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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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THE XV, 1959-60

Back Row (left to right): W. A. AUCOTT, R. J. MARSTON, J. G. EVANS, R. C. D. GREENHALL, G. J. GREGG (1959-60), M. S. JONES, C. W. HUGHES, K. J. BLOOMFIELD, A. B. LOACH.

Front Row (left to right): J. C. MASON (1959-60), P. P. FORD (1959-60), G. E. STOLLARD (*Vice-Captain*) (1959-60), W. E. ODDIE (*Captain*) (1958-9-60), J. H. SHULE (*Secretary*) (1959-60), D. R. ELLISON (1959-60), R. F. WATERHOUSE (1959-60).

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EDITORIAL

Each year we acknowledge, in the CHRONICLE, the receipt of the publications of "our contemporaries," magazines of schools from all over the British Isles. A pity it is that most of these never leave the somewhat secluded halls of the privileged and that even there they are not widely read. What occasional perusal does take place is invariably conducted in a mood of cynical amusement directed at those original poetic contributions generally included, it seems, as the Editor's timid concession to intellect, and quietly inserted on a page formidably defended by files of sporting statistics through which few readers would dare to trespass.

Inevitably, a magazine must largely comprise a chronicle of school events and records, sporting and intellectual achievements, yet, in addition, it can also be a vehicle for interest and amusement. One cannot but reflect, after reading a diversity of publications, that many of the articles must be of interest only to a very restricted minority. Those who derive most satisfaction from reading such a magazine are those who write the articles or those who are mentioned in them—they see their work published or their names in print. Few read with enthusiasm the reports of any other houses but their own, the records of any other team save that in which they play. True to its name, a "Chronicle" of records there must be; yet should there not also be some obligation towards the more general reader. It is a rare and valuable publication which stimulates both the initiated reader, involved in the particular affairs of the school, and the outsider seeking pure entertainment. There is a point at which a school magazine can lose its essential character and become a kind of poor man's *Readers' Digest*, and we would, at all costs, avoid excessive concern with the amusement value of our edition. Nevertheless, there is scope for imagination and originality.

The average public school magazine is a little too conscious of its own stilted respectability which sees merit in innocuous fact and record, and views with timidity and apprehension the tortuous expression of spontaneity essential to inspired comment. There is something of the unashamed perspicacity of a child in the approach of the artist towards his subject: a seemingly illogical reaction is noted and explored. We may all have "visionary moments" if only we have the courage to recognise them. How many of us have essayed the personal expression of poetry, have noted the odd philosophical notion which, at the time, pleased us; and how many of us would display such verses or such thought to any but the closest friends, and perhaps not even them? It is a lamentable fact, apparent not only in the schools but in society in general, that natural expression, unbound by the conventionality of reason, is regarded with acute embarrassment. The work of the poet or essayist is deemed naive

or unrealistic unless it be painfully progressive, in terms of cynical disillusionment, sexual reality, or scientific adulation. Such moods are ill expressed in schoolish type and hence my plea. The world is full of embarrassing naiveties—and so is every mind—and from them spring true witticisms, valuable comments, and rare amusement. Spontaneity is a universal gift and, judiciously employed and expressed, it is a valuable one, the gift on which the inspiration that is art is nurtured. Civilization, the power of thought, is not the power of calculation.

Let us have moderation in all things: we will have our records, our statistics, our reports—the essentials of life—but let us also think, and express, ponder and philosophise—for surely this is the true warmth of living.

NOTES AND NEWS

SCHOOL DIARY

The Michaelmas Term began on Thursday, 17th September and ended on Thursday, 17th December. Half-term was taken from Friday, 30th October, until Monday, 2nd November.

The General Committee of the School Club met on 22nd September to approve the election of officers and committees for the coming year. The Anagnostics were offered a year's trial before possible affiliation and the Jazz Circle was officially lapsed.

The first Corporate Communion of the term was celebrated in the Chapel on Tuesday, 29th September.

The traditional activities of Field Day passed on 3rd October.

Founder's Day Prize-giving was held on Saturday, 10th October, when the Bailiff, Alderman J. R. Balmer, J.P., presented the prizes. We were honoured by the presence of the Lord Mayor.

On Saturday, 7th November, the XV lost to Bromsgrove at Eastern Road by 17 points to 11. Bromsgrove thus regained the Siviter-Smith Cup after it had remained in our possession for eight years.

The C.C.F. Church Parade took place on Sunday, 15th November, at Edgbaston Old Church.

The Chapel Choir gave its Christmas Recital at 1.5 p.m. on December 9th.

Carol Services were held on the evenings of 14th and 15th December.

The first part of the House Music Competition was conducted on Wednesday, 16th December. Mr. Douglas Guest, M.A., Mus.B., kindly judged a variety of instrumental ensembles.

The Prefects' Ball, a triumph as ever, was held on Tuesday, 5th January.

The Lent Term began on Thursday, 14th January, and the first Communion was held on Tuesday, 19th January.

The Foundation Service took place at 11.15 a.m. on Thursday, 28th January, at St. Martin's.

On the evenings of 4th, 5th and 6th February the Dramatic Society gave performances of that established classic, "The Strong are Lonely."

GOVERNORS' NEWS

The Bailiff of the Governors this year is Alderman J. R. Balmer. Alderman E. E. Mole is Deputy Bailiff and Bailiff-elect for 1960. Alderman Mole is an Old Boy of King Edward VI School, Camp Hill.

In succession to the late Professor Maskell, Cambridge University has appointed as its representative Professor J. R. Squire, Leith Professor of Experimental Pathology and a member of the Medical Research Society.

OLD EDWARDIAN NEWS

F. W. Mottershead (1930) has been promoted to Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Defence.

A. S. Halford (1933), formerly Deputy Secretary-General to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, is now Political President in the Persian Gulf and has been made C.M.G.

O.E. PUBLICATIONS

Prof. C. Woodcock has produced "A New Latin Syntax."

R. D. Williams has produced an edition of *Vergil Aeneid V* in the Oxford Classical series.

Both are works of scholarship for advanced students and succeed admirably in their purpose.

COMMON ROOM

We congratulate the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Symes, on the birth of a daughter on November 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. Cotter, on the birth of a daughter on January 19th.

Mr. Robbins, on his re-joining the England Rugby team.

Mr. Mathews, lately O.C. C.C.F. on the award of the Territorial Decoration.

PREFECTS' ROOM

J. C. FIELD has been appointed Captain of the School.

M. S. JONES has been appointed Vice-Captain of the School.

The following gentlemen have been appointed Prefects:

P. M. CAIRNS (*Jeune*).

S. J. DUNN: Sub-editor of the *CHRONICLE*; House Captain (*Gifford*).

R. B. ELLIS: House Captain (*Levett*).

G. J. GREGG: Secretary of Athletics (*Evans*).

C. W. HUGHES: Athletics Captain; Warranted A.S.M. in Scouts; House Captain (*Jeune*).

P. W. JOHNSON: House Captain (*Prince Lee*).

M. J. LAMPING: Chess Captain (*Cary Gilson*).

D. J. MUNROW: Secretary of Musical Society; House Captain (*Evans*).

A. H. PAPPS: Gymnastics Captain; Secretary of Christian Guild ; Secretary of Film Society; C.S.M. in C.C.F. (*Levett*).

W. J. PARTRIDGE: School Recorder; Secretary of Scientific Society (*Cary Gilson*).

R. G. SIMPSON: Sub-treasurer of School Club; Secretary of Fives (*Cary Gilson*).

G. E. STOLLARD: Fencing Captain; Rugby Football Vice-Captain; Under Officer in C.C.F.; House Captain (*Cary Gilson*).

R. F. WATERHOUSE (*Jeune*).

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

P. M. CAIRNS (1952-60); Prefect, 1959-60; Senior Dramatic Society, 1956-7-8-9, 1960 (*Jeune*).

W. E. ODDIE (1954-60): Prefect, 1959-60; Captain of Rugby Football; Rugby Football Colours, 1958-9-60; School XXX Colours, 1957-8; Editor of the CHRONICLE; Scrivener of the Shakespeare Society; Secretary of the Natural History Society; Sergeant in the C.C.F.; Head of the House; Exhibitioner in English at Pembroke College, Cambridge (*Heath*).

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following elections have been made:

AT OXFORD:

D. R. Baird to a Nuffield Scholarship in Medicine at Pembroke College.

D. H. Bullock to an Open Scholarship in Modern Languages at Worcester College.

D. A. Duddell to an Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Pembroke College.

AT CAMBRIDGE:

D. H. Fremlin to a Major Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Trinity College.

R. A. Cochrane to a Major Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Queens' College.

D. A. Evans to a Minor Scholarship in History at Pembroke College.

G. J. Turner to a Minor Scholarship in Modern Languages at Christ's College.

M. S. Silk to an Exhibition in Classics at St. John's College.

D. G. Hemming to an Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Magdalene College.

P. W. Johnson to an Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Corpus Christi.

W. J. Partridge to an Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Gonville and Caius.

R. E. Jacques to an Exhibition in Modern Languages at Gonville and Caius.

A. Mills to an Exhibition in History, to read Law, at Trinity Hall.

COLOURS

We congratulate:

G. E. Stollard, J. H. Siegle, D. R. Ellison, P. P. Ford, G. J. Gregg, J. C. Mason and R. F. Waterhouse on the award of School Rugby Football Colours.

K. J. Bloomfield and C. W. Hughes on the re-award of XXX Colours.
W. A. Aucott, J. G. Evans, R. C. D. Greenhall, M. S. Jones, R. J. Marston and A. B. Loach on the award of XXX Colours.

M. S. Jones and R. A. Walters on the award of School Cricket Colours. J. E. T. Harper on the re-award of School Cricket Blazer. H. J. Ferns, M. J. Lamping, P. B. M. Mathews, J. G. Evans and M. S. Tracey on the award of School Cricket Blazers.

R. F. L. Wilkins and R. A. Green on the re-award of XXII Colours. R. G. Simpson, P. Hackett, M. G. Smith, D. A. Whitehouse, J. S. Thane, D. R. Holby and A. R. Packham on the award of XXII Colours.

B. H. Shaw on the award of School Eton Fives Colours.

D. R. Ellison on the re-award of School Swimming Colours.

A. B. Loach and B. J. Hambridge on the award of School Swimming Colours.

A. S. Brode on the re-award of School Tennis Colours.

R. W. Butler on the award of School Shooting Colours.

THE CARTLAND CLUB

This year's elite has so far done little of note. We have been better behaved than our predecessors, but have at the same time displayed less initiative. Biscuits have, however, been paid for, and this term we have had milk in our tea. Our thanks are due to the donors of a milk-jug and an ample supply of crockery. Lately a series of interesting scientific experiments has been conducted to determine the behaviour of the Laws of Chance on a pack of playing cards.

M. S. S.

CHAPEL NOTES

There has been a fortnightly celebration of Holy Communion throughout the Summer and Michaelmas Terms. On June 9th we were very glad to have the Rev. L. Whitcombe of the Oxford Mission to Calcutta, assisting at the Holy Communion. Father Whitcombe is an Old Edwardian, having been Captain of the School in 1904. On June 23rd and November 10th we were privileged to have the Bishop of Aston as our celebrant. We greatly value what are now terminal visits from him.

Evensong and Evening Prayers have been alternately held on Friday evenings, the former much better attended than the latter. The Chaplain has given two series of addresses, on "What do we mean by God?" in the Summer Term, and on "Difficulties of the Christian Life" in the Michaelmas Term.

Matins is still being said every Wednesday morning at 8.45, though this fact seems to escape the School's attention. At this service it is hoped that those who may feel a call to the Ministry will make a point of meeting regularly.

G. J. T.

THE SCHOOL WEATHER STATION

If 1958 was a rather dull year (for meteorologists), then 1959 played the rôle of a "reviver" for the School's eleven observers, especially for those who are always wishing for records to be broken.

1959 proved to be the warmest year on record at K.E.S. Weather Station, the temperature exceeding 60 deg. F. in nine months. Every month, except January, was warmer than the average, and July, with a mean temperature of 64.5 deg. F., was the warmest month since August, 1947. The heat of summer continued well into the autumn, and October had a mean temperature of 55 deg. F.—over 6 deg. F. above normal.

The total rainfall in 1959 was almost one inch above normal, but, while up to October 10th only $14\frac{1}{2}$ inches of rain had fallen, over 13 inches fell in the next $2\frac{1}{2}$ months. September, with only 0.13 inches of rain, was the driest month since August, 1947, when no rain fell. Last year had snow on only eight days—all of them in January, and this is the least number of days with snow in a year since records began here—the average is 25.

But perhaps the most memorable event of 1959 occurred in November, when, in one night, the barograph dropped by 1.5in. to 28.03in.—the lowest that it has ever been. Indeed, if pressure had fallen still more, the pen would have struck the barograph's floor.

As usual, the year ended with high temperatures, strong winds and periods of rain.

R. LEDGER
(*Senior School Meteorologist*)

SCHOOL NOTES

In July Miss Minshull completed thirty years' service to the School and, although she received official thanks at Speech Day, we would here like to record the gratitude of Edwardians past and present for all her work. Many will remember the aid she has so willingly given, discussing problems or dressing injuries. She has been with the School through difficulties—including the hardest of all, the war years—and we hope that she will remain to help us through many more years to come for it would be difficult to imagine life at King Edward's without her.

It was most pleasing to see G. R. Bellamy amongst the prize winners at the Sovereign's Parade at Sandhurst, when D. G. Harrison also passed out.

Edwardians have become an export commodity: M. D. Radford is teaching in Rhodesia, T. P. Lee in India, and H. E. Greenway is at McGill University, Montreal.

Polemics rage in sporting circles: the Summer Term ended in an orgy of stone-picking and carrying; the ground at Streetsbrook Road is now in use, and we wish all Old Edwardians present and future much success there; fewer Senior boys than usual appeared in support at the Bromsgrove match, and the Shird was bribed by the opposition. We congratulate Mr. Robbins on his return to the England team and trust that P. B. Jackson will soon be back in favour.

The soccer boys of the Fourth played the rugger chaps of the Sixth—at soccer—and lost ten-nil, which we are sure proves something.

OBITUARY

It is with regret that we note from the *Old Edwardians' Gazette* and the Press the death of the following Old Edwardians:

A. S. Astbury, Esq.

F. L. Buttler, Esq.

S. Cartmell Wright, Esq.

Dr. H. Donovan.

M. F. K. Fraser, Esq.

Canon J. H. Jordan.

T. McDonald, Esq.

Canon W. W. Partridge.

R.C.L'E BURGES

Dr. Burges must have been to Old Edwardians generally one of the best known of Old Edwardians. Known in his own right as a considerable figure in his own generation, he used his appointment as School Doctor for almost two decades positively and imaginatively to know, and become known by, most of the members of the School. His appointment coincided with the return from Repton and the entry into the new buildings. Retaining always a tremendous admiration for Cary Gilson under whom he had been as a boy, he has guided three post-War Chief Masters towards the transplanting to Edgbaston of the greatness of New Street. He was immensely loyal to the School, very keen on its games, fearlessly outspoken in his comment and advice. Shortly after my appointment I came from Liverpool to watch the Siviter-Smith match and there first met "Dick" Burges: I can still recall my surprise at a School Doctor who was so very much "in" with the School, so knowledgeable about it and so obviously on terms of close and easy friendship with its masters. I wondered then whether in my turn I should ever be given the same friendship as my predecessor already enjoyed I was—and most generously: we all were.

R. G. L.

J. F. GREGG, who died at a tragically early age on January 23rd, was an Old Edwardian of whom we were particularly proud and fond. He was at School with a number of our present O.E. Masters; he was—so far as we can discover—the first Old Edwardian to become Town Clerk of Birmingham, for it is indeed rare for a person to become Town Clerk of his native city. Gregg was a graduate, both Bachelor and Master of Laws, of Birmingham University, and winner of the Birmingham Law Society's Gold Medal. On the day before he died he had been among old friends, attending the funeral of the widow of Alderman Grey under whom he had served his Articles. In his career in Local Government

administration he served at Nuneaton, Huddersfield, York and Bourne-mouth, before returning to Birmingham as Deputy Town Clerk in 1946. Three years later he became Town Clerk, and this year he had been elected President of the Society of Town Clerks.

He was a frequent visitor to the School, and earned our particular gratitude for the large part he had in the arrangement of the Royal Visit in 1955. With the Chief Master he was a member of the Eric W. Vincent Trust through which many kindnesses are done in Birmingham and beyond. We offer our special sympathy to his widow and family, his eldest son being already in the School; and we hope to see the younger brothers following in his footsteps.

K. M. JONES died as a result of injuries received when knocked down by a car during his National Service in the R.A.F. in December.

It was tragic news to hear of the fatal accident to Keith Jones which occurred while he was returning to duty from leave. Keith was a well-liked member of the History Sixth. During his Sixth Form career he was winner of a Howard Vyse Travel Bursary. He made a particularly mature and worth while contribution to the life at K.E.S. He was a founder-member of the Rowing Club and a very helpful assistant librarian. He was keen on the R.A.F. Section of the C.C.F. in which he was a Corporal and it was in the R.A.F. that he was doing his National Service. On leaving school he entered Lloyds Bank where he had already won for himself a place in the regard of his seniors. We offer our respectful sympathy to his parents and family.

A. W. SIDMONS died on 10th November, 1959, aged 83. He left King Edward's in 1895, being a pupil of Rawdon Levett, whom he always deeply admired. He won an open mathematical scholarship to Jesus College, Cambridge, where he was later a Fellow. He was fifth Wrangler in the mathematical tripos of 1898, and soon after became a master at Harrow, where he taught for 37 years, latterly as senior mathematics master.

He was distinguished as a great reformer of mathematical teaching, especially in geometry. He was President of the Mathematical Association in 1935. He was also the author of many noted and widely used text books. His collaborator in most of these was C. Godfrey (fourth Wrangler), another O.E., who was School Captain in 1891.

OLD EDWARDIAN LETTER

To the Editor of the CHRONICLE.

SIR,

Most of our activities over the last few months have been devoted to the new Old Edwardians' Sports Ground at Streetsbrook Road—to getting ready for the formal opening on Saturday, October 24th, and to getting over it. Here was the climax of a great venture, boldly conceived and admirably executed. We—and you—now have as a permanent possession one of the finest grounds any Old Boy organisation can boast. Because we started late to look for a ground, it has cost us a lot. It is worth every penny spent.

It was pleasant to see a number of you at the opening. What, I wonder, did you think of it all ? I pass on one casual reflection that crossed my mind as I watched two very junior Edwardians presenting bouquets elegantly and with distinction. In not so many years, it occurred to me, one or other of those two might well be captaining an Old Edwardians' First XV ! If not one of them, most certainly one of their contemporaries.

This ground, it cannot be insisted too strongly, is yours as well as ours; and your successors' after you, as in due time they become Old Edwardians. It results from the planning and work and giving of Old Boys of all ages—from the seventies and eighties to men but newly come from the School. Footballers and cricketers, of course, have done a lot. But so have many who never were any good with any sort of ball. Why ? Well, I suppose mainly because these sponsors believed games are as good a means as has yet been discovered of maintaining continuity of spirit between past and present members of a School, as well as among the many generations of past members. How different the relation between the School and its Old Boys would be to-day if, eighty years ago, a handful of football enthusiasts had not formed the O.E.F.C.

The ground is there. All we ask is that you should use it. Like the men of the past, you will play sometimes well—and sometimes not so well. If in due season every O.E. leaving the School feels that, whether he is cricketer or footballer, the Old Boy sides have first claim on him, then the successful seasons will far outnumber the unsuccessful—of which, also, the present happens to be one.

We have had one disappointment in the past year. Alan Bramley, after playing regularly for the Oxford XV all through the season, lost his place through illness three weeks before the Varsity match and could not get it back. It is some compensation, however, that A. C. Smith, in the winter between two summers of captaining the Oxford XI, slipped in a Soccer Blue. He is not the first O.E. to get a Soccer Blue—Bisseker did it early in the century, and H. G. Bache, commemorated by the "Bache Cup," just before World War I. Smith's achievement, though, must be unique for any man from any school.

It was sad to see Bromsgrove beat us at last—after eight years, is it ? Next year's fifteen must wipe this out. It must have been a trying season for you—three weeks when hard grounds made real team-building impossible—and then hard matches straightaway. It was reassuring to notice how, as the season went on, the Fifteen improved.

Every good wish, now, for the Eleven, and all your summer activities.
O. E.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

The Tudor Club this year consists of some 73 potential members, one of whom is our Treasurer, N. G. McGowan (*Caius*). Next term he will be imploring each of the 73 to pay a small sum for the Club Card on which the name of every O.E. resident in Cambridge is printed. Each card purchased will then find its place among the large collection of similar club cards to be seen on any Cambridge mantelpiece. How often

one is asked by one's guests, "What on earth is the Tudor Club?" or even more embarrassingly, "What does the Tudor Club do?" The answers to these questions are so short that the following news items are necessary to make our letter respectably long.

D. K. Bray (*Clare*) sings heartily in his College Chapel to supplement his National Coal Board Scholarship. It looks as though he will have all the qualifications for being a good Welsh colliery manager. Further evidence of Edwardian musical ability is that five college chapels sing to the accompaniment of O.E. organists.

The Tyrer twins are confusing *Caius* by reading the same subject and living on the same staircase. What is worse, they play football with a curious spherical object.

Our trinity from *Trinity* has dwindled to two; D. G. Pearson, who is beginning to think that he has made a mistake by joining the University Conservative Association, and E. K. Turner, who eats college meals only when he has to, and is concerned by the relations between the Eastern orthodox and Western Churches.

J. C. Kelly (*Trinity Hall*) is using his engineering talent and some wood to construct a coffee table for his guests to rest their feet and coffee cups on. He gets up early (in the morning) so that he has time to feed the ducks on his way to lectures.

J. B. Huskins (*Trinity Hall*) is doing a lot of work and rumours are spreading that he is taking in homework and will write scientific essays for a small fee which are suitable for supervisions. J. H. Wilson (*Trinity Hall*) is now so broad across the shoulders that there is really room for only two in the front row of the Hall scrum. Fellow rugby player B. C. Gane (*Corpus*) is occasionally seen at 4 p.m. in King's Parade displaying his muddy knees.

So much we dare record. We look forward to seeing the next generation of O.E.'s in Cambridge and send those now competing for places our very best wishes.

CANTABRIGIENSIS.

MANCHESTER LETTER

SIR,

At last an Editor of the CHRONICLE has once again dared to venture from the orthodoxy of an Oxford or Cambridge letter, and has looked to Manchester; a mecca of cotton-shirts, phoney phonetics, hot-pots and Edwardians.

The colony, as it were, numbers nearly twenty at the present time, and we understand that if this figure is reached we are entitled to hold an official Manchester Old Edwardians' Dinner. The Victoria University of Manchester was once all too often shunned by school-leavers, who had visions of drizzle, fog and smoke of the barbaric North. This, we are glad to say, has been realised to be a false impression, and it is certain that the City and University of Manchester have attractions very comparable to those of the Ancient Universities. The University itself is the most thriving of the Provincial Universities both academically and in the sporting world, and to Edwardians there should be the added attraction of finding other Old Edwardians flourishing here.

Perhaps G. E. Phillips (*St. Anselm's*) has distinguished himself the most to date, by representing the University at cricket and becoming the Captain of Fives. D. Blackwell (*Hulme*) shoots for the University and is the only one taking Finals this year. We are hoping there is no connection between the two. J. E. Moseley (*Dalton*) has also been seen carrying a rifle down Oxford Road. P. Davies (*Hulme*) plays rugger for the Freshers when his nose isn't bleeding, while R. J. K. Beaumont has represented the University at this sport on one or two occasions. N. V. A. Hobbs (*Hulme*) wears a green sweater and has learnt that you must pot a red one before a coloured one. He also plays chess for the University. R. Bagnall (*Hulme*) has had a haircut and is also becoming an expert on "the green table." He plays his trumpet "real cool man." We believe that D. A. Millard (*Montgomery Hall*) has passed some examinations, while L. P. Walker (*Woolton*) successfully walked into a motor-cycle. Walker is still serviceable and is now playing rugger again. We are not sure about the motor-cycle. B. H. S. Smith (*Needham*) plays squash, and goes to expensive dances. R. F. L. Wilkins (*Hulme*) collects beer mats and condemns Newton for inventing "The Calculus."

Such are the activities of Old Edwardians in the City of Manchester. We are undoubtedly flourishing. We hope that others will come and flourish with us.

VICTORIENSIS.

SPEECH DAY, 1959

The Sixth-form Speech Day took place on Saturday, July 18th, when Mr. Roy Jenkins, M.P. for Stechford, was a most distinguished and eloquent Guest of Honour. The Lord Mayor was unfortunately unable to attend. The Chief Master, with American conditions still very much in mind, deplored the high failure rate at English Universities and advocated a modification of courses to benefit a larger number of students.

After presenting the prizes, Mr. Jenkins gave a most brilliant and entertaining address. He declared his intention to speak primarily to the boys, and then poignantly justified hard work on the grounds that, from a purely personal point of view, it affords intellectual satisfaction and makes life more enjoyable. With a diverting anecdote, he illustrated the folly of losing contact with the common people and warned against the often disastrous seclusion specialization can bring. He concluded on a most optimistic note by refuting the disturbing notion that schooldays are the happiest days of one's life.

FOUNDER'S DAY, 1959

The commemoration of the Founder's Birthday was observed on Saturday, 10th October. The guests were heralded into Big School by Organ music played by the Director of Music.

In reply to the Chief Master's welcome, the Lord Mayor, Alderman J. H. Lewis, O.B.E., J.P., reminded the assembly that King Edward's, despite its geographical location, was scholastically at the very heart of Birmingham.

The Chief Master began by regretting the shortage of teachers. Teaching, once studied, could be an immensely satisfying occupation, but too many men were not prepared to disregard the distractions to be met *en route*. He rather regretted the passing of the keen sense of duty and obligation which National Service had represented; selfishness and self-advancement was becoming all too prevalent. He declared that our scholastic achievements were again excellent but suggested a general course of study for the average boy; specialization is the province of outstanding talent. Finally he urged that potential should be utilised "not where it is comfortable, but where it is needed."

Having presented the prizes, the Bailiff, Alderman J. R. Balmer, J.P., spoke of loyalty, to country, city and school, and hoped that more boys would become teachers.

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

We are most deeply grateful to a growing number of parents who take the very practical and helpful way of showing their appreciation of King Edward's munificence by making gifts and covenanted subscriptions to King Edward's School Fund, enabling us all the time to enlarge the amenities and widen the opportunities here. Thanks, too, to a number of leavers for books presented to the School Library, to Mr. Harold Davis, O.E., for a copy of Mrs. H. W. Chapman's life of the Founder, "The Last Tudor King," an admirable and exciting reappraisal of the Boy King, and to Professor E. C. Woodcock, O.E., for an author's copy of his *New Latin Syntax*.

Among other interesting and imaginative presents we would like to name with gratitude the following:

From Sir Donald Finnemore, a reproduction of the portrait of the Founder as a child, which hangs in the National Gallery, Washington;
From a former School Captain, a stop watch;
From a parent, a gift of records of a Shakespeare play;
From two leavers, trees for the beautification of the new South field;
From a founder member of the Anagnostics, 15 volumes of *Plautus* plays in the Loeb edition for the delectation of his successors and as a nucleus of the Anagnostics' treasury.

Then, in this 60th anniversary of the appointment of Mr. R. Cary Gilson, his widow and family have given and endowed a new prize in his memory: it is their desire to encourage that versatility for which Mr. Cary Gilson was well known, and his view that the use of the hands increases the efficiency of the brain. The Cary Gilson prize will be awarded for the first time on Speech Day, 1960.

FROM THE SCHOOL

"You've never had it so good!" "We can double our standard of living in the next twenty years!" With political war-cries like these ever ringing in our ears it is very easy for us to forget about those in the world who are underfed, ill, badly clothed and without a permanent home of

their own. Consequently, we are pleased to be able to record that, through the School last term, over £230 was sent to the various organisations listed below:

Of the term's Cot Fund collection of £90 5s., half was given to the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, and the other half to the Dodford Nursery Children's Holiday Farm.

For several days during the term the Birmingham and Midland Council for War on Want set up an exhibition in the Guild Hall. It presented vividly the situations and problems that the Council is fighting against; a collection taken later realised £35, and this was forwarded to the Council.

The collections at the Carol Services totalled £66 17s. 9d. Half of this, together with the collection from two Communion services (£37 1s. 9d. in all) was given to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, while the other half, with money obtained from the sale of School Christmas cards (£64 4s. in all) was given to the World Refugee Year Fund.

Finally, the Chapel Choir, on their annual carol-singing tour, collected a record sum of £8 12s., which has been sent to the "Christian Action" Defence and Aid Fund for their work in South Africa.

We should like to pass on the very grateful thanks of these organisations to members and friends of the School, and we hope that they will continue to support such endeavours.

SCHOOL TEAMS

FOOTBALL

The XV has had a most disappointing season. With several of last year's team returning there might have been cause for optimism. However, few players have really developed their potential and new talent has not been greatly forthcoming.

Although most of the forwards were capable of spasmodic brilliance, they rarely managed to concert their efforts as a pack. When they did succeed, they were strong, as Monmouth and Wrekin could testify.

A certain amount of individualism, coupled with innate talent, is generally apparent in a successful three-quarter line and our backs were not too generously blessed with either quality. The hard grounds and postponements were a setback, and "touch" rucker failed to disclose weaknesses usually discovered in the first two matches. However, once organized, the defence was adequate, but the will to score by enterprising running was too often lacking.

The fact that Wrekin had to score 12 points before arousing our wrath underlines the early failing of the side—a lack of natural ferocity perhaps. "Oftentimes defeat is splendid" but it can soon become very depressing. Fortunately the XV sports an air of almost alarming frivolity and depression seemed ever far away. The two comfortable victories at the end of the term were manna to a troubled soul.

Yet again the Second XV has had a poor season. Although the forwards generally played well, the backs seemed virtually incapable of tackling. S. J. Dunn has patiently captained the side. Murphy has served as loyal touch-judge.

The spirit of the Third XV is to be admired, and, although they have lost very narrowly, they played some adventurous and lively rugby.

The U.16 XV, although it contains some useful players, has had a most disappointing season. Most opposition sides soon realized the weaknesses and have exploited them, and too often the team has failed to remedy its faults.

The U.15 XV, after a disastrous trio of defeats, played much better in its last three games, although it has only won once. The defence is uncertain but there are several good runners in the backs.

The U.14 XV has had a good season, and the double fixtures against Warwick and Wrekin encouraged interest and team spirit.

The U.13 XV has scored one spectacular victory.

Mr. Parry remains the quiet genius he has always been; and, if only the XV will follow his spirit and encouragement, and realise what an inspiration he can be, then his work will gain the reward it deserves. Our gratitude goes to Mr. Robbins for his unfailing enthusiasm, especially at training sessions, and for the expert knowledge he provides; to Mr. Cotter who has supervised Circuits; and to Messrs. Webb, Hall, Hodges, Axford and Buttle for the organization of the other School teams.

We give our thanks for the encouragement and support of the Chief Master, and friends and parents; but, apart from a welcome body of loyal supporters, the rest of the School is disappointingly inactive in its interest.

W. E. ODDIE (*Captain of Football*).

THE XV v. BROMSGROVE

At Eastern Road. Lost 11 pts. to 17

The XV was defeated by 11 points to 17, our first defeat in this fixture for eight years. In a most exciting match, Bromsgrove deserved their triumph mainly by virtue of their tenacity in exploiting our mistakes. It was our failure to score in the first ten minutes, when we were very much on top, that cost us the match. After some scrappy line-out work, the Bromsgrove wing forward broke loose to score, and, soon after, Elwell, a stocky wing, added another try. At half-time we were behind 0-6, though many spectators thought otherwise, not realizing that a lofty penalty kick by Siegle had been flagged by only one of the linesmen.

The second half began disastrously, with our forwards losing much of their early strength, and Jones slicing a cross-kick into the ready hands of a Bromsgrove wing, who scored in the corner. A penalty brought the score to a seemingly impregnable 0-12. The XV, however, rallied superbly and Oddie broke clear to enable Siegle, following up well, to score beneath the posts; he converted his own try and a few minutes later added a penalty. Gaining confidence, the backs began to move with more purpose

and from a kick ahead Jones went over in the corner. The conversion failed, but the tension at this stage was heightened by the confusion over the first half penalty which a good many spectators had wrongly assumed was scored. In fact we were still one point in arrears. Just when the supreme effort was required, Bromsgrove demonstrated their determination by scoring beneath the posts, after some scrappy play. Seconds later, the Siviter-Smith Cup had been lost.

THE XV v. NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

At Eastern Road. Won 9 pts. to nil

It was obvious throughout this match that the School had the better side. Some rather slow heeling and missed chances made 0-0 at half-time a most unsatisfactory state of affairs. In fact, ten or fifteen points at this stage would not have flattered us.

Soon after the interval Oddie broke through their defence and, after kicking ahead, gathered the ball again to cut inside and score. Siegle was unlucky with the kick. Then, from a short penalty, Gregg charged through for another try and, after more good work by the forwards, a swift passing movement put Jones over in the corner. With more expert handling and a little more tenacity the score would have been much larger. Ford had a particularly fine game, covering well and showing excellent speed and anticipation in the loose.

CHARACTERS OF THE XV

W. E. ODDIE (1957-58-59-60)

An extremely elusive fly-half, whose acceleration and ability to take even the worst service and give in return a quick, accurate pass has often compensated for a slow heel. Behind the scrum he has nursed a back division lacking in experience and penetration, bringing his line up well in defence. His kicking has been of inestimable value, intelligently placed in attack, whilst often serving as a much needed relief when under pressure.

The captaincy this year has been a somewhat heavy burden to which he has measured up well, despite his height. Always cheerful, he has shown keenness both on and off the field, and has set a praiseworthy example for which he deserves greater success.

(Heath)
G. E. S.

G. E. STOLLARD (1958-9-60)

A strong and powerful second row forward who has a lively and informed interest in the game. Always works very hard in the loose and has an agreeably constructive urge. With some difficult characters to control, he has often rallied the pack very well by word and deed. As Vice-Captain he has been invaluable in tempering the more critical moods of his Captain.

(Captain of Cary Gilson)

J. H. SIEGLE (1958-9-60)

A centre who, in more skilful company, would no doubt have been able to develop his potential more. He has too often been offered the ball in difficult circumstances, but given room he can run most elusively with a delightful swerve. Despite a "boot-phobia" in mid-season, his place kicking has been an invaluable asset. Obviously a born Secretary: most efficient.
(Gifford)

P. P. FORD (1958-9-60)

Last year's scrum-half, who has filled the gap at wing forward and developed into perhaps the most competent player in the side. His covering is always good, but it is his attacking play in the loose that is really invaluable. Always with the ball, he is a most effective runner, dependent on skill rather than size.
(Captain of Evans)

D. R. ELLISON (1958-9-60)

A most enthusiastic second row with all the advantages of a comely physique. Convinced that he is the most ferocious player on the field. A very hard worker.
(Evans)

J. C. MASON (1958-9-60)

A fine natural ball player who does not always appear to distinguish one game from another. Without control at times, he has not really developed last year's potential. Can hold the ball in one hand, a player in the other, and sing at the same time. Performs at lock forward.
(Jeune)

R. F. WATERHOUSE (1958-9-60)

A most conscientious prop forward who, after an uncertain start, gained confidence and improved. Works well in the line out, and is fast in the loose.
(Captain of Jeune)

G. J. GREGG (1958-9-60)

A powerful and fast-moving wing-forward who can score simply by using such natural qualities. Not an artistic runner. His ferocity on the field is balanced by a disillusioned gloom off it.
(Evans)

C. W. HUGHES (1959-60)

A tall full-back who can run very fast. His catching and kicking tends to be variable, but he can play very well and always recovers from mistakes.
(Jeune)

W. A. AUCOTT (1959-60)

A young blonde with a substantial figure. Has played superbly at times and has perfected the Continental over-head kick. Sometimes loses his bearings. Prop forward.
(Heath)

K. J. BLOOMFIELD (1959-60)

A solidly built centre who runs hard with a powerful hand off. Unfortunately scorns dummies, side steps and other such deceitful devices.
(Captain of Prince Lee)

J. G. EVANS (1959-60)

A rather tall scrum-half who gives a very long and accurate pass. Sometimes tends to kick too much and is a little slow to the ball. Has found touch with admirable accuracy and length. (Heath)

R. C. D. GREENHALL (1959-60)

A young wing who tackles very well. Unfortunately he tends to cut into his man and has rarely broken away. (Levett)

M. S. JONES (1959-60)

Another tall player. His speed has been most valuable on the wing and he has developed a nice swerve. His defence has improved. Should run even more. (Prince Lee)

R. J. MARSTON (1959-60)

A very well built hooker who works well in the loose. Should be very strong next year. He is usually first to the ball and, moreover, knows what to do with it. (Gifford)

A. B. LOACH

A powerful character who has played at wing-forward and prop with great spirit. Claims to be a three-quarter. (Vardy)

The XV this term has been: C. W. Hughes; R. C. D. Greenhall, J. H. Siegle, K. J. Bloomfield, M. S. Jones; W. E. Oddie, J. G. Evans; R. F. Waterhouse, R. J. Marston, W. A. Aucott, D. R. Ellison, G. E. Stollard, G. J. Gregg, J. C. Mason, P. P. Ford.

Also played: A. B. Loach, W. J. Partridge, P. E. Stinton, D. A. Webb, R. A. Green, A. H. Papps, D. G. Hemming, T. D. Austin.

I. Harrold has acted loyally as touch-judge throughout the season.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

THE XV

| Date | Opponents | Played | Result | Score |
|---------|----------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| Oct. 17 | Denstone College .. | Home | Lost | 0 9 |
| Oct. 24 | Worksop College .. | Home | Lost | 3 27 |
| Oct. 27 | Monmouth .. | Away | Lost | 11 16 |
| Nov. 7 | Bromsgrove School .. | Home | Lost | 11 17 |
| Nov. 14 | Wrekin College .. | Away | Lost | 5 11 |
| Nov. 21 | Ratcliffe College .. | Away | Won | 10 0 |
| Nov. 28 | Nottingham H. S. .. | Home | Won | 9 0 |
| Dec. 10 | Warwick .. | Away | Lost | 6 12 |

SECOND XV

| | | | | |
|---------|-----------------------------|------|------|------|
| Oct. 17 | Denstone College .. | Away | Lost | 3 21 |
| Oct. 24 | King Henry VIII Coventry .. | Away | Lost | 3 20 |
| Oct. 27 | Monmouth .. | Away | Won | 6 0 |
| Nov. 14 | Tettenhall Coll. 1st .. | Away | Lost | 0 11 |
| Nov. 21 | Sebright 1st .. | Home | Lost | 0 24 |
| Nov. 28 | Lucas E. S. .. | Away | Won | 34 3 |
| Dec. 5 | Tudor Grange G.S. 1st .. | Away | Lost | 8 15 |
| Dec. 10 | Warwick .. | Away | Lost | 6 18 |

THIRD XV

| | | | | | |
|---------|------------------|------|------|---|---|
| Nov. 14 | Tettenhall 2nd | Home | Lost | 8 | 9 |
| Dec. 5 | Tudor Grange 2nd | Home | Lost | 8 | 9 |

UNDER SIXTEEN XV

| | | | | | |
|---------|-------------------|------|------|---|----|
| Oct. 17 | Denstone College | Home | Lost | 0 | 14 |
| Oct. 24 | Workshop College | Home | Lost | 0 | 16 |
| Nov. 5 | Rugby School | Home | Lost | 3 | 46 |
| Nov. 14 | Wrekin College | Home | Won | 6 | 0 |
| Nov. 21 | Ratcliffe College | Away | Lost | 0 | 21 |
| Nov. 28 | Nottingham H. S. | Home | Lost | 6 | 9 |
| Dec. 5 | Bromsgrove School | Home | Lost | 0 | 21 |

UNDER FIFTEEN XV

| | | | | | |
|---------|---------------------------|------|------|----|----|
| Oct. 17 | Denstone College | Away | Lost | 24 | 44 |
| Oct. 24 | King Henry VIII, Coventry | Away | Lost | 0 | 42 |
| Nov. 5 | Rugby School | Home | Lost | 8 | 53 |
| Nov. 14 | Wrekin College | Away | Lost | 0 | 3 |
| Nov. 21 | Sebright | Home | Won | 33 | 0 |
| Dec. 5 | Tudor Grange | Away | Lost | 3 | 5 |

UNDER FOURTEEN XV

| | | | | | |
|---------|------------------|------|-------|----|----|
| Nov. 14 | Tettenhall | Away | Won | 15 | 0 |
| Nov. 18 | Warwick | Away | Lost | 6 | 8 |
| Nov. 18 | Warwick | Away | Won | 11 | 0 |
| Nov. 28 | Sebright | Home | Drawn | 6 | 6 |
| Dec. 2 | Wrekin College | Home | Won | 20 | 0 |
| Dec. 2 | Wrekin College | Home | Won | 27 | 0 |
| Dec. 5 | Tudor Grange | Home | Lost | 0 | 14 |

UNDER THIRTEEN XV

| | | | | | |
|---------|------------------|------|-----|----|---|
| Nov. 14 | Tettenhall | Home | Won | 30 | 0 |
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CRICKET

RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT

Last season a determined effort was made to retrieve cricket from the depths to which it had sunk in the season before, when no victories were recorded. In a very enjoyable season, we went some distance towards achieving this objective.

The side's batting was fairly consistent, and failed comparatively infrequently. Of the bowlers, for the second season in succession, only R. A. Walters showed any real penetrative qualities, but on occasions he was well supported by the other bowlers. The fielding of the whole side was very greatly improved—this was amply illustrated by the O.E. Association game when we succeeded in dismissing the Old Boys for the first time for a number of years. This was largely due to brilliant fielding by the whole side.

This season the effort will be continued, and we hope that we shall be able to reward the efforts of Mr. Guy and Mr. Cockle by recording more victories.

M. S. JONES (*Captain of Cricket*)

RESULTS OF CRICKET MATCHES

THE XI v. SOLIHULL SCHOOL

(*Eastern Road, 20th June, 1959*)

Solihull.. .. 225 for 8 declared (Cooper 32, Forsyth 94, Davis 34; R. A. Walters 4 for 76).

The XI 174 for 8 (P. B. Rothwell 63, J. C. Mason 41; Jones 3 for 29, Hopkins 3 for 12).

THE XI v. WARWICK SCHOOL

(*County Ground, 26th June, 1959*)

Warwick 185 for 3 declared (Hacking 93, Ramage 62 not out).

The XI 111 for 7 (J. C. Mason 34, P. B. M. Mathews 37 not out; Timms 6 for 26).

THE XI v. KING'S SCHOOL, WORCESTER

(*Worcester, 27th June, 1959*)

Worcester 175 for 9 declared (Haynes 27, Smith 42, Austen 34; M. S. Tracey 3 for 28).

The XI 95 for 7 (T. P. Lee 32 not out; Wooley 6 for 37).

THE "A" XI v. MALVERN II

(*Eastern Road, 30th June, 1959*)

Malvern II 194 for 4 wkts. declared (Neale 93 not out, Rocke 60).

The "A" XI 152 for 4 (M. J. Lamping 47, T. P. Lee 27, J. C. Mason 29 not out, M. S. Jones 20 not out).

THE XI v. TRENT COLLEGE

(*Eastern Road, 2nd July, 1959*)

The XI 180 for 9 wkts. declared (M. S. Jones 65, H. J. Ferns 26, P. B. M. Mathews 25; Bows 3 for 26).

Trent College 94 (Bows 32; R. A. Walters 6 for 24, J. G. Evans 4 for 47).

THE XI v. BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

(*Bromsgrove, 4th July, 1959*)

The XI 190 (T. P. Lee 56, J. C. Mason 32, P. B. M. Mathews 31; Grice 4 for 34, Harvey 3 for 57).

Bromsgrove 170 for 8 (Neil 62, Buchanan 25; P. B. Rothwell 3 for 45).

THE XI v. MANCHESTER G.S.

(*Manchester, 8th July, 1959*)

Manchester 207 for 7 declared (Woolley 88, Rawlinson 20).

The XI 111 (P. B. Rothwell 25, T. P. Lee 23, J. C. Mason 21, J. E. T. Harper 27; Goodey 3 for 47, Millward 3 for 3).

THE XI v. WARWICK SCHOOL

(*Eastern Road, 11th July, 1959*)

Warwick 170 for 4 declared (Hacking 53, Dalton 73, Ramage 30 not out).

The XI 151 for 5 (P. B. Rothwell 76, T. P. Lee 20, J. C. Mason 36 not out).

THE XI v. OLD EDWARDIANS' ASSOCIATION

(*Eastern Road, July 18th, 1959*)

Old Edwardians' Assoc. 191 (A. C. Smith 65, B. C. Homer 32, R. H. Bayley 35, J. C. Mason 4 for 32).

The XI 129 (P. B. M. Mathews 22 not out; D. R. Dudley 3 for 30).

CRICKET AVERAGES

BATTING (Qual. 100 runs)

| | | Innings | Not Out | Runs | Highest Score | Average |
|------------------|-------|---------|------------|------|------------------|---------|
| J. C. Mason | | 19 | 3 | 399 | 43 | 24.94 |
| P. B. M. Mathews | | 8 | 2 | 144 | 37* | 24.00 |
| P. B. Rothwell | | 19 | 0 | 414 | 76 | 21.79 |
| M. S. Jones | | 19 | 3 | 314 | 65 | 19.63 |
| T. P. Lee | | 19 | 1 | 353 | 56 | 19.61 |
| H. J. Ferns | | 12 | 1 | 159 | 48 | 14.44 |
| M. J. Lamping | | 18 | 2 | 197 | 47 | 12.31 |
| J. E. T. Harper | | 14 | 0 | 144 | 27 | 10.29 |

BOWLING (Qual. 10 wickets)

| | <i>Overs</i> | <i>Maidens</i> | <i>Runs</i> | <i>Wickets</i> | <i>Average</i> |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| R. A. Walters | 159 | 37 | 508 | 30 | 16.93 |
| T. P. Lee | 51 | 7 | 238 | 11 | 21.63 |
| J. C. Mason | 63 | 13 | 230 | 10 | 23.00 |
| M. S. Tracey | 170 | 42 | 504 | 17 | 29.65 |
| J. G. Evans | 137 | 15 | 564 | 18 | 31.33 |

CATCHES

P. B. Rothwell (catches 8, stumpings 3) 11; M. S. Jones 6, P. B. M. Mathews 6, J. G. Evans 6; J. E. T. Harper 5; T. P. Lee 4, J. C. Mason 4, M. S. Tracey 4.
R. A. Walters did the hat-trick vs. Nottingham H.S.

SWIMMING

The season began poorly but after the team had settled down to more consistent training, some commendable results were obtained; especially noteworthy was the success against Shrewsbury.

The Water-Polo team continued its unbeaten record and at the Sports held a strong Old Edwardians' team to a 2-2 draw. The House Water-Polo Knock-out was won by Cary Gilson, who beat Evans 2-1 in the final.

We are fortunate in having a number of last year's team still at School and if hard training starts early, this could prove to be a successful year.

We are most grateful to Mr. Cotter for his continued guidance and encouragement and to Mr. Porter, who has kindly officiated at many Water-Polo matches and practices.

D. R. ELLISON (*Captain of Swimming*).

RESULTS OF MATCHES

Thursday, July 2nd v. Wrekin (away) :

Seniors lost 51-28. Juniors lost 28-24. No Polo.

Saturday, July 4th v. Bromsgrove:

Seniors won 47-23. Juniors won 34½-26½.

Water Polo: School 4, Bromsgrove 1.

Saturday, July 11th v. Shrewsbury (home) :

Seniors and Juniors won 24-19.

Water Polo: School 5, Shrewsbury 2.

THE SWIMMING SPORTS

The Sports were held at Woodcock Street Baths on Friday, July 17th. Our thanks are due to Mrs. J. A. Balmer, who presented the prizes; and to those members of the Common Room who worked so hard to make the occasion memorable.

RESULTS OF OPEN EVENTS

50 yards Free-style:

- (1) D. R. Ellison (E)
 - (2) R. G. Titterington (L)
 - (3) R. Bagnall (H)
 - (4) H. Watton (L)
- Time: 26.9 secs.

100 yards Free-style:

- (1) D. R. Ellison (E)
 - (2) R. G. Titterington (L)
 - (3) R. Bagnall (H)
 - (4) H. Watton (L)
- Time: 64.1 secs.

200 yards Free-style:

- (1) D. R. Ellison (E)
 - (2) R. G. Titterington (L)
 - (3) R. Bagnall (H)
 - (4) H. Watton (L)
- Time: 2 mins. 32.9 secs.

50 yards Breast-stroke:

- (1) H. Watton (L)
 - (2) A. B. Loach (V)
 - (3) R. G. Titterington (L)
 - (4) D. R. Ellison (E)
- No Time

100 yards Breast-stroke:

- (1) R. Bagnall (H)
 - (2) W. D. Richards (V)
 - (3) J. R. Hiam (C)
 - (4) H. Watton (L)
- Time: 89.0 secs.

50 yards Butterfly:

- (1) H. Watton (L)
 - (2) R. G. Titterington (L)
 - (3) D. R. Ellison (E)
 - (4) R. W. Cross (L)
- Time: 36.1 secs.

Half-mile:

- (1) R. Bagnall (H)
 - (2) R. G. Titterington (L)
 - (3) D. R. Ellison (E)
 - (4) H. Watton (L)
- Time: 13 mins. 38 secs.

Dive:

- (1) R. B. Ellis (L)
- (2) R. Bagnall (H)
- (3) J. C. Mason (J)
- (4) A. H. Papps (L)

Plunge:

- (1) P. A. Stanworth (L)
 - (2) A. S. Brode (H)
 - (3) B. Hughes (J)
 - (4) J. H. Siegle (G)
- Distance 55ft. 7in.

TROPHIES

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Carr Cup: | Governor's Cup: |
| Open Champion | Junior Champion |
| D. R. Ellison | B. J. Hambidge |
| Allday Shield: | Levett House |

ETON FIVES

So far this season, the Eton Fives team, by hard practice, has achieved some success. The Second pair, B. H. Shaw and M. J. Lamping, are to be congratulated on their consistency—they have won seven out of the eight matches in which they have played together.

In the Christmas Term, only one match out of five was won, but on two occasions we were unable to field our strongest team. Two very enjoyable six-pair fixtures were played against the Old Edwardians. Both were lost, but in the match in December matches were equal 3-3, and the result was only decided in favour of the opposition by 12 games to 10.

In the Midland E.F. Championships organised by the O.E. Fives Club on January 9th and 10th, the first pair, M. S. Jones and R. G. Simpson, reached the semi-final, where they were defeated by Berkhamsted I. The second pair lost to the strong O. Edwardian second pair in the 1st Round, but went on to reach the semi-final of the Plate Competition.

On the annual London Tour, on the succeeding three days our success was continued, when we won two and drew the third of the three School matches. Hard and enjoyable matches were lost to the Old Citizens and the O. Olavians.

The hard practice put in to date needs to be continued with this term's fixture list and the Public Schools' Competition at Easter in view. However, it is not only the School players who need to practice. It was disappointing to find that fewer pairs have entered this year's Handicap Competition than for several years, and I would encourage those in the School who do play fives, especially the younger players, to practice at every available opportunity.

For the first time all the matches in the Senior House Fives Competition were played in the Christmas Term, and this was won convincingly by Cary Gilson.

Our sincere gratitude goes to the O.E. Fives Club, now firmly established, for the help which the School team has received from its members, both last season, and so far in this present one. We congratulate them on their very successfully organised Tournament, and wish them the very best of luck in their matches.

Finally, I should like to convey the thanks of all the players in the School to Mr. Smith for his efficient organisation of the routine work of Fives, and for his valuable advice.

M. S. JONES (*Captain of Eton Fives*)

RESULTS

| <i>Date</i> | | <i>Opponents</i> | | <i>Played</i> | <i>Result</i> | <i>Score</i> |
|-------------|----|-----------------------|----|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 26th Sept. | v. | Old Edwardians | | Home | Lost | 2-4 |
| 12th Nov. | v. | Repton School | .. | Away | Lost | 0-3 |
| 5th Dec. | v. | Old Olavians | .. | Home | Won | 4-3 |
| 13th Dec. | v. | Old Citizens | .. | Home | Lost | 0-2 |
| 20th Dec. | v. | Old Edwardians | | Away | Lost | 10-12 |
| 11th Jan. | v. | City of London School | | Away | Won | 2-0 |
| 11th Jan. | v. | Old Olavians | .. | Away | Lost | 0-2 |
| 12th Jan. | v. | Highgate School | .. | Away | Won | 2-0 |
| 12th Jan. | v. | Old Citizens | .. | Away | Lost | 3-5 |
| 13th Jan. | v. | St. Olave's School | | Away | Drawn | 5-5 |

SHOOTING

N.S.R.A. SEASON

Despite the loss of several prominent members of last year's team, the VIII, as can be seen from the results, has managed to keep its head well above water. Scores during the term were moderately consistent, and P. K. Hall is particularly to be congratulated on obtaining the excellent score of 100.6, which is only .1 of a point short of the School record.

Optimism occasioned by the postal scores was, however, rather ill-founded, and with the advent of the "Public Schools" competition, confidence and scores sank overnight, partly owing to a certain mechanical failure which the N.S.R.A. would not accept as an excuse. Nevertheless we managed to better our last year's score by one point, with a total of 736 and a position of 76th ex. 113, which is by no means a bad effort for so junior a team.

I would like to take this opportunity to speak on behalf of the VIII in thanking Mr. Cockle, Mr. Cooke and Mr. Allard for their assistance and interest during a somewhat difficult term's shooting.

RESULTS

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| Won outright | 12 matches |
| By default | 7 matches |
| Lost | 8 matches |

VIII AVERAGES N.S.R.A. POSTAL MATCHES

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Matches Fired</i> | <i>Highest Score</i> | <i>Total Score</i> | <i>Average</i> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| J. M. Cunningham (Capt.) | 26 | 98 | 2526 | 97.23 |
| P. K. Hall (Sec.) | 26 | 100 | 2566 | 98.69 |
| Raynor, J. C. | 26 | 99 | 2526 | 97.23 |
| Johnson, P. W. | 18 | 98 | 1736 | 96.46 |
| R. W. Butler | 26 | 98 | 2503 | 96.27 |
| Edden, P. G. .. | 21 | 98 | 2020 | 96.19 |
| Fincher, H. M. | 22 | 97 | 2114 | 96.18 |
| Ecclestone | 20 | 98 | 1910 | 95.50 |
| Thompson, S. C. | 8 | 96 | 761 | 95.13 |
| Sharpe, C. C. | 9 | 95 | 853 | 94.78 |

LAWN TENNIS

Not lack of skill but lack of determination and planned practice led to our losing matches that we might have won. However, this did not prevent us from having an enjoyable and reasonably good season. The first pair had considerable success, but should have had more. The second pair played well but were inclined to lose crucial points, possibly owing to excess of optimism, or perhaps excess of something else. The third pair had a quaintness in their style which provided the distinctive touch to our team.

The House competition developed into a tussle between two strong Heath and Vardy sides, with Heath the eventual winners. There were large entries for the two Singles tournaments; the Burges Cup was won by Shaw and the Alan Hess Trophy by Emslie. It was also pleasing to see the number of enthusiasts who took the opportunity to improve their game by playing in local Junior tournaments during the holidays.

In the Public Schools' competition at Wimbledon at the end of the season, we did as well as could be expected, losing, but not discredibly, in the first round to a strong Marlborough side. Both our pairs had set points.

In the first round of the Plate we won by the narrow margin of a deciding single, against Oundle, and then easily defeated High Wycombe. In the quarter-finals, against Bryanston, both pairs lost close matches in three sets. In the Thomas Bowl our junior pair lost rather easily in the first round.

Our thanks to Mr. Osborne for his great help are due—and most gratefully given.

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

The team has been selected from: A. S. Brode, Siegle, J. H.; Emslie, I. A., Mellor, R.; Barton, R.; Oddie, W. E. B. H. S.

RECORD : Played 15 Won 7 Lost 8.

AT WIMBLEDON :

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|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| School IV | <i>v. Marlborough</i> | <i>v. Oundle</i> | <i>v. High Wycombe</i> | <i>v. Bryanston</i> |
| Shaw and Brode | 5-7, 7-9 | 6-2, 6-2 | 6-3, 6-2 | 4-6, 6-4, 5-7 |
| Siegle and Mellor | 6-8, 3-6 | 6-3, 1-6, 5-7 | 6-1, 6-0 | 6-3, 5-7, 3-6 |

The deciding single against Oundle was won 7-5, 6-3.

In the Thomas Bowl : I. Emslie and J. Forster lost 2-6, 3-6 to Felsted.

CHESS

Although there has been no great enthusiasm for chess so far this year, the results have been very encouraging. The only black spot was the first team's unexpected loss to a Saltley Grammar School side by 1½-4½. This was probably partially due to over-confidence, since we had won our first five matches 6-0, 4-2, 5-1, 5-1, 4½-1½.

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE RESULTS

| | | | | <i>Played</i> | <i>Won</i> | <i>Drawn</i> | <i>Lost</i> |
|----------|----|----|----|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1st Team | .. | .. | .. | 6 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| 2nd Team | .. | .. | .. | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| 3rd Team | .. | .. | .. | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 4th Team | .. | .. | .. | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 |

The first team has played two friendly matches, beating Wrekin College by 4½-1½, and drawing with Warwick School 3-3.

In the *Sunday Times*' National School competition, the first team has reached the zonal semi-final by beating Bridgetown Secondary School and Burton Grammar School in the first two rounds by 6-0 and 5-1, respectively. The "B" team were knocked out in the first round, losing to Bishop Vesey's Grammar School's "B" team 2½-3½.

If the standard of chess at K.E.S. is to be maintained, there must be a much keener approach to the game, especially in the middle school. There is no better way to improve one's ability than to enter in the Birmingham Easter Congress, and I would like to see far more entrants from K.E.S. in the tournament this year.

Finally, our thanks are due to Miss Chaffer for the continued use of the dining hall, and to our Chairman, Mr. Hurn, for his patient supervision and advice.

M. L. LAMPING (*Captain of Chess*).

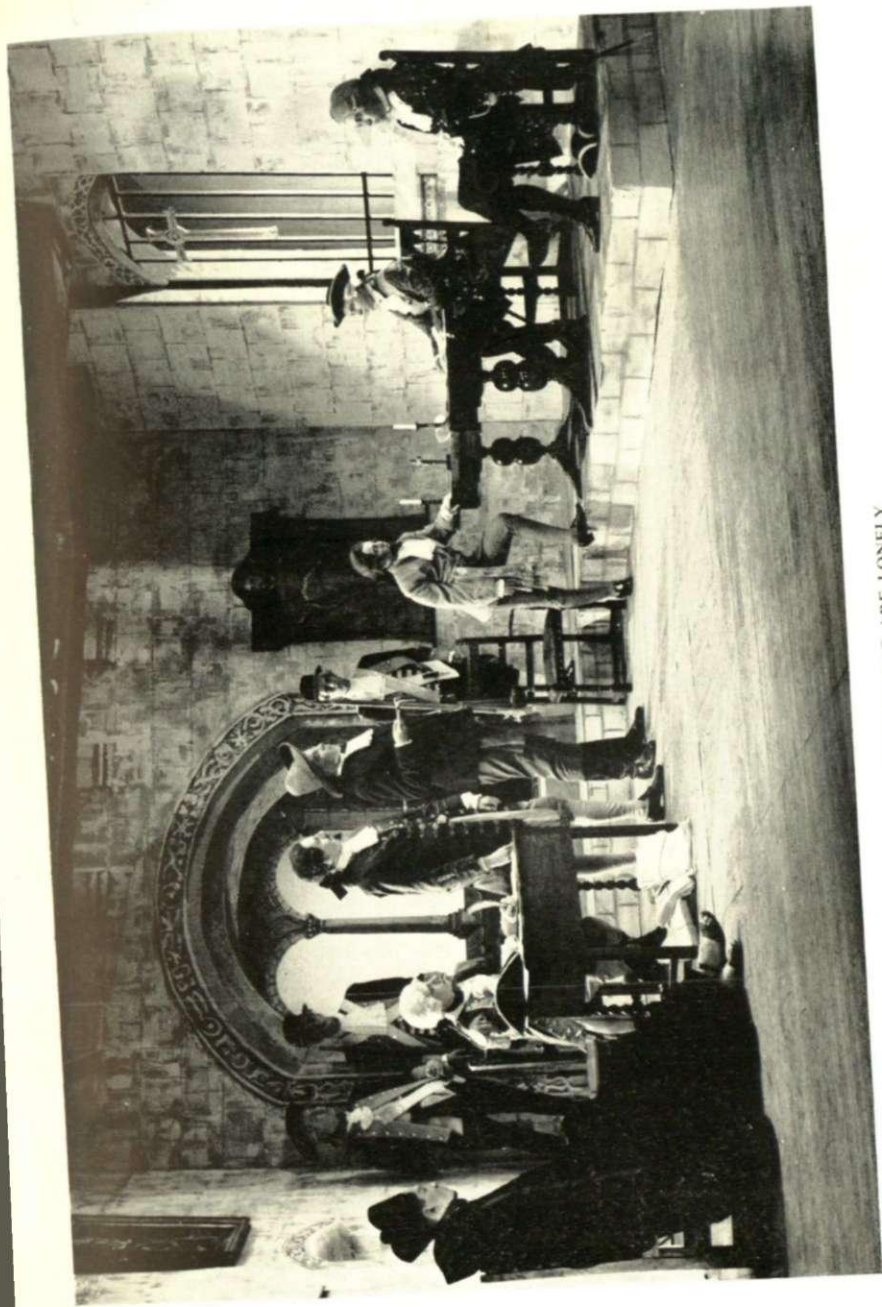
GYMNASTICS

The Lent Term has begun strenuously in the Gymnastics world, with the usual crop of early-morning practices, in preparation for the Inter-House Competition, which is to be held on February 19th. The Senior Individual Competition will take place on February 17th and the Junior Individual Competition on March 2nd.

Gymnastics are still the finest single method of exercising and strengthening the greatest number of muscles in the shortest time. The emphasis this year in the House Competition, the highlight of School Gymnastics, is upon more informal and imaginative exercises, involving a wider range of apparatus. It is to be hoped that this welcome and refreshing approach to the art is not carried too far by over-enthusiastic House Captains, bent on stunning the adjudicator with the sheer intricacy and devastating informality of their House performance!

We give our thanks to Mr. Symes and Mr. Cotter for their continued guidance and encouragement. We are particularly grateful for their readiness to preside over bleary-eyed gymnasts in the extraordinarily early hours of cold, snowy mornings.

A. H. PAPPS (*Captain of Gymnastics*).



THE STRONG ARE LONELY



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REVUE: WHO GOES WHERE ?



REVUE: LET'S FACE IT !



REVUE: WHAT HAVE YOU GOT?



REVUE: AND WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

FENCING

Our total strength is once again approaching fifty, thanks largely to a surge of youthful enthusiasm in boys in the Removes and Upper Middles. Attendance at the two beginners' classes, during Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes, has been fairly consistent, and it is most encouraging to see several very promising fencers. Experienced fencers are all too few, and it is to be hoped that these promising newcomers will continue to practise this ancient and noble sport, and not fall by the wayside, as has so often happened in the past.

The Individual Fencing Competition for the Peter Mountford Trophy was held in the Michaelmas Term. This was won by G. E. Stollard with C. D. Tyler coming a very close second.

Finally, we thank, very warmly, Mr. Cotter, for his coaching and encouragement which are always so readily forthcoming.

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

GOLF

This term an increasing number of boys has been able to learn the basic arts of a very absorbing game. About thirty boys now take advantage of this facility and regularly travel seven miles for coaching on the Lickey Hills Golf Course. The curing of premature signs of rheumatism and the development of almost a text-book swing by most of the members are surely tributes to the patience and ability of the professional, Mr. Preston. To him our thanks are due and it is hoped that his effort and interest will be rewarded by the regular practice of all. For the organisation and continual encouragement at School we wish to thank Mr. Cotter.

THE HOUSES

CARY GILSON

"We've never had it so good." The optimism expressed at the beginning of the Michaelmas Term proved fully justified, and was reflected by our carrying off of all the available silverware.

The First XV, with no less than seven members of the School Second XV, could not be beaten, and helped by much improved and very welcome support from the Second XV, went on to win the major competition of the term, the Rugby League. The Knockout, however, will be a far sterner test for teams which will be almost unchanged.

The Senior Fives team, which must surely be one of the strongest the House has ever known, swept all before it, and established a convincing lead in the competition. It now only remains for our Juniors to emulate its success to ensure us the championship.

Our chess also is progressing steadily, and we gather from our Captain that, by continued concentration and diligent negotiation, a position within the first three is assured.

The term's shooting was disappointing, for our position of fifth in the N.S.R.A. did not reflect the team's capabilities. Nevertheless, not despondent, we confidently await improvement in the two remaining competitions.

Such have been the results of our endeavours. Our successes have been largely due to a Sixth Form which has distinguished itself both on and off the sporting field. We can boast ten members of the Cartland Club, and heartily congratulate our four award winners at the ancient universities. Our prospects for the future are not so outstanding, indeed, it is with some trepidation that Athletics and Cricket are discussed at all. This means that every member of the House, from the Shells to the Sixth, will have to work even harder for success. If this support is forthcoming, we cannot fail.

It remains only to express our thanks to our Housemaster, Mr. Biggs, and his aides, Mr. Webb and Mr. Ramsay, for their cheerful advice and unfailing support.

G. E. STOLLARD (*House Captain*).

EVANS

*"Thou shalt not covet: but tradition
Approves all forms of competition."*

It is a recurring comfort to those who remain after the annual exodus to know that our Housemaster and House Tutors are—like Tennyson's river—going on for ever. But just before Christmas, Mr. Dunt announced his forthcoming retirement from House duties. We shall be sorry to see him go: he has had the fortunes of Evans at heart much longer than any of the present generation, to whom he has been a constant source of inspiration and guidance. I know that everyone will wish to join in thanking him for all that he has done, from simply conducting House Meetings and House Prayers, to hours of loyal support, frequently in awful weathers, on the field of battle. The kind heart and endearing support of our father-figure will be remembered for a long time. It is good to know that as the author of the Second School Ballad he has contributed a tradition which will always be kept very much alive.

If we have to say a reluctant "Vale!" to Mr. Dunt, we can cheerfully say "Ave!" to Mr. Buttle, whom we welcome as Housemaster at the beginning of the Summer Term.

The chief *raison d'être* of this article is to tell of the House's progress, or to conceal the reverse.

Here, then, are the facts:

RUGGER: Second in the League by 1½ points.

CHESS: Won two matches and lost three (with a splendid victory by M. R. Bailey over the School Chess Captain).

FIVES: Second in the competition, with 50 points.

SHOOTING: Fourth in the N.S.R.A. competition.

P.T. practices have started.

Cross-country practices have not.

There is a House Choir.

We can boast three principal "characters of the Fifteen" and an extremely creditable season from both First and Second House teams. The latter contains several very promising players, and in the Firsts I felt that, in spite of a slow start, by the last two matches the forwards had really learnt their job. The three-quarters always made the best of conditions which were frequently uncongenial.

The Orchestra made its contribution to the Purcell Tercentenary by performing part of a specially collected Suite from the Dramatick Musick. Sixteenth century counterpoint triumphed over seventeenth harmonies, however, and we came second in the competition.

There is no reason to suppose that the home of the Cock House Cup for 1960-61 is predestinate. All sorts of funny things can happen in the Summer Term, as last year revealed. But there is no cause for complacency, either. The latter half of the year is the time when any house with guts to it can distinguish itself. It is worth remembering that however energetic the cross-country, athletics or swimming captains may be, they can't do all the work. The initial effort to go and practise and get standards must come from each one of you, and I hope it will.

D. J. MUNROW (*Captain of Evans*).

GIFFORD

In recent years inconsistency seems to have been very much the fashion for the Gifford 1st XV. This season they drew with Cary Gilson, the eventual winners, and yet suffered three defeats in the other six matches. The 2nd XV, after some initial reticence, have settled down to a promising sound team. There is no harmful lack of enthusiasm for rugby and, with the return of two School 1st team players to the House, we hope to do well in the coming Knock-out competition.

House Fives is still suffering from a lack of talent—we came seventh in Senior Fives—but we do thank the faithful few who regularly make up the team. Perhaps the Under-15 team and the younger members of the House will help us to pull up in this activity.

The chess players play silently on. The musicians did not have much success last term but we wish them well for the future. The gymnasts, as usual at this time of year, literally spring into action for a busy half-term of practices. Here we must aim at building up a solid team, and next year, when the team should be almost unaffected by leavers, we can expect a good position.

Shooting calls for individual skill. Not being well blessed in this, we came seventh in the N.S.R.A. competition; but we should be able to improve on this in the later competitions.

On the whole, I think we are doing slightly better than last year and there is certainly more enthusiasm present than in times past. But we are only half way through the School year. We should remember, then, that we can carry on this improvement only if everyone turns to Athletics and the activities of the summer with continued interest and vigour.

I should like to record firstly, my thanks to all House officials for the work they do, and secondly, the House's thanks to Mr. Kay, Mr. Benett and Mr. Gregory for their encouragement, advice and support at all times.

S. J. DUNN (*House Captain*).

HEATH

Last year's Cock House has every chance of holding the "wooden spoon" this year. The departure of many of the "Gladiators" who had inspired previous glories left our senior ranks somewhat depleted in sporting talent; and there is little doubt that it is Sixth-form efforts that really decide the House Championship.

The plain fact is that we have not, as yet, in any sport, climbed above fourth place and too often House Captains have been obliged to plead for volunteers for their teams. We were sixth in the Rugby League, despite a good Second team, and we have already lost the First round of the Knock-out, though the First team had a hard game and the fighting spirit was altogether admirable. Of other sports little can be said: the Fives team failed to score a victory, we were sixth in Shooting and we are, so far, point-less in Chess. The musicians did better and were fourth.

Prospects in Athletics are rather brighter. Nevertheless, this year we are hardly world-beaters. There is talent in the junior forms and we may hope for success in the near future. For the present, it is up to the House to combine as a team, to play hard and to make our results more respectable. Apathy is at all times despicable; and if the House dislikes being called a "good trier" then it must prove that it can lead the field.

We owe our thanks to Messrs. Barlow, Trott and Stamp for their unfailing encouragement and enthusiasm. I wish Heathans all good fortune in the coming term, and trust that they will reward the efforts of their House Masters and Captains.

W. E. ODDIE (*Head of the House*).

JEUNE

Revolutions have revolved, ellipses have elapsed and Jeune is undergoing a difficult period. To be kind, it should be called convalescence. We have stepped down temporarily from the limelight which surrounds the Big Three and extensive rebuilding is taking place in the comparative obscurity of the Lower Four.

It was all too easy to subside to a comfortable fifth in cricket last July. Only our Second eleven fought off all distractions to win their Knock-out. Lack of talent was the excuse for our position of sixth in tennis, but it was really much too hot wasn't it? And swimming; well, we have never been much good at swimming and so we congratulated ourselves on staying out of position number eight; we were seventh. Then we heard the Championship results. We were sixth.

What faces us in the future? Complete subjection? A steady climb to former strength? Or a take-over bid? The Michaelmas Term gave us few hints in its crop of disappointments and successes. Our Rugby League teams, after a promising start, were content to act as spectators in a series of six weekly demonstrations of try-scoring and goal-kicking. Let us hope that they learned something. Our Fives team, in a truly convalescent manner, played satisfactorily and moved up to a position of fifth. It must now be noted that, apparently, as long as there is a minimum of movement, we perform well. Our marksman shot us to first equal in the N.S.R.A. competition. We have thus far won all our chess matches.

and prospects are bright. Lastly we have performed a miracle and won the first part of the music competition; all congratulations to our musicians.

This completes the picture to date. Prognostication, besides being a dangerous word to use, is a dangerous habit in which to indulge. However, in the Rugger Knock-out and Sevens competitions we may see a brighter future; P.T. and Athletics results depend largely on how the other houses perform; in the Music competition, anything may happen; we must wait and see.

We would like to welcome Mr. Leeson and Mr. Ruddock, who joined the House at the beginning of the year. We hope that they will bear with us in our misfortunes and share with us in our successes. Finally, we must not end without thanking Mr. Leeds and Mr. Sacret, who are an example and a guidance to us all.

C. W. HUGHES (*House Captain*).

LEVETT

Last year proved that Levett had discarded its natural habitat on the lower rungs of the House ladder. It continues to climb steadily upwards, improving results at all levels, especially in the major sports. Further determination, both in spirit and in action, should take us higher still.

Our position of fifth in the Rugby League does not accurately reflect the enthusiasm shown for the game but, even so, is the best for several seasons. The First XV played well together but it cannot be denied that sometimes our victories were too close for comfort. Due to slight revision of positions, we have a well-balanced Knock-out team which, if tackling is more courageous, should do well this term. The Second team, although not wanting in skill or enjoyment of its games, tends to be too individualistic to reap full benefit from its resources but success is well within its grasp.

The Senior Fives team continues to raise hopes of a good overall position and prospects for the juniors are distinctly bright. Shooting, however, has been disappointing for we plummeted to bottom position in the N.S.R.A. competition. Better results may be expected in the forthcoming competitions. Chess has been variable and the team temperamental but we have faith that, despite all hazards, we will emerge near the top as usual. In the Instrumental Competition, the "Levett Players" dropped two places but still came third after a very creditable performance; a good result in the Part-Song competition is vital and to this end, the choir is singing regularly. Gymnastics has an undercurrent of urgency about it this year and practices are now in full swing as well as early in the morning.

Tradition has it that, intellectually, our contribution to the School is considerable; this year is no exception. We heartily congratulate our three award winners at the ancient universities on their notable achievements.

The future holds many hopes for us, not least being our potential in several summer sports as well as in athletics. Our thanks, as always, rest with Mr. Porter, Mr. Freeman and Mr. Hall for their perennial encouragement and optimism.

R. B. ELLIS (*House Captain*).

PRINCE LEE

Last year, after the closest finish to the House Competition for many years, we were unfortunate enough to be beaten by Heath into second place by the narrow margin of 6.5 scaled points. This year, however, we appear to be suffering the second downward trend in the history of the House, but with a strong Sixth Form we trust that this setback will be only temporary.

After a dismal but somewhat unlucky performance in the Rugby League, we were eventually placed seventh; the Fives team is producing creditable results, our Chess Captain is optimistic, and also, thanks in no small part to the addition of a violin (even occasionally in tune) to our traditional band of recorders, we made an improvement on last year's position of eighth in Music, coming fifth in the first part of the House Music competition.

These results show in general a varying degree of mediocrity: prospects for the rest of the year appear to come in the same category. Our Gymnasts have now emerged from hibernation and are reputed to be practising assiduously. It is difficult in athletics to forecast results; it is within our power to do either very well or disgracefully, and we hope it will be the former. We must, however, realise that pinning our faith to a few talented individuals is just not good enough; an all-round performance, with every single person pulling his weight, is required.

Finally, our thanks are due to all the House Officials, and to Mr. Williams and the House Tutors, for their keen interest and encouragement through thick and thin. We must respond wholeheartedly to their efforts to weld us into a body, and not just a group of individuals.

P. W. JOHNSON (*Head of the House*).

VARDY

For many years a dismal Winter Term has been our introduction to the Cock House Championship, but not so this year. The House XV have set a new pattern by winning a number of its matches and confounded popular opinion by thrashing strong opposition in their first game. The Second XV have proved a constant source of points, despite their diminutive size, outwitting all but the heaviest team and it is with keen anticipation that they go forward to the Knock-out Competition. Final positions in the Rugby League were not decided until the completion of all the matches and only after a hard fight were we beaten into third place—a very considerable improvement on last year's performance. For some reason our musicians failed to charm foreign ears and gave up three places from last year's third position; however, already prepared for the next part of the competition, the irrepressible Director of Music seeks vengeance !

The House is even spoken of with respect in shooting society following an unprecedented assault on the targets in the N.S.R.A. competition, bringing home first place and enlivened interest centres about the Country Life competition soon to be fired.

Fives and Chess have made no headway since last year, still losing a distressing number of matches with little hope of improvement in the immediate future.

It is hoped that the abysmal results in Athletics and Cross-country recorded last year will be bettered in the coming struggle by the increased activity and interest of members of the House.

Whilst basking in the glow of last term's achievements, it is with great sorrow that we learn of our Housemaster's coming retirement, marking the end of a long and tireless reign. Our thanks are due to him especially and also to his colleagues, Mr. Parry and Dr. Green.

A. B. LOACH (*House Captain*).

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS, 1958-9

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| 1. Heath | _____ | 370·9 |
| 2. Prince Lee | _____ | 363·4 |
| 3. Evans | _____ | 358·6 |
| 4. Vardy | _____ | 315·7 |
| 5. Levett | _____ | 310·4 |
| 6. Jeune | _____ | 299·6 |
| 7. Cary Gilson | _____ | 253·3 |
| 8. Gifford | _____ | 237·3 |

SOCIETIES

The Societies usually get a rough deal in the *CHRONICLE*. When remembered at all, articles purporting to deal with them vary from brief—but not witty—exclamations of surprise at the existence of any societies, to sparkling comments along the lines of: "The Closed Circle is closed" or "The Pugh Society Pughs." As a matter of fact it is the Pugh Society which now seems to be closed (perhaps for a period of deep reflection?) The Closed Circle is not closed at all, but consists of a select, democratic group meeting regularly for intellectual self-admiration. All Upper-Sixth formers are eligible for election, especially if they are friends of those already members.

The only alternative to polite disapproval or derisive cynicism is a rather dull report—so here goes.

The pattern of School societies has not changed much over the last six years. This is partly due to the fact that the most moribund society will put up some sort of a fight when in danger of being struck off the books altogether. Since 1954, the Civics Society is the only one of those societies acknowledged in the Bluebook to have died out completely. Two societies have been born. The Jazz and Swing Circle encountered some resistance in coming officially into being and, consequently, became wildly popular among those who thought it was fun to be just a bit *outré*. Now some of the glamour has worn off and attendances have fallen. In the last year, the Aeronautical and Model Aviation Society has been launched (has taken off, I should say) and seems to be doing well.

Most of the societies which depend, for their success, on the personalities of their secretaries, alternate, from year to year, between phases of

activity and passive resistance. The Film Society, without the doubtful blessing of affiliation to the School Club, has had a series of enthusiastic secretaries who offer members a splendid run for their money, and contrive at the same time to pay their way. They will explain, when asked, the difference between seeing a film at their Society and seeing it at the local cinema, but it is doubtful if many people appreciate the distinction. Lights out and plush seats are all the same to them. (The idea is evidently catching on, for the Scientific Society tried a film meeting and scored a record attendance.) The Literary Society is recovering from a period of stagnation and in the Christmas Term had the largest meeting since it introduced the word "bawdy" into the title of a forthcoming lecture. Dr. G. Ostergaard talked about the Beat Generation and the Four Citizens would have been surprised to witness the use to which their "pad" was put that lunch hour. Oh man, those really were the kicks!

Debating is a form of academic exercise which seems to be on its way out. Attendances at School Debating Society Meetings have been low and this does not help the standard of the speeches themselves. For a fiery, impassioned, debate there must be atmosphere—and there is no atmosphere in declaiming at unborrowed books. There was a good crowd at the Election Debate, and this proved the most exciting meeting of the year. The Art Circle also suffers from lack of support: giving a well-prepared talk to an audience of three or four is a sorry business and it is to be hoped that in future more people will make their way to the Art Room at 1.0 for the regular and varied Monday meetings. Lectures, be it noted, are illustrated.

Some societies meet infrequently according to the calendar, but contain a nucleus of enthusiasts who gather in an unofficial way, quite regularly. Philatelists ply their trade from time to time, and the Dark Room would reveal a photographer doing something at all hours of the day, if only you had the key. Is it the Natural Historians who spend so many happy hours in Edgbaston Park?

We are very grateful to the benefactor who has endowed the money which has long supported the "binges" of the two play-reading societies, and now fosters those of a third (devoted to classical drama) the Anagnostics. In the Christmas Term the Shakespeare Society achieved an excellent and moving reading of "King Lear." Shakespeare's greatest play produced a transformation: post coffee-hiccups passed unnoticed and giggles were entirely absent.

The Geographical, Modern Language and Art Societies and the Christian Guild have also met. The Musical Society is dealt with elsewhere and as for the Music Circle—we thought it had died and were surprised therefore to see it reappear on the Calendar. This was effort enough, however, and the first meeting has been cancelled.

Finally, a word of thanks to R. A. Hall and his fellow poster painters for all that they do to advertise society meetings. The board in the Guild Hall is frequently covered with the most delightful posters and if this situation is to continue, secretaries are reminded that they ought to give the artists proper notice (i.e., at least a fortnight).

D. J. M.

SCOUT GROUP

As the Group approaches the age of twenty-four, it may be as well to become critical, and consider whether this is, in fact, the age at which scout-groups become senile. We must record not only the exotic, but irrelevant achievements of the troops in the past months, but also consider whether the idiosyncrasy of wearing short trousers is really sufficient to consolidate our eminence and our virtue in King Edward's School. We must pass censure where censure is due, but while avoiding the danger of becoming a society of introverts, it is up to us entirely to remedy any faults that may appear. In case the more elderly members of the group are growing alarmed at the prospect of a revelation of their sordid scouting careers, let me reassure them that there is nothing wrong with the morals of the Group, but rather with its character and its originality. Widely differing pairs of knees do not give character to a Scout troop, but the enterprise and variety of its activities, and the extent to which it can hold the interest of middle-aged schoolboys who are, basically, interested in nothing more than eating, sleeping and ladykilling. The most important prerequisites of a Friday afternoon programme are originality and organisation, and by these standards, many are excruciating, and follow a routine which lost its interest and practical value years ago. I recall almost nostalgically the time when troop officers were omnipotent, and who with ambitious ideas and firm organisation, kept the troop in orbit for hours after the bell for the end of School had sounded. In recent years, the call of the Special 'Buses, *inter alia*, has reduced to a minimum time spent on organised scouting. The remedy for this distressing fault lies with every single member of the troops, for your leaders can never organise satisfactory activities with an eye constantly on the clock. If you are not prepared to turn your professed interest in Scouting into time spent on it, then there is little justification for the Group's existence, and still less likelihood of, or even approaching, the high standards that are supposed to exist in a reasonably intelligent Scouting society.

Back to earth from wherever we were before, it is a pleasure to record that the Summer Camps of 1959 were perhaps the finest on record. Mitre and New Troops camped on the Powerscourt Estate in County Wicklow, Eire, and enjoyed both the atmosphere and the weather of "foreign parts." New Troop remained preoccupied with the I.R.A. and food, and even reached the sublime heights of melon and curried eggs for breakfast. They built an "Aqua-lift" to the water supply, discovered gambling-dens in Bray and banned visits there, tried to bring pairs of antlers home as souvenirs, and missed their connection at Crewe. Mitre, on the other hand, remained preoccupied with the Guinness factory in Dublin, paddle-boats at Bray and a poisonous weed which, in the graphic language of those who suffered, made you swell up in balloons. The tribulations of the camp included an ascent of nearby Sugar Loaf mountain during the early hours to see the sunrise, and the roughest Irish Sea crossing imaginable on the return journey. Vikings and Park Vale camped in Glen Sannox, Isle of Arran, and enjoyed equally fine weather. Park Vale accomplished a great deal of climbing and bade farewell to Mr. Kent as Scoutmaster, while Vikings lived more like cavemen than anything else, building altar-fires and baking bread on hot stones.

Since September, we have welcomed Mr. Harris as Scoutmaster of New Troop, and wish him every success, but the Group is still so critically short of senior officers that the Group Scoutmaster is having to bear the arduous responsibilities imposed by the size of the Group almost single-handed. The debt that we all owe to Dr. Mayor, especially in recent months, is inestimable, and we hope that in the near future he will be able to share these duties among a larger number of the Common Room. It is now up to every single member of the Group to prove not only his own value to his troop, but also to indicate the worth of the Group to the wider community of the School, to guard against any traces of lethargy, to spend a more reasonable proportion of his time on what may best be regarded as a hobby and pastime, and not an organised School activity, to make use of the opportunities for training offered by the Group Easter Camp, and to ensure that the Scoutrooms remain a focus, and not a backwater of the daily lives of that large number of boys who, by their very membership of the Group, consider it worthwhile to enjoy Scouting at School.

J. C. F.

SENIOR SCOUTS

To begin at the end. At the end of the Summer Term, to be precise. The Seniors held two camps last year. One select group went to Sutherland, Scotland, to compare knees with our kilted cousins of the North. A report of this camp appears separately in this issue. A second group went to annoy folk at Norfolk, on the Broads; the place where tempers are so easily kindled and as easily doused . . .

The new term brought a host of new faces into our midst; the total number of Seniors in the Troops is now fifty-three. To cater for this large company a more intensive and compressed Friday afternoon's entertainment has been arranged, giving mild shock to the long-trousered old faithfuls who were accustomed to using this time as a prolonged nature-ramble.

Our stores are under the proprietorship of a new and highly efficient manager. Remodelled on an exotic coffee bar (" Ei Onurth "), they emit as and when required almost anything that one can name. A fantastic number of people may be seen to enter the room at any break-time. Exactly what they do is not officially known.

A Christmas Dance was held on the Saturday after the end of term and was generally agreed to have been a success. A further dance is arranged for February 20th.

In the Lent Term, we are hearing courses of lectures on forestry and first aid. Mr. Mathews has very kindly agreed to deliver a series on astronomy.

Plans are continuing for the future. The Cross-Country is on March 12th, and the First Aid competition in May. Arrangements are proceeding for our Summer Camp, to be held this year on the shores of Lake Thun in Switzerland.

J. C. Field and C. W. Hughes gained Scouters' Warrants at the beginning of the term.

Finally, we owe our thanks to Mr. Dodds for all his guidance and support over the past terms.

C. W. H.

SENIOR SCOUT CAMP, 1959

A section of the Senior Troop camped at Lochinver in Sutherland in July and August. An idea of the behaviour of a Senior Troop devoid of adult guidance may perhaps be gained from the following memories of the Camp. Fishing in salmon-filled waters produced a fine breakfast one morning which the fisherman insisted was trout. A mis-shapen mountain was climbed, and its geology explained to a party who thought it was an extinct volcano. Midges bent on *kamikaze* were fed until they were bloated on fly repellent. Hungry members of the party were fed until bloated on potatoes and macaroni cheese.

Some interesting hiking was, however, undertaken. The five peaks of Quinag were climbed, affording many magnificent views over the surrounding moors and lakes. Ben More Assynt, one of the oldest mountains in Britain, and reminiscent of a dynamited office block, gave some exercise in self-preservation as well as the enjoyment of a fourteen-mile hike in beautiful surroundings. Further enjoyment was provided by a twelve-mile walk in pouring rain the following day. The camp was most successful, and provided strenuous exertion and relaxation in the correct proportions for the full appreciation of the scenery of the north of Scotland.

THE C.C.F.

First, the contingent extends a warm welcome to Lieut. Leeson, who assists in the training of B. Coy., and to 2nd Lieut. Symes, who assists with C Coy. Both officers have a keen interest in adventure training, from which we shall, no doubt, be profiting in the near future.

The R.N. Section carried out its Annual Training at H.M.S. "Lochinvar," a minesweeping base at South Queensferry on the Forth. Six senior cadets joined the crew of H.M.S. "Upton," and sailed northwards for a courtesy visit to the village of Buckie, near Inverness. The remaining cadets enjoyed a full and varied programme, which included a tour of the dockyard, training in whalers, short cruises on the mine-sweepers "Wolverton" and "Yanton," and an underwater demolition demonstration. Apart from the thirty ratings who attended this camp, another fourteen went on an Arduous Training Course in the Berwyn Mountains, near Llangollen. This entailed initiative training and map reading exercises, and some hard walking in the sun was suffered by all. During the Michaelmas Term there has been the usual concentration of Service exams. and the painting of the cutter. Field Day, on Friday, October 2nd, was spent on the river at Tewkesbury, and was characterised as usual by a distinct lack of wind. A few of the more hardened types went on a Commando exercise over the Long Mynd.

Six officers and 111 cadets of the Army and Basic Sections journeyed south to Bourley for their Annual Camp. The contingent was very fortunate to have 2nd Lieut. Andrew Whitehead, R.M. (O.E.), as an instructor to assist with the training, in the interval before his posting overseas. The Army produced a great variety of static displays by the various specialist arms of the Service: there were the usual interesting

infantry demonstrations, and even a miniature Searchlight Tattoo at the Rushmoor Arena. The Church Parade was also held in the Arena, and afterwards Field Marshal Lord Montgomery of Alamein took the salute at the March Past. We usually do well when we visit the Aldershot area, and look forward to another camp there when our turn comes round. On Field Day, C. Coy. learned the art of stalking on the Lickes, while A and B Coys did patrolling and platoon exercises in Hagley Park and on the Clent Hills. The Signal Platoon entered, for the first time, the C.C.F./A.C.F. Inter-Command Wireless Network 24-hour competition, and attained the creditable position of ninth out of the 22 schools which had entered. We also heartily congratulate C.S.M. Titterington, and Sgt. Heading, of the R.A.F. Section, on gaining the coveted Joint Services' Cadet Badge after the course at Frimley Park, Camberley. Each contingent is allocated places for only 2 per cent. of its cadets, and since only a third of the cadets attempting the course were successful, this represents a distinctly high achievement.

The R.A.F. Section visited Cranwell for their Camp. The authorities had laid on an extremely interesting programme which included excellent flying facilities in Provosts, a day's survival training, and a tour of the College. But perhaps the most memorable event of all was the Passing-out Parade and an aerobatic display by the renowned "Black Arrows" of 111 Squadron. Field Day found the Section at R.A.F. Shawbury, where a few lucky N.C.O.'s flew in "Vampires."

Church Parade was held on Sunday, November 15th. The March Past, which followed the service, was a farewell salute to the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, whose departure from Budbrooke Barracks, at the end of March, marks the end of a happy association. The salute was taken by Colonel K. W. Grimsley, T.D., Deputy Commander, 147 Brigade, and Chairman of the Regimental Association, accompanied by Major C. B. Welch (O.E.), O.C. Regimental Depot.

Post-Proficiency Certificate Courses are again available to Sections either on a Joint or Section basis. The Civil Defence Course, so successful last year, is being repeated, and this term is doing the practical work in the C.D. "Ruins" at Belmont Row. The R.A.F. element of the Joint Junior Leaders' Cadre has started a course with 127 Construction Regiment, R.E., while the Army element go off periodically to Alum Rock to Major I. Bowes (O.E.) and his R.E.M.E. Workshop Unit.

It is this year that the Country's Cadet Forces celebrate their centenary, and we look forward to the Contingent Centenary Parade in the summer. We shall do honour to all those who have preceded us in the Corps and have contributed to its history and traditions.

Finally, we have to thank the C.O., Lieut-Colonel Cooke, the Officers, and the S.S.I.'s, who continue to devote their untiring energies to the preservation of a high standard of usefulness and efficiency.

G. E. STOLLARD (*Under-Officer*).

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY CAMP

On Saturday, July 25th, our party of eight assembled at New Street Station to catch the 9.15 train for Ulverston. We arrived at the camp on

the banks of Coniston Water at about 5 p.m., having collected four members of Olton Court Convent School on the 'bus from Ulverston to Torver, the nearest village to the camp. In the evening the twenty-two members of the camp from five different schools were divided into six groups, each to do two days fell-walking, three days sailing and one day camp orderly duty.

During the next few days many arduous expeditions were undertaken. Entertainments during the evenings were numerous: sailing races were organised; a form of cricket was frequently played; Solo and "Chase-the-Lady" (with or without cards) were popular; and, if all else failed, there was always the "Olde Church House" in Torver.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Symes for enabling us to spend a week at this excellent camp, a week which provided us with many enjoyable and unforgettable experiences.

A. E. G.

ARDUOUS TRAINING, 1959

Arduous training was for us hard living and an existence on basic rations notably abundant in protein. The Course lasted from September 8th to September 16th, when the glorious summer allowed us a pleasantly rain-free week. There are several memorable facts about our first few days: first the introduction to midge-infested mountains, then the wide range of disguises in which pemmican revelled and the provision of a cold shower in the form of a waterfall not far from the camp.

Once established by a day's map-reading, we prepared for our treks over the Berwyn Mountains, the beauty of which provided an exciting background for our machinations. We carried out two major exercises, the first of which resulted in five tired groups successfully marching to an obscure and lonely mountain from different directions. The second was a night and day march over moor and mountain to reach a railway station by the side of Bala Lake. The last mile of this march was particularly pleasant as the lane was lined with blackberries and the nearby stream had deep bathing pools.

The groups joined together at the station and flagged down a train; they were carried back to Birmingham heavy-eyed but feeling that the week had been an entirely successful venture. This was completely due to the wonderful organisation and concern for safety shown by Mr. Benett, who deserves the greatest thanks.

M. J. L.

I.S.C.F. LEADERS' CONFERENCE, 1959-60

During the Christmas Holidays three representatives of the Christian Guild attended an Inter-School Christian Fellowship Conference at Rugeley in Staffordshire, for leaders of School Christian Unions up and down the country. It was the first of two almost identical Conferences, and there were about one hundred and seventy leaders of Christian Unions there from both boys' and girls' schools.

The main purpose of the Conference was to instruct those whose responsibility it was to lead School Christian Unions in the most effective methods of planning and organising meetings and Bible studies. Sketches were put on, illustrating how not to conduct committee meetings and introduce speakers, followed by a general discussion of the points emphasised by these "dramatic productions," if it is possible to name them thus.

The Conference lasted three days, from December 29th to January 1st, and each day we divided into groups of about ten or twelve for Bible study. We learnt, in these groups, the best ways in which to lead a Bible study, and also that Bible study is the rock upon which to build a Christian Union programme.

The Rev. A. M. Stibbs, Vice-Principal of Oakhill Theological College, gave three addresses under the title, "The Wisdom of God," and another one entitled, "Is the Bible the inspired Word of God?" Two excellent lectures were delivered on the subjects—"What is a Christian education?" and "Science or Arts—both have their problems." School-teaching was recommended as a good Christian vocation.

The representatives from our Christian Guild were staggered to discover that many comparatively small schools maintained an average attendance at their meetings of over fifty. The question naturally followed why does this not happen at K.E.S.? We came to the conclusion that if all the practising Christians in the School realised their obligation to support the Christian Guild, attendance numbers at meetings, at the moment depressingly low, would rise considerably. We returned home determined to try and dispel the notion, now prevalently held, that the Christian Guild is a rather dull, and obscure "holy huddle," meeting together piously, at odd times, in a minute room hidden away in the deepest and most inaccessible recesses of the Cartland Corridor. The Christian Guild is the society, within the School, for Christians anxious to deepen and strengthen their faith by fellowship with other Christians.

A. H. P.

THE ERIC W. VINCENT BURSARY

Our bursary was granted to enable us to study the mining and geology of Corsica.

Our journey gave us a four-hour stay in Paris and a day and night in Nice on the way, after which we crossed the deep blue of the Mediterranean to Calvi in Corsica. We found a camp-site and then began to take in the beauty of this town. A rocky hillside tumbles crazily into the sea, and on it roads and houses cling closely together. The citadel supports a collection of buildings crowded together in a frightened huddle, and the age of the whole town gives it an appearance of experienced chaos.

We had learned that there was a silver mine near here, and enquiries told us that it was in fact now disused, about twenty miles away at Argentella. We took one of the two 'buses a week, and much to the amazement of the other passengers, we got out at a small deserted village.

We ambled up a scented track to find an open area where stones and rock lay everywhere. We soon found two open shafts, and careful exploration revealed several other tunnels bored under the hillside, still shored up with huge beams of wood. The minerals we found in the rocks confirmed the information which the sole inhabitant gave us, while his farm animals meandered through the deserted miners' quarters, that lead and silver had been mined there. We learnt of the times when many men had worked there and lead and silver brought ships to the doorstep of what was now a quaint old farm.

Our next move was to Ponte-Leccia, where we believed there were some lead, copper and coal mines. These were all long disused and overgrown. Then we went to Corte, a fairly large central town offering the same tourist facilities as Calvi, except for the pure sea water. There was a well situated public camp-site here, and we made this a base for our various trips in the surrounding countryside. Everywhere we went we found towns and villages were almost always the same; a crowded clump of crumbling houses, nestling in any nook the mountainous country provided. Spreading over the mountains like some uncontrollable rash was the scrub, or maquis, which is peculiar to Corsica, and roads, rivers and railways were forced to squirm their way through this growth, the forests, and the formidable mountains themselves, which rose majestically on all sides, seeming to keep a paternal eye on all that the island held.

Before moving, we visited a disused lead mine near Ghisoni, which rustily scattered itself down a steep hillside in the form of broken machinery on bevelled platforms cut into the earth: here, gravity rather than conveyor belt, took the lead from process to process. Near Corté there was an active marble quarry amidst the most beautiful scenery I have ever seen, where four men told us they had obtained their wiry brazen appearance over more years than they cared to recall.

We next placed our base at Bastia, a town overwhelmed by the tourist industry, and feverishly expanding because of a large firm bottling Corsican wines. All traces of the slow-moving Corsican village were gone, and a town as ugly as Nice without its beaches remained. From here we went out to a disused antimony mine at Meria, and got back to our tent all in one day, thanks to kindly lorry drivers and tourists. This village was two-thirds of the way up Cap Corse, a most beautiful rocky promontory upon which regularly appear Genoese towers and grape farms. The other mine we visited on Cap Corse was the great asbestos mine at Canari. This is the second largest in Europe, and gravity helped carry the asbestos from process to process. For about a mile all round the deep blue of the sea was made white by the dust from the mine.

We soon found in Bastia that commercialisation had not spoilt the generous nature of the people. We were told of mines and quarries in many places by well-wishing shopkeepers and lorry-drivers, but our chasing around the countryside revealed no more. The fact that one of us almost stowed away for a return trip when we arrived in England must surely prove the lure of an island to which we have both sworn to return.

D. S. F.

NO PLACE FOR THE WEAK

"The Strong are Lonely" is a modern play—but, unlike many a modern artistic production, it takes little effort on the part of the beholder to understand its message: Fritz Hochwaelder is here far from obscure. This play, in fact, is markedly classical in the unencumbered simplicity of its approach: the single-minded devotion of the Jesuit Fathers to their Paraguayan Indians comes face to face with the jealousy of the Spanish state . . . and face to face too with the jealousy of Papal authority. To both these forces the Jesuits have sworn unswerving obedience and from this stems the tragedy of the conflict between a man's duty to his superiors and his devotion to his convictions. This Aeschylean notion that two apparent incompatibles must somehow be reconciled is the kernel of the play, and that is the problem we see Alfonso Fernandez trying to solve.

Fernandez, then, and his tortured mind form the mirror in which the play's meaning is reflected. Praise cannot be too high for P. W. Grant who carried the part . . . and the play therefore . . . with a dignity above his years. Had he been older perhaps we may have seen a stronger Fernandez, a Fernandez whose eventual capitulation before Querini (R.A.P. Duval) may have seemed less inevitable that it actually did. But glimpses of his strength and his "firebrand youth," as well as his important hysterics, were allowed to emerge easily in a beautifully measured performance.. Well acted, too, were the parts of Oros and Liebermann—the one reluctantly obedient and so impatient of delay that he finally allows his own convictions to conquer his enforced obedience: the other more responsible to authority but equally aware of the conflict between obedience to his superiors and obedience to his conscience. But both have engaging human qualities, in this intellectual battle, which Reynolds and Waterhouse eagerly display: Oros has his pride in his military achievements, Liebermann in his band.

Of the other leading roles one of the most entertaining was M. K. Lee's Dutchman Cornelis—he fairly bounced through his part as the outraged victim of imperial convenience: his 'Death and Damnation's' seemed to give his audience as much pleasure as they obviously gave him. Equally enjoyable was A. H. A. Osborn's Bustillos advocating the Spanish settlers' cause against the Jesuits with a rustic disregard of ceremony and authority—but even he folded up before J. Pook's florid, calculating Don Pedro de Miura.

This Don Pedro was another successful piece of casting. After an unhappy entrance—his imposing array of silk and medals hardly matched his incalculant voice—he carried his part along convincingly, as needs he must because he is the key character who unlocks the real conflict. For, although realising that the Jesuit's only crime is that of being right, he must still insist on following his King's order to deport them, guilty or not. Here Pook managed to concentrate a suitable coldness of manner as he flouted his own judgment—he too must obey authority and disobey himself.

Another character who found obedience embarrassing was Captain Villano (J. P. Singer). Unlike his colleague Captain Arago (M. N. Baily) he has qualms about misrepresenting the case against the Jesuits. Arago

wants them found guilty, and the sooner the better, but Villano cannot be so cold-blooded and Singer brought out his dilemma excellently. Heartless, too, was the aged Bishop: C. G. Rowland found it hard to make himself sound as old as his make-up made him look—but he left us in no doubt that we were not meant to like the Bishop of Buenos Aires.

Of the remaining characters, space precludes mention but it can be fairly said that any weak links were cleverly disguised. My one regret was that the Indian chiefs, Candia and Naguacu, were not made more robust—this being at the beginning of the play, one shuddered for the remainder, and wondered if the glowing testimony of friends was the result of blind philedwardianism. Shudders, however, soon turned to great admiration for a sensitive production by Mr. J. A. Bolton and, one must add, R. A. Hall's economically opulent set.

Several factors, then, contributed to the considerable success of the School Play—and the nature of the play itself was surely the chief of these ? In spite of the lack of action on stage, we are never allowed an intellectual breather—all the excitement is in the situation itself, in the conflict of feeling and duties upon which nothing is allowed to encroach. Further, very little is added to this conflict—the revelation of Querini, the papal legate, is the only addition needed to keep the plot moving. With his contribution the scales are finally weighed against Fernandez and he becomes simply as wax in the hands of Fortune, having no will of his own. Then it is that we see the conclusion to which Hochwaelder has been leading us and the answer to the question: "Can God's Kingdom exist here on earth ?" "The Strong are Lonely" was the success it was because we could follow the author that far—for that we thank both Hochwaelder and the K.E.S. Dramatic Society.

R. B.

"LET'S FACE IT" REVIEWED

"Let's Face It," although conceived under the shadow of a dazzling predecessor, was itself a brilliant success. On two successive nights the large audiences in Big School applauded a performance of which the standard was very high.

In the form of "Let's Face It," it was possible to detect a relationship with the previous "As You Are," but in no way did Oddie plagiarise; he developed Joseph's technique, and chose his own material, so producing a revue at which every one laughed, even when they did not understand the full significance of the lyrics.

The tone of the revue was set by the long overture, containing themes from nearly all the lyrics, played by J. W. Jordan. We were then thrown into the title song, which was followed by the "Daily Express"—

"University's all right, but it finishes at night

When the mind is most productive—so they say.

Inspirations on the boom, in 'Sombrero's' constant gloom—

For it's night in there all through the ruddy day"—

caused more than one member of the audience audible enjoyment.

"How would you like to be

In Prefect's detention with me . . . "

seemed to go down well as a short interlude with the—understanding ?—audience.

But I found "On the Beat" and J. W. Jordan's rendering of "Rhapsody in Blue" the most enjoyable items in the first half. How better can I criticise the former than by saying that the almost lethargic—though never indifferent—alternation between verses recited and verses sung with a rhythmic melancholy tune, did indeed convey a feeling "sordid and cynical, bitter and moody."

I will not presume to criticise in any way adversely J. W. Jordan's interlude. It was a brilliant performance, made even more effective by the imagination of the electricians.

A number of particularly impressive lyrics, supported by obviously impromptu though none the less humorous interludes, took us quickly through the second half.

Particularly good acting enhanced the obvious attractions of the British jail to those who may have had their doubts, and after the rather cynical invective against individualism, the House was brought down by a not very subtle allusion to the School's latest labour—that of stone picking.

The travel agency song with its catchily appropriate tunes and reaching its climax in the ever-resilient Billy Butlin was a great success. In this number particularly I admired the acting and singing of P. M. Cairns, I. R. Webley and D. J. Munrow.

In an extremely amusing one-sided interview, D. K. Bray, nobly supported by J. W. Jordan, rendered the entrance technique to the Ancient Universities inviolable to any corruption.

Perhaps the only real flaw in the whole revue was that "the March of Music," from the point of view of the audience, and my own personal satisfaction, did not come off.

However, we were soon confronted with perhaps the most obviously appealing song in this Revue. "A Brit. on Broadway," carefully written so as not to cause any offence, was a clever series of lyrics in which an account was given of the Chief Master's recent Odyssey to the New World. In such a revue as this, obvious topical references to school when handled skilfully and carefully, and used sparingly are bound to be particularly appreciated by the audience. The piece comprised a series of slick catchy verses which covered the Chief Master's Journey and in which Oddie's skill in holding back the climaxes was well demonstrated.

I particularly admired Oddie's lyrics, the performance rendered by all the actors and the masterful accompaniment and solos of Jordan. All in all, this revue was a worthy successor to "As you Are," and it disproved the view of the sceptics who held that Joseph's was a revue to end all revues.

R. B.

MUSIC

Those who agree with Dr. Johnson's saying that music is the only sensual pleasure without vice, find many opportunities for indulgence at School. There is a great deal of independent musical activity, and, at the

competition so kindly and helpfully judged by Mr. Douglas Guest, the House Orchestras bore witness to the rising standard of instrumental playing, as well as to the energy and resourcefulness of the House "directors of music."

The official bodies, the three choirs and the orchestra, have all been hard at work since the beginning of the year, in order to prepare for their various duties. In particular, rehearsals are in full swing for the performance of Handel's setting of Milton's "L'Allegro," "Il Penseroso" and "Il Moderato." A new era has dawned on the School Orchestra and it is a great pleasure to record that the weekly rehearsals are now "mixed." The combined K.E.S. and K.E.H.S. Orchestra will make its first public appearance in the concert at the end of March.

The last lunch-hour concert of the Christmas Term was a brilliant organ recital by J. W. Jordan, whom we were delighted to welcome back to his familiar position in the gallery. His touch is still unmistakable. This term, mid-day recitals are being given every week and a small string ensemble has been founded. The School Chamber Players (for so they have been christened) will be playing in a new series of concerts entitled "Masters of the Baroque," the first two of which will be devoted to works by Vivaldi and Alessandro Scarlatti. This term will also see a recital of contemporary music, the most "contemporary" work on the programme being a "Fantasia on a Nursery Tune," by Ian Harrold, which will receive its first performance.

Next term there will be a "plebiscite" concert, and any requests will be welcomed by the Secretary.

D. J. M.

"IN THIS AGE OF HOVERCRAFT AND SUCH . . ."

1. Who oils the Librarian's trolley ?
Who makes it his personal pride
To lubricate axles and regulate loads
And make the whole vehicle fit for the roads
So that books get a comfortable ride ?
2. Who oils the Librarian's trolley ?
Who frees it of all dirt and dust ?
Who drops to his knees, his beloved to tend,
So our trolley of service may die, in the end,
And not, God forbid it, of rust ?
3. Who oils the Librarian's trolley ?
Who makes the low chariot swing sweet ?
Who places our lives in the hands of the fates ?
Why doesn't the darn machine carry "L" plates ?
Is there no quieter way of being tidy and neat ?

4. We all know the Librarian's trolley
Is good—but it must be confessed
That it is somewhat noisy, and now, what is more,
If the police should decide to enforce the new Law,
Would it pass its roadworthiness test ?
5. Alas ! the Librarian's trolley
Is gone—and we mourn its decease,
Never more shall we view that magnificent sight
As it scatters books, students and shelves left and right
But at least we can now talk in peace.

A. E. G.
R. T.

SKIN-DIVING OFF ANTIBES

Antibes is a small, ancient town—known to the Greeks as Antipolis—situated on the French Riviera at the neck of the Garoupe peninsula, between the fashionable sea-side resort of Juan-les-Pins and Nice. Here was the headquarters of the “Ecole de Plongée,” at the back of the well-known restaurant “Maison des Pêcheurs,” where we collected our diving equipment—the brightly coloured cylinders, the masks, the weighted belts and the “flippers.” We helped our instructors to load these into the blue painted motor-boat and set off for our diving ground, about 500 yards off “Eden Roc” on the toe of Cap d'Antibes.

During our twenty-minute cruise to this point our instructor, René, a former French wrestling champion, showed me how to fit on my equipment. First I strapped on the cylinder of compressed air, fastening the straps to my lead-weighted belt. Next I put on my mask and “flippers” and was shown how to use the breathing tube. By expressive mime René told me to keep my mouthpiece tightly clenched between my teeth, or else—as he so aptly and unambiguously put it, throwing up his hands—“Fini” ! Then he quickly donned his diving gear and, with the confidence of the expert, toppled backwards into the sea. I more cautiously waddled to the steel ladder and laboriously climbed down into the water. René was there to help me and took me for a few preliminary circles before suddenly kicking up his legs and diving down deeper. Motioning me to follow, he swam to a nearby rock and broke off a small sponge, which he handed to me when I reached him.

We were now only about twenty feet down, but after a little while my instructor suddenly precipitated himself over the edge of the rock and plummeted down into a huge chasm. From my present position I could see the dazzling rays of the Mediterranean sun piercing the water and lighting up the scene, but down in the chasm it was darker, colder and less inviting. However, plucking up my courage, I followed René, occasionally glancing back at my bubbles of air floating to the surface from the exhaust valve of my respirator. The depth was now about thirty-five feet and the pressure on my ears was quite considerable and they were hurting excessively. In some anxiety I pointed to my ears:

René nodded and put his two thumbs under his mask where his nose was and pressed up, at the same time blowing down his nose. By equalising the pressure in the ear passages in this way the trouble temporarily cleared up and I continued to follow René at this same depth, later going down still deeper to fifty feet below the surface.

From here the sea bed sloped downwards into a green haze.

Occasionally a fish swam across in front of my eyes and I saw shoals of small fish darting about as one body above me, the sunlight glinting on their tiny sides. René then found some coral and broke a fragment off and gave it me to hold. At this depth, too, I collected a large, spiky sea-urchin.

After we had swum around on the sea bottom for a time, discovering a rusty ship's port-hole, a star-fish and some long, taper-like seaweed, René gave the signal "thumbs up" and we slowly floated up alongside the anchor chain which led us directly to the boat. I had been submerged for about twenty-five minutes, though it seemed at least an hour. It was a thrilling experience; my only disappointment was that I did not find any Greek or Roman coins, or, better still, a Greek amphora.

A. J. G. M.

LEGEND

An opiate to the bleak
Awakening of dawn and through
The mincing morning wept
The women on a hill, intent
Upon the face of one
Who gave his body and blood,
Stripped bare around an aching tree.

There was a man
Who was witness of this death that was a birth,
And though for comprehension he was blind,
To the end where the tree wept
Came he also weeping
That the blood he adored would grow
Thin through the scorn of the years.

W. D. R.

. . . INTO WINTER

Now is that poignant time of year
When cold breath with-holds the sun.
Branches, like old man's limbs,
Creak and miss the cosy-slipper'd fireside.
There is glory still: after the reaped corn
And ripened fruit, the forests afire
And splendid underfoot, crackle and give,
But as of a sun that is setting,
The day drawn to a close,
The final fanfare before the end.
Sap subsides; leaves die;
Life prepares to wait.

D. J. M.

THE PREFECTS' BALL

It is high time that a ray of realistic light be shed on the "Social Event of the Year," and this monumental occasion revealed in the raw. The sordid truth is that the Prefects' Ball is a combination of Saturnalia and a Kensington coming-out party. Familiar, stalwart figures, resplendent in evening dress, dribbled relentlessly into Big School from 8 p.m. onwards. The décor offered a veritable *embarras de richesses*; baskets of flowers, sparkling lights, and a revolving, glittering contraption, designed to reduce even the most stolid scientist to a mass of twitching neuroses, conspired to turn this austere hall into a sort of Versailles Mecca Dancing Palais. There was, surprisingly enough, a *soupçon* of dancing and when the band played a cha-cha-cha the last vestiges of dignity were stripped from the august room to be trampled into the ground by a madly gay samba. At the time one felt that Assembly would never be the same again. The evening ground to a close at 1.00 a.m. and the guests lurched off towards their cars.

Our thanks are given to those who gave moral support from the touch-line, right up to the final whistle, to the caterers for providing lemonade and cake, to the Prefects for giving their name to the Ball, and to the Common Room for not coming. The motto of the evening might have been: "Video deteriora, proboque, sequorque."

R. E. J.

VESPER FOR SEPTEMBER

"Death," as the psalmist says, "is certain to all—all shall die."

SHALLOW, H. IV, ii

Each evening now, the summer dies with the falling sun,
As the mist, like tide on the sand, crawls over the wood,
And the shouts and joys of holiday are ruffled by the gloom of night.

The field is brown and hard. The silent trees
In this last period of calm, in the sombre stillness
Of an Autumn evening, have a sad, senile majesty.

In the lane, my shoe crushes a brittle leaf.
A hysterical rattle of death crumples in the cool silence:
The dark, dense foliage must feel the fading sap.

"For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone,
And the place thereof"—over the lane, the stark, black trunk
Will stretch his branches, as if petrified in the agony of death.

For it is death, indeed, in the small brain-world
Of branch and leaf, body and limb, mother and child;
But in a greater sphere, there is no death: in the outer chaos of Life
The moving force, original and eternal, the spirit
Who exists for nothing but existence, merely rests.

The flower fades, the leaf falls, a man dies: but the seed is sown,
The sap still rises in the trunk, the crimson throbs through other veins,
There is life and death, but death is part of Life.

The night has come where the lane snuggles in its gloom.
A gentle wind rustles the brittle leaves. The tender moon,
Mothering death, looks down on the doomed season—and on me.

P. M. C.

QUAM MUTATUS

“The School has gone to the dogs!” is a comment which is frequently made by my contemporaries. Since Cerberean times, most communities, and even civilizations, have occasionally hurtled dogwards from their pinnacles or plateaux of achievement; “But why,” you will ask, “is this saying applied to us? We gain scholarships in abundance, and one or two of our sports teams have been known to win matches—yes, even the cricket team . . .”

But the change to which I refer is reflected neither in academic nor sporting records. It is a change in spirit or character. It might be called the “democratization” of King Edward’s, and it is manifested most clearly in the attitude of juniors to their elders. Every school story since Thomas Hughes great classic emphasises the terrible impression made by a vast public school on a new boy in his first term, particularly the aura of divinity which surrounds the “Bloods” of the Upper Sixth. This was so in my own case—to a humble ten-year-old, the heroes of the highest forms had an awful majesty—that quality which Kent, flattering, attributed to Lear:

“You have that in your countenance which I would fain call master,” and they were accorded greater respect than any of the magisterial staff. This impression endured until I had almost reached the Fifth Form.

But now, in these democratic times, the “Order of Bloodmanship,” has changed. The School’s pride and joy: the Victor Ludorum, is accompanied on the bus by Higgs or Smith, of Shell Z; smiles graciously at the intimate plaudits of the Removes; and finds he has to play his hardest to defeat Brown of the Upper Middles at Fives.

Why is this so?

The change may be traceable in part to the disciplinary policy of one or two generations of prefects, who perhaps found the cheers of popularity sweeter than the cold silence of impartial justice, or found the rabble of the junior school more amenable when addressed by their christian names.

It is probably connected with the decay of the public school spirit after World War I (Not even an Etonian would claim that Alamein was won on his playing fields.) The tradition of respectful fagging, inhuman bullying, and big-scale ragging cannot exist in a modern day school.

Indeed, the whole atmosphere of modern society is alien to the oligarchical constitution of a school like ours. The infant hordes of the Welfare State, steeped in their belief that “I’m as good as the next man,”

have trampled the traditional hierarchy of the Public School under their feet.

We could, of course, be proud of the precociousness of our juniors, of our new Public School Democracy; but the cry, "The school is going to the dogs," is the cry of the traditionalists nurtured in the faith of Tom Brown, a cry of regret that "the former things are passed away."

P. M. C.

(We have been fascinated to observe the rapid narrowing of the social gap 'twixt removes and sixth formers. However, we feel that an infant's propensity for playing ball does not render him any the less infantile.—Ed.)

From the Epilogues to the Final Part of "THE HISTORIE OF CHARLES V"

From First Epilogue :

Death is the monarch ruling all men's lives,
And rules his empire over all small men,
And greatness, as the world has thrust upon
Such men as this, takes he unto himself.

Second Epilogue:

Oh sadness of an Empire's funeral.
In him great lands met, and in him they fall.
With his strong hand removed, shall widely grow
The heresy, and damned men shall sow
The seeds of discord, all his work t' undo,
Till weak scarred states each other's mercy sue.

Third Epilogue:

Great Charles his namesake ever has remembered.
As it forgets, shall Europe be dismembered,
And bloody corpses strew the castle walls
As King or president or lies or falls.
Europe in blood shall covered be, and air
Be tainted with death's odour, and despair.
You shall not mourn for greatness, but shall strive
Till Evil and Disunion alive
Are only; death and blood shall rule for ever;
Great Charles and Empire be remembered never,
So, death, blood, slaughter, pillage, rapine, gore:
Make minds diseased, as never yet before !

From Fifth Epilogue:

Charlemagne: Go all away. Remember Charles was great,
Whose power was feeble, and his work too late.

A. A. T.

ELECTION : to the Leader of the Opposition

Mr. G., Mr. G., you must emphasize class,
You must brawl, you must crawl with the cheap, vulgar mass.
Be sure to scorn comforts and Tory decoys,
Be sure that they know that you're "one of the boys."
You must sympathize, offer a soiled grubby hand
To the cheap vulgar masses of England's fair land.
Mr. G., Mr. G., what a wonderful plan
To speak in the terms of the cheap working man,
With bottle-top badges and tawdry vulgarity,
Slander, pornography, cheapness—and clarity.

But you failed; how you wailed to watch Supermac gloat
As the new middle class cast a middle-class vote.
And you cried, and you sighed for your moth-bitten flag,
Only cotton and kilts waved from under the slag.

Oh, alas, oh alas, how it widens the score—
But the cheap vulgar masses aren't cheap anymore.

W. E. O.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES

The Editor wishes to acknowledge receipt of the following:

The Adelaide Technical High School Magazine, The Arch, The Axe, The Barrovian, The Blundellian, The Bristol Grammar School Chronicle, The Bromsgrovian, The Coventrian, The Denstonian, The Edwardian (Bath), The Edwardian (Nuneaton), The Edwardian (Stourbridge), The Ellesmerian, The Epsomian, The Five Ways Magazine, Griffin, The Hammer, The Herefordian, The Holt School Magazine, The King Edward's Grammar School Magazine (Aston), The Leamingtonian, The Leys Fortnightly, The Liverpool College Magazine, Lordswood Girls' Technical School Magazine, The Malvernian, The Moseleian, Novo, The Ousel, The Portcullis, The Salt, The Saltley Grammar School Magazine, The Skylark, Sotoniensis, The Stratfordian, The Tettenhallian, The Veseyan, The Vigornian, The Wolstantian, The Wolvernian, The Worcesterian and the Elizabethan, The Wrekinian, The Wulfrunian, The Wykehamist.

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O.E. MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

| | £ | s. | d. |
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| TOWN MEMBERS (full) residing or having a place of business | | | |
| within 15 miles of the Club Rooms | 9 | 9 | 0 |
| Town Members (full) under age 21 | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| Town Members (full) under age 30 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| COUNTRY MEMBERS | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| UNIVERSITY MEMBERS , attending as students any university | | | |
| outside Birmingham | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| HONORARY MEMBERS not less than | 0 | 10 | 0 |
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KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL CLUB

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



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

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

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EDITORIAL

With the rapid growth in the number of science specialists at school in recent years it is not surprising that the majority of Upper-School members can be divided reasonably accurately into "scientists" and "artists". The existence of these two camps is not in itself worrying; what causes anxiety is that very few of the campers will venture to cross the gap between the two.

The scientists have spent the hitherto most formative years of their education thinking in the recognised scientific pattern, starting from premises, universally accepted as true, and gradually building up on them by hypothesis and proof, to form a large store of knowledge about everything described as "concrete". The artists, educated with main subjects in History, Sociology, Art and Languages, have received their knowledge from non-scientific literature dealing with the experiences and feelings of men, complete with all the accompanying figurative whims, common sense, and distinctions between what is bad and what is good, what is poor and what is valuable.

The scientist's method of thinking admits only that which can be proved logically, and allows no flights of emotional fancy or exercise of the mind beyond the edges of the mechanical path of deduction. He tends to view everything objectively and finds it difficult to accept things wholly. This analytical observation is useful if one is looking at a working machine, a chemical reaction or a rabbit's respiratory system, but it is less helpful when one is studying a work of art, men's nature, or even the significance of knowledge itself. The scientist must be capable of using the artist's more subjective approach to his problem.

But the scientists are not the only slaves to isolationism. Unfortunately, too many artists treat their scientific fellows in much the same way as an adult treats a child obsessed by a new toy—"he knows nothing better to do." At the first signs of any scientific discussion (usually long words and popularised clichés), they smile knowingly and move away with some smug parting shot about the folly of the boffins. For them science froze at the Remove level. It means little more to them than measuring the specific heat of a hundred-odd copper shavings, or changing litmus paper through indefinable shades of purple.

Let us make no rash assumptions about superiority—the World wants both specialist scientists and specialist artists; but the scientist who appreciates the excitement of spontaneous expression or the beauty of artistic form, and the artist who is aware of the depth and beauty in science, will be better able to understand what they meet in the World and will certainly enjoy and value life for more than the single-sided specialist.

So let us try to bridge that gap and acquaint ourselves with the other camp's method of thinking. Men can see equally well with either eye closed, but only when they open both together can they see in perspective.

NOTES AND NEWS

SCHOOL DIARY

On February 13th the Bromsgrove String Orchestra gave a recital of string music for the Julian Horner Concert.

The Senior Individual Gym Competition was held in the evening of February 17th. The House Team Competition followed two days later.

Half-term holiday was taken from the 20th to the 22nd of February. Athletics Standards began with the return to work.

On Friday, February 26th the first of a series of three weekly Lent Addresses was given in the Chapel by the Rev. E. F. Tinker from Handsworth.

The Individual Music Competition was held on March 1st, and the House Competition on the following day. Both were judged by Dr Herbert Sumson, organist and choirmaster at Gloucester Cathedral.

The Junior Individual Gym Competition was held in the evening of the 2nd of March.

The most eagerly awaited day of the term arrived on March 8th. The House Cross-Country Races took place in the afternoon with competitors once again running through delightful rural surroundings.

On March 17th the School Confirmation Service was taken by the Bishop of Aston.

Members of the C.C.F. and Scouts spread out over the English countryside on Field Day, the 18th of March.

On the 19th Athletics Heats began, and went on each day until Sports Day, held on the 26th of March. The proceedings were very efficiently covered by wireless and loudspeaker systems, and Mrs J. R. Balmer distributed prizes.

On the night of the 24th of March Mr Tunnard conducted the School Choral Society and Orchestra in "L'Allegro, Il Penseroso ed Il Moderato" by Handel.

The annual School Passion Service was held in Edgbaston Old Church on Sunday, March 27th. The choir once again sang the setting of the Passion according to St Matthew by Heinrich Schütz.

The Lent Term ended on the 31st of March.

The Summer Term began on April 28th. Half-term was taken at Whitsuntide from the 3rd to the 7th of June.

The first Holy Communion of term was celebrated on the 5th of May. Evensong and Evening Prayers were held in Chapel on alternate Fridays throughout the term.

On the 6th of May the School observed the Royal Wedding Holiday.

On May 20th the Scouts held a Parents' Evening.

The Junior Dramatic Society gave performances of "Twelfth Night" on the evenings of the 26th, 27th and 28th of May.

To commemorate the centenary of the Cadet Forces, the School C.C.F. held a special Centenary Parade and Open Night on June 1st. Air Marshal Sir Charles Guest (O.E.) took the salute.

The Half-mile Swim took place on June 17th.

On Sunday, July 10th, the Art Department will be organising an excursion to the Tate Gallery to see the largest public exhibition of Picasso's work yet shown.

Field Day will be on July 11th.

The Swimming Sports will take place at Woodcock Street Baths on the night of July 15th.

Speech Day this year will be on July 16th, with Field Marshal Sir William Slim, K.G. (O.E.), as the guest of honour. In the afternoon the XI will play their annual fixture with the Old Edwardians.

The School Service will be held on Sunday, July 17th.

The Scouts are organising an End-of-Term Dance on the 19th; the Choral Society are organising an End-of-Term Concert on the 21st; the end of the Summer Term will be on the 22nd of July.

GOVERNORS' NEWS

Professor G. W. H. Lampe leaves the Governors on his appointment to the Ely Professorship of Theology at Cambridge.

COMMON ROOM

We record with congratulations the following births:

To Mr and Mrs Trott, a son, on April 20.

To Mr and Mrs Axford, a son, on March 7.

To Mr and Mrs Stamp, a daughter, on June 8.

To Mr and Mrs Ruddock, a daughter, on March 19.

Mr Webb is leaving at the end of term to become Head of the French Department at Northampton Grammar School.

Dr Green is leaving at the end of term to become Head of the Chemistry Department at the Mid-Essex Technical College, Chelmsford.

PREFECTS' ROOM

The following left at the end of the Lent term:

G. J. GREGG (1955-60): Prefect 1959-60; School Rugby Football Colours 1959-60; XXX Colours 1958-59; Secretary of Athletics, 1958-59; Corporal in R.A.F. Section; Vickers Armstrong Ltd Aeronautical Scholarship; St Catherine's College, Cambridge. (*Evens*).

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

I. HARROLD: Head of the House (*Heath*).

A. B. LOACH: House Captain (*Vardy*).

M. D. REEVE: (*Prince Lee*).

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

J. C. FIELD (1952-60): Captain of the School 1959-60; Prefect 1958-60; Warranted A.S.M. in Scouts; Secretary of the Closed Circle 1959-60; Secretary of Railway and Model Engineering Society 1958-59; Rhodes Trust Tour of Canada 1960; Pembroke College, Cambridge (*Gifford*).

M. S. JONES (1952-60): Vice-captain of the School 1959-60; Prefect 1958-60; President of the Cartland Club 1959-60; Captain of Cricket 1959-60, Colours 1958-60; Captain of Fives 1959-60; School XXX Colours 1959-60; Petty Officer in Naval Section; Rhodes Trust Tour of Canada 1960; Guy's Hospital Dental School, London (*Prince Lee*).

S. J. DUNN (1953-60): Prefect 1959-60; School XXX Colours 1959-60; Editor of the CHRONICLE; Sergeant in R.A.F. Section; Godfrey Mitchell Civil Engineering Scholarship; University College, London (*House Captain of Gifford*).

C. W. HUGHES (1955-60): Prefect 1959-60; Captain of Athletics 1959-60, Vice-Captain 1958-9, Colours 1957-60; School XXX Colours 1958-60; Warranted A.S.M. in Senior Scouts; University College, London (*House Captain of Jeune*).

P. W. JOHNSON (1956-60): Prefect 1959-60; Sergeant in Army Section; Exhibition at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge (*Head of Prince Lee House*).

M. J. LAMPING (1953-60): Prefect 1959-60; Captain of Chess 1959-60, Colours 1956-60; School Cricket Blazer 1958-9; Liverpool University (*Cary Gilson*).

D. J. MUNROW (1953-60): Prefect 1959-60; Secretary of Musical Society 1958-60; Leading Seaman in Naval Section; British Council Teaching Appointment, Markham College, Lima, Peru; Pembroke College, Cambridge (*House Captain of Evans*).

W. J. PARTRIDGE (1953-60): Prefect 1959-60; School Recorder; Secretary of Scientific Society; Staff Sergeant in Army section; Exhibition at Caius College, Cambridge (*Cary Gilson*).

M. D. REEVE (1953-60): Prefect 1960; School Chess Colours 1959-60; Sub-editor of the CHRONICLE; Scrivener of Shakespeare Society; Secretary of Anagnostics; Scholarship at Balliol College, Oxford (*Prince Lee*).

R. G. SIMPSON (1953-60): Prefect 1959-60; Sub-treasurer of the School Club; School XXII Colours 1958-9; Secretary of Fives; Nottingham University (*Cary Gilson*).

G. E. STOLLARD (1955-60): Prefect 1959-60; Vice-Captain of Rugby Football 1959-60, Colours 1959-60, XXX Colours 1958-9; School Athletics Colours 1958-60; Captain of Fencing 1958-60; Under-Officer in C.C.F.; University College, London (*House Captain of Cary Gilson*).

R. F. WATERHOUSE (1955-60): Prefect 1959-60; School Rugby Football Colours 1959-60, XXX Colours 1958-9; School Athletics Colours 1959-60; Petty Officer in Naval section; St. John's College, Oxford (*Jeune*).

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following elections have been made:
at Oxford:

M. D. Reeve to a Domus Scholarship in Classics at Balliol College.

I. D. Mackenzie to an Open Scholarship in Classics at Wadham College.

at Cambridge :

P. M. Cairns to a Choral Scholarship at King's College.

D. R. Winkley to the Ratcliffe Exhibition in English at Selwyn College.

at London :

M. A. Brookes to an Exhibition at Imperial College of Science and Technology.

COLOURS

We congratulate:

J. E. T. Harper, J. C. Mason and R. A. Green on the award of School Cricket Colours.

M. G. Smith on the award of his School Cricket Blazer.

R. C. J. Page, N. R. Tindale and A. W. Hughes on the award of School XXII Colours.

A. H. Papps and D. G. Hemming on the re-award, and T. D. Austin, S. J. Dunn and D. S. Filkin on the award of School XXX Colours.

D. A. Webb, G. E. Stollard and J. C. Mason on the re-award, and J. G. Ruddick and R. F. Waterhouse on the award of School Athletics Colours.

A. B. Loach and B. J. Hambidge on the re-award of School Swimming Colours.

J. H. Siegle on the award of School Tennis Colours.

D. G. Fletcher on the re-award, and D. H. Fremlin, M. D. Reeve, B. H. Shaw and D. B. C. Merry on the award of School Chess Colours.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate the following:

G. J. Gregg on winning a Vickers-Armstrong (Aircraft) Ltd Aeronautical Scholarship.

A. V. Bridgwater on winning a British Petroleum University Scholarship.

S. J. Dunn on winning the Godfrey Mitchell (Civil Engineering) Scholarship.

S. J. Dunn, D. J. Munrow, and G. E. Stollard on being awarded Honours (1st Class) at the Outward Bound Schools at Eskdale, Ullswater and Aberdovey respectively.

D. S. Filkin on being selected to represent the Birmingham area at the American Scouts' 50th Anniversary Jamboree at Colorado, U.S.A..

R. A. Loveless on winning the prize for the first-year French essay, and R. H. C. Jones on winning the prize for the first-year French prose during the "Semaine Culturelle" of the Birmingham Anglo-French Society, held in Paris at Easter. Also J. P. Singer on winning the Group B Prize in the same Society's annual Prose-Reading Competition.

The School Woodwind and Recorder Ensemble on performing in "Music Makers" on the B.B.C. Home Service, on May 25th.

THE ART DEPARTMENT

A sample of the wide and varied range of activities in the Art Department can be seen in the Exhibition Room where works from paper sculpture by Shells to Art and Architecture Prize Entries are shown. The Craft Room has acquired a new kiln, which enables much more pottery to be successfully fired. Work on the lathe has resulted in a great many wooden bowls. Low relief carvings in Portmadoc slate have been produced by smaller boys. Among the larger projects undertaken during the year have been the large murals in oils for the Gym Changing Room, and the construction of a 14-ft canoe.

The School now has its own printing press and this year we produced our own Christmas cards. Although these were not particularly successful they mark the start of a new form of Art work in the school.

Finally, our congratulations go to R. A. Hall who has gained a place at the Royal College of Art (Industrial Design (Engineering) School).

The six Arts Council Exhibitions of reproductions, which have been shown in the school's corridors during the past year, formed part of the Julian Horner bequest. Each exhibition was the work of a modern painter. The exhibitions of paintings by Van Gogh, Picasso, Matisse, and Paul Klee were at first startling and always interesting. In between these exhibitions we were able to show collections of reproductions possessed by the school.

There will have been two School visits to London during the year. The first, to the Royal Academy's Winter Exhibition entitled "Italian Art and Great Britain", was enjoyable though its great size and scope was a little overwhelming. As this article goes to print a visit is being planned to the comprehensive and retrospective Picasso Exhibition to be held in the Tate Gallery.

THE LIBRARY

Three hundred people have library tickets. Thanks to a vigorous anti-noise campaign initiated during the Michaelmas term, the general level of talking in the library has diminished somewhat.

Many books have been presented: especially we thank E. K. Timings, Esq. (O.E.), for his generous donation of 150 books.

I would like to thank the Library Staff for their hard work, and we are all very grateful to Mr Blount for his wise and cheerful guidance.

R. E. MOLINEUX
(School Librarian)

CHAPEL NOTES

The established pattern of services continues. The Holy Communion was celebrated on Tuesdays—weekly during Lent and fortnightly at other times. Visiting celebrants were the Bishop of Aston on March 29th (the first corporate Communion of the newly confirmed), and the Rev. A. Jackson on March 8th.

Evensong and Evening Prayers alternate on Friday evenings. Special addresses were given at these services during Lent by the Rev. E. F. Tinker on the theme "The Christian in the Present-Day World". Other sermons have dealt with "The Psalms", "Christ and the Christian Now" and "The Fruit of the Spirit". Mattins is still said regularly at 8.45 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Additional services included a service for Renewal of Confirmation Promises on March 23rd and a Baptism and Confirmation by the Bishop of Aston on March 28th.

Collections at Communion have been shared among the Christian Education Movement in South Africa, the Oxford Mission to Calcutta, the Cambridge Mission to Delhi, and Christian Aid to Refugees.

T. J. BETTS

(Chapel Keeper)

COT FUND

The Cot Fund for the Lent term, together with the collection taken at the end-of-term service, a total of £104, has been sent to the British Council of Churches Inter-Church Aid and Refugee Service.

In the half term up to Whitsun the Cot Fund collection was £50, which has been sent to the Lord Mayor's Refugee Appeal Fund.

OBITUARY

R. M. OSBORNE

(master 1947-60)

The address given by the Chaplain at a Memorial Service in the Parish Church of St Mary, Selly Oak.

2 CORINTHIANS 4. 18:

We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen ; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

To speak of Dick Osborne in the presence of his friends, and in the house of God, before whom we have gathered here to remember him with thanksgiving—to speak of him in this assembly is doubly difficult. In the first place we all know what we feel about him, and what we all feel is, I believe, in differing degrees the same: some will call it affection, others will not hesitate to call it love. And what everyone feels no-one who is not a master of words can adequately express. But it is also difficult for any one man to speak of him, because the affection he gave and inspired was prompted by relationships in so many different spheres.

Most of you knew him as your Schoolmaster—Form Master of the History Division, coach of the Under 16s, House Tutor, Master in charge of School Tennis; some of us were his colleagues; some came closest to him through a common devotion to Rugby Football; others through the life of the Church; others again through his not new found but newly deepened enthusiasm for music. No-one who did not touch his life at a number of points can hope to give more than a partial glimpse of the rich variety of his friendships and attachments.

Thirteen years ago when he came to King Edward's at the age of twenty-seven I happened to be away on sick leave. I heard of the new History Master who had captained the Rugger XV at the School where the game was born, who had played for Oxford against Cambridge in the first year of the War, and then gone off to join the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry; who had taken part as Second-in-Command of his Company in the Airborne invasion of Normandy, and then returned—with a wife—to complete his history course at Balliol.

All or much of this I knew before I met him. It was typical of him—and of his wife—that my first meeting with them should be not at School, but at their home in Weoley Hill, where, as later at Bromsgrove, they delighted to entertain their friends, and where their friends rejoiced to be so entertained. And it was typical that music was the beginning of the link between us—music as well as boys.

But it was boys as well as music, for Dick was one of those rare men, born to be schoolmasters, for whom work was a recreation and who enjoyed the company of boys at home as much as—perhaps more than—at School. When the then Chief Master, Mr Howarth, instituted eight Houses in the School, it was my great good fortune to 'land' Dick as my House Tutor—and never was House or House Master better served. I shall never forget the afternoon when I first saw him take a Rugger practice. I soon realised that he was the complete master of his craft: authoritative in his advice, swift and sure in his orders, gentle in criticism, and crafty in tactics. It is not for the likes of me to make large pronouncements on Rugby Football, but I imagine I am not far wrong when I say that his knowledge as well as his love of the game was profound. Certainly his coaching of the Under 16s, the team which he began, contributed very largely to the success of our School XVs.

In the Common Room he was in some ways a different man: there was a certain naïveté and diffidence about him when he talked 'shop' to a colleague, asking (it was usually asking) about a problem of discipline, a knotty point of English clause analysis, or the dispositions of the French Fleet at Trafalgar. There was something of the Socrates in Dick: he loved to talk, to discuss, to question. And something of the Boswell too. Few people, I imagine, could withstand the gentle but persistent siege of his curiosity. But in the Common Room, on the touch line, in House Meetings, in the class-room, what came first was his

interest in boys as people, and the friendship he offered to them. I sometimes think, when I overhear what I am not supposed to hear, that the present generation of boys is not very imaginative in its choice of pedagogic nicknames. But you and your predecessors did well, I think, to settle for 'Pop', that affectionate abbreviation which suggests that with all his fatherly interest he was never the *heavy* father.

It was remarkable—and it is partly a testimony to the greatness of the School where he was brought up—that one who was by training and temperament so obviously suited to boarding-school life should have fitted with such ease into the world of the city day-school, and should have been able so conspicuously to enrich its life. In the nineteenth century the Rugby Common Room gave us Prince Lee. In the twentieth Dick Osborne came from Rugby to the House called after Prince Lee.

"The things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal." When we look back and remember the range of his friendships and their influence for good, is it not obvious that there was a well-spring of faith on which he drew to sweeten and gladden our lives by just being himself? Not that it all came easily to him. It would be profoundly misleading to suggest that his was a gay, effortless career, even before the disease which killed him struck its first blow. He was immensely conscientious in his work—in preparing lessons, in marking essays and exercises, and perhaps above all in the drafting of his reports, every one of which was pondered long and written out in full at least once before it was transferred to the report form. He was also scrupulously punctilious in watching the various games and activities of the House which he served. Indeed, during these last five years it has been the constant anxiety of some of us to dissuade him from thus overtaxing his meagre physical resources. He lived a life of discipline and devotion to duty as well as one full of laughter and the love of friends. Only those who loved and cared for him at home can know how stern the discipline must have been, at any rate for some parts of these last years, when he lived under the shadow of a further heart-attack; when over-exertion was foolish, but when rest at home condemned him to be solitary and idle—both of which he deeply hated.

"The things which are not seen are eternal." The source of his abundant sympathy, the source of the discipline and devotion of these last years, did not lie in himself. He was a man of Christian faith; not of unquestioning faith—sometimes, I think, it was a very puzzled faith—but real faith, a complete surrender to the love of God in Jesus Christ. Before there was cause for alarm about his health, he responded here in this parish to the call for a leader of the Sunday School, held here in the Church where he regularly made his Communion. I know a little of what that work cost him in time and in battling with his own mistaken sense of inadequacy. Since he moved, with his beloved family, to Bromsgrove three years ago, I felt that his faith was even deeper and surer, perhaps from having walked with death, perhaps from knowing the strength of the forces outside himself on which he had to draw. Once again he took

responsibility in the life of his parish, both in Sunday School and as a Parochial Church Councillor. Here, as in the growing musical life of Bromsgrove, he seemed to rise naturally to a place of trust and respect in the community in which he lived.

And now his life of service here is done. In a moment of time he has gone from us. "The things that are seen are temporal." That part of him we shall with these eyes see no more. "But the things that are not seen are eternal." Everyone of us here feels a sense of personal loss at his going—and the profoundest sympathy with those who are closest to him. But—at any rate for those of us who take the Christian view of life, as he did—there is a deep thankfulness that the spirit of Christ lived and bore fruit in him, that his friendship and his example were God's gifts to us, and that what he stood for abides. May his gentle, humble, smiling soul rest in peace. In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

GIFTS TO THE SCHOOL

Trees and flowering shrubs have been given by a number of old boys to begin the beautification of the new South Field. Already we notice with gratitude the adornment of the South Drive.

Two new prizes have been founded this year, one by Dr Fremlin for the best performance in Physics at Advanced and Scholarship level of the G.C.E., and the other by Mrs Cary Gilson in memory of her husband, Headmaster 1900-1929, which is to be awarded for versatility, for that combination of skill with hand and brain which was so notable a feature of R. Cary Gilson.

Gifts from parents to the School Fund, many of them under covenant, have enabled us to obtain for the Library a needed new copy of the New English Dictionary. Such a renewal, costing £50, is quite beyond the means of the normal Library Grant, and we are very grateful to those who make it possible.

From O.E.s and parents we have received also a number of individual volumes for the School Library and the Cartland Library.

Like Sebastian in Twelfth Night

'We can no other answer make
But thanks, and thanks, and ever thanks.'

O.E. LETTER

To the Editor of the CHRONICLE.

SIR,

The last O.E. Letter referred at some length to the official opening of the Streetsbrook Road Rugger ground. This begins with a note on the opening of the Cricket ground. More fortunate than the truly "muddled oafs", the cricketers had a brilliantly fine day for a match against the School, which doubtless many of you watched. A very large company—

present and past Edwardians, friends of the School and some distinguished "outsiders"—were able to savour the full charm of the delightful ground and see, if not sample, the amenities of the pleasant Pavilion.

You will not, I hope, think me obsessed with this new and permanent home of O.E. games: it is vastly important, just now, that all at the School should have it very much in mind. The Association hopes long to maintain a social club in the centre of Birmingham. But leases do not last for ever in a city nowadays in the process of rebuilding itself; nor will it be easy to find a new habitation when, in due season, the present Clef and Old Edwardians' Club buildings are demolished.

Streetsbrook Road is our own—for ever. Sports activities naturally will more and more be centred there; and it may well be some other Association activities will follow. We want you, then, to become Streetsbrook-minded. To that end the annual Association party for boys leaving school this summer will take a new form: you will be invited to take tea at the Association's club rooms in Paradise Street and thereafter transport will be provided to Streetsbrook Road—and refreshments. The Association's Committee hopes many will be able to find time for the double event. You will thus see for yourselves that Streetsbrook Road is not so very far away; you will taste, at leisure, the enjoyment it offers; and not a few, I believe, will note the work still to be done to make the Ground perfect—and resolve to share that work as they enjoy its results.

A small change is being made in the terms of membership of the Association. In future, Edwardians, on leaving the School, may become Honorary Members of the Association, for a period of twelve years, on payment of a lump sum of five guineas. This privilege remains open for three months from the date of leaving. Those who prefer may still, of course, as at present, pay an annual subscription of ten shillings. It is believed, however, that many may think it worth while, or persuade their parents to think it worth while, to pay the five guineas. It will ensure continued membership through University and early professional or business years, the period when even a very small annual subscription may sometimes seem a financial last straw; or when, preoccupied with other interests and perhaps far from Birmingham, an O.E. may easily lose touch with the Association.

I end with a notable piece of news. The Association received this spring probably the largest benefaction in its history—£5,000 under the will of the late Lady Browett, widow of a most distinguished Old Edwardian, Sir Leonard Browett, K.C.B., whose death we recorded with deep regret only last year. The best use to be made of this gift is causing the Committee a good deal of hard thinking.

O.E.

INDIAN LETTER

June 1st, 1960.

DEAR SIR,

I am greatly enjoying my time out here, teaching for a year at an Indian public school. The school is situated on a 6,000-foot hill in the Himalayan foothills, from where there are magnificent views of the

20,000-foot snow peaks. Although it is a co-educational school, it is fairly similar to a British public school, so let it suffice to say that I am fully occupied at the school and have made many great friends among the staff and boys and girls, who are all Indian. The rest of my jottings I shall devote to my experiences and doings round the great Indian sub-continent.

During my three-month winter holidays I covered nearly 10,000 miles in seeing the country. I travelled the majority of the distance by third-class train, in conditions unimaginable to the western mind. The trains were almost always packed to well over capacity with dirty, half-naked people sitting and sleeping on the floor, while a few lucky ones crouched on the filthy, hard wooden benches provided. They were all amazed to see a European travelling in this way. However, in most carriages I found someone who spoke some English. From my talks with various people of the lower strata of society it became obvious that the British are still highly respected in this country; in fact British stock is far higher now than it ever was before Independence. On the whole the average man considers himself worse off now than he ever was under British rule. A few of the most common and comic questions fired at me on my travels were "Are you married?", "Are you from Russia?" and "How much cost are your trousers, sahib?" (I was always wearing the shabbiest and oldest pair possible.) Finally there was a question from a peasant, who could just speak English, which I will remember all my days: "Gentleman, how is England nowadays?" To which I hesitatingly replied, "Well, how do you mean?" He responded with "Well, I hear Hitler bombed it very badly."

At almost all the twenty-odd places I visited I stayed with an Indian family. I met three or four Maharajas (incomes of over £2 million a year and sixty cars of their own), Nawabs, C.I.C.s, High Commissioners, M.P.s, Generals, very wealthy businessmen, and at the other end of the scale peasants, students, engine-drivers and soldiers. I stayed with a Maharaja (Gaekwad of Baroda, the cricketing family) for four days. It was a real experience living in a gigantic palace with well over 150 servants, all bowing and scraping whenever I appeared, a private zoo, game-reserves, and acres of land.

My time in this country has been a real eye-opener to me and the things I have learnt and experienced I shall never forget. I do strongly advise all of you to attempt something similar, for even though a year of training may be lost, I feel this experience brings far greater rewards in the long run. The ideal time for such a thing seems to be between school and university, before one settles into the rut of life, and nowadays, with so many schemes being run in this direction, opportunity is not lacking.

Yours faithfully,

T. PETER LEE,

Lawrence School,

Sanawar,

Simla Hills,

India.

EAST AFRICA, 1959-60

Jambo ! I hope some of my acquaintances, and perhaps others too, at K.E.S. will be interested in a short account of a schoolmaster's life in Tanganyika, as I have seen it since leaving the secure prosperity of the Foundation eighteen months ago.

When I went out, anyone who had heard of Tanganyika at all said "Ah yes ! groundnuts !" and laughed knowingly at the folly of governments. Since then, East Africa has had its fair share of headlines in the world's press, and as news value groundnuts are extinct, while the experts quietly look up "multi-racialism" in the dictionary. This has provided an exciting but unsettling background to the business of founding a new school. We have done it, but the future remains obscure, the more so since a general election and "responsible government" are imminent; and our first two years, far from being the hardest, look like being the easiest.

Luckily, however, we have little to do with headlines, and less with the election. Our talk is more of prep., games, amateur dramatics (successive house productions last term were "My Fair Lady", "1066 and All That", "Androcles and the Lion" and "The Cat and the Canary"), house matches, holidays and exams, just like yours. School life goes on amid the endless ranges of scrub-covered hills, now turning brown as we enter the long dry season. Every day is fine, every dawn and sunset a miracle of technicolour. Flowers and trees, defying the drought, fairly blaze with brilliant hues. As the school wakes up, the Africans drift to and from their work in shop or shamba, dressed in their extraordinary variety of pseudo-European clothes; and as it settles to sleep, the drummers and singers amid the mud houses, with their corrugated-iron roofs, come throbbing to life.

At the end of term the East African Railways and Harbours—so called, quaintly, because their most obvious business is with road transport—send fleets of buses and bear off our pupils on journeys of anything up to 500 miles. The boy who read the lesson at evening prayers may within a couple of days be shooting a mamba in a donga, shooping elephants away from the paw-paw plantation (thunderflashes do the job best), or tracking a ring-tailed uhuru through the impenetrable kwaheri. Equally possibly, he may be goggle-fishing off the palm-fringed beaches of Dar-es-Salaam. We, in our turn, may take any one of several (rather bad) roads, and be sure to pass baboon, giraffe, elephant, zebra, ostrich and assorted buck on our way. Whatever our destination—north to Mount Kilimanjaro, south to the Victoria Falls, east to the sea, or west to the lakes—there won't be many people there; we shall have no parking or queueing problems; and we can take the weather for granted.

I have no intention, however, of depicting a tropical paradise. That Tanganyika's political temperature is near enough to normal is due to the territory's backwardness, not its forwardness. It is not a rich country, and its communications are rudimentary. No firms compete for the services of our leavers, as they do in Britain; they are too busy re-staffing with Africans. Yet people, I suppose, will continue to come out here. It is

naive to quote Flecker's "Golden Journey to Samarkand" in 1960, but the poem contains some of the reasons why. Do I miss anything? Of course I do: I miss my cheerful and talented colleagues of the Common Room, I miss the "Iron Heart", the Kestrels, school matches, the Anglo-French Society, the C.C.F., the swimming-pool, crocuses in Bournville—but that is only to say that this place is different, which is all to the good, or nearly all.

Anyone care to join us?

R. D. J. ROBERTSON,
St Michael's and St George's School,
Iringa,
Tanganyika.

GLOSSARY: shamba—garden or plantation; mamba—deadly snake; donga—dry watercourse; uhuru—freedom (slogan); jambo—hullo; kwaheri—goodbye.

(The glossary is Mr. Robertson's not ours; we are as puzzled as you probably are about tracking a ring-tailed freedom through the impenetrable goodbye.)

SCHOOL TEAMS

CRICKET

At the time of writing the record shows: Played 11, Won 2, Lost 4, Drawn 5. As we have probably already played the hardest of the matches against School XIs, we look forward confidently to the second half of the season.

The batting, after an unsteady start, has proved, as expected, to be the strongest department in the side, and large scores have consistently been made. The batsmen from last year's side, J. E. T. Harper, J. C. Mason and R. G. Simpson, have all made good scores, and D. R. Holby is a very promising younger player who has scored well. A. W. Hughes is another young player who has batted well; he has recently been opening the innings. It is significant that the number of individual scores of fifty and more in the first seven matches of this season has already equalled the number (five) made in the whole of last season.

The bowling of this XI, as of K.E.S. XIs in past years, has shown itself on many occasions lacking in penetration, and one of the main reasons for this is undoubtedly the lack of a really fast bowler, or even another good fast-medium bowler to support R. A. Green, who is bowling far better than last year and already has more wickets. He is in fact also batting very well, and turning into the side's best all-rounder. M. G. Smith, bowling leg-breaks, has proved the most successful bowler, and has rarely failed to bowl extremely well. His total of 31 wickets in 10 games illustrates his consistency and skill. He too has proved to be

a very useful batsman, capable, when he does not throw his wicket away, of making creditable scores. R. C. J. Page is a young off-break bowler of considerable promise, who has bowled well, but who must control a tendency to bowl too fast through the air, especially when the batsmen are striking the ball hard.

The fielding of the whole side has at times been brilliant, and several members have consistently maintained this standard. Behind the stumps after the first three matches, M. J. Lamping has inspired the team by his keenness and enthusiasm: this is well illustrated by his tally so far of 8 catches and 3 stumpings.

The Second XI has been somewhat disappointing, with very few of the batsmen showing any consistency. They have a vast array of medium-pace bowlers, probably too many for their able captain H. J. Ferns to use fully.

The 3rd XI, captained by M. J. Lindop, has been defeated only once, and has beaten several school second XIs. The U. 15 XI is as yet undefeated and, together with the U. 14 XI, has a number of very promising young players. There is hope that from these teams the School will have good XIs in the future.

Finally I would like to express thanks to Mr Guy, Mr Cockle and many other masters for the time and energy spent on the teams, and to Mr Holden, our new groundsman, for maintaining at Eastern Road one of the best School wickets in the country.

The XI this season has been selected from: J. E. T. Harper, J. C. Mason, Evans, J. G.* (Secretary), Lamping, M. J.*, Green, R. A.*, Tracey, M. S.*, Simpson†, Holby†, Smith†, Page†, Hughest†, Tindale†, and M. S. Jones.

*Denotes School Cricket Blazer.

†Denotes XXII Colours.

RESULTS

THE XI v. OLD EDWARDIANS' C.C. (Played at Streetsbrook Road, 30th April, 1960)

| | |
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| Old Edwardians' C.C. | 155 (McClelland 54, Pardoe 22, M. G. Smith 4 for 34, R. C. J. Page 3 for 47). |
| The XI | 125 (D. R. Holby 33, Kendrick 5 for 33, McClelland 3 for 36). |

THE XI v. WARWICK CLUB AND GROUND (Played at Eastern Road, 6th May, 1960)

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| Warwick C. and G. | 195 for 2 declared. |
| The XI | 93 for 9 (J. C. Mason 22). |

THE XI v. WYGGESTON G.S. (Played at Wyggeston, 7th May, 1960)

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| Wyggeston G.S. | 165 for 9 declared (M. G. Smith 3 for 47). |
| The XI | 117 for 8 (R. A. Green not out 37). |

The XI 153 for 7 declared (J. E. T. Harper 29, J. C. Mason 40,
R. G. Simpson 30).
Shrewsbury "A" XI.. 124 for 7 (M. G. Smith 5 for 50).

| THE XI | | SOUTHALL | |
|-----------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|--|
| J. E. T. Harper, c | 10 | | |
| Lea, b | 23 | | |
| M. J. Lamping, c | 0 | 171 for 7 wickets. | |
| Waters, b | 100 | | |
| D. R. Holby, b | 2 | | |
| Barker | 22 | | |
| M. S. Jones, lbw, b | 15 | | |
| Norris | 8 | | |
| J. C. Mason, b | 8 | | |
| Barker | 7 | | |
| R. G. Simpson, b | 7 | | |
| Jones | 7 | | |
| R. A. Green, st | 7 | | |
| Tennant, b | 7 | | |
| Jay | 7 | | |
| A. W. Hughes, lbw, b | 7 | | |
| Norris | 7 | | |
| M. G. Smith, st | 7 | | |
| Tennant, b | 7 | | |
| Jay | 7 | | |
| N. R. Tindale, not out | 7 | | |
| Extras | 7 | | |
| TOTAL (for 9 wickets, dec.) | | Bowling: M. G. Smith 4 for 91. | |
| 202 | | | |

| MANCHESTER | THE XI |
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| 140. | J. E. T. Harper, c Robertson, b Moss 56 |
| | M. J. Lamping, lbw, b Dale 2 |
| | D. R. Holby, b Watkins .. 0 |
| | M. S. Jones, b Dale 19 |
| | J. C. Mason, not out 51 |
| Bowling: R. A. Green 2 for 47, N. R. Tindale 2 for 13, M. G. Smith 2 for 40, R. C. J. Page 3 for 22. | R. G. Simpson, c and b Moss 0 |
| | R. A. Green, not out 10 |
| | Extras .. 3 |
| | TOTAL (for 5 wickets) .. 141 |

The XI ... 221 for 8 declared (D. R. Holby 35, M. S. Jones 69, J. C. Mason not out 67).
Nottingham H.S. ... 225 for 5 (M. G. Smith 3 for 63).

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| The XI | .. | .. | 127 (R. A. Green 21, M. G. Smith 32). |
| Denstone | .. | .. | 131 for 7 (M. G. Smith 3 for 60). |

Repton 2nd XI ... 176 for 5 declared (M. G. Smith 4 for 64).
The "A" XI ... 129 for 9 (R. A. Green 23).

THE XI v. R.G.S., LANCASTER
(*Played at Eastern Road, 7th June, 1960*)

The XI 144 (D. R. Holby 32, R. G. Simpson 29, R. A. Green not out 28).
Lancaster R.G.S. 145 for 7 (M. G. Smith 3 for 54).

THE XI v. R.G.S., WORCESTER
(*Played at Worcester, June 11th, 1960*)

The XI 148 (M. S. Jones 42, M. J. Lamping not out 45).
Worcester R.G.S. 79 (R. C. J. Page 3 for 21, M. G. Smith 3 for 26, R. A. Green 2 for 5.).

THE XI v. SOLIHULL SCHOOL

Played at Solihull, May 21st, 1960

J. E. T. Harper and M. J. Lamping put on 35 for the first wicket, the highest opening stand of the season. After lunch M. S. Jones caught hold of the bowling and, making full use of the short boundary, showed all his leg-side shots. In a partnership of 70, Green scored only 15. M. S. Jones completed his maiden century, the first for the XI for 5 years. He batted 100 minutes and hit 11 fours and 4 sixes. We declared at 202 for 9.

Solihull, after a good start, lost wickets regularly and were finally content to play for a draw. Thanks chiefly to 54 not out by Waters, they had made 171 for 7 at the close.

THE XI v. MANCHESTER

Played at Eastern Road, May 26th, 1960

Manchester won the toss and chose to bat first. R. A. Green and A. W. Hughes opened the attack and, in Green's second over, D. J. Barnes, the Manchester opener, was caught at the wicket without a run on the board. Their number 3, M. J. Rawlinson, hit any balls that were at all loose very hard indeed. At 44, however, he too was caught at the wicket. Lunch was taken after about 50 minutes' play with our opponents at 60 for 2 wickets.

After lunch Page was brought on and took 2 wickets in his first two overs, and soon Manchester collapsed from 73 for 2 to 97 for 6. Page's figures at this stage were 6-2-6-3.

The Manchester captain, B. M. Whetton, and number 8, A. H. Moss, now offered some resistance, and, batting sensibly, took the score to 126 for 6. At this score Tindale also took two wickets in two overs and the score went to 133 for 9 and 140 all out.

When the XI batted, Lamping, Holby and Jones were out by 44. After tea Harper and Mason batted on pleasantly and took the score to the eighties, but with 50 minutes to go, 60 runs were still needed. At this point Harper produced a fine display of leg-side shots and took the score to over 100 and his own score to over 50, but when 56 he was very well caught at mid-on. The score was then 103—4, and the XI were at this stage well ahead of the clock, and Mason and Green had no difficulty in scoring the remaining 38 runs needed for victory. Mason was at the end undefeated with 51 and Green with 10.

FOOTBALL RETROSPECT

Since the March issue of the **CHRONICLE**, the XV has played two matches. The match against the Old Edwardians' Extra, played at Billesley under rather aquatic conditions, resulted in a draw, 0-0. The XV lost to Mt St Mary's College, on their ground, 11-6, after leading 6-0 at half-time.

The remainder of the Lent Term was spent practising for the Sevens at Roehampton. The school, however, lost 11-5 in the first round of the competition against a better equipped Marlborough side, who went on to reach the quarter finals. The seven was quite unable to settle down against a team that adhered more closely to the fundamental principles of positional play, possession, and first-time tackling. Our only try was the result of a brilliant individual run by W. E. Oddie.

The record of achievement, in terms of favourable match results, has this season been disappointing, and was not such as one would have liked to coincide with the retirement of Mr Parry from School Rugby. Nevertheless, we can but look back on former glories, and it is then that we realise how much School Rugby owes to his skill and guidance. At the end of the season Mr Parry was presented with a silver tankard, as a token of the XV's appreciation of his generous help and encouragement.

The School is fortunate in having Mr Robbins to succeed Mr Parry, and we wish him and next year's XV every success.

G. E. STOLLARD

ATHLETICS

The athletics team has had only a moderately successful season. Yet it is plain that the standard of school athletics both at King Edward's and over the whole country has risen extraordinarily. The school records themselves will testify; by a team that has had only average success six records have been broken this season up to the present time. With only four exceptions, every record in both Intermediate and Open age groups has been set up since 1957.

The season started with athletics standards, and the Cross-Country races, which were run over last year's course with modifications. The senior race ended in a tie between J. G. Ruddick and C. W. Hughes (both Jeune) and the junior race was won by B. J. Hambidge (Prince Lee). Standards continued almost unhindered by bad weather, and Levett won the John Urry Cup with the relatively large total of 347 standards.

For the first time the school fielded a Cross-Country team that ran in various matches in the Michaelmas and Lent Terms with an encouraging degree of success. Mr Morris undertook the organisation and supervision of this team.

Besides the five school matches we have played, teams and individuals have been entered in various sports and championships both locally and farther afield. We again had representatives at the Midland Public Schools' Championships, at the Warwickshire Championships, and at

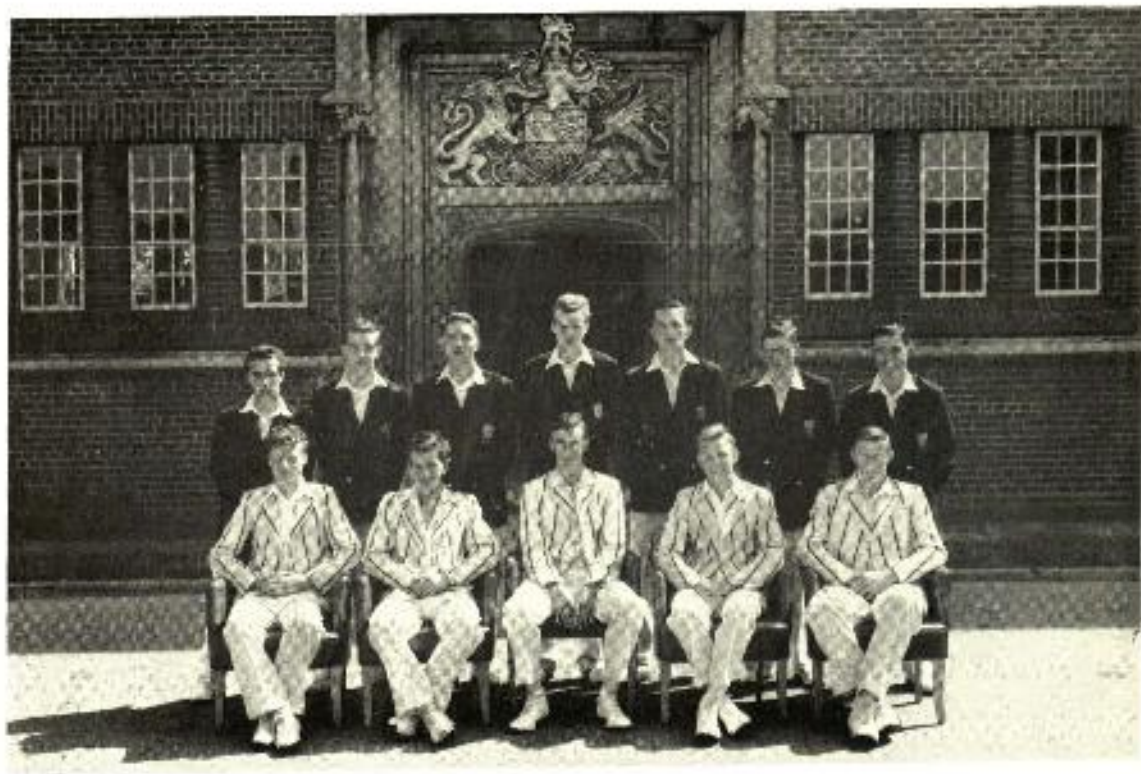


THE PREFECTS, 1959-60

Back Row (left to right) : A. B. LOACH, M. D. REEVE, P. W. JOHNSON, R. B. ELLIS, R. F. WATERHOUSE, R. G. SIMPSON, W. J. PARTRIDGE, M. J. LAMPING, A. H. PAPPS.

Front Row (left to right) : S. J. DUNN, G. E. STOLLARD, J. C. FIELD (School Captain), THE CHIEF MASTER, M. S. JONES (School Vice-Captain), C. W. HUGHES, D. J. MUNROW.

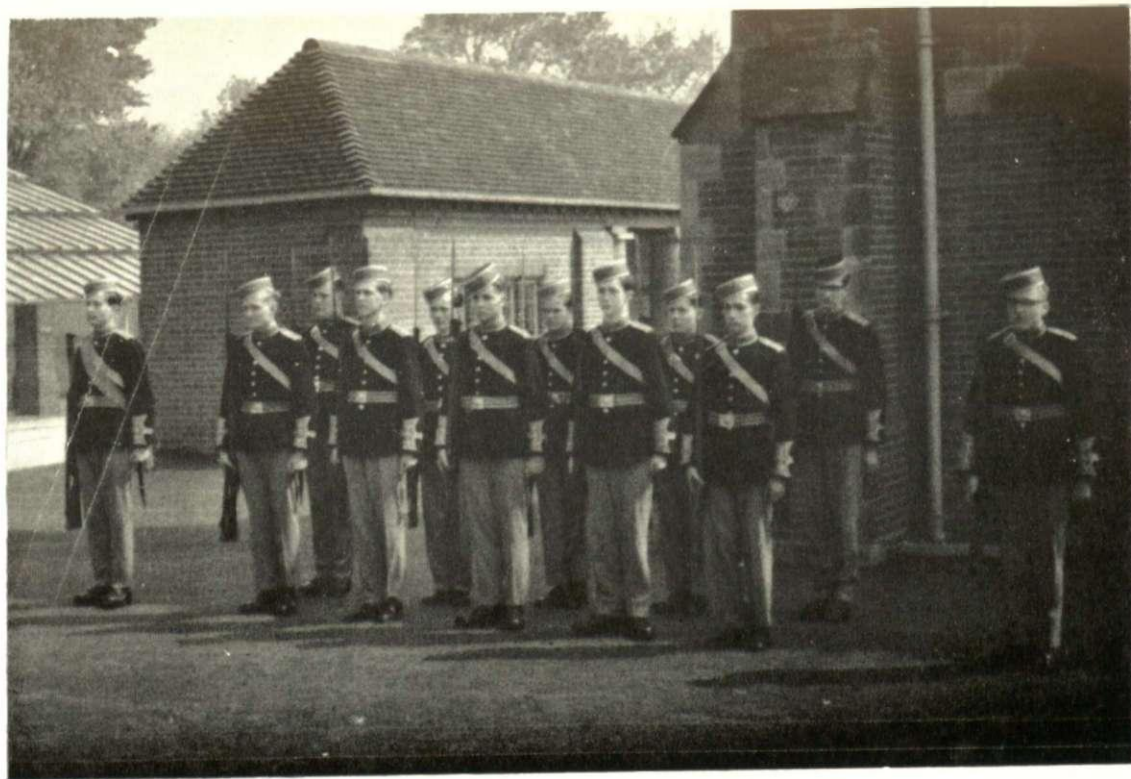
Absent at time of photograph : I. HARROLD.



THE XI, 1960

Back Row (left to right) : A. W. HUGHES, D. R. HOLBY, N. R. TINDALE, R. C. J. PAGE, R. G. SIMPSON, M. G. SMITH,
R. A. GREEN.

Front Row (left to right) : M. J. LAMPING, J. E. T. HARPER (*Vice-Captain*), M. S. JONES (*Captain*), J. G. EVANS (*Hon. Sec.*),
J. C. MASON.



C.C.F. CENTENARY PARADE TATTOO: "THE OLD GUARD"



THE JUNIOR PLAY : "TWELFTH NIGHT."

the L.A.C. Meeting at the White City. Again, several athletes have fixed their sights on the All-England Championships to be held this year at Shrewsbury.

Sports Day took place on the last Saturday of term. The performances suffered from the cold weather, but the day was none the less interesting. We wish to thank very warmly Mrs J. R. Balmer for presenting the awards.

We welcome Mr Holden, who has helped us with hints and massage treatment and who showed great interest in the Cross-Country races; and we thank Mr Porter, Mr Cotter, Mr Symes and all other masters who have officiated at matches.

C. W. HUGHES
(*Captain of Athletics*)

RESULTS AND RECORDS

K.E.S. v. Nottingham H.S. (*Home—10th March*). Abandoned.

K.E.S. v. Ratcliffe C. (*Home—17th March*).

Senior: K.E.S., 50 R.C., 66

G. E. Stollard broke the discus record (Senior) with a throw of 141 ft. 11 ins.

K.E.S. v. Warwick S. v. Worcester R.G.S. (*Home—31st March*).

Senior: K.E.S., 103½ W.S., 50 W.R.G.S., 68½

Junior: K.E.S., 66 W.S., 83 W.R.G.S., 83

K.E.S. v. Ratcliffe C. v. Denstone C. (*Ratcliffe—14th May*).

Senior: K.E.S., 62 R.C., 113 D.C., 69

Junior: K.E.S., 42½ R.C., 98 D.C., 87½

U. 15: K.E.S., 51 R.C., 38 D.C., 33

D. A. Webb broke the Senior Half-Mile record with 2 mins. 1 sec. and the Senior 440 yds. record with 52.0 secs. in one afternoon.

R. F. Waterhouse broke the only remaining nineteenth century record by clearing 5 ft 7 ins. in the Senior High Jump.

K.E.S. v. Birmingham University "B" v. Warwick S. (*University Track—21st May*).

Senior: K.E.S., 75½ Univ. "B", 112 W.S., 65½

K.E.S. v. Worksop C. (*Home—26th May*).

Senior: K.E.S., 42 W.C., 84

Junior: K.E.S., 42 W.C., 74

D. A. Webb won the 880 yds (Senior) in a new record time of 1 min. 59.1 secs.

The remaining record was broken on Sports Day when the Prince Lee Junior Relay team won their event in 56.2 secs.

SPORTS DAY

Trophy Winners:

Under 12½ Champion: Bates.

Junior Champion: Gallett.

Intermediate Champion: Frazer, A. A.

Open Champion: D. A. Webb.

Under 12½ Relay: Gifford.

Junior Relay: Prince Lee.

Intermediate Relay: Levett.

Open Relay: Prince Lee.

Intermediate Cross Country: Gifford and Prince Lee.

Open Cross Country: Prince Lee.

John Urry Cup for Standards: Levett.

Birmingham Athletic Club Cup: Prince Lee.

The Mitton Shield: Levett.

OPEN EVENTS:

100 yds: M. S. Jones. 10·8 secs.
220 yds: M. S. Jones. 24·7 secs.
440 yds: D. A. Webb. 54·8 secs.
880 yds: C. W. Hughes. 2 mins. 8·6 secs.
Mile: J. G. Ruddick. 4 mins. 54·6 secs.
Hurdles: D. A. Webb. 15·9 secs.
High Jump: Packham. 5 ft 0 ins.
Long Jump: M. S. Jones. 19 ft 1 in.
Discus: G. E. Stollard. 121 ft 8 ins.
Weight: D. A. Webb. 37 ft 3½ ins.
Javelin: J. C. Mason. 135 ft 11 ins.

SCHOOL TEAM

The Athletics team has been chosen from the following: D. A. Webb, J. G. Ruddick, R. F. Waterhouse, G. E. Stollard, J. C. Mason, Munrow, R. Barlow, Cave, Ford, Osborne, Templeman, Cosgrave, M. Evans, James, Betts, Murphy, Ancott, Kirk, Pook, M. S. Jones, Oddie, Stinton, Greenhall, Packham, Gregg, Loach, P. K. Hall, Wallis, Edge, C. W. Hughes.

SWIMMING

The term's swimming fixtures have not started at the time of writing although standards and life-saving are well under way. The Water-Polo Knockout has already been completed. Cary Gilson beat Evans 2-0, a repeat of their win last year.

The standard of inter-house Polo has increased beyond measure in the last year and Cary Gilson, in particular, showed that Polo is essentially a team game, for quick thinking and quick passing. It was pleasing to notice that even the weaker swimming houses produced most creditable teams.

The indications of times taken so far this season seem to point to a successful season and possibly the establishment of a number of new School records.

We are most grateful to Mr J. H. Hambidge, for the gift of a set of lane-ropes for competitions; the bath is now beautifully equipped with lanes and starting blocks.

We thank Messrs Symes and Porter for officiating at Water-Polo matches and to Mr Cotter for supervising our training. We trust his efforts will be well rewarded in the coming season.

D. R. ELLISON
(*Captain of Swimming*)

RESULTS AND RECORDS

V. MALVERN Won by 44 points to 17 points.
Water Polo won 2—0.

V. RATCLIFFE Won by 35 points to 17 points.
Water Polo won 5—0.

In the course of these matches five new school records were established:

100 yds Breast-stroke, B. J. Hambidge—72·5 secs.

100 yds Free-style, D. R. Ellison—59·8 secs.

200 yds Free-style, R. H. Tedd—2 mins. 21·3 secs.

3 × 1 length Medley Relay, H. Watton, B. J. Hambidge, D. R. Ellison—59·6 secs.

50 yds Free-style, D. R. Ellison—26·4 secs.

LAWN TENNIS

With four of last year's team still at School, the prospects for this season looked good, and indeed we have done well. When the team decides it can win there is a happy tendency to trounce the opposition; the opposite, however, also seems to apply. The first pair has had much success, losing only four matches out of twenty so far; the second pair has the talent, but on occasions does not have the will or match temperament to make full use of it; the third pair has been juggled about somewhat, but is now winning matches. As a general rule the team has the strokes to produce good shots—apart from the smash: in fact, it is advisable for spectators to take cover when a smash is being attempted.

The Club is flourishing and there are many good games played at practices and the standard of play is definitely improving with this practice.

This year we hope to do well in the Public Schools' Competition at Wimbledon; I think we have a better IV than we have had for some time. The IVb pair is getting valuable practice for the Thomas Bowl Competition. All the Club would like to express their thanks to Mr Leeson, who has worked so keenly for our benefit.

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

The following have played for the VI: J. H. Siegle, Emslie, I. A., Mellor, R., Stinton, P., Stollard, G., Sidwell, M. B., Field, J. C.

The VIb pair: Forster, J. and Bason, H.

RESULTS

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|------|---------|----|-------------|----|-------|-----|
| May | 7—VI | v. | Wyggeston | .. | Won | 5—4 |
| | 19—VIII | v. | Common Room | .. | Drawn | 4—4 |
| | 21—VI | v. | Solihull | .. | Lost | 2—7 |
| | 26—VI | v. | Manchester | .. | Drawn | 4—4 |
| | 28—VI | v. | Repton | .. | Lost | 2—7 |
| June | 2—VI | v. | Denstone | .. | Won | 8—1 |
| „ | 8—VI | v. | Wrekin | .. | Won | 8—1 |

ETON FIVES

Two four-pair matches, the second of which was an U.16 match, were played against K.E.S. Five Ways, and, as expected as this is only the second year in which the game has been played there, both were won easily. Apart from a pleasing defeat of the O. Edwardians in April, all the other matches were lost.

During the Easter Holidays, three pairs went to London to play in the Public Schools' Competition at Highgate. Although hard practice had been put in, only slight success was achieved. The first pair, M. S. Jones and R. G. Simpson, beat Cranleigh II easily but lost to Cranleigh I. A weakened second pair, M. J. Lamping and D. R. Holby, lost to Eton IV, and the third pair, I. A. Emslie and R. Mellor, beat Berkhamsted IV and lost to Repton I.

The House Competition is now nearing completion, and the School Handicap Competition has reached the semi-finals, as last year, but

because of the reluctance of most senior members of the school to play in the sun, it seems that it may not be completed.

Again I should like to extend thanks, particularly from the School Fives players, to Mr Smith for his skilful running of the routine work of Fives, and for his valuable advice.

M. S. JONES (*Captain of Fives*)

RESULTS

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Opponents</i> | <i>Played</i> | <i>Result</i> | <i>Score</i> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Jan. 25—v. K.E.S., Five Ways | | <i>Away</i> | <i>Won</i> | 3—0 |
| „ 31—v. Jesters | | <i>Home</i> | <i>Lost</i> | 0—2 |
| Feb. 15—v. K.E.S., Five Ways* | | <i>Home</i> | <i>Won</i> | 7—2 |
| 20—v. Shrewsbury† | | <i>Home</i> | <i>Lost</i> | 0—2 |
| March 3—v. Berkhamsted† | | <i>Away</i> | <i>Lost</i> | 1—3 |
| 27—v. Old Uppinghamians | | <i>Home</i> | <i>Lost</i> | 0—2 |
| April 3—v. Old Edwardians | | <i>Home</i> | <i>Won</i> | 3—2 |
| 5— Public Schools | | <i>Highgate</i> | | |

*U. 16 match (4 pairs).

*†1 U. 16 pair was played in these matches and so.

CHESS

The First team, for the second successive year, were second in Division I of the Birmingham and District Junior Chess League. The fact that most games were played quickly and enthusiastically is probably a reflection of the team's spirit. The Second team, ably captained by D. A. Duddell, did well to finish half-way up Division I. The Third team finished top of their division, whilst the fourth team won the Division III championship.

The regular First team was: D. G. Fletcher, D. H. Fremlin, M. D. Reeve, B. H. Shaw, D. B. C. Merry and M. J. Lamping.

Two of the team remain for next year and the prospects for the season are fair. The number of keen and competent players in the middle school makes the outlook for more distant seasons very encouraging.

For the first time in many years the school individual competitions were finished before Easter; the senior competition for the Hurn Trophy was won by D. G. Fletcher, and the U.16 competition for the Pugh Cup was won by J. D. L. Ball, who, despite his outward appearance of non-chalance, is an extremely vigorous player.

We thank Mr Hurn, who has kept a watchful eye on our secretary's arrangements.

M. J. LAMPING (*Captain of Chess*)

GYMNASTICS

Competition results:

House Team Competition on February 19th won by Evans.

Senior Individual Competition on February 17th won by J. C. Mason.

Junior Individual Competition on March 2nd won by N. J. Chapman.

We are very grateful to Mr J. G. A. Britten (Adviser in Physical Education to the Birmingham Education Committee), who judged the Senior Individual Competition as well as the House Competition. His helpful criticism of individual House performances was particularly appreciated.

To Mr Symes and Mr Cotter we are, as always, indebted.

A. H. PAPPS (*Captain of Gymnastics*)

FENCING

It is my pleasure to report that once again the Fencing team remains undefeated, though two of its matches had to be cancelled because of the lack of a convenient date. It is also encouraging to note that there are several very promising fencers in the Removes and Upper Middles, who should provide a sound nucleus for the Fencing Club in years to come. In the more immediate future, prospects for next year are fairly good, since several of this year's team are remaining at school. It is only to be hoped that when fencing begins once more in the Michaelmas Term, we shall again have an excellent response from the junior school, and a more determined attitude towards practice from the advanced fencers.

The team this year has been: C. D. Tyler, N. M. Maybury, R. N. Harvey and G. E. Stollard.

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

FENCING RESULTS

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Opponents</i> | | | <i>Result</i> |
|--|------------------|----|-------------|------------------|
| Nov. 2—IV v. Bishop Vesey's G.S. | .. | .. | <i>Away</i> | <i>Cancelled</i> |
| 25—IV v. Lucas Engineering School | .. | .. | <i>Home</i> | <i>Cancelled</i> |
| Feb. 8—IV v. Five Ways G.S. | .. | .. | <i>Away</i> | 11—5 <i>Won</i> |
| March 2—IV v. Lucas Engineering School | .. | .. | <i>Away</i> | 9—7 <i>Won</i> |

ROWING

In the first match last year, racing against King Edward's School (Stratford) second and third crews, the IV held their opponents well, and the second IV were by no means thrashed. At Stratford and Derby regattas, the IV did not show much promise, but at Monmouth they rowed an excellent course, and were unfortunate in being drawn against the eventual winners. The IV gave the local favourites a good race at Bewdley Regatta, while the second IV attempted a final spurt at a rate of striking that puzzled the most hardened regatta-goers, but at the Ball Cup race, which is something more of a classic event, the IV never had much chance of success.

However, this season has begun in a more hopeful fashion, as we have two keen IVs, with several spare men, together with a set of four new blades, and the distant promise of a completely new boathouse.

At our first race, against Prince Henry's School (Evesham) third and fourth crews, the second IV lost heavily, but the first IV won against a much tidier and obviously more experienced crew.

With this beginning we hope for a more successful season.

We are most thankful for the constant efforts of Mr Axford.

G. OVENS (*Captain of Rowing*)

THE HOUSES

CARY GILSON

To be or not to be Cock House, that is the question. So far this term outrageous fortune has favoured us, though our past record is not without its fluctuations.

Congratulations to our First XV on retaining its unbeaten record and on winning the Knockout, even if it did require five periods of extra time. This success, coupled with more than adequate support from our junior teams, enabled us to add the Rothe Cup for the Combined Rugby Championship to our growing collection of silverware. Condolences, however, to the P.T. team; a lack of innate talent rather than a lack of anything else was the reason for our seventh position. Nor need we be too despondent about a position of sixth in Athletics, for such a position does after all represent a sure if rather slow improvement.

Slow improvement is also the keynote in Shooting, for in the *Country Life* we were fourth equal, and with the Tunstall Cup to follow, our final position should not be far behind the leaders. In Chess we finished third and in Music fourth equal, while in Fives our juniors have not yet been beaten, and, by winning four of the five matches played, have ensured us the Combined Fives Championship.

House Cricket is in danger of breaking with tradition, for both the First and Second XIs have so far swept all opposition before them. Indeed, the only occasion they had to be content with a draw was when it rained, a fortunate circumstance for the opposition. In Swimming too we have succeeded in confusing the pundits, for, not content with winning the Water Polo Cup for the second successive year, our relay teams have at last been observed to finish in the first three. Whatever the final position in the Cock House Championship, however, let us remember that the great thing is not conquering but fighting well. If the spirit that is evident in the House at the moment persists through our failures as well as our successes then we shall never be very far from the top.

On the occasion of our last House meeting of the term, we shall reluctantly say farewell to Mr Biggs, as a Housemaster. Having acquired the premises upon the laying of the foundation stone ten years ago, he has done much to give the House a sense of maturity, and has always shown a keen interest in its collective endeavours. Unfortunately we shall also be losing Mr Webb and, in thanking him for his unfailing support in many spheres of our activities, the whole House wishes him every success in his new appointment. Our one consolation is the continued stay of Mr Ramsay, whom we also thank for his advice and encouragement.

G. E. STOLLARD (*House Captain*)

EVANS

Of course, we all know where the best pots have gone, and if Evans is no longer in the forefront of the hunters it must be because we are making our contribution to the Club System. All the same, in house sports, where the glory is still in the game and not in the arduous training, many of our results are nearer a *prox. acc.* than an "also ran". Although our position on Sports Day was not startlingly high (eighth, actually) our attempt to retain the John Urry Cup was much more vigorous. Cheers for the standard-getters—even though we came second.

In the Music Competition, we finished second, equal with Levett, our old rivals. The choir sang a sixteenth century madrigal "O Lusty May" and Stravinsky's beautiful "Ave Maria". We finished second also in the Rugger Championship, although neither of our Knockout teams got past the second round undefeated. In Chess we came sixth. Our congratulations go to J. D. L. Ball, who is now Midlands Under 15 Chess Champion.

Again the Water-Polo team, powerfully led by our swimming captain, reached the final of the competition. Again we lost, in a spirited match, to Cary Gilson. The relay teams have not been so successful and we *need* some points. What more pleasant than a blissful afternoon at the swimming bath, accumulating standards? We haven't won any cricket matches yet, but I am assured that the game is being played as it should be played.

We welcomed Mr Buttle as our new housemaster at the beginning of the term, and to him and to Mr Hodges I would say, most gratefully, thank you for your encouragement and help.

On behalf of those who are leaving, I say to next year's Evans, goodbye and good luck.

D. J. MUNROW (*House Captain*)

GIFFORD

Gifford achieved a hat-trick in Rugger: all three Knockout teams reached their finals. We then made it a unique hat-trick by losing all three games. However, the very fact that three Gifford teams were "there" is a really great improvement on what was once expected of us on the rugger field; the 1st XV especially is to be congratulated on playing for longer than an international match, to lose by only three points in what must have been the closest final on record. So we eventually came third in Rugby for the year, but—by only one-hundredth of a scaled point!

We did not improve our Shooting position last term, but stuck firmly at seventh. Funny things can happen with '303s, so hope of an improvement is not yet lost. Our Chess team finished in a similar position. Here we should thank our ex-captain for his long, patient leadership, and also congratulate him on gaining a Major Scholarship at Trinity College, Cambridge. We entered a Gym team for this year's competition, but owing to "lack of all-round strength" we gained no points from it. Similarly we shall not gain many points on completion of the Fives competition.

Now for our bright side. The turn-out and enthusiasm for Athletics were very good and the resulting position of fourth was the best for the House for a long time. Besides this we also won two and a half cups through our young athletes, and they can now be seen by the not too casual observer in the Gild Hall—the cups, that is. Tennis is going excellently and the cricket teams are doing as well. Swimming has recently been a fruitful sport for Gifford and so far this year there has been no alarming fall-off. It is to be hoped that the rest of the House will support the regulars by getting standards as well as they did in Athletics.

So Gifford has a bright side and a darker side; the latter admittedly outweighs our successes, but we should not forget that there is yet another aspect to a House. Some dare to call it *esprit de corps*, others put it as “it’s the effort that counts.” As for Gifford, suffice it to say that we run smoothly as a social group and can make the effort when wanted; what we could do is to realize that it’s wanted a little more often than we think. With this in mind, we could improve firstly in the minor activities and so, with the high standard which will almost certainly be maintained in next year’s major sports, improve our overall position.

It remains for me to thank all officials for their year’s service, but primarily, Mr Kay, Mr Benett and Mr Gregory for perennially distinguishing themselves from their colleagues by being answerable for our House.

S. J. DUNN (*House Captain*)

HEATH

“... and things that go bump in the night.”

Though it has taken us more than a night to go bump, we can hardly look back on the year with satisfaction. The traditional Heathan summer somnolence set in two terms too early with the result that cups have disappeared from our cupboard at an alarming rate. It is perhaps significant that the same effect was produced (to a lesser degree) when we last won the Cock House Cup.

Rugger went on, leaving us in a position of eighth in the Knockout, and seventh all round. The track and countryside refused to wake us, and we finished in the lower half in both Athletics and Cross-Country. Failure of negotiations brought us bottom in Chess; the same was achieved in Fives without an attempt to negotiate. In the *Country Life* Competition we shot up to fourth equal. Our choristers were distinctly individual.

So far this term we have won one cricket match and lost others. We have also won one Junior Fives match—and lost others. Fifth equal in Water Polo was not quite up to expectations; and we have at least been seen in Relays. Points at Tennis have disappeared at the same rate as cups.

These are the stony facts; it may have been gathered that we have not excelled ourselves this year. However, we recovered from a similar position four years ago eventually to regain the Cock House Cup. Under the unfailing and ever-cheerful guidance of Mr Barlow and his House tutors, Messrs Trott and Stamp, we shall do so again.

I. HARROLD (*Head of the House*)

JEUNE

The truth is that we have not had a successful year. In the Rugger Knock-out Competition the first team played well, but the Junior teams were disappointing, and the resulting position of eighth in Rugger was a pity, but not entirely unexpected. We expected a slight fall in gymnastics, metaphorically speaking, but we were unprepared for the veritable crash that marked our landing in a position of fifth. In Athletics we retained our overall position of second, which was good, but we were third in the running for the John Urry Cup, which was not. We had our triumphs, however, and here is the *pièce de résistance*: our House Choir demolished tradition and eliminated discord in coming first in their competition. This made us first over all in Music, an occurrence never before achieved in the history of the House. Although the first Chess team won the cup for its own competition, there was inadequate support from below, and we just managed to retain our semi-permanent position of fourth.

This term our Cricket, Tennis and Junior Fives teams have started in a disappointing manner. Swimming has been improving slightly, although we found ourselves in the losers' final of the Water Polo Knockout. We did not lose this, but unfortunately we did not win it either.

It is with mixed feelings that this report must be ended, for Mr Sacret is leaving us at the end of the year to become Housemaster of Cary Gilson. We all congratulate him very warmly on being appointed to this post, but the pleasure must be largely offset for us by the thought that members of Jeune will no longer be able to benefit from his coaching and inexhaustible advice on Rugger, Cricket and Tennis. We will hear no longer the awe-inspiring chorus of Housemaster and Senior House Tutor on the touch-line; one shudders to think that they will now be shouting against each other.

We must extend to Mr Sacret our most sincere thanks for all that he has done in his long and devoted tutorship to the House; to Mr Leeds, Mr Leeson and Mr Ruddock we must again say thank you for all their efforts and encouragement over the year.

With this, I must offer my best wishes to Jeune and all its members for 1960-61, and in the years to come.

C. W. HUGHES (*House Captain*)

LEVETT

Five years ago Mr Porter prophesied that in 1960 the House would secure a high position in the championship. Results and prospects are certainly brighter than ever before, owing principally to general coordination under sound and caring leadership from the captains.

Rugger was good last term, for we maintained our league position of fifth. The *Country Life* Shooting Competition brought in sixth place but there are hopes for improvement in the Tunstall Cup this term. Thereafter we kept just below the surface in the remaining sports. The Chess, Fives, Gymnastics and Music teams all came second (the last second equal); the Gymnastics result was especially pleasing for we had

not dared to hope for such a position. We broke the surface with a splash in Athletics. The success on the track was remarkable—we gained more standards than any other house, came second in the Sports and top over all. The greatest contribution came from the five-star intermediate group, which dominated the field on Sports Day, having champion and runner-up amongst its number. The Under 12½ group also provided the runner-up and broke a school record. The performance of the House as a whole and as individuals was excellent.

With the track lines fading and the rugger balls at rest in the pavilion, the smaller balls come into play and in directions mostly unexpected by opponents. Cricket is proceeding very well at present, although the league teams, drawn from numerically meagre resources, may not be able to keep up their success when school team players join in. As so many are involved in club activities, the demands on the less athletic members of the House to play cricket are becoming greater and the response is pleasing.

The Junior IV dominate the Fives courts and the Tennis team goes from one sweltering victory to another with its sound policy of "just getting it over the net". As in Athletics the swimmers make a considerable contribution to the school club, which results in a larger number of people being involved in the water than previously for the relay teams. After nearly half an hour's play the Polo team lost their first game but went on to win the next two. Maintaining last year's position in swimming will be a struggle and so the importance of standards, and hence of the individual, is paramount.

Thus runs the pattern. The general ability of the House is being rewarded on a broad front and for their vital part in this we must thank Mr Porter, Mr Freeman and Mr Hall for their guidance and leadership at all times.

Let us work and see if the opening preview of the future becomes a reality.

R. B. ELLIS (*House Captain*)

PRINCE LEE

Our collection of silver-ware has increased. How we have managed to obtain it all we are still not quite certain, but it is nevertheless most welcome.

In spite of our poor start to the year in the Rugby League, we improved considerably to come second in the Knockout, giving us an overall position of fifth in Rugger. Our Chess team secured for us the Knight's Head Trophy, albeit by a narrow margin; our marksmen were similarly victorious in the *Country Life* Competition, which, combined with our performance in the N.S.R.A., made us first over all in '22 shooting, for the second year in succession. Although our gymnasts put in some hard practice, we cannot boast an excess of talent in this sphere, and, as expected, they did not achieve a very high position in the Competition,

coming only sixth. In Athletics, our fortunes lay in the two extremes: we came first in the sports and eighth in standards, these results combining to give us a final position of third.

Our efforts so far this term have been neither outstanding nor shameful. The Water-Polo team, playing below full strength in every game, performed with great spirit but did not produce many goals, winning only one game. Cricket has not started very encouragingly, but the influx of a substantial number from the Cricket Club should improve our chances in the Knockout. We have also, to date, won one Tennis match.

These, then, are the facts. They show, all too clearly, that we are reasonably well provided with skilled individuals, but that others are quite content to rest on the laurels gained by their more talented colleagues. It cannot be emphasised too strongly that for a House to be really satisfied with its performance each individual must play his part to the utmost, be it big or small. We hope that the disgraceful performance in Athletics standards will not be repeated in Swimming.

We congratulate warmly, M. S. Jones, who scored a century for the School against Solihull, and M. D. Reeve on his Classical Scholarship at Balliol, our third open award this year.

The House has suffered a great loss this term by the sudden death of Mr Osborne, who took the keenest possible interest in all the activities of the House from its very beginning. An obituary notice appears elsewhere in this CHRONICLE, but I know that all members of Prince Lee will remember Mr Osborne as an understanding friend, always ready to help and encourage everyone. We shall miss him very much.

I should like to thank, sincerely, all the House Officials for their hard work, much of which often passes unnoticed. Finally, also, thanks to our Housemaster, Mr Williams, and his colleagues, Messrs Axford and Cotter, for their continued guidance and support.

P. W. JOHNSON (*Head of the House*)

VARDY

At the beginning of this term Mr Parry took office as Housemaster of Vardy.

Cricket has progressed favourably with the first team winning three matches of the four played. The second team began the season with enthusiasm, winning the first match with great ease. Since then, however, a certain apathy appears to have set in amongst its members, resulting in a distressing waste of points.

The House can boast a vast array of swimmers of all types, from world-class champions to those urged on by instincts of self-preservation. In consequence, the House holds a clear lead in swimming relays, swimming standards and the newly-instituted Life-Saving Competition (M. A. Roberts is warmly congratulated on the award of a bronze medallion—the first award gained).

Tennis still seems poised between complete success and moderate attainment, but the wealth of School Tennis players available for the Knockout should weigh heavily in our favour.

We welcome Mr Harris as House Tutor and wish Dr Green, who is leaving this term, every success in his new appointment. Our thanks are due to both House Tutors and Housemaster for their support and help through difficult times.

A. B. LOACH (*House Captain*)

C.C.F.

The C.C.F. continues to demonstrate its vitality, in this the year in which the Country's Cadet Forces celebrate their centenary.

For its Field Day on March 18th, the R.N. Section visited the Cleve Hills for a map-reading and route-finding exercise. The previous evening fifteen ratings had made their way to a rendezvous on the top of the hills, before spending the remainder of the night at the Wheatshill Youth Hostel. During the Easter holidays twelve ratings, accompanied by Lt. Bennett and Mr Roberts, spent an enjoyable four days on a sailing and canoeing course at Raven's Ait, Surbiton, an island in the Thames. In the same period another five cadets sailed from Plymouth to Portsmouth on the minesweeper H.M.S. *Venturer*.

The R.A.F. Section was organized into three flights for the Lent Term. The first paid regular visits to our T.A. Assistance Unit, 127 Construction Regiment, R.E., at Smethwick; the second attended the C.D. Rescue Course under Mr Hunt at Belmont Row; while the third flight prepared for their Proficiency Certificates. This division was maintained for Field Day.

As far as the Army and Basic Sections' Field Days were concerned, the Cadre went to Alum Rock to continue their M.T. Course, A and B Coys did patrolling at Hagley, while C Coy carried out a map-reading exercise in the Rubery—Lickey area. Training this year has been very fruitful in Proficiency Certificates—no-one failed, and there are now fourteen cadets with Certificate T in addition. The Signals Platoon has had a great year. They occupied their new Communications Room in February, and entered for the C.C.F./A.C.F. Inter-Command Wireless Network Traffic Competition, which lasted eight weeks. We congratulate them on winning the competition with a total of 591 points, 53 ahead of their nearest rivals, Bridlington School. In due course the Signals Platoon will receive a plaque commemorating their achievement. It is worth recording that, such has been the growth of the Signals Platoon over the past few terms, that there are now 54 classified signallers in the Corps, and, with seven more passes, the total of A.I.s has risen to 24.

During the Easter holidays a party of cadets, accompanied by Lt. Webb and R.S.M. Allard, visited the B.A.O.R. and were again fortunate to be posted to the First Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery, at Hildesheim. In addition to local sight-seeing and the valuable insight into military

life, the varied programme included a two-day exercise with the Regiment in the field, and visits to the Iron Curtain frontier and the Volkswagen works at Hanover.

All Sections this term have been practising for the C.C.F. Centenary Parade held on June 1st, a report of which appears elsewhere in this issue.

The vitality the Corps possesses is in no small measure due to our C.O., Lieut.-Colonel Cooke, the Officers, and the S.S.I.s, to whom we owe our thanks. We congratulate Flt-Lt. Traynor and Flt-Lt. Whalley on the award of the Cadet Forces Medal.

G. E. STOLLARD (*Under-Officer*)

THE C.C.F. CADET CENTENARY PARADE

This year the War Office has allowed such Contingents of the C.C.F. as desired it to hold, in lieu of the Annual Inspection, a parade to celebrate the Centenary of the Cadet Forces in this country. This seemed too good an opportunity to miss, giving us a chance to do something out of the ordinary. It was decided to hold the Parade in the evening—at 7-0 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1st—and to make an Open Evening of it.

The opening ceremonial was without the usual lengthy inspection; instead a Guard of Honour was mounted and, because our distinguished Old Edwardian airman, Air Marshal Sir Charles Guest, K.B.E., C.B., had kindly agreed to take the Salute, it seemed appropriate that this Guard should be provided by the R.A.F. Section. After the inspection of the Guard of Honour, the Contingent, deployed on the South Field, gave the General Salute and then moved off for the March Past.

In perfect weather over a thousand visitors viewed the Ceremonial from the South Terrace and Prefects' Grove and afterwards moved about among the static displays and other items, accompanied by those cadets who were not actively engaged at that stage of the proceedings. The programme included showings of the film the Contingent made last camp to assist the training of C Company, a demonstration by the Civil Defence Course of some difficult Light Rescue Work, a gymnastics display (preceded by Blindfold Drill by C Company), a demonstration of Glider training by the R.A.F. Section, and life-saving drill by the R.N. Section. The last item was to have been shown in the swimming-bath, but the late decision to include the R.N. Section in the Finale meant that the cadets concerned would have had too much of a rush to get back on parade, so to the disappointment of many spectators they did the drill on land. There is no doubt, however, that the R.N. Section's inclusion in the Tattoo greatly enhanced its appearance.

Meanwhile A Company were busy providing fried sausages in the bivouac area, where also a board showed photographs and maps of the Arduous Training "Walk" in North Wales last Easter. On the other side of Park Vale a platoon of C Company were erecting the 160-lb. tents in which they were going to spend that night as part of their pre-camp training for Kimmel next August. From time to time sections of B

Company attempted the Assault Course, their brick-wall techniques being particularly interesting to the visitors. Nearby was a "Saracen" Armoured Personnel Carrier, kindly put on view by the Queen's Own Hussars. At the west end of South Terrace the Signals Platoon made the most of their opportunities, with the R.N. Section "semaphoring" in the background and providing a pleasant touch of colour with their flags.

And so to the "Tattoo" by way of finale. A Guard in the uniform of the Volunteers of the 'sixties mounted sentries; the Band performed and then brought on the New Guard in the uniform and equipment of to-day. After the Guards had slow-marched together towards the flag, the Band beat Retreat and played off the Old Guard. Then came Last Post and the National Anthem, and the playing off of the New Guard. The "Tattoo" took twenty-five minutes and proved an exacting test for the Band and the two Guards, most of whom were from the Army Section Junior Leaders Cadre. By general agreement, they performed magnificently and all present felt that due honour had been paid to our cadet ancestors.

Contingent and visitors then moved off into Big School and we were very grateful at this point to Corporal Jones and his friends for the use of their private amplification system, for there was a large overflow on the stairs and in Gild Hall. The C.O., before asking Air Marshal Guest to present the Docker Cup awards and Under-Officer Titterington's Joint Service Cadet Badge, made reference to the early history of the Corps and to two discoveries he had made only the day before—first, he had found evidence that K.E.S. started its Cadet Rifle Corps in 1864, a year earlier than previously thought, and second, he had found in the Governors' Records Room two muskets (one of which he produced from back stage) which may well have been survivors of the arms issued to the Corps at its inception.

After making the presentations Air Marshal Guest spoke of the national aspects of the Cadet Movement and of the considerable contribution made by K.E.S. to the country's needs in times of national danger. Speaking for the Services, he was emphatic that what we were doing was well worth while. The Chief Master wound up the proceedings with thanks to the Air Marshal and so this unique evening came to a close.

ARDUOUS TRAINING, APRIL 1960

"Arduous Training Course" proved to be a more apt title for our Cambrian Walk than some members of the party had imagined it would, the chief reason for this being the weight of our packs—we were supplied with War Department tinned food which increased our loads by 20 lbs.

Our course ran from Carrog to Conway, via Snowdon. The first days we spent finding our feet. On neither day did we get as far as planned and hard slogging on hot roads on Saturday caused two of the party to return to Birmingham, their feet being too badly blistered to carry them any farther along the seventy-five miles of our route.

After swift redistribution of stores, the five survivors pressed on to reach the Llanberis pass by Monday night. During this night the weather broke and the following day's walk round the Snowdon Horseshoe was windy and wet. However, the weather cleared up by the next day when we crossed the Glyders, and by Thursday it was clear and warm, allowing us an extensive view from the 3000-ft peaks of Carneddau Dafydd and Llewellyn. We camped that night at 1000-ft, six miles outside Conway, into which we descended on Friday.

The course was certainly a holiday in that it was a relaxation. But it was more than that: it gave us experience in carrying heavy weights—60 lbs. at the beginning, 35 to 40 at the end—for long distances over rough open country; and the system whereby each person plotted a section of the route and led the party over that section improved the standard of our map-reading and compass-work far more than months of classroom theorising could. Altogether, the venture was most enjoyable and successful, and that it was so is a tribute to Mr Symes' patient and tolerant guidance, in circumstances that at times must have been trying.

A.E.G.

SCOUT GROUP

A recent census has revealed that the 70th Birmingham is now 174 strong. Such numbers raise problems of administration that will only be partly solved next year, but we shall still be efficient enough to continue to make our mark on the School.

The fact that rather fewer Juniors than usual attended Easter Camp at Llanfynach, Brecon, only made the whole affair more select. In perfect Summer Camp weather, everyone spent a profitable week, and the standard of camping was probably higher than ever before. Among the more valuable experiences were cake-making competitions, 24-hour hikes, and a ten-mile expedition to the Brecon Beacons at midnight on the last night. We commend the few hardy souls who camped at the summit, and sympathise with those who encountered a Sunday-School outing at the same altitude.

But one year nears its end, and the next is not really so far away. After the year's climax at Summer Camps at Bettws-y-Coed and Patterdale, all those who remain will take on new and greater responsibilities, many of them arduous. Next year everyone, but especially those in authority, should aim to perpetuate the best traditions of the Group, but more particularly to think and plan on entirely new lines. If you firmly believe your predecessors to have been hopelessly misguided, then start afresh with your own ideas and put them into practice from the beginning. Without originality, and the enthusiasm to foster it, the Group would all too soon falter. What is really valuable is not the number of badges that the Group gains, not the efficiency or inefficiency with which it operates, but its character and spirit, which is at the present time spontaneous, clever in terms both of intellect and of wit, and above all,

attractive. No matter what inter-troop rivalries have existed in the past they should in future be integrated once and for all in a united effort to maintain the generous and unsullied pleasure that most scouts show in taking part in activities that all can contribute to and all can appreciate. We could not expect or achieve anything more worthwhile than harmony and happiness; may such a spirit remain with the Group always.

J.C.F.

SENIOR TROOP

The Senior Troop has grown to be bigger than ever before, though it is painfully obvious that quality has not increased with quantity. Far too many of the troop are late in starting the afternoon, improperly uniformed, and reluctant to do anything constructive between their late arrival and early departure. Our numbers are such that the equipment situation has become desperate; we are nowhere near self-supporting, yet if any suggestion is made that action be taken to remedy the deficiencies, alternative activities are suddenly found useful. The cessation of activities on Friday afternoons has been seriously contemplated in the hope that the dead wood in the troop will drop out. Let us hope that the new generation starting in September will make the Seniors of the 70th something to be proud of again.

But from condemnation to genuine chronicling. Two teams entered a district challenge competition and a trophy was brought back. Two other teams entered the County Ambulance Competition, but failed to win because of inexperience in technique; the first aid was of a high quality but the reasons for diagnosis were not given out aloud, so many marks were lost.

Our activities during the past two terms have included forestry, astronomy, bridge-construction, cooking, and tent-manufacture. The hut is receiving a long-awaited face-lift; perhaps if more interest were taken in the hut by the Seniors it would be unnecessary to have an organized hut-decoration party.

For Field Day a highly complex expedition has been planned; it is hoped that some of the Seniors may find time for it, since 'A' level will be over. Summer camp is being held in Switzerland—about forty will be going—and Mr Morris will be sampling the K.E.S. brand of scouting. It is to be hoped that he will not be too horrified with what he sees and will join us permanently.

To conclude, all that remains is to record our gratitude to Mr Dodds, whose energy and enthusiasm seem undimmed by the sorry state of affairs that exists.

J.D.F.

Sea Scouts

Six of our Seniors have engaged in Sea-Scouting activities on Bittell Reservoir, in conjunction with the 1st King's Norton Senior Sea Scouts.

THE JUNIOR PLAY—"TWELFTH NIGHT"

To me it was largely a question of hats; throw in the cloth, which Maria threw over Olivia's head, and you have the sum of my complaints against an otherwise creditable junior production of *Twelfth Night*. Why was Sir Toby not told to keep his hat on and Sir Andrew not allowed to throw his away? I found it impossible to believe in a Sir Toby with as fine a crop of Nordic blonde hair as you would see anywhere between here and Illyria, and he remained a fine, upstanding young Englishman throughout the performance. As such he acted most convincingly; he spoke his lines with gusto, and held himself well; a good Sir Toby Pardon perhaps, but not my Sir Toby Belch.

Sir Andrew was given a cap and bells, as though he were a professional fool, and not one 'who does it more natural'. The cap clearly worried this painstaking young actor, and he could be seen furtively ensuring that the bells did not ring while someone else was speaking. Blair looked like Sir Andrew and his performance showed promise, but he had not been coached to fit in with Fell's novel conception of Sir Toby, and consequently looked lost on the stage at times; he must also, like one or two of the others, learn to speak up.

I would have preferred to see Olivia in black at the beginning; and could she not have had a black veil round her shoulders, for Maria to drape round her at the appropriate moment? Instead Maria blotted her out by throwing a white cloth over her head, as though she were covering up an old lady's parrot for the night.

Tickle played Orsino as 'a noble Duke in nature as in name'; he can be played as a decadent, and then provides a good foil to Sir Toby's raffish integrity, but it is probably better for a young actor not to attempt this. As Tickle did not attempt to be decadent, it would surely have been fairer to him to cut that unpleasant speech in Act V, Scene 1, which ends:

"I'll sacrifice the lamb that I do love
To spite a raven's heart within a dove."

They did not fit in with Tickle's conception of the part, which had been well sustained until that moment, and he spoke the lines with pained embarrassment.

Reader, as Feste, showed considerable competence and versatility; he was completely at his ease on the stage and gave a most promising performance. Tipping as Malvolio spoke his words impressively, and appeared properly puffed up with self-conceit; I did not see Sanders do the part, though I gather that it was his anguished voice that was heard from the cellar. Viola conveyed dog-like devotion to Orsino most realistically, but found it difficult to shake off this attitude and be spritely in the scenes with Olivia. Sebastian spoke well and walked nonchalantly to the altar, probably the best way to carry off this difficult scene, which Shakespeare does not bother to gild with any poetry. Antonio also spoke up bravely, and looked his part as well as any, but his gestures were too mechanical. Clark, as Maria, thoroughly enjoyed himself, but must remember that when he tosses up his skirts at the back—a suitable gesture

for Maria—his face is brought down towards the floor, and lines spoken in this position cannot be heard. He was also apt to speak too fast, but his zest and liveliness endeared him to us.

The set was beautifully designed and great credit is due to the designer and painters; praise and thanks are also owed in overflowing measure to those hard-working ladies who undertook the huge task of designing and making all the costumes; and last but not least to the producer and all his helpers for tackling so difficult a task so energetically and successfully. It was a great pity that the amplifier was not able to do justice to Mr Tunnard's music, and to the beautiful voice of the chorister who recorded it to the accompaniment of Mr Craig.

The whole cast was word perfect, a great and unusual achievement. Twelfth Night is not an easy play for young actors, and when realism was lacking this was due more to the nature of the play than to the performers.

THE VOSGES, 1960

A party of twenty-six boys and two masters visited the Vosges last Easter holiday, staying for a gloriously sunny week in Saverne, a town about twenty miles north-west of Strasbourg, on the eastern edge of the Vosges. The town is about the size of Bromsgrove and is cut completely in two by the Marne-Rhine canal.

During the stay at Saverne two full-day excursions were organized. The first of these was to Strasbourg, where the cathedral, with its astronomical clock and a tower up which there is a 330-step spiral staircase, was a focal point of explorations. A short visit to Kehl, in Germany, was also made on that day. The second excursion was to the Monastery of Ste Odile, perched two thousand feet up on the top of a mountain overlooking the Rhine valley, and the château of Haut Koenigsbourg, a reconstructed ancient fortress fifty-two years old.

On the other days walks were organized to local places of interest. Thanks to the Club Vosgien's excellent signposting and good map-reading by Messrs Hodges and Leeds the party rarely got lost. Everybody spoke a fair bit of French and all returned safe and sound, with many photographs and happy memories, thanks to the able leadership and organization of Mr Hodges and Mr Leeds.

R.G.C.

C.E.W.C.

The Birmingham Council for Education in World Citizenship exists to spread information about world problems by means of talks for VI-formers in the Grammar Schools of Birmingham, an annual VI-Form debate, and an annual VI-Form Conference in the Debating Union of the University.

K.E.S. has resumed its contribution to the work of C.E.W.C. this year. Talks have been attended by a few members of the school, H. J. Ferns proposed the motion at the Annual VI-Form Debate in January, and volunteers from the school assisted in the door-to-door collection for the Lord Mayor's World Refugee Year Appeal Fund, organized by C.E.W.C..

This term the Annual VI-Form Conference will be held on July 11th and 12th on the topic of "Modern China", with its prelude, a dance and social evening, on the preceding Friday, both of which it is hoped will be well attended by members of K.E.S.. The work of C.E.W.C., which Mr Sacret has been associated with for many years, should be better supported, because the speakers at meetings are invariably excellent and informative. Next year, we hope that there will be greater enthusiasm for one of the most valuable extra-curricular activities available at K.E.S..

A.M.

VALEDICTION

"No longer mourn . . ."

Dearest, if I die, I would not have you grieve
Over one whose sorrow was beyond reprieve.
Shed no tears: breathe no sighs;
I will leave behind me no long-lingering cries
But the mock reverence of unsung hymns and wordless epitaphs.

Foolish mourning: unwept, that sweetness
Can wash me from your heartlessness.
Tomorrow no skull is:
The earth's as fresh, the rose as fair,
Sadly my spirit sings, lamenting, dying on the air.

D.J.M.

Life is a long steep slope which man must climb,
Nor may he know what lies beyond the brow;
Whether a place of rest that knows no time,
Whether a harder slope than we climb now.
And yet, there is a mountain top I know
That sheers away to nothingness below.

R.F.W.

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| INCOME | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|---|------------------|----|----|
| To Governors' Grant | | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Heath Testimonial Fund | | 10 | 17 | 0 |
| „ Levett Trust | | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| „ Mayo Trust | | 13 | 14 | 8 |
| „ Old Boys' Permanent Contributory Fund | | 7 | 13 | 8 |
| „ Solomon Memorial Trust | | 1 | 19 | 10 |
| „ Honorary Members' Subscriptions | | 48 | 6 | 0 |
| „ Donations | | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| „ Boys' Subscriptions | | 696 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Grant from School Stock | | 460 | 0 | 0 |
| | | £1556 | 8 | 2 |
| (Signed) J. C. ROBERTS, <i>Hon. Treasurer.</i> | | | | |
| Examined and found correct, | | | | |
| R. LEDGER | } | <i>Hon.</i> | | |
| R. J. GILSON | | <i>Auditors.</i> | | |
| Receipts for year ending March 31st, 1960 | | 1556 | 8 | 2 |
| Balance brought forward, April 1st, 1959 | | 1 | 11 | 6 |
| Grant from Reserve Fund | | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 1657 | 19 | 8 |
| Expenditure for year ending March 31st, 1960 | | 1678 | 6 | 9 |
| Deficit carried forward, April 1st, 1960 | | £20 | 7 | 1 |

| EXPENDITURE | | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------------------|--|-------|----|----|
| By Football | | 244 | 15 | 8 |
| „ Cricket | | 490 | 14 | 4 |
| „ Athletics | | 103 | 18 | 6 |
| „ Swimming | | 57 | 11 | 0 |
| „ Fives | | 201 | 16 | 4 |
| „ Tennis | | 118 | 8 | 9 |
| „ Squash Rackets | | 7 | 3 | 8 |
| „ Fencing | | 3 | 18 | 0 |
| „ Rowing | | 41 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Shooting | | 1 | 6 | 0 |
| „ Chess | | 49 | 6 | 2 |
| „ CHRONICLE | | 281 | 19 | 0 |
| „ Archaeological Society | | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Music Society | | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| „ Scientific Society | | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Civic Society | | 2 | 17 | 6 |
| „ Art Society | | 1 | 7 | 0 |
| „ Philatelic Society | | 7 | 6 | 0 |
| „ Hockey | | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| „ Printing and Stationery | | 58 | 13 | 4 |
| „ Postage and Telephone | | 7 | 14 | 0 |
| „ Bank Charges | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | | £1678 | 6 | 9 |

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O.E. MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

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

School Leavers may, on payment of £5 5s. 0d., become honorary members for twelve years.

N. J. F. CRAIG,
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KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL CLUB

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

