCHES THE XV

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct. 6	Solihull	Away	Lost	3 9
" 13	Warwick	Home	Drawn	0 0
" 18	Denstone College	Away	Lost	6 14
" 27	Worksop College	Away	Lost	0 19
Nov. 3	Bromsgrove	Away	Won	5 0
" 10	Nottingham H.S.	Away	Lost	0 5
" 17	Wrekin College	Home	Lost	3 13
" 24	King's, Worcester	Home	Drawn	8 8
" 29	Ratcliffe College	Home	Won	30 0

SECOND XV

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct. 6	K.E.S., Stratford	Away	Won	8 3
" 13	Tettenhall College	Away	Lost	11 14
" 18	Denstone College	Home	Cancelled	
" 30	Rugby 3rd XV	Away	Lost	3 27
Nov. 10	Bromsgrove	Home	Won	6 5
" 17	Wrekin College	Away	Won	8 0
" 24	Leamington	Away	Lost	8 34
Dec. 1	Sebright 1st XV	Away	Won	13 5
" 8	Warwick	Away	Lost	0 3
" 15	King's, Worcester	Home	Won	27 0

THIRD XV

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct. 6	K.E.S., Stratford	Home	Won	65 0
" 20	Tudor Grange 1st XV	Home	Won	22 0
Nov. 17	Tettenhall College	Home	Lost	11 13
" 24	Leamington	Away	Lost	5 11
Dec. 1	Sebright	Home	Won	22 8
" 8	Warwick	Home	Drawn	11 11
" 15	King's, Worcester	Away	Won	6 0
Jan. 19	Tudor Grange 1st XV	Away	Lost	6 11

UNDER SIXTEEN XV

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct. 6	Solihull 3rd XV	Away	Lost	5 16
" 13	Warwick	Home	Lost	0 16
" 18	Denstone College	Home	Lost	3 6
" 27	Worksop College	Away	Lost	6 31
" 30	Rugby	Away	Lost	3 24
Nov. 10	Nottingham H.S.	Away	Lost	3 6
" 17	Wrekin College	Away	Lost	3 23
" 24	King's, Worcester	Home	Lost	6 8
" 29	Ratcliffe College	Home	Lost	6 11
Dec. 1	Bromsgrove	Home	Lost	3 6

UNDER FIFTEEN XV

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct. 6	K.E.S., Stratford	Away	Won	6 0
" 13	Tettenhall College	Away	Won	9 6
" 20	Tudor Grange G.S.	Home	Won	9 0
Nov. 10	Bromsgrove	Away	Lost	0 9
" 17	Moseley G.S.	Away	Lost	6 18
" 24	Bishop Vesey's G.S.	Away	Lost	0 56
Dec. 1	Sebright	Away	Won	19 11
" 8	Warwick	Home	Lost	0 55
" 15	King's, Worcester	Home	Lost	0 18
Jan. 19	Bishop Vesey's G.S.	Home	Lost	0 17

UNDER FOURTEEN XV

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Oct. 6	K.E.S., Stratford	Home	Drawn	9 9
„ 20	Tudor Grange G.S.	Home	Won	8 3
Nov. 10	George Dixon G.S.	Away	Drawn	0 0
„ 17	Moseley G.S.	Away	Lost	6 2
„ 24	Bishop Vesey's G.S.	Away	Lost	0 18
Dec. 1	Sebright	Home	Won	19 10
„ 8	Warwick	Away	Won	8 6
„ 15	King's, Worcester	Away	Won	5 3
Jan. 19	Bishop Vesey's G.S.	Home	Lost	0 8

UNDER THIRTEEN XV

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Nov. 10	Bishop Vesey's G.S.	Home	Won	10 6
„ 17	Tettenhall College	Home	Won	8 6
Dec. 1	Moseley G.S.	Away	Lost	0 15

OLD EDWARDIANS' SCHOOLBOYS' FIFTEEN

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
Jan. 3	Notts. Public Schools	Beeston	Won	5 0
„ 9	Moseley Public Schools	King's Norton	Won	15 3

CRICKET RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT

After a very promising start to the season, the final record of won 8, lost 4, drawn 6, was a little disappointing. The batting was fairly consistent, with seven batsmen having averages of over twenty. The bowling, however, had to be left entirely in the hands of the spinners; the pace-bowlers, except on rare occasions, being erratic and consequently ineffective. Fielding, especially in the covers, improved considerably as the season progressed. J. Mulford, the Captain, set an excellent example by scoring the most runs and taking the most wickets but he tended to be over-diligent with his field placing.

Prospects for 1957 are good, for the innovation of Winter coaching in the School gymnasium and at the Edgbaston Indoor Cricket School should produce a considerable improvement in fundamental technique. In this latter venture we are indebted to Messrs. Guy, Cockle, and Brierly for their coaching and advice and we give them our warmest thanks for devoting so much of their time to our interests.

R. G. DAUNCEY (*Captain of Cricket*).

RESULTS

THE XI v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

(*Played at Eastern Road, 3rd July, 1956*)

The XI .. ..	.. 123 for 7 declared (W. Shrimpton 39 ; Hambleton 4 for 38).
Manchester G.S. ..	.. 82 for 4 (Green 41 ; J. Mulford 2 for 22).

THE "A" XI v. MALVERN II

(*Played at Malvern, 5th July, 1956*)

Malvern II .. ..	.. 151 for 7 declared (McIntyre 45 not out, Preston-Jones 35 ; A. E. H. Hornig 5 for 43).
The "A" XI .. ..	.. 152 for 5 (J. Mulford 47, N. J. Whitley 35, A. N. B. Davies 32).

THE XI v. THE KESTRELS

(Played at Eastern Road, 7th July, 1956)

The XI	166 for 6 declared (A. N. B. Davies 52 ; D. F. Cockle 4 for 47).
The Kestrels	130 for 7 (T. L. Brierley 84 ; A. E. H. Hornig 3 for 43).

THE "A" XI v. FIVE WAYS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

(Played at Portland Road, 10th July, 1956)

The "A" XI	199 for 6 declared (M. J. Disney 59, G. E. Phillips 43).
Five Ways G.S. ..	85 for 7 (Johnson 33, Roberts 32 ; A. E. H. Hornig 6 for 14).

THE XI v. OLD EDWARDIANS' ASSOCIATION

(Played at Eastern Road, 21st July, 1956)

Old Edwardians' Assoc.	239 for 6 declared (J. L. Wilkins 94, P. Vernon 41 not out ; J. Mulford 3 for 100).
The XI	141 (J. Mulford 34, I. R. McClelland 4 for 22, J. A. M. Harrod 4 for 41).

CRICKET AVERAGES

BATTING

	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Not out</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Average</i>
J. Mulford ..	15	2	50*	396	30.4
M. Wilkins ..	18	5	66*	363	27.9
A. N. B. Davies ..	13	2	59*	264	24.0
N. J. Whitley ..	12	4	52*	178	22.25
P. F. Williams ..	16	0	78	341	21.3
J. S. Pendry ..	12	4	35	167	20.9
G. E. Phillips ..	15	0	69	309	20.6
R. G. Dauncey ..	13	3	40*	178	17.8

*not out.

BOWLING

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
A. E. H. Hornig ..	146.1	29	467	37	12.6
J. Mulford ..	227.4	55	692	38	18.2
R. G. Dauncey ..	81.5	13	256	11	23.2
J. S. Pendry ..	74	15	232	10	23.2

CATCHES : J. Mulford, A. N. B. Davies, R. G. Dauncey, G. E. Phillips, 6 ; P. F. Williams, A. E. H. Hornig, 5 ; J. S. Pendry, 4 ; N. J. Whitley, M. J. Disney, 3 ; M. Wilkins, ct. 12, st. 6.

SWIMMING

At long last the heating plant has been installed. This means that the bath will be available for the whole of the summer term, and perhaps for team training at the end of the Lent Term. Thus we shall exact three times the use from our wonderful pool, and I would like to thank all those parents who made possible this welcome installation.

Last season, the team swam nine matches—winning three and losing six. Although this appears to be a great reversal of the unbeaten record of the previous team, it is not as bad as it would seem. Three of the matches were very close and were decided by the last event—the Free Style Relay—which we lost in each case.

The number of standards obtained last year was a little disappointing, so this year we hope to make them much easier, in order that every swimmer will be capable of two or three standards.

The Swimming Sports were the usual success, but how we would welcome such a crowd at swimming matches ! I would like to thank all those masters who made the sports run so smoothly, and also to thank Mrs. Aitken for presenting the prizes.

In closing I would be optimistic and forecast a better season for the team next year. D. E. Rothera is a very competent all-rounder, R. Bagnall, D. R. Ellison and A. B. Loach are all promising, so the team a few years hence should be quite strong.

We thank Mr. McGawley, Mr. Cadenhead and Mr. Cotter for their hard work in life-saving and swimming instruction. It is a pity that their efforts were not better rewarded last season.

P. DAVIES (*Captain of Swimming*).

RESULTS OF MATCHES

AGAINST RUGBY. *Away. Lost 29-33 points.*

This match depended on the free style relay. To find six swimmers, each to swim 66½ yards was an impossible task, and we lost by a big margin.

SCHOOL v. BROMSGROVE. *Home. Lost, 22-31 points.*

SCHOOL v. WREKIN. *Home. Won, 47-17 points.*

SCHOOL v. HARROW. *Away. Lost, 16-32 points.*

SCHOOL v. TRENT COLLEGE. *Home. Won, 28-34 points.*

P. Davies' time of 78·6 secs. for the 100 yards Breast Stroke was a School record, and Davies, N. M. McCarty and H. P. Aitken set up a record of 61·4 secs. for the 3 × 1 length Medley Relay.

SCHOOL v. REPTON. *Home. Lost, 29-32 points.*

The team lost the Free Style Relay, thus losing the match.

RESULTS OF THE SWIMMING SPORTS

OPEN EVENTS. (Letters after swimmers' names indicate house.)

50 yards Free Style : 1, Aitken (P) ; 2, Ogborn (C) ; 3, Whitfield (V) ; 4, McCarty (V).
Time : 28·6 secs.

100 yards Free Style : 1, Aitken (P) ; 2, Rothera (E) ; 3, Ogborn (C) ; 4, Whitfield (V) and Tagg (E) equal. *Time : 67·1 secs.*

200 yards Free Style : 1, Aitken (P) ; 2, Rothera (E) ; 3, Tagg (E) ; 4, Ogborn (C).
Time : 2 mins. 45·8 secs.

100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, Davies (P) ; 2, Rothera (E) ; 3, Williams (G) ; 4, Rufus (V). *Time : 80·8 secs.*

50 yards Back Stroke : 1, Aitken (P) ; 2, Rothera (E) ; 3, McCarty (V) ; 4, Stevens (H).
Time : 33·7 secs.

Dive : 1, Aitken (P) ; 2, Whitfield (V) ; 3, Rufus (V) ; 4, Tagg (E).

Plunge : 1, Stanworth (L) ; 2, Masters (G) ; 3, Lawrence (V) ; 4, Wilson (L).
Distance : 48-ft.

Half-Mile : 1, Rothera (E) ; 2, Davies (P) ; 3, Tagg (E) ; 4, Rufus (V). *Time : 17 mins. 18 secs.*

UNDER 16½ EVENTS :

100 yards Free Style : 1, McCarty (V) ; 2, Davies (P) ; 3, Stevens (H) ; 4, Whitehead (C). *Time : 79·3 secs.*

50 yards Free Style : 1, McCarty (V) ; 2, Davies (P) ; 3, Cowie (V) ; 4, Beaumont (V).
Time : 32·3 secs.

UNDER 15 EVENTS :

50 yards Free Style : 1, Bagnall (H) ; 2, Armstrong (G) ; 3, Titterington (L) ; 4, Siegle (G). *Time : 33·4 secs.*

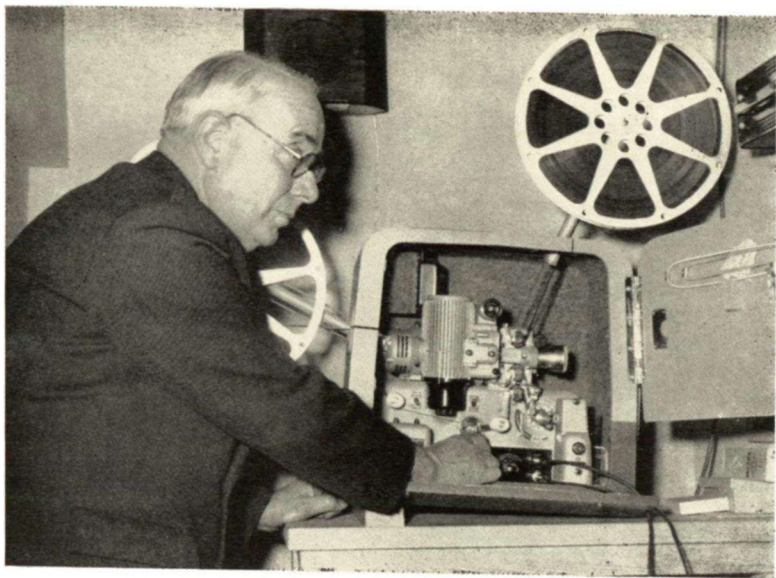
100 yards Free Style : 1, Ellison (E) ; 2, Titterington (L) ; 3, Armstrong (G) and Bagnall (H) equal. *Time : 77·4 secs.*

50 yards Breast Stroke : 1, Bagnall (H) ; 2, Richards (V) ; 3, Hiam (C) ; 4, Siegle (G).
Time : 39·1 secs.

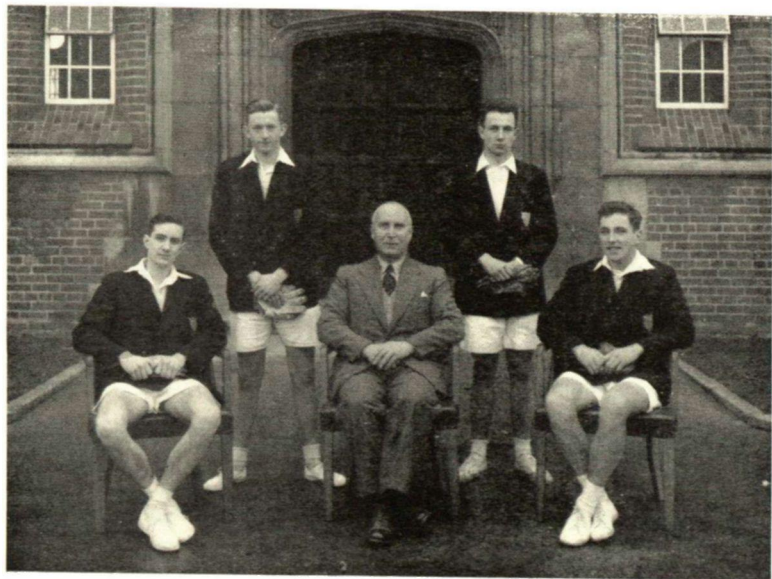


SWIMMING TEAM, 1955-56

*Standing (left to right) : N. M. McCARTY, J. H. WHITFIELD, J. M. TAGG, M. J. RUFUS, N. H. MCBROOM, A. D. R. OGBORN,
Seated (left to right) : P. DAVIES (1944-55-56 Hon. Secretary), H. P. AITKEN (1953-54-55-56 Captain), D. E. ROTHERA (1955-56).*



MR. GERALD RATCLIFF, A.R.P.S.



THE FIVES TEAM, 1956-57

*Standing (left to right) : G. E. PHILLIPS, R. P. HOLLAND.
Seated (left to right) : A. HUGHES (1955-56-57 Captain), E. V. SMITH, ESQ.,
J. C. GREEN (1956-57 Hon. Secretary).*

50 yards Back Stroke : 1, Smith (V) ; 2, Armstrong (G) ; 3, Titterington (L) ; 4, Watton (L). *Time* : 41.0 secs.
Half-Mile : 1, Bagnall (H) ; 2, Titterington (L) ; 3, Smith (V) ; 4, Ellison (E).
Time : 18 mins. 26 secs.
Dive : 1, Papps (L) ; 2, Richards (V) ; 3, Mason (J) and Ellis (L) equal.
Plunge : 1, Cormode (H) ; 2, Ellison (E) ; 3, Siegle (G) ; 4, Bagnall (H).

UNDER 14½ EVENT :

1 length Free Style : 1, Ellison (E) ; 2, Jenkins (H) ; 3, Titterington (L). *Time* : 21.0 secs.

UNDER 13½ EVENT :

1 length Free Style : 1, Loach (V) ; 2, Watton (L) ; 3, Jenkins (C) ; 4, Shippey (G).
Time : 21.0 secs.

UNDER 12½ EVENT :

1 length Free Style : 1, Parsons (H) ; 2, Claydon (G) and Tedd (V) equal ; 4, Hallowell (H).
Time : 25.6 secs.

RESULTS OF RELAY RACES :

House 1st team. 1, Evans.
House 2nd team : 1, Vardy.
House 3rd team : 1, Gifford.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Allday Cup—Vardy.
Jacot Cup—Vardy.
Solomon Cup—Vardy.
Carr Cup for Senior Championship—H. P. Aitken.
Governors Cup for Junior Championship—R. Bagnall.

ETON FIVES

To date the team has enjoyed a most successful season. Ten matches have been played and we have been defeated only by the Jesters' club—always a strong side. The first pair, A. Hughes and J. C. Green have in all ten matches conceded only four games. The second pair, G. E. Phillips and R. P. Holland, are settling down, but they lack experience and are apt to crack under pressure.

The first game of the season against the City of London school resulted in a draw 3—3. Then followed two wins against the Old Citizens and Repton School. The Old Citizens are a strong and experienced side and the first pair performed creditably in winning 12—4, 12—5, 12—9.

During the Christmas holidays a single pair match was played against A. J. G. Campbell and N. C. Brown who won the Public Schools' Eton Fives Championship in 1953. A. Hughes and J. C. Green won the first two games 12—4, 12—8, but then lost concentration and the Old Edwardians took the third game 12—0. The fourth game was fast and exciting with the score rising to 11—6 to the Old Edwardians, but after cutting at gameball, the school fought back to 11—11 and went ahead to win the game at 14—12 and the match by three games to one. Previous to the match we had several friendly matches with this pair and we are most grateful for all the helpful advice and practice they have given us.

In January we undertook the London Tour in which five matches were played in three days. Those against St. Olave's, Berkhamsted and

the Old Olavians were won comfortably. The second pair's form improved in a return match against the City of London School and we won 4—3. On January 15th we played the Old Cholmeleians—a side with a stronger first pair than we had ever met before. The match was extremely fast and there were many long rallies. In the first and second games the score mounted to 8—8 but each time we managed to pull away to win 12—9, 12—9. Meanwhile the second pair had been defeated 3—0 and we therefore needed to win our next game in order to draw the match 3—3. Early in this game we experienced a bad lapse of concentration and found ourselves 11—7 down, but, regaining form, we made the score 11—11 and went on to win the game 14—12 and draw the match. So ended a memorable London Tour in which the second pair showed promising signs of improvement and the first pair did not concede a single game.

At School there have been many School junior practices in preparation for next term's matches. In the handicap competition for which there were sixty-two entries, play goes on enthusiastically.

It remains my pleasant duty to thank Mr. Smith, without whose help and guidance the team would not have achieved the success it has.

A. HUGHES (*Captain of Eton Fives*).

SHOOTING

The performance of the VIII during Michaelmas term can only be described as average, with the exception of M. I. Campbell's performance in beating the School N.S.R.A. record of 100·3, set up by D. G. Todd in 1955, with a score of 100·7. This feat was equalled a week after its achievement by R. L. Banks.

These solitary sparks of fire have added little, however, to the general distinction of the team. Of the N.S.R.A. postal matches that we fired this term, we won five, won three outright and lost eight. In the Public Schools' N.S.R.A. Competition we were placed forty-fourth out of ninety-nine competitors, with a score of 752 out of a possible 800—another average performance.

Our future prospects are like most shooting—unpredictable. We have the foundation of a good, solid VIII, but whether we shall settle down to consistency all round, depends upon the individual members. Only by practice—more than once weekly—can consistently high scores be obtained.

We extend our hearty thanks for the invaluable help of Major Cooke and Sergeant Major Moore during the term.

D. BLACKWELL (*Captain of Shooting*).

LAWN TENNIS

After the comparative lack of success experienced during the previous season, last year's team began to reap the reward of hard practice. Of the fourteen matches played, eight were won and one drawn. Much of this was due to a good first pair who played a fine aggressive brand of

tennis throughout. In the Youll Cup at Wimbledon, the School by reaching the second round, achieved more success than last year's team, but we were unfortunate in meeting a very strong side from Eastbourne College.

The House Competition was very closely contested, first place eventually being shared between Cary Gilson and Evans. The Burges Cup was won by D. F. Soutter, who throughout demonstrated his superiority over everyone else in the School. In the junior competition B. H. Shaw won a hard-fought final over M. J. Reynolds.

With three of last year's team remaining, prospects appear to be fairly good, but much hard practice is still needed if last season's record is to be emulated. Finally, it only remains to thank Mr. Cadenhead for all his encouragement and advice, and to offer our best wishes to Mr. Osborne for his complete recovery.

J. C. GREEN (*Captain of Tennis*).

LAWN TENNIS RESULTS, 1956

<i>Date</i>		<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
May	5	VI v. Trent	Away	Won	5 — 4
"	9	IV v. Edgbaston L.T.C.	Away	Cancelled	
"	12	VI v. Solihull	Away	Lost	4 — 5
"	23	VIII v. Masters	Home	Won	5 — 3
"	26	VI v. Kettering	Away	Lost	1 — 2
"	26	VI v. Northampton	Away	Won	3 — 0
June	2	VI v. Nottingham	Home	Won	5½ — 3½
"	11	IV v. Weoley Hill	Away	Won	4 — 0
"	16	VI v. Wrekin	Home	Cancelled	
"	18	VI v. Edgbaston Archery	Home	Drawn	2½ — 3½
"	23	VI v. Northampton	Home	Cancelled	
July	2	IV v. Weoley Hill	Home	Won	3½ — ½
"	7	VI v. Blossomfield	Home	Won	7 — 2
"	11	VIII v. Masters	Home	Lost	3 — 5
"	14	VI v. Solihull	Away	Lost	1 — 5
"	31	IV v. King's School, Canterbury	Away	Won	3 — 0
Aug.	2	IV v. Eastbourne	Away	Lost	0 — 3

P.T.

P.T. appears to be flourishing, for within a month of the start of the new school year, two Houses had held practices, and by the end of the Christmas Term no less than five Houses had assembled their teams (by threats and otherwise) on at least one occasion. This timely enthusiasm should prove rewarding, as the House P.T. Competition takes place this year on March 13th, only eight weeks after the beginning of term.

The Individual Competition will be held as usual the day after the House Competition. The Senior Event should be very open, the three leading competitors in last year's contest having left.

The judges will again be Messrs. Cadenhead, Cotter and McGawley, whom we wish to thank for the help they have already given in preparation for the Competitions.

J. M. TAGG (*P.T. Leader*).

CHESS

For the second time the School has entered four teams in the three divisions of the Birmingham and District Junior League. This year, however, we have two teams in the second division instead of the third. The results so far are encouraging, those of the first team especially so since it is a young team.

<i>Team</i>		<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Drawn</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>For Adjudication</i>
1	.. ..	2	2	—	—	—
2A	.. ..	4	2	—	1	1
2B	.. ..	4	1	1	2	—
3	.. ..	6	3	1	1	1

A team of twelve went to Oxford on November 24th to play the University side. The result—the School was defeated 9—3—was better than last year's. Once again, the lower boards saved the day. The fixture list for this term consists of about twenty league matches and friendly games against the Masters, the Hittites, King's Grammar School, Worcester, and Solihull School.

We are again indebted to Miss Chaffer for the use of the Dining Hall, and to Mr. Hurn for his generous advice and support.

D. J. A. HOBBS (*Captain of Chess*).

SQUASH RACQUETS

Although only two members of last year's team remain, the standard of play is still high. A coaching scheme has been started for members of the Lower School. This is held on Friday afternoons and has had very good support, which is a most promising sign. The lack of players in the Middle School, however, does not augur well for the immediate future.

The School team has only played one match to date, which was lost, but not so heavily as the score, 5—0, suggests. Our many thanks are due to Messrs. Cadenhead and Bolton for their very able and enthusiastic coaching; without them Squash would be in a sorry plight.

W. F. PICKWORTH (*Captain of Squash*).

FENCING

It is my pleasure to report that, because of a surge of youthful enthusiasm in boys in the Removes and Upper Middles, our total strength is again over fifty.

During the Michaelmas Term, Mr. Trumper of the Birmingham Fencing Club very kindly presided over the Individual Fencing Competition for the Peter Mountford Trophy. This was won by R. G. Dauncey with A. J. Walford coming a very close second. Unfortunately the team have had no matches this term but we are hoping for several during the Lent Term.

We thank, very warmly, Messrs. McGawley and Cadenhead for taking beginners' classes and Mr. Cotter, whose instruction and encouragement to the more advanced fencers has been invaluable.

R. G. DAUNCEY (*Captain of Fencing*).

THE HOUSES

CARY GILSON

Cream of Tomato Soup with Golden Croûtons.

The winners of the House Championship have celebrated with a sumptuous dinner. But we have a difficult task ahead. No doubt we are the cream, but we are also in the soup. A position of fifth in the Rugger League is not in taste with golden sippets. Roast Turkey fills us with brighter hopes. With four members of the School XV to savour the Forcemeat Stuffing of the First team prospects for the Knock-out and Sevens are good. The First XV may yet gain the victories. R. P. Holland confidently awaits. The Second XV deserved more success, for it includes several promising players and the whole team shows much enthusiasm. Sauce was the essence of the Third XV, who have shown what they can do when they Brussel themselves ; but Sprouts from the touch-line have been of little avail.

If the Cream of the House whip themselves into enthusiasm for Cross Country Running we shall do well. But perhaps their Salad days are over.

As the effects of such gastronomical excellence recede into the past, we must turn ourselves to other House activities. In Fives we have won two out of three matches and W. Shrimpton is confident of further success. Those who shoot are now nominated. The P.T. competition nears and the faithful few are once again exercising in the gym.

The future remains obscure ; in Cricket we are quietly confident ; year by year Swimming brings less terror in its wake, but in every field let us not forget that *We want another Dinner.*

A. D. R. OGBORN (*House Captain*).

EVANS

The accent in the House at present is upon youth—a grim warning to the older members. Glory goes to the Second and Third XV's who were both top of their leagues, the latter coming third in the Knockout. The First XV, however, has been hampered by mysterious injuries to toes and knee-caps, winning only one match. The final Rugger League placing of fourth was a little unfair on the victorious Seconds but was accepted by the senior team with modest satisfaction.

The Fives ball has bounced success into the deserving lap of the House team ; they have won every game. Our Chess and Shooting captains are uncommunicative. We suspect that their teams have not done too well, but their furtive looks convince us that they are quietly conserving their forces for a final and decisive onslaught. Cross Country prospects are being contemplated.

J. M. Tagg, the P.T. captain, has delivered yet another speech. He is in deadly earnest about practices and if all goes according to plan we

should gain a high place in the Competition. We have great faith in our swimmers and gaze into the Cricket season with some hope, without forgetting that Athletics come before.

All congratulations to the House Orchestra. Under the conductorship of C. P. Gane they have produced music that took them to the top in the Instrumental Competition.

Our Juniors have set the example ; we old ones must swallow our pride and find out how they did it.

We record our thanks to Mr. Dunt, Mr. Buttle and Mr. Hodges for their guiding support that merits more consistent success.

P. J. DAVIES (*House Captain*).

GIFFORD

Winter hibernation is late in Gifford this year. Those members who normally disappear for their winter sleep are still in evidence and there is a marked increase in House spirit.

Our successes on the football field are as usual small, for our 1st XV contains no brilliant exponents of the game, but we have keen and industrious 2nd and 3rd XV's combined with a captain whose ability to alternate his team is exceptional. We have attained seventh place.

However, in the region of the Fives courts success has come our way, and providing the junior team comes up to expectations we seem assured of finishing in the first three. It is believed that several Chess matches have actually been played, although the results are, of course, unknown ; but despite this we are confident of fifth place. Shooting has provided something of a surprise this year, for with only one recognized marksman we have won the N.S.R.A. Competition by a large margin, promising well for the remainder of the year. Cross Country training is now in evidence and several purple jerseys have set out—most have returned. Our natural athletes, however, are few, and hard practice is called for.

Intellectually we are holding our own and we congratulate our Exhibitioner. The instrumental section of the House did not produce the success we had hoped for, although our standard was high, but we anticipate better things in the choral events.

It only remains for me to thank Messrs. Kay, Bennett and Robertson for their enthusiasm and guidance.

A. HUGHES (*House Captain*).

HEATH

The Heathan hordes have descended upon the enemy with a certain degree of success.

Upon the Rugger field our battle cries have reduced some teams to quivering submission but unfortunately this has not always been the case and our achievements in the League Competition have, as a result, been somewhat limited. Our juniors, however, have shown themselves worthy warriors by winning the Third Team Cup.

In that most warlike of activities, Shooting, we have had, as is to be expected, considerable success ; our marksmen having hit the target more or less consistently.

Alas, the social gatherings with the other tribes in the Fives courts have not brought us many concrete results.

Similarly, the intellectual concentration required for Chess seems noticeably lacking, though it has been rumoured that our worthy captain has secured for us a few points by means of deep and intricate consultation.

Let it not be thought, however, that we can excel only upon the field of battle. In scholarship we are also flourishing as is shown by the three university awards gained by House members. Our instrumentalists also after long hours of intensive practice, gave a surprisingly accomplished performance upon the day of the Music Competition.

The Heathen spirit has, as always, been strong within us and for this we owe our thanks to Mr. Barlow and the House Tutors who have led the tribe through its successes and its troubles.

M. A. WHITLEY (*Head of the House*).

JEUNE

The House has had the privilege of meeting this term in the luxury of the Ratcliff Theatre. What has been the effect of the latter on the House ?

It seems to have been a soporific one on some members of the House, who, having now experienced the comfort of a cinema seat at no cost to themselves, are in the habit of spending their Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in the comparative comfort of the Forum rather than on the Rugger field. Dentists, too, must have prospered this year, at the expense of manufacturers of Football kit, who have encountered an unusual slump. Has the School play a surplus of would-be participants this year ? It should be well-done at all events.

There are some, it is pleasing to report, who have not entirely succumbed to a life of ease. The House First XV could only win two of its matches, but nevertheless its efforts have usually been praiseworthy. Twelve, thirteen and sometimes even fifteen more or less willing youths have constituted the House Second team, which has also won only two matches. The record of the Third XV is identical and hence, with little conscious effort, the House has secured eighth position in League Rugger.

The Fives team has so far won all its matches. We wonder if this could be due to the fact that the Fives courts now have lights and a roof, bearing in mind that our Chess team which functions in the stark austerity of the Dining Hall, has nobly started four games, but completed only two, albeit, one of which has been won and the other drawn. The backless benches and indecision of our opponents have left the others unfinished.

The Range has its own particular type of comfort. In the N.S.R.A. Competition, although most of the House's best shots have left, we came fourth. This activity is, of course, conducted from a reclining position. Our sedentary musicians made a favourable impression on us all by coming third equal in the instrumental section of the House Music Competition.

All this would seem to indicate that, in spite of the efforts of Mr. Leeds and his assistants, to whom we are all indebted, the House has quickly accustomed itself to the luxury of the Ratcliff Theatre. It is to be hoped that its atmosphere, in the heat of summer, will not be conducive to sleep.

At the moment Jeune is a comfortable House.

M. G. VARLEY (*House Captain*).

LEVETT

And so, as the wheels of time roll by, we find ourselves once more . . . But no, we rejoice to say, this cannot be fitting. Overawed by our late captain, cheery, optimistic and bold, those gloomy forecasts are losing their fascination. At the end of last summer Levett came sixth in the House Championship. With a standard of Rugby still unparalleled and conceding only one game in the First XV we have come second in the Rugby League Competition. Our Chess is good ; Cricket is hopeful. Already on edge, our swimmers are teetering in anticipation. Amidst ever-changing figures and miracles of maths, a knowledgeable statistician has already placed us fourth equal in this year's Cock House list.

They say anything can be proved by figures. Yes, and even more can come from a change in outlook. Pessimism does not pay, nor can it lead to enthusiasm. Personal enthusiasm, by no means lacking, must be identified with enthusiasm for the House, the Juniors, admirably keen, must continue so. That statistician's nightmare (he comes from another House) may prove to be no pipe dream.

Meanwhile there are those who realize all this. Our musicians have been ceaselessly toiling. Worthy was the result and the music quite delightful. They were second in the Instrumental Competition. In highest quarters hope gleams bright and, if unnoticed, the guiding hand is always there.

To end, may this verse point the moral :

*Mr. Porter and our Tutors ever frown at gloomy faces
and the man who thinks all hopeless must beware !*

A. A. WILSON (*House Captain*).

PRINCE LEE

The Rugby League trophy rests in our cupboard. Fives and Shooting progress satisfactorily. It is C. J. Hurn's fifth year as Captain of Chess. Thus read our achievements in the Michaelmas Term, small in themselves, but representing an unexpectedly promising revival, in view of last year's abysmal slump.

We are now in a position which justifies cautious optimism, for our success has been shared by all, not merely by individual stars. At last our pre-season practices have borne the fruit they deserve. More important still is the promise shown by the Third XV, whose efforts, despite the nervous breakdowns they caused among their supporters, have brought considerable success. This enthusiasm is much needed in the minor sports.

We have now returned to the Music Room—our happy hunting-ground—but the appropriate surroundings did not produce the desired number of instrumentalists. None-the-less, we thank our performers, despite the absence of a conductor. We congratulate B. F. Astle on his Exhibition, and, although few will remember him now, we all extend our heartiest congratulations, if somewhat belated, to J. F. Wainwright (1949-51) on his "blue." We maintain our virtual stranglehold on the School Captaincy.

If we are prepared to exert ourselves, we can face the future with confidence. If our efforts succeed, then much of the credit must go to Mr. Williams and the House Tutors for their encouragement. Mr. Osborne has not been with us—we are happy to see him back ; we wish Mr. Hutton well in Achimota, welcoming Mr. M. T. J. Axford in his place. To all responsible for our progress we say once again—thank you.

N. G. MCGOWAN (*Head of the House*).

VARDY

That Big School has been the setting of many an auspicious event has meant that House Meetings held there have a unique atmosphere. Thus it has been possible to maintain a deep spirit of worship on the days of House Prayers. Indeed, on one occasion the hymn was accompanied by the organ.

An innovation this year has been the weekly meeting of House Officials with Mr. Copland. This has enabled matters of business to be discussed in a more detailed, informal and leisured manner than in House Meetings and has certainly led to officials regarding themselves as a team working for the good of the House. It can be further claimed that this co-operative spirit has permeated the minds of all the older members of the House, who although considerably fewer, are trying to fill the breach caused by the unprecedented number leaving the Upper House last year. This, unfortunately, does not appear true of the present Divisions although the enthusiasm of the Juniors leads one to hope.

The Rugger League result of fifth equal does not fully reflect the extent of our efforts. The First XV has done well ; the Seconds seem to have been unfortunate in their choice of opposition, whilst the Third XV holds promise for the future.

One pleasing aspect of the term has been that D. H. Birch has been having regular weekly practices for the P.T. team. And this in the Christmas term when P.T. traditionally hibernates.

Many members of Vardy are beginning to realize that the House system is not merely a convenient way of sub-dividing the school, but rather a means of enriching the whole community through friendly competition.

J. D. EAGLES (*Captain of the House*).

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS, 1955-6

1.	Cary Gilson	..	..	380.3
2.	Heath	..	..	369.8
3.	Evans	..	..	349.8
4.	Vardy	..	..	328.2
5.	Jeune	..	..	316.3
6.	Levett	..	..	302.1
7.	Gifford	..	..	280.4
8.	Prince Lee	..	..	230.3

SOCIETIES

“Tea and tele tempt and tantalise” is not a tongue-twister but a disastrous truth. There are a host of societies, but a census might well reveal that a few people go to many societies, and that there are societies which can claim consistently satisfactory attendances. However, the few are devoted followers, and the love of the many will come later ; societies may not flourish but they carry on ; there are no casualties to report.

So many societies whirl around the brain that it is difficult to know where to begin. The Debating Society and the Literary Society perhaps claim precedence by virtue of their age, eighty-five this year. The former has debated the delights of Rock 'n. Rolling around the library (to the horrified gasps of the Chairman), has vainly hoped for an egg-head as the U.S. President, and has wondered whether the end is “Nye” or “nigh.” The latter has been faced with a presiding double-barrelled shot-gun from Oxford, who has shaken a small but select group with shattering pronouncements on what they had thought to be settled matters. They have heard about the influence of science, and of women, on poetry.

The Christian societies—the S.C.M. and the Christian Union—have continued unostentatiously to cater for the school's spiritual needs, and find, interestingly enough, a predominance of scientists in their ranks. The S.C.M. have been addressed by the Rev. John Morris and the Rev. Derek Bond.

If music be the food of love, gentlemen of the school are in danger of being seized with severe indigestion. The Music Circle have heard an L.P. record of New Orleans jazz (a blow to the reactionaries !) and a violin and piano recital by Mr. Cyril Perfect and Dr. Willis Grant. The Music Society have also heard a recital—by Mr. Brian Fairfax and Dr. Grant—and the School orchestra have displayed their talents by playing some works of Schubert. Finally the choristers have carolled admirably and continue to indulge in lunch-time chirping.

The Modern Language Society have heard about modern French slang, post-war Germany, a peculiar new-type opera by Ravel, and the Balkan adventures of their Chairman.

Countless lectures have been given, both by guests and gentlemen of the School, to the art enthusiasts of the Art Circle and Art Society.

As usual the School's richness of talent in the field of commercial art has been evidenced by the quality and variety of the posters which have adorned various notice-boards. The mechanical artists, the photographers, have been visited by Mr. F. G. Ratcliff who showed his film "African Journey."

Turning from art to science, the Scientific Society has heard about rubber, nuclear reactors and fungus research, while the Pugh Society has discussed relativity (Einstein, as opposed to mothers-in-law type).

The Railway and Model Engineering Society received a generous donation of £10 from Mr. E. W. Vincent, O.E., and, though removed from the temporary buildings to the comparatively cramped conditions prevailing in Room 19, have continued to thrive on films and excursions. The Natural History Society have surveyed Edgbaston Park with their customary ornithological thoroughness. The Secretary informs us that "wild fowl have been courted." Indeed ! The Geographical Society has seen films on "Oil" and "The Future of British Roads," and the Philatelic Society has visited the Evans collection in the City Art Gallery. The Archaeological Society visited Metchley Camp, heard about "Roman Military Sites in Britain," and challenged the City Museum to a game of Animal, Vegetable and Mineral.

The "Saturday night out" groups, the Shakespeare and Elizabethan Societies, have both read "Measure for Measure" and "Love's Labour's Lost," the latter having outdone their seniors by reading also "The White Devil."

The Junior Debating Society have discussed Beaverbrook, Guys and Dolls, and the Olympic Spirit.

The Film Society has, literally, laid its supporters in the aisles, one attendance numbering over 150. At the other end of the scale the erudite Closed Circle has remained active and erudite, and, in common with this report, closed.

N.J.

MUSIC

After Everyman had sunk into his grave, the stage was taken up by the Music Syndicate. This fine body of men showed what it had learned ; from the mellifluous sonority of two part-songs by Vaughan Williams to the bawdy tones of Percy Grainger's setting of two of Kipling's poems. They, in turn, gave place to a motley and unserried "ensemble."

Rarely have the ladies and gentlemen of Birmingham had such an opportunity to hear recondite examples of music of all periods. The most modern piece (in date) was a Sarabande for Orchestra by I. D. Bent ; the oldest, "Summer is icumen in" ; the most delightful, Ethel Smyth's Variations on two French tunes ; the most popular, apparently, Samuel Webbe's trio "Glorious Apollo," sung up a tone by an authentic combination of voices. Let us hope the ladies and gentlemen appreciated it.

R.M.S.

SYNDICATES, 1956

The visitor to the School from the South side is confronted by the spectacle of a number of scholarly gentlemen in a state of repose, apparently deep in thought in the golden sunshine. But this is no Yoga session, merely members of the sixth form Syndicates, seeking diversion and knowledge unrestricted by examination requirements.

On further investigation, it is clear that the majority of those concerned are dispersed far and wide in time, space and thought, for once more our subjects offer considerable choice and interest.

The Middle East Syndicate learnt much concerning one of the world's most important strategic areas. Their studies, considerably enriched by attendance at a C.E.W.C. conference, touched on many controversial topics, such as the respective claims of oil and coca-cola to be the chief mineral of the region.

Another world problem was tackled by the South Africa Syndicate ; they discovered how intricate and immense were the issues involved there, with Afrikaaner, British settler and native all at cross-purposes. A visit to the country was felt to be necessary to an adequate consideration of the problem, but it was feared that the Syndicate's ten members might be missed.

Some twenty-seven gentlemen having had the temerity to choose anthropology without first consulting a dictionary, found themselves confronted by a variety of topics concerning the development of man through the ages, with particular reference to the growth of culture and civilisation. If nothing else, we can now boast a phrenologist, a potential polygamist, and a would-be drug addict. Meanwhile, amidst an awe-inspiring setting, several of the more reactionary elements, mostly linguists we note, diligently studied Communism. Their conclusions were interesting, but inconclusive. A close check is recommended on the composition of future School parties abroad.

The largest Syndicate, studying Britain's Educational System, spent most of its time visiting some of the numerous and varied Birmingham schools. Their work was very rewarding—tea was served at frequent intervals—and of great interest, but, we regret to say, most of the group were classed as idiots after a specimen examination. In contrast to this, a distinguished group of distinctly "U" composition studied the Gentleman in Literature, and, after many amusing and instructive researches, reached the general conclusion that the gentleman has not always been what he appears.

Finally we record that that merry band of athletic gentlemen, the Forestry Syndicate, rushed off to the woods nearly every day, to the obvious discomfort of the natural inhabitants. Those who escaped the perils of primus-brewed tea and falling trees, returned weeks later, shaken but brawny.

Groups of actors, musicians and joiners produced work of more obvious significance, and they receive mention elsewhere, but, even from this report, it can be seen what a valuable and instructive addition the Syndicates have once more been to our curriculum. We thank everyone concerned with their organization, especially the masters in charge, for their guidance and interest.

N.G.M.

THE DRAMA SYNDICATE, JULY, 1956

The prospect of a School dramatic production allows several attitudes to be adopted by its sponsors. The most usual might be called the classical. This restricts the canon to Shakespeare ; but within Shakespeare anything may be attempted. It has all the advantages that the name classical implies : it ensures that the literary quality is high ; because the plays are remote in time and limited in number they are unfamiliar to the right degree ; and the performance is educative, for both actors and audience. The only real objection to it is that it is trying to do what inevitably is done better elsewhere, on the professional stage.

Then there is the negative approach. Tragedy ? No. (Young actors can't manage tragedy). Shakespeare ? No. (Everyone does him). Restoration Comedy ? No. (X-certificate). Contemporaries ? No. (Modern Art—can't understand it myself). So there begins the cycle of prose comedies ; Goldsmith and Sheridan at their most safe, Shaw at his most trivial, Priestley at his most popular—a dismal round, up and down, usually down, for this type of play is like a *soufflé*, the apparent simplicity is deceptive.

But there is a third way. This is to be deliberately unprofessional : to choose plays which the professional theatre for various reasons does not attempt. That there is some promise in this third way the recent productions of the VI form Syndicates convincingly showed.

Everyman came on the top half of the bill. At first glance nothing could be more unpromising : a Morality Play ? the very name prompts a yawn. Nonetheless, this was the great success of a successful evening.

The full title of the play is "The Summoning of Everyman," and it is to all appearance a fifteenth century gloss on the 39th psalm :

"Lord, let me know my end, and the number of my days : that I may be certified how long I have to live . . . For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain : he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them . . . O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength ; before I go hence, and be no more seen."

In fact, gloss is the wrong word : the play is a fifteenth century interpretation of the psalm.

But it is as a *play* that *Everyman* must be considered. For *Everyman* has a more than respectable history, and that is how it always has been considered. It owed its pre-eminence in the early years of the sixteenth century—attested by the number of editions which have survived—not to its theology, which at that date must have seemed debatable, but to its theatrical effectiveness. It established the dramatic pattern that was to be central to the whole of the Elizabethan movement : it is not difficult to see likenesses even in Shakespeare at his greatest, and the resemblance to Ben Jonson, a much more typical Elizabethan, particularly in *Volpone*, is exact.

The drama, then, lies in the conflict of ideas expressed by Wealth and Fellowship, Knowledge and Good Deeds, and Everyman's response to them. But this only accounts for part of the power of the play. There is the uncertainty of course : we in the audience do not know what is going to happen to Everyman, we are in suspense, and the suspense is maintained to the end. Most of all, though, there is the sheer grandeur of the conception : the first words spoken to Everyman are from the

Voice of God (delivered, most imaginatively, off, from different parts of Big School, in this production); and the second by Death, God's messenger to him. The unknown author had not much to learn about the *coup de théâtre*.

Of course, the play has its weaknesses. The most striking is the language: it seems that there, in the use of words, the Elizabethan writers made their most marked advance on their predecessors: to compare the language of the play with that of the 39th psalm, for example, is to emphasize a lamentable flatness and lack of dignity. Yet, in performance, the language was to some extent sustained by the verse. Although metrically irregular, and full of every kind of hit-or-miss rhyme and every tag in the dictionary, the rhythm came through persistently. It is no surprise to be reminded that T. S. Eliot has said of his *Murder in the Cathedral*, "What I kept in mind was the versification of *Everyman*."

The second half of the bill was Mr. Eliot's *Sweeney Agonistes*. And there is a more real connexion between the two plays than the accidental association of Mr. Eliot's name. If literary history is the most rewarding history to study, it is because, there, history does repeat itself. The Morality developed from the Miracle Play, and showed the overwhelming tendency of the time towards Abstraction; a flesh-and-blood Noah and his wife were replaced by the ideas of Kindred and Discretion. In our time we too have seen in all the arts the same tendency towards Abstraction; at its most overwhelming, probably, when Mr. Eliot was writing his "Fragments of an Aristophanic Melodrama." The wheel had come full circle.

These Fragments consist of a part of a Prologue and a part of an Agon. Both terms belong to Greek Comedy, the Prologue being the exposition, and the Agon the dispute between two adversaries, the main subject of the play. It cannot be said that a theme emerges more than intermittently; a momentary gleam, and it vanishes in obscurity. In so far as it is stated at all, Sweeney's "Death is life and life is death" is the statement. What can be said is that on this occasion the play was remarkably well served by its production, certainly the more inventive of the two. It may be that in the process the play was slightly distorted, and some of the poetry lost. There is an obvious connexion, for instance, between the card-telling of the Prologue and the "wicked pack of cards," the Tarot cards, which are so important in *The Waste Land*, and the significance of this card-telling was missed. Perhaps inevitably: for in the Prologue what gripped the audience, its more youthful members at any rate, was the scandalous spectacle of VI formers, Prefects even, playing, and playing very well, those ambiguous young ladies Doris and Dusty. But the production did catch the violence, that like the crocodile is so close to the surface throughout; caught it, and held it, and so gave the play its meaning.

The principle of anonymity was strictly observed in both productions. It remains, therefore, only to congratulate all who were concerned in them: especially the producers, who demonstrated beyond cavil that in the phrase "School Play" the factors decisive for success or failure are contained in the second word and not the first.

D.A.P.W.

THE SCOUT GROUP

Six months' Scouting has been crowded with memorable events. At the Handsworth Rally, held on July 7th, the Parents' Committee proved once again the worth of the "coconut line." A "Bicycle-stretcher-tandem" and husky-sledge were the Juniors' well-prepared entries for the Cavalcade of Transport. The Seniors caught the last bus home.

Summer camps were held by Park Vale and New Troop at Bettws-y-Coed, and by Vikings and Mitre Troop near Falmouth. The Seniors ventured further afield and their camp is reported elsewhere in the CHRONICLE.

On the banks of the Conway, New Troop enjoyed a truly Welsh site, and an eight-foot rise in the river left them unperturbed. Mr. Leeds was invaluable in his assistance, while French cricket lent a cosmopolitan atmosphere to the camp. Expeditions were made to the Glydders, Snowdon and the Swallow Falls.

Park Vale defied the weather with climbing expeditions, a visit by the P.L.s to Anglesey, by onion and sandwich eating, and by camp cricket. The last was, in their case, the more dangerous, perhaps more manly English kind. Dr. Allison is to be thanked for his help in running the camp.

From Falmouth reports of rampant pigs, a 108 m.p.h. gale, three nights in a barn, and supper one night at 11-15 gave a hint of chaos to the Mitre camp. Yet the expert guidance and hard work of Mr. Skinner and Mr. Weatherall kept the troop from despondency. Time was left for several interesting expeditions.

At Vikings' camp bathing was a popular pastime. The troop visited the Lizard and St. Anthony. A traditional Sunday dinner was yet another occasion when "the Scouts got all the pleasure." The visit of the Chief Master to three of the four camps was much appreciated.

Late in the summer a party of P.L.s attended a Divisional P.L.s' training week-end camping at school. They started the year with new ideas and a keenness greater for their experience.

The Senior Troop, now aided by Mr. Hall, is the largest for some years, and continues to hew its way to success. Admirable work is being done by R. S. Bailey and J. G. Edwards who help to run an embryo scout troop for handicapped children. B. Hughes and B. J. Stanier are also helping with scouting work at the Woodlands Hospital. As a contribution to the Hungarian Relief Fund timber, felled by the troop in previous years, has been cut to the right size and sold as firewood. There are at present three Queen's Scouts in the Group. May we soon see a larger proportion among the seniors' ample ranks. A. J. Broadhead, J. D. Eagles, and A. D. R. Ogborn are to be congratulated on gaining scouters' warrants.

Parents' Evening went with quite as much swing as it has done in past years. Entrancing smells of cooking led parents on to the scout rooms, where a multitude of activities put Scouting in the best of light. Dramatic diversion was provided by the Seniors in Chantry Court, where they risked their lives on a towering mass of timbers closely resembling an electricity pylon. The evening culminated in an eye-opening

account of preparations for the Jamboree by Mr. Donald Dixon. We are indeed fortunate to be able to extend a welcome in Sutton Park to all those who will celebrate this, the Jubilee of Scouting. We warmly congratulate Mr. Whinnerah on being chosen to lead a Birmingham contingent at the Jamboree, and R. A. Cochrane, D. R. Ellison, C. F. Jenkins, B. J. Stanier and D. G. Viggers who are to represent the Group.

The Michaelmas Term was rounded off by the customary Christmas parties.

During these months the Senior Troop has retained the De Renzi Shield and the Divisional Swimming Sports Senior Cup. A very young team came a close second in the Fowke life-saving competition. The opportunity of retaining the Cross-Country Shield in March is eagerly awaited. Over the years we have gained a reputation for winning trophies. It is the duty of all the troops to uphold that reputation by taking a full part in Divisional activities.

In Junior troops progress has not been exceptional, but it seems that First Class status will be a "must" for entry into the Senior Troop next year. In the past term J. S. Henley has gained his First Class badge and Scout Cord. First Class badges have also been awarded to A. V. Bridgewater, D. Kirk, and R. Mellor.

Dr. Mayor and our Scouters have given the Group their fullest support both in its summer camps and in the activities of the past term. We owe them our hearty thanks.

A.A.W.

THE LINE BETWEEN

The soldier lay in a ditch, watching the woods on the other side of the open valley. The foliage of the umbrella-bunched trees covered a mass of distorted trunks and rough, tangled branches. In the forest on the hill, whose hairy Leviathan-like face leered maddeningly at him, men were being hunted.

He imagined them breathing heavily, running, stopping suddenly, sweating, afraid. He imagined them hating, cursing the soldiers, swearing lewdly at the politicians, who denied them freedom, who talked glibly about world peace, and sacrificed the liberty of the few on the altar of military strategy.

He felt the hard butt of the rifle in his hot, sticky hand and knew that he had the power to change, in a moment, a warm living body into a dead thing. Some of the men of his own battalion had died from wounds inflicted by snipers, yet he was not burnt into a furnace of revenge. He accepted it as war and fate ; they would have died anyway. Sometimes he wondered cynically whether those who had been meticulously measured, trillingly trumpeted and piously preached to their deaths, were not more fortunate than he. For them at least the doubt had ended ; their minds were no longer stretched on the rack in agonies of apprehension. They were dead, part of something that he found incomprehensible. "Death" conjured up a hundred pictures in front of his eyes ; pictures drawn over the years by books he had read, and conversations he had heard. Pictures of a great wall with the bright sky and green pastures of

Paradise on one side, and the scorching fires and ebony blackness of Hell on the other ; of souls twinkling like miniature stars as they burst out of coffins ; of reincarnation, as a dog grovelling in the gutters and snarling at the enveloping night ; of total darkness where there was no memory, no thought, no movement, nothingness. He muttered inwardly that death was none of these, but he had no power to think of death ; he only knew he was afraid of it.

Life was only a period of waiting for death, which most people were too afraid to embrace before it gripped them ; those who embraced it before the allocated time were branded madmen or martyrs. This "life" with a shadow upon it, "life" that was a road to a black and terrible cave, "life" that was a period of gestation before one died, was nothing to him. Poets, he reflected, could find something to live for in nature ; he liked to see streams rippling under quaint brick bridges or rolling hills breaking like waves against the sky ; but these things meant nothing to him, gave him no inspiration ; trees could be cut down, grass burnt, streams polluted. Some people were enabled to find perfection in life through love for a woman, but he could not understand more than that he was vulgar and his girl friend wrote uninteresting letters. He would marry her when he got home ; they would have a family and live in muddled mediocrity in a box-house, that was really a converted coffin. This did not fire him with zest for life. Nor could he understand how men lived for painting ; or music or writing ; they lived in constant, infinite, boundless expectation and desire, striving to create a masterpiece, thrilling at the moment of creation, then considering, rejecting. To the artist nothing was perfect ; he lived to create perfection, but knew that perfection was beyond his power ; his life was an endless roundabout of futility and disillusion.

The soldier wriggled in the trench to be more comfortable. He cared nothing for politics ; petty squabbles bored him ; struggles for world domination annoyed him. He was certain that no more than a thousand people in each country gave a damn who dominated the world, provided they were left in peace.

He grunted, and thought that he didn't really care about anything. Why not kill himself ? It seemed vaguely indecent ; he didn't know why. He didn't want to die indecently anyway ; he had thought there was nothing he cared about. Let himself be killed ? Make it easy ? He was seized with an impulse to jump from the trench and race blindly across the furlong of open ground. He saw himself running with the sun hot and the sweat pouring from his face ; he saw the grenade he had thrown into the woods ahead, explode violently, throwing wood and earth and fire into the warm hanging air. He part-saw, part-heard, part-felt, part-sensed the trail of bullets that came from the woods and tore into warm flesh. But then there was nothing. His imagination was brought to an abrupt halt. He could imagine the bullets, imagine the wound, the blood, the pain but after that he could imagine nothing. The impulse to run left him as suddenly as it had come ; the certainty of life, his heart-beat, his sharply drawn breath overcame the ignorance, the fear, the apprehension of death ; a hollow feeling, dry and stifling overcame him.

He heard the planes going over ; the distant murmuring purr became a sense-bombing drone ; the planes dropped their bombs on the

woods ahead ; earth, woods and mutilated humanity were shattered and torn. Over in the forest on the other side of the valley men were in a different world ; over there men were dying, hurled across the threshold of death into the blackness that he longed to know about, but was afraid to feel closing him in and choking him with its ivory cords. That threshold was a mercury thin line, less than the thousandth part of the width of the finest hair ; the thin line between life and death, but it seemed to the soldier a mile thick, and wider than his imagination.

The soldier saw a worm by his foot as he lay in the trench smoking a cigarette to steady his nerves. He did not know why, but he shuddered and then stamped on the worm in a cold fury a dozen times, until it was crushed and battered and its pulpy remnants clung to his muddy boots. Then he settled down again to watch the woods on the hill beyond.

N.J.

SENIOR SCOUT CAMP

bei Thun, Switzerland, August 21st to September 4th, 1956

With only two people conversant with the native language and knowing that the Swiss were experiencing their worst summer for years, it was with some trepidation that the troop set out on its long journey from Snow Hill. To be able to record on our return two weeks later, that over half of us could make ourselves understood in German and that our ardour had not been damped, is proof of the camp's success.

The camp-site itself, which was reached after twenty-four hours' travel, was situated in the grounds of the Heimstätte (the equivalent to our Youth Hostel) on the shore of Lake Thun. During our stay good use was made of the amenities available, and everyone was able to swim and row regularly. Acquaintances were also made with some of the inmates from the Heimstätte, whom we invited to our camp-fire towards the end of the camp.

Numerous surrounding peaks were conquered, including the Stockhorn, and one expedition was made to Kleine Scheidegg ; unfortunately, however, we chose the wrong day, and mist robbed us—only by two hundred yards—of our sole chance of entering the snow belt. Each of the three patrols went out on two two-day expeditions, thus enabling one patrol to remain in camp the whole time. In addition to these, two visits were made to a Church, run by the Colonial and Continental Missionary Society, in Spiez, and towards the end of the camp everyone went up a mountain by chair-lift.

In retrospect, the camp was a great experience for all of us, being completely different from any other which we have held in the past. Whilst there, by changing our daily routine in accordance with our surroundings, we were able to gain a first-hand insight into the lives and customs of the Swiss.

Finally, no report would be complete without mentioning our deep gratitude to Mr. Dodds, and to his two colleagues, Mr. Skinner and Mr. Whinnerah, whose experience, leadership and unflagging enthusiasm made the camp the success it undoubtedly was.

J.C.G.

AMERICA IN EUROPE

The air was thin and cool, the grass, the trees on the purple mountains a deep green. The inn was simple, homely, white. It had red tables outside, in a kind of enclosed garden and also directly on the road. In the garden the young men and girls, in jeans and windcheaters, chatted and laughed. The road was busy and the scooters roared down the gentle hill into the scattered, middle-west type town. A young man sat, by himself, at one of the red roadside tables. He did not buy anything. He wondered why there were so many soldiers walking so carelessly up and down the road. Why were they wearing green, feathered caps at a jaunty angle instead of black or khaki berets? Was the "Hotel zum roten Löwen" cheaper than the "albergo" he had chosen? How long would supper be? He looked up as the gravel grated under someone's feet. How old was the innkeeper's daughter? Could she speak any English? He knew she spoke German and he did too. She seemed too busy to talk to him. The soldiers eyed him with suspicion too, but he did not heed them. A German Volkswagen came round the corner out of the trees and pulled up in the square which was used as a parking-place. Ordinarily he would have ignored this, but this car was different. It had a "United States Forces in Germany" registration plate. What would these people be like? He would have to speak to them. He could pretend to be French or something and not speak to anyone. But he had to speak to someone and, besides, he was investigating Americans. "Hope there's some beds left," he ventured. "Me too," replied the driver. It had never even occurred to him, he thought, to think it strange to hear English in such an odd place. But still *he* had company, a cold-looking, glossy wife and three shrill-voiced children. Must be a good job being an American soldier in Germany, he mused.

He ate with them. It seemed the obvious thing to do. They had a table for six so there was a spare seat. He muttered something about Anglo-American relations and took the plunge. The meal was good, but not as long or filling as the one he had eaten the night before. The little boy in the blue jeans and yellow sweater with hair to match did not like his chop. The girl, who was so like her brother, hated rolls. "Care for their chop and rolls." "Thanks," he said, and took them. They must have thought he looked hungry. "Where've we come from to-day, Mommy?" "That hotel with the mice, dear." Better make conversation, he thought. "Have you seen Cortina?" "Where's that George? Have we been there?" "Yeah. That joint with the big hotels and the traffic cop. You remember?" "Oh, sure, I remember." Perhaps the Dolomites appealed only to him, he thought. Perhaps he was the one who was a bit peculiar; after all the people in the garden did not seem to notice the mountains either. He kept his mouth shut. The woman reacted. She put herself and the children to bed at about eight-thirty. He went out again and sat at one of the red tables. The innkeeper's daughter walked past. He stopped her, spoke and she returned with a flask of red wine. He started to drink. There was nothing else to do. The metal seat opposite him squeaked. "Take some peanuts," said the American. Why had he got peanuts? They were salted, but he took some. There was nothing else to do. The people in the garden had no

nterest for him and they, in turn, seemed to be unaware of him. "Any wine to spare." "Sure," he replied. He had never used that word before in that sense.

They talked of the army, education, Europe. Almost an intelligent conversation, he thought. "George." The woman came out and sat down at the table. So she could not stand the children either. "I think they've gone to sleep." "Good." It's those Italians in the garden," she said, "they will laugh." The man looked at his wife and she at him. His look was, for her, meaningless, for him significant. "I'm glad you agree dear," she added. "We've had to bring the peanuts from Frankfort. You can't get them here. I wonder why not. They're real American. Two planes bring them from back home every week. These Continentals sure are funny. Never heard of cookies, peanuts or candy." The husband looked at the other man tellingly. "Sure dear, don't you think you ought to get some sleep?" "I think you're right. Good-night . . ." "Goodnight," said the stranger quickly.

They talked on. Of home, of where they had been. The man knew, his wife didn't, so he never told her because he thought it might confuse her. Soon the man went off to bed, a little reluctantly. The other fellow slept on a couch at the end of a passage on the top floor. That way he only had to pay 450 lire. He was awakened at five-thirty. "Gee, mister, have you slept there all night?" The question seemed a little pointless. He answered in the affirmative. "Gee, we slept in the next room. The tap dripped all night. In five of the hotels we've bin to, the taps dripped." He said this with such emphasis that the stranger realized Europe had made some impression on itinerant America. "Oh! Bad luck." Was this their only impression? He washed in the bowl in the corridor. He ate all the rolls at breakfast. "They have no nutritional value. Why don't they have bread like back home or in Frankfort?" commented mother. Would Germany become an American colony in time? After all, time could do most things.

They packed. The American paid his bill. It was twenty per cent. cheaper than in Ravenna. And this place had been clean and comfortable. "These continentals sure are peculiar." With this he left Europe and stepped into mobile America. He was alone again. He went to settle up. "They think well of your inn," he said to the owner's wife. "It is better than in Ravenna and cheaper too." "Natürlich aber," replied the woman. "In Ravenna fanden Sie Italiener. Hier sind wir aber Deutschen." This struck him as sound. He paid, glanced at the daughter who was peeling potatoes and left. Perhaps God had purposely given the South Tirol to Italy in 1919 so that at least a part of Europe would survive. These people could never become American even if Frankfort had.

M.G.V.

TREYARNON

A spray of salt in the seething rocks
And the howl of the wind
And the swing of the sea
And the prancing waves of slippery foam
In the whirl of the mist in Treyarnon Bay.

And beyond the rocks lies the hump of the land
A hump of land in the charioting sea
In the war-cry of wind and the scream of the gulls
A sentinel guarding the Constantine sand.

And caught in the lips of the whitening waves
The sisters of stone stand away from the shore
Two sisters and I alone in the rain
In the howl of the wind
And the swing of the sea
And the whirl of the mist in Treyarnon Bay.

P.J.D.

THE NORWAY EXPEDITION, 1956

Fifty-five hours after leaving Birmingham the nine members of the Geographical Society's Expedition were setting up a base camp on the Hardanger-Vidda, a high, almost uninhabited plateau in Central Norway.

Our purpose was to explore this wild and remote area and so after a day in which to get acclimatised we set off into the interior of the region. We carried everything on our backs including six days' food and we soon began to feel the effects of this weight as we climbed along the rough paths. Above us rose the steep boulder-strewn mountainside with its sombre vegetation lightened in places by the white of a snow patch. All around us the country was wild and bleak and only occasionally was it that we came across the green of a summer pasture area often now abandoned. Camping was practically impossible anywhere except on these strips of grass because of the marshy nature of the land and so they were always a welcome sight.

For five days we hiked across the country constantly climbing up over a mountain only to have to descend into one of the many steep-sided valleys again. We moved always at heights of between three and five thousand feet and many times we had to cross snow patches which usually provided some amusement.

We then returned to our stores dump at Base Camp and had a very welcome rest for a day.

During the following two days we set up an advance camp in a cove about five miles further on from our main camp. It was on the side of a lake and the approach, as a result, was extraordinarily wet and boggy and made walking very tiring.

The next two days we spent in trying to get on to a nearby ice cap but mist, winds, rain and snow more or less defeated all our attempts though we did succeed in getting on to one glacier.

We did also in the bursts of fine weather get some idea of the nature of the country surrounding the snowcap ; it was bleak and bare in the extreme and the many snow patches added to its cold forbidding appearance.

Now began the march back to civilisation and very difficult it proved to be. On the first day we had to cross a high pass in mist and driving sleet only to find that a bridge on the other side had been destroyed and

that we had, as a result, to march right round a lake. Eventually, having reached the edge of the fiord into which we had to descend three thousand feet, we began to climb down the steep path. Half-way down, however, we found that it had been carried away by a landslide and thereafter we had to scramble down the almost vertical side of the valley almost on our hands and knees. On reaching the bottom we found ourselves in a jumble of rock with no possible camp site anywhere but at last, just when it was getting dark, we found room for two tents only, instead of the usual four, and so into these we all had to be crammed for an uncomfortable night.

Next day we completed the march comparatively uneventfully into the small town of Eidfiord and from there we made our way, via Bergen, back to England.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Benett, who through his hard work and fine leadership, made the expedition a great success.

M.A.W.

THE RETURN

The great Selengore had no news of his army,
Until his one trusted messenger, Abdul Kamy,
Burst through the gates of the king's walled city,
Taking no notice of the Senate's committee,
But entered the throne-room, and knelt on the floor,
Before the throne of the great Selengore.

" My news is bad,
For your armies have fled,
All the warriors you had,
By your son they were led,"
The messenger said.
" Over the borders to distant Kailang,
To a land of valleys, and rivers, and fountains,
Far from their birthplace, over the mountains.
They rode and they walked,
They laughed and they talked,
Of a peaceful and pleasanter land they sang."

The tiger coughed in the jungle below,
The jackal howled so people may know
That the full moon is high,
Up in the sky,
Blazing light on the crisp, white snow.

Men were marching, slowly marching,
Returning home from that pleasant land,
Where the palm trees covered the yellow sand.
Where the quiet blue waters were gently fanned
By a cool south wind's rustling hand.
Now they returned with raw throats parching,
From a land that didn't exist.

They built a tower on the highest mountain,
A tower that stretched, up, and up,
And in the tower-top, amongst the rafters,
They placed the sacred Buddha's cup.
They enriched it with gold, silver and ivory,
And called it the Temple of Evermore.
For evermore shall the people remember,
The return of the children of the great Selengore.

A.C.H.-L.B. (aged 11).

C.C.F. CAMPS, 1956

The C.C.F., like time, still marches on. Recruits are still enticed into the Corps by such devices as the "Link" trainer and blank rounds, only to be faced with ill-fitting uniforms and drill. Soon, however, they settle into the routine of the Corps and the various sections continue to run more or less smoothly throughout the year.

The annual camps form the culmination of the years' activities and it was encouraging to witness the large proportion of the Corps that attended these functions this Summer.

Kimmel Park was the setting for the Army and Basic sections' Camp and despite most unseasonable weather, much was learned. The weather did afford cadets the opportunity for extra-mural studies such as drainage and irrigation, and they were seen gazing in awe at the miniature torrents coursing underneath their tents. At the end of Camp we regretfully took our leave of Lieut. Hutton who, despite valiant efforts by senior N.C.O.'s and "A" Company, departed unscathed.

P.M.

Last year the R.A.F. Section spent an enjoyable week's camp at R.A.F., Wyton. As the weather was poor, we were pleased to discover that we had been allocated a comfortable and completely element-proof billet, with wireless extensions (a mixed blessing) throughout the room, and R.A.F. police-dogs next door.

It is impossible to record chronologically how we spent the week. Certain highlights stand out: the generous flying facilities, including Canberras and Chipmunks for a lucky few; dinghy drill in an extremely cold river; an afternoon's map-reading exercise; experiments with parachutes on a wind-swept field, during which one cadet was almost carried away.

In addition, there was always plenty to do by way of recreation: a table-tennis competition, which smashed several balls; cricket versus the sergeants' mess; one unofficial football match (the rest were washed out by bad weather).

The R.A.F. authorities looked after us very well and gave us a most interesting programme.

I.D.M.M.

Royal Naval Section Camp, 1956, was held in two parts, twenty cadets joining H.M.S. *Teazer*, an Anti-Submarine Frigate on a cruise from Liverpool to Devonport, and some of the senior ratings combining with cadets from two other schools at H.M.S. *Dolphin*, the Submarine base at Portsmouth.

The party on H.M.S. *Teazer* accustomed themselves to Navy life and were soon bent on absorbing the rudiments of anti-Submarine warfare. They set sail on a calm grey sea, but this happy state of affairs did not last for long, as most of the party soon discovered. However, they received instruction in steering the ship, radar and anchors and cables, but it suffices to say that Eddystone Lighthouse was a welcome sight.

At Portsmouth cadets received instruction in the art of submarine warfare and the complicated machinery of a submarine was rapidly disclosed to them. Visits were made to H.M.S. *Albion* and H.M.S. *Zest* and a day was spent steaming up and down the Solent on H.M.S. *Plover*, a minelayer. A thoroughly enjoyable camp culminated in the holding of a pulling race after which the winning cox was ceremoniously dumped into Portsmouth harbour, whence he emerged happy but very, very wet, to claim his reward.

D.A.Y., J.M.T.

THE SCHOOL WEATHER STATION

Work has continued on the compilation of averages of readings taken over the last ten years. When the work is completed a summary of these details will be exhibited outside Geography Room 'A.'

The winter of 1956 followed closely the precedent of 1955, viz., cold and dry generally. January was rather wet, with 3.65-in. of rain against a normal total of about 2.5-in., but this was counter-balanced by the following two months, in neither of which as much as 1-in. fell. (Normal 2.5-in. approx.) February, the coldest month, had a mean temperature of 30°F., against the normal 39°F.

Spring was rather dry with normal temperatures. Only .52-in. of rain was recorded in May (Normal 2.0-in.), but later, in the summer, the month of August had 4.61-in.—twice normal. In 1955 5-in. fell in May, and $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. in August.

Autumn rather atoned for the cool, wet summer, by providing months slightly warmer and drier than usual, November only recording .78-in. rain (Normal 2.5-in.)

December was a month of changes; the result on paper appears mild and wet, but concealed in the figures are four days of dense fog, and the first "White Christmas" ever recorded at the station. On Christmas Day and Boxing Day the mercury did not rise above freezing, while 7-in. snow fell. The year ended with relatively high temperatures and melting snow.

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

SENIOR SCOUT EXPEDITION TO SNOWDONIA, JANUARY, 1957

It was raining, there was a wind against us, but nevertheless we dauntlessly wrestled our way towards the welcome warmth and seclusion of Idwal Youth Hostel. One mile to go and a car passes us and draws up—a lift perhaps? No, only a member of the party (who wishes to remain anonymous), a little belated, revelling in the luxury of a taxi.

The first day, although windy, was dry, and we climbed the jagged North Ridge of that ideal mountain, Tryfan. Experience proved that it was advisable to wear hat-pins on the summit. Having managed to climb down on to the Miners' Track, we ate our "lunch" in a sheltered nook. Unfortunately weather conditions prevented us from extending our climb to include Bristly Ridge and the Glyders so we descended to Idwal, skirting round to look at the Devil's Kitchen on the way.

Next morning, having survived two nights at Idwal, despite the Chalet and other difficulties, we caught a bus to Capel Curig. From there we climbed Moel Siabod, a nearby hill with steep grassy sides. It is common knowledge that the second day is always the worst!

Capel Curig hostel was a delightful contrast to Idwal, but for two members of the party had one disadvantage; it served dinner at seven o'clock.

Thursday dawned clear but windy, and we climbed up the Pyg Track and along the Crib Goch ridge to Y Wyddfa (Snowdon). "Peaks and pinnacles, jagged crests and fantastic outlines..." This was the scene along the ridge, enhanced by long streamers of ice growing out of the rock on the windward side. After a cold lunch on the summit we descended in cloud down the Pyg Track and "slogged" back along the road to the hostel.

On our last climbing day we split up into two parties. One climbed Carnedd Llewellyn and the other performed a lower scenic ramble. Impressions of the Carneddau are of mixtures of marsh and ice, varying with the altitude.

I would like to express, on behalf of the whole party, our thanks to Mr. Whinnerah and Mr. Hall for so ably leading this wonderful expedition.
B.H.S.

C.E.W.C., CHRISTMAS, 1956

Judging from the 2,500 attendance at the Lectures and discussions of the Council for Education in World Citizenship, girls are four times as interested in world affairs as boys—about 2,000 of those present were girls. The 500 boys included two from the Modern Language Upper Sixth of K.E.S.

The subject of the Conference was "North America, Continent without Frontiers," and it extended over the first four days of January. The High Commissioner for Canada and a representative of the American Embassy opened the series. The first lecturer explained that the American conception of the word "frontier" is not ours; they understand it as a piece of free land over which hostilities take place. He took as his title "The Challenge of the Wilderness," and pointed out that the original Americans were farmers, which helps to explain their capacity for hard work, and the absence of a leisured class in present-day U.S.A. But it also meant that financial success came to be regarded as the only real success.

In the second lecture, ambiguously entitled "The Warp and the Woof," the fact was stressed that of the Canadian population 80 per cent. live within 100 miles of the American border, and 60 per cent. in Great

Lakes—St. Lawrence Basin, which is south of the forty-ninth Parallel. The speaker outlined the development of Canada as a nation, and its political system. This excellent lecture was followed by discussion groups.

The first speaker on Wednesday, Professor Dell G. Hitchner, was, as his name suggests, an American. His lecture was devoted mainly to a comparison of American life in 1900 and in 1956. He pointed out that the majority of early immigrants went to America seeking something better than what they left behind in Europe—religious intolerance or political dictatorship.

Professor Hitchner's lecture was followed by a most informative talk by the only lady speaker, who gave us an excellent description of life in the Canadian Shield—the life of the trapper, the lumberman, and the prospector.

Few of us know anything about contemporary American music (apart from jazz and rock 'n' roll), and Mr. Donald Payne attempted, with records, to teach us. This music is quite unlike that of any European composer except perhaps Britten. In one record we heard thirty-four different percussion instruments.

Thursday brought two discussions: "The American Way of Life" and "On Being Canadian." Both were interesting and amusing, the latter especially so as the panel included Mr. Bernard Braden. That evening a concert was given of North American music and dancing, of which the highlight was the singing of Mr. Jess Walters, the American-born Covent Garden baritone. Mr. Walters gave marvellous renderings of "Di Provenza Il Mar" and "Momma's little baby loves Shortnin' Bread."

On the last morning we heard a B.B.C. correspondent give, in B.B.C. English, a lively history of the foreign policy of the U.S.A. His lecture was followed by exhortations to us to support C.E.W.C. and to join U.N.A., which had a rather doubtful effect. After lunch the discussion group reports were presented, and the conference wound up with a mock trial of the United Nations, in which the audience was the jury, although not allowed to bring in a verdict. The conference then dispersed after four interesting, informative and enjoyable days, that will long be remembered.

D.A.

TINTAGEL

The sunlight dies : now Merlin's cave is blacker than before,
And savage waves beat on a subterranean shore.
In misty gloom and chilling atmosphere,
We see a vision of chivalrous yesteryear.

Above's the castle, worn by wind and rain,
See, in the gathering storm, a kingly ghost again
Commands his phantom army, beneath the sombre skies,
Refights a Pagan horde . . . and then redies.

The shimmering image shrinks slowly into stone.
His shield becomes mere nothingness, and likewise does his
crown.

The clouds roll back, and on the whispering moor,
Stands not an army, but shines the sun once more.

Now far beneath in Merlin's murky cave, the wide sunbeams
illuminate the blackness, and interrupt our dreams.
The picture of fantasy is past and reality reborn.
The vision of King Arthur has vanished with the storm.

B.A.R.

LE BOURGEOIS GENTILHOMME

On the evenings of the 31st January to the 2nd February the K.E.S. Dramatic Society forsook the lush, flowery ways of Elizabethan drama and ventured upon what well may have seemed the flintier path of French satirical comedy.

Using a 18th century translation, at times a little stilted and productive of archaisms which fell not unpleasantly on the ear, Mr. Trott gave us Molière's "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," the play about a successful tradesman whose ambition it is to ape the aristocracy.

We all have no doubt our own particular conception of M. Jourdain and, allowing for slight variations, I am sure the bulk of us think of him as a tradesman in middle age, naïf yet somewhat pompous, vain and vulgar in his tastes but with some authority in his manner, a substantial draper accustomed to deference if only from his own class. Few of us, I am sure, see him as a perky, youngish man who might have done very well for himself by selling vegetables from a barrow in the Paris Halles. Mr. Trott, however, saw him in this light and this conception influenced profoundly the whole character of the comedy.

Perky in manner and free with his grimaces M. W. Swales as M. Jourdain never showed himself sufficiently impressed by the teachers he had called in to instruct him. The whole humour of these scenes, in particular the scene with the philosopher, turns upon the fact that M. Jourdain receives the pretensions, the platitudes and the inanities with open-mouthed wonder whilst the audience sees through them. M. Jourdain, however, received them with a kind of knowing calm, quite devoid of the awe which the unlettered are reputed to have for the lettered.

Mr. Trott made the most of the slapstick possibilities of the play, especially, again, in the case of M. Jourdain. It might, in fact, be said that the production suffered from a mild attack of schizophrenia for while the rest of the cast were playing, and playing very well, a comedy of manners M. Jourdain was playing the broadest farce. Within these limits Swales knew his part well and played it with the greatest vigour and conviction.

In the last act when the play in general slips into pure farce this interpretation did not do any harm but before this many good lines were masked by the accompanying buffoonery. The well-known incident of the bow to Dorimène, for instance, was played so farcically that before M. Jourdain had reached his culminating line: "A little farther, Madam," the audience were laughing so much at his antics that nothing spoken could be heard. One felt impelled to reflect: *C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas Molière.*

I am sorry that I cannot agree with the producer's interpretation of the central character, particularly as I have seldom seen a school play in which the secondary characters were so consistently good. All spoke their lines with exceptional clarity and assurance and the cues were taken with the utmost smoothness. No doubt the elaborately stylised manners of the period helped the boys a great deal for there was little of that awkwardness which with amateur actors often shows through in modern plays and even in Shakespeare.

The "women" deserve a particular word of praise. They moved easily across the stage, spoke well and really looked like women. Here again the period costume helped the illusion considerably. R. A. P. Duval, as Nicola, displayed an almost incredible expertise for such a young actor. His performance was a model of well-restrained power.

P. M. Cairns as Coviell performed competently whilst A. F. Whitehead as Cleontes and M. J. Lindop as Lucilia made the most of the not very rewarding rôles of young lovers, the insipid young lovers who form the invariable framework of a Molière comedy.

J. M. H. Spencer and D. R. Norton, too, deserve special commendation for their rendering of the drinking songs in Act IV.

The production seemed happier in the buffoonery of the last act. The "Turks" were drilled to the precision of a chorus-girl ensemble and achieved the maximum comic effect.

Throughout the play the grouping of the characters on the stage was good, the lines were remarkably well delivered, although a little too much use was perhaps made of the technique of talking across the footlights which, like the buttonholing style popular among modern novelists, is a somewhat meretricious device to enlist the sympathy of the audience for one character at the expense of the others.

The scenery, designed by R. H. Harper, portrayed almost too successfully the vulgar ostentation to be expected from a character like M. Jourdain and was a little merciless to an audience who had to look at it for over two hours.

There is absolutely no doubt that the audience enjoyed it hugely though not always as Molière intended, and even if the experiment was not entirely successful it was one which was well worth making.

A.C.G.

Correspondence

To the Editor of the CHRONICLE,

DEAR SIR,

During recent years there have been many attempts by members of the School to unite all those interested in intelligent jazz appreciation. All such movements have so far met considerable opposition and have been thereby successfully quelled. This failure has, in the past, been due to lack of responsibility in the leaders and lack of organization.

Those who consider that appreciation of jazz is out of place in a Public School would perhaps be interested to know that in the majority of our Public Schools jazz is not actively opposed or suppressed. This is obvious from the recent correspondence to the Editor of *The Sunday Times*.

We who express this opinion fully realize that the first purpose of the School is learning, and would not for one moment allow jazz to interfere with that aim. Nor, furthermore, would we approve of a society for boys who would attend purely to hear degraded forms of this music which provide a rhythm apparently capable of inciting teenagers to violence.

All those with any musical interest whatsoever, cannot, surely, fail to realize that jazz, the musical expression of the American negro's emotions, has most certainly a place in the world of music ; admittedly it is a minor one, but we fail to see why appreciation of this art is frowned upon.

Finally, may we point out that this letter does not express the opinion of one voice alone, but of many who enjoy the music which originated in the French quarter of New Orleans and which has risen to criticism in such papers as *The Times*.

Therefore, sir, we look forward with eagerness to the formation of such a society in the near future under responsible leaders.

Yours sincerely,

S. J. LINE, A. H. COPE,
N. H. MCCARTY, M. I. WEBBE,
etc.

A SHORT VISION

A bright, blinding flash ;
A million torn and withered limbs.
After nations clash,
Through the dust, the fire dims,
Leaving twisted conglomeration,
That was mad civilisation.

N.J.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES

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O.E. MEMBERSHIP

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

Those members who do not wish to avail themselves of the advantages of the Club rooms can become Honorary members of the Association, a class of membership which carries with it the right to wear Old Edwardians' colours and to receive, twice a year, the Old Edwardians' Gazette with news of the School and of Old Edwardians, but does not entitle the member to the use of the club rooms.

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

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

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Joint Hon. Secs.

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HONORARY MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL CLUB (which includes a subscription to the SCHOOL CHRONICLE) is open to all Old Edwardians and to parents of boys in the School, and friends of the School, at a subscription of not less than 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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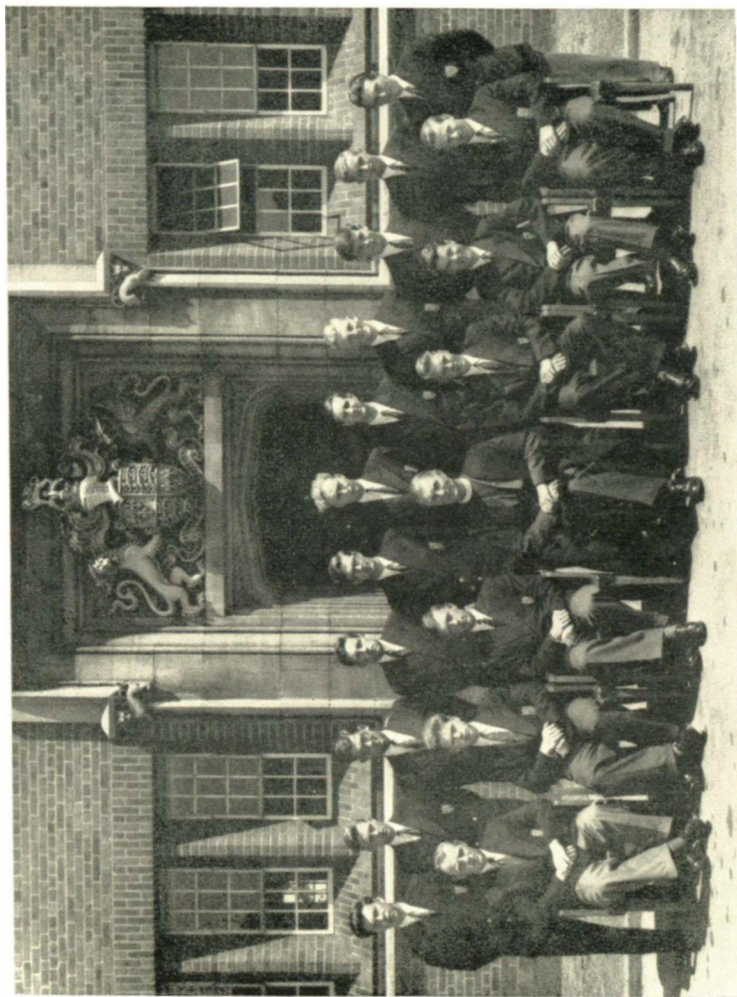
- (1) To bind together all sections within the School.
- (2) To strengthen the connection between our old and present members.
- (3) To Chronicle all events of interest to the School.

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PREFECTS, 1956-57

Standing (left to right) : P. J. DAVIES, P. MATTHEWS, A. A. WILSON, J. C. GREEN, R. G. DAUNCEY, L. R. HOLLOWAY, A. HUGHES, P. DAVIES,
 M. A. WHITLEY, D. E. ROTHERA, N. JOSEPH.
 Seated (left to right) : M. G. VARLEY, J. G. HENLY, P. C. N. VAUGHN (Captain of the School), THE CHIEF MASTER,
 N. G. MCGOWAN (Vice-Captain), J. D. EAGLES, A. D. R. OGBORN.

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EDITORIAL

"The time has come," the Walrus said,
"To talk of many things :
Of shoes—and ships—and sealing-wax—
Of cabbages and kings..."

Although cabbages and sealing-wax are not perhaps the most suitable subjects for serious conversation, the Walrus certainly had the right idea—he was determined to talk about something, however controversial. And that, of course, has been the main concern of editors ever since they first dared to put pen to paper. There are the inevitable drawbacks to writing editorials, the most obvious being that hardly anybody reads them, and those who do are generally so anxious to see how many times their name appears in the following pages that they can never remember a word afterwards. Well, we're all human.

Today, however, we feel it our special duty to draw the attention of our readers to something of major importance that shouldn't take long to relate, and this time we shall try to be concise.

There are, surprisingly, many of the aesthetically inclined who feel justifiably afraid of the effect of modern mechanised progress upon our culture. It's a ticklish business this, but one that must be tackled, for there is a great deal at stake, and which men, unconsciously or otherwise, threaten to sacrifice upon the pile. That mankind has travelled far is unquestionable, but now a temporary and salutary halt is called for to check and restrain the choking hold of scientific and industrial development. We are not ungrateful for the benefits conferred so far, we are merely wary of becoming partially blind. Betjeman's silver pencils and communal canteens are no fantasy—they are thankful fact, but so is 'the presence that disturbs' with

"the joy
Of elevated thoughts : a sense sublime
Of something far more deeply interfused,
Whose dwelling is the light of setting suns,
And the round ocean and the living air "

of Tintern Abbey.

In the hydrogen haze and amid the turbine thrust of power politics, the 'gentler' arts can easily be obscured, scorned, and lost irretrievably. In the oily throb of commerce we are quick to forget ourselves, quick to surrender to the new automaton god but snail-slow to turn off the switch. We flutter like moths around the hypnotic glare of industry, we turn mind into material, feeling into figures and fall into the flame.

Let us indeed consider how our time is spent. It is not yet too late to mend the broken walls and we must be the bricklayers of the years to come.

NOTES AND NEWS

SCHOOL DIARY

The Lent Term ended upon Wednesday, April 3rd. Half-term was taken from March 1st to the 4th inclusive.

The Cross Country Races were run on the afternoon of February 28th while the Gymnastic Competitions, House and Individual, took place on March 13th and 14th.

A Field Day was held upon March 15th. The Naval Section went to Bristol while detachments of the Army Section operated at Illey, near Halesowen. Sections of the R.A.F. carried out exercises in the Lickey Hills.

The School Confirmation took place on March 22nd at Edgbaston Old Church.

The Individual Music Competitions were held on the evening of March 26th, followed by the second part of the House Music Competitions on the morning of the 27th, which were judged by Professor W. K. Stanton of Bristol University. Evans were declared the winners.

The Athletic Sports took place in fine weather on Saturday, March 30th, at Eastern Road. J. G. Bean was declared Open Champion and Jeune won the House Competition with Evans runners up.

On the Sunday a Service of Passion Readings and Music was conducted at Edgbaston Old Church.

On Monday, April 1st, the Chapel Choir gave a recital at 1-0 p.m., and the Ex-Secretaries' Debate took place that evening at 7-0 p.m.

The Summer Term began, unusually, upon Friday, April 26th. Half-term, beginning on June 7th, continued into our first Whit Week Holiday, which ended upon June 16th.

Holy Communion was celebrated on Tuesday, May 7th and upon six subsequent occasions during the term.

The Junior Dramatic Society gave three performances of Bernard Shaw's 'Androcles and the Lion' upon the evenings of May 16th, 17th and 18th.

Field Day in the Summer Term took place on Friday, May 31st. The Army and Basic Sections went to Clent and the R.A.F. Section visited Gaydon. The Navy undertook maritime operations at Bristol.

The Admissiōn Ceremony was held at 3-0 p.m. on June 4th.

On the evening of Thursday, June 6th, the Musical Society gave a stirring performance of Elgar's 'King Olaf' in Big School.

Removes Parents' Day was held at 7-0 p.m. on Thursday, June 27th. The Half-Mile Swim takes place at Edgbaston Reservoir on July 15th while the Finals of the Knock-out will be played on the 18th. On Friday 19th at 7-0 p.m. the Swimming Sports are to be held at Woodcock Street Baths and at 11-15 on the Saturday morning Speech Day will take place in Big School, followed in the afternoon by the annual match between the O.E. Association XI and the School. At 3-0 p.m. on Sunday, July 21st, the School Service will be held in Edgbaston Old Church. A Revue, 'As You Are,' will be presented on the evenings of July 22nd and 23rd, and the General Inspection will be carried out by Lieut.-General Sir Oliver Leese, Bt., K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. on the 23rd. At 1-0 p.m. on the 24th there is to be a recital by the Chapel Choir and the Summer Term will end on Thursday, July 25th.

GOVERNORS' NEWS

Alderman H. Watton and Councillor R. I. Scorer have been appointed to the Governing Body in place of Sir Wilfrid Martineau and Mr. Siward James.

OLD EDWARDIAN NEWS

We offer our congratulations to Mr. Douglas Hague, who was at King Edward's from 1941-43, upon his appointment to the new Newton Chambers Chair of Economics in the University of Sheffield at the young age of thirty.

Old Edwardians were prominent in international shooting at Bisley last summer. R. H. Moore (Oxford University VIII) and A. C. Hale (a veteran in international events) were both picked for England in the Elcho Shield match. Moore fired with distinction ; Hale unfortunately on this occasion had to drop out from the team.

Another Old Edwardian who has excelled himself in the sporting world recently is O. S. Wheatley who has been selected to play for Cambridge in the University Match at Lords. We congratulate him upon this fitting climax to a very successful season in first-class cricket.

We congratulate J. H. McCormack who has successfully completed his four years' apprenticeship at H.M.S. *Caledonia* upon his advancement to the rate of Engine Room Artificer, 5th Class. He is now serving in H.M.S. *Reggio*.

We would also like to congratulate Laurence Leslie Watson who has been made Deacon by the Bishop of Birmingham to serve in the Parish of St. Alphege, Solihull.

COMMON ROOM

We congratulate Mr. Trott and Mr. Woods, who were married during the Easter holiday.

Mr. Jackson leaves at the end of this term after thirty years at K.E.S. A valedictory appears elsewhere in the CHRONICLE. His place will be taken next term by Mr. Gregory.

PREFECTS' ROOM

The following gentlemen have been appointed prefects :

R. G. DAUNCEY : Captain of Cricket ; Captain of Fencing. (*Gifford*.)

P. DAVIES : Captain of Swimming. (*Prince Lee*.)

C. G. HARRISON : (*Heath*.)

The following gentlemen have left :

C. P. GANE (1951-57) : Prefect, 1956-57 ; Secretary of Scientific Society ; Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. (*Evans*.)

C. G. HARRISON (1950-57) : Prefect, 1957 ; Scholar of Exeter College, Oxford. (*Heath*.)

R. E. WEAVER (1949-57) : Prefect, 1956-57 ; Pembroke College, Oxford. (*Cary Gilson*.)

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

P. C. N. VAUGON (1949-57) : Captain of the School and General Secretary of the School Club, 1956-57 ; Prefect, 1955-56-57 ; Under-Officer in C.C.F. ; XXX Colours, 1956-57 ; Rhodes' Trust, 1957 ; Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. (*Prince Lee.*)

N. G. MCGOWAN (1949-57) : Vice-Captain of the School, 1956-57 ; Prefect, 1955-56-57 ; President of the Cartland Club, 1956-57 ; School Recorder, 1955-56 ; Captain of Athletics, 1957 ; Secretary of the Closed Circle ; Head of the House, 1955-56-57 ; XXX Colours, 1956-57 ; XXII Colours, 1955-56-57 ; C.S.M. in C.C.F. ; Rhodes' Trust, 1957 ; Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. (*Prince Lee.*)

J. G. HENLY (1950-57) : Prefect, 1955-56-57 ; Captain of Shooting, 1955-56 ; Shooting Colours, 1953-54-55-56-57 ; House Captain, 1955-56 ; Under-Officer in C.C.F. ; Peterhouse, Cambridge. (*Cary Gilson.*)

P. J. DAVIES (1949-57) : Prefect, 1956-57 ; Editor of the CHRONICLE ; XXX Colours, 1956-57 ; House Captain, 1956-57 ; St. Catherine's, Oxford. (*Evans.*)

J. D. EAGLES (1949-57) : Prefect, 1956-57 ; Secretary of Geographical Society ; Joint Secretary of Junior Christian Union ; Captain of the House, 1956-57 ; Warranted A.S.M. in Senior Scouts ; Jesus College, Oxford. (*Vardy.*)

L. R. HOLLOWAY (1949-57) : Prefect, 1956-57 ; Vice-Captain of Rugby Football, 1956-57 ; Rugby Football Colours, 1955-56-57 ; Leading Seaman in R.N. Section ; Birmingham University. (*Heath.*)

A. HUGHES (1949-57) : Prefect, 1956-57 ; School Recorder ; Captain of Eton Fives, 1956-57 ; Eton Fives Colours, 1955-56-57. House Captain, 1956-57. (*Gifford.*)

A. D. R. OGBORN (1950-57) : Prefect, 1956-57 ; Secretary of Athletics, 1956-57 ; Rugby Football Colours, 1956-57 ; House Captain, 1956-57 ; Warranted A.S.M. in Scouts ; University College, Oxford. (*Cary Gilson.*)

M. G. VARLEY (1949-57) : Prefect, 1956-57 ; Captain of Rugby Football, 1956-57 ; Rugby Football Colours, 1955-56-57 ; Secretary Modern Language Society ; House Captain, 1956-57 ; Exhibitioner of St. John's College, Cambridge. (*Jeune.*)

N. JOSEPH (1950-57) : Prefect, 1956-57 ; Secretary of the Cartland Club ; Secretary of Dramatic Society ; Secretary of Film Society ; Joint Secretary of Debating Society ; Exhibitioner of Queens' College, Cambridge. (*Gifford.*)

R. G. DAUNCEY (1950-57) : Prefect, 1957 ; Captain of Cricket, 1956-57 ; Captain of Fencing, 1956-57 ; Cricket Colours, 1956-57 ; Leading Seaman in R.N. Section ; Birmingham University. (*Gifford.*)

THE CARTLAND CLUB

The teashop fortress overlooking 'England's garden' is flourishing. Nor does the appearance of rhododendron-coloured curtains mean that members are in any way ashamed of their activities. On the contrary, they have reason to be proud of them. How many other institutions of

this type can boast both seven winners of awards to the ancient universities and a successful hockey team ?

It has, however, been a year in which the range of topics for conversation has been severely limited to biscuits (always in demand), the Suez crisis (the place is swarming with die-hard Tories), rugby, the Test Match, and, among a crotchety, quavering few, church music.

The visitors' book has been signed by a host of personalities, from the eminent Mr. Geoffrey Lloyd, M.P., of the House of Commons, to several less distinguished, female frequenters of a house of considerably less repute and greater proximity.

And so another generation of ' Carters ' passes out of the somewhat restricted world of comfortable, red upholstery into a harder and less congenial one ; we wish them luck, not least because we are one of them, hoping that they are grateful, if not for the privileges they have enjoyed, at least for the tea and biscuits.

N.J.

COLOURS

We congratulate :

G. E. Phillips on the re-award of School Cricket Colours.

A. E. H. Hornig and M. J. Disney on the award of School Cricket Colours.

R. C. Spiers, P. B. Rothwell and J. A. Fletcher on the award of their School Cricket Blazers.

N. G. McGowan, J. T. Baker, A. B. Clayton, W. Shrimpton, M. A. Whitley and A. C. Yarwood on the re-award of School XXII Colours.

D. J. L. Ashton, R. F. L. Wilkins, T. P. Lee, R. A. Green, R. G. Birch and J. E. T. Harper on the award of School XXII Colours.

D. E. Rothera on the re-award of School Swimming Colours.

D. K. Lindley, J. C. Green and J. G. Bean on the award of School Athletics Colours.

W. F. Pickworth on the re-award of School Tennis Colours.

J. G. Hills and J. M. H. Spencer on the award of School Tennis Colours.

J. M. Wilner, N. V. A. Hobbs, M. J. Lamping, R. E. Preece and M. D. Radford on the award of School Chess Colours.

CHAPEL NOTES

The normal pattern of Friday evening services was varied in Lent by a series of three addresses, based on the life of St. Francis, by Canon A. S. Gribble, Principal of the Queen's Theological College, Edgbaston. These were well attended, as were the weekly celebrations of the Holy Communion on Tuesdays. The School Confirmation, by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, took place at Edgbaston Old Church on March 22nd, and the Lord Bishop was also the celebrant at the First Communion of the newly-confirmed on Tuesday, April 2nd.

The Summer Term saw the resumption of the customary evening services on Fridays. Besides the usual fortnightly celebrations, there was an additional Corporate Communion on Ascension Day.

Collections in Lent were given to the Society of St. Francis and the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association. This term, collections have been sent to Inter-Church Aid to Refugees and the Cambridge Mission to Delhi. In our turn, we are grateful to D. H. Birch, O.E. for his gift of an alms basin, which after long delay we have now been able to take into use.

R.M.S.

Mr. JACKSON

Mr. Jackson's retirement at the end of this term will break one of the few remaining direct links with the Cary Gilson era. In his thirty years at K.E.S. Mr. Jackson has seen the coming or going of six headmasters, and only Mr. Moore and Mr. Ballance have been here longer. His many activities here have included the command, for two periods totalling about seven years, of what was then the Officers' Training Corps, and, for many years, that all-important job in the Dramatic Society, the business-managership. Mr. Jackson served in the Army in both world wars, and in the Cadet Force after 1945, retiring later with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

We wish him a long and happy retirement, if that word is admissible in his case. After leaving King Edward's the Rev. A. Jackson will serve as a curate at St. Mary's Church, Moseley.

FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S NEEDS

Donations for the twelve months ending April, 1957 :				£	s.	d.
Hungarian Relief	..	..	..	..	262	0 0
Birmingham Council for Old People	..	..	..	..	72	0 0
Bishop of Birmingham's Jubilee Appeal Fund	26	3 6
Royal National Lifeboat Institution	26	3 6
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BENEFACTIONS

The Howard Vyse Fund which we received last Speech Day has provided a Bursary for enterprise and initiative in travel beyond the shores of England and Wales. This Bursary has been awarded to K. M. Jones and E. D. Coombes.

We now have to thank Mr. E. W. Vincent and the Trustees of the Eric W. Vincent Trust for making available another such Bursary to foster adventurousness. This has been awarded to R. M. Frobisher and R. P. Holland.

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We are grateful to A. Hess who on his leaving School has presented a trophy for the Junior Tennis Competition ; to J. C. Orr, last year's

Captain of Tennis, for a Cup for the House Tennis Competition ; and to the Executors of the Birmingham Athletic Club, 1856-1956, for giving to us one of the Club's most handsome Challenge Cups which is to be held by the winning house in the Annual Athletic Sports.

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The Trustees of the Swinburn Scholarship have elected P. M. Cairns to an award for music.

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We are grateful to the families of former sons of the School who have sent to us interesting records of the old days : to Mrs. Gibson, the sister of the late Captain Clive Assinder (K.E.S. 1891-94), and to the family of R. W. Vawdry who left in 1895 and whose name is inscribed on one of the Fives Courts.

SCHOOL NOTES

In the Public Schools' Eton Fives Competition we noted with pride the fine performance that our first pair, A. Hughes and J. C. Green put up in face of keen opposition. They won through to the final but were eventually defeated by Aldenham. Let us hope that this year's success in the Fives Courts will encourage our young players to practise more arduously than ever and to make sure that they always wear pumps when playing. In commemoration of this near victory coat pegs have been added to the present furniture of the courts. No more complaints about dirty blazers are expected—at any rate not from the blazers.

We congratulate D. G. Harrison on gaining entry to Sandhurst and wish him good fortune in his new career.

Congratulations must also go to G. D. Andrews upon his very creditable performance in his Intermediate Examinations at Cranwell. He attained first place in Aerodynamics and came second in both Thermodynamics and Meteorology. He is further to be commended upon the purchase of a powerful seven-seater automobile, believed to be of American origin, which acts as Service-taxi to the college and stars in the Warwick Studios film 'High Flight.' Free tickets, however, are not available.

Pupils from both schools massed outside the main gates to cheer the Queen Mother as she drove past on the morning of May 2nd to lay the foundation stone of the new library at Birmingham University. We noted with glee that even the press had a big car to themselves and gave them an enthusiastic welcome.

Fertile minds and tireless energies within the school have given birth to a new Society which has decided to call itself the Jazz Circle. Its first meeting, we are informed, was a huge success. Present spirits are high and if later meetings are attended so well and applauded so enthusiastically, the optimism of its leaders will be more than justified. We bid this popular addition to the School Club a hearty welcome.

Our Tuck Shop has indeed become a thriving concern. It is a hive of gastronomical activity. We are urged to eat, drink and be merry by a dazzling display of pin-ups and colourful advertisements which deck it like a flagship. Coffee-drinking has been accepted as an integral

part of the Foundation and we congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Allard upon this welcome and imaginative innovation. Hardened adherents are expectantly awaiting the arrival of an Espresso machine but we should like to keep our present cups and saucers in preference to glass ones. We understand that the Public Schools' doughnut-selling record has been broken upon several occasions during the term and may feel justly proud of both Mr. Allard's salesmanship and our appetites.

For the benefit of bewildered spectators it should be explained that the strangely garbed collection of sixth formers at Eastern Road last term was in fact playing soccer. Not content with one match per term special agitators managed to secure no less than two fixtures in one single week. On April 1st (does the date have any significance?) the History and Modern Language Sixths undertook to play each other, and on the following Wednesday the Historians tried their luck against the Geographers. We hope that they found their way around.

We extend our sympathy to C. P. Gane and R. E. Weaver who have been obliged to devote their energies to serious work elsewhere. We wish them success in their new routine.

The exciting range of colours for school dinner tickets must be well nigh exhausted. This term's selection has been a delightful shade of turquoise, lending a touch of tropical brilliance to school meals. Even Birmingham bus tickets look drab in comparison. Serious suggestions for next term's choice are welcome.

We note that Upper Corridor has been repaired. New floor blocks have been laid in various places thus ensuring our safety on dark afternoons.

During the Lent Term the Badminton VI won two matches and lost one, so fulfilling the hopes expressed at the beginning of the season.

Letter-writing is getting exciting nowadays. Japanese admirers, as yet unknown, have promised us faithfully that they will answer every letter we send them. So out with your brushes, boys, and you'll be sitting under cherry blossom in no time with a pigtail down your back.

OLD EDWARDIAN LETTER

To the Editor of the CHRONICLE,

SIR,

When on July 24th—and do please make a note of the date—the Old Edwardians' Association entertains to tea at 23, Paradise Street all Edwardians leaving the School this summer, our guests will find themselves in premises wholly different from, and indeed far better than, those in New Street which, over the last ten years or so, have been visited by successive generations of school-leavers.

The Association's new headquarters is a whole building instead of a flat; there are two dining-rooms, with kitchen and staff arrangements making possible the quicker service of better meals; there are two card rooms instead of one, two additional billiards rooms. For the first time since 1912, in fact, the Association provides all the amenities of a good social club. That is the result of our amalgamation with the Clef Club.

Some of you perhaps will not be very much interested in this. They will be concerned merely to know that they can—and we very much hope they will—become members of the Association as before and at the old subscription, with the right to wear the Association colours and to receive twice a year the *Old Edwardians Gazette* containing School and O.E. news, and with the certainty that they will get notification of all School and O.E. functions.

If a boy is disposed, however, to make trial of club life under ideal conditions, in a club where he already knows quite a few of the members, then here is his opportunity. All members of the Association are eligible for election to the newly-formed "Clef and Old Edwardians Club"—in effect, a social club composed initially of the former Town, Country and University members of the Association with former Clef Club members. Of the amenities provided I have already written; the subscription is far lower than that of any comparable club in Birmingham and there are, as with the old Town membership of the Association, quite generous concessions to those under the age of twenty-five. The Old Edwardians Association very much hopes that a great many of you will in fact take advantage of these opportunities.

For the rest, the Paradise Street premises are to be, as New Street was, a centre in Birmingham of all activities of the Association. In particular, they will be the headquarters of the Football and Cricket sections, and members of these sections, not otherwise eligible, will be allowed to use the premises in connection with these activities. Above all, Paradise Street remains what New Street was—a place where any Old Edwardian visiting Birmingham can come in the certainty he will meet friends.

O.E.

THE OXFORD LETTER

SIR,

We send you greetings from the senior university. We have but little news, and for this there are two reasons. Firstly, the members of the Genista Club are scattered far and wide for the Club does not meet in the Trinity Term, and a decent veil of obscurity hides their activities. Secondly Old Edwardians seem to come up to Oxford with too little ambition. This we realize is a serious charge to make but we feel it is justified. There are a lot of Old Edwardians in Oxford, but very few of them become prominent in games, in the Union, in the theatre or any other sphere of Oxford life. It is, to a large extent, by these things that we are judged.

We have, however, been able to discover something of the deeds of some of our members. Our late President, P. S. Trevis (Trinity) has an appointment in the Examination Schools, in June. He is undismayed though, and may still be found taking his exercise on his daily walk in the Broad between the White Horse and his college.

A. R. N. Higgs (Wadham) faces a similar fate but we are sure that the same efficiency which he has displayed as our President this year will bring him success in his examinations.

Let us leave the Schoolmen, for theirs is a dismal lot, and turn our eyes towards those free to pass their days on the River and in the Parks.

J. D. L. Adams (Merton) is a very busy man these days, but foremost amongst his activities is the merciless training which he is inflicting on his water-polo team.

G. H. Herringshaw (St. Cath's.) has returned to the fold. We have no scurrilous news of his activities so far ; but we have great hopes.

C. B. Harris (B.N.C.) is President of the Mountaineering Club this year. J. Cole (University) is another man who intends to go far ; he intends to try his luck with some of the mountains of Northern Norway this summer.

P. J. Turner (Pembroke) has forsaken the hearties this term to join the arties in a play. He assures us the lapse is only temporary.

Of the others we can say nothing—their habits remain a mystery. Perhaps we have passed over some with a claim to fame, but we hope not, and if we have we offer them our apologies.

It only remains for us to say that we look forward to meeting all those who come to join us next year, and then we can lay down our pen and return to the punt whence we came to write this letter.

We remain, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

OXONIENSIS.

ACHIMOTA LETTER

As the scorpions scurry eagerly across the baked mud floor and the sun glares pitilessly down . . . As the mosquitoes move on to the runway, doing their wing exercises, to take off on their biggest raid yet . . . As my captors fling themselves into a final frenzy and the cauldron bubbles and boils . . . I take up my pen. But no, none of these will do, though the first two each contain an element of truth. The fact is that Achimota is not Africa at all in the accepted sense (whatever I mean by that). It tries to represent a blend of African and European traditions, and in appearance and living conditions Europe predominates. So my surroundings are not of interest ; the background I hope will be.

Achimota is a boarding school for 400 boys and 200 girls, founded thirty years ago. It is organized on the lines of an English public school, with boarding houses which compete fiercely, a hierarchy of prefects, and its own ' language ' and complexity of customs. African traditions are carefully and on the whole happily blended : the ceremony of installing prefects for instance is accompanied by tribal drumming and a torchlight procession, and forms a memorable spectacle. Each house has a European and an African housemaster, and the staff is half European, half African. The school can claim to have produced the majority of the country's present leaders, and several people have been tempted to say that Ghana was founded on the playing fields of Achimota.

Competition for places is terrific, and though there are now a number of secondary schools in the country, the injustices done by the ' 11 plus ' are a pale shadow of what goes on here. A further national exam. is held for entry into the sixth form. The successful candidate will take the

Overseas Higher Certificate, which is of just the same standard as 'A' Level, and if he passes and goes on to the University College, or obtains one of the coveted overseas scholarships, opportunities for him are virtually limitless : Ghana is having to build up her professions almost from scratch. Many deserving cases fail to make the grade ; and even here, in the most advanced state in Africa the cry is for more and more education. I cannot, however, go on to suggest opportunities for people who feel the urge to move to Africa. Ghana is naturally anxious to run her own show, and 'Africanisation' proceeds apace.

All this competition produces an industriousness which is astonishing to the newcomer from England. No pretences are made, hard work is the rule. That facade of jolly Philistinism which is so popular in U.K. does not exist here. The principal petty crime is what is called 'campaigning'—getting up in the night and continuing to work, huddled in a moonbeam. Campaigning has to be ruthlessly stamped on, otherwise no one would get any sleep at all. Sleep is particularly necessary as the days are energetic. A seven-period morning, from 7-0 a.m. to 1-30 p.m. completes the classroom business. The next two hours are just too hot. Then games are played—hockey, cricket and soccer in the three terms, since the temperature never varies much it doesn't matter which is which. Then two hours' organized prep, and the stillness is unbelievable. You are resented if you so much as murmur 'pass the encyclopaedia' in the library.

The label 'swot' would be highly unsuitable though. Your Achimotan is excellent company : prepared to be interested in everything, particularly perhaps politics, and possessing a wit which is by nature repetitive, but which in some indefinable way is more successful with each repetition. This all goes more for the boys than for the girls. In West African society women are by tradition subservient, do all the hard work, and never get a chance. Now that they have got the chance, some of them are still a little bewildered. But this will no doubt be put right in time. On the whole it is amazing that these people have allowed themselves to remain 'undeveloped' for so long. Perhaps they just lacked a leader. In Kwame Nkrumah they have got one, and now they will surely move on from strength to strength ; provided though that cocoa prices remain high, so please drink a lot of cocoa.

There is so much more I could tell you about : the moment when the Achimota School Cadet Corps swung into the Accra Stadium under the eyes of the Duchess of Kent, and the band struck up a waltz ; or the day when the brakes of my small car ceased to function on the edge of a cliff overlooking the Niger. But I should hate to run the risk of line-shooting, and I have already written too much. So thank you, sir, for this opportunity to introduce Achimota to Birmingham ; my very best wishes to you all ; and please put on the Cartland Club kettle for the next round of cocoa.

P.H.H.

RUGGER RETROSPECT

The second term of the Rugger season is usually notable for the extensive amount of practice which is taking place and for the comparatively few matches which are played. The practice is, of course, in

preparation for the Public Schools' Seven-a-Side Competition, held this year for the last time at Old Deer Park, Richmond. The Seven did not expect to emulate the achievement of last year's Seven which won the competition, especially in view of the somewhat disappointing season. It was indeed eliminated in the first round by Bedford by 9 points to nil, but this performance was in no way discreditable as those members of the School who saw the game would probably agree.

It only remains to thank Mr. Parry for his untiring work throughout the year and to wish next year's team the best of luck and a more rewarding season.

M. G. VARLEY

(Captain of Football).

CRICKET

The performance of the XI has been somewhat disappointing so far this season. The record to date is : P1-13, W-2, L-7, D-4.

Although the batting is potentially good, repeated failures combined with slow fielding have been the main reasons for the defeats. More aggression in both departments is needed.

Bowling has been quite good but the slow fielding has robbed it of the dominance it ought to have had.

A general improvement has set in, however, and we are confident that a more successful season lies ahead.

Members of the Second XI, though lacking in talent, continue to enjoy their cricket. Their record to date is : P1-10, W-2, L-3, D-5.

The junior teams have only had moderate success but it is pleasing to see a number of very promising players among them.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Guy who continues to give his coaching and advice to the First XI ; to Messrs. Cockle and Brierley who coach all the teams ; and to all the masters who supervise the junior teams.

R. G. DAUNCEY.

(Captain of Cricket).

RESULTS

THE XI v. OLD EDWARDIANS' C.C.

(Played at Hunnington, 4th May, 1957)

Old Edwardians' C.C. . .	233 for 4 dec. (P. O. Kendrick 82).
The XI	134 for 8 (A. E. H. Hornig 39 ; I. A. R. McClelland 6 for 47).

THE XI v. WYGGESTON

(Played at Wyggeston, May 11th)

Wyggeston	87 (R. G. Dauncey 4 for 12, R. C. Spiers 4 for 26).
The XI	54 (Tams 6 for 25).



THE XI, 1957

*Standing (left to right) : R. F. L. WILKINS, P. B. ROTHWELL, T. P. LEE, D. J. L. ASHTON, J. A. FLETCHER, A. B. CLAYTON,
Seated (left to right) : M. J. DISNEY (1957), A. E. H. HORNIG (1957, Hon. Secretary), R. G. DAUNCEY (1956-57, Captain),
G. E. PHILLIPS (1956-57, Vice-Captain), R. C. SPIERS.*



SWIMMING TEAM, 1956-57

Standing (left to right) : R. BAGNALL, J. M. TAGG, N. M. MCCARTY (*Hon. Secretary*), J. H. WHITEFIELD, A. D. R. OGBORN.
 Seated (left to right) : P. DAVIES (1954-55-56-57 *Captain*), J. COTTER, ESQ., D. E. ROTHERA (1955-56-57 *Vice-Captain*).

THE XI v. THE COMMON ROOM
(*Played at Eastern Road, May 18th*)

THE XI	
P. B. Rothwell, c Traynor, b Guy..	13
A. E. H. Hornig, run out	20
G. E. Phillips, b Leeds	35
M. J. Disney, run out	20
R. G. Dauncey, not out	33
W. Shrimpton, b Freeman	8
A. B. Clayton, not out	16
Extras	9

TOTAL (for 5 wickets, dec.) .. 154

THE COMMON ROOM	
W. Traynor, b Disney	7
W. R. Buttle, c Fletcher, b Disney ..	1
A. J. Trott, b Baker	10
T. G. Freeman, c Clayton, b Hornig ..	26
R. D. J. Robertson, c Fletcher, b Baker.....	1
J. B. Guy, lbw, b Dauncey.....	6
R. S. Alison, b Dauncey	0
J. P. Vaughan, run out	1
O. M. Mathews, not out	8
T. R. Parry, c Fletcher, b Hornig..	1
A. E. Leeds, st Fletcher, b Hornig..	1
Extras	0

TOTAL

A. E. H. Hornig 3 for 19, Dauncey 2 for 10, Baker 2 for 12, Disney 2 for 21.

THE "A" XI v. SHREWSBURY "A" XI
(*Played at Shrewsbury, 22nd May*)

"A" XI ..	115 (D. J. L. Ashton 37 ; Robertson 5 for 25).
Shrewsbury "A" XI ..	116 for 3 (Ker 44 not out).

THE "A" XI v. REPTON SECOND XI
(*Played at Eastern Road, May 30th*)

"A" XI ..	152 for 9 dec. (P. B. Rothwell 63 ; Tetley 3 for 8).
Repton Second XI ..	153 for 7 (Sale 37, Wright 35, Everard 34).

THE XI v. NOTTINGHAM H.S.
(*Played at Nottingham, June 1st*)

The XI lost the toss but were put in to bat on a perfect batting wicket and were 107 for 3 at lunch. There was a minor collapse after lunch but M. J. Disney continued to bat well and the XI declared in a good position. Because of excellent running between the wickets, Nottingham were able to win in a very exciting finish in which they scored the winning run on the last ball of the day.

THE XI	
P. B. Rothwell, c Chambers, b Hudson.....	17
G. E. Phillips, b Hudson	30
M. J. Disney, c Chambers, b Clulow ..	85
R. G. Dauncey, c Hudson, b Clulow ..	10
A. E. H. Hornig, c Allen, b Hudson ..	7
T. P. Lee, b Cavender.....	1
A. B. Clayton, b Taylor.....	14
D. J. L. Ashton, b Cavender.....	2
R. C. Spiers, not out	14
Extras	9

TOTAL (for 8 wickets, dec.).... 189

Hudson 3 for 41.

NOTTINGHAM	
Chambers, lbw, b Dauncey.....	19
Slater, c Clayton, b Dauncey.....	25
Moore, run out	74
Bishop, c Dauncey, b Lee.....	0
Bancroft, c Fletcher, b Spiers.....	41
Allen, b Spiers.....	0
Cavender, c Phillips, b Spiers.....	13
Clulow, b Spiers	1
Hudson, c Dauncey, b Spiers.....	10
Taylor, not out	0
Boyd, not out	5
Extras	2

TOTAL (for 9 wickets) 190

Spiers 5 for 60.

CHARACTERS OF THE XI

R. G. DAUNCEY (Captain) (1956-57).

He has proved himself to be a capable and popular captain, but unfortunately the responsibilities of captaincy appear to be marring his batting, for he has not yet shown the form of which we know he is capable. His stylish and thoughtful stroke play must, however, bring him a big score soon. His bowling has improved this season, both in accuracy and guile, and he should obtain far more wickets than he did last season. His fielding is an example to us all.

(Gifford)

G.E.P.

G. E. PHILLIPS (Vice-Captain) (1956-57).

An opening batsman who has not been at his best so far this season. At Nottingham, however, he showed considerable improvement and his cover-driving was a delight to watch. He is a very safe cover fielder and possesses an accurate throw.

(Evans)

A. E. H. HORNIG (Secretary) (1957).

A leg-break and googly bowler who, as yet, has not been up to the standard expected of him. For the moment the essentials of length and direction appear to be evading him. His batting, however, has improved considerably but he still tends to play too early and thus gives easy catches. A keen fielder. His Secretaryship has passed through rough water but he remains unperturbed and efficient.

(Gifford)

M. J. DISNEY (1957).

A fast bowler who, although he has not taken many wickets, has been very useful bowling defensively in difficult positions. He is a very hard-hitting batsman and has just recently found his form. His straight driving is perfect but he still maintains that off-break bowling is quite beyond him. His fielding is centred upon a very powerful throw which on occasion has been seen speeding to the boundary.

(Jeune)

*R. C. SPIERS.

A medium-fast left-handed bowler whose accuracy is very much better this season. Although he does not use the new ball so effectively as he might, his bowling with the old ball has produced many good wickets. When fielding he still finds it impossible to pick up a moving ball near his feet.

(Cary Gilson)

*P. B. ROTHWELL.

An opening batsman who possesses a very good range of strokes. A lack of concentration has ended many fine innings prematurely. He is a safe but rather slow fielder.

(Heath)

*J. A. FLETCHER

He has developed into a very competent though unobtrusive wicket-keeper. He is capable of scoring runs but a lack of confidence seems to rob him of the cover-drive we have seen him play so well in the nets.

(Prince Lee)

†T. P. LEE.

A fast leg-break bowler who has bowled very well though without taking many wickets. He has many times forced the batsman into edging the ball but unfortunately never to hand. Potentially he is a good batsman but has had little success as yet. An excellent gully fielder.
(Vardy)

†A. B. CLAYTON.

Although he is capable of an almost perfect off-drive, when he is playing defensively his bat is far from straight. Consequently he is at his best when looking for runs. Better anticipation would improve his fielding.
(Vardy)

†D. J. L. ASHTON.

A very useful batsman who, on one occasion, rescued the side with controlled hitting when complete failure was imminent. Wanders well between cover and mid-wicket. His throwing in is very sound.
(Vardy)

†R. F. L. WILKINS

A slow off-break bowler who has very recently been introduced into the XI. He gives the ball a great deal of air and is quick off the wicket. As yet he has not had a pitch suitable for his type of bowling, but nevertheless he has kept a good length. His fielding is not as safe as it should be.
(Vardy)

†J. T. BAKER.

An opening bowler who played earlier in the season. He is potentially one of the best bowlers the School possesses but his inability to stop bowling no-balls prevents him from bowling well. Although he swings the ball away from the batsman very well he must learn how to make him play at it. His late flick with the bat continues to amaze bowlers.
(Jeune)

*Denotes School Cricket Blazer.

†Denotes School XXII Colours.

The following have also played for the XI : R. G. Birch, W. Shrimpton, R. A. Green, A. C. Yarwood, J. E. T. Harper, W. F. Pickworth, and M. J. Lamping.

The 2nd XI has been chosen from : N. G. McGowan (Captain), M. A. Whitley, A. C. Yarwood, W. Shrimpton, R. G. Birch, J. E. T. Harper, H. J. Ferns, I. R. Webley, W. E. Oddie, D. G. Brown, R. Barton, J. M. Patrick, C. J. Wood, M. H. Wilson, P. B. M. Mathews, N. E. Sambrooks, P. Davies, P. J. Stephens, and J. C. Green.

ATHLETICS

The Athletics season was, as is customary, severely curtailed by bad weather. This caused the cancellation of one School match, and ensured that the School team had little early practice.

The Cross-Country took place as advertised, on February 28th. There was a record entry and the general standard seemed to have improved considerably. Heath retained the Richards Cup.

A much-shortened Standards programme ended in a tie for the John Urry Cup between Jeune and Evans.

Two School matches took place—the first against Ratcliffe on March 21st and the other a triangular match with Warwick and R.G.S., Worcester on April 1st.

Heats took place in the week March 25th-30th, ending with the finals on Sports Day, Saturday, 30th March. This was an unusually pleasant day for the occasion and brought out a large crowd of spectators. The track was still a little damp, but, even so, three records were broken. An exciting race for the Open Relay ended in a tie between Evans and Prince Lee. Jeune won the Sports and received the new trophy presented by the Birmingham Athletic Club, to whom we are most grateful, as we also are to Mrs. B. A. Thomas, who kindly presented the trophies and certificates.

Once again we are grateful to Mr. Cadenhead and Mr. McGawley for their careful supervision, organization and instruction. Under their guidance, the wealth of junior talent which we possess should flourish in the future.

N. G. MCGOWAN (*Captain of Athletics*).

K.E.S. v. RATCLIFFE (Away)

Thursday, March 21st. Lost 57-67.

The feature of the match was the running of Chabrel, the Ratcliffe Captain, who won four events, and did much to win the relay for them. Bean ran well for the School, winning both Mile and 880, Green won the Javelin, and Beaumont the Shot. Corney did well to come a close second to Chabrel in the 440.

In the Junior match the result was : Ratcliffe 72, K.E.S. 42.

K.E.S. v. WARWICK AND R.G.S., WORCESTER (At Home)

Monday, April 1st. K.E.S., 48; Warwick, 48; Worcester, 22.

This match was run on the cinder at the University. It was closely contested throughout, and we tied as the result of a fine win in the relay, in which Warwick came third. Lindley ran well in the 100 yards, being only .1 of a second outside the School record of 10.5 secs. which has stood since 1900. Green won the Javelin, and Webley the Long Jump.

In the Junior match the result was : K.E.S., 51; Worcester, 44; Warwick, 22.

The following records were broken during the season :

Intermediate 440 yards : R. T. Cotton. 56.2 secs. *April 1st.*

Intermediate 880 yards : R. T. Cotton. 2 mins. 9.2 secs. *April 1st.*

Intermediate Discus : G. E. Stollard. 113-ft. 4-in. *At Ratcliffe.*

Junior Relay : Jeune House. 57.2 secs. *Sports Day.*

80 yards U.12½ : A. Griffiths. 10.4 secs. *Sports Day.*

U. 12½ Relay : Levett House. 59.5 secs. *Sports Day.*

SPORTS RESULTS

OPEN :

100 yards : Lindley. 10.8 secs.

220 yards : Lindley. 24.4 secs.

440 yards : Lindley. 55.2 secs.

880 yards : Bean. 2 min. 9.2 secs.

Mile : Bean. 4 min. 57 secs.

Hurdles : Wilner. 16.1 secs.

Long Jump : Webley. 18-ft. 5-in.

High Jump : Russell. 5-ft.

Discus : McGowan. 106-ft. 2-in.

Javelin : Green. 134-ft. 7-in.

Shot : Beaumont. 35-ft. 3-in.

INTERMEDIATE :

100 yards : Whitehouse. 11.4 secs.
220 yards : Whitehouse. 25.3 secs.
440 yards : Cotton. 58 secs.
880 yards : Cotton. 2 min. 14.6 secs.
Hurdles : Oddie. 18 secs.
High Jump : Reeves. 5-ft.
Long Jump : Pettitt. 17-ft.
Discus : Stollard. 99-ft. 11½-in.
Javelin : Loach. 118-ft. 10-in.
Shot : Stollard. 34-ft. 6½-in.

JUNIOR :

100 yards : Kirk. 12 secs.
220 yards : Webb. 27.6 secs.
Long Jump : Webb. 16-ft. ½-in.
High Jump : Packham. 4-ft. 5-in.
Cricket Ball : Webb. 180-ft.

U. 12½ :

80 yards : Griffiths. 10.4 secs. (Record).
150 yards : Griffiths. (No time available.)
Long Jump : Griffiths. 13-ft. 3½-in.
High Jump : Tosh. 3-ft. 11-in.
Cricket Ball : Park. 171-ft.

TROPHY WINNERS :

Wiggins Davies Cup—U. 12½ Relay : Levett. 59.5 secs. (Record).
Tudor Cup—Junior Relay : Jeune. 57.2 secs. (Record).
Robert Moseley Cup—Intermediate Relay : Evans. 52 secs.
Holdsworth Cup—Open Relay : Evans and Prince Lee. 49.1 secs.
Under 12½ Champion : Griffiths, A.
Junior Champion : Webb, D. A.
Intermediate Champion : Cotton, R. T.
Open Champion : J. G. Bean.
Richards Cup—Cross-Country : Heath.
John Urry Cup—Standards : Evans and Jeune.
Birmingham Athletic Club Cup—Sports : Jeune.
Milton Shield—Athletics Championship : Jeune.

The Athletics team has been selected from the following : J. C. Green ; J. G. Bean ; D. K. Lindley ; Ogborn, A. D. R. ; Eagles, J. D. ; Davies, P. ; Corney, D. J. ; Cotton, R. T. ; Clayton, A. B. ; Webley, I. R. ; Holland, R. P. ; Beaumont, R. J. K. ; Spiers, R. C. ; Russell, A. G. ; Wilner, J. M. ; Cashmore, M. J. ; N. G. McGowan.

SWIMMING REPORT

School Swimming has started very promptly this term, because of the very effective heating of the School Bath. It was expected that the heating system would raise the temperature to 70°F., but this figure has been generally exceeded, and, on more than one occasion, the bath has been at 78°F. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking all those parents who contributed to the Heating Fund and the Chief Master for his persistent efforts in promoting the scheme.

This year sees the start of a new type of swimming standards, whereby good swimmers will have to work harder than previously to gain a limited number of standards, while the average swimmer will be able to obtain many more standards than before. Thus the average swimmers can make a large and telling contribution to the total gained by their respective houses.

Water Polo is very popular, and it is hoped to start a House Knockout competition in this sport next year. The School Water Polo team is already proficient, and although many are novices at this game, six of the eight houses can raise Polo Teams, so prospects for the Knockout seem promising.

The team has swum two matches—against Oxford University Dolphins S.C. and Shrewsbury School—and was defeated in each match. However, the opposition encountered was exceptional and the team will do better in the remaining fixtures.

The prospects for next year are encouraging as the majority of the team is staying on, and several very good juniors will be available for free-style and back-stroke events.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Cotter, Mr. McGawley and Mr. Cadenhead for their efforts, and particularly to Mr. Cotter for his enthusiastic coaching of the team, both in swimming and in water polo.

P. DAVIES

(Captain of Swimming).

RESULT OF MATCH V. SHREWSBURY (At Home)

Although the School was heavily defeated on points, the team swam well. The measure of the opposition can be judged by the times the Shrewsbury winners recorded for the 50 yards and 100 yards free-style and 50 yards back-stroke. They were 26 secs., 61.5 secs. and 31 secs., all better than our School Records.

The Junior team swam well, and would certainly have won if three of their better swimmers had not been absent.

Senior Match—Shrewsbury 35 points, K.E.S. 17 points.

Junior Match—Shrewsbury 26 points, K.E.S. 25 points.

LAWN TENNIS

The experience of winning matches is still invigorating but no longer new for the Tennis team. We have won six matches and drawn one out of the eight so far played, losing the other only by the narrowest of margins. The mainstay of the side appears to be the second pair, who by devious means, have contrived to beat all their opposing numbers.

In the first round of the Glanvill Cup, the team surpassed itself in defeating both Ratcliffe College and Kettering Grammar School, and thereby qualified to play in the area final. We have only achieved this success once before since entering the competition.

The House Competition is being contested as enthusiastically as ever, and we are very indebted to J. C. Orr for the presentation of a cup for the winning House. There are some young players of considerable promise representing their houses, and this augurs well for the school team in a few years' time. The Burges Cup once again has attracted a large entry, and in particular the junior competition has aroused much more interest than in previous years.

We now look ahead to the rest of the season with a certain amount of reserved confidence, and especially to the Youll Cup Public Schools' Competition at Wimbledon, where we hope to improve upon our recent performances.

The second team, under the captaincy of N. Joseph, has so far won the only match played, that against Nottingham, very convincingly. During the season regular coaching sessions have been held for members

and prospective members of the School teams. For this and for all his helpful advice, we offer our thanks to Mr. Cadenhead, who has played a great part in the improvement of tennis within the school.

J. C. GREEN (*Captain of Lawn Tennis*).

This year the VI has been chosen from : W. F. Pickworth ; J. G. Hills ; J. M. H. Spencer ; Preece, R. E. ; Shaw, B. H. ; Hughes, A. ; Joseph, N. ; Brode, A. S. ; Siegle, J. H.

LAWN TENNIS RESULTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Result :</i>
May 18—VI	v. Ratcliffe College	<i>Away</i> 2—1 <i>Won</i>
VI	v. Kettering Grammar School	<i>Away</i> 2—1 <i>Won</i>
VI	v. Northampton Grammar School	<i>Away</i> 3—0 <i>Won</i>
May 20—VIII	v. The Masters	<i>Home</i> 4—4 <i>Draw</i>
May 22—IV	v. Blossomfield	<i>Home</i> 3—1 <i>Won</i>
June 1—VI	v. Nottingham High School	<i>Away</i> 5—4 <i>Lost</i>
June 3—IV	v. Weoley Hill	<i>Home</i> 3½—1 <i>Won</i>
June 18—VI	v. Trent College	<i>Home</i> 4—4 <i>Draw</i>
June 22—VI	v. The Leys School	<i>Away</i> 3—0 <i>Lost</i>
VI	v. Berkhamsted School	<i>Away</i> 3—0 <i>Won</i>
June 24—IV	v. Blossomfield	<i>Away</i> 3—1 <i>Won</i>
June 25—VI	v. Wrekin College	<i>Away</i> 5—4 <i>Won</i>
June 29—VIII	v. Northampton Grammar School	<i>Away</i> 5—3 <i>Won</i>

ETON FIVES

This season the school team has a record which is the best for many years. Our solitary defeat was at the hands of the Jesters—the strongest of Fives Clubs. During the Lent term we played six matches, drawing two and winning the remainder. Matches against the Old Olavians, Old Aldenhamians and Old Cholmeleians were all won with ease—although the last victory was mainly due to the second pair. Against Aldenham the first pair lost 3—2 to a side we were destined to meet again, but our second pair squared the match with a 3—2 win.

This year we have included a Colts pair—R. J. Roberts and M. D. Radford—against Shrewsbury and Aldenham but in both matches they lost by the odd game in five. However, the experience they have gained should be invaluable.

We should like to thank the governors for the improvements to the courts, which must now rank as some of the best in the country.

Inside school there seems to be a great deal of enthusiasm for the game and many house junior teams contain much talent ; however, only by practice will they in future years keep the standard of the game at its present high level.

It only remains for me to thank Mr. Smith without whose help and guidance this year would have been a good deal less successful, and also Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Allard whose teas have been excellent.

A. HUGHES

(*Captain of Eton Fives*).

RESULTS OF MATCHES

<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Result</i>
City of London School	Home	Drawn 3—3
Jesters ..	Home	Lost 1—6
Old Citizens ..	Home	Won 4—3
Repton ..	Home	Won 5—3
Old Edwardians	Home	Won 3—1
City of London School	Away	Won 4—3
Old Olavians ..	Away	Won 5—2
St. Olave's ..	Away	Won 6—0
Old Cholmeleians	Away	Drawn 3—3
Berkhamsted ..	Away	Won 6—0
Old Cholmeleians	Home	Won 4—3
Shrewsbury ..	Away	Drawn 1—1
Aldenhams ..	Away	Drawn 5—5
Old Olavians ..	Home	Won 6—1
Old Aldenhams	Home	Won 3—0
Old Edwardians	Home	Won 7—2
Old Olavians ..	Away	Won 6—4

THE SECOND VI		
Wolverhampton G.S.	Home	Won 9—0
The Common Room	Home	Won 9—3

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' ETON FIVES COMPETITION, 1957

Three pairs were entered for this year's competition which was held at Highgate School. The third pair (R. J. Roberts and M. D. Radford) were drawn against Lancing 2 and although they lost after taking the match to five games they had the ability to win. The second pair (G. E. Phillips and W. F. Pickworth) met Aldenhams 2, whom they had just beaten during the term. The game was a fast one and having gained a 2-1 lead we were confident of victory, but the Aldenhams pair rallied and playing a steadier game they eventually won 3-2. A.H.

In the first round the school pair—A. Hughes and J. C. Green, met Mill Hill 1, an extremely hard-hitting pair. They were, however, slow about the court and were easily beaten 12-0, 12-2, 12-3. We then met Marlborough 1, a very tall pair who were able to smash away some of our badly-placed lobs. We soon decided to quicken the pace of the game up and it soon paid dividends, for we won 12-7, 12-3, 12-0.

That afternoon we came up against Aldenhams 2, who had beaten our second pair. Our pair were playing well below their best, mistiming several shots, but they improved towards the end to win 12-7, 12-6, 12-2. In the semi-final we met Repton 2 and here Hughes and Green really found their best attacking form and overwhelmed the Repton pair to win 12-1, 12-1, 12-5.

So to the Final where we were to play Aldenhams 1. Both pairs had come through without losing a game and a close contest was envisaged. The first game started fairly slowly with the score going point for point up to 4-4 but the Aldenhams pair, playing very steadily then went right ahead to win 12-5. They showed remarkable consistency with both hands and profited by a number of our mistakes.

The second game followed much the same course with the major difference between the pairs being the superior cutting and smashing of the Aldenham team. The third game provided a complete contrast. The first few points were evenly contested, but then we forced Aldenham to make a series of mistakes and we drew ahead 11-6. They recovered well, however, and with some good shots, drew level. We seemed to come to life after this and with both pairs showing their best form some thrilling and breath-taking rallies ensued until we finally clinched the game 14-13. We hoped for a break-through after this, but Aldenham proved too strong and the final game was 12-4 in their favour. The result was disappointing in view of the fact that we had shown better form during the season, but the Aldenham pair seemed to be in command throughout and were worthy winners on the day.

N.G.M.

SHOOTING

Even though scores sank rather low in postal matches at the beginning of the Lent term after very promising practices, the VIII managed to keep its head well above water on overall considerations for the term. Scores rose with spirits during the term, M. I. Campbell equalling the School record of the maximum possible of 90 out of 90 under *Country Life* conditions. Expectations for the Public Schools' *Country Life* competition, fired on March 22nd, showed an optimistic trend because of successes in postal matches. These proved very ill-founded.

We recorded a score of 791 out of a possible 912 to place us 72nd out of 140 entries in the Class 'A' competition. The score less the landscape section was 620, which was below all our other scores in postal matches.

The 1st VIII won 16 matches and lost 9. The 2nd VIII won 2 matches and lost 4.

As usual we extend our thanks to Major Cooke and Sgt.-Major Moore without whose undaunted co-operation we could not continue.

D. BLACKWELL (*Captain of Shooting*).

CHESS

Apart from the first team, which succeeded in retaining the First Division Championship, the School's four teams have had only an average season in the Birmingham Junior Chess League. The final results were as follows :

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For Adjudication
I	6	5	—	—	1
IIA	11	5	1	2	3
IIB	11	4	1	4	2
III	10	5	2	2	1

Friendly matches against King's School, Worcester, and Solihull School resulted in two victories for the School by 10½-4½ and 5½-1½ respectively.

The prospects for next year are extremely bright so far as the first team is concerned, but it is doubtful whether the School will be able to continue the practice established two years ago of entering four teams in Junior League.

A new points scheme for House Chess has been introduced during the year to encourage the completion of individual games. It is also hoped that chess sets will be better cared for now that they are stored in the Porters' Lodge, to which they must be promptly returned after use.

We congratulate M. D. Radford on winning the Warwickshire Boys' (Under 18) Chess Championship, and J. Marriott on being the runner-up in this event, and on winning the Midland Junior Lightning Chess Tournament.

Once again our thanks are due to Miss Chaffer for the use of the Dining Hall, and to Mr. Hurn for his enthusiastic support.

D. J. A. HOBBS (*Captain of Chess*).

P.T.

The P.T. Competitions were held this year as is now usual in the second half of the Lent Term. The considerable amount of pre-competition training carried out by most teams showed itself particularly in the House Competition, which was of a higher standard than any seen in the last few years. Particularly commendable was the standard of the winning team, Evans, who beat the runners-up, Cary Gilson, by quite a large margin, with Jeune third.

The Senior Individual Competition, which was held on the day after the House Competition, was won by J. M. Tagg, with D. E. Rothera and D. K. Lindley a close second and third. The Junior Competition was won for the second time by J. T. Plumb.

Finally, we must thank Messrs. Cadenhead, Cotter and McGawley, whose help and advice to all competitors merits an even higher standard of P.T. in the School.

J. M. TAGG (*P.T. Leader*).

FENCING

It is my pleasure to report that we have several very good young fencers in the School who should form a sound nucleus for the Fencing Club in future years. In particular, A. J. Walford is to be congratulated upon fencing excellently in all our matches. Enthusiasm in boys in the Removes and Upper-Middles has been most encouraging and we hope that when fencing begins once more in the Autumn Term, we shall have as good a response again.

For the more advanced fencers variety has been added by the introduction of sabre fencing. Inevitably, this has meant that, in matches, our foil play became slightly heavy-handed, but in spite of this the results were quite good. We had three matches during the Lent Term resulting in one very gratifying win against a strong team at Stratford-on-Avon and two defeats by narrow margins.

The team this year has been chosen from : J. M. Wilner, A. J. Walford, J. J. Harwood, M. I. Webbe, M. Totty and R. G. Dauncey.

R. G. DAUNCEY (*Captain of Fencing*).

FENCING RESULTS

<i>Date.</i>	<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Result.</i>
Feb. 18	III v. Lucas Engineering School (away)	5-4 <i>Lost</i>
	2nd III v. Lucas Engineering School (away)	6-3 <i>Lost</i>
Feb. 23	IV v. Stratford Fencing Club (home)	10-6 <i>Lost</i>
Mar. 16	IV v. Stratford Fencing Club (away)	8-8
	<i>hits against: 44-52 Won</i>	

THE HOUSES

CARY GILSON

Triumph in the House Sevens gained us third place in Rugby Football, but in Cricket the ball is a little too small for us. The hooker is doing his job behind the stumps, but until the pack score more than the occasional six, the fly-half improves his bowling, and the House Captain swims faster in the deep, victory in Cricket will remain far off. Talent is lacking throughout the House and enthusiasm has gained us few points. The Rugger players had little success in Athletics, but in P.T. their efforts were well rewarded with second place.

The Junior Fives Team have terrified all comers and we congratulate them. The House Tennis Captain maintains that an equal first in Tennis is possible ; we hope so. The position of second in Chess has disappointed the School and House Captain, D. J. A. Hobbs. Shooting, ably organized by A. F. Whitehead, has improved beyond all expectations. House Swimming is in danger of breaking with tradition, for several members of the House can swim and the Water Polo team has an unbeaten record.

We would like to thank our Housemaster and House Tutors for their continued support and enthusiasm, especially Mr. Biggs for his continual demand for furniture in the cupboard ; Mr. Vaughan for his help and encouragement when Cricket failed ; Mr. Webb for his active participation in Cross-Country Running, Fives, Tennis and Water Polo.

This year's achievements are only paled as we remember last year's glory.

A. D. R. OGBORN (*House Captain*).

EVANS

We are doing well. Our results table makes cheerful reading and promises great rewards. Our final position in Rugger was 2nd. In the Knock-out the First XV reached the final but were narrowly defeated by Heath. Our Seconds, reliable as ever, crowned an excellent season by winning their Knock-out Final. Next term's Rugger can be faced with guarded confidence.

Apparently not content with one Rugger cup, the Fives team hit the ball very hard, winning every game, and coming top. P.T. enthusiasts were quick to follow suit for they won the House Competition with flying colours while the Captain carried off the Senior trophy next day. The Junior Cup has also been persuaded to stay with us.

The House won the Open team event in the Cross-Country, was placed second in the Inter Event, retained the John Urry Cup for standards, came second in the Athletic Sports and was the all-round winner of the Music Competitions, coming first in both parts. Chess and Shooting results, however, are still obscure, but we admire the modesty of the respective captains. Our Tennis team assures us that everything is under control.

In Cricket our first and third League teams are as yet undefeated, our Seconds have a tremendous amount of latent talent (they have won a match) and our fourths show great promise. D. E. Rothera wants us to practise for Swimming standards now that the water is warm.

And so ends a very successful House year. We have much to be proud of but improvement is still possible. Our thanks must go chiefly to Mr. Dunt, Mr. Buttle and Mr. Hodges for giving us just the support and encouragement that we needed. Good luck, Evans.

P. J. DAVIES (*House Captain*).

GIFFORD

Our disappointments in the winter term have been quickly forgotten and the summer seems to have brought a new breath of life to the house.

For the statisticians we were eighth in Football—but that does not show how unlucky the First XV were in losing their Knock-out matches by the closest of margins. In Athletics our cross-country results were good, showing that keenness brings its reward. But we again finished eighth in Standards—a result which can only be attributed to lack of effort. It was unfortunate that we should lose our P.T. leader through injury just before the competition, otherwise our position, seventh, would have been a good deal higher.

But enough despair, for Cricket is going well. Sound batting and accurate bowling—though at times a little high in the air—seems to be the formula for success and the First XI has had two convincing wins. The Second and Third XI have followed suit but the Fourth team has yet to learn that, in Gifford, it is traditional to win Cricket matches.

In Eton Fives the junior team has practised hard and should win most of their matches. The Senior team finished third and overall we seem likely to occupy second place. Tennis appears to be going well and our present position, fourth, should be improved by the end of the term. Little swimming has been completed as yet but prospects appear good.

Finally it is my pleasure to thank Mr. Kay, Mr. Benett and Mr. Robertson for the many hours they have spent in encouraging and supporting the house in all its activities.

A. HUGHES (*House Captain*).

HEATH

It would appear that the Heathan species, unlike the squirrel, achieves maximum vigour during the Winter months only to "hibernate" on the approach of Summer, obviously hoping to have gained sufficient points to sustain it until its re-emergence next Autumn.

Thriving in the mud and rain the First XV fought its way to victory in the Knock-out Competition and in the Seven-a-Sides we even went as far as to show some skill.

This vigour was maintained during the Cross-Country but the appearance of the sun during the Athletics season brought on the Summer somnolence at a somewhat early date. As a result by the time the stumps were brought forth a deep drowsiness was apparent everywhere, particularly upon the field of play.

Heathans have also been seen in the swimming baths but the heating is now in full working order and so even there the tragic effects of Summer warmth may take their toll, though we still have high hopes that this will not be the case.

Fortunately, however, time, as always, rolls on and the monsoon with its great re-awakening is again approaching. If by some glad chance the rains would break upon us before the end of term then there might be hope for the cricket knock-out but this is a matter for the future to decide.

Whatever may occur, however, our thanks are due to Mr. Barlow and the House Tutors who somehow seem to have escaped the general sleepiness, remaining as energetic as ever.

M. A. WHITLEY (*Head of the House*).

JEUNE

After the failures of the Christmas term came the successes of the Lent term. Lent is a time of renunciation; perhaps we renounced the physical comforts which had attracted us before Christmas. Whatever our inspiration, last term saw us reach fourth position in the Rugger Knock-out Competition and we were the losing finalists in the House Sevens. Our gymnasts were bettered by those of only two other houses and in Senior Fives we lost only one match and secured a final position of second.

The high spot of the term was, however, our performance in Athletics. We came first equal in Standards, thereby sharing the John Urry Cup with Evans. We had won a cup and were satisfied. But our athletes persisted in excelling themselves and we were first in the Sports and thus won the whole Athletic Championship for the first time since 1948.

Our progress is continued in the Cricket League, in which we are—unofficially—thought to be leading, although our nearest rivals will not admit this. Our Tennis is only mediocre and improvement is essential, if somewhat unlikely. At least one member of the House is intent on dislodging us from our traditional position of eighth in Swimming. His efforts deserve to—and may even—reap their due reward.

On this hopeful note I close, wishing the House a successful year in 1957-58.

M. G. VARLEY (*House Captain*).

LEVETT

It is rash to be prophetic in a House report. What may stimulate to efforts unprecedented, may likewise make a bright future seem assured. Yet no more than possibility has been expressed. For Levett the past months have had some bright moments. The First XV worked as one man, not, as has been the case, as several old men. Three individual athletic cups have been won, and won by those willing also to put their efforts into team work ; the Under 12½ relay team set up a new record for their event. We have won the Chess trophy. Cricket began well with two convincing wins ; it now carries on much below our best. Tennis is hopeful, but Shooting and Fives are in decline. Swimming is unpredictable, but practice makes perfect.

The truth is that Levett House, like Orpheus in the Underworld, is sorely tempted to gaze into the darkness, and thereby lose all that it has gained. Those two Cricket wins were not flashes in the pan ; they show what Levett House can do. A spirit of resignation to some gloomy fate still haunts us. But perhaps the warm Summer air, and the help of our tutors, Mr. Porter on the boundary, and ' never a backward look ' will lay this ghost for ever.

A. A. WILSON (*House Captain*).

PRINCE LEE

Our position in Football was reasonable, despite a poor performance in the Knock-out. P.T., in view of our inexperience, was good. Our Shooting in the *Country Life* Competition was excellent. Athletics Standards were poorly attended, but our third position in the Sports, and particularly our position of first equal in the Open Relay, were astounding. Tennis and Junior Fives disappoint, but, with experience, should improve. Our Cricket reached its peak in a high-scoring drawn game against Vardy in the Knock-out, when 432 runs were scored for the loss of 16 wickets. The League XI improves beyond recognition when our opening bowler plays. As with Rugger, we have promising Juniors. Our swimmer is enthusiastic. Finally, our singers somewhat improved the musical outlook.

There are the bare facts. What do they amount to in terms of progress ? Far less than many people would have us believe ; Recorder's points are not the only yardstick by which a House's success can be measured ; results in themselves are meaningless.

We have certainly improved in our collective enthusiasm and spirit. Obviously we shall not be a House of " gladiators " for some time—at least until our junior talent matures, but we have certainly made progress in co-operative effort. It is on the steady loyalty of the rank and file of a House that its success ultimately depends—and some of our most unlikely gentlemen have been lured on to the sports field, often to great effect.

Whatever our position—and the future is distinctly hazy—we can say that we have acquitted ourselves creditably. Prince Lee faces the future with confidence—its junior gladiators and senior enthusiasts will see to that.

N. G. MCGOWAN (*Head of the House*).

VARDY

After the exodus of the majority of the upper house last year, the remainder still seem to be wandering around in a wilderness of mediocrity. At least the hoped for land of milk, honey and success has by no means been reached. Results, which must be placed on record, have been somewhat disappointing.

So far the House has finished seventh in Rugger, sixth in Athletics, fifth in Chess and fourth in Gym. This last result is indeed cheering as it marks a great improvement over previous years. The Cricket season began badly, not least because the house can boast ten school team players who are debarred from playing in league matches. The first round of the Knock-out began better. The First XI set to make 225 in a little over two hours made 209 for 9 ; the first century being scored in 50 minutes ; a performance worthy of note although the result was a draw. Swimming, too, holds promise. The tropical heat of the bath has assured regular attendance at a house practice held before school on a Saturday morning. That swimming standards have been made easier will no doubt increase enthusiasm, as indeed has the playing of water polo matches. Tennis is faulty, but it is hopefully noted that the team will be virtually unchanged next year. The Junior Fives team is doing its best to remedy the failings of the senior team. Waiters too have done their best and deserve thanks and mention for their helpful and cheerful manner.

In all it may be said that the house has done its best, but possibly because the upper house has not been large enough to exert an influence over the juniors, and because of a certain lack of innate ability, 'best' has not been sufficient to raise Vardy from the lower half of the championship table.

Next year it is to be hoped that a combination of a stronger VI form, the continued keenness shown by the juniors and of the close liaison between house master, officials and members, may see the patience and concern of Mr. Copland, Mr. Parry, and Mr. Skinner, justly rewarded, and Vardy at least three or four steps nearer the championship.

J. D. EAGLES (*Captain of the House*).

" KING OLAF "

The excellence of the Musical Society's performance of Elgar's " King Olaf " on June 6th has been attested by professional judgments of greater competence than mine. For me, the most impressive feature of the evening was the confidence of the orchestral playing. " King Olaf " is not a straightforward score ; it is elaborate, highly wrought, full of awkward entries ; it offers difficulties which a professional orchestra may be able to take in its stride but which test the musicianship of an amateur combination. But to judge from the dash and brilliance of the string playing and from the sureness of the wind sections one would not have thought that such difficulties existed. The orchestra captured the ear right enough ; and considering that most of the interest of this work lies in the orchestral writing, it was as well that it did. Its confidence and attack were not dispensable luxuries but the *sine qua non* of success.

Of the soloists, Mr. Richard Standen sang the bass solos superbly, with an easy, full-throated power that was irresistible. From his first entry his singing was of such a quality that one was always hoping that each new number would resurrect that sinister Ironbeard, or introduce an improbable scald, just so that Mr. Standen could go on singing. Miss Marion Hughes sang the soprano solos pleasantly enough, sustained her long high C with aplomb and relinquished it with relief. It was a pity that the tenor soloist, Mr. Andrew Purcell, had a bad evening. What the reason was I do not know ; the result was that he was almost permanently inaudible.

The strength of the choir was in the basses who sang with great sureness and strength. They struck me as being outstandingly good and were undoubtedly the foundation of an impressive performance by the whole choir. And impressive it was, despite the fact that, in the first half, the trebles occasionally sounded weary (perhaps it was the melodic line rather than the voices singing it) and that sometimes the middle voices disappeared from earshot ; it was impressive simply because one imagines that the music is not always easy to sing. The rapidity and frequency of the modulations in the more dramatic choruses make it difficult to feel the tonal centre of the movement, and hence unfailingly accurate intonation becomes more difficult. In view of this, the choir did extremely well ; and I strongly suspect that if, by comparison with the orchestra, it sounded dull it was because what it had to sing was fundamentally monotonous. The mixture as before was prescribed too often. Continuous *Sturm und Drang* finally defeats its own purpose and fails to make any impact at all. It is this self-conscious determination to feel at maximum pressure *all the time* which has been the undoing of so much romantic art, and is a weakness in some genuinely great romantic artists, because far from producing the desperately desired intensity it all too often results in a strident uniformity of emotional self-indulgence. Elgar, let it be at once allowed, is more fastidious than this ; but despite the mastery, the variety and the richness of the orchestral texture the emotional impact was, I felt, all pretty much of a muchness. When, in the second part of the work, Elgar forgets the storm and the stress and offers an unashamedly luscious lyricism, sometimes banal, sometimes ravishing, the choir took its opportunity in both hands. The singing in the section—“As torrents in summer”—for unaccompanied choir was very fine. Altogether, one felt that the choir had not really had a square deal and simply because in “King Olaf” the true strength of Elgar’s genius was beginning to assert itself ; that strength was the handling of large orchestral textures and culminated in “Falstaff.”

It is by now probably apparent that I was not very taken by “King Olaf” ; but let no one think that I regard the undertaking as not worth the trouble. For me, the performance of a neglected major work by a major artist is almost the *raison d’être* of amateur societies, choral or dramatic, orchestral or operatic. Every generation should have the opportunity of making its own artistic valuations, and only in performance does music or drama *completely* exist. Thus, Dr. Grant’s choice of “King Olaf,” rather than a better known choral work of Elgar, was absolutely right ; it was the most intelligent way of making centenary

celebrations mean something. And the rightness of the choice is in no way diminished if the performance confirmed the established superiority of Elgar's better known choral works. We have at least proved their superiority on our own pulses.

Perhaps one's impressions of the first hearing of a work do not count for much. Mine were that this was a very finely wrought and assured piece of writing in a genre which I do not like, and against which I could, I flatter myself, make some rather more substantial aesthetic objections if I were really pressed. But this is not the place for them. On the other hand, it *is* the place to congratulate all who sang or played, and particularly Dr. Grant who—the phrase is irresistible—*has done it again.*

A.J.T.

THE SCOUT GROUP

From January to June our programme has been well-filled. On February 22nd, the centenary of Baden Powell's birth and the Jubilee of Scouting, a memorial service was held in Big School and led by the Chief Master. At Easter the Group camped at Cranham, near Cheltenham. This was the best Easter Camp for some years. With consistently fine weather, mixed patrols formed on a group basis, and a surprising variety of scouters, the week went by quickly. Training was in strict rotation ; a busy atmosphere prevailed, and all benefited. In lighter moments we built bridges in the dark, blew trumpets in the morning twilight, and sang. In the same week a Senior Expedition was under way. (Reported elsewhere in the CHRONICLE.)

The Jobs of Bob-a-Job week were done with a will ; several troop records were broken. In the County Senior Ambulance Competition a Senior team won the trophy, and in the junior competition a Scout team was second. With a view to the Jamboree, working parties have spent some weary hours clearing gorse on the Sutton site. To stimulate interest in the Scout Movement a Jubilee Scout Week is being celebrated in Birmingham. Commencing with a service of thanksgiving, all too sparsely attended, it is to be concluded by a rally of local divisions. We shall present various scouting activities, put to good use the coconut-shy, and once more tempt fate with a rope-and-pole 'skylon.' The Seniors are indebted to Mr. E. G. Davies for a new 55' flag-pole. No doubt this will prove a fresh impetus to their thirst for height.

The troop week-end camp is now certainly a thing of the past. Patrols organize their camps, and, as B.P. would have it, camp on their own. In the summer Park Vale and Viking troops will camp in Pembroke, near Milford Haven, and New and Mitre troops in Borrowdale.

D. R. Ellison and C. F. Jenkins are to be congratulated on gaining Scout Cords, and M. B. Sidwell and I. M. Brookes on gaining their First-Class Badge.

The next CHRONICLE will have exciting news to tell of scouting. We are all too accustomed to thinking the Jamboree a thing of the future ; it will soon be upon us, and at our very door-step. May the hard work and great enthusiasm of our scouters be ours also in readiness for this great occasion.

A.A.W.

THE SCHOOL WEATHER STATION

One year ago the CHRONICLE reported that on a February day in 1956 the thermometer had failed to rise above 21°F. ; this year has been the turn of the more warm-blooded of our brethren, for the extreme minimum temperature was a mere 28° ; normally one can expect 23° at least once. Indeed, Winter, 1957, was the warmest on record here (observations began in January, 1947), whereas Winter, 1956 was the coldest since 1947. In other respects this year's weather has largely followed the precedent of 1956. Every month, save February, has been very dry ; Spring temperatures have generally been a little above normal.

A more comprehensive survey of this year's weather will be presented in the next edition of the CHRONICLE.

Although work has continued on the compilation of our long-promised survey, "Ten Years of K.E.S. Weather," there is still considerable work to be done before it can be published.

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

THE CAREERS ROOM

A considerable literature on a variety of Careers in the Professions, Industry and Commerce, and particulars of University Entrance is now available in Geography Room A. For the information of boys, and their parents whom I am always pleased to see at any mutually convenient time, particular attention is drawn to the industry-based sandwich diploma courses now in operation over a wide range of industry. In Engineering alone may be mentioned Aeronautical, Agricultural, Automobile, Chemical, Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Marine, Locomotive and Mechanical divisions. So extensive is the range, and so wide the scope that a summary in book form has now been published and is available for reference in the Careers Room.

A steadily increasing number of firms are now offering University Maintenance Scholarships, not subject to any Means Test. These scholarships for boys for whom a University career is clearly indicated are attractive. Many firms operate both the sandwich diploma course and the university degree course in one form or another.

The School is an Associate Member of the Public Schools Appointments Bureau. Through this organization Short Works Courses are arranged in the Easter and Summer holidays. Attendance at these Courses is a most effective way of obtaining an insight into Industry and Commerce. Details of these Courses are issued in booklet form and sent to Schools about a month before applications are submitted to the Bureau.

Books and pamphlets may be borrowed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1-30 p.m. when I am in the Geography Room.

It is pleasing to see the steadily increasing number of boys making good use of the Careers Room now that it has been transferred from the Science Buildings to a more central position for all.

H. W. BALLANCE.

THE LIBRARY

It is a pleasure to be able to report an increase in circulation this year, more boys having availed themselves of the services offered by the Library. Nevertheless, the School should take still more advantage of the Library facilities. Unfortunately there has been an increase in untidiness, but it is to be hoped that this is only a passing phase. In this respect, all Library users are urged to make a habit of returning books used for reference, to their appropriate shelves.

During the year many benefactors have presented books to the Library, so many in fact, that it is impossible to mention them all by name. We must, however, thank Mrs. Hess, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Morley, K. S. Latham, Esq. and Siward James, Esq., O.E., for their generous gifts.

It is my pleasant duty to thank the Library Staff for all the excellent work they have so willingly performed ; and finally, to join with them in thanking Mr. Blount for his tolerance and wise counsel.

G. E. PHILLIPS (*School Librarian*).

ANDROCLES AND THE LION

The Junior Play is one function in the school year to which one always looks forward with anticipation of an enjoyable evening and which rarely disappoints. Androcles fully lived up to the reputation of past productions. The whole team, from Mr. Bolton to the most silent of stage hands, from the Emperor to the most diminutive Christian woman, from those who made up the faces and bodies of the actors to those who designed and made the costumes, from the makers of scenery to the makers of music, all must be congratulated on a polished production.

The actors, clearly, enjoyed putting the play over ; as clearly, they made the audience enjoy it also. The play got into its stride from the first words of the Prologue and never dragged. The lines were spoken clearly and with understanding ; the prompter was not called upon. The producer clearly realized that actors must be heard and must be seen ; we did not have to suffer, as on some occasions, for the sake of Art, a darkened stage peopled with almost invisible and inaudible actors. On the contrary the scenery, costumes, make-up and lighting combined to give us many memorable pictures.

The quality of the acting was never bad ; with most of the principals it was first class. It was a joy not to have to endure any overacting ; the actors were content to focus attention by well-pointed speaking and restrained acting—they succeeded well.

Arnold gave a remarkable performance as the Emperor ; the part might have been written for him. In voice, bearing and action this boy of thirteen was always Caesar. His make-up was perfect. The scene with Caesar, Androcles and the Lion in Act II was one of the best in the play. The first entrance of the Emperor was disappointingly informal ; one felt that a fanfare at least was called for.

Grant as Lavinia was superb. She was attractive in voice and looks and spoke her lines with great understanding and feeling. The scenes

with the Captain, which might have dragged, were carried off well. It was a pity that her dress was so elaborate and highly coloured ; it took the eye too much. Ferns, who took over the part of Androcles three weeks before the production, was charming—he spoke well and was convincing. He must learn not to wave his hands about so much. Pook made a fine figure of the Captain and spoke out well. Lee has a fine voice and used it to good effect as the Centurion ; there was no doubt as to who was in charge when he was around. Mason, as Ferrovius the converted strong man, was well cast visually but his rather mild voice never gave the impression of fires burning below and kept in check. Rowland gave us a delightful picture of Spintho with his nerves gradually getting the better of him. Bruce in the Lion, whatever his mood, was thoroughly convincing. It was unfortunate that the footlights masked much of the action in the Prologue from the view of many of the small visitors in the audience, all of whom loved the Lion. Holtham as Megaera, Taylor as Lentulus, Cadwallader as Metellus and Tedd as the Menagerie Keeper gave adequate performances in smaller parts.

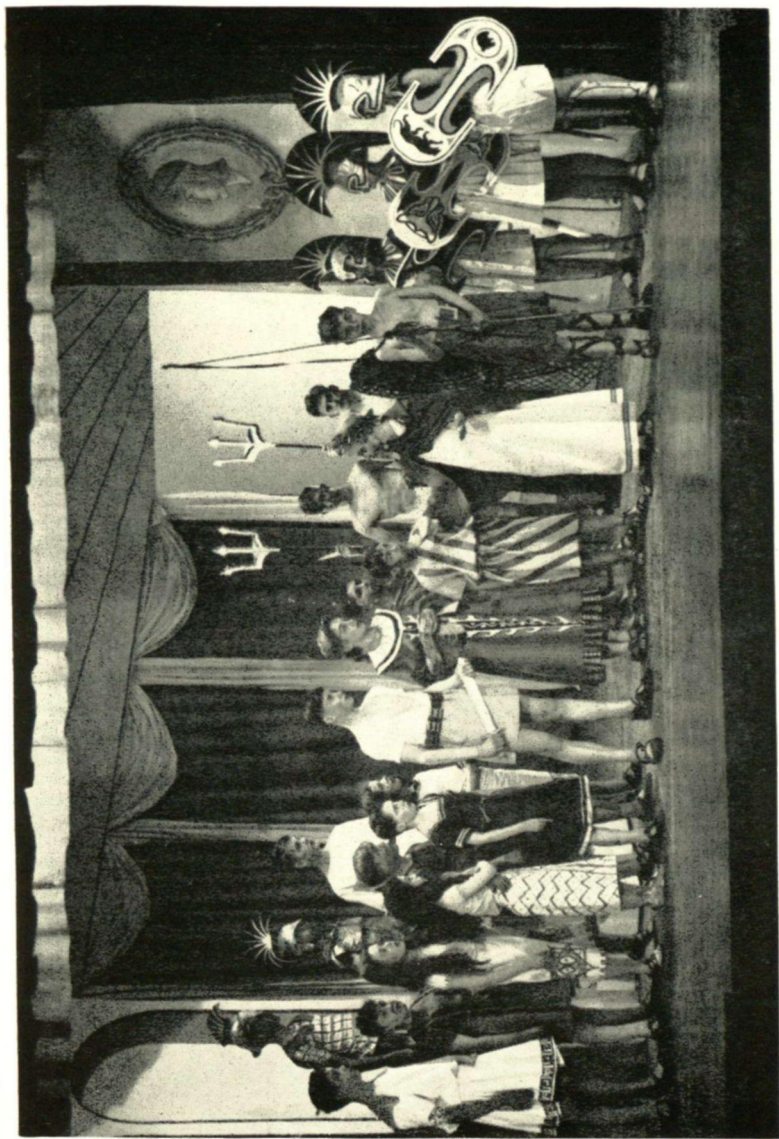
The incidental music, arranged and directed by Dr. Allison, fitted splendidly into the feeling and action of the play, even if it did occasionally drown the voices ; its performance reached a high standard. A programme note that the costumes had been made by parents and friends was surprising ; we have seldom seen better costumes in a school production. The same remark applies to the scenery, although many of the audience on the extreme right of the hall must have found it difficult to see the action on the platform outside the Emperor's Box.

We look forward to the Junior Play of 1958.

THE OLDEST LIVING EDWARDIAN ?

We are indebted to the parent of a present Edwardian for securing for us the following story of Thomas McDonald, now in his ninety-ninth year, whom he met recently in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia. We are glad to hear that he was found to be in very good health and spirits, apart from his eyesight which is failing. The parent on his return to England sent to him an Old Edwardian tie with which he is highly delighted.

Thomas McDonald has led an adventurous and eventful life and he certainly belongs to the history of the southern part of Africa. Born on January 14th, 1859, he lived at Moseley and was at King Edward's School from 1869 to 1874. Two of his special friends among his contemporaries were Alfred Bird and Charles Hands. In his memories dictated for us to his daughter he gives this account of his life and adventures : "I went to America in 1876 in the White Star Liner, **Germanic**. The route was more northward than now, and I had the good luck to be between five or six icebergs one day. I went to the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia, then returned to Liverpool in June by the **Celtic**, and returned the next week in the **City of Richmond** to New York. I joined a schooner and sailed between New York and Boston, got frost-bitten in the leg and went into hospital for a couple of months. There I got friendly with the dispenser, helped in the dispensary and



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"LE BOURGEOIS GENTILHOMME"

picked up a good knowledge of dispensing. On 1st May, 1877, I left New York in a sailing ship for Natal. We had fine weather for the trip and sighted Cape Agulhas on the fiftieth day out and took twenty-two days to beat up the coast to Durban. There I joined a small schooner to Delagoa Bay, intending to tramp up to Lydenberg through what is now the Kruger Park, but got a dose of fever and was put on a coaster to Capetown. There I joined a volunteer Corps called Pullen's Rangers and went to the Transkie to fight the chiefs—Kreli and Sandelli of the Galicka and Gaika tribes. In January, 1879, I returned to Capetown and joined Southy's Rangers, and we marched from Matjesfontein to the Orange River in a campaign against some outlaw Hottentots, Bushmen and raiding Kaffirs. After the campaign was over we marched through the Kalahari to Port Nollath where we had the luck to travel for twenty-four hours with our wagons parallel to a Springbok trek consisting of several million Springbok.

The Zulu Wars were now finished, but several British regiments remained in Natal and the Transvaal. Newcastle, Natal, was quite a busy centre, and while I was assistant Manager at the principal hotel, I met Rider Haggard and his partner Cochrane, who had a farm just outside Newcastle. In 1914 just before the first World War I again met Rider Haggard in Beira and took him up the Pungwe River and had a long yarn about old times.

In those days before the Boer War I visited practically every town and dorp in the Free State and Cape Colony. From Delagoa Bay I joined some wagons to go up to Barberton: we made the first direct road to Barberton through Luewers Creek. This route was afterwards taken by the railway. On that trip we met Percy Fitzpatrick in the midst of his Jock of the Bushveld idyll at Kamalie Pass.

I arrived in Barberton just before the first crushing of the Sheba ore, which went 8½-oz. to the ton, and set Barberton on the map. In 1887 I went to Johannesburg, then known as Ferreira's Camp, and joined the staff of the Diggers News, the first paper in Johannesburg. Later I edited papers in Rustenberg, Boksburg and East London, before going to Beira in 1898 to edit the *Beira Post*—and in the Rhodesias and Portuguese East Africa I remained editing newspapers until 1940.

In Beira while the siege of Mafeking was going on I heard that someone named Hands was acting as correspondent for the *Daily Mail* with Mahon's column and had been shot in the leg and was in Deelfont in Hospital. I dropped a line to the Hospital and asked if he was 'Shrimp' Hands and immediately received a reply, in which it turned out that he was my great chum of my school days. We had spent much time tramping about between Moseley and Kings Norton across country, talking about where we would go exploring after we left school. We considered that Livingstone had publicised Africa sufficiently and came to the conclusion that across South America from West to East, across the Andes, would be our object. I guess both of us got about a bit, but neither of us attained our ambition."

McDonald encloses a copy of the letter he received from Charles Hands, dated 1st July, 1900 and sent from Mafeking: "It must be getting on for five and twenty years since I saw or heard of you—more

than that since we went fishing together (and got caught poaching if I remember). Do you draw knights in armour in the margins of your copy paper as you used on the margins of your lesson books? And how did you slide into the paper staining line? Isn't it strange how the wandering scallywags of us seem to drain off into the scallywag trade of journalism? Quite a crowd of us are drowning in it now. W. J. Evans, a bright mathematical boy, is Editor of the *Evening News*, London. Alfred Cohen, that amiable, tallow-faced boy is now "Alan Dale," the savagest, scorpion-whipping dramatic critic of New York. A great swell—all America reads him for the pleasure of hearing the actors squirming. Sam Downing who was a stolid chap to all appearance is now Editor of *The Sportsman*. And there are others besides you and me. I'm afraid good King Edward shudders when he looks at us and sees what he has done. Though some of the others will be comforts to him—my cousin Harry Hands is an accountant in Capetown, threatening to commence a political career. His partner Oscar Shone is also one of us. The Pritchetts of course are all highly prosperous and sedate. Well, we can't all find room in the respectable side of the world. And perhaps you and I and the other scallywags have the best of the fun.

* For to admire and for to see
The wonders of this world so wide—
It never done no good to me,
But I can't stop it if I tried.'

That about Rudyards up our case I expect. Do you know Lawley, the railway engineer at Beira? If so remember me to him. He comes from Kings Heath."

Now it is time to return to McDonald's narrative: "I did a good deal of prospecting for gold in the Transvaal and elsewhere." He tells how he met Colonel d'Andrade, later Director of Mines at Macequece, and General Gorjao, Governor of Manica and Sofala, and how he floated a company to dredge gold in the Revue valley and spent £60,000 with no luck on concessions which four years later were taken up by a Rhodesian company and yielded 1,000 ounces a month for five years. His next venture however was more successful: "I found an old working only a few feet deep. Going down another couple of feet, I found a bed of actinolite schist which contained large hunks of gold. At this time the Crown Prince of Portugal visited Macequece. I had a prospecting pan containing about 16 pounds of the schist washed in front of the Prince and a little over 2½ ounces of gold was found, which I asked the Prince to accept, and suggested that perhaps he might have his wedding ring made from it, as it had been recovered in Portuguese territory and in his presence. Unhappily, within six months the Prince was assassinated, together with his father, in Lisbon. I heard later that some of the gold was used for a ring by King Manoel, his brother.

In 1895 I travelled on the train with President Kruger, while the Gungunhana war was on. I attended a big meeting of Afrikaners at Moord River on Dingaans Day where many relics were dug up of the Boers killed in the massacre by Dingaan. These relics were buried in a chest, and a foundation stone of a big obelisk was erected near Chiveley, where Winston Churchill was captured by the Boers. I then went to

Johannesburg, and joined the body guard of the Reform Committee during the Jameson Raid."

For many years McDonald was Reuter's representative at Beira. When the second world War broke out the censorship put a stop to a shipping gazette that he was editing and to other papers for which he was correspondent. His sight was failing, and it was becoming impossible for him to read or write ; so he had to retire from the newspaper world which he had served for so long. Since that time he has been living in Salisbury, Rhodesia, where he retains an active interest in world affairs through the wireless. Through these columns we send him our congratulations on his life story so clearly remembered and so kindly detailed to us, and our heartiest good wishes that he will score his century—and become the first Old Edwardian known to have done so.

A little research in the earliest bound volume of King Edward's School lists in the library gives the following information :

Midsummer 1871	Hands, C. E. shown in Tenth Class and Maths set X in the English Department.
Christmas 1871	Hands, C. E. in Ninth Class, and Maths. set X and bottom of it. McDonald in Tenth Class and Maths set X half way down.
Midsummer 1872	Hands 18th, McDonald 5th in Tenth Class. Hands 17th in set X still, McDonald 8th in set IX.
Christmas 1872	Hands remains in set X, McDonald has gone up to set VIII but is not mentioned in the form-list.
Midsummer 1873	The two friends are shown in Seventh Class a little over half way down. McDonald is in set VII, and Hands 2nd in set IX.
Christmas 1873	Both are now in Fifth class— McDonald in set V, and Hands top of set VII. and sharing the prize with a boy from Tenth Class. Hands was also runner-up for a Holiday Task prize.

Beyond his point their school careers cannot be traced as there is a lacuna in the school lists. Nor did their journalism have a chance to flower early as the K.E.S. CHRONICLE does not start regular publication until 1875.

OUTWARD BOUND, ESKDALE, 1957

There is only one word to describe the Eskdale O.B. course, and that is the school's own pet word "fantastic." From the moment we arrived in the cobbled stable yard to the time, twenty-six days later, when we left in bright sunshine to return to Birmingham, everything seemed to be different.

We changed our clothes, and with them we changed our way of life. No longer did we proceed with due dignity to school every morning ; we

ran to breakfast, and then we ran round the day's work of athletics, cooking, first-aid, and mountain-craft. Indeed, there seemed to be only two times on the course during working hours when we were *not* running : each morning *when we swam*, and during the "schemes" on which we walked.

One remembers little detail of the course—Nim the boxer who *has* never been a fit dog since he went on the so-called "Quiet Walk," the 500ft. New West climb on Pillar, and, of course, the bull one ran past during the 6½ mile Cross-Country race, are the ones that stick.

Yet unbelievable as it seems even to us, we enjoyed it.

K.M.J. D.C.M. A.N.S.

NORFOLK BROADS, 1957

Wayford Bridge Yacht Station, on Thursday, April 4th, again saw the sailing party from the Naval Section. The fleet consisted of *Belvoir II*, *Belvoir I* and *Tantivy I* under their skippers Mr. Benett, Mr. McGawley and D. J. Corney. The sails were set ; a mere formality because there was little wind and quanting was the only efficient means of propulsion. Less than two hours later a bespectacled gentleman—who was obviously no scientist—decided to investigate the laws established by Newton, and went in "the oggin." The night was spent at Barton Turf, where we joined Mr. Hodges and his crew who had come from Horning.

The following day dawned fine and warm. The morning was passed on Barton Broad in teaching the novices the rudiments of sailing ; and the afternoon in sailing to Thurne Dyke.

The next morning was cold and windy with the sky overcast ; so was the rest of the week, and two reefs were taken in. We stopped at Potter Heigham for dinner, and later had a spell of good sailing on Horsey Mere.

On Sunday morning we made our pilgrimage to the sea, where the wind whipped the sand off the dunes into the eyes of the unwary. At the entrance to Hickling Broad was a sunken half-decker with its mast just breaking the surface—care must be taken even on the Broads.

We left Hickling on Monday for Thurne where we stopped for water, and then on to Acle. We shot the bridges at Potter on the run, and were not sorry to leave it behind.

The next day we visited the beautiful church at Ranworth, with its magnificent view of the Broads from the tower. *Belvoir II* also paid a visit to South Walsham Broad. We arrived back at Wayford Bridge the following day, coming from Ludham Bridge and spending some time on Barton Broad.

Aboard the flagship a motto of "one in, the lot in" was adopted for there was not a member of the crew who was not partially or totally immersed. Indeed, the Admiral in a desperate attempt to increase the Section funds, without a thought for his own safety, leaped over the side to rescue a five pound note—so he said.

We returned home on Thursday, with cries of "fenders !" still ringing in our ears, and our pockets full of dates.

Our thanks are extended to Mr. Benett for organizing the holiday, and to Mr. McGawley for helping to make it a success. M.I.W.

THE OUTWARD BOUND SEA SCHOOL, ABERDOVEY

EASTER, 1957

'To Serve, to Strive, and not to Yield.'

On Saturday, 6th April, 120 boys between the ages of 16½ and 19½ years and from all walks of life, assembled at the Outward Bound Sea School in Aberdovey. The school is a collection of small white huts grouped round a central hall overlooking the Dovey Estuary.

On arrival we were split up into watches both for convenience in training and to create a competitive team spirit. Awards (Honours, Merit, and Membership) are given to the individual both for his own practical ability and for his contribution to the Watch. The immediately striking thing about the school is the atmosphere which is one of perpetual motion. From the cold shower at 6-30 a.m. one is continually either sailing, running, or hill walking and there is little or no spare time. Evenings are taken up with lectures on various topics such as First-Aid, Forestry, and Fire Fighting.

The training carried out at the school is very varied but it is confined to activities pertaining to the natural elements. The school maintains a fleet of dinghies, cutters, canoes and life-boats and also a seventeen ton Aux. Ketch, the *Golden Valley*. The first week is spent in cautious pulling under the watchful eyes of the instructors, until as experience mounts, 40-ft. life-boats are left in the hands of the course. Whole day canoe expeditions are undertaken up the River Dovey and a three-day cruise to various ports on the Welsh coast is the highlight of the Sea training.

Land exercises also form part of the course. Three-day expeditions of forty miles are made to various outlying bases where forestry and 'rough-living' are demonstrated and practised. An afternoon's walk serves as a map-reading exercise and an introduction to the hills, an introduction which leads to a thirty-mile mountain climb. Athletics maintain the general fitness of the course and also provide further competitive events between both the watches and individuals. The usual running and throwing is mixed with various other activities such as rope climbing, wall scaling, and life-boat drill.

In conclusion, it only remains for us to thank K.E.S. for enabling us to undertake this experience, and Captain Fuller and his staff at Aberdovey for their patience and energy. We would urge very strongly all members of K.E.S. to take advantage of this excellent scheme.

N.H.McB. D.A.H.B.

ORLANDO

A jumble of corrugated iron and sheets of tin, a heap of orange boxes, tarpaulins, oil-drums and zinc cisterns, piles of wooden planks and old car doors. At home this would be a rubbish dump, a bombed site, but here it is a repository of human bodies and souls. At closer inspection you see that this disorganized, metallic shambles is in fact a collection of dwellings, in which human beings like yourself are expected to exist. This realization is emphasized by a foul stench, an overwhelming odour of which the inmates of the place seemed to be laughingly and blissfully unaware. The streets are the sewers, the sewers are the streets. It makes no difference, life goes on.

At seven in the morning men pour out of these would-be habitations. They board a crowded 'bus and leave the pitiable shacks which they would willingly leave for ever. But at seven in the evening the crowded 'bus returns, and empties out its tired contents, who crawl still smiling into their wooden burrows. They smile because there is no point in being dejected, no purpose in complaint. This is their existence—the word "life" would be too complimentary, not to say inexact.

It is only beneath the tarpaulins and tin-roofs that life really begins for them. In the closeness of this smell-ridden atmosphere they eat, laugh, play, think, work and pray. They do the things people do all over the world. Within the narrow compass of their "homes" they give tangible proof that they are just like everyone else. But "everyone else" is not there to see them, and moreover is never likely to be.

The hours of a working day are spent in an atmosphere as different from that of their homes as the atmosphere of a first-class railway carriage is different from that of a cattle-truck. Some see comfort and wealth, others mechanical intricacies which intrigue and whose details their inquisitive minds are only too ready to explore. Whatever they see in these vital hours makes a forcible impression on them. It must be so. It is so totally unrelated to the world of orange-boxes and primus-stoves which surrounds them, encloses them in the evening hours. All this registers on their minds, as acute as yours or mine, never doubt it.

The world of wealth, comfort and machines is within a stone's throw of the shanty-town to which they are confined like dogs fettered to a kennel, but which can never offer any sense of permanence or security. You wonder how two such different worlds manage to survive within such close proximity, and it is then that another, much more important, question suggests itself : how much longer will it be before the man from the jumbled world of wood, tin and stench rebels against his involuntary physical, mental and intellectual imprisonment ?

The answer is simple : not long and it all depends on you. Western civilization and democracy thrives on spreading its ideals to the ignorant. In South Africa the native is being denied the opportunity of embracing Western civilization. If the white population of South Africa wishes to maintain Western ideals in the Union, as it claims it does, then it must change its policies. If the African is forbidden to embrace the ideals of the West then he will rebel against them. That is only human nature. The white world of comfort and luxury will be engulfed by a slithering lava of corrugated iron and sheets of tin, orange-boxes, tarpaulins and oil-drums, zinc cisterns, wooden planks and old car-doors. M.G.V.

THE STREET

Flickering necklace in blackened night,
Pavement pools of swirling light,
A mirage of shadows thronging
With wolf cunning,
Dancing tiptoed, cemented padding.

Pilgrimages of darkness
And metal ring of echoed footsteps
On lonely floor. Reflected thoughts
Hover, hang and whirl in soundless sense,
And black eyes look on.

Warmth in cold, wet air, and
Only one voice to speak
To the crucified lamps in the sullen street,
Psychological stillness for a soul of boy,
And shuffling leaves in the kerbing wind
Melt gutter-black in a charcoal mind.

Glow of freedom in white moonshine,
And smoking clouds in drizzling skies
Weep over stone where dark eyes come,
Then ecstasy sings a flesh and blood song
And the black eyes of sadness are lost, are gone
In the sun of street music, sympathy-torn.

P.J.D.

SNOWDONIA, EASTER, 1957

On Friday, 12th April, a party of nine from the science divisions and sixths assembled at the Christian Endeavour Holiday Home at Plas-y-Nant, which rests at the foot of Snowdon, travelling from either Borth or Birmingham and expecting an enjoyable time.

On arrival we were immediately impressed by the beauty of the mountains and of the setting of the house itself on the hillside amongst the trees, which added a soft and romantic background.

Serious work began on the following day. We climbed in the Dry-y-Coed area in very warm sunshine and thoroughly enjoyed rambling over five "tops," despite a brief, but typically hostile Welsh hailstorm. A certain member of the Air section became highly fascinated by the remains of two wrecked R.A.F. planes which were scattered on Mynydd Manor, and would have brought it all back to Birmingham had it been possible.

Our Sunday was spent rambling round Llyn Cwellyn in the morning and organizing an Evening Service reinforced by Dr. Allison.

Next day we climbed Snowdon. We all have vivid memories of crawling along Grib Goch in the howling wind and biting rain. At the top we were soaked to the skin and we delighted to find a fire in the Hotel. The only trouble was that it was closed practically as soon as we had arrived by an engine driver complete with a very large spanner. That evening we tried to learn the intricacies of Scottish dancing organized by the Cambridge University Presbyterian Society with whom we shared the home.

The highlight of our climbing came on Tuesday when, in ideal weather, we scrambled up the rough rocks of Tryfan and Bristly Ridge to the Summit of Glyder Fach.

Our last day, Wednesday, was a little disappointing because it rained torrentially all morning. However, we managed to get out in the afternoon, to do some road walking along to Beddgelert and along the Fisherman's Walk to Pont Aberglaslyn. The evening's entertainment was a concert in the "Rec."

It remains now to thank very sincerely Mr. Kent and Dr. Allison for the Hard work and trouble they put into organizing a most enjoyable holiday. We are determined to go there again ! D.K.L.

BROKEN LEG

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| 1. Black bellows blow
A furious wind
Upon the fire
Unquenchable,
That, consummate,
Singes my leg,
And my tongue is dry
With liquid flame. | 3. Something is in me,
Rooted firm,
Crushing my cramped
Lugubrious light,
Which from my leg
Pervades my heart,
Pervades my soul,
And will not flee. |
| 2. In vain the surge
Of wet wind's wafts
From the cool, deep,
Refreshing heaven,
Which still soothes,
Sweet with balm,
The peaceful minds
Of bone-strong men. | 4. Shackles strong
Shield my leg,
Shrink my soul.
Scorch my brain,
And an unknown force
Still drives me on
To Heaven's holy
Crystal floor. |

G.J.T.

SENIOR SCOUT EXPEDITION TO THE PENNINES, EASTER, 1957.

A cold blustery morning in early April is not the ideal time to set off from Birmingham to hike along the Pennine Way from Carlisle to Settle, but three hardy senior scouts and one not so hardy civilian from History Division were quite undaunted.

After buying provisions at Carlisle we began the hike at Greenhead, and we camped for the night at Kellah after a brief five-mile hike. The journey continued relatively peacefully from Garrigill, where we spent the second night, to Appleby, after a good climb of twenty-two miles over Cross Fell, the highest peak in the Pennines. At Appleby, we played a football match against a team of village boys, and, although outnumbered, scored a convincing victory.

After this third night we were all so cold, despite a three-inch deep carpet of potato sacks, that from then onwards we resorted to sleeping in hay-filled barns. The first of these was at Keld, which we reached after

a scramble along Trough Heads, a strangely eroded river valley, and a brief halt at Tan Hill, the highest hotel in England. The second barn was at Ribbleshead, to which we were forced to travel part way by train from Hawes, as we were beset by blisters and aching shoulders. Here the civilian left the party, still miserably reading Kant, accompanied by a large packet of cornflakes intended for the remaining members of the party. This barn at Ribbleshead contained several inquisitive cows, so we slept in good company. The final two nights were spent at Settle, in a two-storey barn about a mile out of the town, and, using this as a base, we climbed Ingleborough and Pen-y-Ghent and explored nearby caves. The hike was well rounded off by a friendly fight in the hay-loft, much to the annoyance of the resident field-mice. The whole hike, aided by the good weather, was a great success and thanks are due to Mr. Hall for his organization of the party and for his generosity in carrying the 'lightest' ruck-sack.

THE BATTLE OF FLOWERS

Easter Sunday saw Menton divided into two camps: the inhabitants doing their shopping and the tourists asking for the Promenade George V. We, as discerning holidaymakers, regarded this as ominous, since Frenchmen or Italians can usually be trusted to turn up in throngs whenever a spectacle of any merit is forthcoming.

The Promenade, spanning a section of sea-front, had been cut off from the rest of the town by well-defended barriers. Various prices of admission were charged. If the spectator wished to recline on a couch he paid a mere 800 fr.; if he required comfort without luxury (a wooden chair), 300 fr. and if he had a desire to see the Battle, but had a limited purse, 200 fr. We bought three 200 fr. tickets and groped round an orange curtain until we obtained a full view of the Promenade.

The next forty minutes were profitably employed in scanning the current *Sunday Times*, while English people milled round asking whether petrol was "on" or "off." We were relieved when a loud braying heralded the arrival of the procession. The spectators on couches were granted the first view of the wagons, as befitted their exalted situation.

Two youths on horseback in hunting pink were first; then a band of ill-dressed boys carrying banners proclaiming the excellence of Menton.

After this an atrocious band matched by, mostly composed of brass but with a sprinkling of shrill clarinets and oboes to enliven the rhythm and add some inharmonic touches.

The floats, although on the theme of "Spring Enchantment," gave a strange impression. The melancholy coachmen, in off white overalls and yellow cow-hats, were apprehensive lest the horses should take fright, while the bashful maidens, who should have been daintily doing battle with flowers, hurled threats and insults at the people who plucked blooms from the carts as they rumbled by. Ninety-per-cent. of the flowers were carnations, thinly stuck into thickets of box foliage like pins into a pin-cushion. One float, indeed, was covered with fine red roses but the driver manoeuvred the cart in such a manner that the crowd could not touch any of his precious cargo—only clutch from afar.

The "Battle" was a pathetic parody of what it should have been. Every ten yards or so one of the girls in a float would toss out a bloom on to the howling, clutching mob. The flower was usually a "tired" carnation or a wilting marigold.

The entertainment of the afternoon was provided by the Battle of the Authorities and the Lawless : the latter plucking out the blooms and the former trying to prevent them. The leading spirit of the Authorities was a dark little man in a thick black greatcoat, tinted spectacles and a black homburg, and carrying a thick stick. Wherever he saw a spectator misbehaving he would rush over to request him or her to leave at once if they could not control themselves. A strident "*Il ne faut pas arracher les fleurs*" was his constant war-cry and whenever they saw him coming the English put their growing bouquets behind their backs with the traditional apprehension of a "scene." He failed to appreciate the joke when someone in the crowd put a carnation in the dent of his homburg.

When the schoolchildren came in towards the end of the afternoon all the near sides of the carriages had been denuded of flowers, presenting a smooth green surface of box leaves. The maidens had given up being charming long ago and now snarled forth from battered retreats.

The same floats were still going round the rectangle of promenade when we left, feeling that our time might be better spent wandering through the groves of lemon and olive on the Italian side of the border.

G.K.

ALONE, MEN SIT IN PEACEFUL GARDENS . . .

Alone, men sit in peaceful gardens,
Lulled by the scent of tender flowers,
Far from the towns in lonely villages ;
And aged women tend the weeping
Graves of war-lost sons ; and cross the fields
To Sunday churches, with loving hearts.

This splendid love of sweet, young flowers
Is real joy in green-spread villages ;
Alone, near nature comes the sound of weeping
From true souls across the sleeping fields ;
And only God, knowing innermost hearts,
Can grant the saddened dreams of secret gardens.

Travelling with the Sun towards these villages,
One can feel the moist breath of the wind, weeping
A silent prayer. The still, awestruck fields
Blossom out with fresh, new beauty, and warm the hearts
Of dreamers, as the light paints pictures of their gardens
With the patterns of the bird-songs and the flowers.

A.J.M.

A MEDIAEVAL EXCURSION

On Friday, June 14th, thirty-four boys and four masters, led by the Chaplain, left school shortly after 8-0 a.m. en route for Oxford and Winchester. A pleasant journey through Stratford and Woodstock brought us to Oxford at 10-30 a.m. The Dean of Christ Church, Dr. John Lowe, conducted us round his College Chapel, which is also the smallest Cathedral in the country.

Passing through Christ Church we came to Corpus Christi College. There, the Chaplain, the Rev. C. F. Evans (O.E.) showed us the College Hall, the Chapel, Library and the College plate. The last college we visited was New College. Here Mr. Hall emerged from behind a buttress and expatiated on the beauties of the Chapel.

At 12-30 p.m. the coach set out for Winchester, which was reached at 3-0 p.m. An hour was spent walking through the glorious mediaeval Cathedral—the longest nave in Europe, under the guidance of Col. Lutyens, one of the Vergers. After a very modern high tea in an 'olde worlde' restaurant, the party made its way along a delightful riverside pathway to Winchester College.

Mr. T. E. B. Howarth, now Second Master at Winchester, met us and in the short time available showed us some of the more ancient parts of the school—the original court, the magnificent chapel, the Library in the converted brewery, the unique Chantry within a cloister and also a modern addition, the pleasantly well-proportioned war memorial cloister. Then, surrounded by cider-bottles we began the return journey, arriving back in Birmingham at 10-30 p.m.

To the Chaplain, Mr. Hurn and Mr. Bolton, who made all the preliminary arrangements, we are most grateful for a highly entertaining trip.

R.H.H.

“ A DREAM OF NEW ORLEANS ”

An Extract

True Music ! Not a churdling, heaving shape
Of snarling post-horn duelling with pert fife,
Urged on by jungle drum in ceaseless strife,
A brute unsummoned from a sea-cave's gape.
A mystery of violins ? Not so !
The sweep of hair on fibre torn from flesh
Will multiply and breed a sounding mesh
Whose strangling echoes yet unhampered grow,
Perpetual as the gambler's final throw.

Like the sight of clouds across a void,
Like a tempest, proud, unconquered, wild.
Somehow the beauty of this solemn sound
Is free from wiser men's improving hand ;

This natural beauty's source is in the ground,
Whence springs the lilac, buttercup and rose ;
The earthly stench of newly turned-up land,
Unpleasant in itself, but from it grows
A fragrance that is delicate, yet grand.
Thus the sweaty negroes from their salty lair
Tell their troubles to the sympathetic air . . .

I woke, and with a shudder fell
Back to artificial Hell.

I.D.M.M.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of the CHRONICLE.

SIR,

It was with astonishment and disgust that I encountered, in the last issue of the CHRONICLE a letter, signed by certain members of the school, which expressed the hope that a Jazz Society might be formed. This society has asserted itself, and I trust, sir, that you will give the opinions of the "reactionary" party due consideration.

I refute all claims of jazz to the title of "music." This rejection, I hasten to add, does not spring merely from personal prejudice. I am not simply a narrow-minded classicist, who rejects both the Hindu Raga and the Vaughan-Williams symphony. Nor do I deny that the ritual element has an essential place in music. But when that element is degraded and urbanized only meaningless rubbish can result. In the "Histoire du Soldat" Igor Stravinsky laid bare all the paltry technique of New Orleans Jazz, and indeed made all other jazz superfluous. It was in his own sublime "Symphony of Psalms," one of the finest pieces of choral music ever written, that this ritual element, which underlies Stravinsky's work, was expressed as no-one else has expressed it, and resulted in great musical art.

We must refuse jazz a place in music, even a "minor" place. When modern music has recovered from its present state of confusion jazz will have disappeared entirely. Fortunately, it cannot survive much longer, but it is against the interests of music to form a society for the appreciation (sic) of this cacophony.

In the hope that this protest will not be treated as a bigoted piece of nonsense, but as a genuine attack on what can only disgrace the good name of this school,

I remain,

Yours, etc.,

E. K. TURNER.

TEASE

When referring to clocks we all must agree

$$\text{That } T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{1}{g}}.$$

For mathematicians there's the general case, when

$$T \text{ simply} = \frac{2\pi}{N}.$$

With uniform speed it is easy to see

$$\text{That } T \text{ (when in seconds) is } \frac{S}{V}.$$

All this, you may say, is one big enigma,

$$\text{But } T^4 = \frac{E}{\sigma}.$$

Under stress you might find other values as well

$$\text{For } T \text{ also} = \frac{\lambda X}{L}.$$

Give in, I advise, with no more ado

$$\text{Since } T = \frac{r h p g}{2},$$

And scientists whether from near or afar

$$\text{Will all say that } T \text{ is } \frac{P V}{R}.$$

The proofs are a fiddle but couldn't be neater

And T is a twist when it $= K\theta$.

With all this behind us small wonder

That we

Have become, as a nation, great

Drinkers of T .

B.H.S.

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King Edward's School Club

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR APRIL 1st, 1956, to MARCH 31st, 1957.

INCOME

	£	s.	d.
To Governors' Grant	200	0	0
„ Levett Trust	10	10	0
„ Heath Testimonial Fund	10	17	0
„ Mayo Trust	13	14	8
„ Old Boys' Permanent Contributory Fund	7	13	8
„ Soloman Memorial Trust	1	19	10
„ Honorary Members' Subscriptions	67	6	6
„ Boys' Subscriptions	683	10	0
„ Grant from School Stock	505	0	0
	<u>£1500</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>

(Signed) J. C. ROBERTS, *Hon. Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,

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Receipts for year ending March 31st, 1957 .. 1500 11 8

Balance brought forward, April 1st, 1956 .. 4 0 10

Expenditure for year ending March 31st, 1957 1503 11 4½

Balance carried forward, April 1st, 1957 £1 1 1½

EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
By Football	256	6	11
„ Cricket	491	2	5
„ Athletics	31	2	11
„ Swimming	52	14	9
„ Fives	162	16	10
„ Tennis	73	14	11
„ Squash Rackets	8	15	6
„ Rowing	5	0	0
„ Fencing	2	4	0
„ Chess	51	19	11
„ CHRONICLE	262	1	6
„ Printing and Stationery	73	14	9
„ Postage and Telephone	11	17	1½
„ Music Society	5	15	0
„ Archaeological Society	3	0	0
„ Scientific Society	0	9	6
„ Civic Society	2	9	6
„ Modern Language Society	0	14	8
„ Geographical Society	2	12	10
„ R. and M. Engineering Society	0	3	4
„ Debating Society	3	9	0
„ Natural History Society	1	7	0
„ Bank Charges	0	5	0

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

Those members who do not wish to avail themselves of the advantages of the Club rooms can become Honorary members of the Association, a class of membership which carries with it the right to wear Old Edwardians' colours and to receive, twice a year, the Old Edwardians' Gazette with news of the School and of Old Edwardians, but does not entitle the member to the use of the club rooms.

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

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

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

	£	s.	d.
TOWN MEMBERS (full) residing or having a place of business			
within 15 miles of the Club Rooms	7	7	0
Town Members (full) under age 21	2	2	0
Town Members (full) under age 25	4	4	0
COUNTRY MEMBERS	2	2	0
UNIVERSITY MEMBERS , attending as students any university			
outside Birmingham	1	0	0
HONORARY MEMBERS not less than	0	10	0
(Commutable in a sum of £10 10s. 0d.)			

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

