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

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

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

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

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THE XI, 1954

Standing (left to right): G. D. Anderson, A. N. B. Davis, D. F. Lewis, J. Maddison, A. Masters, P. F. Williams, M. Williams (1954)
 Seated (left to right): F. Myerson (1954, Hon. Sec.), G. P. Soutar (1952-3-4, Vice-Capt.), J. L. Williams (1951-2-3-4, Captain),
 A. C. Soutar (1952-3-4), E. L. B. Soutar (1953-4).

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EDITORIAL

In the halcyon days before the dawning of the mechanical era, time stood still. England was a patchwork of green fields, heath and woodland, with scattered hamlets nestling beneath the paternal walls of the twin pillars of the community, the Church and the Manor House. Year in, year out, life continued its leisurely pace in an essentially rural country where disturbances were few and tastes were simple. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof" was the maxim of a society which lived not for the future, but wholeheartedly for the present.

Change, however, is inevitable, and as mechanization spread, the pace of living increased at a rate which today shows little sign of steadying. Man has been slowly mechanized by the machines he has invented, and work, formerly a labour of love, has now become a necessary evil. Time, rather than standing still, seems to pass all too quickly in an age which lives for the future. Because there is no time to stand and stare, the clock has become increasingly important and tends to dominate our lives.

There are people today who feel that time not used for work is time wasted, and consequently that education is a waste of precious years and is something to be completed with celerity so that work, the means to an end in life, can be commenced. Education is believed to be an elementary knowledge of the Three R's, whereas these are only the trunk of the tree. The branches which spread out from the trunk, each with numerous unexplored offshoots, are the branches of education, and although no man can discover them all, everyone should see at least a few.

In an age when horror comics, cheap journals, television, and cinemas, are the criteria of life, it is essential that education should be wide and comprehensive, for "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." There is, at a time when even entertainment is provided for us, a lack of encouragement and opportunity to develop our minds and sensibility. A school can remedy this, but not without the co-operation of its individual members. Effective co-operation cannot be achieved with one eye always on the clock. Education is not just a matter of learning facts, it is the full development of the mental powers and character by a process of instruction and practice. A competent school provides instruction, and the facilities for its practice, the use of which are entirely the responsibility of the individual.

At King Edward's, there are extensive facilities for the practising of the theory that has been taught, but clock-watching precludes these opportunities. Many of the branches of the tree of education are there to be explored, but the method of exploring is left to the individual. To regard the School merely as a place of instruction which is left every day as soon as possible, is to neglect the wonderful opportunities provided. Every one of us owes a debt which can never be completely repaid, but by taking an active interest in the School as a community we can at least give something in return for what we have received.

NOTES AND NEWS

SCHOOL DIARY

The Michaelmas Term began on Thursday, 16th September, and ended on December 21st, rather later than usual. Half Term was taken from Friday, 29th October, to November 2nd, being extended as is customary to include the Founder's Day holiday.

The General Committee of the School Club met on September 22nd to approve Officers and Committees proposed for the coming year ; the Student Christian Movement was unanimously affiliated.

Prize Giving was held on the eve of Founder's Day. Viscount Chandos, M.C. (formerly the Right Honourable Oliver Lyttelton), presented the prizes and addressed the School. We were honoured by the presence of the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Alderman J. R. Balmer, who also spoke.

Holy Communion was celebrated in the Chapel on Founder's Day, 12th October, and on three other occasions during the term. Some thirty boys are being prepared by the Chief Master and the Chaplain for Confirmation. A Confirmation by the Bishop of Aston has been arranged for March 17th, 1955.

A Julian Horner Concert took place in Big School on October 27th, when the Lower School was entertained by the Lanchester Marionettes.

The Bromsgrove match was played at Charford on the wintry afternoon of Saturday, 6th November. The large number of supporters who responded to the vigorous advertising campaign of the gentlemen of the Prefects' Room witnessed an exciting game in which mud proved a hindrance to players and spectators alike. In winning the game by thirteen points to nil the XV retained the Siveter-Smith Cup.

The Annual Church Parade was held on Sunday, 14th November, at Edgbaston Old Church, the Chief Master preaching a most inspiring sermon. The Salute at the March Past of the three contingents of the C.C.F. was taken by Air Marshal Sir Charles Guest, K.B.E., C.B., O.E. The Parade was under the command of Under-Officer J. D. L. Adams.

Field Day took place largely indoors on Friday, 19th November.

The Carol Services were held on the successive evenings of December 16th and 17th, and as usual were well attended. On the previous Wednesday, the XV travelled to London to play Dulwich College in what was generally expected to prove the season's hardest match.

At the time of writing, a deep gloom has settled over the Prefects' Room. Tickets for the Annual Ball which is to be held on January 3rd, 1955, have been printed, but not sold.

SCHOOL NEWS

We congratulate J. D. L. Adams upon his election to the Dale Memorial Medal.

We congratulate J. L. Wilkins upon his election to the Knight Memorial Medal for the Army Section of the C.C.F., and J. W. North upon his election to the Knight Memorial Medal for the Air Section.

We congratulate J. L. Wilkins upon his election to the Bache Memorial Cup and G. M. Simon on being elected to the Hammond Debating Trophy.

During the summer holidays, J. D. L. Adams and J. L. Wilkins travelled on the W. H. Rhodes Educational Trust tour of Canada.

We congratulate the XV on its extremely successful season to date. It is, so far, unbeaten and we wish it success in its future matches. The increasing number of members of the School who support the XV is encouraging, but the singular absence of cheering is to be deplored. We would remind the School that boys on the touchline should be not only seen but heard.

We congratulate J. W. McCracken on gaining admission to the Slade School of Fine Arts, University of London, the first Edwardian to do so for a considerable number of years.

The Sixth Form lectures on Saturday mornings have become a valuable part of extra-curricular education and have covered a variety of topics. In particular, Mr. C. Prins' illustrated talk on Vermeer is worthy of mention.

As is customary, the Editor noted the School Christmas Card. If anything it is rather more lovely than before. Well cut, with bold lettering and in a delicate shade of powder blue, it will bring the spirit of the festive season into countless homes all over Birmingham.

It seems, in spite of the weather, a good season for carnations.

We note with approval the pioneering spirit which led a certain Edwardian to pedal a push-bike over the hundreds of dangerous miles between Land's End and John o' Groats—and back.

We congratulate J. G. Evans and R. D. Pickering on winning honour for the School in a new field. In the competition for the Charles Massey Debating Trophy, they effectively countered all opposition by their eloquence.

Britain's increasing traffic problem is reflected in the number of cars parked around the School each day. Our motoring correspondent assures us, however, that plans for three-tier parking are being submitted. In this matter we should see a very high standard in the future.

COMMON ROOM

We congratulate Mr. Hurn on his marriage to Miss J. B. Haggard, on December 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, Moseley.

Mr. Bolton on his engagement to Miss H. V. Holmes.

Mr. Hurn and Mr. Hayes, who have had paintings exhibited in the recent "Works by Local Artists" Exhibition in the City Museum and Art Gallery.

PREFECTS' ROOM

J. D. L. ADAMS continues as Captain of the School.

J. G. EVANS has been appointed Vice-Captain of the School.

The following gentlemen have been appointed Prefects :

J. S. N. DREW, Secretary of Squash Rackets ; Editor of the CHRONICLE (*Levett*).

J. B. HUSKINS, Secretary of the Student Christian Movement ; Secretary of the Pugh Society ; Keeper of the Chapel (*Evans*).
 D. H. JACKSON, Captain of Athletics ; House Captain (*Cary Gilson*).
 J. C. ORR, Captain of Squash Rackets ; Captain of Lawn Tennis ; School Recorder (*Gifford*).
 R. D. PICKERING (*Jeune*).
 E. L. B. SAXON, Vice-Captain of Cricket ; House Captain (*Levett*).
 P. J. SQUIRE, C.S.M. in C.C.F. ; House Captain (*Vardy*).
 J. H. WILSON, A.S.M. in Scouts (*Levett*).
 R. K. WILSON, Secretary of Football ; Secretary of Athletics ; A.S.M. in Scouts (*Heath*).
 D. M. L. WITHEROW, House Captain (*Gifford*).

At the end of the Summer Term the Chief Master entertained the retiring School Prefects to dinner in the Cartland Room. A most enjoyable evening was spent by everyone.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We congratulate the following on the award of State Scholarships :

J. L. BEEBY, S. D. BROOKS, D. G. S. DAVIES, A. W. DONALDSON, D. EVANS, J. G. EVANS, D. J. FAVER, N. W. C. GARDNER, F. K. HAMMOND, S. LANE, C. W. LONG, R. D. PICKERING, C. D. PRICE, P. W. TROWN, D. E. VEITCH, R. WHITFIELD, G. T. WOODS.

We congratulate the following on the award of Scholarships to Birmingham University :

I. O. A. D. BRODIE, D. GOMPERTZ—Entrance Scholarships.
 D. K. WATERFALL—Open Entrance Scholarship.
 J. R. PERRY—Sands Cox Scholarship.
 J. T. GOODWIN—John Avins Science Scholarship.

COLOURS

We congratulate :

M. WILKINS on the award of School Cricket Colours.

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

T. J. R. ALEXANDER, J. N. BROMLEY, M. J. DISNEY, A. D. HOLLAND, J. S. PENDRY, R. D. PICKERING, P. G. ROBINSON, and B. H. SHARPE, on the award of School XXII Colours.

R. H. TIPTON and R. K. WILSON on being re-awarded School XXII Colours.

R. W. N. DAVIS, B. C. GANE and R. K. WILSON, on being re-awarded School Football Colours.

W. D. GRIFFITHS, E. L. B. SAXON, B. H. SHARPE, R. H. TIPTON, M. WILKINS, J. H. WILSON, and D. H. JACKSON, on being re-awarded School XXX Colours.

G. G. KEMP and J. S. PENDRY on the award of School XXX Colours.

P. R. FOXALL on being re-awarded School Swimming Colours.

H. P. AITKEN and A. D. EDWARDS on the award of School Swimming Colours.

E. D. HATELEY and A. W. HARRIS on being re-awarded their School Tennis Colours.

W. W. DAVENALL and K. W. A. HOLLIER on the award of School Tennis Colours.

J. G. HENLY on being re-awarded School Shooting Colours.

CHAPEL NOTES

Services this term have included celebrations of the Holy Communion approximately every month, and a series of addresses at Friday Evening Prayers on "The Fruit of the Spirit" by the Chief Master. The Chapel Choir bids fair to surpass even the heights reached by last year's Choir.

We acknowledge with deep gratitude the following gifts : a lectern Bible from Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Coleman ; a pair of vases from Mr. and Mrs. R. D. J. Robertson ; a red burse and veil from D. R. A. Torvell ; donations from Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Counsell, Mr. J. W. H. Drew, Mr. C. E. Gane, the Rev. E. W. Parslew, Mr. H. Short, Mr. P. N. Smith, Mrs. A. C. Trundle, a group of Old Edwardians, and an anonymous donor.

F. J. W.

OBITUARY

LT.-COL. THOMAS FRANCIS GOODE died at his Harborne home on the 20th November, 1954, at the age of 85.

Born 23rd April, 1869, he entered the School as a Foundation Scholar at the age of ten, leaving four years later. In the course of his life, he became prominently associated with many activities in Birmingham, in particular, with Education. He was appointed a Governor of the School in December, 1945, and was also a Governor of Birmingham University. In 1947, he became a Deputy Lieutenant of Warwickshire, and was until that year a military member of the County Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association; during the first World War, he was awarded the O.B.E. for his services as an officer in the R.A.S.C. (Territorials).

From 1927 to 1949 he was a member of the Birmingham City Council, and also took a leading part in the many activities of the British Legion, being for many years President of the Harborne branch.

Lt.-Col. Goode retired in 1950 as joint managing director of Thomas Goode, Ltd., a noted hardware firm, but continued his energetic participation in his many interests. Through his frequent visits he became a familiar figure in and around the School.

We express our deepest sympathy in their bereavement to his widow and two daughters. We feel that in Lt.-Col. Goode, Birmingham has lost a most valuable citizen.

We were grieved to learn of the death on November 9th of CAPTAIN GEOFFREY CARTLAND CRAWSHAY. His mother was a Cartland, and we are therefore indebted to him among other members of the Cartland Family for the gift of the Cartland Room.

He it was who spoke in the name of the donors in Big School on September 22nd, 1953 when the gift was handed over to the School. He

wielded an immense influence on the pattern of life in Wales, both social and agricultural.

He will be remembered by many for the notable Welsh Schoolboy XV's which he used to collect year after year for a series of classic matches.

It is with great regret we record the death of MICHAEL VERNON UNITT (Gifford House, 1949-54), as the result of an accident while cycling in Scotland during the Summer holidays.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OLD EDWARDIAN LETTER

To the Editor of the CHRONICLE.

SIR,

If absence of history means happiness, then the Old Edwardians' Association must be in a state of almost unparalleled felicity. Not so your correspondent with his quota of bricks to mould—or should it be to drop?—and a few exiguous bits of straw to be worked in.

To the New Year Honours recorded in July has to be added, in the Birthday List, a Knighthood for F. M. Scopes (1911) and an M.B.E. for L. Humphrey (1924), Senior Meteorological Officer for the Gold Coast. Some of you may perhaps recall that, three years or so ago, he gave a talk to one or other of the School societies. Perhaps one or other of our less juvenile masters may even remember him as a very useful centre-three-quarter.

Collectively, the Association has done little in the last six months, and done it particularly well. The XI had a moderate season in a depressing summer. The XV, after starting reasonably well, has disappointed in match after match. To some of us it seems depressing that the very much improved standard of football in the School has not been reflected yet in what used to be regarded as a higher class, O.E. football. One understands that the National Service system, added to the increasing proportion of boys going to Oxford and Cambridge has tended to break the old, invaluable link between School and O.E. F.C. Even so, it does appear there could be a better liaison than in fact there is. Is this *our* fault? If so, will you please tell us where the fault lies?

We had the usual tea party at the Association rooms in late July for those leaving School. It was, I think, as successful as usual, and we got a large number of new members for the Association. Many of them, we are sure, will be helping School and Association for a long time to come. (One, poor wight, will probably be struggling with a letter like this. May his material be better).

Several losses fall to be recorded—two in particular. Keith Prosser (1916) Bishop of Burnley, who preached the Quatercentenary sermon in the Cathedral only two years ago, died untimely, last July. More recently we have to mourn the death of Lt. Col. T. F. Goode (1884) who died in

November, aged 85. Few, I imagine, can recall him at the School, but he had been a Governor, hard working and devoted, since 1945. He was a member of the City Council, first as Councillor and then as Alderman, from 1927 to 1949, and there was hardly a side of the City's public life he had not touched.

All good wishes. In particular, may the XV continue with no less success the season it has begun so well. It must be a long time since both Denstone and Bromsgrove were beaten in the same year. O.E.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

To the Editor of the CHRONICLE.

SIR,

Medieval yet atomic, academic and yet neurotic—that is how we find Cambridge and many of the O.E.'s in it ; nevertheless, every man to his own taste, and what G. T. Lyall (Pembroke) is to one, H. B. Gottschalk (Peterhouse) may well be to another. D. E. Lloyd (Caius) has just been elected to the Pitt Club and was last seen reeling down King's Parade after a party given by our new President D. C. Ward (St. John's), chanting *Floreat Edwardiensis*. The Mather brothers of Trinity always did seem happy souls and are frequently seen Morris Dancing with D. B. Hill (Caius), R. F. Peierls of the same college, and R. C. Perkins (Clare), the new secretary of the Tudor Club.

J. de C. Ling (Clare) is a more serious character, but has seemed rather depressed lately. It is rumoured that, but for a disagreement with the President, he might have stroked the Varsity crew in this year's Boat Race. Another great rowing personality is P. K. Harber (Christ's) who wants to row to the Piraeus (by himself).

Of the freshmen, A. D. S. Roberts (Pembroke) has distinguished himself by taking up polo ; B. E. Fryer (Selwyn) by being inebriated every morning of the Michaelmas Term before 11-0 a.m. ; J. L. Wilkins (St. John's) by entertaining the whole of New Hall—a new foundation for young ladies—to afternoon tea ; J. C. H. Cope (Pembroke) by appearing at the Jazz Club with a beard ; J. B. Haseler (Caius) by appearing on Poppy Day disguised as Pope Pius VIII ; and J. F. Wainwright (Selwyn) by challenging the Senior Proctor to a Darts match.

The veterans remain to provide that mellow flavour of maturity, achievement and fulfilled destiny so essential to the more uninteresting of Waugh's characters. W. K. Smith (St. John's) eats Haggis ; N. Sankey (Caius) plays Eton Fives, but poor old M. C. Dodd (Christ's) wanders about the Backs delirious and muttering strange foreign words such as splendid, dontcherknow, and *bumbags*.

But in all, Mr. Editor, Sir, we are very happy—especially those of us not mentioned in this letter !

We end by wishing you and the School a Merry Christmas and very happy New Year.

I am, Sir,

Yours very sincerely,

CANTABRIGIENSIS.

FOOTBALL

The XV is unbeaten so far this term, and has thus continued the successes attained by last year's XV. It is with great pleasure that we can record victories over both Denstone and Bromsgrove, a feat not accomplished for some considerable time.

The victories gained so far have been well merited, but some schools have had surprisingly weak teams. Nevertheless the XV has, on all occasions taken full advantage of their opponents' weaknesses. This year, as in the past four or five years, the strength of the forwards has been instrumental in the XV's success. Upon the nucleus of four old Colours, an energetic, heavy and formidable pack has been built. Weight seems to be no handicap and the forwards have shown great liveliness in the lineouts and the loose. Quick heeling in the loose mauls has invariably given the backs plenty of opportunities to prove their worth, but on occasions heeling has also been very slow and the opposing forwards have been allowed to come through and trouble the halves. Possession of the ball in the tight has never been consistent and despite the considerable weight of the pack it has been pushed off the ball on numerous occasions. The back row of the scrum has, however, proved very powerful, both in attack and defence.

The backs have had a very fair share of the ball in most matches and have shown themselves thrustful in attack. The three-quarters are all fast and have shown considerable intelligence in their play. Good combination by the halves has ensured a regular service to the three-quarters, but the wings, who are potentially very good, have not been given enough opportunities to use their speed and thrust. The centres make many openings, but by passing too late and by bad backing up, full advantage has not always been taken of these openings.

The defence has not been tested to a very great extent. Even at Denstone it was only the halves who had to defend with any dexterity. Kicking has been especially good and tackling by the backs has been generally hard and low. The forwards have been noticeably poor in defence, and tackling and falling on has been negligible.

Under bad conditions in most of the matches, handling has not been good and it is obvious that ball practice is lacking. Place kicking has not been at all consistent, and although there are several potentially good kickers in the team, this vital aspect of the game is neglected throughout the School.

The prospects for the rest of the season are good, but, unbeaten, the team must not become complacent. There are likely to be at least three very hard matches in which the result may go to the team which shows greater cohesion and fitness.

The Second XV has not risen to the high standard set by last year's unbeaten team, but undoubtedly it possesses the material and talent from which a matchwinning side could be developed. In the first half of the Christmas Term the Second XV are always very much a "chopping-block" for the XV, and consequently suffer from lack of combination. Reasonable cohesion could be developed in practice and it is hoped therefore that they will be able to train together more often in future. Under careful guidance a more powerful team spirit could be created, which



THE SEVEN-SOUTH CAP

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of Local Artists' Work.)

would lead to more encouraging results. The team has been ably captained by D. H. Jackson.

Worthy of mention is the School 3rd XV which has developed into a very sound team in the first season of its formation. The only game it has played, so far, was won by a considerable margin, and its enthusiasm and team spirit is noteworthy. P. J. Squire, as captain, will probably lead this team through an unbeaten season.

Mr. Osborne's coaching has been unrewarded this year, and the U.16 XV have won only one out of the six matches they have so far played. The team have not played well together, but there are several very promising players, including the captain J. C. Green. The pack is small but fairly lively and good hooking has made up for other deficiencies. The backs run hard but are unsound in defence, and tackling is too infrequent and too high. It would be pleasing if there were more competition for places in this team, upon which the XV so much depends for its future strength.

The U.15 XV have not had a good season. They need considerable practice as they are not individually talented, but there is a general enthusiasm and keenness to do better. With practice and cohesion they could be a very reasonable side.

Lost two games and won two games is the record, so far, of the U.14 XV. Their pack is not particularly good, but they should be powerful in the three-quarters. They are keen and energetic and should do well in the six games they have yet to play.

Mr. Parry has again proved a tower of strength in moulding a good XV and continues to devote his enthusiasm and attention to Rugby throughout the School. Messrs. Leeds, Osborne, Sacret, McGawley, Buttle and other members of the Staff must be thanked for their assistance in coaching, organizing and refereeing games. There are now more boys in the School playing Rugby than ever before, and yet there still seem to be a few who want, and are not at present getting a game. It must, however be regretted that the burden of coaching and training falls on all too few shoulders. Senior members of the School and House teams have helped considerably in training junior teams, but this is not satisfactory as they themselves need practice. This problem is very urgent, and if the XV in future years is to maintain and indeed, improve upon the standard so far attained, talent and enthusiasm must be fully exploited in the Junior School and House teams.

In conclusion it is pleasing to note a small but not yet adequate increase in support for the XV both at home and away. Appreciation must be added for the interest and support shown by the Chief Master and the School and its friends.

A. BRAMLEY,

Captain of Football.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

THE XV

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Result</i>
Oct. 2	Bedford Modern School	Home	26— 0	Won
" 9	Warwick School	Home	39— 0	Won
" 16	Denstone College	Away	5— 3	Won
" 23	K.E.G.S., Aston	Home	33— 3	Won
" 26	Trent College	Cancelled.		
" 30	Workshop College	Away	20— 5	Won

<i>Date</i>					
Nov.	6	Bromsgrove School	Away	13— 0	Won
"	13	Nottingham High School	Away	27— 3	Won
"	20	Wrekin	Home	3— 3	Drawn
Dec.	2	Ratcliffe College	Home	24— 0	Won
"	15	Dulwich College	Away	8— 0	Won
"	18	Liverpool College	Home	20— 0	Won

SCHOOL SECOND XV

Sept.	25	K.E.S., Stratford, 1st XV	Away	5— 6	Lost
Oct.	2	Tettenhall College 1st XV	Away	19— 0	Won
"	16	Denstone College 2nd XV	Home	3— 3	Drawn
"	23	Sebright School 1st XV	Away	3— 3	Drawn
Nov.	13	Bromsgrove School	Away	Cancelled.	
"	20	Wrekin College	Away	6—14	Lost

SCHOOL THIRD XV

Oct.	23	Sebright School 2nd XV	Home	57— 0	Won
Nov.	20	Old Edwardians 3rd XV	Away	8—21	Lost

UNDER SIXTEEN XV

Oct.	2	Bedford Modern School	Home	3—19	Lost
"	9	Warwick School	Home	10— 3	Won
"	12	Rugby School	Away	0—32	Lost
"	16	Denstone College	Home	3— 6	Lost
"	26	Trent College	Home	Cancelled.	
"	30	Worksop College	Away	0— 3	Lost
Nov.	13	Nottingham High School	Away	0—22	Lost
"	20	Wrekin College	Away	0—17	Lost

UNDER FIFTEEN XV

Sept.	25	K.E.S., Stratford	Away	9—11	Lost
Oct.	2	Tettenhall College	Away	0—25	Lost
"	9	Warwick School	Away	0—16	Lost
"	12	Solihull School	Away	16— 3	Won
"	16	Bishop Vesey's G.S.	Away	0—21	Lost
"	23	Sebright School	Away	15— 5	Won
Nov.	13	Bromsgrove School	Away	Cancelled.	

UNDER FOURTEEN XV

Oct.	9	Warwick School	Away	0—26	Lost
"	16	Bishop Vesey's G. S.	Away	6— 3	Won
"	19	Solihull School	Home	11— 3	Won
"	23	Sebright School	Home	3— 6	Lost

THE XV v. DENSTONE COLLEGE

At Denstone. Won 5 points to 3.

Under extremely bad conditions the XV just managed to win in a game which was essentially a long tough forward battle. From the start we took the initiative and pressed hard throughout the first half. We had the advantage of the slope and by working up the touch line we continued to attack, mainly by forward breaks and kicks from the scrum or fly-half. In general we won a lot of the ball in the tight and were predominant in the lineouts. In the loose, Denstone, who were smaller, were more active and gained an equal share of the ball. We deserved to

score more than five points in the first half but under the conditions it was very difficult to take great advantage of possession of the ball.

However, after a series of gruelling mauls near the Denstone line, we finally had a quick heel and Saxon went clean through to score under the posts. He converted his own try. We continued to press Denstone hard but after the ball had once been kicked over the dead ball line, our attack relaxed until after half-time.

In the early stages of the second half we again attacked but the ball was only passed out slowly to the three-quarters and Denstone, who were very quick on the man with the ball, prevented us scoring. Denstone's fly-half, who had shown himself very capable in defence, then started using some very lengthy kicks in attack and found Huskins out of position on several occasions. However, one kick of Huskins was very good, but he had far too much work to do, because of a lack of falling on and tackling, especially by the forwards. After some pressure, Denstone kicked a fine penalty goal, but failed to continue in attack and Plews had one very good run, and came near to scoring. The game resolved into an inconsequential type of play, but it was noticeable that Denstone were still fighting hard right up to the whistle.

THE XV v. BROMSGROVE SCHOOL

At Charford. Won 13 points to Nil.

Playing with the advantages of wind and slope, the School scored from a quick heel and fine cut through and run by R. K. Wilson in the opening seconds of the game, and Saxon converted. For about ten minutes following this try, play became even and developed into a keen forward battle. Both sides attempted three-quarter movements but attacks were well countered. By means of several long kicks the School finally approached the Bromsgrove line, and in some scrappy forward play A. Bramley finally picked up a loose ball and scored. The try was not converted, but by this time the ball was becoming very greasy and the pitch muddy. Before half-time the School scored again. This time R. K. Wilson got his foot to a loose ball and following up hard scored near the posts. Saxon converted.

There was no scoring in the second half, but Bromsgrove gained the initiative in some loose and scrappy forward play. The School forwards were noticeably poor in tackling and falling on, but good kicking by the backs and some good breaks by Wilkins saved some tricky situations. Bromsgrove never looked decisive in attack and only on a very few occasions was the School defence fully extended.

It was a very good hard fought game, and was surprisingly open under the conditions. The School deserved to win, because they scored early with the dry ball, and in defence played well. Only on about one occasion did Bromsgrove look like crossing our line.

We have thus gained the Siviter-Smith Cup for the fourth year in succession, and have won it ten times out of the twelve times played since 1943. In all the School have won the Cup eleven times and Bromsgrove have won it fourteen times. We hope that in four years time the balance will be reversed.

FOOTBALL CHARACTERS

A. BRAMLEY (1952-3-4-5).

An extremely strong and well-built front-row forward. In the line-out where he jumps, catches and heels very well, his play is outstanding. In the tight scrums his experience and strength are an invaluable asset, while in the loose his play is marked by a keenness and intelligence which inspires the rest of the pack. His capacity for hard work throughout the whole game even surpasses these qualities.

As captain his good play has been an example to the team. Extremely conscientious concerning all School rugby, he is, perhaps, a little too vociferous on the field. However, he has succeeded in creating a very good team spirit and the XV owes much of its success to his encouragement.
(*Jeune*) B. C. G.

B. C. GANE (1952-3-4-5).

An experienced hooker, not always as dominating in the tight as he could be, but does without fail gain the ball when the School pack has the advantage of weight. In the loose he is ever prominent, but has especially excelled this year in backing forward breaks and thus encouraging lively forward play. He handles and passes well, but only after hesitation falls on. As Vice-Captain he led the team ably at Worksop and has helped considerably in training the forwards.
(*Captain of Evans*)

R. K. WILSON (1953-4-5).

Undoubtedly a very consistent and potent centre three-quarter. He is a glutton for work, both in defence and attack. In the offensive, his cutting through is often devastating, but is too often ineffective because he runs too far with the ball, and unfortunately his passing has not been of a consistently high standard. He has scored often, and has made many openings for others to score. In defence he tackles brilliantly and falls on very courageously. He covers continually and his kicking is good. As a secretary he seems to have everything under his thumb. He has just recovered from a strained wrist.
(*Captain of Heath*)

R. W. N. DAVIS (1953-4-5).

Wing-forward. He plays hard and fast, and has shown considerable improvement in backing up breakaways by the halves. He falls on very often and his tackling is sound. He is always a menace when the opponents mishandle the ball, and his dribbles are often very effective. Is very tenacious and selfish when he is in possession in lineouts and the loose, but he has a good pass of which he could make more use.
(*Vardy*)

D. E. PLEWS (1953-4).

As wing-three-quarter he possesses a fine burst of speed, being very quick off the mark and very determined in his running. He has developed an ability to beat his man by running round him. He always keeps well up with the ball, and in defence he has displayed with effect an individual

style of tackle. He handles well and kicks and falls on with assurance. Unfortunately he has been able too few times to prove his undoubted running ability.
(Heath)

J. D. L. ADAMS (1953-4).

Never outstanding, he is enthusiastic and works hard in the lineouts and the loose. In the tight he has adapted himself well to the second row and pushes hard. He tackles high but effectively, and falls on occasionally. He covers hard and has a good boot, which is not often seen in a match. He plays hardest when we are being hard pressed. Undoubtedly looks fierce in a scrum cap.
(Prince Lee)

M. WILKINS.

A scrum-half who gives his backs excellent service. He has a long strong pass and breaks well in attack. He often runs into too much trouble because he holds the ball a little too long. He tackles well and falls on pluckily. In both defence and attack he has proved very reliable. With some more experience he should be an outstanding player.
(Heath)

B. H. SHARPE.

A very capable second row forward, who is especially prominent in the lineouts. He uses his energy effectively in the loose and often initiates passing movements from lineout breaks. He kicks well with both feet, but too often fails to tackle and fall on. His handling and passing are excellent.
(Heath)

J. S. PENDRY.

A good all round player who has played lock forward on most occasions this season. He spoils opponents attacks regularly and tackles hard. He is a good player in the open and is extremely quick on the loose ball. He handles and dribbles well. He does not make his height and strength felt often enough in the lineouts and the tight. He kicks well, but has a peculiar tendency to run round in circles, and is often caught in the process.
(Captain of Vardy)

E. L. B. SAXON.

A stand-off half who has a powerful kick with both feet and has given his three-quarters plenty of chances. His attack has improved considerably as he has gained confidence. Although slow off the mark he is capable of making openings and because of his weight is very difficult to stop. His kicking in defence has often been decisive, but he does not fall on often enough. Generally his tackling is high, but effective. He does not handle with any consistency and apparently is unable to take a pass below his waist.
(Captain of Levett)

J. H. WILSON.

A large powerful front-row forward who plays hard and effectively in the loose and lineouts. He is very strong in the tight and continuously makes his weight felt. His tackles are often devastating. He covers hard and dribbles well.
(Levett)

G. G. KEMP.

An energetic back-row forward who is always well up with the play. He is quick on the loose ball and dribbles and falls on pugnaciously. He is young and obviously with experience will be a very good forward. He covers well, but at times his tackling is weak. He works hard and gets his foot over the ball quickly in the loose. (Levett)

P. C. A. MOUNTFORD.

A wing three-quarter and the best runner with the ball in the team. He combines great speed with a clever swerve, and often beats his man. He does not yet handle well enough to score very often, but has improved considerably in defence, and tackles and falls on well. He must learn to watch both the game and the ball more keenly. (Captain of Gifford)

R. H. TIPTON.

A young centre three-quarter who has very great potentialities. His defence is already extremely good and his tackling and falling on are beyond criticism. In attack he has already improved and with experience could be exceedingly good. He handles and passes well and generally displays considerable intelligence and energy on the field. (Vardy)

W. D. GRIFFITHS.

Full back. Cool and calm, he falls on and tackles well. He kicks well with his right foot, but his left foot kick could be improved by practice. He too often leaves his kick until the last instant, and it is therefore occasionally charged down. He moves slowly to the ball, but counters this by good positional play. (Prince Lee)

The XV this term has been :

W. D. Griffiths, D. E. Plews, R. K. Wilson, R. H. Tipton, P. C. A. Mountford, E. L. B. Saxon, M. Wilkins, J. H. Wilson, B. C. Gane, A. Bramley, J. D. L. Adams, B. H. Sharpe, R. W. N. Davis, J. S. Pendry, G. G. Kemp.

Also played :

D. H. Jackson, G. K. Caulton, J. B. Huskins, J. A. Pickering, F. K. Hammond, G. O. Millar.

M. J. Herbert has acted loyally as Touch-Judge.

CRICKET RETROSPECT

Last season's record of : Played sixteen, won five, drawn seven, lost four, was not as satisfactory as it could have been. At the beginning of the season a lack of bowlers was apparent, but the batting was thought to be strong enough to cope with any difficulty. However, this was not the case, and on several occasions, notably against Nottingham H.S., Manchester G.S., and R.G.S. Worcester, the batting failed. The bowling was more successful than anticipated, while the fielding with G. P. Simpson and the Captain, J. L. Wilkins pre-eminent, was always safe if sometimes

a little slow. J. L. Wilkins was an attacking captain who set a fine example to the team in all departments, and it is to his credit that two splendid victories over our important rivals, Denstone and Warwick, were recorded.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Guy and Mr. Cockle for their coaching of the XI ; to Mr. Trott and Mr. Leeds for the attention they give to the XXII ; and to Messrs. Freeman, Sacret, Traynor, Robertson, Woods, Buttle, Vaughan, and Adams, for their coaching of the junior teams.

Prospects for 1955 are reasonable, for with seven members of the XI remaining, the batting should be adequate, but once again there may be a lack of bowlers. We shall indeed be satisfied if we can emulate the playing record of the XV.

A. C. SMITH (*Captain of Cricket*)

RESULTS OF MATCHES

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

(*Played at Worcester, 19th June, 1954*)

The XI 88 (J. G. Wilkinson 4 for 28, E. P. Ellison 4 for 5).
R.G.S., Worcester .. 89 for 6 wkts. (J. L. Wilkins 3 for 32).

THE XI v. SOLIHULL

(*Played at Solihull, 3rd July, 1954*)

Solihull 143 for 8 wkts. dec. (T. Edwards 47 not out, J Mulford 3 for 30).
THE XI 47 for 6 wkts. (T. Edwards 3 for 20, A. Hames 3 for 26).

THE XI v. MANCHESTER G.S.

(*Played at Eastern Road, 6th July, 1954*)

Manchester G.S. 178 for 2 wkts. dec. (I. Gibson 99, G. D. Edge 44 not out).
The XI 43 (C. E. Druce 4 for 10).

THE XI v. THE OLD EDWARDIANS' ASSOCIATION

(*Played at Eastern Road, 17th July, 1954*)

The XI 21 for 0 wkt. (match abandoned because of rain).

LEADING AVERAGES

BATTING

	Inngs.	Not Out	Highest Score	Runs	Av.
G. P. Simpson ..	13	2	80	353	32.1
J. L. Wilkins ..	14	—	80	394	28.1
E. L. B. Saxon ..	13	2	58*	253	23
J. Mulford	14	2	35	161	13.4
A. C. Smith	14	3	35*	143	13

* Not Out

BOWLING

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Av.
A. N. B. Davies..	121	25	272	20	13.6
J. L. Wilkins ..	209.4	45	555	30	18.5
J. Manttan.....	104	29	242	12	20.2
J. Mulford	159	35	437	19	23

CATCHES : J. L. Wilkins, 11 ; M. Wilkins, 8 ; J. Mulford, A. Manders, 5 ; G. P. Simpson, E. L. B. Saxon, A. N. B. Davies, G. D. Andrews, 3 ; D. F. Lomax, J. Manttan, 1. A. C. Smith, ct. 8, st. 7.

THE XI v. BROMSGROVE SCHOOL
(At Eastern Road, 26th June, 1954)

THE XI

E. L. B. Saxon, b Garbett	14
M. Wilkins, b Garbett	5
P. F. Williams, b Bond	9
G. P. Simpson, c Black, b Garbett	16
J. Mulford, run out	35
J. L. Wilkins, c Dunn, b Bond	43
A. C. Smith, b Seager	6
G. D. Andrews, lbw, b Haines	3
A. N. B. Davies, c Bromley, b Garbett	10
A. Manders, c Seager, b Bond	9
J. Manttan, not out	1
Extras (byes 8, leg-byes 1, wides, 1)	10

TOTAL 161

Garbett, 4 for 37 : Bond, 3 for 27.

BROMSGROVE

N. E. F. Harris, c Mulford, b Manttan	68
C. W. Kleiser, c Manders, b Wilkins, M.	20
R. G. Black, b Wilkins, J.	5
R. I. Biddle, run out	0
W. M. Haines, c. Manttan b Wilkins	12
J. C. Seager, not out	28
J. R. W. Mastin, b Wilkins, J.	3
P. H. Bromley, c. Wilkins, J., b Manttan	1
K. Garbett, not out	6
K. F. Dunn, R. M. T. Bond, did not bat.	
Extras (Byes, 7, leg-byes 6, no balls 6)	19

TOTAL (7 wickets) 162

J. L. Wilkins, 3 for 59 : J. Manttan, 2 for 30.

Bromsgrove won by 3 wickets.

THE XI v. BEDFORD MODERN SCHOOL
(At Bedford, 10th July, 1954)

BEDFORD MODERN

P. D. Watts, c Davies, b Wilkins, J.	58
W. Chamberlain, st. Smith, b Manttan	4
M. D. Daniels, c Andrews, b Manttan	3
J. D. Smart, c. Saxon, b Davies	4
J. T. Cooper, b Wilkins, J.	22
D. J. Wilson, c and b Wilkins, M.	5
H. J. Blakemore, c Smith, b Wilkins, J.	2
K. H. Richardson, lbw, b Wilkins, M.	9
P. G. Stretton, not out	22
A. M. Brannan, B. J. Salter did not bat.	
Extras (byes 2, wides 2)	4

TOTAL (for 8 wickets dec.).... 133

J. L. Wilkins, 3 for 34 : Manttan, 2 for 33 : M. Wilkins, 2 for 15

THE XI

E. L. B. Saxon, c and b Salter	1
M. Wilkins, c Stretton, b Wilson	2
G. P. Simpson, c and b Wilson	57
J. L. Wilkins, b Salter	11
J. Mulford, c Brannan, b Salter	0
A. D. Holland, b Salter	4
A. C. Smith, b Wilson	17
G. D. Andrews, b Wilson	21
P. F. Williams, not out	8
A. N. B. Davies, J. Manttan, did not bat.	
Extras (byes 6, leg-byes 3, no-balls 1)	10

TOTAL (8 wkts) 131

Wilson, 4 for 32 : Salter, 4 for 40.
Match Drawn.

SWIMMING

Unfortunately the weather throughout the Summer Term prevented the fullest use being made of The Pool, and all too often the water was too cold to allow the P.T. staff to teach the Junior forms to swim.

However, the School team did have a better season than any since the vintage years of 1944-1945. A certain amount of pre-season training was done, and a consequent standard of "water-fitness" eventually attained.

Six of the School matches were won, and of those lost two were extremely closely contested. More encouraging, however, was the fact that there were capable reserves to fill any gaps in the team. This has not been the case in recent years.

H. P. Aitken revealed himself as a free-styler of much promise, and P. R. Foxall was a steady first-string breast-stroke swimmer. J. R. Richardson was a consistent diver and P. Davies showed certain potentialities for 1955. During this winter, however, if last year's performances are to be bettered, all potential members of the VI, without exception, must train hard. Fortunately Mr. Cotter has been able to begin a water-polo course, and we hope that his training of this group will bear the fruit it deserves. If training is continued until the Summer Term, then there is no reason why the team of 1955 should not do better than that of 1954.

J. D. L. ADAMS (*Captain of Swimming*)

RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES (Initials indicate School Swimmers)

THE VI v. REPTON SCHOOL. *Won*, 31-21.

Swum in The Pool on June 5th, despite the adverse conditions. This match was an encouraging start for a young team.

RESULTS :

100 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, Wishart-Kerr ; 3, A. E. Hodgetts. 65.4 secs.

33½ yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, Wishart-Kerr ; 3, A. E. Hodgetts. 18.1 secs.

100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, Whittaker ; 2, P. R. Foxall ; 3, Caudrey. 82.3 secs.

50 yards Back Stroke : 1, A. D. Edwards ; 2, Gresham ; 3, H. P. Aitken. 35.8 secs.

Diving : 1, J. D. Mathews ; 2, Cock ; 3, J. R. Richardson.

Medley Relay : Repton.

Relay (4 × 1) : School, 73.8 secs.

THE VI v. HARROW. *Lost*, 36-22

Swum at "Ducker" on June 8th. This match was won, once again, by a team whose strength lay in all-round efficiency.

100 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, Pallay ; 3, Mellive. 63.9 secs.

50 yards Free Style : 1, Heinann ; 2, Ferurr ; 3, J. D. L. Adams. 28.1 secs.

50 yards Back Stroke : 1, Upton ; 2, O'Connor ; 3, H. P. Aitken. 32.7 secs.

100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, Barrow ; 2, P. R. Foxall ; 3, A. Manders. 80.3 secs.

Diving : 1, J. R. Richardson ; 2, Brand ; 3, J. D. Mathews.

Medley Relay (3 × 50) : Harrow. 1 min. 41 secs.

Relay (4 × 50) : Harrow, 2 min 0.8 secs.

THE VI v. TRENT COLLEGE. *Won*, 31-19.

The match was swum away on June 10th, and the School repeated its victory of the previous year, although by not so wide a margin. Winners for the School were Adams in the 100 yards and 50 yards Free Style, Richardson in the Diving, and Foxall in 100 yards Breast Stroke. The School won both relays. In the concurrent Second Team match, Trent won by a substantial margin.

THE VI v. SOLIHULL SCHOOL. *Won* 40-11.

In quite the coldest conditions of the season, with drizzle falling throughout the afternoon, this match was contested at Solihull on June 12th. The concurrent Junior match was lost by two points, and the Captain, in that order. Adams and Hodgetts swam first and second in both 50 and 100 metres free style. Edwards won the 50 metres back stroke and Foxall just scraped home in the 50 metres breast stroke. Richardson again won the diving. The School won the Medley Relay, but have you tried swimming with your boots on ?

THE VI v. OLD EDWARDIANS. *Tied, 27-27*

This match was swum in the evening of June 23rd after the official ceremony of handing over the Old Edwardian War Memorial to the School. It was an enjoyable occasion, and we hope to see the match repeated in later years.

J. K. Hodgskin-Brown won the 100 yards free style, and R. B. W. Price won the 100 yards Breast Stroke, followed closely by Foxall, in 80.2 seconds. Pierce won the Back Stroke, Adams the 50 Free Style, and Richardson the Diving. The School lost the nine-man relay.

THE VI v. SHREWSBURY. *Lost, 43½-18½*

This match was swum at Shrewsbury on June 24th and was lost mainly as the result of Shrewsbury's strong free style swimming.

RESULTS :

2 lengths Free Style : 1, Price ; 2, Turnbull ; 3, J. D. L. Adams. 23.5 secs. (Shrewsbury record).

4 lengths Free Style : 1, Price ; 2, Turnbull ; 3, J. D. L. Adams. 54.2 secs.

8 lengths Free Style : 1, Price ; 2, J. D. L. Adams ; 3, Cummins. 2 min. 8.3 secs.

2 lengths Back Stroke : 1, Whimster ; 2, Boem ; 3, A. D. Edwards. 30.4 secs. (Shrewsbury record.)

4 lengths Breast Stroke : 1, P. C. Trafford-Willey ; 2, Mitchell ; 3, J. R. Richardson. 76.9 secs.

Diving : 1, Jackson ; 2, J. R. Richardson ; 3, Pilbrow and J. D. Mathews.

Medley Relay : Shrewsbury. 1 min. 30 secs. (Shrewsbury record.)

Relay (4×2) : Shrewsbury. 1 min. 43.3 secs. (Shrewsbury record.)

THE VI v. MALVERN COLLEGE. *Lost, 28-25*

Swum at Malvern on June 29th. This match was a replica of the preceding one in 1953, except that the close decision was reversed. The match result depended on the final relays, School winning the Medley, but losing the Free Style.

RESULTS :

2 lengths Free Style : 1, Peutherer ; 2, J. D. L. Adams ; 3, Sinclair. 27.8 secs.

4 lengths Breast Stroke : 1, P. R. Foxall ; 2, P. C. Trafford-Willey ; 3, Leeming. 85.0 secs.

8 lengths Free Style : 1, Rampling ; 2, J. D. L. Adams ; 3, Harrison. 2 mins. 37 secs.

2 lengths Back Stroke : 1, Rampling ; 2, H. P. Aitken ; Boulton and A. D. Edwards disqualified.

4 lengths Free Style : 1, Peutherer ; 2, J. D. L. Adams ; 3, Harrison. 65.5 secs.

Diving : 1, J. R. Richardson ; 2, Boulton ; 3, Howden.

Medley (3×2) : School. 1 min. 45.5 secs.

Relay (4×2) : Malvern. No time taken.

THE VI v. WREKIN COLLEGE. *Won 50-11*

A cold, wet afternoon caused the unfortunate indisposition of Pinchar, the Wrekin captain, who retired from the match after the first event. This considerably weakened the visiting team and the School swam to one of its most convincing victories. Adams won the 50, 100 and 200 yards Free Style, Foxall the Breast Stroke, Edwards the Back Stroke and Richardson the diving. In the concurrent Junior Match the School again lost, this time by 19-24.

THE VI v. BROMSGROVE SCHOOL. *Won 48-13*

During the afternoon the School Medley Relay team broke the existing record with a time of 64.6 secs ; and the Free Style relay record was also broken ; and P. Davies broke Price's Junior Breast Stroke record by .1 secs.

RESULTS :

50 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, Reeve ; 3, A. E. Hodgetts. 28.4 secs.

100 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, H. P. Aitken ; 3, Reeve, 64.2 secs.

200 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, Hicks ; 3, A. D. Edwards. 2 min. 30.1 secs.

50 yards Back Stroke : 1, A. D. Edwards ; 2, A. E. Hodgetts ; 3, George. 35.5 secs.

100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, P. R. Foxall ; 2, Richards ; 3, P. C. Trafford-Willey. 83.1 secs.

Diving : 1, J. D. Mathews ; 2, J. R. Richards and Hicks equal.

Medley Relay (A. D. Edwards, P. R. Foxall, J. D. L. Adams) School, 64.6 (record).
Relay (J. R. Richardson, A. E. Hodgetts, H. P. Aitken, J. D. Adams) School, 73.7 secs.
(record).

In the concurrent Junior Match the School was defeated by 10-33.

THE VI. v. RUGBY SCHOOL. Won 40-23

Swimming at Rugby on July 13th against a weakened Rugby team, the VI, nevertheless, recorded a convincing victory. It was unfortunate that influenza caused the postponing of the match, for the home team was below full strength. The School, however, won both relays; a commendable effort in the long "Tosh."

RESULTS :

50 yards Free Style : 1, Appleby ; 2, J. D. L. Adams ; 3, Richards. 27.4 secs.
100 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, Edwards ; 3, H. P. Aitken. 64.5 secs.
200 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, Richards ; 3, A. E. Edwards. 2 min.
36.6 secs.
50 yards Back Stroke : 1, A. D. Edwards ; 2, Roberts ; 3, A. E. Hodgetts. 34.2 secs.
Diving : 1, Kirkwood ; 2, J. R. Richardson ; 3, J. D. Mathews.
Medley Relay ($3 \times 66\frac{1}{2}$ yards) : School. 2 min. 24.4 secs.
Relay ($6 \times 66\frac{3}{4}$ yards) : School. 2 min. 56.4 secs.

SWIMMING SPORTS

The Sports were held this year at Woodcock Street Baths on Friday, July 16th, when Lady Martineau presented the prizes. We must thank those members of the Common Room who organized the Sports, thus ensuring the usual success.

OPEN :

50 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams (P) ; 2, H. P. Aitken (P) ; 3, Hodgetts (E) ;
4, Richardson (G). 28.4 secs.
100 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams (P) ; 2, H. P. Aitken (P) ; 3, Richardson (G) ;
4, A. D. Edwards (L). 65.2 secs.
200 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams (P) ; 2, H. P. Aitken (P) ; 3, A. D. Edwards
(L) ; 4, McCracken (J). 2 min. 28.5 secs.
100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, P. R. Foxall (C) ; 2, Manders (V) ; 3, Trafford-Willey
(L) ; 4, Mathews (P). 82 secs.
50 yards Back Stroke : 1, J. D. L. Adams (P) ; 2, A. D. Edwards (L) ; 3, H. P. Aitken
(P) ; 4, Hodgetts (E). 35 secs.
Diving : 1, Richardson (G) ; 2, Mathews (P) ; 3, Trow (V) ; 4, Young (J).
Plunge : 1, Masters (G) ; 2, Richardson (G) ; 3, Wilson, A. A. (L) ; 4, P. R. Foxall (C)
47-ft. 9-in.

INTERMEDIATE :

50 yards Free Style : 1, Hodgetts (E) ; 2, Richardson (G) ; 3, Whitfield (V) ; 4, Rufus
(V). 29.1 secs.
100 yards Free Style : 1, Hodgetts (E) ; 2, Richardson (G) ; 3, Whitfield (V) ; 4,
Ogborn (C). 71.4 secs.

JUNIOR :

50 yards Free Style : 1, McCarty (V) ; 2, Davies (P) ; 3, McBroom (G) ; 4, Tagg (E).
33 secs.
100 yards Free Style : 1, McCarty (V) ; 2, Davies (P) ; 3, McBroom (G) ; 4, Yarwood
(H). 85.6 secs.
50 yards Breast Stroke : 1, Davies (P) ; 2, Cramb (G) ; 3, Beaumont (V) ; 4, Webbe
(C). 38.6 secs.
50 yards Back Stroke : 1, McCarty (V) ; 2, Cramb (G) ; 3, Smith (H) ; 4, Titterington
(L). 42.4 secs.
Plunge : 1, Brown (H) ; 2, Beaumont (V) ; 3, McCarty (V) ; 4, Papps (L) ; 42-ft. 5-in.
Diving : 1, McBroom (G) ; 2, McCarty (V) ; 3, Bagnall (H) ; 4, Pettitt (L).
U.14 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 length : 1, McCarty (V) ; 2, Beaumont (V) ; 3, Stanier (L) ; 4, Pardoe (G).
21.4 secs.
U.13 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 length : 1, Stevens (H) ; 2, Webley (H) ; 3, Cramb (G) ; 4, Reeve (V) ;
26.6 secs.
U.12 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 length : 1, Ellison (E) ; 2, Titterington (L) ; 3, Smith (H) ; 4, Jenkins (H)
23.8 secs.

THE RELAYS :

Phillips Cup : 1, Prince Lee ; 2, Vardy ; 3, Cary Gilson ; 4, Evans. 2 min. 55 secs.
Scarf Cup : 1, Prince Lee ; 2, Vardy ; 3, Evans ; 4, Gifford and Jeune. 88 secs.
Scarf Cup II : 1, Levett ; 2, Vardy ; 3, Heath ; 4, Evans. 61 secs.
The School v. The Old Edwardians (9 x 1 length) : 1, School ; 2, Old Edwardians.
Allday Shield for terminal competition : 1, Vardy, 50 ; 2, Prince Lee, 49.9 ; 3, Evans, 35.8 ; 4, Gifford.
Jacot Cup for Sports : 1, Prince Lee ; 2, Vardy ; 3, Gifford ; 4, Evans.
Solomon Cup for Cock Swimming House : 1, Prince Lee, 75 points ; 2, Vardy, 69.7 points ; 3, Gifford, 46.4 points ; 4, Evans.
Carr Cup (Open Champion) : J. D. L. Adams (P) ; *prox acc.* J. R. Richardson (G).
Governors' Cup (Junior Champion) : McCarty (V) ; *prox acc.* Davies (P).

On Friday, June 25th, the annual half miles were held in the Edgbaston Reservoir. Despite the cold weather there were numerous entries.

The Heath Cup was won by J. D. L. Adams, and the Hereward Cup by P. Davies, both of Prince Lee.

Senior : 1, Adams ; 2, Richardson (G) ; 3, Manders (V) ; 4, A. D. Edwards (L).
Time : 15 min. 29 secs.

Junior : 1, Davies ; 2, McCarty (V) ; 3, Spiers (C) ; 4, McBroom (G). Time
18 min. 29 secs.

ETON FIVES

Only two matches have been played since the last edition of the CHRONICLE. The first of these against an Old Edwardian team was won on points, 179-161, the score on games being level at nine each. The other match, against a very strong and experienced Old Citizens' side, was narrowly lost by four games to five. In this match, the School second pair, Willison and Bird, played extremely well after a shaky start to win their set 3-2, while the first pair, K. W. Lloyd and Smith, A. C., lost a close and exciting set by 1-3.

In the House competition, Evans have won their first three matches, and appear to be unbeatable. Gifford have lost only to Evans, and will probably finish in second place.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to Mr. E. V. Smith, who is still fighting a losing battle against "borrowers" of equipment, without ever losing his good humour and patience.

K. W. LLOYD (*Captain of Eton Fives*)

SHOOTING

This term's shooting has been on the whole disappointing. Five members of last year's VIII are still with us, all experienced and reliable shots. Unfortunately the remaining three places have to be filled by performers of intermittent brilliance, whose spark of inspiration always fades at the crucial moment. Although these shoot as well as, or even better than, most members of the VIII of 1952, they are the weak link in this year's team. Consistent high scoring can only come from long and hard practice. Let us hope that all those who aspire to the VIII will take every opportunity to shoot as often as possible, until often and possible become synonymous.

Enough of this dismal account of low scores. Three times already this term the School record has been equalled. Scores of 98 and 97 are becoming common. In 1952 a score of 94 was considered good, 96 excellent. Now these are merely ordinary. Therefore I think it is fair

to say that shooting is the most improved School sport of recent years, and deserves more support than it gets. We desperately need shots of under sixteen years of age for the Cadet Pair ; last year we had far too few, this year we have none. We need more support—now, not next year. Please come and help.

As always our thanks are due to Major Cooke and R.S.M. Moore for their constant assistance and patient advice.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

<i>Opponents</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Agst.</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Agst.</i>	<i>Result</i>
Rugby	754	742	<i>Won</i>	Sebright	768	704	<i>Won</i>
Highgate	763	768	<i>Lost</i>	Bromsgrove	751	760	<i>Lost</i>
Elizabeth College ..	763	778	<i>Lost</i>	Wrekin	751	738	<i>Won</i>
Winchester	755	768	<i>Lost</i>	King's School Wor-			
Glenalmond	768	762	<i>Won</i>	cester	755	732	<i>Won</i>

B. S. ADAMS (*Captain of Shooting*)

LAWN TENNIS

During the summer holidays R. C. Tongue (Captain), K. W. A. Hollier, E. D. Hateley, and W. W. Davenall, represented the School in the Public Schools' competition for the Youll Cup. We were beaten in the first round by Leighton Park School by 3 matches to 1. Leighton Park went on to reach the semi-final round, where they were beaten very narrowly by U.C.S., the eventual winners. Our only success was gained by the 2nd pair who won 6-3, 2-6, 9-7, after saving six match points, two off the wood. Tongue's normal partner, A. W. Harris, was unable to play in the competition and the consequent lack of understanding between the first pair probably explains their failure to win a match. The Plate Competition for those schools defeated in the first round was cancelled owing to the bad weather.

Tongue, who beat Hateley by 6-2, 6-0, in the final of the Burges Cup competition is to be congratulated on being selected to play for Staffordshire several times during the season. This weakened the School team on occasions, and, all things considered, the record of Won 8, Lost 4, is satisfactory. There was, however, a lack of enthusiasm apparent in some of last season's House matches, which is reflected in the record of Gifford, the House Champions—Played 5, Won 7! This apathy must be checked before it begins to affect the quality of the School team. However, if the enthusiasm of Mr. Osborne is any criterion, School Tennis must reach a high standard in the near future.

J. C. ORR.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
May 3	VI v. Mitchells and Butlers	<i>Home</i>	<i>Won</i>	4—0
" 8	VI v. Trent College	<i>Away</i>	<i>Won</i>	6—3
" 12	IV v. Edgbaston L.T.C.	<i>Away</i>	<i>Won</i>	3—1
" 15	VI v. Solihull School	<i>Home</i>	<i>Won</i>	8—1
" 22	VI v. Denstone College	<i>Away</i>	<i>Won</i>	9—0
" 29	VI v. Northampton G. S.	<i>Away</i>	<i>Won</i>	2—1
" 29	VI v. Kettering G.S.	<i>Away</i>	<i>Lost</i>	1—2
June 19	VI v. Wrekin College	<i>Home</i>	<i>Lost</i>	4—5
July 3	VI v. Solihull School	<i>Away</i>	<i>Lost</i>	3½—5½
" 12	VI v. Mitchells and Butlers	<i>Away</i>	<i>Won</i>	6—3
" 14	VIII v. The Masters	<i>Home</i>	<i>Won</i>	5—3
" 27	IV v. Leighton Park School	<i>Home</i>	<i>Lost</i>	1—3

CHESS

Competitive chess against other schools began late this year and, although our teams are not as strong as they were last year, the first four matches have been won.

K. W. Lloyd and C. G. Tayar distinguished themselves by playing for England in a series of matches in Holland, all of which were won.

The plea for juniors to take a more active interest in the game is achieving results, but more are needed. Indeed, if we cannot discover at least three "little Botvinniks" this year, the indisputable supremacy which the School has held in the chess world for so long will quickly disappear.

We thank Mr. Leeds, Mr. Porter and Miss Chaffer for their toleration and forbearance in the face of iconoclastic juniors. We owe an especial debt to Mr. Hurn, our Chairman, without whose soothing words the extraordinary phenomenon of two boys playing chess on the floor of the cloakroom might be the rule rather than the exception.

R. H. GOODALL (*Captain of Chess*)

P.T.

Junior P.T. flourished this term, as it always does. In July the House Competition was won by Prince Lee, even though Gifford appeared to have won for two minutes, until the error was rectified. The Senior Individual P. T. competition was won by B. C. Gane, G. K. Caulton being a very close second. A. H. Papps won the Junior competition.

Circuit training is the latest fashion in the gym. This we are told is an excellent form of exercise and members of the XV especially, are grateful to Messrs. Cadenhead, Cotter and McGawley.

Finally, I would bring to the notice of the House P.T. Leaders that the House Competition will be held at the end of the Lent Term in order that teams may not be hindered in their training by G.C.E. examinations.

B. C. GANE (*P.T. Leader*)

SQUASH RACKETS

In the first place, I should like to thank Mr. Cadenhead and his assistants, Messrs Bolton, Guy, and Osborne, for their able and enthusiastic coaching of players and beginners alike.

Our secretary has arranged matches this season against Solihull School, Bromsgrove School, Wrekin College, and against the Masters. Only one of last year's team remains so that prospects for this year are uncertain.

The competition for the Harris Squash Trophy, presented by last year's captain, has started. There have been only twenty-six entries so that the quarter-final stage should be reached by Christmas. The majority of the twenty-six are sixth formers and there is an almost complete dearth of squash players in the middle school. More beginners from this middle school would, therefore, be welcome, so that we may build up a strong School team in the future.

J. C. ORR (*Captain of Squash*)

FENCING

“Le sport des gentillommes” continues to increase in popularity due, to some extent, to the sudden surge of enthusiasm and activity which certain senior members of the club are displaying over the beginners’ classes.

A competition is to be held in the Lent Term. The winner of this competition will receive a trophy which is to be presented by an interested parent, to whom we give our warmest thanks.

We are indebted to our tutor and guide, Mr. Cotter, for his advice and instruction, and the encouragement with which he always supports our valiant efforts.

P. C. A. MOUNTFORD

(Captain of Fencing)

THE HOUSES

CARY GILSON

We began this new year with our usual peculiar lack of stars, particularly in the all-important firmament of football, but reinforced by the memory of victories won in similar situations in days gone by. First team rugby made a disappointing start, but paradoxically rose to greater heights as the mud on the pitches grew deeper, while the second team, after opening the season most impressively, received a rude shock to their confidence in the shape of two hard-fought matches in which their unbeaten record only just remained unblemished. Our Third team has, with the passage of time, formed itself into a useful side, in which we place much hope. The combined efforts of all three fifteens seem to be leading to a high position in the League Competition, but the Knockout will prove a far sterner test for teams which will be almost unchanged.

Most playing members of the House have this term approached the matches with commendable enthusiasm, but there has at all times been a complete lack of touchline support. This year especially the House can only attain a respectable place in any competition if every member makes his contribution; obviously not all can take part in the games but it has been proved beyond question that adequate vocal support will spur on a tiring team to the effort which may win or save a match. It is to be hoped, therefore, that mere conscience if nothing else, will lead the House to a great improvement in this direction.

Three other activities make up the Michaelmas Term. Shooting has progressed miraculously in the hitherto problem sphere of classification which, chiefly owing to a new Range Duty scheme, has been speeded up with most satisfactory results. We must also recognise the feat of J. G. Henly in twice equalling the School individual N.S.R.A. record during the Staniforth Competition.

Of Fives, perhaps the less said the better when the achievements of the team are compared with those of two years ago. However, the mighty can fall only so far; we look to our juniors to redeem our besmirched reputation. In Chess the House does not distinguish itself, but a comparatively young team is gaining valuable experience for the future.

Next term we meet Athletics once again, when we have the Mitton Shield to guard against strong opposition. This year the deciding factor will rest even more than usual with Standards—which are the responsibility of every single member of the House—from Shells to Sixth.

Our prospects in sport may, from these tidings, seem a little gloomy, but they have been so before, and then the pessimists have been confounded. We can confound them again.

This term we have acquired the Chapel for our morning prayers, and subsequently produced a most melodious House Choir. Results have been pleasing in every respect.

It remains only to express our indebtedness to our Housemaster, Mr. Biggs, and his assistants, Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Weatherall. To their enthusiasm and advice we owe a great deal.

D. H. JACKSON (*House Captain*).

EVANS

In the January edition of the CHRONICLE last year, the House Captain was able to report that we were beginning to overcome the lethargy of recent years. As the result of a new spirit the House finished higher than expected in the House Championship, being fourth. Having now fully realised that in its ranks there are few of outstanding talent, the House has rallied to the task of achieving much through the combined efforts of the majority of its members and I would hasten to remind the House that "Fame is the spur that the clear spirit doth raise."

This term, for the first time for many years, Rugger is the dominating topic of conversation at the lunch-table. Lacking great talent but possessing a keen interest in the game, the House XV has been doing encouragingly well. Unfortunately, the team will not be greatly strengthened in the Knockout, while in the League the second and third teams have not matched last year's good record. However, strong support on the touch-line would do much to remedy this, and the non-playing members of the House would do well to follow the example of their Housemaster.

Fives remains, perhaps, our strongest game and prospects are good. In Chess we should secure the high position which we have come to expect, while shooting and classification continue successfully.

Our prospects for the next two terms justify at least a cautious optimism.

In athletics we can but hope for the unexpected, although the spirit which has prevailed in the rugger could prevail in obtaining standards and serve us very well. Our cricket prospects are reasonable, while in Swimming we may be in the top half. We must maintain our determination to raise Evans House to its former high position, and in this we can rely on the firm encouragement and support of Mr. Dunt and Mr. Buttle.

B. C. GANE (*House Captain*).

GIFFORD

It is regrettable to have to start a report with a comment on the lethargy and apathy of some members of the House, but it is inevitable.

Between the Sixth Forms and the Upper Middles there is an almost universal lack of house spirit which bodes ill for the future. It has taken half a term's hard work by the House Officials to obtain enough members to make up a Second Team.

Nevertheless, the record of the First and Third XV's is encouraging for, if not brilliant, what they lack in skill they make up for in spirit. The First XV have won one and lost two matches—one of the defeats being very narrow. The Third XV have won one, drawn two, and lost two matches, with every hope of further successes. Of the Second Team, the less said the better, though it has a few enthusiastic members who try hard.

As usual in Gifford, our main hopes seem to lie in the minor activities. Our chess success over Evans has put us in a strong position for retaining the Chess Championship, while the Fives Team has won two of its three matches.

Our struggle during the rest of the year will be hard if we are to rise above the low positions in the House Championship, where we have reposed gracelessly for the last two or three years. Yet fight we must and fight we will, and we look for that co-operation from all members of the House which will make the struggle an easier one.

It is with great sadness that we learnt of the death of Michael Unitt during the Summer holidays. He was one of our keenest and most useful members and we shall sorely miss him. We extend our deepest sympathy to his parents.

D. M. L. WITHEROW (*House Captain*).

HEATH

Things are looking up, as one might say. Even if we do not win the Rugby League Competition, at least we have acquitted ourselves nobly. The First XV have won four matches out of five, the Seconds have won two and the Thirds, bless 'em, have vanquished all, so far.

The reason for our success is the admirable ferocity with which the members of the House pitch themselves into the fray. Too long has Heath been known for its "decent-chapmanship." This year our rivals are finding us to be hard, merciless foes, despite our perennial good nature. The zeal which the House showed, particularly on the touch line, during the ill-fated match against Jeune won us a moral victory at least. Let us remember that it is better to be a good and keen House than merely a successful one.

Even in Chess, determination is having its reward. We have acquired, by means believed legitimate, some points, but whether we shall begin the long and difficult climb up the Chess Championship this year, remains doubtful.

Fives remains shrouded in mystery but hopes are high. Cross-country running and swimming have both started to tick over. The former has received rather less support than had been hoped for but we can expect an improvement when the Athletics season looms more heavily over us.

J. G. EVANS (*Head of the House*).

JEUNE

The general high standard of achievement by the House last year was based on the effectiveness of combined effort. It is always pleasant to report co-operative, rather than individual effort because it means that each person is doing at least something for the House. The success and achievements so far this term have already emphasised the factor, that again we must depend on all round co-operation rather than upon a small group of highly talented individuals.

Upon reflection our House 1st and 2nd XV's seem to have been seeing red. They are both unbeaten so far this season, and with luck and more effort still, they should do handsomely in the League. The 3rd XV, colour blind apparently, too often give their opponents the game without showing any fight or determination. It is hoped and anticipated that they will come out of hibernation and crack a few nuts in true Jeune fashion, before the winter is out.

The "rooks" have been scavenging points upon the chequered board, much to our surprise, as it was understood that being devoid of talent, the House has been putting weight before skill in selecting its chess teams. So far we have certainly upset the balance in our favour.

Our Fives team seems to gain considerable support from the younger members of the House, and as its members are likely to be at School for some years ahead, we look to the future for success, but hope that this year the team might gain one or two wins to give them much needed encouragement.

We welcome the Jeunioris this year with unforbidding prospects. "Lasciate ogni speranza voi ch'entrate" is no longer our advice to them. Indeed, they have a high standard of achievement to attain and improve upon, if possible.

Our prospects are promising, and with our Rugby progressing so well we hope to do reasonably well in the Football Championship. In the athletic field, we have a high standard to maintain, but we must at all costs retain the John Urry Cup. "Κτῆμα ἐς αἰεί."

If it is true that red attracts bulls then our House shooting should be of a reasonable standard. Our Cricket, to look far ahead, is very doubtful, but with few talented individuals, we must again combine our energies. Swimming is never one of our successes, although it would appear that we do not fare badly in water, judging by the conditions in which we have won several of our Rugby matches. We are optimistic, and if our hopes do not materialise, we can be certain that each has tried his best, and that is the greatest merit.

We must again express our appreciation for the work and energy with which Mr. Leeds controls the House, and for the support given to him by Messrs. Sacret and McGawley. A. BRAMLEY (*House Captain*).

LEVETT

After another inglorious year, we began this term hopeful that we might raise ourselves from the bottom of the inter-House competition. As yet, our wishes have not been fulfilled and co-operation seems to be the only way to a successful conclusion. Only by turning up to practices *en bloc* can the working combination of a team be perfected.

Of last year's XV, nine remain, but as we are honoured with three members in the School XV and lack sufficient talent otherwise, our league hopes have been shattered. Our results in the Knock-out Tournament should be more encouraging. The Second XV have won a match—recording their first points for two years. The Third XV continue to play good football.

Owing to the dark winter evenings, only one Fives match has been possible this term. The team, with only one member remaining from last year, played well but were beaten by much stronger opposition. However, at least one win is forecast and possibly more, before the end of the year. Our Chess remains fairly good and already we have one victory to our credit. The Captain thinks that another successful year should result providing that enthusiasm to practice prevails. The Shooting team is still very stable and we hope it will repeat its stirring efforts of last year.

The rest of the year should provide some interesting results, as our Tennis, Swimming and Cricket have very encouraging prospects. The talent in the Junior part of the House is very promising and we can look forward to the future with confidence. Finally, our thanks to Mr. Porter and the House Tutors for their unfailing support and encouragement.

E. L. B. SAXON (*House Captain*).

PRINCE LEE

By dint of almost a miracle the Cock House Cup resides again in the Prince Lee cupboard. However, its winning must be termed a hollow victory, for it was almost entirely due to the P.T. team, and that handful of swimmers in the Sports. Of our nearest rivals, the one had no gymnasts, the other no swimmers.

At times the House does reveal a lack of vitality within its number. Perhaps this stems from an unawareness of the responsibilities that must be borne, by each and every member, at a time when we are the smallest House. The House XV has not done as well as expected, probably owing to a lack of combined practice. The backs are experienced and should run well, but the forwards lack the fitness which is essential to real effectiveness in House football. The Second team began the term against heavy odds of weight and experience, but improved as the season progressed, and can now claim a good victory over Evans, to its credit. The Third team has done well, but must guard against over-confidence.

When the House teams take the field it would be of the greatest encouragement to the players if non-playing members of the House would support. They are, after all, members of the same House. Whatever the result it would then be felt that Prince Lee was a step nearer being a House in the finest sense of the word, and that every effort had been made to achieve victory.

Other House activities seem to have made little headway during the course of the Michaelmas Term. Classification is continuing on the range, but R. G. Willison seems to have postponed sufficient Fives matches to ensure a creditable final position. Our Chess players, under the third year of J. Hurn's guidance are not doing as well as we had hoped.

Athletics however will need a concerted effort if the House is to do well. This is the one occasion during the year when each and every member of the House can do his individual utmost. Determination will be needed and, we believe, forthcoming.

To those House officials who are working for success we must extend our sincere thanks. That success will come in other fields besides sport depends upon the Sixth form, who must play a more vital part in all House activities. Theirs is an influence within the House which cannot be equalled by any other body. The final results, both on the field and off, depend to a great extent upon their enthusiasm and vitality.

The aim of the House should not be purely athletic efficiency but rather a solid one of achievement, with success forthcoming from the combined efforts of all, rather than the isolated efforts of a few. That we are progressing, if somewhat haltingly, to this goal, we must thank Mr. Williams, Mr. Osborne, Mr. Bolton, and Mr. Hutton. We are, as ever, more than grateful.

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

VARDY

“United we stand, divided we fall.” The House has been struggling hard to recapture the glory of the past two years and an all-out effort by the members of the House has not been in vain. There has been a great effort to co-operate by a large proportion of the House, although there are, as always, a few non-co-operators. Our lack of talent has been to a large extent compensated for by greater enthusiasm on the part of many individuals.

In the Rugby League matches, we have now played our most formidable opponents, and although the House XV has been unsuccessful as yet, the margin of defeat has in each case been very small. The Second XV has won two of its three matches and seems likely to develop into a very good team. The Third team is unfortunate in that most of its members are very small in size. Nevertheless they have tried hard against much larger opponents. With three members of the House in the School team we are further handicapped, but with their return for the Knockout competition, the House should do well.

In Chess, we have lost matches which we should have won, while Fives has been curiously dormant this term, only one match having been completed at present. We have begun to prepare well in advance for the perils of the Cross Country Race and the cold of the Swimming bath. We shall do well in both these activities. Shooting continues with some success.

We can and will fight harder, and the advent of the Athletics and Rugby Knockout seasons should see us rapidly climbing the House Championship ladder. Our thanks are, as ever, due to Mr. Copland and his assistants, Mr. Parry and Mr. Skinner, for their never failing support of House activities. Their enthusiasm is an example to the rest of the House and their help and advice is always greatly appreciated.

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

THE SOCIETIES

All Societies, except the Literary, have at least met this term. The period through which the Literary Society has been sleeping has been interrupted by grunts directed at notable Midland litterateurs imploring them to speak to us. But we were politely wished the best of luck and told to wallow in our own trough. Next term we can promise the School that the boarish fury of CULTURE will beat down the defences of unwary Philistines.

The Musical Society has succeeded, in some measure, in achieving that noble purpose. Dr. Allison, unwittingly taking on the garb of Arnold, has introduced sweetness into the sounds, and light into the performers of the School Orchestra. The Lunch-hour concerts have had a "fit audience though few." Dr. Grant has given us the imperial blasts of the organ and M. I. Williams, the dulcet strains of his flute.

The Art Society, amidst the customary confusion of painting scenery for the School Play, has had time to listen to a lecture on "The Illustration of Books" by the Head of the Illustration Department of the College of Art and Crafts, Mr. W. H. Price.

The Civics Society has held a Masters' Debate, in which Mr. Trott, Mr. Weatherall, Mr. Robertson and Dr. Allison, duly "faced" and got a grip on "This House Feels Eminently Victorian," under the chairmanship of an ever benign Mr. Blount. The debate was a mixture of irrelevance, cynicism, irony, four hundred-weight flagpoles, and the Fairchild family, but a witty and memorable experiment. We are glad that the motion was defeated.

The Archeological Society has learnt from Mr. R. T. Rundle-Clark on "Egyptian Antiquities," in which he displayed a prehistoric slate fish used for the manufacture of mascara. The Society also paid a visit to Coughton Court, where Mary, Queen of Scots, is supposed to have lived; she bequeathed her ghost to the place.

The Railway and Model Engineering Society is supported not only by the Shells and Removes but also by Sixth-formers in their second childhood. The attraction of its films is irresistible, but especially when Mr. W. A. Camwell provides his excellent commentaries. Its out-of-school activities include visits to motive power depots, always well supported.

The Scientific Society displays an ideal arrangement between speaker and audience. After the first meeting of the term, a lecture by Dr. Thompson, Research Director of G.E.C. Witton, a party went to Witton at Half-term to explore his department. Professor Shrewsbury of Birmingham University has reassured us that a recurrence of the Black Death of 1348 or the Great Plague of 1665 is unlikely. The Society is to hear from Doctor Johnson, also from the nursemaid of King Edward's scientists, Birmingham University, on the awe-inspiring subject of the Aurora.

The Photographic Society, not unnaturally, shows films at its meetings. Its committee seems to be the only one whose existence is more than nominal; it actually instructs members of the Society in the "black art." The Society is unique in other respects. Its programme is known for a term in advance.

The Philatelic Society has regular swop-meetings.

The Modern Language Society flourishes as never before. It embraces any language, and with a French debate, a talk on Venice by R. Whitfield, and another illustrated lecture on Latin-American Music by Mr. Adams, it has impishly usurped the provinces of at least three other Societies. It is a great pity that its enterprise could not be shared by more members of the School, but the concluding meeting of the term by Herr André Drucker in German, will not be translated into the vernacular.

Mr. Ramlall, who spoke to the Geographical Society last year on British Guiana, again visited us. On this occasion he was looking at Britain.

The Field Meeting of the Natural History Society was spoiled by the weather but the indoor meetings were well attended. In one, Mr. S. D. Woods told of how he was given the bird on fourteen separate days. A film show comprised the second.

The Dramatic Society hope to present "The Alchemist" by London's own Ben Jonson, on February 3rd, 4th and 5th. Thus the anti-Bardic struggle continues with a second triumph.

The Debating Society still exists and three quite successful debates have been held this term. Motions involved such a wide array of subjects as Mithraic temples, Military Minds and Fashion. Two members of the Society have won a debating competition with Solihull School and Bishop Vesey's School. The Junior Debating Society, it seems, will be discussing the merits of Rugger and Soccer a century hence.

Both the Student Christian Movement and the Christian Union have discussed a wide variety of topics. The former have heard from the Rev. W. E. Brooke on the work of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa. The large assembly heard a most impressive account of the progress of the U.M.C.A. Dr. H. W. Donovan has addressed us on the subject of "A Doctor and his Calling," and Canon R. S. Stevens is to speak later in the term on "The Parson's Vocation Today." The Christian Union has been told by the Rev. B. H. Butt that Christianity is Dynamite not Dope. The Bible Study meetings have explored the First Epistle General of Peter. The Union pleads for the support of all true Christians in the School.

Perhaps the largest attendance of the term was at the Film Society on November 12th, when Mr. Hoare showed four colour films. Both ladies and gentlemen were present; all enjoyed the films immensely.

Finally, we would like to thank all Chairmen for their energy and enthusiasm in ensuring that the Societies continue to flourish.

R.H.G.

SYNDICATES 1954

The remaining weeks of the School year following the turmoil of G.C.E. examinations were again filled for the Sixth forms by the syndicate system, covering as far as possible a completely new range of topics—including such diversities as the excavation of Roman England at Droitwich, and the discovery of music outside Europe and the U.S.A. From the reports delivered by group spokesmen at the end of term, we gather that the time was not entirely wasted.

The first speaker informed his audience of the activities of a group dealing with the History of Medical Science. They had, we learned, been thrilled—though not converted—by Witchcraft and Voodoo, and had become profitably acquainted with the modern development of bacteriology. They had also explored the Children's Hospital.

A well-supported Surveying syndicate armed itself with obscure instruments and ventured forth in fair weather and foul to produce large-scale maps of the Eastern Road area. Here, apparently, originality distinguished the majority of contributions. "Contemporary English Literature," embracing Stephen Potter, the modern novel and "The Wages of Fear," kept its members enthralled and left them enlightened in a branch of knowledge which is too often studied by only the discerning few.

Ten stalwarts tackled the massive question of South America, passing over in the short time available the period between the ancient civilisations of Peru and Mexico and the present multi-state era, finally catching a glimpse of the vast economic future which lies before the continent.

The Archaeological group dug wholeheartedly at its Roman Villa, and was rewarded with a fine collection of bones and stones. At home, its more sedentary occupations included discussion of the relics of antiquity available around the Mediterranean. The "History of Language" syndicate also reached back in time to find the origins of modern European tongues, not forgetting the modern American, which they found, once had some relation to English. A third historical set found excuses for the existence and growth of our beloved Black Country : it seemed that "Enoch and Eli" played a great part in this.

Politics were represented this year by a study of modern books relating the Individual to prevailing conditions of Society and the State, discussing Plato, J. S. Mill, and the inevitable Communist Manifesto.

The syndicate calling itself simply "Non-European Music" apparently spent its working life in the City Reference Library, but reappeared on the day of judgment to deliver a lengthy report. Its members had heard weird but harmonious sounds in Africa, India and the Far East, and had even investigated reports of divine orchestras in Ancient Greece.

The efforts of the two remaining groups were revealed to the critical world near the end of the Summer term, when two one-act plays were presented, one written by two members of the syndicate, plus several extracts from Gilbert and Sullivan light operas, rendered by a small but enthusiastic vocal group. This popular bill of fare formed a fitting climax to the varied work carried out under the Syndicate system, work which was in most cases sufficiently a "labour of love" to make it both profitable and a relaxation.

DRAMA SYNDICATE 1954

This year we made the experiment of inviting boys to write short one-act plays for the syndicate to produce, hoping that it might be possible to produce a triple bill. But that was too optimistic, especially when one remembers that in a recent public competition only six out of a hundred

and fifty scripts were held worthy of consideration. We received three original plays and one translation, and of these Evans produced Kirkby's translation of "*Les Précieuses Ridicules*," and Homer produced "*Grecian Blind*," which he had written in collaboration with S.D.L. Holland.

Before discussing these plays and the performance I would like to commend the two comedies which we did not produce. Curiously enough the plots of both turned on the inheritance of legacies ; in Rudkin's play the difficulty was to comply with the conditions of a fantastic will, in Gallon's we had an assortment of greedy relatives each of whom in his own view had a manifestly superior case to all the rest. Rudkin's was a fantasy, discursive and often delightful with strange discussions of curious religions ; Gallon's more of a satire with dialogue frequently rich in a Ben Jonsonian way. Neither play however maintained sufficient interest of plot and situation, for Gallon's conclusion was dull and unconvincing, while Rudkin's digressions slowed the pace of the action to the point of stagnation.

"*Grecian Blind*" had the immense advantage of a tense setting : Greeks in the Trojan Horse waiting to be discovered and in the second scene, Trojans after the night of revelling uneasy about their "victory" ; third scene is again inside the horse and shows the Greeks disillusioned in the moment of victory. So the play deals with the nastiness and futility of war and suggests by a parallel treatment of the characters on the two sides, that the people who do the actual fighting are just ordinary people whichever side they happen to support, and that for them whatever the result of war, it is a disaster.

This is a good and powerful subject for a play, but it demands distinguished writing and very taut performance on the stage. If the tension is relaxed either by a weak line or through nerveless acting one is at once in danger of provoking "bad laughs," and in fact this did happen once or twice. It must be said that the producer had not enough experience to carry off so difficult a play. Of the actors Millar and Holland—the most experienced—did well with difficult parts. My own view is that "*Grecian Blind*" was, if not a success, a very worth-while attempt.

The producer of "*Les Précieuses*" had an easier task. Kirkby had made an accurate and elegant version of this high-spirited comedy and the principal difficulty was to negotiate some long passages of seventeenth century topicalities. The other problems of setting and costume were on the whole satisfactorily and simply negotiated. The "*Drawing Room*" set of "*Crichton*" was reshuffled ; McCracken with a few deft touches turned Victorian portraits into the canals of Venice, added a dissipated bust in a broken pediment and caused an elegant mirror to appear where before there had been an Edwardian mantel-piece. The "wallpaper," alas, had to stay. Some very good men's costumes were hired from the Crescent, but the "women" (largely for reasons of height) had to wear rather dowdy creations of early nineteenth century style. The wigs also were out of period and Buttress was made to wear what looked like a legal wig with the mange.

The acting was good : Rudkin and Veitch as the *Précieuses* simpered, if not extravagantly, at any rate with femininity. Buttress as the "*Angry Father*" blustered effectively. The honours went to the

valets ; Williams, an angular Jodelet, was seen at his best dancing the minuet with dignified and unruffled incompetence. Whiteman as Mascarille maintained a lordly and sinuous affectation from the moment he entered dumped on stage by the churlish porters of the sedan chair, to his final exit when unmasked and undressed he stalked off protesting his innocence and the fickleness of women. All was managed with pace, the grouping and movement was purposeful and effective ; Evans and his energetic assistant Parslew had done well.

I have written at some length of the production of these plays because this is the report of the activity of a syndicate, not merely the review of a performance, and the hire of costumes, painting of scenery, fashioning of Sedan Chairs, minuetting in the Guild Hall all seem to me to be important facets of this particular syndicate's activity. I consider that the standard of work achieved in those difficult days of July, with very little help from Mr. Hutton or myself, was remarkably high. I hope we may see more such independent ventures in all fields of artistic activity.

J.A.B.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

The Combined Cadet Force continues to flourish and feverish activity takes place on Friday afternoons over a wide area of Birmingham and its environs. The Royal Naval Section may be found often at Brookvale Park, where the Cutter puts to sea regularly. Field Day was spent by most of the section at Portsmouth where the fog unfortunately prevented a hoped-for sea trip.

The Army Section A Company continues to work hard for Certificate A, Part II. Of the sixty-nine Cadets in "B" Company, forty-one attended camp and will be taking Certificate "A" Part I at Christmas. The usual high standard of achievement will, it is believed, be maintained.

The Royal Air Force Section has had a successful year. Sergeant Tickell was awarded a cadetship at the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, and Leading Cadet Wagstaff won a flying scholarship and obtained a pilot's licence. In the Advanced Proficiency Exam in July a new record was set up for the highest number of passes. The Link Trainer has now been insulated and any resemblance to an electric chair obviated.

The intake for the Basic Section this year has been large, numerically that is. The Term has been taken up by fitting the recruits with uniform, giving them some idea of discipline and pointing out the difference between the two ends of a rifle. Field Day was spent on the Lickey Hills.

Church Parade was as usual a success and the number of onlookers no doubt inspired the Contingent considerably. The salute was taken by Air Marshal Guest.

Once again we offer our gratitude to all the Officers who devote so much time and trouble to the Contingent. We thank, too, C.S.M. Cotter and R.S.M. Moore for their unflagging enthusiasm and the amiable way in which they show that those classical tales about Sergeant Majors are unfounded.

THE SCOUT GROUP

The Handsworth Rally brought our activities in the Summer Term to a fitting conclusion. In accordance with a newly established practice the Group paraded *en masse*, and the Parents' Committee organized a most successful sideshow.

For their Summer Camps this year, the Junior Troops returned once more to "Wild (wet) Wales." New Troop and Park Vale camped on a site in the Talyllyn valley near Cader Idris. After wading through flood water, New Troop reached their site and slowly dried out as the weather improved. The proximity of the famous Talyllyn narrow gauge railway, and a joint camp-fire with a troop from Bolton, helped to make the camp more enjoyable under the wet conditions. The Troop wish to thank Mr. Whinnerah and W. G. G. Lindley for their efforts in organizing the camp.

Heavy rain was also a prominent feature of Park Vale's camp, but donning suitable clothing they went forward with their programme. Many members of the Troop climbed Cader Idris, the P.Ls. held their own hike and sea-bathing was enjoyed at Towyn. The troop had the interesting experience of attending the first service in English to be conducted in the local church. Mr. Kent and Dr. Mayor did much to make the camp a success.

Mitre and Vikings Troops camped at Dol Gwartheg Farm, near Aberayron, a site used by the Group in 1945 and 1952. Mitre, enjoying relatively fine weather, was able to carry out a wide range of activities. A fine monkey bridge was constructed over the River Ayron, the Troop bathed at Aberayron and Cei Bach near New Quay, and the surrounding countryside was thoroughly explored. Three of the officers penetrated the remote but impressive upper section of the Towy valley. Mr. Skinner, Mr. Leeds and R. A. Tomlinson are to be thanked for making the camp both memorable and worthwhile.

As usual Vikings held an active camp this year. Eight of the Troop completed First Class hikes, Plinlimmon was climbed and a night wide game kept everyone on their toes. Lighter moments were provided by the Camp Sports and by the person who laced the cocoa one evening with paraffin. Vikings are very grateful to Mr. Sacret, Mr. Osborne and Mr. Weatherall for ensuring the camp was a success.

The new School Year has not yet proved exceptional. Troops have received their allocations of recruits, all of whom are now invested and settling down. We are gratified, but not surprised, to note that all the Troops are filled to capacity and more applications to join the Group are still being made.

The seniors held a vigorous cycling-cum-climbing camp at Appin, near Fort William in Scotland, from which Ben Nevis was climbed. They have returned to a rather more serious term's activity than has been the case in the past. As the standard of our Scouting ultimately depends upon the ability of the Senior Troop, the Seniors are spending this term doing useful revisional training. In other spheres the Troop has again set an example to the Juniors by winning its section of the Divisional Swimming Sports and carrying off the De Renzi Shield.

The Rover Crew is definitely alive. That much can be affirmed quite confidently, but unfortunately it is passing through a difficult phase in its development. Crew meetings have never been well attended because of the claims of H.M.'s Forces and the ancient Universities, but now a move towards closer co-operation is being made. This term six members of the Crew attended the Rover week-end camp at York's Wood and a programme has been prepared for the next few months. The Crew has one major claim to distinction : it is organized from Nairobi.

We look forward to the completion of the new permanent Senior Hut which is rapidly taking shape in Park Vale. Field Day is now upon us, bringing a day of open air activity, while final preparations for Parents' Evening are being made.

Nothing definite has yet been decided about Summer Camp, but tentative suggestions of possible areas include Cornwall, Devon, Yorkshire and Eskdale. The Seniors are considering sailing on the Broads as an alternative to camping.

It is with regret that we announce the retirement of Mr. Sacret from active Scouting, after many valuable years with Vikings and the Group as a whole. To our G.S.M., Scouters and Parents' Committee, we offer our thanks, for without their continued keen support and patient guidance there could be no Scout Group.

J.H.W.

THE LIBRARY

The popularity of the Library continues to increase and the number of books borrowed so far this term is a record, but many members of the School, particularly in the middle and lower forms, have not yet bought their library tickets. During the lunch hour, more and more people are using the facilities offered, and it is again necessary to draw attention to the fact that very few reference books are replaced, after use, on the appropriate shelves.

While there has been much improvement in the care taken of the large bound volumes of "Illustrated London News" and "Punch," it must again be emphasised that these books are irreplaceable, and therefore should be treated with respect.

This term we thank especially Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Veale for a large gift of books from the library of the late Walter Barrow.

P. L. SIBLEY (*School Librarian*).

MALHAM, 1954

During Half-term seven members of the Geography VI, led by Mr. Benett, spent four days in the Malham region of the Pennines. The purpose of this trip was not only to get out into the open, but to gain practical experience in many aspects of geomorphology.

This district is well-known for its remarkable scenic diversity associated with the underlying geological structure, limestone scenery being especially well-developed here.

During our short stay in this region much was accomplished. Making use of Youth Hostels we put in three hard days walking, and our labour was amply rewarded by the breadth of our experiences. Special attention was given to the spectacular solution effects on the limestone, and several members of the party developed a passion for disappearing into the depths of the earth.

The weather was far from kind to us, for on all three days we had rain, strong winds and low cloud. The heavy rain made many streams run very high, and certain members of the party were renowned for their wading achievements.

But the bad weather by no means demoralised us for, although wet and tired, we could always look forward to a warm hostel, one of Mr. Benett's tinned meals, and, as it turned out, pleasant company. We even had enough energy to take part in a Scottish folk-dance on the Saturday night in which all members of the party took to their feet.

Our holiday ended on Monday afternoon when we split up at Gargrave, some to make their way home by train, some to brave the journey in Mr. Benett's car. All of us felt that this had been a half-term most profitably spent. We had seen a landscape which far exceeded our expectations in its desolate beauty, and had confirmed for ourselves that features existed which previously we had only read about in text-books.

All our thanks are due to Mr. Benett, whose organization, cheerful leadership, necessary restraint, and vocal accompaniment did much to make this week-end so enjoyable and valuable. M.W.G., I.N.T.

WINGS OVER WESTMINSTER

7-45 a.m. on July 20th saw the gathering at Elmdon Airport of fifteen members of Upper Middle A, who, chaperoned by Mr. D. A. P. Weatherall, were to take part in a flying visit to the sights of London. Twenty minutes rapid flight in a sleek and luxurious airliner, and the party was heading for its first port of call, to be welcomed on arrival by Miss Edith Pitt, Conservative M.P. for Edgbaston. A conducted tour of the House followed, with Miss Pitt outlining a little of its long-founded tradition, and at the same time coping with a barrage of questions. Many thanks are due to her for her help and patience.

Westminster Abbey came next on the list, but this famous showplace turned out something of a disappointment, being so crowded that, although Poet's Corner was reached with the aid of a little judicious elbow work, there was no hope of any detailed inspection.

On to Westminster Pier, where the party embarked on the good ship *Compass Rose*—once a German torpedo boat, now a Thames pleasure launch—for the down-stream voyage to Greenwich Pier, entertained *en route* by a commentary upon the scenery delivered by the Mate.

From the boat, up the hill past the Maritime College and into the Park, to take a brief look at the Observatory. Then it was back up the river to the Westminster Pier, and away to St. Paul's Cathedral. Here the party was more fortunate than at the Abbey, and from crypt to dome the building was explored and duly admired, before the time came to

reassemble and return to the airport for the short journey home. A somewhat stormy passage brought qualms to a few less successful air-travellers, but at nine o'clock all were deposited on *terra firma* once more, tired but triumphant after a full and entertaining day.

It remains only to thank Mr. Weatherall for his excellent organization and for his guidance in revealing a few of the secrets of the Capital.

L.P.W., A.D.P., A.R.R.

THE FOG

Fog, swirling, eddying, rushes
Down passages, pries into corners,
Exploring the crannies with
Sinewy fingers,—cold and grey.
Covers the city ; the chimneys
And steeples, the cranes and
The towers, vanish, as though
Some antic spirit had wished
Them away.
Grey comes the fog, choking and
Musty-smelling like the
Lumber-room recently opened.
Grey comes the fog, muffling
The noise of the City : choking the
Bang of the hammers, the rattle
Of trams, the chaos of factories,
To a dim, distant echo
Of reality.
Down the fog rushes, changing
The City into an unreal phantom
Of whispers and shadows.

M.P.

MITHRAISM AND CHRISTIANITY

The recent discoveries which have been made on the site of the Roman Temple of Mithras in London are all the more interesting because of the many resemblances of the Mithraic cult to Christianity. For not only did both religions have a great popular appeal ; many of the same rites were performed in both religions, with the same meanings attached to them.

Both Christianity and Mithraism probably had a common origin, just as most European languages are derived from one common ancestor, the Indo-European language. This is probably the reason for the many similarities, between the two religions, and not any " borrowing " on either side, from the other. Both religions spread from the Near East, through the Mediterranean and the Roman Empire, at about the same date though Mithraism was about a century earlier than Christianity in its arrival at Rome.

Mithras was at first a subordinate god in one of the religions of Persia, who gradually rose higher until there was a separate cult of Mithras. A great deal of legend is all that we know about his life : he was born out of a rock, and the only witnesses of his birth were a few shepherds who saw a vision and brought gifts to the new-born god. Bulls play a large part in the Mithraic cult, and behind every altar that has been found, there is a bas-relief depicting Mithras slaying the bull. In fact, he seems to have been another Hercules, for, besides capturing the bull, he carried it over his shoulders back to his cave, where he killed it.

In the Mithraic cult, Mithras is the God of Strength, Light, Truth, the champion of armies, the redeemer of souls, together with a whole host of other qualities.

The cult, unlike Christianity, was a more or less closed one, with a small membership of senior officers and wealthy merchants. It appealed particularly to these two classes because of the qualities which were imparted to the initiates : invincibility, fortitude, and vigilance would appeal to the soldier ; uprightness, fidelity and constancy to the merchant.

The members of the cult passed through seven grades of initiation, each of which had a title attached to it ; from Corax (the raven) to Leo and ultimately to the highest grade, Pater.

Candidates for initiation had to undergo ordeals and trials of endurance before passing to the next grade. These trials would include exposure to heat and cold, to hunger and thirst, torments, and the terrors of drowning. There were twelve of these tests in all, and a good example of one of them was found in 1951, in the Mithraic temple at Carrawburgh, on Hadrian's Wall. The unfortunate candidate for initiation was placed in a damp, cold, shallow grave, which was then covered with stone slabs. A great fire was then lit above him, kept burning at a fierce heat, and then put out, so that the man in the grave was alternately half-roasted and nearly frozen.

Communion found a place in the Mithraic cult, bread and water being taken before the member reached the grade of Leo, and bread and wine afterwards. Holy water was also used, and Sunday was sanctified, while the birthday of Mithras was on . . . December 25th ! The initiated proceeded towards ultimate salvation in heaven, and there was also a place of darkness for punishment after death.

There was even a flood story, and the very shape of their temples was almost identical with early Romanesque Christian churches.

The temple was in the form of a basilica, with a nave, and two aisles divided from the nave by two rows of seven columns, each with a small altar at its foot. At the west end in the London Mithraeum there was a high altar with a large bas-relief of the god slaying the Bull behind it. The nave terminated behind this in a small apse, while the aisles had smaller segmental endings. On the right and left as you entered the temple were two small shrines with figures holding torches, one upwards and the other downwards. These represented Light and Darkness, or Life and Death, and symbolize the struggle in life between evil and good.

Many of the Mithraic temples had caves or underground rooms to simulate caves, but there is no trace of these in the London Mithraeum. These would be used again for initiation, blood of some sacrificed animal,

usually a fierce and strong one, being allowed to drip through from a kind of font in the upper story on to the initiate's head, who thus gained strength.

I hope that in this short account of Mithraism I have managed to show most of the many close resemblances between Christianity and Mithraism. Mithraism was a religion which was so nearly good, that Christian writers, seeing in it a dangerous rival, abused it, in spite of the fact that there were so many points in it which they could not condemn without condemning their own religion. So Mithraism gradually died out in the third century, A.D.

R.W.

KWELLING THE WAVES

A party of a dozen cadets joined the frigate *H.M.S. Redpole* at Portsmouth on Thursday, 12th August. The ship was to leave for Rothesay on the Clyde for an Officers' navigational course.

We proceeded to sea at 09.30 hours on Monday, in fair weather with a light breeze. Leaving Fort Blockhouse, we manoeuvred in circles to check the efficiency of the gyro compass. We joined in the working routine and received instruction in the use of anchors and cables.

As we passed out of the lee of the Isle of Wight, the breeze stiffened considerably and the ship began gently to pitch and roll. By the dog watches, it had worsened and "kwells" were brought into circulation. Divided into three watches, we took over in turn, various duties such as helmsman, look-out, and life-buoy guard, throughout the day and night. It was of great interest also to see the engines in motion, and to be allowed to manipulate the different radar sets.

Entering the Irish Sea with the wind directly astern and now reaching gale force, we had to go below as the quarter deck was being swamped. In the foc'sle, where we berthed, the ship rolled hideously and even "Kwells" were ineffective. On Thursday, nearing the Clyde, the weather moderated and the victims recovered in time to enjoy the magnificent scenery which surrounds the locks. After mooring, we left *H.M.S. Redpole* even more determined to serve in the Royal Navy.

J.L.G.L.

F. J. Williams



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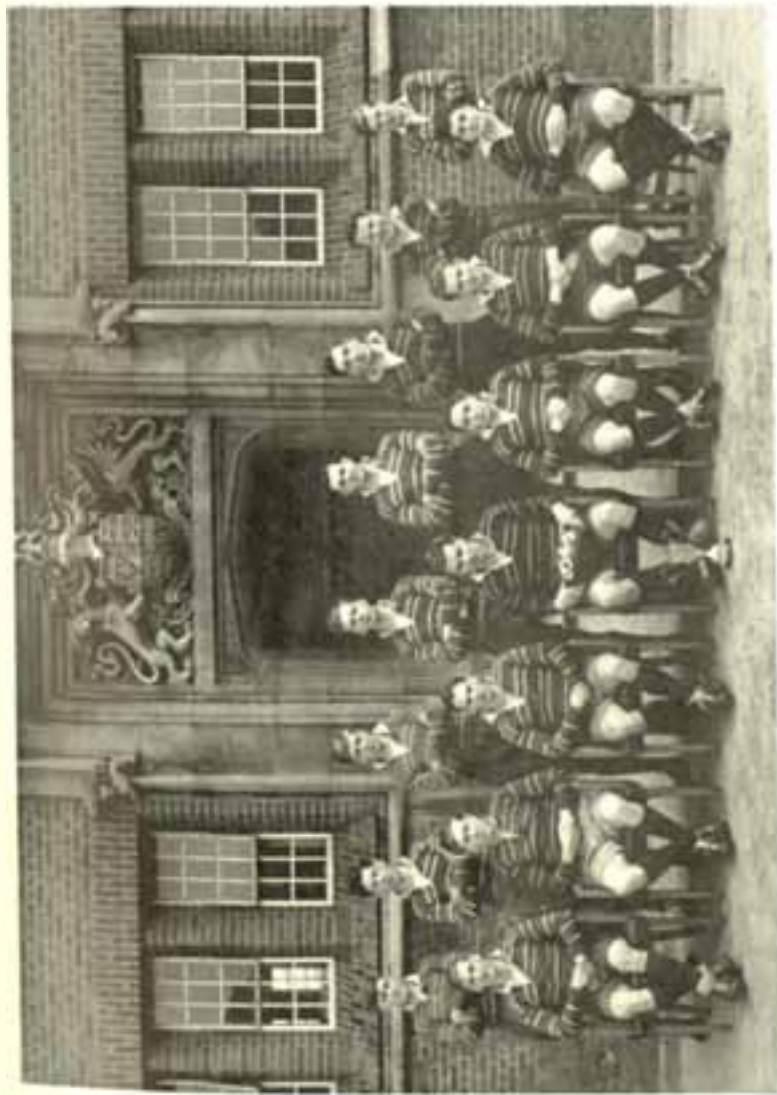
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- (1) To bind together all sections within the School.
- (2) To strengthen the connection between our old and present members.
- (3) To Chronicle all events of interest to the School.

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EDITORIAL

“Year after misty year comes forth
And old things flee and new arrive.”

“Alas ! how things change,” the Editor sadly sighs and tearfully reaches for the Oxford Dictionary of Quotations to find something similar to the above giving authenticity to his penetrating thought. The Editorial, besides being read last, is usually written last, which may account for the contemplative mood of generations of Editors who, their work almost complete, lavish fond care on their *ave atque vale*.

In their last Editorial, Editors have a tendency to reminisce and to look back over the years. The present one is no different from the rest except that he looked back further than most. Working systematically through CHRONICLES of bygone years, he became engrossed in their dusty and ever dustier pages, so engrossed in fact that, time forgotten, he browsed sleepily long into the sunny afternoon. As the shadows lengthened and the dust on the CHRONICLES thickened, his concentration lessened until with a start he was brought back to reality. Through the dust gathered over half a century, at the end of a long and impressive looking list of bowling figures, he saw plainly recorded for posterity in thick black type : “Bache bowled one wide.”

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Bache bowled one wide ! . . . his reminiscent mood instantly disappeared. Like countless Editors before him, he had been working on the wrong theme. Perhaps things do not change if Bache bowled wide in 1905. (For as it happens this particular CHRONICLE was exactly fifty years old.) Are not wides bowled nowadays in exactly the same fashion ? For to-day, as then, “if the Bowler shall bowl the ball so high over or so wide of the wicket that in the opinion of the Umpire it is not within the reach of the Striker, the Umpire shall call, ‘Wide Ball’.”

Stunned by the implications of his discovery on thousands of future, as yet unwritten last Editorials, the Editor read through the CHRONICLES of 1905 to see if there were any more similarities between that date and the present time which might verify his discovery. As well as wides still being wides, he found that Rugby Football even then was our game rather than Cricket. The General Secretary began his report : “The records of the Football Teams are thoroughly satisfactory,” while the Captain of Cricket mournfully began, “There can only be one opinion as to the nature of the Cricket season of 1905 . . .” Again, the fact that “The Swimming Team is enjoying a most successful season” is just as true this year.

Games at King Edward's have changed but little, as have names, for the voices of D. L. Finnemore and T. W. Hutton, still heard in Big School, were heard debating frequently fifty years ago on such diverse

subjects as "Channel Swimming serves no useful purpose," and "This House would welcome the Nationalization of the Railways." Games, names and even the academic side of School life show little sign of change:

"As masters drone of years long dead
Boys drowse o'er history's earlier page—
They leave the present all unread,
Guarding with care a bygone age.
How can these little victims guess
Thus daily steeped in ancient lore
The weird delights of H₂S
The dread of H₂SO₄."

Even in 1905, the Scientist who wrote this disparaged the efforts of the Arts. Science claimed then as it claims now, to be the future controller of our destinies, and its claims will ever continue.

The eternal problems of the Librarian have not changed, for we read at the end of the Library report, "Would the borrowers of Lang's *Valet's Tragedy* and *A system of figure skating* (2 vols.) kindly return these AT ONCE. The Librarian is always ready to accept books which have been borrowed even three or four years."

Witness finally part of a poem written fifty years ago about a bicycle :

"I called it once a mettled steed
Seeing its pride of paint displayed
Now want of paint has proved indeed,
Metal's the stuff of which it's made.
And now that in such a horrid state
It waits for its belated tomb
Ah, hideous mockery of fate !
They've built a spacious cycle room."

Things really change but little ; it is ourselves that change. If we were to return to School in fifty years' time so many things would be the same, even if our attitude towards them had changed. Baseball will not have ousted Cricket from its position of major summer sport, nor will our Football be Americanized. The Classics corridor will not have been converted into a wind tunnel for scientific experiments, nor will the temporary buildings be less permanent, and the helicopter will not have replaced the Special Buses. Editorials will still be written on the same themes, the CHRONICLE we trust will maintain its customary dignity, and though school boys may come and go, School life will continue on the same traditional lines. Change, we feel, is inevitable, but *plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose*.

NOTES AND NEWS

SCHOOL DIARY

The Lent Term began on Thursday, January 20th and ended on Thursday, April 1st.

On Thursday, 27th January, the annual Foundation Service took place, the sermon being preached by the Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Stepney.

An ambitious performance of "The Alchemist" by Ben Jonson, was given by the Dramatic Society on the evenings of February 3rd, 4th and 5th.

The XV completed an unbeaten season on February 5th when they defeated Mount St. Mary's by three points to nil.

Half-term began on Friday, February 26th, and ended on Tuesday, March 1st.

On Thursday, March 17th, the School Confirmation by the Lord Bishop of Aston took place at Edgbaston Old Church.

"Music for String Orchestra" was the title of the fourteenth Julian Horner Concert which was given in Big School on Monday, March 21st.

Field Day was held on Wednesday, March 23rd. Another musical event took place on March 24th when Professor James Denny, M.B.E., M.A., judged the Finals of the Music Competition.

Torrential rain caused the Athletics Sports to be postponed from Saturday, March 26th, until the Summer Term.

An end of term service of Passion Music and Readings was held at Edgbaston Old Church on Sunday, March 27th.

Wednesday, March 30th saw the School Seven-a-Side Team win the North Birmingham Schools' Tournament at The Reddings.

"The New China" was the subject of the Foundation Conference held on the 25th and 26th of April.

The Easter holiday ended on Thursday, April 28th, and the following day the Athletics Sports were once again postponed, until the evening of May 4th, because of rain. Heath won the House Competition and R. K. Wilson was Open Champion.

On Friday, May 13th, Field Day took place at night for A and B Companies of the Army Section, who combined for extensive operations at Walton Park.

Shakespeare being scorned by the Senior Society this year, was admirably performed by the Junior Dramatic Society on the 19th, 20th and 21st of May. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was played against a background of extremely fine scenery designed by Mr. Perry Hayes.

On Election Day, the Choral Society performed two works, "Walpurgis Night" by Mendelssohn and "Phaultrag Crohoore," an Irish ballad set to music by C. V. Stanford. A review of this fine performance appears elsewhere.

The Summer Half-Term took place as usual at Whitsuntide.

Speech Day this year will be on Friday, July 8th, when His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury will present the prizes.

Vice-Admiral J. W. Cuthbert, C.B., C.B.E., is to take the salute at the General Inspection on July 13th.

On July 15th, the Swimming Sports are to be held at Woodcock Street Baths, and on the next day the XI will play the annual game against the Old Edwardians' Association.

The Rev. C. F. Evans, O.E., will be the Preacher at the final service of the School Year at Edgbaston Old Church, on Sunday, July 16th.

"Oedipus Rex" is to be performed on the evenings of July 20th and 21st, and the School Year will end on the next day, Friday, 22nd of July.

COMMON ROOM

We congratulate :

Mr. R. C. Dunt, who married Miss M. M. Ellis at Holy Trinity Church, Hoylake, on April 2nd.

Mr. J. A. Bolton, who married Miss H. V. Holmes, at Buxton, on April 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Cadenhead, on the birth of a daughter, Rosemary, on May 10th.

We welcome back : Mr. Hodges, who has returned to King Edward's after two years at Bradfield College.

Mr. Bennett has redecorated his hall.

PREFECTS' ROOM

The following have been appointed Prefects :

J. A. PICKERING, Secretary of the Scientific Society ; House Captain (*Cary Gilson*).

A. C. SMITH, Captain of Cricket (*Evans*).

G. O. MILLAR, (*Heath*).

M. WILKINS, Secretary of the Civics Society (*Heath*).

The following gentlemen are leaving this year :

J. D. L. ADAMS (1947-55) : Captain of the School and General Secretary of the School Club, 1953-55 ; Prefect, 1953-55 ; Captain of Swimming, 1953-54-55 ; School Rugby Football Colours, 1953-54-55 ; School Swimming Colours, 1951-52-53-54-55 ; Secretary of the Closed Circle, 1953-55 ; Under Officer in C.C.F., 1953-55 ; Head of the House ; Dale Memorial Medal, 1954 ; Knight Memorial Medal, 1955 ; Rhodes Trust, 1954 ; British Schools' Exploring Society, 1955 ; Merton College, Oxford. (*Prince Lee*.)

J. G. EVANS (1947-55) : Vice-Captain, 1954-55 ; Prefect, 1954-55 ; President of the Cartland Club ; Secretary of the Dramatic Society, 1953-55 ; Secretary of the Debating Society ; Hammond Debating Trophy, 1955 ; Under Officer in C.C.F. ; Head of the House ; Rhodes Trust, 1955 ; Dale Memorial Medal, 1955 ; Scholar of St. John's College, Cambridge. (*Heath*.)

A. BRAMLEY (1947-55) : Prefect, 1953-55 ; Captain of Rugby Football, 1954-55 ; Captain of Athletics, 1955 ; Rugby Football Colours, 1952-53-54-55 ; Athletics Colours, 1954-55 ; Secretary of Art Society, 1953-54 ; Secretary of Art Circle, 1953-55 ; House Captain ; Bache Memorial Cup, 1955 ; Lincoln College, Oxford. (*Jeune*.)

B. C. GANE (1947-55) : Prefect, 1953-55 ; School P.T. Leader, 1953-54-55 ; Vice-Captain of Rugby Football, 1954-55 ; Rugby Football Colours, 1952-53-54-55 ; Secretary of the Geographical Society, 1953-55 ; Petty Officer in R.N. Section ; House Captain ; British Schools' Exploring Society, 1953 ; Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. (Left April, 1955.) (*Evans*.)

J. S. N. DREW (1949-55) : Prefect, 1954-55 ; Editor of the CHRONICLE ; Secretary of Squash Rackets, 1954-55 ; XXII Colours, 1954-55 ; St. John's College, Oxford. (*Levert*.)

J. B. HUSKINS (1948-55) : Prefect, 1954-55 ; Sub-Treasurer of the School Club ; Chapel Keeper ; School XXX Colours, 1954-55 ; Secretary of the Student Christian Movement ; Secretary of the Pugh Society ; House Captain, 1955 ; Rhodes Trust, 1955 ; Exhibitioner of Trinity Hall, Cambridge. (*Evans*.)

D. H. JACKSON (1949-54) : Prefect, 1954 ; Captain of Athletics, 1954 ; Athletics Colours, 1954 ; XXX Colours, 1953-54-55 ; House Captain, 1954. (Left December, 1954.) (*Cary Gilson*.)

J. C. ORR (1948-55) : Prefect, 1954-55 ; Recorder of the School Club ; Captain of Lawn Tennis, 1954-55 ; Captain of Squash Rackets, 1954-55 ; Lawn Tennis Colours, 1954-55 ; Sergeant in C.C.F. ; Trinity Hall, Cambridge. (*Gifford*.)



THE PREFECTS, 1954-55

Standing (left to right): R. R. WILSON, D. M. L. WITHEROW, G. D. MILLAR, A. C. SMITH, J. H. WILSON, E. L. B. SARGEN, M. J. C. OAK,
J. B. HARRIS, M. WILSON.
Seated (left to right): R. D. PICKERING, A. BRADLEY, J. D. L. ADAMS (Captain of the School), THE CHIEF MASTER, J. G. EXAMPTON-CAPORN,
J. S. N. DREW, P. J. SQUIRE.



THE GOVERNOR'S FIREPLACE



ENTRANCE TO BIG SCHOOL

R. D. PICKERING (1948-55) : Prefect, 1954-55 ; XXII Colours, 1954-55 ; XXX Colours, 1953-54-55 ; Sergeant in R.A.F. Section C.C.F. ; Exhibitioner of Merton College, Oxford. (*Jeune.*)

E. L. B. SAXON (1947-55) : Prefect, 1954-55 ; Vice-Captain of Cricket, 1955 ; Cricket Colours, 1953-54-55 ; Rugby Football Colours, 1954-55 ; Flight Sergeant in R.A.F. Section C.C.F. ; House Captain, 1954-55. (*Levet.*)

P. J. SQUIRE (1948-55) : Prefect, 1954-55 ; C.S.M. in C.C.F. ; House Captain ; Jesus College, Oxford. (*Vardy.*)

J. H. WILSON (1949-55) : Prefect, 1954-55 ; Rugby Football Colours, 1954-55 ; Warranted A.S.M. in Scouts ; Trinity Hall, Cambridge. (*Levet.*)

D. M. L. WITHEROW (1949-55) : Prefect, 1954-55 ; School P.T. Leader, 1955 ; House Captain ; Pembroke College, Cambridge. (*Gifford.*)

J. A. PICKERING (1948-55) : Prefect, 1954-55 ; XXX Colours, 1953-54-55 ; Secretary of Scientific Society ; House Captain ; Trinity Hall, Cambridge. (*Cary Gilson.*)

A. C. SMITH (1947-55) : Prefect, 1955 ; Captain of Cricket, 1955 ; Cricket Colours, 1952-53-54-55 ; Eton Fives Colours, 1954-55 ; Brasenose College, Oxford. (*Evans.*)

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following elections have been made :

At Oxford :

A. F. M. Brierley to a Sidgwick Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Lincoln College.

D. Evans to an Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at St. John's College.

D. J. Faver to an Open Entrance Exhibition in Science at Queen's College.

K. J. Lea to an Exhibition in Geography at Jesus College.

G. W. Marshall to an Exhibition in Geography at Jesus College.

R. D. Pickering to an Open Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Merton College.

At Cambridge :

J. L. Beeby to an Open Scholarship in Mathematics at Clare College.

A. L. S. Brown to an Exhibition in Modern Languages at Gonville and Caius College.

A. W. Donaldson to an Exhibition in History at Downing College.

J. G. Evans to a Humphry Davy Rolleston Scholarship at St. John's College.

P. M. Hamilton to an Exhibition in Mathematics at Gonville and Caius College.

A. R. Harber to an Exhibition in Modern Languages at Christ's College.

H. J. Hibberd to an Exhibition in Mathematics at Downing College.

J. B. Huskins to an Exhibition in Natural Sciences at Trinity Hall.

C. D. Price to a Minor Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Peterhouse.

M. E. Stafford to an Exhibition in Classics at Pembroke College.

R. Whitfield to a Minor Scholarship in Modern Languages at St. John's College.

COLOURS

We congratulate :

J. D. L. Adams and D. E. Plews on being re-awarded their School Rugby Football Colours.

W. D. Griffiths, G. G. Kemp, P. C. A. Mountford, J. S. Pendry, E. L. B. Saxon, B. H. Sharpe, R. H. Tipton, M. Wilkins and J. H. Wilson on the award of School Rugby Football Colours.

J. A. Pickering, R. D. Pickering and R. G. Willison on being re-awarded their School XXX Colours.

J. N. Bromley, G. K. Caulton, F. K. Hammond, J. B. Huskins, G. O. Millar, R. N. Moore, P. G. Robinson, D. F. Soutter, D. G. Todd, M. G. Varley on the award of School XXX Colours.

J. Mulford and M. Wilkins on being re-awarded their School Cricket Colours.

P. F. Williams on being re-awarded his School Cricket Blazer.

J. N. Bromley, R. D. Pickering and B. H. Sharpe on being re-awarded their School XXII Colours.

J. S. N. Drew and R. G. Dauncey on the award of School XXII Colours.

B. S. Adams and R. K. Wilson on being re-awarded their School Athletics Colours.

G. D. Andrews, A. N. B. Davies, P. C. A. Mountford on the award of School Athletics Colours.

H. P. Aitken and A. D. Edwards on being re-awarded their School Swimming Colours.

A. E. Hodgetts on the award of School Swimming Colours.

M. R. Bird, A. C. Smith and R. G. Willison on the award of School Eton Fives Colours.

D. F. Soutter on the award of School Tennis Colours.

K. W. Lloyd on being re-awarded his School Chess Colours.

C. D. Price on the award of School Chess Colours.

D. G. Todd and D. E. Plews on being re-awarded their School Shooting Colours.

R. G. Willison on the award of School Shooting Colours.

SWIMMING BATH HEATING FUND

At the season of Founder's Day in 1953 the Chief Master appealed to parents to join him in raising a fund to provide a heating plant for the Swimming Bath which is the Old Edwardians' War Memorial gift to the School. He said that a sum of approximately £2,000 would be required : the response during eighteen months has been encouraging. So far rather more than £1,600 has been subscribed : the work has been put in hand, and it is hoped to have the plant in order in time to lengthen the 1956 swimming season. We are very grateful to the parents and others who have responded to this appeal, but we should like to see the burden distributed over a larger proportion of the parents. It is greatly hoped that the appeal may be successfully concluded during the present year. We would particularly like to place on record our appreciation of those who are making not one gift only, but a terminal or annual subscription until the task is achieved.

FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S NEEDS

During the period April, 1954 to April, 1955, the following donations have been made :

	£
Infantile Paralysis Fellowship	25
" Save the Children " Fund	25
Midland Society for the Blind	45
Waifs and Strays	40
U.N.I.C.E.F.	40
Royal National Lifeboat Society	47
Historic Churches Preservation Fund	2
	£224

PHOTOGRAPHS

The collection of photographs of the School XV and of the School XI is as yet far from complete. The following is a list of photographs which are missing. If any Old Edwardian or member of the School has one or more of the missing photographs which he is willing to donate to the School, the School Captain will be very pleased to accept them. Photographs required are :

1st XV :

All before 1892, 1895-96, 1896-97, 1897-98, 1898-99, 1906-07, 1907-08, 1908-09, 1909-10, 1912-13, 1914-15, 1915-16, 1919-20, 1920-21, 1924-25, 1927-28, 1931-32, 1932-33, 1936-37, all between 1939-1946, 1947-48, 1950-51, 1952-53, 1953-54.

1st XI :

All before 1889, 1890, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1905, 1907, 1909, 1910, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1936, 1937, 1939, all between 1939 and 1947, 1953, 1954.

SCHOOL NOTES

We would first like to offer our heartiest congratulations to the XV for continuing their run of successes and ending an outstanding season undefeated for the first time since 1879. We congratulate the Captain, A. Bramley, on his election to the Bache Memorial Cup.

Cricket, too, is in the limelight, in spite of the weather, and we congratulate the Captain of the XI, A. C. Smith, on the three very fine centuries he has scored this season. J. L. Wilkins, last year's Cricket Captain, has played regularly for his college this year and we congratulate him on being chosen to tour Holland with the Crusaders.

The Swimming VI has had a very successful season and we congratulate them on achieving, like the XV, an unbeaten record.

In the academic world, the creditable number of seventeen open awards was gained by boys of the School at Oxford and Cambridge.

We congratulate J. G. Evans on being elected to the Dale Memorial Medal and the Hammond Debating Trophy and Petty Officer J. L. G. Lever, Under Officer J. D. L. Adams and Sergeant G. D. Andrews on their elections to Knight Memorial Medals for their respective sections of the C.C.F.

J. G. Evans and J. B. Huskins have been selected to go with the Rhodes Trust party to Canada, and J. D. L. Adams and P. N. Garrard to visit Newfoundland with the British Schools' Exploring Society. To all these we extend our congratulations and good wishes for their travels.

This year we say farewell to three loyal servants of the School. Mr. Hearne, who has been Head Groundsman for over eighteen years, is retiring to a cottage in the Wye Valley. We wish both him and Mrs. Hearne a long and happy retirement and thank them both for their valuable service to the School. Another familiar figure whom we shall miss is Edith Hughes. Because of ill-health, Edith has had to retire from the Kitchen Staff of which she has been a member for seventeen years. We wish her a speedy and complete recovery. Changes have also occurred in the Porter's Lodge. Selman has retired and Hewlett has come to take his place. Hewlett comes from the police and we are sure that the guarding of the portal is in safe hands. We hope that he and Mrs. Hewlett will settle down in the Masters' House where they have taken on the duties of caretaker.

This year the Fives Courts have been greatly improved by the installation of lighting, the gift of Viscount Chandos. The Courts are now in use all the year round and we are most grateful to Viscount Chandos for this most welcome and useful gift.

The Aldis Laboratory is now in general use and we extend our warmest thanks to Mr. John Aldis and his mother who have given this gift to the School in memory of A. C. W. Aldis. We should also like to thank Mr. Harold Davis, O.E., for the bust of our Founder which now hangs over the Chief Master's door. The beauty of the School has been enhanced by a generous gift of daffodil bulbs from Mr. F. H. Viney, which have been planted at the top of the School Drive and have added a bright touch of colour to a rather dreary spring.

Talking of flowers, we were pleased to notice that the gentlemen of the Prefects' Room in their true democratic spirit appeared on Election Day wearing blue cornflowers, and maintained their impartiality by wearing red roses for the Choral Society in the evening. We understand that the Prefect who attempted to stain his cornflower with acid, thus creating a red-blue effect, lost his deposit. Because of subsidence in front of the left-hand School gate, a keep right sign appeared at the top of the drive. Although no electioneering sabotage was suspected, we noticed the large majority of the local right wing candidate.

A photograph of the mantelpiece in the Governors' Room is included in this CHRONICLE. Although it is a valuable historical possession of the School, few members appear to have seen it. It was carved out of Sicilian marble by a sculptor called Scheemackers who was paid £87 1s. 0d. for it in 1738. This formed part of the seventeenth century

building and was rebuilt in the Governors' Room of Barry's School in New Street. It was again rebuilt in the Governors' Room at Edgbaston.

We are pleased to see further additions to the School Buildings taking shape. A spacious cycle room has been constructed and also a senior scout hut, while a groundsman's house is being built. Park Vale has at long last been re-surfaced, the resemblance between this drive and a racing track being purely coincidental. We do not mourn over the destruction of the old bicycle racks or the Nissen hut, and trust that the cement bottom will go the same way.

Now that the standing committee on Lunch arrangement is sitting, we have noticed a marked improvement in standards. Individual meals are improving, but a certain first course still appears two or three times a week with monotonous regularity.

The work of the Choral Society is usually only recognized by the members themselves. Nearly a hundred and fifty boys turn up regularly to practices every Monday lunch hour throughout the year and it is generally agreed that a good time is had by all. A pleasant half-hour's singing, followed by a corporate lunch is an excellent way of spending the lunch-hour and those in the School who are not already members are urged to join. An affable character rather than an excellent voice is the only qualification for membership.

Another branch of the Arts we should like to mention is the Art Exhibition. Over recent years this has become of increasing interest, due largely to the work of Mr. Hurn in arranging and selecting the exhibits. It has now become the usual practice to spend intervals at School functions viewing what is always a fresh and interesting display.

The opportunities for sport at King Edward's can never have been better. Of the lesser sports, squash and fencing are fast developing, encouraged by the trophies which have so kindly been donated for an individual championship in both these events. Besides this, rowing for the energetic is flourishing on Edgbaston reservoir and golf for the less energetic has been instituted at King's Norton Golf Club and has, we are informed, an enthusiastic following on dry days.

We congratulate a certain House Fourth XI who, sent in to bat faced with a total of 215 for three declared, fell short of this modest score by a mere 210 runs. There were no extras.

We are pleased to see that Boaters are being worn by the gentlemen of the School.

Sixth-form Syndicates this year provide a wider range of subjects than ever. A full scale play, "Oedipus Rex" is to be performed by the Drama Syndicate, while the Choral Syndicate is to perform Byrd's Mass, an outstanding ecclesiastical work of the sixteenth century.

Little is known of the secret ballot held annually for the august position of Keeper of the Runs, but the following facts have come to light. The position is not given on age, knowledge of cricket or writing capabilities. Colours are given for the position, ranging from the School Blotter awarded for balancing the score book, through School Pencil to the School Pen, which has never been awarded and is only given when the keeper of the Runs brings off some outstanding "coup" such as finding an extra run from somewhere to win a match. We congratulate J. H. Wilson on the award of his School Blotter.

We understand that the stray short-sighted duck that mistook the Swimming Bath for a tributary of the adjacent Edgbaston Pool in the middle of the Swimming match v. Harrow has been re-directed and has now comfortably settled down with his family on the lake.

These notes will be the last ones until March, 1956, as it has been decided that the January edition of the CHRONICLE will be postponed for two months, so that the whole of the Michaelmas Term can be covered in its pages.

THE CARTLAND CLUB

The most striking feature of the Cartland Club's success this year, which albeit tends to go unnoticed by the members themselves, is the number of places at Oxford and Cambridge that have been gained in the course of the year. Fifty-four boys have been members of the Club during the year, and of the forty-eight who are leaving, forty-two go on to the Ancient Universities. Considering that as many members are elected for sporting as for intellectual prowess, this is a record of which we can be justly proud.

The new system of electing members was probably responsible for the outstanding social success of the Cartland Club this year. A boy may become eligible for membership in one of four ways : he may be a School Prefect, he may be nominated by his Housemaster, he may be chosen by the members themselves at a full meeting of the Club, or he may win an Open Award at Oxford or Cambridge. No distinction is made between the different categories. We are responsible to a certain degree for discipline in the School ; but we have no right to punish, indeed our duty is to ensure that the spirit, rather than the letter, of the law is kept.

We have received a number of gifts during the year, which have included, besides books for the Library, an electric fire and a clothes brush ; we should like to take this opportunity of thanking all the donors. It is a source of great alarm that too many boys in the lower school have little or no idea what the Cartland Club does, or even what it is, and we would suggest to all those who hope one day to be numbered amongst the " élite " of the School, that they would do well to find out a little more about the home of the " élite " at King Edward's, the Cartland Club.

R.A.R.

CHAPEL NOTES

During Lent there were well-attended celebrations of Holy Communion every Tuesday. The pattern of Friday evening services continues as before, with one small innovation : we are going to dare to sing a hymn at Prayers, when we have no choir, as well as at Choral Evensong.

On Tuesday, March 29th, the Chapel was really packed for the first Corporate Communion of the newly confirmed, when the Bishop of Aston, the Right Reverend Michael Parker, was the celebrant.

The heating of Chapel has been receiving attention. After some very chilly services at the end of the Christmas term, and after our

Confirmation candidates had braved freezing conditions on January 19th for a time of quiet and devotion, electrical heating was experimentally installed. Everyone seems to agree that the result is good. We hope that by the beginning of next School year the installation will be permanent.

After G.C.E. there is to be a Syndicate working on the construction of the remainder of the Chapel benches. Plans for the altar are acquiring some measure of definition, and we hope that work on it will begin next year—provided we have enough money.

We record our gratitude to the following: Mr. S. D. McGowan for a generous donation; the Chapel Choir whose singing, under Dr. Willis Grant's direction, has greatly enhanced the beauty of our services of Evensong; the small group of volunteers who polished the furniture during the Easter holidays.

Collections at Holy Communion so far during the academic year have amounted to £24 6s. 10d. They are being devoted to the furnishing and maintenance of the Chapel. F.J.W.

MR. W. HEARNE

At the end of this term the School is losing one of its most loyal and willing servants, Mr. W. Hearne, Head Groundsman since April, 1937. It is typical of this spirit of service that Mr. and Mrs. Hearne, after having made all arrangements to retire at Easter, agreed to remain on duty for the Summer term as well, so that catering facilities in the pavilion could be fully maintained.

The Hearne "clan" is very well known in the history of cricket, one branch having provided three members of the Middlesex XI and another three for Kent. Mr. Hearne possesses a photograph of the "Hearne XI," all members of the family, which could have dealt most efficiently with most clubs in the country and possibly some counties as well.

He was practically born to the job, his father being groundsman at Wellington College, where he himself served his apprenticeship from 1904-8, moving on to the Staff College, Camberley, as second bowler and then to Newbury Town C.C. as bowler-groundsmen for three years. The 1914 war broke out when he was with the Household Brigade C.C. and he served in the Army from September, 1914 till March, 1919.

A leg wound in 1915 and five years' interruption to his cricket career were sufficient to prevent his taking up the game as a professional and after a short spell at Uxbridge, he spent ten years on the Armstrong-Siddeley ground at Coventry and five with the Tally Ho! L.T.C. at Edgbaston, from which he came to the School. Neither he, nor the master in charge of the ground will forget his early difficulties, when, owing to a breakdown of the mower, the height of the grass, within a few days of the opening of the cricket season, could almost be measured in feet rather than in inches. But, of course, he coped with the problem in the same calm and unflurried ways as he has overcome many others; the ground was ready in time and since then its condition has steadily improved so that the "square" is now something to be proud of.

Few people remain at the School who remember him as a cricketer, but at least one memory goes back to the early "Kestrels" days, when

his accurate right-arm bowling, not turning a lot, but always doing just enough, regularly accounted for more than half the opposition's wickets at well under half the runs.

It would be impossible to pay tribute to Mr. Hearne without mentioning Mrs. Hearne. The catering job rather resembles that of the groundsman : so long as the results are satisfactory, nobody worries very much who does the work or what labour it entails. That the results have been so satisfactory is largely due to Mrs. Hearne's willing and untiring work behind the scenes.

Now they are retiring to a cottage in the Wye Valley where Mr. Hearne will at last have ample time for his favourite pastimes of fishing and gardening. To Mr. and Mrs. Hearne, the School extends its best wishes for their future happiness. A.E.L.

OBITUARY

RICHARD VALENTINE NIND HOPKINS, who died on March 30th, 1955, after a brave five-year battle with increasing ill-health, was perhaps the most distinguished Edwardian of his generation. Nor, throughout his brilliant career, did he ever fail in gratitude and loyalty to his School. To the end of his life he retained the keenest interest in its affairs ; to the end of his life his advice and help were at the service of the School, of the Association, and of individual Old Edwardians.

His career at School was brilliant on the academic side and, more surprisingly, since he was of small stature and no great physique, almost as notable on the games side. He was in the XV, usually playing half ; kept wicket for the XI ; was Gymnastics champion ; was an outstanding athlete and jumper, winning the Mile on several occasions and also the High Jump. Yet he was not, like that other great little athlete of a later generation, H. G. Bache, a natural ball player. His success was, in the main, due to determination and persistent practice. In games, as in more important things, Hopkins usually managed whatever he made up his mind to do.

At Cambridge he took most of the College prizes. He entered the Home Civil Service in 1902, in the Inland Revenue Department, and soon made his mark. In 1926, he found his way, like most outstanding Civil Servants, to the Treasury. In 1942, he became Permanent Secretary and Head of the Civil Service.

During the last, critical and complicated years of the war, Hopkins was a great financial force. To him more than to any other man is due the revolution in budgetary methods seen during the war.

In his last years at the Treasury the strain of work and anxiety had begun to tell on his health. None the less, he remained active in public service even after his retirement in 1945.

" No other man," it was said when Hopkins died, " has done so many difficult things, and has made so many friends and no enemies." The reason lay in a personality that had already shown itself in school days. Acute intelligence was combined with an unusual sympathy and an understanding of the minds of others. That, and the man's natural modesty and quiet humour won first confidence and then a real affection.

THOMAS CHARLES KEMP, who died at his home in Moseley on January 4th, aged sixty-four, after a long illness, was in his own line as eminent an O.E. as anybody of his time. Nobody, speaking to him, would have guessed that he was, as undoubtedly he was, among the most distinguished dramatic critics of the country. Only when he warmed to a discussion did he allow his interest to overcome his quiet, modest personality.

It was comparatively late in life that he discovered his true vocation. Leaving school in 1909, he went on to Kelham College and became a schoolmaster. Then came the first World War and he enlisted in the 1st Birmingham battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. He came back to Birmingham on demobilisation and, giving up teaching, became in 1925 technical librarian to the Birmingham Public Libraries. Just then the municipal servants of Birmingham started an amateur dramatic society—the “Municipal Players,” now fully fledged and prospering as the “Crescent Theatre.” He associated with them, wrote several plays for them and so discovered his flair for the theatre.

Other people discovered it too and in 1935 Kemp was appointed dramatic critic to *The Birmingham Post* in succession to another O.E., the late R. Crompton Rhodes. He had never written a line of dramatic criticism ; yet the experiment was as successful as Kemp’s friends had believed it would be. His heart was in his work ; his scholarship, always exact, widened its range ; his critical standards, always sound, were reinforced by experience ; his sense of theatre developed ; his always pleasant English style mellowed and took on new quality. At the end of his career he was doing better work than ever before ; and, when he died, the tributes to his worth were nation wide.

After his modesty perhaps Kemp’s most notable quality was his real generosity as critic. He recognized bad or pretentious work and chastised it, though without bitterness. On the other hand, he was always looking for the good idea, even behind faulty work. The School Dramatic Society owes him a good deal. He rarely missed a play ; and his criticism was always constructive—largely because he set such high standards.

His personal charm captured all who knew him. It was the more notable because, partly as a result of war service, he was never strong and often ill.

The death of JOHN LOWE, medical secretary of the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association, on May 13th, at the age of fifty-seven, is a sad loss to the campaign against leprosy.

Born in 1898, he went straight from King Edward’s into the Army where he rose to the rank of Captain and won the M.C. After the war he graduated at Birmingham in 1922 and went to India to study malaria as a Methodist medical missionary. He became head of the leprosy department at the Calcutta School of Tropical Medicine in 1935 and, appointed to the chair of the School in 1943, still retained his interest in the leprosy department until his retirement in 1954, when he was appointed C.B.E. and elected F.R.C.P.

For many years the drugs used to combat leprosy were, in Lowe’s opinion, useless. But his great worth is shown by the fact that “ he

withheld his active criticism ; he knew that faith in these drugs was the corner-stone of leprosy work throughout the world, and that to state it publicly would do untold harm, not only to hundreds of thousands of leprosy patients, but to the whole movement."

From another testimonial to Dr. Lowe we read : " His outstanding courage was shown when once he was stricken down with paralysis during one of his periods of leave from India and had for some time to live in an iron lung. Fortunately his determination carried him through and he made a complete recovery. He was one of those good Christians who devoted their lives to the study of leprosy without making any great outward show about it—and, indeed, he will long be remembered for the good original work he had done to alleviate this disease."

Though little in the public eye, his work has been of utmost value to those thousands of patients who have benefited from his research. He was a worthy Edwardian of whose memory we may justly be proud.

We regret to learn of the death on May 25th of THE REV. ERNEST EDWARDS-SMITH, vicar of St. Alban's, Smethwick, for the last twenty-one years. He was seventy-five. After leaving School in 1899, he went to Merton College, Oxford and was ordained in 1904. He spent some time at Manchester as Curate at Hulme, before he became a Chaplain in the regular army. He later went to East Anglia for a period and came to St. Alban's in 1934, where he has remained ever since. loved and respected by his parishioners and colleagues.

The Funeral Service was conducted by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham at St. Alban's.

We are indebted to the Old Edwardians' Gazette for the substance of the obituaries of Sir Richard Hopkins and T. C. Kemp.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OLD EDWARDIAN'S LETTER

To the Editor of the CHRONICLE.

SIR,

From an unusually and painfully long list of obituary notices in last month's *O.E. Gazette*, one name stands out—that of Richard Hopkins. Elsewhere, Sir, you yourself will be recording the career of the greatest O.E. of his generation, as loyal a son as the School ever bred. Here you will perhaps allow me to point a moral : if School and Association are to prosper, there must be new men to take the torch from the hands of such as "Hoppy." From its earliest days the Association has been fortunate in a succession of Old Boys—men like Walter Jordan and "Paddy" Adams in one generation, men like Hopkins in another, who have remained in touch with things Edwardian all their lives. Is that succession being maintained ?

It seems sometimes that we are losing—partly because of the changed conditions of living—some of those who ought in due season to be pillars of our dual State, School and Association. More boys than ever join the Association when they leave school. Too many seem, by the time they have finished with University and National Service, to have lost touch—and even the desire to keep touch. One ventures to hope that all leaving this year will resolve, wherever Fate may send them and whatever hand Fate may deal them, to remain “Edwardians” all their lives—in the sense that men like Hopkins so remained.

Now to happier themes. The Association has at last taken the plunge many think should have been ventured decades back : it has purchased a ground of its own, with ample room for both Football and Cricket sections. The ground, freehold, is of about 13 acres, in Streetsbrook Road near Robin Hood. It is as near the centre of Birmingham as could be hoped these days ; and should, before very long, be fully ready for use. The cost is reasonable, the expense of proper development inevitably will be heavy. Substantial contributions have already been received from some of our older Old Boys and in the autumn a formal Appeal will be sent out. In due season, Sir, you and your contemporaries, by that time mature O.E.’s, will doubtless be asked to help us and yourselves to add to the ground’s amenities. For the moment, all we ask is that you will, on leaving School, play your games with us. Possession of permanent playing fields is, in the Association’s view, as big an asset to the School as to the Association. It should make the playing of “O.E.” games both easier and more pleasant.

I have left myself little room, I fear, for the normal matter of an O.E. letter. Our congratulations to the XV on the best season ever ; our good wishes to the XI for a satisfactory summer. Congratulations and good wishes, too, to those who have produced yet another distinguished Scholarship List. We hope to see all leaving School this term at the Association’s annual tea-party ; and that you will find our club-rooms pleasant. Despite many problems, our financial position improves and enables us gradually to add to club amenities.

Yours sincerely,
O.E.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER

To the Editor of the CHRONICLE.

SIR,

Cambridge comes and goes in the most ethereal and ephemeral way. Has the three years ever really happened at all ? It’s hard to forget the plays, the dances, the walks by the river in spring, the dons we placated and the lectures we hated. But then we said we’d never look back. Perhaps we are a little frightened even to relive the love—the happiness had in this place. Perhaps thinking about them might be as the daylight streaming harshly at dawn into a night of cobwebby dreams.

Nevertheless here we are, quite finished. The odd gyp will remember us quite well when we return as the man who used throw his records through the window whenever he’d had a few drinks. The Rex, the Whim, the E.S.U., the A.D.C., the Boat Houses, the Public Houses,

Monsignor Gilbey, Sir John Shepherd, they will all forget us quite soon. And we will probably be quite glad. They and Cambridge will always belong to us as it was for those three years and after that we may be selfish—until we have sons—and then second childhood, reunion dinners, reminiscences. Perhaps some of your readers, and we hope that this may be so, Sir, are feeling very much the same about School as we do about Cambridge.

After all there's the Rugger pitch on a misty October afternoon ; the Selly Oak Fish and Chip Shop on a downright foggy February night, and we third rate existentialist romantics will have our fling, Sir. There's Mr. Biggs resplendent on Speech Day and Mr. Porter mourning over a House 3rd XI Cricket match, there's the Scout Hut, the Tuck Shop, the Girls' School . . . everything that you, Sir, could wish for in a liberal education. And we really are happy and—grateful. In fact all of us are deep down very grateful indeed, as if gratitude were sufficient.

*Je regarde ces vastes espaces
Et puis toujours je me dis
Il y a encore tellement de grâce
De Park Vale a '47 Chably.*

Floreat Edwardiensis, cast off thy black and sombre robe,
Edwardiensis Floreat.

CANTAB.

OXFORD LETTER

To the Editor of the CHRONICLE.

SIR,

Oxford is the home of lost causes. This letter is another.

Yours sincerely,

OXONIENSIS.

To the Editor of the CHRONICLE.

SIR,

For several years I have been privileged to travel with various school teams to away fixtures. This I account a memorable and worthwhile experience. I do not, however, enjoy the time spent on the outward journey endeavouring to find the School which we are visiting.

Surely Sir, nothing is better calculated to lower the morale and physical tone of our teams than crawling round the suburbs of a town in a stuffy motor-coach ? Furthermore, is it not inconsiderate to arrive half-an-hour late for an already belated lunch ? That a team from the School should lose its way on one occasion is excusable, but when the same mistakes are made regularly, one despairs. Could not the vice-captains of School teams working in co-operation, compile at least brief directions for reaching the schools we play ? I am certain that attention to this small detail of sports organization would save hours of needless travelling and inconvenience in the future.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. WILSON.

To the Editor of the CHRONICLE.

SIR,

May I put forward a suggestion which may, to some extent, increase the support given to School teams. Could not the School Recorder, on the day after a match, post the result on the School Teams notice-board in the Gild Hall, and not only the results of matches played by the School First Team, but also of those played by all other School Teams? If this were to become a regular occurrence, I feel sure that it would stimulate more gentlemen of the School, particularly those in the Middle Forms, to turn out and support their School, whether it be on the rugby-field, the running-track, or the cricket pitch.

Yours faithfully,

B. H. SHARPE.

To the Editor of the CHRONICLE.

SIR,

I wish to express my thanks for the creation of a School Third Rugby Team, with a fixture list of its own, which I am pleased to see has been further extended for next season. Such a team provides a welcome opportunity for mediocre players, not good enough to play for the XV or Second XV, to play other schools. To people who only play in House Teams any extra Rugby is much appreciated.

Perhaps in the future it would even be possible to award colours to members of this team.

Yours sincerely,

P. J. SQUIRE.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

Played 13, Won 12, Drawn 1. Points For 235, Against 17.

On February 5th, the XV narrowly defeated Mount St. Mary's, at Eastern Road, and thus concluded the season undefeated. It is only the second time in the history of Rugby at King Edward's that the XV has proved invincible.

The full results of the XV for this season, 1954-5, are as follows : played 13, won 12, drawn 1 ; points for, 235, against, 17. The one drawn game was against Wrekin College, who also completed an undefeated season.

The achievement of this season is most noteworthy, and is especially pleasing because every player has contributed fully to success. The team, luckily perhaps, did not suffer from many injuries and the reserves all played well. No individual player could be selected from a team which played with much assurance and confidence after some easy victories in the early part of the season. In the latter half of the Christmas term the XV proved its capabilities by defeating Dulwich College, at Dulwich, and

Liverpool College within the short period of four days. Against Liverpool College especially the powers of combination between the forwards and backs were revealed and the score of 20 points to nil only just reflected the ease with which the School won.

In the Lent term the matches against Five Ways Grammar School and Mount St. Mary's were both played under very wet, muddy conditions. The XV seemed to be lacking in the finer cohesive powers which had been displayed in the previous term, and a victory was only just gained against the Mount.

The School Seven-a-Side team could have been good. Because of the continual postponement of Athletics there was plenty of time for practice, but the hard week of practice which is really needed before going up to Rosslyn Park was considerably disturbed by Athletics. The Seven did compete in and win the North Midlands Schools Seven-a-Sides competition held at The Reddings, a week before the Rosslyn Park Public Schools Seven-a-Sides Competition. It was vital practice, but there was little time to eradicate the mistakes and strengthen the good qualities in our play. In the first round, at Richmond which we lost to Stonyhurst in extra time, our main fault was a lack of determination and energy near the opponents' line. The game should have been won by the School in the first three minutes, but we failed to press home the initiative which we gained immediately from the kick-off. It was by no means a poor performance and it was pleasing to see Stonyhurst go through to the third round when they were just knocked out by King's, Taunton, the losing finalists.

The efforts of Mr. Parry have been well rewarded this year and the results are a very just reflection of the knowledge and keenness which he has displayed while training the XV for the past few years.

To those who will constitute next year's XV may I wish all success and much good Rugby.

A. BRAMLEY,
Captain of Rugby Football.

FINAL RESULTS

THE XV

<i>Date.</i>		<i>Opponents.</i>	<i>Where Played.</i>	<i>Result.</i>	<i>Score : For. Against.</i>	
1954						
Oct. 2		Bedford Modern School	Home	Won	26	0
" 9		Warwick School	Home	Won	39	0
" 16		Denstone College	Away	Won	5	3
" 23		K.E.G.S., Aston	Home	Won	33	3
" 26		Trent College	Home	Cancelled		
" 30		Worksop College	Away	Won	20	5
Nov. 6		Bromsgrove School	Away	Won	13	0
" 13		Nottingham High School	Away	Won	27	3
" 20		Wrekin College	Home	Drawn	3	3
" 27		R.G.S., Worcester	Away	Cancelled		
Dec. 2		Ratcliffe College	Home	Won	24	0
" 15		Dulwich College	Away	Won	8	0
" 18		Liverpool College	Home	Won	20	0
1955						
Jan. 22		Old Edwardians Extra	Away	Cancelled		
" 29		K.E.G.S., Five Ways	Home	Won	14	0
Feb. 5		Mount St. Mary's	Home	Won	3	0

THE XV v. WREKIN COLLEGE

Played at Eastern Road on November 20th, 1954.

K.E.S. 3 points. Wrekin College 3 points.

Under slightly wet and muddy conditions the XV played without the services of Saxon at fly-half, whose kicking might have been invaluable. Millar came in as reserve and played a good game, especially in defence. In the first half the School did not show their true form and were almost continually on the defensive. It was in the run of play when Murray, the Wrekin captain picked up a loose ball and forced his way over near the flag. In the second half the School gained the upper hand, and continually pressing, finally scored through Wilson. A long grim struggle ensued, mainly forward, from which the School appeared slightly better than Wrekin. The School missed some valuable points by bad kicking.

THE XV v. DULWICH COLLEGE

Played at Dulwich on December 15th, 1954.

K.E.S. 8 points. Dulwich Nil.

In extremely wet and muddy conditions the School deservedly beat Dulwich College by a goal and a penalty. In the first half it soon became apparent that the XV would have to show their best form to win. For some time Dulwich appeared the better team but some good defensive work by both the School backs and forwards nullified the Dulwich attacks. Eventually the School fought back, mainly through the pack and shortly before half-time Saxon scored a good penalty goal. Before the interval the Dulwich full-back made some good tackles and fall-ons and the game was still in the balance. In the second half the School pack dominated the play. Even when the Dulwich backs broke through near our line, the pack fought back in scrums and line-outs. The School went further ahead when Davies scored near the posts after a good dribble in which Pendry, Kemp and Davies, the back row of the scrum, had all taken part. Saxon converted. In the closing seconds of the game, Gane went over the line but unfortunately just knocked on.

The School pack played at their best in this game. In the second half the Dulwich forwards were outplayed and only their backs looked menacing. The School backs played well in defence but never really looked impressive in attack. This was a grand victory as Dulwich had a week earlier defeated Bedford.

THE XV v. MOUNT ST. MARY'S

Played at Eastern Road on February 5th, 1955.

K.E.S. 3 points. Mount St. Mary's Nil.

There was no score in the first half of the game, but as the ground was very heavy there was little chance to play much open Rugby. The School went ahead in the second half from a push-over try. Later the Mount attacked consistently but the School, aroused into a very stubborn defence, came back to the offensive and almost scored again.

In this tense and decisive game the XV missed several scoring opportunities through over-eagerness.

CRICKET

The scoreboard to date reads : Played 8, won 1, lost 1, drawn 6, with two games abandoned without a ball being bowled. Rain has also affected many of the drawn games in which the XI was in a strong position.

The batting, as anticipated, has been strong, with Mulford, Wilkins and Williams helping to amass some large totals. However, with the exception of the Shrewsbury game, the bowling has been less effective, although Mulford and Dauncey have bowled steadily.

The fielding, although safe, lacks aggression. There is no reason why a School XI should not excel in this all-important department of the game.

The Second XI, captained by R. D. Pickering, has played 4 matches to date, drawing 1 and losing 3. This lack of success is primarily due to timid and careless batting.

The Under Fifteen XI contains some fine young players who will form the School XI in years to come. Their playing record to date is : Won 1, lost 1 and drawn 1.

The Under Fourteen XI also contains many promising young players.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Guy who has coached the XI so patiently ; to Mr. Cockle, who, in addition to coaching us, has kept a sufficient supply of sawdust ready, and to Messrs. Trott, Leeds, Freeman, Sacret, Buttle and all the other masters who coach the Juniors. A final word of thanks goes to J. H. Wilson who has kept the runs so competently with his little brown bag, despite occasional interruptions from visitors.

A.C.S.

CHARACTERS OF THE XI

A. C. SMITH (*Captain*) (1952-3-4-5).

He is perhaps one of the best players the School has ever produced. He has rarely failed to make runs in a School match and his wicket-keeping has been of an exceedingly high standard. The fluency of his off-side strokes is a delight to watch, but he lacks any aggressive shots on the leg-side other than an on-drive. He scored a very good century in as many minutes against the Warwickshire Nursery XI, the first for the XI for three years. He keeps the ball low but is sometimes caught out in the long grass attempting a forceful stroke.

As captain, he has led the side well, handling the bowlers and placing the field confidently. It is a pity that he has not been rewarded with more successful results.

(Evans) E.L.B.S.

E. L. B. SAXON (*Vice-Captain*) (1953-4-5).

This season he has not scored as many runs as he ought, but this is in some measure due to injury. He has developed into a very useful bowler and with greater accuracy he will get many wickets. A polished fielder possessing a hard, accurate throw, while as Vice-Captain he has set a fine example to the rest of the side with his immaculate turn-out.

(Captain of Levett)

J. MULFORD (*Secretary*) (1954-5).

His off-break bowling this season has been of a very high standard, and it is not surprising that he leads the wicket-takers. His batting also has been good, hooking being his strong point. A safe fielder with a hard, accurate throw. We believe he is an efficient Secretary.

(*Captain of Evans*)

M. WILKINS (1954-5).

A batsman who has at last found his touch and has played some fine aggressive innings. His off-driving has been most impressive. A useful slip-fielder and reserve wicket-keeper, but he has not yet been called upon to bowl. Eats buns.

(*Captain of Heath*)

*A. N. B. DAVIES

A useful slow-bowler who has taken wickets and kept runs down. He flights the ball and keeps a steady length. His batting shows promise and he will get many runs when he learns to hit the bad ball harder. A sociable off-side fielder.

(*Levett*)

*P. F. WILLIAMS.

An opening batsman who has had a good season, having played several invaluable innings. He must learn to run between the wickets. His fielding is aggressive, but safe only when he keeps his feet together.

(*Captain of Gifford*)

*G. D. ANDREWS.

A useful all-rounder who has not yet had much chance to perform. An off-break bowler who spins the ball well but is not very accurate. His batting is sound, while he has a powerful throw from second slip.

(*Captain of Vardy*)

†R. G. DAUNCEY.

A young opening bowler who moves the new ball both ways. His length is accurate but not always his direction. He can bat but as yet has been rarely required to do so. A very safe, if perhaps a rather slow fielder.

(*Gifford*)

†J. S. N. DREW.

A slow-medium left-arm bowler who has bowled accurately. He must learn that the ball which spins away is usually more valuable than the in-swinger. He can bat and fields close to the wicket, but has a most curious throw.

(*Levett*)

†B. H. SHARPE.

A well-built all-rounder who hits the ball very hard. His bowling has been disappointing but his fielding close to the wicket has been most impressive. Practises occasionally.

(*Heath*)

J. T. BAKER.

A young opening bowler who bowls out-swingers with a lively action. He promises well for the future. He bats only in the nets, but impresses with a No. 2 Iron. A dangerous deep fine-leg.

(*Jeune*)

*Denotes School Cricket Blazer.

†Denotes School XXII Colours.

Also played : †J. N. BROMLEY, A. D. HOLLAND, M. J. DISNEY, M. WHITLEY, †R. D. PICKERING, A. BRAMLEY and J. S. PENDRY.

The Second XI has been chosen from : R. D. Pickering (*Captain*), J. N. Bromley, B. H. Sharpe, J. S. N. Drew, Wilson, R. K., Pendry, J. S., Tipton, R. H., Holland, A. D., Disney, M. J., Whitley, M., Bramley, A., Alexander, T. J. R., Shrimpton, W., Yarwood, A. C., Gilson, A. D., McGowan, N. G.

RESULTS

THE XI v. OLD EDWARDIANS' C.C.

(*Played at Humington, 30th April*)

The XI 141 (A. C. Smith 45, E. L. B. Saxon 41).
Old Edwardians' C.C. .. 28 for 2 wks. Rain stopped play.

THE XI v. TRENT COLLEGE

(*Played at Eastern Road, 7th May*)

The XI 98 (A. C. Smith 40, G. R. Atkinson 4 for 25, J. A. Roughley 3 for 18).
Trent College 99 for 6 (P. J. H. Neal 46 not out, J. Mulford 4 for 39).

THE XI v. WYGGESTON G.S.

(*Played at Wyggeston, 14th May*)

Wyggeston G.S. 162 for 6 declared (R. Oakley 38 not out).
The XI 80 for 2 wks. (J. Mulford 28 not out, M. Wilkins 27, P. F. Williams 25 not out). Rain stopped play.

THE XI v. WARWICKSHIRE NURSERY XI

(*Played at Eastern Road, 21st May*)

The XI 187 for 5 declared (A. C. Smith 107, P. F. Williams 42 not out).
Warwickshire Nursefy XI 93 for 4.

THE XI v. SHREWSBURY "A" XI

(*Played at Shrewsbury, 25th May*)

Shrewsbury "A" XI 50 (J. Mulford 5 for 6, R. G. Dauncey 2 for 9, A. N. B. Davies 2 for 10).
The XI 51 for 7 (A. C. Smith 21, H. G. Owen-Hughes 5 for 16).

THE XI v. DENSTONE COLLEGE

(*Played at Denstone, 28th May*)

Denstone College 160 for 3 declared (E. J. Everall 107 not out, J. S. N. Drew 2 for 18).
The XI 138 for 7 (M. Wilkins 41, P. F. Williams 40).

THE "A" XI v. REPTON II

(*Played at Eastern Road, 2nd June*)

Repton II 154 for 6 declared (F. M. Scott 50, J. T. Baker 4 for 42).
The "A" XI 116 for 3 (M. Wilkins 50, A. C. Smith 46). Rain stopped play.

THE XI v. WADHAM COLLEGE

(*Played at Wadham, 8th June*)

Wadham College 11 for 2 wks (R. G. Dauncey 2 for 3). Rain stopped play.

THE XI v. THE MASTERS

(*Played at Eastern Road, 11th June*)

The XI 192 for 4 declared (A. C. Smith 102 not out, M. Wilkins 34, J. Mulford 32).
The Masters 101 for 2 (J. B. Guy 57 not out). Rain stopped play.

In addition, the matches against Warwick School and Nottingham H.S. were abandoned without a ball being bowled.

THE XI v. R.G.S., WORCESTER
(Played at Eastern Road, 18th June)

After Worcester had taken four hours over 198, the XI in the remaining two hours and twenty minutes set about scoring the runs in aggressive fashion trying hard to pierce a defensive field. In an exciting finish the XI just failed by four runs to get the required total.

RESULTS

R.G.S., WORCESTER	
G. C. Clarke, run out	10
B. M. Buck, run out	31
J. G. Wilkinson, b Saxon	0
F. B. Wheeler, not out	112
A. E. Stubbs, b Saxon	6
D. L. Williams, lbw, b Dauncey ..	1
G. Meredith, st Smith, b Dauncey	0
D. E. Rodway, b Saxon	8
D. P. Ellison, b Baker	1
P. J. Payne, b Baker	2
S. D. Fudger, c Pendry, b Dauncey	8
Extras	19

TOTAL 198

E. L. B. Saxon, 3 for 45 ; J. T. Baker,
2 for 36 ; R. G. Dauncey, 3 for 55.

THE XI	
P. F. Williams, c Wheeler, b Rod- way	56
M. Wilkins, b Wilkinson	4
E. L. B. Saxon, b Payne	5
A. C. Smith, c Williams, b Stubbs..	90
J. Mulford, b Ellison	0
A. N. B. Davies, b Ellison	0
G. D. Andrews, b Rodway	17
J. S. Pendry, not out	8
J. S. N. Drew, not out	7
R. G. Dauncey, J. T. Baker did not bat.	
Extras	8

TOTAL (for 7 wickets) 195

E. P. Ellison, 2 for 27 ; D. E. Rodway,
2 for 31.

Match Drawn.

THE XI v. SOLIHULL
(Played at Eastern Road, 25th June)

On an easy-paced wicket the XI batted badly with two exceptions, and could only manage to score 130. Solihull however were dismissed five minutes before the end for 96, thanks to good bowling by Saxon and Mulford.

THE XI	
P. F. Williams, c P. Taylor, b Smith	34
M. Wilkins, c M. Taylor, b Bailey ..	10
J. Mulford, lbw, b Bailey	45
A. C. Smith, st M. Taylor, b Bailey	2
A. N. B. Davies, b Hames	7
E. L. B. Saxon, c Paine, b Bailey ..	2
G. D. Andrews, lbw, b Bailey	0
J. S. N. Drew, b Bailey	2
R. G. Dauncey, c P. Taylor, b Smith	2
A. E. M. Hornig, run out	14
J. T. Baker, not out	1
Extras	11

TOTAL 130

P. J. Bailey, 6 for 31.

SOLIHULL	
R. Paine, c Saxon b Hornig	3
D. Stratford, lbw, b Hornig	8
S. D. Ackerman, b Saxon	0
G. C. Vaughan, st Smith, b Saxon..	28
P. Taylor, st Smith, b Saxon	24
J. Stratford, c Hornig, b Mulford..	3
P. J. Bailey, c Mulford, b Saxon....	0
D. Jennings, not out	11
D. E. Smith, c Smith, b Dauncey..	0
M. B. Taylor, b Saxon	8
A. J. Hames, b Saxon	0
Extras	11

TOTAL 96

E. L. B. Saxon, 6 for 42.

THE XI v. WARWICK SCHOOL
(Played at Warwick, June 28th)

The XI	197 for 4 declared (A. C. Smith 134 not out, P. F. Williams 44, D. R. Cook 4 for 60).
Warwick School	111 for 6 (J. T. Wilson 32, J. T. Baker 3 for 18).

THE "A" XI v. MALVERN II
(Played at Eastern Road, 30th June)

Malvern II	177 for 4 declared (R. J. Devereux 76).
The "A" XI	118 for 7 (P. F. Williams 50 not out, M. Wilkins 29).

THE XI v. BROMSGROVE
(Played at Charford, 2nd July)

Having lost the toss the XI were put into bat on a wicket that helped seam-bowlers and only managed to score 102. The wicket dried out and became easy but fine bowling backed up by much-improved fielding, brought about a splendid victory with little time to spare.

THE XI		BROMSGROVE	
P. F. Williams, b Garbett	0	C. W. Kleiser, b Dauncey	26
A. N. B. Davies, lbw, b Baker	3	J. M. M. Huins, b Smith	0
J. Mulford, b Baker	5	J. A. Passmore, c Sharpe, b Dauncey	32
A. C. Smith, b Garbett	21	R. G. Black, c and b Dauncey	3
M. Wilkins, lbw, b Garbett	32	P. J. Evans, lbw, b Dauncey	11
G. D. Andrews, lbw, b Garbett	0	K. K. Kwan, c Sharpe, b Dauncey	0
G. E. Phillips, run out	4	K. Garbett, run out	0
R. G. Dauncey, c Kleiser, b Baker ..	2	R. I. Stickland, b Smith	2
A. E. H. Hornig, not out	7	R. C. Mackenzie, c Dauncey,	
B. H. Sharpe, b Black	11	b Smith	7
J. T. Baker, c Kleiser, b Mackenzie	3	M. D. Baker, not out	1
Extras	14	B. J. G. Sperry, b Dauncey	7
		Extras	4
TOTAL	102	TOTAL	93

K. Garbett, 4 for 24 ; M. D. Baker,
3 for 25.

R. G. Dauncey, 6 for 33 ; A. C. Smith,
3 for 36.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

SCHOOL v. NOTTINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL AND TRENT COLLEGE
(Held at Eastern Road on March 19th, 1955)

Result : School 52 points ; N.H.S. 50 points ; Trent 18 points.

Result of Junior Match : Trent 41 points ; N.H.S. 36 points ; School 31 points.

Among the successes of those competing for the School, the win gained by Millar in the Half-Mile was outstanding. In this race, which was not particularly fast, only 2 min. 12.6 secs., Millar and Andrews, the two School runners, ran a well-judged race to come in first and second respectively. Pendry and Adams jumped well and won first and second places in the High Jump. In the Long Jump and in the Javelin, double successes were also gained for the School and Andrew's Javelin Throw of 147-ft. 7½-in. was extremely good. In the absence of Wilson, Davies and Pettitt ran well in the Quarter Mile to finish respectively second and third.

The School won the match because they gained so many second and third places ; the lack of great individual talent was revealed. The final result rested upon the School's coming at least second in the Relay, which they did with comparative ease.

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

(Held at Worcester on 28th March, 1955)

Results : School 56 points ; Warwick 52 points ; R.G.S., Worcester 19 points.

Junior Match : R.G.S., Worcester 63 points ; School 56 points ; Warwick 25 points.

The most notable performance for the School in this match was Davies's success in the Mile. He ran well within himself behind the leader until a final spurt took him into the lead to win in 4 min. 58.8 secs., a good time considering the very muddy and wet conditions. This mile was a team race and as Brandon and Lloyd came third and fourth the School gained valuable points from this event. Mountford gained a double victory by winning the 100 Yards and the Long Jump. Russell ran a well-judged Quarter-Mile and won in 58 secs. The final result was again determined by the Relay, in which the School four ran well to win from Warwick and thus win the match.

The team this year has been selected from : R. K. Wilson, B. S. Adams, G. D. Andrews, P. C. A. Mountford, A. N. B. Davies, Russell, A. M., Pettitt, J. L., Millar, G. O., Pendry, J. S., Plews, D. E., Saxon, E. L. B., Sharpe, B. H., Phillips-Smith, A., Brandon, W. P. J., Lloyd, D. E., Drew, J. S. N., Tipton, R. H., A. Bramley.

ATHLETICS

It seems inevitably to be the fate of Athletics to suffer from bad weather. This year was no exception and was in fact probably worse than most. Indeed, the ground was covered by snow and water at times during the season.

The two triangular matches in which the School Athletics team took part both resulted in close but satisfactory victories for the School. At Eastern Road on March 19th a Triangular Match against Nottingham High School and Trent College was held, both Senior and Junior teams taking part. The School won the Senior match upon the result of the Relay, which the School relay team won comparatively easily. The Junior team lost by a wide margin and there seems to be only a very little talent in the middle school.

At Worcester on March 28th in a match against Warwick and R.G.S., Worcester, the Senior team again won upon the result of the Relay, and the Junior team gave an improved performance and came a close second to R.G.S., Worcester.

Upon the whole the Athletics team did well as a body but there is no athlete in the School of outstanding brilliance. This is, perhaps, inevitable because those who could be good have neither the ground nor the time to practice and work up to a peak of performance.

The Cross-Country was run under cold, wintry conditions and there was snow and ice on much of the course. The Senior race was won very easily by A. N. B. Davies, who later proved to be invaluable in the mile and half-mile for the School.

The Standards were severely harassed by snow and ice and finally the John Urry Cup was won by Heath after a week of strenuous effort on the part of both competitors and officials. Standards were held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after School, of the week beginning March 14th. Certainly the programme for Standards was short, and bitter.

The Sports likewise had to submit to the elements and after two postponements, were finally held on the first Wednesday of the Summer term. Even then events were interspersed with heavy gusts of wind and sleet.

The season or fortnight of Athletics did not give any one a chance to do exceptionally well. It has been rumoured that some Athletics should take place in the Summer term, although there seems to be little difference between Easter and Summer weather this year.

Mr. Cadenhead and the other masters who so willingly co-operated, often at short notice, in coaching, organization and administration must be heartily thanked.

A. BRAMLEY,

Captain of Athletics.

ATHLETICS SPORTS RESULTS

OPEN EVENTS :

100 yards :	1, Wilson, R. K. ; 2, Russell ; 3, Plews. 10.8 secs.
220 yards :	1, Russell ; 2, Wilson, R. K. ; 3, Mountford. 25.6 secs.
440 yards :	1, Wilson, R. K. ; 2, Davies, A. N. ; 3, Russell. 54.2 secs.
880 yards :	1, Davies, A. N. ; 2, Brandon ; 3, Bull. 2 min. 9.8 secs.
One Mile :	1, Davies, A. N. ; 2, Brandon ; 3, Andrews. 5 min. 9.4 secs.

Cross-Country : 1, Davies, A. N. ; 2, Leigh ; 3, Millar. 20 min. 48 secs.
Hurdles : 1, Wilson, R. K. ; 2, Bramley ; 3, Drew. 15.6 secs.
Long Jump : 1, Plews ; 2, Mountford ; 3, Wilson, R. K. 19-ft. 7-in.
High Jump : 1, Pendry ; 2, Adams, B. S. ; 3, Evans, J. G. 5-ft. 4-in.
Javelin : 1, Andrews ; 2, Bramley ; 3, Adams, B. S. 14-ft. 4-in.
Discus : 1, Smith ; 2, Pickering, R. D. ; 3, Saxon. 104-ft.
Shot : 1, Bramley ; 2, Sharpe ; 3, Phillips-Smith. 36-ft. 10-in.
Relay (4×110) : Heath.

INTERMEDIATE EVENTS :

100 yards : 1, Lindley, D. K. ; 2, Wilner, J. M. ; 3, Holland, R. P. 11.4 secs.
220 yards : 1, Holland, R. P. ; 2, Lindley, D. K. ; 3, Wilner, J. M. 26.4 secs.
440 yards : 1, Holland, R. P. ; 2, Davies, P. ; 3, Clayton, A. B. 60.6 secs.
880 yards : 1, Beaumont, R. J. K. ; 2, Corney, D. J. ; 3, Davies, P. 2 mins. 24.8 secs.
Hurdles : 1, Holland, R. P. ; 2, Sambrooks, N. E. ; 3, Webbe, M. I. 12.0 secs.
Cross Country : 1, Davies, P. ; 2, Clayton, A. B. ; 3, Bean, J. G. 17 mins. 23.0 secs.
High Jump : 1, Pearson, A. T. ; 2, Whitley, M. ; 3, Patrick, J. M. 4-ft. 6-in.
Long Jump : 1, Green, J. C. ; 2, Holland, R. P. ; 3, Lindley, D. K. 17-ft. 0½-in.
Javelin : 1, Green, J. C. ; 2, Hornig, A. E. ; 3, Spiers, R. C. 111-ft. 9-in.
Discus : 1, Green, J. C. ; 2, Spiers, R. C. ; 3, Wilson, A. A. 105-ft. 3½-in.
Shot : 1, Beaumont, R. J. K. ; 2, Whitfield, J. H. ; 3, Clayton, A. B. 36-ft. 4½-in.
Relay (4×110) : Evans.

JUNIOR EVENTS :

100 yards : 1, Cotton, R. T. ; 2, Oddie, W. E. ; 3, Reynolds, M. J. 12.2 secs.
220 yards : 1, Cotton, R. T. ; 2, Reynolds, M. J. ; 3, Oddie, W. E. 27.1 secs.
Long Jump : 1, Cotton, R. T. ; 2, Oddie, W. E. ; 3, Mason, H. C. 16-ft. 9-in.
High Jump : 1, Roberts, R. J. ; 2, Pettitt, C. E. ; 3, Ford, P. P. 4-ft. 4-in.
Cricket Ball : 1, Oddie, W. E. ; 2, Brooks, D. J. ; 3, Cairns, P. M. 166-ft. 6-in.
Relay (4×110) : Levett.

UNDER 12½ EVENTS :

80 yards : 1, Greenhall, R. C. D. ; 2, Loach, A. B. ; 3, Filkin, D. S. 10.1 secs.
150 yards : 1, Greenhall, R. C. D. ; 2, Gerrard, D. L. ; 3, Loach, A. B. 21.0 secs.
Long Jump : 1, Loach, A. B. ; 2, Pook, J. ; 3, Webb, D. A. 13-ft. 10-in.
High Jump : 1, Packham, A. R. ; 2, Filkin, D. S. ; 3, Pook, J. 4-ft. 1-in.
Cricket Ball : 1, Loach, A. B. ; 2, Webb, D. A. ; 3, Barlow, R. H. 144-ft. 7-in.
Relay (4×110) : Heath.

Open Championship : R. K. Wilson.

Intermediate Championship : R. P. Holland.

Junior Championship : Cotton.

Under 12½ Championship : Loach.

Holdsworth Cup (for Senior Relay) : Heath.

Robert Moseley Cup (Intermediate Relay) : Evans.

Tudor Trophy (Junior Relay's) : Levett.

Richards Cup (Cross-Country Run) : Heath and Vardy equal.

John Urry Cup (Standards) : Heath.

Wiggins-Davies Cup (for Athletics Sports) : Heath.

Mitton Shield (Athletic Championship) : Heath.

SWIMMING

It has been the good fortune of Swimming reports and retrospects over the past four years to be able to record good results, and the present season continues our good fortune. The VI is as strong a combination as we have had for many years, the four matches to date having been won. An easy away victory over Trent College began the season, followed by convincing home victories over both Shrewsbury and Malvern. In the former match both relay records were broken, but the free-style record was again beaten against Harrow, when the School won what was generally expected to be the season's hardest match by 2 points.

H. P. Aitken and A. E. Hodgetts are both swimming extremely well, and have broken the free-style records for the 100 yards, and the 50 yards, respectively. The high standard of swimming this year is the direct result of the keenness displayed by the team, and the way in which Mr. Cotter has organized training throughout the Michaelmas and Lent terms. Water Polo has also been introduced to the School, the necessary equipment has been acquired, and it is hoped to play a few matches in the course of the present term.

Unfortunately, the start of Pool swimming was long delayed by the cold weather, and at the beginning of the third week in June the water was still too cold to teach swimming during gym periods. We hope for better fortune next year, for, if the present standard of School swimming is to be maintained, then the foundations must be laid in form swimming, and standards, throughout the Summer term. For our present flourishing position, and its continuance, we must thank Mr. Cadenhead, Mr. Cotter and Mr. McGawley.

J. D. L. ADAMS,

(*Captain of Swimming*).

RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES

(*Initials indicate School Swimmers*)

THE VI v. TRENT. *Won*, 39-13

This match was swum away on 31st May, when winners for the School were A. E. Hodgetts in the 50 yards Free Style, H. P. Aitken in the 100 yards Free Style, P. Davies in the Breast Stroke and J. R. Richardson in the Diving. Both Relays were convincingly won.

THE VI v. SHREWSBURY. *Won*, 40-21

Swum in the Pool on 2nd June. The conditions were quite favourable to fast times. In addition to Aitken's record, the times for both Relays were new records and Richardson's margin in the Diving was extremely creditable.

100 yards Free Style : 1, H. P. Aitken ; 2, A. E. Hodgetts ; 3, Godson. 61·7 secs. (Record.)

50 yards Back Stroke : 1, Mackenzie-Grieve ; 2, A. D. Edwards ; 3, J. D. L. Adams. 35·5 secs.

100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, P. Davies ; 2, J. R. Richardson ; 3, White. 81·6 secs.

50 yards Free Style : 1, Turnbull ; 2, H. P. Aitken ; 3, Shaw. 27·1 secs.

Diving : 1, J. R. Richardson, 94½ ; 2, Holliday, 81½ ; 3, Pilbrow, 75½.

200 yards Free Style : 1, = Turnbull and J. D. L. Adams ; 3, A. D. Edwards.

2 min. 30·2 secs. Medley Relay : (Edwards, Davies, Aitken), School. 62·7 secs.

Free Style Relay : (Richardson, Hodgetts, Adams, Aitken) School. 71·7 secs.

THE VI v. MALVERN COLLEGE. *Won*, 50-11

Swum in the Pool two days after the Shrewsbury match. The temperature had fallen considerably and rain fell through most of the afternoon. Despite the adverse conditions the team swam well, and Hodgetts broke the 50 yards Free Style record. The Malvern team was young and much stronger opposition will be encountered next year.

200 yards Free Style : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, A. D. Edwards ; 3, Daniell. 2 min. 36·7 secs.

50 Yards Free Style : 1, A. E. Hodgetts ; 2, H. P. Aitken ; 3, Harrison. 27·2 secs. (Record.)

100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, P. Davies ; 2, Mayall ; 3, J. R. Richardson. 81·5 secs.

50 yards Back Stroke : 1, J. D. L. Adams ; 2, A. D. Edwards ; 3, Baines. 34·2 secs.

100 yards Free Style : 1, H. P. Aitken ; 2, A. E. Hodgetts ; 3, Lawson. 62·9 secs.

Dive : 1, J. R. Richardson, 91½ ; 2, Stapleton, 79½ ; 3, Garson, 76½.

Medley (Adams, Davies, Aitken) School. 63 secs.

Relay (Edwards, Hodgetts, Adams, Aitken) : School. 72 secs.

The water in the Pool was exceptionally cold, but this did not detract from the keen contest of two strong teams. The School won as a result of the strength of the Free Style Relay team, breaking the previous best by 2 secs.

100 yards Free Style : 1, H. P. Aitken ; 2, J. D. L. Adams ; 3, Pallay. 62·4 secs.

Diving : 1, Ropner, 68½ ; 2, J. R. Richardson, 67½ ; 3, Anson, 62½.

100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, Barrow ; 2, P. Davies ; 3, Coni. 73·3 secs.

50 yards Free Style : 1, A. E. Hodgetts ; 2, H. P. Aitken ; 3, Ferard. 27·3 secs.

50 yards Back Stroke : 1, Upton ; 2=O'Connor and J. D. L. Adams. 33·3 secs.

Medley : 1, Harrow (Upton, Barrow, Ferard). 62·4 secs.

2, School (Richardson, Davies, Young).

Relay : 1, School (Edwards, Adams, Aitken, Hodgetts). 69·8 secs. Record.

2, Harrow (Melville, Pallay, Mucklow, Blois).

ETON FIVES

The Team has had a very successful season, only one School match—against Repton—being lost. The Team's good results were due mainly to the consistent form of the second pair (R. G. Willison and A. C. Smith) who did not lose a set.

In the House competition, Evans, with two members of the School team, easily won all their matches, Gifford being second. In the Junior competition, Prince Lee are undefeated to date, and appear likely to win their remaining games.

Once again we extend our sincere thanks to Mr. E. V. Smith, whose efforts to secure lighting for the courts have finally succeeded, and whose unending vigilance and patience have enabled him to keep us supplied with equipment. Our thanks are also due to Mrs. Allard for the excellent teas which she has provided after home matches.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' COMPETITION, 1955.

As usual, the School entered two pairs for this competition which was held at Highgate School during the Easter holiday. In the absence of the first pair, the School was represented by R. G. Willison and A. C. Smith ; Hill, R. J. and Hughes. Unfortunately, both pairs were defeated in the first round. Willison and Smith met very strong opposition in Cranleigh I, to whom they lost very narrowly 5—12, 12—8, 9—12. Since Cranleigh had earlier beaten Aldenham (the eventual winners of the competition) in a School match, this close result was very creditable. Hill and Hughes met Repton I and lost 2—12, 6—12.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

v. Repton	Home	Lost	2—6
v. City of London	Away	Drawn	4—4
v. Aldenham	Away	Drawn	3—3
v. Shrewsbury	Away	Won	4—3
v. Old Edwardians	Home	Won	5—1
v. Old Olavians	Home	Won	8—4

ETON FIVES CHARACTERS

K. W. LLOYD (*Captain*) (1953-4-5).

An extremely good tactical player, who, when on form, is a very formidable opponent. His first cut is hit hard and is often awkward to return, while his smashing is equally hard but occasionally misplaced. Despite frequent practice, his play remains inconsistent. He has combined the duties of Captain and Secretary with praiseworthy efficiency.

R.G.W.

M. R. BIRD (1954-5).

A generally sound player who unfortunately suffers from nervousness. Often brilliant upstep, his first cut is as yet innocuous, and he is sometimes out of position downstep. He practices, if possible, over much, but should come into his own next year.

A. C. SMITH (1954-5).

A heavily cut and accurately placed return of service is his outstanding shot. He is not at his best upstep, but his downstep play is often brilliant and he has retrieved many difficult situations. His experience has frequently proved invaluable in the second pair which has had a remarkably successful season.

R. G. WILLISON (1954-5).

A newcomer to the team, whose powerful and consistent play, particularly upstep, has ideally balanced the second pair. He possesses an outstanding smash with either hand, and although he has only a limited range of shots, his good positional play largely compensates for this weakness. Like his partner, he plays much better in matches than in practice.

K. W. LLOYD

(*Captain of Eton Fives*).

LAWN TENNIS

Last year's Captain forecast that this year would not be a record-breaking one and unfortunately this has proved true. Out of six matches played we have won only one, with one drawn. In the first round of the Glanvill Cup, a three-cornered tie played at Nottingham, the School beat Nottingham High Pavement 3—0, but lost to Nottingham H.S. 0—3 after a close and exciting match in which two of the three rubbers went to three sets. This rubber has been the only one lost by the School First Pair this season.

The Easter coaching by Mr. W. J. Moss revealed an unusually large number of embryo stars, and the standard of House Tennis has undoubtedly improved. With House matches much more closely contested than for many years, it is almost impossible to forecast the eventual result of the Competition. The principal innovation this season has been a Junior Singles Competition and the enthusiastic approach to it by the competitors shows that Tennis is at last beginning to gain a hold in the Junior School. The Second Team has won its only match so far, so that

with only two of this year's First Team leaving we can hope for much better results next year. I would like to thank Mr. Osborne for the way in which he has led the spread of Tennis in the School—it will surely be reflected in an improved VI in years to come.

J. C. ORR

(*Captain of Lawn Tennis*).

LAWN TENNIS CHARACTERS

J. C. ORR (*Captain*).

A much improved player with a forceful array of strokes. He can produce a serve of great speed or of tremendous spin, and his ground shots are undoubtedly the best in the School. Whilst his volleying is reliable, his overhead shots are not of the same standard as the rest of his play. As a captain he has not been over-domineering, but nevertheless he has full control over his inexperienced team.

D.F.S.

D. F. SOUTTER.

Is a good doubles player on account of his excellent volleying, but his ground shots are little more than adequate. He is slow in following his service up to the net which tends to nullify the advantage given by its disconcerting kick. He smashes short but very powerfully and rarely misses one.

LONG, C. W.

Has an accurate service and good ground shots, his forehand being particularly strong. His volleying, however, shows a complete lack of confidence and he rarely makes a winner from the net. As Secretary he has shown remarkable patience in his negotiations with British Railways.

TEASDALE, R. J.

He possesses neither an outstanding shot nor a readily apparent weakness, preferring to wait for his opponents to make mistakes rather than go for winners himself. But his whole game (and his service in particular) lacks that power which, with his build, he should be able to produce.

HILLS, J.

A young player of some promise and a formidable opponent when equipped with eye-shade and sun-glasses. His forehand is usually sound, and often produces a winner, but his backhand is much weaker. While his service is adequate, his volleying suffers from his tendency to stand too far back from the net.

WITHEROW, D. M. L.

Has a powerful first service and a good smash, but the rest of his game suffers from a lack of relaxation. He drives well often, but is quite capable of hitting the stop netting with his forehand. His volleying, once poor, seems to have matured with approaching senility.

SHOOTING

This season has been on the whole a good one. Despite the fact that we have lost as many matches as we have won, personal scores and therefore team scores have been consistently higher than in previous years. In the Public Schools' Country Life Competition the VIII was placed forty-third with a score of 852, our highest for the competition.

At the time of writing, the full-bore season has hardly begun, and examinations have already interrupted it. The weather has not been at its best during our visits to Kingsbury, but the VIII is showing considerable improvement on last year. We were placed eighth in the Midland Ashburton with a score of 479, which, taking into account the amount of practice available and the inexperience of some members of the VIII, gives good hope for a reasonable position in the Bisley meeting. I am very pleased to see an increase in potential Cadet Pair shots, and also in the number of more senior members of the School who take an interest in our activities. Next year there will be considerable opportunity for entering the VIII and the experience which to-day's novices are gaining will serve them well.

In the Birmingham Bisley, in which five members of the VIII took part, J. G. Henly was sixth in class "M" at 200 yards, with a score of 33 ex. 35, while hopes are entertained for D. E. Plews and P. Broadhurst in class "M" in the Wilkinson Aggregate. In the Midland Ashburton, B. S. Adams was runner-up after a tie shoot for the Longstaffe Cup at 500 yards with a score of 33 ex. 35. In the Ashburton Shield the School achieved the creditable position of 60th.

Our thanks must be expressed to Major Cooke and R.S.M. Moore for the attention they pay to ourselves and our weapons and to the officers upon whom the arduous and hitherto unknown duty of maintaining order in the butts has been imposed.

B. S. ADAMS

(Captain of the VIII).

The following have been members of the VIII: J. G. Henly, D. G. Todd, D. E. Plews, R. G. Willison, Broadhurst, Farmer, Teasdale, Penny, Blackwell, Andrews, G. D., Cope, D. W., Hall, J. C.

P.T.

This year the experiment of holding the House P.T. Competition in the Lent Term was considered a complete success, and it will no doubt continue to be held at this time when there are no exams to interfere with practice. Heath were first with a clear lead over Gifford, and Jeune a close third. We are most grateful to Mr. W. J. Slater for coming to judge the Competition, and to Messrs. Cadenhead, Cotter and McGawley for their untiring assistance at practices.

The Individual P.T. Competitions will be held as usual in this, the Summer Term. In the most regretted absence of B. C. Gane, the Senior Champion last year, and P.T. Leader until he left at Easter, the Senior Competition should be closer and more competitive than for many years.

D. M. L. WITHEROW

(P.T. Leader).

CHESS

Our impressive record has been continued this year, though not with the 100 per cent. score which we had come to expect. The first team was undefeated once more but recorded several unnecessary draws. Together with the second team, it came top of its division in the Junior League and the third team was second in the Third Division. However, other schools promise to be very strong next year and we will have difficulty in maintaining our lead.

In the annual match against a powerful Oxford University side the first team drew with many fine games. This gave rise to a later fixture with the Hittites, resulting in a victory for the School.

Within the School, interest has been as keen as ever, although the results of the Individual Championships are not yet known. The House Championship was won by Evans with Gifford a close second. The endless postponements which marred House Chess for many years seem now to have been stopped and the effect is to make these matches far more interesting for the teams, as the results are soon known and the spirit of competition is thus kept alive.

For the last few years, the success of the School Chess Team has been due to a small group of players who have been playing serious chess together since entering the school, and there is no doubt that the experience that juniors can gain through the Warwickshire Junior Championships and regular County matches is invaluable to their future play. The steady decline in the support given by the School to the Easter Congress must be checked if we are to succeed in the future. A number of younger players did quite well this year.

The target for the juniors should be the fine achievement of K. W. Lloyd in winning the right to represent England in the World Junior Championship to be held in Holland this summer. We wish him well in this and hope that he will surpass the record of M. N. Barker who came second in the event three years ago.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Hurn for guiding us through the season and to Miss Chaffer for the use of the Dining Hall which has proved ideal for our purpose.

J. B. HUSKINS.

The School Team has been selected from : R. H. Goodall (*Captain*), K. W. Lloyd, C. D. Price, Orr, J. C., Masters, K. W., Hawes, P. K., Kiparsky, P. R. V. and J. B. Huskins.

SQUASH RACKETS

As expected with only one of last year's team remaining, the School Squash team was very weak. Matches against the Masters, Solihull School and Wrekin College were all lost, and prospects for next year cannot be considered better.

The Harris Squash Trophy was won by D. F. Soutter, whose temperament is well suited to match play. He has the ability to recover from a seemingly impossible position, often winning after five hard-fought games. In the final, he beat J. S. N. Drew 3—9, 2—9, 9—1, 9—7, 9—6.

J. C. ORR

(*Captain of Squash*).

FENCING

This year, I am very happy to report, steps have been taken to improve the opportunities of acquiring skill with the foil. Through the industry of senior members of the club, boys in the Removes and Upper Middle classes have been instructed in this ancient sport. A number of them show promise, and may in future years be instrumental in creating some distinction for the King Edward's Fencing Club.

We congratulate K. W. Masters on becoming the first holder of the "Peter Mountford" Fencing Trophy. He was undefeated in the Individual Fencing Competition which took place in the School Gym in February. Our warmest thanks must go to Mr. Trumper of the Birmingham Fencing Club for presiding over the competition.

Because of the hard work and enthusiasm which the team has displayed during practice, the results of School matches have been most gratifying. Five Ways Grammar School were heavily defeated—a complete reversal of last year's result. Later in the Lent term Lucas's T.I.D. defeated the School by 13—12, a surprisingly narrow margin and entirely unexpected. A. C. Young must be congratulated on being undefeated in both matches, a most worthy performance.

The team this year has been : J. G. Evans, K. W. Masters, A. C. Young, P. J. Connop, P. C. A. Mountford.

Finally it is with pleasure we recall the constant help and advice which our instructor, Mr. Cotter, has been ever ready to give us.

P. C. A. MOUNTFORD

(Captain of Fencing).

GOLF

Although its existence is not very widely known throughout the School, the newly-formed golf club has been meeting every Tuesday, at King's Norton golf course, since the beginning of the Easter holiday.

Mr. Preston, the professional at King's Norton, has kindly offered to coach members of the club. We have obtained the financial assistance of the Golf Foundation and coaching, clubs, and balls are provided free of charge. The latter objects have in many cases proved useful assets.

Membership is satisfactory ; the number of boys attending has varied between eighteen on fine days, and four when it was raining. Handicaps varied initially between eighteen and infinity, but many of the "infinities" are now nearer the eighteen mark. Mr. Preston is very willing to coach individuals in his spare moments and several have taken advantage of this opportunity.

Under the continued guidance of Mr. Preston and leadership of Mr. Robertson, there are great prospects for the future of golf in the School.

A. D. Gilson.

THE HOUSES

CARY GILSON

Business proceeds with the usual seasonal haste but a small decrease in trading profit has been detected. The mediocrity of a slow start has again marred the possible effect of excellent prospects. Another year passes without the influence of those experts who return to the House teams for knock-out matches.

The House's ability at Rugger has been judged on the results of matches played, which number half the possible total. The mathematicians mauled the remaining points from matches lost to the weather to produce the position of fourth.

With two-thirds of the Summer term gone, the House Cricket teams still await an opportunity of fighting out their second encounter. Our fate is as yet obscure. Athletics proceeded with an unusual timidity in view of a lean year among the more talented individuals.

Our Fives would better be described with a smaller digit ; we have won three matches. The Junior Fives team while playing with traditional promise is not equalling the success of its four matches without defeat at this date last year.

We have no doctor in the House to cure a seasonal hydrophobia among those who ought to be swimming. Chess and P.T. have achieved the position of fourth, the younger members playing an important part. Ground lost in the W.S.R.A. Shooting was partially regained in the Tunstall Cup. Rapidly developing skill at Tennis is already bearing the fruit of success. At last it is the rule to play rather than postpone a match. It is for the many competent members remaining next year to improve the position steadily maintained during the last year.

But could not more time be applied in stimulating enthusiasm for sporting activity even though this be at the expense of effort in other spheres ? Nothing great is ever achieved without enthusiasm. People must not rest on imaginary laurels. Our position is not glorious but we do not despair for " Grief is a species of idleness."

Those leaving wish the House the best of good fortune for next year and join with the rest in thanking House Captains for their loyalty and determination and the House Master Mr. Biggs and his House Tutors, Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Weatherall, for their encouragement and guidance.

J. A. PICKERING (*House Captain*).

EVANS

There have been sure signs throughout this year that the keen and active spirit so necessary to success is reviving in the House. Though we lack the nucleus of experienced players in most activities which achieved fame in the past, it has been encouraging to see last year's record forgotten and the First XV reversing the heavy defeats we had come to expect. It was disappointing, however, to see the third team unable to maintain the unbeaten record of the previous year, but in the Knock-out Competition all teams did well to secure third position in the Rugby Championship, by far exceeding expectations.

We still look to the day when the House Championship Cup will return to its traditional home, and having realized that this will not be done through the major sports, we are turning to the other fields in which valuable points can be gained. Chess has always been strong in the House, as has Fives, and K. W. Lloyd led us to victory in both of these. But, alas, they are the only activities in which we can boast supremacy.

As the Lent term proceeded we watched the other Houses attack the Athletics programme but as usual regarded the individuality required as being beneath the true House spirit. Our prayers that the Sports would be cancelled being unanswered, we came only sixth and the result dashed many of our hopes for this year.

The summer term started without B. C. Gane, to whose vigour as Captain our achievements have been largely due. His initiative and enterprise in living for three months in Canada are such that we should be proud of his example, if not a little amused at his occupations there. Whether or not his absence accounted for our poor start in Cricket and Tennis one cannot tell. The Captain of Cricket expects great things in the Knock-out Competition and our Swimming should also be of a high standard, but only time can test these predictions.

We seem always to fall down where Sports Days are concerned. For the honours go to so few, and it is in Swimming as in Athletics that our lack of many talented individuals tells.

Perhaps we place too much importance on championships. There are no points for determination and loyalty but their presence marks success. No House can claim to have achieved this completely but the first step is to see everyone playing his part. I only wish this could be applied to us, but nevertheless indifference is on the decrease, and that at least is encouraging.

We are very pleased to have Mr. Hodges back at the School to join Mr. Dunt and Mr. Buttle, who have encouraged and coached the House unaided for so many years, and ever deserve our gratitude for their guidance and example.

It is with increased strength, then, that we end another satisfactory year. *Esto perpetua!*

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

GIFFORD

We are, one may say, in no danger of self-flattery. In fact, we may not agree with Robert Louis Stevenson that "our business in this world is not to succeed, but to continue to fail in good spirits," but nevertheless, while our successes are few, that intangible essence called House Spirit is not unduly low. Of course, our idlers remain, and as Blake once wrote, we may "expect poison from standing water." It seems unlikely that we will be Cock House this year, but if we can stop the poison spreading, or better still, administer the antidote, and continue to work hard for some successes, then there is still hope for the future.

In Rugger we were eighth before the pitches disappeared beneath the Spring tides, and with them any hopes of our pulling up a place. On Sports Day also our entries failed to master the currents, and we were again an inglorious last.

And so to the cricket season. For the first time in the history of the purple, four members of the House played for the School XI on the same day, and to these we extend our sincere congratulation. Our League Cricket, we will allow, is weak, even poor, but our prospects in the Knock-out seemed fair until we rather unnecessarily lost to Jeune in the first round.

We were only second in Chess, despite the continued services of our veteran Chess Captain, who first captained the team five years ago. Our P.T. team again showed what could be achieved with mediocre talent, hard practice and a Giffordian recorder. Our Tennis prospects are good, our Swimming uncertain, our Shooting some yards off the target.

Our trophy cupboard may be bare next term, but there is more to a House than the winning of cups. Loyalty and enthusiasm for House affairs may not always bring success, but they will always bring some reward, if only the satisfaction of having "done one's bit." Let us then hearken to the advice of the Marquis of Halifax : "A Man must stoop sometimes to his ill Star, but he must never bow down to it."

D. M. L. WITHEROW (*House Captain*).

HEATH

Well, well, well. Never since 1948 has the House been able to breathe three more satisfied words. Well *have we* done indeed : first in Football, first in Athletics, first in Shooting, and first in P.T. The trophy cupboard bulges and there is still time to go : the flashing willow may reap for us further honours yet. Fives has been a little disappointing, and as for Chess . . . well, we thank the Captain for striving so hard to manipulate the proverbial sow's ear. We have some promising players, however, and perhaps in a year or two things will be different. Tennis remains, as always, enigmatic. Nevertheless, we await with eagerness the final results of the House Championship. We may not be Cock House, or even runner-up, but we must surely be one of the best failures in history.

It is difficult for a House to tread the narrow line between being criticised as "lazy" and ostracized as "pot-hunters." Indeed, the latter epithet has been thrown at us already, a rather novel experience. We have always maintained that the game is more important than the prize but there is a real danger that the admirable attitude of "the game's the thing" may degenerate into "we couldn't care less." So Heathens, let us not become a machine intent merely on grabbing everything in sight but let us not succumb to the dangerous heresy that it is rather unsporting to win. The reason for saying this is that we are sure that the present success of Heath is due to a determination which has been lacking in previous years and which we should not like to see lost.

Having delivered ourselves of that, it but remains to congratulate the House on an excellent showing. We should like to thank all the Captains for their loyal and purposeful efficiency and Mr. Barlow and the House Tutors for the encouragement they have always given to the teams. To those leaving and those remaining we wish good fortune. Keep the old flag flying.

J. G. EVANS (*Head of the House*)

JEUNE

The achievements and failures of the House this year reveal again a lack of individual talent and a profusion of enthusiasm which has taken us to near the top in those sports which require a unity of effort. In Rugby, Shooting, Athletics and P.T. we have acquitted ourselves nobly. We shoot better than any other house and were runners-up in the Rugby Football Championship. In Chess we were fifth and in Athletics fourth. Plenty of youth but no experience have reaped a barren harvest from the Fives courts. Cricket has bright prospects. Swimming has dull prospects. Tennis just has prospects.

The most disappointing aspect of the results so far is the loss of the John Urry Cup. It has long been symbolic of the unity of effort which has brought us close to the top of the House Championship. It appears, however, that the force of our assault is spent and we are now passively allowing ourselves to slip, whereas we should be poised for one further assault upon the summit. We have yet to realize that united effort must be harnessed with an explosive will to win. Impregnated with this will we may fight with greater endeavour and unrelenting determination. "He that hath no stomach for this fight, let him depart."

We must again thank Mr. Leeds and his two aides for their guidance and inspiration. May we be on top next year, if not this, and as the Arabs say : *Buk ra fi mish mish.*

A. BRAMLEY (*House Captain*).

LEVETT

With several of the House Competitions to be completed, it is difficult to attempt an accurate estimation of the position of the House.

In Rugger, our final position was seventh. Our league results were most disappointing, but the Knock-out Competition was much more satisfactory. The Third XV won their tournament and, had the weather not intervened, the First XV would have probably come third in theirs. Our Chess teams, as expected, did well and we finished third, adding some brightness to the gloom of the Michaelmas term.

During the middle of the Lent term there was a definite sign of enthusiasm in the House, with the result that in Athletics we came second. In the Cross-Country races the turn-out was excellent but the team positions poor. We came third in Standards as a whole, attaining a record number for the House, but we had to wait until the Sports Day for our finest hour. With representatives in 80 per cent. of the events we expected to do well, but our final second position had earlier seemed quite beyond our capabilities. R. T. Cotton must be congratulated on winning the Junior Championship which included the capture of the Long Jump record, and A. N. B. Davies who, besides winning the Mile, 880 yards and senior cross-country races, came a very close runner-up in the Open Championship.

Despite valiant efforts by the P.T. team, only fifth position could be gained, but with all the team staying on next year, prospects are good. The results of the Fives Competition are incomplete, but as the Senior team were third and we have some reasonably good Juniors, the outlook

is favourable. The Shooting competition is also unfinished, but the Captain is certain that we shall not be bottom.

We play Tennis matches when the weather permits and results so far are encouraging. Swimming has begun but the water is still very cold.

In the Cricket league this term, we have played four matches, but this sport is obviously not our *métier*. In the first round of the Knock-out Competition only the fourth team was successful. We can only hope for better results in the remaining games.

On Thursday mornings the House Choir, ably guided by I. D. Bent, distinguishes itself by singing the correct notes. Mr. Porter retains his usual cheerfulness, keen as ever to support the House from his new grandstand seat, and with his assistants infuses the House with a spirit of enthusiasm which is bearing results—it is now certain that we shall not be the wooden spoonists in the House Championship for the third year in succession. Perhaps this is our turning point. The upward path lies before us. We must not, however, be over-confident. The dizzy pinnacles of fame are not for us, but we strive hard for victory which is all the sweeter for being so infrequent. We face the future confident. Confident not of victory upon victory, because that has never been the lot of Levett, but confident that we shall always try to win and if unfortunate, lose with grace, for you men of Levett it matter—

“not how you won or lost
but how you played the game.”

E. L. B. SANON (*House Captain*).

PRINCE LEE

At the time of writing we find ourselves at a humble position in the House Championship. The Cock House Cup—gaze on it you youngsters, for it won't be ours much longer—will take on unusual colours this summer, but, that it leaves its present home is no sign of failure, for we have had our fair share of success recently. There need be no doubt that we shall return, refreshed, two or three years hence when the juniors attain their majority.

In the House are many “fellows of good respect,” but, to date this year our record has not been one of inspired success or brilliant achievement. Football and Athletics did not reflect so much a lack of keenness, but rather a lack of talent. Mediocrity is a vice which must be eradicated. Cricket generally has been ruined by rain, and the House has only played two complete rounds of matches. The matches against Evans (three won and one drawn) revealed what might have been. The fielding of the House XI was exceptionally good. At present we lie fourth in the League Championship, well placed to keep this position.

No, there is no cause for dismay at the prospective position in July, for the year has had its highlights—the House's two members of the undefeated XV, the Junior Relays, the Third XV Football Final against Levett, Davies' run in the Intermediate Cross-Country, Aitken's new School 100 yards free-style record, and the Junior Fives Team.

And, at the end of the Michaelmas term, there was the House Dinner. This function was an unqualified success, and the House was delighted to

welcome the Chief Master, Mr. T. E. B. Howarth and Mr. W. D. M. Lutyens among the guests, as well as many of its old members. The Head of the House proposed the toast of the Guests, on whose behalf Mr. Howarth replied. D. H. Benson proposed the House, replied to by Mr. Williams, and P. A. Gardner spoke with typical eloquence in proposing the School, to which the Chief Master graciously responded. That there was such an inspiring period of five years on which to reflect speaks for itself of the enormous debt which we must all owe to Mr. Williams and Mr. Osborne.

On results the year has been but moderate, but we have little to fear. The Juniors are especially keen and active, and if they carry their standards and loyalties with them through their days at King Edward's, they will enjoy many successes. Our thanks must go to the House Officials—they have worked well and deserve our thanks—and to all you who have rallied round in a year when events have not run too smoothly. It is difficult at such times when talent is on the ebb, to maintain keenness and endurance at their former levels. All the more credit then, to those who should within the next year or two begin to reap more rewarding results from their efforts, results that will again be a credit to the tradition that bears the name of Prince Lee.

To those who leave—God speed you on your travels ; to those who remain—may you, and your House Masters and Tutors, forever flourish. To the spirit that is Prince Lee—*floreat, florebit.*

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

VARDY

Surrounded by a host of statistics, it is again the task of the House Captain to write a House Report when very little has been decided. Cricket is still being played between the storms, and the Swimmers are freezing in arctic conditions. Suffice to say that the House should finish in the top half of the Championship Table. Our performance may not have been brilliant, but it is better than the beginning of the year augured.

Undeterred by the mud of the Rugby pitches, our teams played fairly well, although we finished disappointingly fifth, mainly because of the failure of the Third team to cross our opponents line with the ball more than once. Although the XV won two and drew two of its matches, and the Second XV won three and lost one, we could not make up for the failure of the Juniors. In the Knock-out Competition the House XV reached the Final for the first time for many years only to be disappointed by the weather, which caused both this and the Seven-a-Side competition to be cancelled. We did, however, share the Knock-out Cup with Heath.

The success of our Seniors in the Cross-Country Race and the knowledge that the worst was behind us, spurred us to great efforts in Standards. After many delays because of the weather, the Sports were held over until the Summer term when Vardy gained third place. A. B. Loach won the Under 12½ Championship.

Once again the less exacting sports have let the House down. Before the somewhat alarming list of failures, there is one sport in which Vardy seems to excel. Tennis proves an unobtrusive path to success. The

inability of the House to produce any members who can hit the target more often than the sand has resulted in eighth position in Shooting. The intellectual game of Chess baffled us into sixth position, while Fives was even worse. Despite all obstacles placed in its path the House entered the P.T. Competition with high hopes. Although we performed first and worked steadily through the prepared programme, we could only finish eighth.

It is difficult to report adequately upon either Cricket or Swimming. In the former the House XI has won two matches and lost one ; the second and third teams have each won one match, while the fourth team have proved veritable "giant killers," beating all-comers. Swimming standards have begun and although the House has gained very few as yet, we are at present amongst the leaders. With larger turn-outs Vardy might well win the Swimming Standards.

I would like to thank all the House Officials for their able leadership and support in guiding the House. They have accomplished a difficult task, and have been well supported by the whole House. Finally, I must thank Mr. Copland, Mr. Parry and Mr. Skinner for all their help and advice. To those who are leaving this term I would express my thanks for their services in the past, and to those who remain all my best wishes for the future. *Palma non sive pulvere.*

P. J. SQUIRE (*Captain of the House*).

"THE ALCHEMIST"

Considering the complexities involved, this was quite the most successful production that has been seen at King Edward's in recent years. These complexities spring from the fact that, for producers and performers, a certain confusion of aim is inevitable. "The Alchemist" is a comedy, primarily intended to amuse. At the same time it is a powerful satire upon certain evils, universal in theme but contemporary in application : covetousness, lust, hypocrisy, above all greed, are there. The plot swiftly pursues an intricate course, woven by the most skilful of playwrights, and the whirlwind existence of Subtle and his colleagues and their dupes must be transmitted in words and action ; at the same time the plot and language are difficult for a modern audience to follow, and the players must help them by speaking slowly, even when convulsed by rage or whatever the current passion might happen to be. Also the play is in verse, some of it very good verse, which must receive justice.

The first aim was certainly achieved : we were entertained throughout and at moments delighted. The second, of bringing out the satire, was not achieved to any extent. Williams failed to make us sufficiently aware of the contrast between Subtle "on show," as alchemist, magician, and "good man," and the real Subtle, plotting and quarrelling with his colleagues. His interpretation of the part, in fact, was incomplete : but within that interpretation his performance was magnificent. He succeeded in transmitting a life choc-full of fantastic incident, while remaining perfectly audible. Vaugon, the other principal sustainer of the action, was less successful at this last. He did not always enunciate clearly, and was apt to speak in the midst of those rushes that were



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necessary to whirl him on from one scene to the next. But otherwise his was a performance of real distinction. He triumphantly succeeded in putting across the supremely likeable unscrupulousness of Face, and his abrupt change to the obsequious Jeremy ; and he moved about the stage as though he were master of it. The third member of this splendid triumvirate, Honeybone, provided many of the moments of delight : Dol Common as " the poor baron's daughter," seducing the blissfully helpless Sir Epicure, was perhaps the best of them. His sparkle was infectious to an audience that sometimes needed some such help to be forthcoming.

These, the cozeners and conjurers, were ably supported by that succession of fantastic characters whom they made it their business to gull. All eyes were on Evans, after his superlative performance as Becket last year, and as Sir Epicure Mammon he did not fail us. He looked magnificent, was the only player to do justice to the verse ; and his gawky gavottes about the stage were a joy to watch. Whiteman's Dapper was thoroughly amusing, though it remains to be seen whether he can play any other kind of part well. Miller's Ananias was something very special. He had some of the best lines in the play, and they were safe with him ; and Rudkin, as Tribulation Wholesome, supported him ably, though he must beware of a tendency to overact. Long made a delightfully sympathetic character of Druggier, the little tobacco-man, the eternal victim.

Veitch was not an entirely satisfactory Kastril. The angry boy was angry enough ; but to stand and shout, with scarcely any movement or even gesture, is not to act at a very high level. Our sympathies were with him though when he flung about the insipid Dame Pliant. Lever, looking remarkably glamorous, simpered as well as any *débutante*. The unsuccessful Perseus to her eager Andromeda, Pertinax Surly, was played creditably by Wilson, though he is apt to be stiff on the stage. He was happier as the Spaniard, in his idolatrous breeches and lewd hat—what a moment this was of Millar's ! Pettitt looked suitably lost as he was hustled onto the stage by a useful crowd of citizens, and soon had the audience lost too, for Lovewit was quite inaudible for his first five minutes on the stage. Once he had settled down, however, he struggled valiantly with a difficult part, but he must try to introduce into his acting more of that ease and naturalness which comes of using one's imagination, rather than just doing faithfully what one is told.

Unstinted praise must be given to the " mechanics " behind the play. The set, like the whole production, was boldly distinguished : suggestive at once of " this nook, here, of the Friar's " and of the plots, and brews, that were being cooked up in its winding interior. The lighting was admirably planned and most competently put into practice by those amazing people up aloft who understand these things ; and the make-up was of quite a different standard from the amateur plastering that has been all too often a feature of previous productions.

Everyone, contributors and audience, will already realize that the residue of the praise, which is still most of it, must be given to Mr. Trott and Mr. Weatherall. There were moments in the play which were real " producer's triumphs," as for instance, the march round the stage of the Ranting Puritans which completed the shatterment of Lovewit. And the

whole pullulating energy of Jonson's caricature of the London underworld was brought out in Mr. Trott's production, that never flagged and never sounded a false or exaggerated note.

In his curtain speech on the last night, Mr. Trott made a "statement of policy" with regard to the future of School plays that I am eager to support. With the intelligence and facilities at our disposal, he said, we should leave the field already so thoroughly trodden by the professional theatre and follow the lead of the universities by performing plays which are undeservedly neglected: we should aim, in fact, at "academic theatre." How absolutely right he is! The number of plays written before 1890, other than those by Shakespeare, that are frequently performed and therefore still popular to-day, can be counted on the fingers of one hand. A school with a dramatic tradition already as firmly established as that of King Edward's, should leave popular plays in the hands of Stratford and Waterloo Road, where on the whole they are performed better than in Big School, not to mention all the other play-producing schools in the country, where they might be performed as well; and should seek to re-discover some of those plays that have been irrationally cast aside by successive generations. It is an exciting aim; and in this production of "The Alchemist" we have been given more than a hint of how it can be achieved.

"A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"

This year's junior play was marked by two departures from recent policy, both of which were justified by complete success. The choice of a play was bolder and more imaginative than it has been for some years, and a small but complete orchestra—strings, woodwind, brass and percussion—was judiciously employed at appropriate moments throughout the play.

It obviously takes great courage and confidence in himself and in his cast for a producer to attempt to stage one of Shakespeare's greater masterpieces with a cast composed entirely of boys of twelve or thirteen years of age. Mr. Hutton's courage, confidence, and, above all, endless pains and hard work, secured a junior play which was thoroughly worthwhile in matter and in manner. It will remain a pleasant memory in the minds of all who saw it for many years, and a permanent treasure and a formative influence on the minds of the boys who were fortunate enough to take part.

It was inevitable that the few "straight" scenes, those which centre on the Duke of Athens and his court, should tend to be rather too rigid and lifeless. The Duke spoke his words and held himself with dignity, but he was obviously too slight for the part, and he was not helped by the much greater apparent age and gruffer voice of his betrothed.

The two pairs of characters who link the court and the fairy world were more than adequate. The two men were manly in their jealous rages and convincing both in their courting and in their spurning of their loves. The two girls were acceptable as girls, but Christopher Burke will have to conquer a habit of walking about bent up, as if he had a stomach ache, if he is to make a success of any parts other than those of old men.

The play was at its best in the scenes in which the mechanicals and

the fairies occupy the stage. The Peter Quince of Roger Bonehill and the Bottom of Rodney Braithwaite would have stood out in any school production of this play, and they were amply supported by the rest of the Athenian artisans. Peter Cairns in particular we expect to see much more of on the stage, for he revealed a fine, easy and natural sense of comedy. It was one of the producer's happiest strokes to chose the tallest of the clowns to act the lady in their play.

The scenes in the forest were bewitching, aided by surely the most beautiful and imaginative scenery which has ever been seen on the School stage. David Robinson's Oberon dominated the stage whenever he was on it, visible or invisible, and his familiar, Puck (Robin Duval), was ubiquitously mischievous, and quite captivating when he took the audience into his confidence. Titania was dumb and dignified, which is about all the part allows. The rout of fairies and dogs was energetic and graceful by turns. Dire forebodings about the dances ("We used to train our horses with lead shoes. It's a pity those dancers weren't trained with lead shoes too.") And, from an even more authoritative source: "Don't be too critical of the dances") proved entirely unjustified. They were vivacious and graceful, and even from your critic's favoured seat the dancers' feet were quite inaudible.

Mr. Perry Hayes' scenery has already been mentioned. It deserves the highest praise for its beauty of design and execution, and for its completely practical nature (there was even a "practical" tree, in the stage sense of the word). The use of the cyclorama throughout the play was more effective than ever before. The forest scene was one of which any professional stage might well have been proud, with its illusion of great depth and of solid trunks going up to a leafy canopy overhead. The scene-shifting was excellent, except for the long interval with the hall lights on during the final shift back to Athens. If this could not have been avoided (as it was avoided during the original shift from Athens to the forest), the orchestra should have filled the gap and carried over the illusion.

The remarkable thing about the orchestra was that it was drawn entirely from within the school, and that of its seventeen members, only two were masters. Dr. Allison deserves great credit for uncovering so much talent, for infusing it with the necessary self-confidence, and for training and directing it so successfully. No information about the music is given in the programme, but it is understood to have been arranged from Purcell. It was light, tuneful, entirely appropriate, and, above all, not too difficult for the amateur players to make a good job. There was none of that nervous poking at the strings which so often makes an amateur orchestra agonising to watch. They dug in boldly and confidently. As for their ensemble and intonation, it is only fair to say that much odder noises have been heard in Big School proceeding from an orchestra heavily laced with professionals.

It was, the reader will by now have gathered, an auspicious occasion, holding out the promise of much pleasure for audiences and much profit for casts in the future. It has set a standard of entertainment and of achievement which will be very hard to keep up, but that is all to the good. Perhaps the management (or is it more within the scope of the Senior Society?) will now begin to ponder a production of the Beggars' Opera?

“WALPURGIS NIGHT” and “PHAUDRIG CROHOORE”

The School Musical Society moved away from its usual seventeenth and eighteenth century haunts and this year stepped over the threshold of the nineteenth century. It presented us with a “double-bill” of Mendelssohn and Stanford, strange bed-fellows, one felt, and yet by their contrasting styles they afforded an interesting evening.

The English musical public has often done its composer-heroes great disservice in idolizing one of their works to the exclusion of most others. Handel’s “Messiah” is an obvious example—how many Handel operas do we hear nowadays? In the case of Mendelssohn’s choral works, “Elijah” has completely overridden other, and often better works. Of these, “Walpurgisnacht” is probably the most satisfying. It still, like all this composer’s work, is uneven, and contains much that is facile and commonplace but Mendelssohn manages to sustain to a great extent the fine virile and strong music of which he is capable in his best moments.

Stanford bridges the gap between Mendelssohn and our own twentieth century and was a prolific composer. Indeed, one feels that if he had written less, his music would have better survived the passage of time. His influence as a teacher is incalculable, but in most of his large-scale compositions, excepting his Irish Rhapsodies, he seems unable to sustain the necessary power of invention. Stanford’s smaller-scale choral works, however, show him at his best, and in “Phaudrig Crohoore” his usual solid, strong, diatonic harmonies are shot through most delightfully by very obvious Irish “folky” influences.

The Choral Society had a most strenuous task set them and they emerged most creditably. If there is to be a general criticism it is of the soprano line. Do we, brought up in the world of great north-country choirs, expect too much from boys’ voices—perhaps so, but it should be recorded that generally the tone of the soprano line was “woolly” and husky as if it were being forced, and as a result the choir often sounded out of balance. However, in movements such as the great Mendelssohn chorus “Come with torches brightly flashing” the singing was such as to quite disarm criticism. This was the very stuff of choral music, violent, wild, uninhibited and magnificent. O to be a Druid! the Christians following seemed a very anaemic lot! In the Stanford too, the choir was at its best in the more vigorous sections of the work. One particularly admired the way the lower voices tackled the difficult, almost recitative dialogue passages. The decisiveness of “She’s mine still in spite of you all” still lingers.

The soloists had a poor time of it—of Margaret Walton, contralto, and Robert Ellis, tenor, we heard very little, but Sydney Smith, bass, had a sufficiently large part to confirm the high opinion we already had of him. Here is a fine voice, most intelligently used—how good to hear the words, even when they are hardly worth hearing!

The orchestra was almost completely adult in composition and deserves to be judged by a professional standard. To say that it was competent is to make an understatement—the scores, particularly the Mendelssohn were extremely difficult, and if the orchestra sounded insufficiently rehearsed on occasions, well, it probably was. This is to carp, however; generally the orchestra played well, and thoroughly

deserved victory in its fight with the Druids. The superlative playing of horns and 'cellos should be mentioned.

In all then, a fine concert and one that reflected great credit upon its organizer and conductor, Dr. Willis Grant. Here, obviously, was the moving spirit behind the performances and one has nothing but praise for the tremendous enthusiasm that could conceive and execute such a concert with the forces at its disposal. Finally, a word of congratulation to Mr. M. A. Porter, in whose capable hands rests the non-musical arrangements of the Society and whose efforts on their behalf contributed in no small measure to the success of the evening. (R.S.A.)

THE LIBRARY

An extract from the CHRONICLE of March, 1872, gave this gloomy prospect : "The King Edward's School Library lingers on, supported by the efforts of a small section of the School." It is interesting to contrast this with the Library to-day. This year has seen further progress and the standard of efficiency has been higher than ever. The decline in the issue of tickets, which has been noticeable in past years, has been arrested, and this year the number of borrowers has increased by one-tenth. Nevertheless, we should like to see the School, particularly those members in the Middle Forms, taking still more advantage of the Library's facilities.

The year has seen the introduction of a large number of works of diverse character, ranging from Messrs. Tate and Blount's "British Institutions" to a more complicated volume entitled "Automatic Digital Computers."

We have to thank W. Roberts, Esq., Norman Loveridge, Esq., and Mrs. Charles Heath for gifts of books ; Miss Pugh also continues her generosity towards us.

The School should show more consideration for books, and should treat them with more respect, and avoid tearing pages. Moreover, all library-users should return books, which have been used for reference, to their appropriate shelves.

The advent of more severe measures concerning talking in the Library has had the desired effect, but members of the School are again reminded that the Library is a place for work, and not for conversation.

Finally, I should like to thank all the librarians for the way in which they have carried out their duties over the past year ; their voluntary services are still too little appreciated by library-users. Mr. Blount, who continues as the main pillar of the institution, must once again be thanked for his invaluable services.

P. L. SIBLEY (*School Librarian*).

THE SCHOOL WEATHER STATION

The School Weather Station continues to send its readings to the Meteorological Office at the end of every month. It also sends rainfall records to the British Rainfall Organization at the end of every year. Thunderstorms are reported to the British Thunderstorm Organization when they occur. Since the beginning of the School Year monthly reports have been sent to the Schools' Meteorological Scheme, which has its Headquarters in Suffolk.

Any boy who wishes to become an Observer should see Mr. Whalley. He should be in "D" Block or above.

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

THE SOCIETIES

The year has been a mixed one for School Societies. Whilst several have flourished, several others have remained inactive. This has been caused partly by the clashing of meetings, producing a competitive element which results in the survival only of the fittest, and partly by the counter-attractions of cinemascopes, scholarship and sport.

That most reliable of all Societies, the Dramatic Society, has not, however, failed to produce its annual *magnum opus*, the School Play. This year the Society carried the anti-Shakespeare revolution a stage further with a successful production of "The Alchemist" in January. To this the reactionary Junior Dramatic Society replied by presenting "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in April. The Drama Syndicate is expected to produce "Oedipus Rex" in July. The identity of the author of the next School Play is awaited with interest. Will Shakespeare again be banned? Mr. Trott's other Society, the Literary Society, heard early in the year from Messrs. B. S. Adams and M. E. Stafford on epic heroes and "Passionate Puritanism." But the Secretary left at Easter without appointing a successor, and the Society has been in a state of somnolent and singularly unfruitful anarchy ever since.

The meetings of the Modern Language Society, on the other hand, have been many and various, ranging from descriptions of Algiers and Berlin to an exposition of the Slavonic languages. The highlight of a most successful year was undoubtedly a lunch-hour talk given by the Chairman on his war-time experiences in certain lurid quarters of the Near East. Mr. Biggs fought, of course, for the ultimate victors. A prominent modern linguist is secretary of the Archaeological Society, and he and Mr. Sacret have led their intrepid followers in investigations into "Buried Treasure" (Coal), Ancient English Churches, the Vikings, Romano-British Mosaics, and "The Roman Wall." As a climax the Secretary proposes to speak.

The Debating Society this year has been in contrast to its Secretary whom I quote: "small but definitely concentrated." Motions have, in the main, been topical, and the debates flippant, although the Committee Debate solved our industrial problems by voting the Trades Unions out of date. Otherwise the Society has been content with discussing topics such as fashion, British Railways and the B.B.C.

The steady decline of the Civics Society this year has been in no part due to the Secretary, but to the general apathy prevailing among members of the School. To prevent this decline leading to a fall, the character of the Society will be modified in the near future and, we trust, it will reappear next term invigorated by its new constitution.

It appears also that the seeds of the Mountaineering Society fell upon rocky—if not mountainous—ground, for having sprung up quickly, it has perished with equal rapidity.

A curious phenomenon this year has been the increased popularity of the S.C.M. and the Christian Union. Neither Secretary has made the plaintive appeal for new members which was once mutely received by generations of Edwardians, plainly uninterested in matters spiritual. The S.C.M. in particular has used films to propagate its message with rewarding success, the two largest audiences of the year gathering to see

"John Wesley" and "Oil Town, U.S.A."—the latter a Billy Graham film shown jointly with the Christian Union. A Junior Christian Union has been started, which is still in the embryonic stage at present.

The young but ardent members of the Railway and Model Engineering Society have evidently realized that steam will soon be "the shadow of a dream," and, marshalled by their indefatigable Secretary, have made several visits to places like Leeds, London and Doncaster in the all-important quest of "names and numbers." Lectures and films have also been well-attended at School. Another Society making its chief appeal to the Lower School is the Philatelic Society, which has seen renewed activity this year, in the form of swap-meetings and a lecture on that sticky subject "British Stamps."

The Scientific Society has welcomed Dr. Rainbow, O.E., lecturer in Biochemistry at Birmingham University, who lectured appropriately enough on "Biochemistry." Mr. Cornish also came from the British Electricity Authority, and he spoke with authority upon British Electricity. The Musical Society has presented a varied programme, ranging from Jazz to Julian Horner. The music competitions held at the end of the Spring term were judged by Professor Denny. A notable achievement of the Society has been the provision of an orchestra recruited entirely from the School which played incidental music to the Junior Play. The Geographical Society has made an outing to Stewart and Lloyd's steel works at Corby and heard two well-attended lectures in School.

We must, as always, express our most sincere thanks to those masters of the School who, in varying capacities, have helped and guided our Societies.

A.W.D.

DEBATING CHARACTERS OF THE YEAR

J.G. EVANS.

As Secretary he has attempted, with undoubted success, to shorten the minutes. His lean and hungry look is well suited to a style of argument which is too often merely destructive. He would make a good politician.

M.P., R.D.P.

M. PARSLEW.

His main debating weapon is a ferocious pair of spectacles. Has an undoubted talent for impromptu speaking but his arguments sometimes show insufficient preparation.

R. D. PICKERING.

Apart from a tendency to allow the intricacies of the English language to weigh him down he is a forthright speaker, particularly when he has something to say.

R. K. WILSON.

The Society's authority on legs has frequently given us the benefit of his views. A forceful speaker with a deceptively meek delivery.

P. N. GARRARD.

A very sound speaker, but he often weakens his arguments with a style that sounds insincere. In going from the particular to the general, he makes liberal use of the anecdote. He has been responsible for livening up at least one debate.

K. H. T. SCHIEMANN.

A consistently good speaker throughout the year. We feel that he should check a tendency to sacrifice accuracy for flippancy.

J. D. RUDKIN.

Provides the fertile classical element in the Society and is always worth listening to. We now have infinite faith in his ability to derive a conclusion from his complex arguments and note the improvement in his logic.

The following gentlemen have also spoken : H. K. BARNETT, B. J. BURTON, J. S. N. DREW, C. P. GANE, J. A. GOODE, J. JENNINGS, N. JOSEPH, C. W. LONG, P. J. SQUIRE, M. I. WILLIAMS, D. M. L. WITHEROW.

The following gentlemen successfully represented the School in the Charles Massey Debating Competition : J. G. EVANS, R. D. PICKERING.

C.C.F. REPORT

As the day of the General Inspection approaches, preparations are being accelerated for the visit of Vice-Admiral J. W. Cuthbert, C.B., C.B.E. Despite the demands of examinations, which have commanded the attention of many of the senior members of the corps, much progress has been made, in both the standard of turn-out and the quality of the drill.

The Naval Section have spent a great deal of time preparing to impress the Admiral. Derricks have been erected and dismantled. signals have been exchanged from one end of the School to the other, countermanded and repeated. The cutter is still afloat, although members of the section are forced to bale her out occasionally. Field Day was spent at Tewkesbury, where the cadets went sailing. The weather was "rather gusty" and one of the boats capsized. Luckily, artificial respiration was unnecessary.

The majority of the "A" Company cadets succeeded in passing their Certificate "A," Part II, and several of these have been passed on to the Basic Section as temporary N.C.O.'s. The section has been busy practising section attacks and has proceeded to the more difficult platoon attacks.

"B" Company has been decimated by the call of examinations and by large numbers of cadets leaving for other sections and passing Cert. "A," Part I. Nevertheless, those remaining have been preparing for the next part of their examinations. "A" and "B" Companies spent a combined Field Day, which proved unusual and highly successful. For the first time this took the form of a Night Operation in Walton Park. Several hours were spent in the open. Each company formed itself into fighting and recce. patrols and stalked the other company. Despite

differing reports it must be recorded that the senior company suffered a moral defeat as most of its officers and senior N.C.O's were assaulted and incapacitated. A debt of gratitude is owed to the organizing officers and to the scouts, who cooked invigorating meals for the combatants.

The new cadets in "C" Company have made rapid progress, mainly because of the efficiency and leadership of Captain Buttle. All the theoretical work, map-reading and compass, has been completed, and the company is now engaged in fire and movement, rifle drill and has just been introduced to the bren gun. Field Day was spent in Sutton Park and was a great success, despite abominable weather conditions. It was intended to test the section and its commander as a combined unit.

In the Easter holidays the Air Section held a gliding course on the South Field with the school glider. During the Lent term a flight training to be N.C.O's went to Hagley Park, while the R.E. Section practised knots and lashings at Smethwick. Air Section summer term Field Day was held at R.A.F. Gaydon, where the section inspected new jet bombers. They also fired bren guns and had a flight in an Anson. Sgt. G. D. Andrews is to be congratulated on being awarded a cadetship to Cranwell, and also Sgt. Dawes on the award of a flying scholarship.

Annual camps are again being held this year for all sections. The Army Section is going to Castlemartin in South Wales; the Naval Section is going to a land base at Londonderry, while the Air Section attends a camp at Hemswell.

The C.C.F. extends its congratulations to the winners of the Dennis Knight Memorial medals. The Army award goes to Under-Officer J. D. L. Adams, the Naval Section to Petty Officer J. G. Lever and the Air Section medal to Sgt. G. D. Andrews.

At the end of another year of achievement the C.C.F.'s thanks go to Major Mathews, and to the other hard-working officers, and to R.S.M. Moore and C.S.M. Cotter, who all work so hard to bring the Corps up to the high standard set in previous years.

P. J. SQUIRE (C.S.M. "C" Coy.).

THE SCOUT GROUP

"Our Scouting activities continue to flourish." "The general standard of Scouting continues to rise." Such has been the habitual theme in past reports. How easy it would be to make a similar opening generalization at the present moment!

Certainly since our last report a large variety of activities have been carried out with moderate success. Parents' Evening, last term, was the usual combination of individual troop displays and a "camp fire." Easter camps, blessed by fine weather, were held at Rhydd Covert, a pleasant wooded site near Bewdley.

Internally the Group is "running according to plan." Junior troops have been seen in all the normal places in and around the School doing all the usual things. The Group Court of Honour has scarcely needed to meet and the additional Friday evening meetings have usually been well attended. The new Senior Hut has now been in use for some time, but is, unfortunately, extremely damp inside owing to bad ventilation

and exposed girders in the roof. The Rovers, as far as they exist, have been re-united by the return of their R.S.L., Ian Bews, Esq., from the north of England.

In the Local Association we have retained the Trafford Willey Competition Shield by dint of hard work, and the Senior Sports trophy by chance. In the County we have gained second places in the Cross-Country and the Junior Ambulance Competition.

These small successes are, unfortunately, lulling many of our members into sleepy self-satisfaction. The achievements of which we should be justly proud are those which mark genuine improvements in our standards of training or service to others.

Fortunately there are signs of the true spirit of progress and self-criticism re-asserting itself. P. G. Wall has recently gained his Scout Cord and R. S. Bailey his First Class. They are to be congratulated not merely because of the personal achievement involved, but because they are now using their knowledge and experience to help others on the upward path. The Scout-rooms are now being used more regularly as meeting places for training and testing and the patrol corners in Park Vale and Vikings have recently been re-decorated (though the dust on the unswept floor rather detracts from the effect of the gleaming paint on the walls). N. J. Whitley has been chosen as a member of the Birmingham contingent to the World Jamboree, which is being held in Canada this year. We wish him good luck.

Week-end camping in preparation for the Summer Camps is now reaching its climax. The sites for these camps have now been settled. Park Vale and New Troop are camping near Falmouth, in Cornwall, while Vikings and Mitre are venturing into the rugged scenery of Eskdale.

The only event of importance now left before the end of term is the Handsworth Rally, which is to be honoured by a visit from the Chief Scout, Lord Rowallan. It is to be hoped that troops indulge in a little marching practice before July 2nd, as a very smart turn-out will be expected for the March Past. The Parents' Committee will again organize their splendid sideshow on this occasion.

In conclusion, it is most important that we should remember the advantages and privileges we enjoy at King Edward's, and that we should keep these before us as a stimulus to greater efforts in our work as Scouts. At no point must we allow complacency to hinder progress.

J. H. WILSON. (A.S.M.).

SCIENCE IN CONFLICT ?

"The claims of Christianity are not withstanding the heavy pressure brought to bear by scientific humanists, positivists and the like." This and other apologies are made frequently, expressing doubt about the reality of religious truth in an age of Science. Is religion only suitable for the palate of the artistic or other worldly mind ?

It is an oft repeated assertion that modern science arose when man shook off the shackles of theological dogma and started again. (Galileo's recantation bears little relation to the central issue for it was against the less scientific cosmological speculation that the church stood.) The idea of the uniformity of nature, which is so essential to the

scientific outlook, was not an idea easily grasped by the human mind. The transfer from the world of chance to the world of "if A then B" was one of the most far-reaching achievements ever made. It was an idea which developed along with the conception of the unity of Nature under the Sovereignty of God. Professor Toynbee assures us that it was by no accident that modern science was born within Christendom. "The idea of the uniformity of nature was, even if indirectly, a gift from Christian theology to the modern mind." The publication of Sir Isaac Newton's *Principia*, in 1687, provides a starting point for the triumphs of modern physics and illustrates that from the beginning it was a religious impetus implanted by Galileo, Bacon, Kepler and Descartes, which prepared the world for their discoveries. Kepler was paying the Creator the highest honours in "turning heavens into clockwork."

No conflict was yet perceptible on any frontier between Science and Religion and so the situation continued throughout the eighteenth century.

The nineteenth century saw an intensification of the strife between positivism and traditional theology. Those who believed truth was only attainable by scientific method challenged theologians. T. H. Huxley and Bishop Wilberforce joined issue with Darwin over the traditional interpretation of the Book of Genesis. But Huxley and the Bishop were contesting ground which was of no strategic value: they debated the stories of Genesis as if they were scientific accounts of the origin of the world and man, whereas they were only an attempt to express in parable form the ultimate truth. We have to admit the existence of a meta-scientific truth, not expressible in the language of the scientific text-book and above scientific verification or criticism. It does not occur to us to criticize Shakespeare's Universe.

"There's not the smallest orb which thou beholdest,

But in his motion like an angel sings.

Still grieving to the young-eyed cherubins,

Such harmony is in immortal souls . . ."

in the light of modern astro-physics. The parables of the Creation and Fall are similar masterpieces revealing the truths of human existence.

An eminent theologian has commented recently, "There is no conflict between scientific truth and religious truth properly understood; but there is a fight between the religious and positivistic theory of knowledge."

Finally, what does positivism amount to? Can the proposition, that nothing can be true except that which can be verified by the scientific method, be allowed to stand? It cannot even be verified by the method which it eulogizes.

J.A.P.

FRANCE, 1955

The official school party visited the region of Western Burgundy this year, a good choice in view of the weather we enjoyed.

We travelled by coach to Southampton on the afternoon of April 15th and embarked on the *Normania*, arriving at Le Havre at dawn. We crossed the town by coach to catch the train for Paris, where we saw a few famous monuments, and arrived at Autun in the late afternoon after changing trains at Laroche.

Autun is a colourful old country town which stands on the river Arroux and has a history dating from Roman times ; it boasts a fine amphitheatre, a Temple of Janus and two Ancient Gates. The town stands on a low-lying plane, where mustard and vines grow in the usual small fields, and is surrounded by wooded hills and valleys. Five hundred boys and girls attend the Collège Napoleon where the great Emperor was educated and we were very impressed by the modern style of the present buildings and the friendliness of the pupils. On the large sloping square in front of the College the local market is held every Friday morning. We visited the Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Lazare which possesses many chapels and a spacious interior.

The first of our three coach tours took us to the town of Chateau Chinon, the nearby hill Le Calvaire, and Mount Bouvray which we climbed to obtain an excellent view of the countryside and find a record of Caesar's activities in Ancient Gaul.

We visited Dijon on Wednesday, travelling via Larocheport, a castle set on a high rock, and Beaune, where we saw the famous Patriarche wine cellars. In Dijon we saw the Cathedral, not as impressive as that at Autun, and the Palais des Ducs.

The third and most interesting visit was to the Schneider steel works at Le Creuzot which are the largest in Europe. We saw the electric smelting furnaces, the manufacture of moulds, and red hot ingots being extruded into wires and rolled into sheets. Among other objects of interest were the modern 6,000-ton press, the most modern in Europe, and the sister engine of the record-breaking electric locomotive which recently exceeded 200 m.p.h.

Throughout the holiday the energetic members of our party enjoyed the walking expeditions with Mr. Leeds, when we visited places of local interest and observed a variety of old Burgundy customs.

On the return journey we made a more thorough inspection of Paris and arrived home after a most enjoyable trip. The success of the visit was entirely due to the hard work and planning of Mr. Biggs, to whom we extend our most sincere thanks, not forgetting Mrs. Biggs and Mr. Leeds, whose companionship and assistance helped to ensure the success of our holiday.

D.R.N.

SWITZERLAND

This year, for the first time since 1952, Mr. Barlow took a party to Switzerland.

We assembled at Snow Hill Station at eight o'clock on the morning of Tuesday, April 5th. After the usual last minute arrivals we finally caught the London train. During this part of the journey the more experienced travellers made the rest acquainted with the peculiar customs of the Swiss, and by the time we reached London such words as "Edelweiss" and "alpenstock" were on everybody's lips.

We crossed the Channel in extremely foggy weather from Folkestone to Calais and there boarded the night train to Basle. After breakfast in Basle we went by train to Lucerne where we saw the Lion Monument and the Glacier Gardens. Eventually we reached the Hotel Lindenhof, Brienz, after thirty-four hours' travelling.

Although the weather was not very favourable we travelled to various places of interest such as the gorges cut by river and glacier action at Meiringen. A few days later, while travelling by coach past Meiringen, the party was forced to turn back when an avalanche was found to have blocked the road.

We visited Interlaken one day and on an exceptionally wet afternoon we sailed across the Brienzensee and the Lake of Thun to see the old castle and museum in Thun. On Easter Sunday we visited the little Church in Brienz. We sailed yet again across the Brienzensee to visit the waterfalls at Giessbach.

We climbed the Planalp. This exercise was carried out by nineteen stout-hearted and grimly determined members of our noble Foundation and a number of elders, all of whom scorned the use of ice axes and base-camps and other such paraphernalia. One of our number, although weary through his exertions of that memorable day, climbed yet again to the summit, on a very hot day, to take a colour film. The fact that his camera tore the film to pieces on the way down is immaterial. We may feel justly proud of him.

The climax of our tour came, fittingly, on the last day. We visited the Jungfrauoch in the best weather possible and we were conveyed by a nerve-racking system of single track railway up to the height of 11,723-ft. On the way down again everyone in the train, except, we hope, the driver, went to sleep in the rarified atmosphere.

In the evenings there were film shows in the hotel. There was also a gramophone record of four Alphorn players performing vigorously "God Save the Queen" which was played whenever the film broke down—how this came to be mysteriously replaced by a record of Kid Ory's Brownskin Babies playing "Panama Rag" no one will ever know.

We flew home from Mulhouse to Blackbushe and arrived home on Thursday evening. It remains to thank Mr. Barlow for having provided all the boys who were in the party with a most enjoyable holiday.

M.J.B.

SCENES FROM THE DORDOGNE

We were walking across a field near the Vézère, looking for a suitable place for our picnic lunch, when we came across a man who looked completely pre-historic, unyoking his oxen and putting them in the stable. We wondered at the patience of the oxen, who had nasty sores behind the ears, and at the almost unintelligible language of the man, who raised his voice almost to a shout when we did not understand. We moved on, but stopped at a well a little further on, beside which was a tub with a great fish, curving uncomfortably round the side to keep in the shade. We wondered again but thought that the pre-historic man had had a stroke of luck in his fishing, and went on again. Presently he overtook us on his bicycle, holding a watering can, with the fish in an even more uncomfortable position than before. We asked him about it, and eventually gathered that the last winter or the winter before this part had been flooded to a depth of three or four feet and that that morning when he fetched some water for the oxen, the fish had come up too, so it was to provide the family supper.

Incidents like this were uncommon, but every day we saw something new. On our first long walk in the Dordogne, we came to a castle, and paid sixpence each to a small boy *pour visiter les terrasses*. We had not expected anything spectacular, but when we looked down from the terraces, there was a sheer drop down to the river level of about 200-ft., and over the face of the rock sheets of blue irises grew everywhere, such as we had never seen before. The little boy pointed out the Grottes de Lacave, which, he said, were the only ones in the world lit with "La Lumière Noire." That was what the posters said too, but no-one could illuminate us on what "la lumière noire" was, and we did not visit the caves, so the mystery is unsolved.

The river near where we were staying had castles on both banks, high up, perched on cliffs with the river immediately below, and commanding a magnificent view of all the surrounding land. Many of them date back to feudal times and their owners ruled over large areas of the river valley. At the Château de Beynac, one of the best known, there is a very conspicuous gibbet on one of the walls, well calculated to strike terror into the serfs. From the windows of this castle, which, though uninhabited, is still not in ruins, one could look out over the river and see three other castles : the Château de Marqueyssac, with fifteen kilometres of alleys in the park ; the Château de Castelnaud, in ruins, but with a very solid tower built by the English, still looking impregnable from the outside ; and the later Château de Fayrac, with a beautiful stepped gable, and all shapes and sizes of "tourelles" or pepper-pot roofs, making a very picturesque mass. Beyond these three castles, through a gap in the hills, one could just see Domme, a little town, built on top of a perpendicular cliff, with a Promenade des Falaises, which had no protection at all to stop you falling over, and down to the river several hundred feet below.

The finest feudal castle we saw was the Château de Castelnaud, built on an almost isolated hill, and with an unsurpassed view over the plain for miles in every direction. It is reputed to be the second fortress of France, but no-one told us what the first was : Castelnaud would be very difficult to overcome.

Rivers there were in plenty ; besides the majestic Dordogne there was the Cère, the Dronne, the Vézère, the Isle and many smaller ones, each with its own particular character. Some still resounded with the "thump" . . . "thump" of the waterwheel, providing power for paper-making, spinning, or sawmills.

Springs sprang from the rocks everywhere, filling stone troughs in which swam huge "têtards"—tadpoles as big as our frogs, said to be quite edible, but I remembered that I was supposed to be a vegetarian, and didn't.

R.W.

B.A.O.R.

During the Easter holidays a party of some seventeen cadets from the Army Section (and there was also a member of the Air Section heavily disguised in a long khaki uniform) visited the first Regiment of Royal Horse Artillery, stationed at Münster, B.A.O.R. 12. This regiment is the first regiment of the British Army, and it entertained us in a manner which befitted its standing.

For the first three days of our stay, the Regiment was on leave and time was spent listening to lectures and watching films on such subjects as The Royal Artillery, National Service, Burma, the Desert, Germany, Münster and Regimental History. Then, on Monday, 18th April, our full programme was begun. It included, besides instruction on the regiment's variety of weapons, which ranged from a twenty-five Pounder to a .38 pistol, a visit to the Moehne Dam, to the 17-21 Lancers where we were introduced to Centurion Tanks, and to the 1st Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps. Further, we were paid a visit ourselves, by the neighbouring Air O.P. squadron who took us, pale and trembling to begin with, proud and triumphant later, for trips in Auster aeroplanes.

Highlights of the tour were many, but mention must be made of the splendid lunch on Sunday in the Officers' Mess (which was marred only by one or two cadets being unable to cope with the potency of the cider served before the meal), the awe-inspiring Centurions which terrified not a few of us but which thrilled those lucky enough to drive them, and the disastrous shooting match against the Regiment, of which the less said the better. We were impressed by the Army vocabulary. We should like to convey our sincerest thanks, thanks which were not, I am afraid, adequately expressed at the time, to Capt. Robertson for his selfless care and energy on our behalf.

R.A.R.

THE ENGLISH CHANNEL, 1955

On April 9th. five members of the School set out for a small place called Bosham, on the South Coast of England, near Chichester. We looked forward eagerly to two weeks' cruising on the Channel in an auxiliary yacht, our heads full of navigation, hints on sailing and cooking, our cases full of oilskins, books, charts, compasses, parallel rulers and all the other paraphernalia deemed necessary for such an adventure. We left behind many parents, relatives and friends who looked upon our holiday with much apprehension and doubted our return.

We were pleasantly surprised by the roominess of our yacht, to which we were introduced by a very friendly boatman who told us that the tide would not be favourable until the following day.

After a seemingly endless wait, we set sail and started for the entrance to Chichester harbour and our first sight of the sea. However, this was not very pleasant as we had to sail alongside a reef over which long rollers broke with huge crashes. The staunch hearts of four sailors wilted for a moment but, at the bright suggestion of leaving the sea alone for a day and exploring another channel of this harbour, we all cheered up and the motion was carried. That evening was spent off the small town of Emsworth.

The next day we awoke with renewed vigour and once more set out for the sea which we found to be quite pleasant and fairly calm. Throughout this day we constantly took bearings, fixed our position and plotted courses, but by evening, when we reached Cowes, we all decided that this concentrated effort was useless as we could see approximately where we were in any case, so from then on it was completely ignored.

On April 12th, the following day, we set out for Christchurch harbour, but when we were nearly there, one member of the crew remembered that at low tide there was not a drop of water in the harbour and so we spent our first night anchored at sea.

The wind was so light the next morning that we only reached Bournemouth, where everyone went ashore and had two meals at an extremely modern restaurant. This was no reflection on the cooks for they served us with excellently cooked food throughout our holiday, despite the many hazards of cooking at sea.

Our longest journey was made next day, to Weymouth, which we reached after dark, thoroughly enjoying our first night navigation. However, we spent a bad night as we kept rolling, and so the following day we went into Weymouth harbour and spent a peaceful afternoon and night.

Lulworth Cove was our next port of call after going into Portland harbour and looking at the aircraft carriers anchored there. Lulworth Cove is a delightful spot full of geological interest, though the shingle beneath the water did not hold our anchor very well.

The date was now the 17th April, and we met our first tide race off St. Alban's Head, but survived, despite the pitching and tossing and, gaining Poole harbour, we anchored just on a sandbank ; though this was not known until the morning.

After pulling ourselves off this bank, we decided to have another quiet day anchored to a much safer mooring belonging to the yacht club. The next day we reached the Beaulieu River, inside the Solent, and spent the night amid many fine yachts at Buckler's Hard, where we had to stay two nights in order to have our tiller wires replaced as they were nearly broken through.

We set out on our last Thursday and reached the entrance to Chichester harbour where we spent the night, and next morning caught the tide back into Bosham.

So ended a most enjoyable holiday which we should all like to repeat, having had fine weather the whole time. Our thanks go to our parents for letting us go and to the many friends who gave us useful advice.

L.R.M.

LAKE DISTRICT, 1955

When we assembled on New Street station at an uncivilized hour one early January morning, it was with some misgivings that the thirty members of the Geographical Society party read of the threat of heavy snowfalls. The final stage of the journey, by road from Windermere to Coniston, was made in bright sunshine, which dispelled some trepidation, and when the party arrived at the Holiday Fellowship Centre all doubts disappeared, for our home during the coming week was not, as had been feared, a collection of draughty huts, but on the contrary one of England's more delightful mansions, its comfort approaching that of the *Athenaeum*. The company was greeted by the manageress, Miss Little, who instantly

won popularity by putting before us a meal excellent both for its size and quality, which was to prove no more distinguished than its successors.

Being now firmly established, Mr. Benett showed his mettle by driving us away from our fireside chairs, and leading a short walk of some six miles up the nearby Tilberthwaite Ghyll. Since darkness had come an hour before, it was perhaps no surprise when the vanguard missed the bridge which it had been intended to cross, and consequently added three miles to the walk. However, those members who had good noses were able to direct us back to Monk Coniston just as our second meal was being served. It may be said that finely-timed or even late arrivals for meals were by no means uncommon, although, lest the esteem held for the map reading ability of the Geography Department should be damaged, it must be emphasized that the recent activity of the Forestry Commission on the fells above the Centre had rendered ordnance survey maps for the district somewhat unreliable.

Next morning, after the completion of our domestic duties, dressed in a wide variety of garments, some carrying cameras, staffs, binoculars, and rucksacks, we set out for our first excursion. Our target was "The Old Man of Coniston," the most notable peak in the immediate vicinity, and having divided into two parties in the village of Coniston, we made our separate ways upwards. Triumphantly, the second party ate its sandwiches on the summit, sheltering on the leese of a cairn, and watching the efforts of the other party some two hundred feet below. Loud cheers greeted its arrival at the summit, whereupon a scene took place similar to that in Africa when Stanley found Livingstone. Indeed, not the least pleasure in visiting the Lake District in winter is that one meets few others, and that one's sense of achievement on reaching a summit is not shattered by seeing crowds of people.

On the second day an early fall of snow curtailed activities to a low-altitude walk in the afternoon, but on the next day conditions were ideal. The parties climbed Wetherlam, from which peak magnificent views could be had of all the Lake District, while to the east Ingleboro' in the Pennines was clearly visible. Turning homewards, we passed over Swirl How and Brim Fell.

Wednesday brought a heavy snowfall of three inches, but on the last two days the weather was once again superb, allowing us to ascend Greyfriars on Thursday, and to make a long walk northwards to Grasmere and Little Langdale on the last day.

It may be noted that the visit was made even more memorable by the visit one evening of a lady journalist from New Zealand, who accounted for her belief in flying saucers. Her talk was heard with little agreement but much interest, and various members of the party later saw Martians in their odd airships.

The last evening was passed in musical endeavours by the whole party, when a number of meadows were mown by an even larger number of men. At the conclusion, we expressed our gratitude to all those who had made the expedition so successful and pleasurable, notably to our two leaders, Mr. Benett and Mr. Mathews, and indeed this sentiment is worthy of repetition here.

G.W.M.

NORFOLK BROADS, 1955

<i>Belvedere</i> —the Flagship	Mr. Benett.
<i>Belvoir II</i>	Mr. Roberts.
<i>Belvoir I</i>	Mr. Weatherall.
<i>Tantivy I</i>	R. C. Whiteman.
<i>Tantivy II</i>	D. M. L. Witherow.

We boarded the yachts at Wayford Bridge on the afternoon of Saturday, April 2nd, but it was late evening before we sailed, owing to the unwillingness of any captain to make the first mistake, especially in front of the whole fleet. Consequently, only *Belvoir II* and *Tantivy I* reached Barton Turf, the scheduled first night's moorings; the rest spent a night in the wilds. On Sunday morning we turned Barton Broad into a sailing nursery to try to instil the basic principles of sailing into the "new boys," the rest of the day being spent navigating the hazards of Ludham Bridge and the crowded River Bure, en route for Thurne. The next day found us "shooting" the bridges in a surprisingly quiet Potter Heigham, where many people had their first good wash, with the hot water and all modern conveniences thoughtfully provided by Herbert Woods, Ltd. We spent a wet night in Horsey Staithe, and the next morning tramped across the fields to the sea. The rest of Tuesday we engaged in the short sail from Horsey to the "*Pleasure Boat*," Hickling, where we arrived fairly early in the afternoon and secured good berths. About dusk a large number of Bermudan-rigged yachts appeared and proceeded, very charmingly and before we knew where we were, to arrange the anchorage to suit themselves. This was the dreaded "Public Schools' Cruise," of which all sailors should beware. Fourteen large yachts filled to overflowing with jolly nice chaps, who indulged in community singing and banal jokes all evening, were hardly conducive to a good night's rest, but in the face of such charm and numbers we could do little else but grin and bear it, and they did lend us their doctor. Next morning we left early and had an exhilarating sail down to Acle via Potter Heigham, where one crew actually raised the mast in between the two bridges, accidentally or purposely we shall never know. On Thursday we sailed to Ranworth to visit the "Cathedral of the Broads" to enjoy the view from the Church tower, then back up the Ant to Ludham Bridge. The energies of the last full day were expended in the soul-destroying journey back to Wayford Bridge, which culminated in the chaos of packing and boat cleaning. The cruise was not without incident—a minor rescue being effected by *Tantivy II* on Barton Broad, and there were the usual accidents and soakings. But the most popular tale concerned the attempt on the Admiral's life by his own crew, when they dropped the boom on his head. This seemed a poor way to thank Mr. Benett for such an enjoyable and well-organized holiday, but in this connection the crew of *Belvedere* were in a minority. We would thank Messrs. Benett, Roberts and Weatherall for enduring our company for a whole week without complaint, and I would like to wish the Section success in its ambitious ventures on the Solent and the Broads next Easter.

This cruise was the first occasion that boys captained any of the yachts and Mr. Benett hopes that this will continue to be a regular feature of R.N. Section cruises.

R.C.W.

THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOLS

"To Serve, to Strive and not to Yield."

Between April 2nd and April 28th, I spent a very enjoyable, if somewhat energetic time at the Outward Bound Sea School in Aberdovey, on the Welsh coast. This Outward Bound School was founded during the Second World War by Dr. Kurt Hahn, who was then headmaster of Gordonstoun. The School aims at the development of initiative and resource in boys between the ages of 15½ and 19½, and was originally directed towards increasing the abilities and capabilities of young men entering the services, with which they would ultimately serve their country in war. To-day, although training for war does not take such a prominent position as it did in the early years of the War, the Outward Bound Schools are opening new horizons to boys who might otherwise never have discovered their own possibilities.

The activities of the Sea School are by no means entirely maritime, as its name might suggest, but include athletics, fire-fighting, hill-walking and mountain rescue. Each of the School's monthly courses, for a hundred boys at a time, take approximately the following form.

Every boy does a certain amount of basic seamanship training which includes learning and putting to the test the arts of rowing and sailing, participation in a twelve man life-boat drill, spending two days at sea in the School's 60-ton auxiliary ketch *Golden Valley*, and learning a large number of useful knots and splices. In addition to the seamanship training, all boys do athletics: during the course the performances of every boy in each of eight events are individually recorded and compared with a list of standards, graded according to age. Basic training also includes a number of short expeditions into the surrounding hills, a two-day expedition across country, and a thirty-five mile hike, completed in one day, over Cader Idris from the north side and back to Aberdovey.

Over and above his basic training, each boy is required to choose one of three "projects" in which he will then receive competent instruction and opportunity for practical experience. The three projects are fire-fighting, further seamanship and mountain rescue. The School is recognized as a mountain rescue post and as a fire-fighting depot. Instruction in these projects occupies many of the evenings and on Sunday afternoons active practice of the newly acquired skills and techniques provides an interesting break from the normal routine activities of the course. The last Monday in the course becomes a field day for the projects. The seamanship boys venture boldly forth into the Irish Channel in small 2-ton sailing cutters. The firemen are happily occupied all day lighting and extinguishing fires and leaping in true "ballerina" fashion from remote top storey windows. The mountain rescue squad spends a more sober day climbing and descending the faces of the nearby Bird's Rock, manœuvring ropes and stretchers over ground that would make a mountain goat think twice.

The situation of the Outward Bound Sea School is ideal, and the course is not without its humorous moments. Tests of team spirit and co-operation are very prominent, chief among them being the timed scaling of a twelve foot smooth wooden wall by a team of a dozen boys. The record time is in the region of two minutes. Also among the less

serious of the activities are two tests of balance and agility. One consists of two long narrow and very irregular tree trunks, fixed horizontally above a most treacherous tangle of gorse bushes, across which one must walk or perish ! A complicated circuit of monkey ropes, vertical climbing ropes, scrambling nets and aerial pulley railways provides an entertaining and highly energetic "appetiser" before lunch. The assurance and confidence gained by the most awkward and delicate of boys in such exploits is astonishing.

The sunshine of Aberdovey is an encouraging change from the often over-cast skies of Birmingham and any boy wishing to go on an Outward Bound course should not have difficulty in securing a place through the Chief Master. The School is run by a staff of men, coming largely from the forces, and, without exception, extremely helpful and pleasant. The atmosphere between officers and boys is very natural and easy and discipline is virtually automatic. The food is first-class, the boys one meets from all walks of life are very interesting and the training conditions—no smoking, no drinking and a cold shower every morning—are almost reasonable.

I enjoyed myself immensely at Outward Bound, and realize now that it was an experience thoroughly removed from any met with in a normal school life, and one on which I shall look back on for many years with great pleasure.

P.A.

OUTWARD BOUND MOUNTAIN SCHOOL, APRIL, 1955

On Monday, April 4th, eighty-four boys from all parts of the country, including two from King Edward's, arrived at the Gatehouse, Eskdale Green, to begin a month's intensive training at the Outward Bound Mountain School. That evening we were divided into eight patrols, each under the command of an alarmingly fit instructor, who then showed us round the School. The next day we were told something of how the course was planned, interviewed individually, medically examined (to see how far we could be driven), and were each issued with a pile of kit. The course was planned to make us fit by giving elementary instruction in athletics, fell-walking and rock climbing and having as much practice in these as possible. A normal day began with reveille at 6-45, followed by physical jerks in the court-yard and a run and a dip in the Gatehouse tarn. (Incidentally the threat of another dip proved a very effective deterrent to would-be offenders.) Then, after morning prayers, the day's instruction began.

Athletics events in which instruction was given were the 100 yards, half-mile and two miles (run on neighbouring roads), high jump, long jump, throwing the javelin and putting the shot. There was also instruction on rock-climbing and mountain rescue on a small nearby crag, and forestry instruction to get us to do some hard work about the School's estate. On other days there were initiative tests, and on one afternoon there was a seven mile cross-country run. To give us a rest between strenuous periods, instruction was given on map reading, first-aid and mountain rescue, the last of which fortunately only one patrol had occasion to use. To fill any spare time we might have there were kayaks and

canoes on the tarn and the house had a good library of books on all subjects.

During the course we camped out for three periods. The first, of three days in patrols, was for walking and map reading. The nights were spent in bivouacs in padded suits (nick-named Teddy suits) with a ground sheet to keep the damp off. In a four-day scheme later, each patrol camped at the foot of a recognized rock-climbing crag and the patrol instructor took two or three people up it each day while the rest were sent for a long walk. In the final three-day scheme, at the end of the course, we were sent off in groups of four, with no instructor, to follow a set of clues, the idea being to get in as many peaks as possible on the way. Again we slept in bivouacs. On returning we were interviewed to discover what each group had done and the whole competition was worked on a patrol basis.

After this there were tests on map reading and first aid, and on the results of these, together with the athletics, and the general enthusiasm which each boy displayed, one of the three grades of Outward Bound Badge was awarded. We were fortunate in having fairly good weather throughout the course. On the last evening the whole company provided and enjoyed a grand concert before returning to civilization the next day.

H.J.H.

C.A.C.T.M. CONFERENCE, LOW WEEK, 1955

Three members of the School attended the second of two three-day conferences held between April 13th and 19th by the Central Advisory Council for Training in the Ministry, at Jesus College, Oxford.

The theme of the conference was "The Work of the Church"; the Bishop of Peterborough, whose leadership of the conference deeply impressed us all, told us in his opening address as Chairman, of his desire that we should develop a sense of vocation. He warned us, however, that he had no use for "Little Samuels."

There were daily celebrations of the Holy Eucharist in Chapel, with Evensong, Compline or prayers in the evening, none of which services was compulsory.

There were four addresses on the work of priest and layman in the Church, including one notable one by Mr. T. E. B. Howarth, formerly Head Master of King Edward's. Among the striking things heard were Mr. Hugh Lyon's statement that the only certainty in life is death; Mr. Howarth's demand for the Prayer Book in modern English; and the Rev. M. A. P. Wood's complaint that the layman's usual demand from his priest is for "comfortable sermons."

After the addresses we split up into groups, each with its own leader. Discussions ranged from the devil to Billy Graham, and from female priests to funerals, and lasted into the early hours of the morning. These discussions were an extremely valuable aspect of the Conference—we found that we got to know in three days, by talking about things that really matter, those whom it would have taken three years of polite conversation to acquaint ourselves with.

In the afternoons our corporate activity intensified, although there were no lectures—while some practised in voluntary choirs, others were conducted on lightning tours of Oxford. Also, after one evening lecture, we received a visit from an S.P.C.K. film unit.

The Bishop's intentions seemed to have been fulfilled, for we all left, reluctantly, with the firm conviction that it matters immeasurably what we do with our lives.

T.C.B., M.I.W.

JUNIPER HALL, 1955

The first week of the Easter holidays saw six enthusiastic members of the Geography Sixth studying local geography and geomorphology with other students at Juniper Hall on the North Downs.

During the week many excursions took place involving the study of the Weald, in the widest of geographical senses. The emphasis was placed upon the relationship between natural vegetation and geology in chalk and greensand country. Two days were spent in unaided research, when a detailed study of the Mole Gap was carried out, and annotated transects across the North Downs were made. The climax of the course was a day's tour of the Central Weald and South Down country.

Our work was supplemented by evening lectures from the Warden and also by the use of the many works of reference made available to us.

The course as a whole was very instructive and thoroughly enjoyable because of the friendliness of both students and tutors. Numerous photographic records have been kept to recall the success of the course.

V.G.H. and D.H.B.

AVE ATQUE VALE

"We give thee most humble and hearty thanks . . ."

It is one of the lasting credits of King Edward's School that it is still much nearer than most sixteenth century schools to fulfilling the Founder's aims, although the methods whereby King Edward's is a school for the boys of "Birmingham and th'ole country neare there" are vastly different from any that could have been envisaged by the Founder. The historical development of the School through the centuries has kept it closely attached to its native city, having led to the present Direct Grant status. This connects the School with the local education authorities, yet theoretically allows it to keep its freedom. Unfortunately "complete political independence can hardly coexist with even a measure of economic dependence" and thus the position is not a satisfactory arrangement.

With the passing of the years King Edward's has changed its home but not its spirit, and its present strength must be built on an acute awareness of contemporary stresses and difficulties. Attached as it is to Birmingham the School forms the pinnacle of a unique educational

structure within the city. But, to succeed, King Edward's must regard itself as a School of the highest national repute. "King Edward's School has made its most valuable contributions to Birmingham education as a great English school, not afraid to compare itself with the greatest . . . it can look back on a glorious past . . . having succeeded best when it has aimed highest, has done greatly only when it has dared greatly." This is not to advocate arrogance, but to encourage and foster a militant faith and confidence in the School to which so many owe a great debt.

In 1936 there disappeared from New Street that which had been the essence of Edwardian life to many preceding generations. But the move to Edgbaston symbolised the acceptance of a momentous challenge on the part of Mr. England—by "timely change" once again to fit King Edward's the better to serve those boys who were growing up in a changing order of life. The 1939 War brought an important and vital question to King Edward's, which could have changed the pattern of present events, and the recent history of the School as known to us. The decision that had to be made was whether or not work on the Edgbaston buildings should continue despite excessive wartime difficulties. The answer that was made by the Chairman of the Building Committee, Harrison Barrow, deserves lasting fame in the Edwardian memory. "If you have only a man and a boy on the job, go ahead." The importance of this decision cannot be over-rated, for the difficulties that the School had to face between 1940 and 1946 would not have been overcome successfully without a permanent home. Even as it was, work on the building was much impaired, and it is only recently that Edwardian life has settled back on to an even keel. It is difficult to realize that Edwardians of the dozen or so years between 1935 and 1948 knew no School as we to-day know one. It is small wonder that those years proved to be testing ones. New Street was gone, Repton but a memory and many are the Edwardians who, having known Edgbaston, return to praise the changes and beautifications that have altered the School since their day. "The war was changing the pattern of life all over the country, but K.E.S. felt that, if it was to live at all, it must be on its native soil."

And so the School began to mould its life to a new home, with new traditions and, perhaps alas, new outlooks. Nevertheless, the change had to be made—despite unfortunate external influences—and with different buildings came an altered institution, engineered by Sir Charles Morris.

What, then, is the School that we find to-day, twenty years after so great an upheaval. The challenge is still laid before us—taken up by the minority—of making the name of King Edward's resound again throughout the length and breadth of the land. The majority passively accept the tremendous bounty which the School can give to them—"the lines are fallen unto me in good places; yea, I have a goodly heritage"—without themselves actively encouraging those qualities which it is the task of education to foster: loyalty, honesty, discipline and endurance. Without these qualities no man is educated, and once these qualities, and the means by which they are fostered, are pushed into the background for the sake of empty learning, then this School is merely one of clever boys and destined to fail. This would be an unworthy conclusion to four

hundred years of history, that King Edward's should become a cram-shop. "The mind is a cutting instrument, not a receptacle ; to be trained and not filled," and thus it is that K.E.S. should be "a cradle of culture and manliness ; the two must go together. We are not a cram-shop ; true and lasting academic success does not come from a successful shop-window display. The lessons of manliness are learned perhaps more outside the classroom than in it—wrestling with a problem that floors you ; researching into some strange country for one of the Prize Essays ; going to tackle a man low ; learning to live and argue with your fellows with good temper and understanding."

On the number of boys who recognize and foster these qualities in their contemporaries, depends the future of the School. If this number does not increase apace with the brilliant successes academically and such success as that gained by this year's XV—"probably the best record among the schools this year"—then a retrogressive step will have been taken.

The School must confront and conquer this intangible challenge, in order to maintain those claims to greatness that it undoubtedly has. If this is done, then King Edward's will be doing a great service in a community where such values are not too often regarded. That we live in the "finest traditions of four hundred years of unbroken history" gives us every advantage with which to foster these four qualities. "Pride in the past, humility as to the present and high ideal for the future are the incomparable possession of a School that can look back upon centuries of history." It is one thing to live in the past, it is another to draw upon history for one's inspiration.

Cary Gilson once described the spirit of King Edward's as a cheerful earnestness. This belief that life itself is both a cheerful and an earnest thing, leads one to ask what King Edward's should teach us to believe in during the twentieth century. Sir Donald Finmore once summed up the basis of Edwardian life as a belief in four things. In Life, Yourself, Service and God. That is a belief in Life as a noble calling, and a belief in Yourself revealed not as arrogance but as your best self. To believe in service is to determine to use your privileges to the highest service of mankind and country, and life, without a spiritual basis is a vain thing. To stand by one's spiritual faith in a world where God is all too often disregarded, is to stand by all the values and qualities that King Edward's School represents. "If wisdom be the end of learning, forget not that fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."

THE GOVERNOR'S ENGLISH VERSE PRIZE, 1955

(Extract from *The Wheel*.)

From the tavern window a single eye
Winks at the cloudy tarnished rain
And withdraws behind the curtain.
A pause, while shadows swim across the misty glass,
Then shuffling feet grope for the door
Which kicks open, as a narrow pathway of light
Flings itself across the wet cobbles
And flickers uncertainly on the steaming water.

Jim Stacey, drunken cyclops, fixes his wavering gaze
On the sharp-edged golden road, and leaving
The firm crutch of the doorpost, lurches forward,
Topples for a moment on the rope-scarred edge,
Then slumps into a dancing halo on the water.

The ebbing tide swung his carcase against the quay
And out into the silent ocean.
Past the moaning buoy creaking on the swell
And on through secret rocky ways
Bedecked with swaying weed
And caressed by anemones,
Where blind eels lie under ledges
And slimy claws twitch in holes.

Here where light hangs between knowledge and oblivion
A grey face dissolves in darkened water
A drowned bell throbs away the time for choice
And I live.
For comprehension cracks a smoked glass.
We are not called
We do but heed the call which sounds forever
Under the arches of the sea :
For man chooses gods to serve.

FROM "THE SEA"

A long line of sandhills
golden in the sunlight
Silvern in the moonlight
Guard the empty marshes from the sullen grey sea.

They're visible from miles away
platinum blonde on a hazy day
they guard against the onslaught
of a wild and northern sea
with a concrete wall and sandbags
and puny hills of sand.

The marram grass struggles to hold the sand
Stopping it sifting and shifting its place
but the wind and the rain and the merciless sun
discover the roots
and they wither and quiver and die.

The skeletal spines have no more use
dry and dead they rattle away
dismantled matter in a dead dry world.

R.C.W.

THE SEA

The whimsically-rolling watery plain
Shifts and groans as land in earthquake heaves,
Glossy sinews strain
And lash its slimy back with roars
That bellow through the reeling brine,
And boom across the waves
While clouds of silver-spitting foam rain
Down and down upon the shrieking sea.
A sight it is that troubles, yet gives joy
To one who calls this pitching beast a friend,
Yea, friend he is, and as a boy
I watched his furious raging from the shore
With sympathy—and feared he might destroy
The rocks, the cliffs and e'en his very self,
But forgot that 'yond the swelling blue on high
There lay a strength that water never held.
In vain he beat his madly-flexing hands
Upon the steely stone that guarded him around,
In vain he sucked the drifting, squeezing sands
That slipped and sidled 'neath his weary grasp.
For he was chained with bands
Of the Invisible, and back he must recede.
O sea tremble ! for never will the iron strands
Of Heaven's almighty net release yon verging flood.
Back flowed the waves, the waters slithered back,
And left their pearly prey to breathe in peace.
I clambered down across the gasping rock
Until the sullen swirl lay groping at my feet.
The sea was cool as is the mountain track,
And clear as drops of purple heather-dew,
Its tongues of dripping foam swayed slack
Before the limping breeze and fought no more.
And with an awe that words could ne'er express,
I gazed upon his rippled face,
He knew I longed to comfort his distress
And soothe the sobs that shook his tired frame.
The wind sighed kindly, and the hiss
Of the waves seemed to echo like a voice
That called with all the urgency that water could impart,
I understood—and waded out at last towards his lonely
heart.

P.J.D.

THE CHRISTIAN HOPE

Spring comes slowly over the tall mountains—
Spreading the future out, like a carpet
Which covers the dust of an unwanted past
And hides the bare boards of a harsh,

Inescapable present :

Bringing relief

From the pain of a brutal and cold world,
The ache and creak of an unrelenting agony ;
Stretching the bounds of the body, probing
The very soul of our being.

We only

Desire the freshness and beauty, which comes
Through the blinding guiding light of a fresh year.
Spring brings a time, when the song of birds
Is heard through the land.

The old year died in the grip of unrelenting
Winter, mountains blocked the way to a new
Living, to a new beginning ; yet
Shone a star to guide along the path
To the hill beyond the mountains.

M.P.

One scowling peak its shrinking brother scorns,
As lofty pines survey the humble thorns ;
Whilst Heaven her black shawls of gloom rejects,
To greet the evening sun with grudging threats.
With ruined might the tyrannous storm abates
Heralding the purple glow it so much hates ;
With gentle gusts the scattered fragments blown
Which fain would brave the empty sky alone.

One thunderous Adieu as a final salute
That renders the mountains rigid and mute.

A fading sun reflects a dying glow
And casts light shade o'er dewy moss below ;
The alpine blooms their weary petals bow
Seeking some shield from the frowning sun's brow.
Towering pines their evening vigil keep
Guarding till dawn the gentle slopes that sleep. P.K.W.

There is always silence and fear

There is always silence.

Alone on the edge of the gaunt black rocks
Where the silence hangs whispering on the trees
He stands in search of salvation

Alone in peace. Alone. Yet not alone,
For always there is another, He who leads and guides.
He leads us through the dark vale, for we cannot see . . .

Blind to the sins and sorrows of the mute crowd,
Self-satisfied, who stand and wait,

Rippled along by the current of life, unseeing,
Afraid, alone. Yet one leads us unaided

When we stand uncertain on the bare rocks
The path is straight and narrow with many
Side-turnings . . . but follow the path unfailing.

Alone. Each seeks his salvation alone
There in the silent darkness, in fear.
He follows the path in silence and peace
In silence.

P.J.S.

FOR A YEAR AND A DAY

A sail billowing in the sun
rippling reeds in the wash
it looks as if they're sailing along a hedge or thro' a field,
because the country is so flat.
the slipper-stern launches, in gracious salute
dip as we pass.
a slender half-decker slips daintily past
and heels in the breeze
which sighs through the trees like a lost soul,
high on a hill stands the Hall
with reed-thatched roof and mullioned windows
and long green lawn by a willow-edged river.
a willow pattern Venice in a bend of the river
a bungalow slum of stranded hulks
It would be better left to the coots and the moorhens
The herons, the swans, and the snipe. R.C.W.

THOMAS

A new light shore, a light where there had been darkness
Where there had been only darkness and fear.
And he stood amongst them, perfect and radiant
And peace was in the midst of them . . .
Peace, peace and endless love.
Yet he sought one of them to come,
One who had followed, but not followed . . . faithless.
To him. Fear and darkness . . . yet he came,
Seeking and found. His fingers sought to touch and touched,
The eyes sought to see and saw. Darkness fled before faith
He touched the bloody hand
He touched the gaping wound and believed
He saw and believed, and others with him.
A new love arose where there had been fear
And he believed, and the light was above the world.
He ascended to the light and was received.
They all believed and rejoiced in the light. P.J.S.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES

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King Edward's School Club

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To Governors' Grant	200	0	0
„ Levett Trust	10	10	0
„ Heath Testimonial Fund	10	17	0
„ Mayo Trust	..	..	..	13	14	8
„ Old Boys' Permanent Contributory Fund	..	..	..	7	13	8
„ Solomon Memorial Trust	..	..	..	1	19	10
„ Honorary Members' Subscriptions	..	..	..	58	11	6
„ Boys' Subscriptions	..	..	..	507	10	0
„ Grant from School Stock	210	0	0
				£1020	16	8

(Signed) J. C. ROBERTS, *Hon. Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,

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Receipts for year ending March 31st, 1955	..	1020	16	8
Balance brought forward, April 1st, 1954	..	3	10	7

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Expenditure for year ending March 31st, 1955 1018 17 2

Balance carried forward, April 1st, 1955 £5 10 1

EXPENDITURE.				£	s.	d.
By Football	..	..	..	223	8	1
„ Cricket	..	..	..	244	5	2
„ Athletics	..	..	..	36	11	11
„ Swimming	..	..	..	44	10	0
„ Fives	..	..	..	120	1	2
„ Tennis	..	..	..	55	4	3
„ Squash Rackets	..	..	..	10	12	8
„ Fencing	..	..	..	0	17	9
„ Chess	..	..	..	16	12	3
„ CHRONICLE	..	..	..	188	9	6
„ Printing and Stationery	..	..	..	48	2	6
„ Postage and Telephone	..	..	..	7	8	9
„ Civic Society	..	..	..	0	4	0
„ Music Society	..	..	..	7	8	4
„ Photographic Society	..	..	..	0	19	3
„ Archaeological Society	..	..	..	1	10	0
„ Scientific Society	5	9	0
„ Ground Upkeep	2	0	0
„ Bank Charges	0	10	6
„ Sundries	4	12	1

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O.E. MEMBERSHIP

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

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

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

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

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

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

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

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

N. J. F. CRAIG,
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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.

