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

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THE XV, 1957-58

Back Row (left to right) : P. B. M. MATTHEWS (1957-58), T. J. MATTHEWS, P. MATTHEWS, H. J. R. STEVENS, B. H. S. SMITH, A. A. WILSON,  
R. M. FROBISHER (1957-58), W. E. ODDIE.  
Seated (left to right) : M. J. BAVERSTOCK (1957-58), W. F. PICKWORTH (1956-57-58), J. C. GREEN (Vice-Captain) (1956-57-58),  
D. K. LINDLEY, Captain (1955-56-57-58), R. J. K. BEAUMONT, Secretary (1957-58), I. T. KNOWLES (1956-57-58), J. R. MOUNTFORD (1955-56-57-58).  
(Opposite p. 10, P. HOLLAND)

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## EDITORIAL

The recent report on ZETA causes one to look back over the last few decades and to realize the amazing progress which has been made in the realms of science.

The essential nature of progress is like a wheel rolling down a hill. Progress is made very slowly during the initial stages—man was thousands of years without the wheel, but once it was discovered, progress gained momentum. At first, man was in control of the wheel—everyone proceeded at a dignified pace—but to-day, on the eve of the Space Age, one cannot help wondering whether the wheel is running away, whether man is still in control.

Perhaps man has gone too far. Now he is pitting himself against Nature herself, against gravity, heat, and the oceans. He can produce amazing temperatures, which approach the temperatures of the sun, he has the power to escape the mysterious force of gravity . . . and yet, he is seemingly incapable of keeping peace with his neighbour. He cannot heal those inflamed wounds which mar the world's appearance. The trouble in Cyprus is no nearer solution, and man will have to change his nature before any agreement can be reached, for it is nothing but selfishness which keeps peace from the naughty child of the Mediterranean. If one of the powers which are fighting for this very small island does not give way, the inflammation will spread, and the world may see its Armageddon.

Mutual agreement between East and West seems impossible, and the cynic might say that the best solution would be to drop a large bomb on Cyprus—but there is always the problem of who should drop the bomb. Someone must step out of Cyprus and resign their position. However, previous events, such as the Suez affair and the Hungarian Revolution, show that man will rather massacre and devastate than step down: "Think of the blow to his pride, my dear!"

It is selfishness and pride which are the undoing of the human race—selfishness which causes such troubles as the Cyprus problem, pride which prompts nations to make bigger and better bombs, launch bigger and better satellites, fire bigger and better bombs.

ZETA may be an "epoch-making" achievement, though there is, apparently, a wide discrepancy between what the scientists have achieved and what one reads in the newspapers, but the progress which should ensue will be more than nullified by the imminent threat of war, which will hang over the world as long as such troubles as the Cyprus affair remain unsolved.

There is the choice—universal central-heating or universal war.

# NOTES AND NEWS

## SCHOOL DIARY

The Michaelmas Term began on Thursday, September 19th and ended on Wednesday, December 18th. Half-term was taken from Friday, October 25th (transferred from Founder's Day) until Monday, October 28th.

The General Committee of the School Club met on September 23rd to approve the election of officers and committees for the coming year. The Jazz Circle was affiliated to the School Club.

The first Corporate Communion of the term was celebrated in the Chapel on Tuesday, September 24th.

A Field Day took place on October 4th, comprising the usual manoeuvres and expeditions.

Founder's Day Prizegiving was held on Saturday, October 12th, when the prizes were distributed by the Bailiff, Dr. Mary Woodall.

The Bromsgrove Match was played on Saturday, November 2nd at Eastern Road. After an extremely close game the School retained the Siviter-Smith cup, winning by three points to nil.

The C.C.F. Church Parade took place on Sunday, November 17th at Edgbaston Old Church.

The Chapel Choir gave the now customary Christmas Recital at 1-0 p.m. on December 16th.

The Carol Service was held on the evenings of December 16th and 17th, when the choir gave a beautiful rendering of hymns and carols, despite the absence of Dr. Willis Grant.

The first part of the Music Competitions took place in Big School on December 17th. Mr. Brian Priestman adjudicated and told funny stories.

The Prefects' Ball was held in Big School on January 1st, and was said by many to be the best yet. It was followed by the Old Boys' Dance on January 4th.

The Lent Term began on Thursday, January 16th. The first Communion of the New Year was celebrated on Tuesday, January 21st.

The Foundation Service took place on Thursday, January 30th, at St. Martin's.

The Dramatic Society gave three performances of "Deirdre" and "The Second Shepherd's Play" on the evenings of January 30th and 31st, and February 1st.

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## GOVERNORS' NEWS

Mr. C. J. Mabey has been appointed secretary to the Governors of the Foundation, in succession to Mr. Cedric Harries. His last post was permanent secretary to the Ministry of Social Services in the Federal Government of Nigeria.

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## OLD EDWARDIAN NEWS

We congratulate Mr. Arthur Hurrell, M.A., who was a Prefect here and later returned as a master, on being appointed Headmaster of Queen Victoria School, Tailevu, Fiji.



Our congratulations also, to his friend, Mr. Bruce McGowan, M.A., who has been appointed Headmaster at Market Rasen Grammar School, Lincs. Mr. McGowan was School Captain in 1941 and 1942. Both he and Mr. Hurrell have been teaching at Wallasey Grammar School.

Mr. John Ludlow, previously a member of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, has been appointed Leader of the Sadlers Wells Opera Orchestra. We warmly congratulate him on his success.

P. B. Jackson has done it again ! His place in the England team now seems to be assured.

## COMMON ROOM

We welcome Mr. J. A. Gregory, who has joined the Department of Mathematics in place of the Rev. A. Jackson.

We are pleased to see the return of Dr. Willis Grant after his long absence, and congratulate him on his appointment as Professor of Music at Bristol University.

We send our best wishes to Mr. McGawley, who is now head of the Gymnastics Department at King Henry VIII School, Coventry.

We congratulate Mr. Cooper, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Axford on their marriages ; and Mr. and Mrs. Cotter on the birth of a son.

We congratulate Mr. Whinnerah on his appointment as Senior Science Master at the Central Grammar School, Cambridge ; and Mr. Skinner on his appointment as Senior Mathematics Master at Maidstone Grammar School.

## PREFECTS' ROOM

P. MATTHEWS has been appointed Captain of the School.

J. C. GREEN has been appointed Vice-Captain of the School.

The following gentlemen have been appointed Prefects :

R. J. K. BEAUMONT : Secretary of Rugby Football ; House Captain. (*Vardy.*)

R. G. BESSENT : School Recorder ; Secretary Scientific Society ; Assistant Scout Master. (*Jeune.*)

C. H. BROWN : Sub-editor of the CHRONICLE. (*Heath.*)

R. P. HOLLAND : Vice-Captain of Athletics ; House Captain. (*Cary Gilson.*)

P. M. JOHNSON : House Captain. (*Levett.*)

I. T. KNOWLES : (*Evans.*)

D. K. LINDLEY : Captain of Rugby Football. (*Jeune.*)

N. H. MCBROOM : House Captain. (*Gifford.*)

W. F. PICKWORTH : Captain of Squash ; Sub-Treasurer of the School Club ; House Captain ; Petty Officer. (*Jeune.*)

C. R. EDMONDS : Secretary of Art Society. (*Heath.*)

B. H. S. SMITH : Assistant Scout Master. (*Cary Gilson.*)

J. M. TAGG : P.T. Leader ; Petty Officer. (*Evans.*)

The following gentlemen have left :

D. E. ROTHERA (1949-57) : Prefect, 1957 ; Vice-Captain\* of Swimming, 1956-57 ; Swimming Colours, 1955-56-57 ; Trinity Hall, Cambridge. (*Evans.*)

M. A. WHITLEY (1950-57) : Captain of the School and General Secretary of the School Club, 1957 ; Prefect, 1956-57 ; Under-Officer in C.C.F. ; Secretary of the Closed Circle ; Head of the House, 1956-57 ; XXX Colours, 1956-57-58 ; XXII Colours, 1955-56-57 ; Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. (*Heath.*)

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## THE CARTLAND CLUB

The customary hubbub in the Red Room has of late been interspersed by periods of alien silence, except for the industrious scratching of pens and rustling of papers—work has been done ! This work, however, has not resulted in resounding scholastic success, although a number of awards have been gained.

Biscuits have been disappearing at an alarming rate, except for the latest box of fig-concoctions. The usual brown liquid, which passes for tea, has been drunk in large quantities.

The Club now boasts a pair of handsome silver candlesticks, presented by last year's secretary, and the ever-growing library has been further augmented by several "leaving-gifts," for which we are very grateful.

G.M.H.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

The following elections have been made :  
*at Oxford :*

M. E. Boll to an Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Lincoln College.

P. J. Stephens to an Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Christchurch.

M. J. Clark to an Open Scholarship in Modern Languages at Oriel College.

R. A. Mayou to an Open Scholarship in Physiology at St. John's College.

J. M. Patrick to a War Memorial Scholarship at University College.

R. G. Bessent to an Open Exhibition in Physics at St. John's College.

*at Cambridge :*

M. W. Swales to a Minor Scholarship in Modern Languages at Christ's College.

C. J. N. Fletcher to a Phillpotts Exhibition in Classics at King's College.

R. G. Birch to an Exhibition in History at Pembroke College.

## COLOURS

We congratulate :

J. C. Green, J. R. Mountford, I. T. Knowles and W. F. Pickworth on the re-award of School Rugby Football Colours.

R. J. K. Beaumont, P. B. M. Mathews, R. M. Frobisher, M. J. Baverstock and M. H. Wilson on the award of School Rugby Football Colours.

R. P. Holland, P. Matthews and M. A. Whitley on the re-award of XXX Colours.

W. E. Oddie, A. A. Wilson, H. J. R. Stevens and B. H. S. Smith on the award of XXX Colours.

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

N. M. McCarty and J. M. Tagg on the award of School Swimming Colours.

R. E. Preece on the award of School Lawn Tennis Colours.

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

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## Mr. CEDRIC HARRIES

Mr. Cedric Charles Harries, secretary to the Foundation of the Schools of King Edward VI in Birmingham since 1932, is to retire this March.

Born in Guernsey in 1892, he came to Birmingham in 1908. He entered the City Treasurer's department and, after serving with the Buffs and Intelligence Corps in the first world war, became assistant to the Lord Mayor's secretary. He went to the university as assistant secretary in 1926. Six years later he transferred to the King Edward VI Foundation.

We sincerely wish him health and happiness in his retirement.

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## CHRISTIAN GUILD

This term marks the inauguration of the Christian Guild which has been formed to take the place of the Student Christian Movement and the Christian Union. Members of both the old societies felt, after much discussion and prayer, that Christian activities could be fulfilled more adequately by a new united society. The Christian Guild is affiliated with the I.S.C.F. and the school remains associated with the S.C.M.S. It is proposed to invite leading Christian speakers to address the society, and to hold regular prayer-meetings and bible study. The Junior Christian Guild will continue the activities of the J.C.U.

It is hoped that this unity will increase the numbers of those sincerely interested in the Christian way of life.

C.H.B.

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## CHAPEL NOTES

The usual pattern of services—Holy Communion every other Tuesday, Evensong alternating with Evening Prayers on Friday evenings, Matins before school every Wednesday—was maintained throughout the

Michaelmas Term. On Tuesday, 8th October, the Bishop of Aston celebrated Holy Communion. Despite the influenza epidemic, the number of communicants remained high. The addresses on Friday evenings were given by masters on lessons of their own choosing, under the title "Behold Your King," with an introductory and a final address by the Chaplain. During the term, the Chapel Choir was without its conductor, Dr. Willis Grant. However, a reasonable standard was generally maintained, for which we are grateful to Dr. R. S. Allison and the members of the choir, particularly J. R. Elenor and J. W. Jordan.

During Lent, Holy Communion will be celebrated each Tuesday and the Bishop of Aston, the Right Reverend C. G. St. M. Parker, will give four Lent Addresses on Friday evenings.

R. H. Harper painted some of the bosses in the roof of the Chapel and a small group gave the building a needed spring clean at the end of the Summer Term. Last year's Chapel Keeper, R. M. Sweeney, has given an Altar Book and many leavers gave English Hymnals and Prayer Books for which we are grateful.

A.H.W.

### THE LIBRARY

It is pleasing to note that the book circulation after a lapse in recent years has now risen to an all-time record ; over 1,200 books were issued in the Michaelmas Term alone. It is hoped that this will be accompanied by a fall in the number of books " borrowed " illegally.

The number of tickets issued has also increased, but over half the school is still without them, most of these being in the Science Department and Middle School.

In 1957, 404 new books were added to the library, of which 144 were presented. Thanks for presentations are especially due to Mrs. Hess, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Morley, C. I. Davies, Esq., and London O.E's. Thanks are also given to those leavers who donated books. Future leavers are reminded that the gift of a book to the Library makes an excellent way of commemorating one's stay. The library looks forward to an increasing number of books from this source.

Many thanks are due to the librarians who daily resolve the chaotic conditions left on the shelves and tables and also to Mr. Blount for his valuable advice.

R. H. DARLSTON,  
*School Librarian.*

### THE SCHOOL WEATHER STATION

During 1957 the School's Meteorological Station received a visit from a Meteorological Office Inspector for the first time since 1951. He gave advice on several minor points requiring correction, and advocated the repainting of the thermometer screen. The result of the Inspector's mainly informal visit was the Certificate of Efficiency now displayed on the Society's notice-board.

In 1957, for the first time since records began (1947), the year's minimum temperature (23°F.) occurred in December instead of the usual January or February. The first two months were extremely mild and rather wet ; snow did not lie on one single day.

Spring and early summer were mainly dry and warm. June was the warmest month ; on two occasions the temperature reached 84°F. (record 88°F. in 1947 and 1951). August and September were disappointingly cold and wet. The remainder of the year followed an average course, though December had more air frosts (10) than the usual figure of about 5.

The rainfall total was about the average of 26.5-in., though a disproportionately large amount fell in the early autumn, counterbalancing the dryness of the early summer. September, with 4.50-in., was the wettest month.

R. H. DARLASTON,  
*Senior School Meteorologist.*

### SCHOOL NOTES

We congratulate R. Barton and I. D. M. Morley on regaining the Charles Massey Debating Trophy for the school, in an inter-school competition last term.

Three members attended a Conference on Housing and Town Planning, organized by Cadbury Brothers, Limited.

During the summer holidays, P. C. N. Vaugon and N. G. McGowan travelled to Canada ; K. M. Jones and E. D. Coombes were awarded a Bursary for exploration in the Netherlands ; R. M. Frobisher and R. P. Holland gained a similar award for sight-seeing in Spain and Portugal.

D. Arthur attended the Christmas Holiday Lectures of the Council for Education in World Citizenship, at which Viscount Hailsham and the Rt. Hon. Hugh Gaitskell were speakers.

Also during the Christmas holidays, P. Matthews was one of six Birmingham students to visit Ghana.

At last ! The Temporary Buildings are being demolished. The ground will be used for more playing-fields. We observe with alarm, however, that bushy-headed Irishmen in large machines are encroaching upon the land of the willow at Eastern Road, where the wretched Bournebrook is being given a face-lift.

Is this a record ? C. H. Brown, a Prefect of the School, belongs to a family whose every member has attended King Edward's School (or King Edward's High School) since 1858, when great-grandfather was a "Sherring." Can anyone else claim to belong to a century of Edwardians ?

The Jazz Circle is proud to set down in print that two leading British jazzmen, Ken Colyer and Humphrey Lyttelton, have become honorary vice-presidents.



## OLD EDWARDIAN LETTER

SIR,

For quite a few years now, boys leaving the School each July have been invited to a modest tea-party in the Association's rooms. Most have accepted ; to not a few it has been the beginning of, I hope, a happy membership of the Social Club which is so valuable an adjunct to the Association. Not many, I suspect, know that this party was the idea—carried out initially at his own expense—of Edward Bickley, who passed away on December 11th at the age of eighty-five. Perhaps you will allow this O.E. Letter, then, to embody a friend's tribute to an Old Edwardian whose death is a heavy loss to Old Boys of many generations—not least some of our youngest members.

“ Bick ”—nobody addressed him, or indeed thought of him, by any other style—left the School in 1888 and went on to Rugby. There was never any question, however, of his chief loyalty. When he settled down in Birmingham as a solicitor, he joined the O.E. Association, then only a few years old, and for the rest of his life was one of its regular fixtures, to be seen every day, and often twice a day, in the club rooms. He played football, though not for the very strong First XV of those days, and cricket with our XI of the 'nineties, probably the strongest club side in the Midlands at that time.

More important, he was what Dr. Johnson called a “clubbable” man—genial, friendly and tolerant, good company himself and a great lover of good company. A fine player of billiards and bridge, he was kindly to others less skilled and good-tempered even with the “awkward” fold to be found in every society. All his life—as, so to say, a private member—he played a big part in making and keeping the Club the pleasant place it has always been.

Till need arose, he was not anxious to take responsibility or burden himself with club work. But when, after B. C. Ottey's retirement in 1937, a new Honorary Registrar was hard to find, it was “Bick” who filled the gap and filled it admirably. It was his courage, mainly, which took us in 1938, when our lease of Warwick Chambers in Corporation Street was nearly run out, to the rooms in New Street, vacated through the demise of the Three Counties Club, which many felt we could not afford. It was his energy and optimism—and his knack of getting help from other members—which kept the Club going through the difficult war years. A good leader, he managed to get and keep together a very useful team.

Two characteristics of his stand out—both admirable, though the former caused his colleagues in office some anxiety. He was reluctant ever to lose a member, even one with years of unpaid subscriptions to his discredit. He was keen to encourage youth. It was not only that he got boys to the club rooms as they left school ; he insisted that they should regard themselves as on equal terms with the older members. Moreover, if any showed interest or aptitude for club work, “Bick” was quick to inspan him into his team.

Men of this type are invaluable in any club ; to an Old Boys' Club they are indispensable. From its earliest days the Association has always had them ; but it has had few better than “Bick.” Not only present members but the many yet to become members are deeply in his debt.

O.E.

## THE CAMBRIDGE LETTER

SIR,

We offer our congratulations to those members of the School who have achieved awards and places at this University. May they flourish.

This is an age of mediocrity, and it is becoming tragically obvious that our generation is largely insensitive to the fact. That power should be in the hands of the unworthy has always been inevitable for the unworthy desire it most. That thought should be led by the unsubtle is, however, more specifically a contemporary sin. Satire and abuse, aspiration and envy, once possessed the same polarity as man and ape, but a world continually adapting its standards to those of its most vociferous (rarely its most enlightened) elements, now regards such distinctions as merely invidious. So Alexandrian an attitude to the complexities of modern problems will inevitably appeal to the young but would inevitably be rejected by the great. But where are the great men of our generation? Not in parliament, nor pulpit, nor field of war, nor among those the world cares to honour most.

Let us be honest, we are a race of pygmies and freedom is the birthright of giants. Individually we may be strong, skilful, or intelligent pygmies, but we must bear in mind that a great man is not one to strut only for a blue, or fret merely for a First.

Sombre thoughts, perhaps, but then, Sir, Oxford is not the only home for lost causes.

Your obedient servant,

CANTABRIGIENSIS.

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### SPEECH DAY, 1957

The Upper School Speech Day took place at 11-15 a.m. on the morning of July 20th, when Sir Edward Boyle, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education, was Guest of Honour.

After the prize declamations had been delivered, Sir Edward presented the prizes, and addressed the school. He declared that it would be wrong for any Minister of Education to be in any way complacent about the system of education as it exists to-day, but added that King Edward's School was a "shining example" of what a direct grant school ought to be. He continued that, although one would require deep thought before interfering with "an educational system that is already doing absolutely first-class work," we should not be "afraid to experiment when a strong case could be made out."

Sir Edward emphasized that Britain's educational system was the foundation of the country's ability to earn a good living in a competitive world, and that schools should endeavour to produce sufficient scientists, technicians, and craftsmen. Finally, he urged that it was not sufficient to get a small number of top-class men, but that an adequate supply of good second-ranking men was also needed.

## FOUNDER'S DAY

The Founder's birthday was commemorated on Saturday, October 12th. In his report, the Chief Master pointed to the "yawning" gap in the ranks of the teaching profession, and stressed that it was useless to have "an elaborate superstructure of advanced technical education and boys coming up to it inadequately prepared because there were not the schoolmasters."

Turning to the School, the Chief Master emphasized we must "slough off the Pass mentality," and cultivate "the habit of scholarship and true devoted learning." He declared the arts student had no grounds for a sense of inferiority provided he did his Arts well.

Referring to out-of-school activities, the Chief Master expressed delight at the initiative revealed by the range of travels and adventures undertaken by boys. Eight attended Outward Bound courses.

The prizes were distributed by the Bailiff of the Foundation, Dr. Mary Woodall, who urged the school to open its eyes to the beauty of everyday things and to develop greater "sensitivity."

## FOOTBALL

This season, the XV has had more experience to draw upon and so far has been defeated only twice.

The performance of the pack has fluctuated between excellence and mediocrity. Although not constant in composition, the pack has produced some good scrummaging and line-out work whilst in the loose it has left room for improvement.

The strength of the team has been in the experienced and seasoned pair of half-backs. They have worked well together throughout the season. Both centres and wings, although provided quite frequently with the ball, have laid the stress on defence rather than on attack. This defence reached a peak against Bromsgrove, but was completely outplayed and out-manoeuvred by Denstone.

Kicking has remained the privilege of the few.

The Second XV has not done as well as was hoped. This has been due to the inconsistent make-up of the team. The pack has not played as a unit and the backs lacked talent. It has been well captained by P. M. Johnson.

The Third XV has been unlucky in that three of their fixtures had to be cancelled. The games which were played, however, showed that the team had plenty of spirit but that it lacked cohesion.

The U.16 XV after a poor start finished the season in fine style. Lacking experience at the beginning of the season, they had some narrow defeats but showed that they had the power to succeed. The backs, when seen in action, have shown promise. It is on this team that hopes for the future rest.

The U.15 XV has had a poor season. This keen side has deserved a better measure of success.

The U.14 XV got off to a late start owing to cancellations and has shown some promise.



Our thanks are due to Mr. Parry for being a guiding spirit and for his genius in creating success out of little talent. Also our thanks must go to Messrs. Webb, Hall, Robertson, Hodges, McGawley and Buttle for the organization of the other school teams. Nor have we forgotten our loyal supporters, the Chief Master, the School, parents and friends who have encouraged us through the season. To them we owe our thanks.

D. K. LINDLEY

*(Captain of Football).*

### **THE XV v. WORKSOP COLLEGE**

*Played at Eastern Road. Won 27 points to 3.*

The XV beat Worksop by nine unconverted tries to a penalty goal. The XV attacked from the whistle and held Worksop in their 25. The first three tries were the result of quick heeling and quick passing.

The pack completely dominated Worksop both in the lineouts and in the loose. Of the forwards, Beaumont was outstanding. The XV kept on driving the ball towards Worksop's line, and two more tries were scored as a result of forward play.

Straight from the kick-off for the second half Pickworth gathered the ball, beat a man, did a short kick ahead, gathered the ball again and went over. Soon after, Green broke blind, to score. The pack continued to control the game, Frobisher and Baverstock scoring as a result of forward rushes. Knowles and Baverstock were notable in the loose. The forwards performed very creditably, combining well together to form a formidable pack.

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

*Played at Eastern Road. Won 3 points to 0.*

In the opening minutes of the game, the School were awarded a penalty in front of the posts, which was converted by Green. This was to be the deciding factor in the game.

There then developed a grim battle of defence against attack. Bromsgrove, having the majority of the ball, continually attacked the School's line. Fierce tackling by centres and wings prevented these attacks from finishing. Although the School pack was having a little difficulty in obtaining the ball from both line-outs and from the tight, the ball was put to good use when it was obtained. First Bromsgrove would attack and then the School would and the game fluctuated from one try-line to the other.

Both Green and Mathews were outstanding in their long, probing defensive kicks.

In the dying moments of the game the pack was inspired to new life and continued to press the Bromsgrove forwards. The whistle ended a tense and thrilling game.

### **THE XV v. WREKIN**

*Played at the Wrekin. Won 9 points to 0.*

Once again, the XV, in the now customary manner, opened the scoring with a penalty by Green. Wrekin lost two men for a short time but the pack failed to take full advantage.

After forcing Wrekin into their 25 for some little while, Pickworth broke wide and went over for an unconverted try. The School were pressed back and only stout defence kept Wrekin at bay. The ball was greasy and the handling by the School backs was a little disappointing. Wilson had a few good runs on the wing, although he had little room in which to move.

In the second half, Green split Wrekin's defence wide open by going blind and breaking back again and scored a good unconverted try.

## CHARACTERS OF THE XV

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

A wing three-quarter of exceptional ability, possessing a deceptive change of pace and a fine body swerve. Although not given as many opportunities as he deserves, he has still scored some excellent tries this season. In defence, he is a pillar of strength, often successfully marking the outer centre as well as his own wing. His falling on and covering are fearless and immaculate, and it is sufficient to say that whenever danger threatens he is always at hand to avert it. As captain he has been exemplary, leading the team by actions rather than words, both during a match and afterwards.

*(Captain of Jeune.)*

J.C.G.

J. C. GREEN (1956-7-8.)

An outstanding and seasoned player. He brings the three-quarter line up well in defence and covers and tackles courageously. His kicking, all round, has, at times, been invaluable and has saved our line many times during the season. Moves the ball extremely well and is good at creating a break. Unfortunately injured at the end of the term. In his services as vice-captain, he has been most keen and useful.

*(Evans)*

R. J. K. BEAUMONT (1956-7-8.)

A tall, dominating forward, whose line-out work is much improved this season. Difficult to stop in the loose but tends to keep the ball too long. Has been seen attempting to kick. His defensive covering is good. Highly efficient in his duties as secretary.

*(Vardy)*

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

A solid forward who uses his weight to his advantage. Falls on well and dribbles cleverly. He has led the pack throughout the season with fire and determination.

*(Captain of Evans)*

J. R. MOUNTFORD (1955-6-7-8.)

A very powerfully built centre three-quarter who has developed a good swerve and a break. Difficult to stop when going but apt to fling the ball anywhere when tackled. His defence is good. "Mild and almost mythic time."

*(Gifford)*

W. F. PICKWORTH (1956-7-8.)

As scrum-half, he has an accurate and quick pass. Defensive kicking has been consistently good throughout the season. Tends to break into the forwards and consequently receives rough treatment. His ambition is to drop yet another goal.

*(Jeune)*

R. P. HOLLAND (1956-7-8).

A wing three-quarter who has been converted into a wing forward with much success. His defensive covering and combination with the three-quarters is good. Falls on well. (*Captain of Cary Gilson*)

R. M. FROBISHER (1956-7-8).

A smallish wing forward whose scragging is fierce. Scrummages very hard in the loose and falls on courageously. Has been seen to enter loose scrums from elevated positions. (*Jeune*)

M. J. BAVERSTOCK (1957-8).

A lively and quick hooker who strikes the ball cleanly with both feet. At his best when chasing the ball in the loose. Has been seen making marks and even kicking at times. (*Cary Gilson*)

M. H. WILSON (1957-8).

A wing three-quarter who is capable of beating his man by straight running. Tends to let himself be forced into touch when going for the line. His defence is sound. He will be missed from the line. (*Heath*)

P. MATTHEWS (1957-8).

A safe centre three-quarter who receives and passes the ball effectively. His ability to swerve past his man has created many openings for the wings. A good, consistent defence. (*Heath*)

A. A. WILSON (1957-8).

A strong front row forward who offsets his lack of speed by fierceness of play both in the loose and tight. At his best in a loose dribble. (*Levett*)

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

A sound full back, who has played some good games this season. Catches the ball cleanly and finds a good touch. His positioning has stopped our line from being threatened many times. When under pressure slips his man well. (*Captain of Prince Lee*)

B. H. S. SMITH (1957-8).

A large second row forward who uses his weight well in the loose. Jumps well in the line-out and is quick into the loose mauls. (*Cary Gilson*)

H. J. R. STEVENS (1957-8).

A young forward who has developed tremendously this season. Jumps and catches well in the line-outs making the most of his height. Puts his head over the ball in the loose and goes hard. (*Heath*)

M. A. WHITLEY (1956-7-8).

A scrum-half converted into wing-forward. His play has been a little disappointing this season. (*Heath*)

W. E. ODDIE.

A small nippy fly-half who handles the ball well and uses his feet efficiently. Tends to cut across his three-quarters. His defence is good. (*Heath*)

The XV this term has been : P. B. M. MATHEWS, D. K. LINDLEY, P. MATTHEWS, J. R. MOUNTFORD, M. H. WILSON, J. C. GREEN, W. F. PICKWORTH, A. A. WILSON, M. J. BAVERSTOCK, I. T. KNOWLES, B. H. S. SMITH, H. J. R. STEVENS, R. P. HOLLAND, R. J. K. BEAUMONT, R. M. FROBISHER.

Also played : M. A. WHITLEY, C. H. BROWN, T. J. MATTHEWS, P. DAVIES, W. E. ODDIE.

D. K. BRAY has acted loyally as touch judge.

# RESULTS OF MATCHES

## THE XV

<i>Date</i>		<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>	
Oct.	5	Solihull .....	Home	Won	17	0
"	12	Warwick .....	Away	Lost	6	11
"	26	Worksop College .....	Home	Won	27	3
Nov.	2	Bromsgrove School .....	Home	Won	3	0
"	9	Nottingham H.S. ....	Home	Won	8	3
"	16	Wrekin College .....	Away	Won	9	0
"	23	Ratcliffe College .....	Away	Won	6	0
"	28	Denstone College .....	Home	Lost	6	18
"	30	King's School .....	Away	Won	11	0

## SECOND XV

<i>Date</i>		<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>	
Oct.	5	Solihull .....	Away	Cancelled		
"	12	Tettenhall .....	Home	Lost	6	27
"	26	K.E.S., Stratford .....	Away	Lost	9	13
Nov.	9	Lucas Eng. ....	Away	Won	12	5
"	16	Wrekin College .....	Home	Lost	11	15
"	23	Bromsgrove School .....	Away	Lost	0	12
"	28	Denstone College .....	Away	Lost	5	27
"	30	Tudor Grange G.S. 1st XV .....	Away	Won	14	3
Dec.	7	Old Edwardians .....	Away	Cancelled		
"	14	King's School, .....	Away	Lost	6	9

## THIRD XV

<i>Date</i>		<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>	
Oct.	5	Tettenhall .....	Away	Won	13	3
"	12	Sebright .....	Away	Cancelled		
"	26	Old Edwardians .....	Home	Lost	3	13
Nov.	9	Tettenhall .....	Away	Cancelled		
"	23	Tudor Grange G.S. ....	Home	Lost	6	19
"	30	Warwick .....	Away	Lost	5	22
Dec.	7	Old Edwardians .....	Away	Cancelled		
"	14	King's School .....	Home	Lost	6	9

## UNDER SIXTEEN XV

<i>Date</i>		<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>	
Oct.	12	Warwick .....	Away	Lost	0	17
"	26	Worksop College .....	Home	Drawn	11	11
"	29	Bromsgrove School .....	Away	Drawn	3	3
Nov.	7	Rugby School .....	Home	Lost	6	15
"	9	Nottingham H.S. ....	Home	Lost	0	25
"	16	Wrekin College .....	Home	Won	12	9
"	23	Ratcliffe College .....	Away	Won	6	3
"	28	Denstone College .....	Home	Lost	11	13
"	30	King's School .....	Away	Won	9	3

## UNDER FIFTEEN XV

<i>Date</i>		<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>	
Oct.	5	Solihull .....	Home	Cancelled		
"	12	Tettenhall .....	Home	Won	14	6
"	26	K.E.S., Stratford .....	Away	Won	11	3
Nov.	7	Rugby School .....	Home	Lost	3	6
"	23	Tudor Grange G.S. ....	Home	Lost	8	18
"	28	Denstone College .....	Away	Drawn	5	5
"	30	Warwick School .....	Away	Lost	3	5
Dec.	7	Moseley G.S. ....	Home	Lost	8	11
"	14	King's School .....	Away	Lost	6	11

### UNDER FOURTEEN XV

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>	
Oct. 12	Sebright .....	<i>Away</i>	<i>Cancelled</i>		
" 19	K.E.S., Stratford .....	<i>Away</i>	<i>Won</i>	33	0
" 24	Solihull .....	<i>Away</i>	<i>Lost</i>	0	38
Nov. 16	Tettenhall .....	<i>Away</i>	<i>Lost</i>	3	6
" 30	Tudor Grange G.S. ....	<i>Away</i>	<i>Lost</i>	0	10
Dec. 7	Moseley G.S. ....	<i>Home</i>	<i>Lost</i>	0	12
" 14	King's School .....	<i>Home</i>	<i>Lost</i>	6	12

### OLD EDWARDIANS' SCHOOLBOYS' FIFTEEN

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>	
Jan. 3	Nottingham Public Schools.....	<i>Edg'ton</i>	<i>Cancelled</i>		
" 8	Moseley Public Schools .....	<i>Edg'ton</i>	<i>Lost</i>	0	38

## CRICKET RETROSPECT AND PROSPECT

The playing record of the XI : won three, lost ten and drawn five games represents a disappointing season.

During the Lent term, the XI made use of the Indoor School at the County Ground, and there was a definite improvement in fundamental technique. However, despite profiting from this, and despite the fact that the side was well balanced, it was younger than in recent years, and lacked sufficient experience to win more games. Although R. G. Dauncey, the captain, M. J. Disney, P. B. Rothwell and T. P. Lee all batted well on occasions, only G. E. Phillips achieved any consistency. Early in the season, carelessness and lack of determination prevented more runs being scored. The bowling attack, strong and varied, was often robbed of the dominance that it should have had, by sluggish fielding.

Nets have been put up inside the gymnasium of the "Temporary Buildings," and practices continue throughout the winter months. Eight members of last year's side remain at school. The batting should be more reliable, but a fast bowler must be unearthed.

Our thanks must be extended to Mr. Guy, Mr. Cockle and Mr. Brierly who devote so much of their time and energy coaching the XI ; to Mr. Trott and Mr. Leeds for their coaching of the XXII ; and to Messrs. Freeman, Sacret, Buttle, Robertson, Mathews, Traynor, Woods, Allison and Hodges for their work among the juniors.

A. E. H. HORNIG

*(Captain of Cricket).*

### RESULTS OF CRICKET MATCHES

#### THE XI v. WADHAM COLLEGE

*(Played at Oxford, 6th June, 1957)*

The XI .....	.. 149 for 6 declared (R. G. Dauncey 40, G. E. Phillips 30).
Wadham College ..	.. 115 for 5 (Perret 31).

#### THE XI v. DENSTONE COLLEGE

*(Played at Eastern Road, 8th June, 1957)*

The XI .....	.. 91 (P. B. Rothwell 38, G. E. Phillips 37 ; Lees 5 for 17).
Denstone College ..	.. 92 for 5 (T. H. Peake 37, H. C. Illingworth not out 33 ; A. E. H. Hornig 3 for 32).

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

*(Played at Eastern Road, 15th June, 1957)*

The XI .....	.. 181 (G. E. Phillips 45, M. J. Disney 36).
R.G.S., Worcester ..	.. 155 for 9 (Mobbs 44, Sobey 30 ; R. F. L. Wilkins 3 for 58).



**THE XI v. TRENT COLLEGE**  
(*Played at Eastern Road, 18th June, 1957*)

Trent College ..	..	190 (Foster 49, Bell 34, R. G. Dauncey 4 for 62).
The XI ..	..	75 (G. E. Phillips 32 ; Strickland 3 for 9, Blakely 3 for 18).

**THE XI v. KING'S SCHOOL, WORCESTER**  
(*Played at Worcester, 22nd June, 1957*)

King's School ..	..	129 (Costeloe 50 ; R. C. Spiers 4 for 27, M. J. Disney 4 for 39).
The XI ..	..	61 (M. J. Disney 23 ; Woodall 6 for 8, Whitehead 4 for 24).

**THE XI v. WARWICKSHIRE CLUB AND GROUND**  
(*Played at The County Ground, 28th June, 1957*)

Warwickshire C. and G.	202 for 2 declared (B. Glynn not out 101, B. E. Fletcher 41).
The XI ..	127 for 3 (G. E. Phillips 67).

**THE XI v. SOLIHULL SCHOOL**  
(*Played at Eastern Road, 29th June, 1957*)

Solihull ..	..	117 (D. Stratford 34 ; R. G. Dauncey 5 for 32).
The XI ..	..	118 for 3 (G. E. Phillips 58).

**THE "A" XI v. MALVERN II**  
(*Played at Eastern Road, 2nd July, 1957*)

"A" XI ..	..	123 (A. E. H. Hornig 35, J. E. T. Harper 27 ; Evison 3 for 35).
Malvern II ..	..	125 for 2 (Williams 48, Taylor 35).

**THE XI v. BROMSGROVE SCHOOL**  
(*Played at Charford, 6th July, 1957*)

The XI ..	..	103 (M. J. Disney 32 ; B. J. Sperryn 6 for 38).
Bromsgrove ..	..	104 for 4 (Pyke not out 51 ; A. E. H. Hornig 3 for 32).

**THE XI v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL**  
(*Played at Manchester, 8th July, 1957*)

Manchester G.S.	..	68 (M. J. Disney 5 for 27 ; R. C. Spiers 4 for 14).
The XI ..	..	69 for 2 (P. B. Rothwell 29).

**THE XI v. WARWICK SCHOOL**  
(*Played at Eastern Road, 13th July, 1957*)

The XI ..	..	69 (Wicks 4 for 13, Lunn 4 for 22).
Warwick ..	..	70 for 4 (M. S. Cook 33 ; R. A. Green 4 for 10).

**THE XI v. OLD EDWARDIANS**  
(*Played at Eastern Road, 20th July, 1957*)

Old Edwardians ..	..	203 for 5 declared (P. Vernon 58, A. C. Smith 35, I. R. McClelland 34).
The XI ..	..	152 for 6 (T. P. Lee 50, M. J. Disney 37, P. B. Rothwell 32).

**CRICKET AVERAGES**  
**BATTING (Qual. 100 Runs)**

	<i>Innings</i>	<i>Not out</i>	<i>Highest Score</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Average</i>
G. E. Phillips ..	17	—	67	432	25·42
P. B. Rothwell ..	18	—	63	322	17·89
M. J. Disney ..	17	—	85	304	17·88
T. P. Lee ..	12	2	50	164	16·4
A. E. H. Hornig ..	18	4	39	188	13·43
R. G. Dauncey ..	17	3	40	165	11·78
A. B. Clayton ..	12	1	29	126	11·45

### BOWLING (Qual. 10 Wickets)

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Maidens</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wickets</i>	<i>Average</i>
R. C. Spiers ..	116.4	35	364	22	16.54
A. E. H. Hornig ..	86.5	14	354	21	16.86
M. J. Disney ..	126.1	35	332	19	17.47
R. A. Green ..	71.3	18	204	10	20.4
R. G. Dauncey ..	136	36	414	20	20.7

CATCHES : G. E. Phillips, 9 ; A. B. Clayton, 6 ; R. G. Dauncey, M. J. Disney, 4 ; P. B. Rothwell, T. P. Lee, J. E. T. Harper, R. A. Green, 3 ; A. E. H. Hornig, J. T. Baker, R. F. L. Wilkins, 2 ; J. A. Fletcher, 11 ct. 4 st. ; A. C. Yarwood, 1 ct. 1 st.

### SWIMMING

The heating plant is installed and is working splendidly, and on one notable occasion raised the temperature to 84°F. Only those members of School Teams who have trained when the pool was 56°F. can fully appreciate this comfort ! Because of the extra warmth, more boys used the pool more often and Voluntary Sessions were crowded even on cold, dismal days. The standard of swimming rose throughout the School and by the end of the term 500 boys had passed the One Length Test. In addition to the heating plant, the pool has been tiled, for which we thank the Governors. The pool is now superb and is the best School Bath in our experience.

Two innovations were introduced last season. The first was the substitution of a Medley Relay for a Freestyle Relay in the three sets of Inter-House Relays and the second was a different grading of standards so that there was a hard and an easy standard for each event. Both were successful. The Medley Relay caused House Captains some concern, for finding swimmers proficient in the necessary strokes was difficult, but it was generally agreed to be interesting and worthwhile. The new standards meant that the success of a House depended upon a good showing by every member, and not, as previously, upon the efforts of the talented few.

The School team repeated the performance of the year before by winning three out of nine matches. However, I feel that this result could have been better, and that it was not, undoubtedly, due to inadequate pre-season preparation. The team has been weight training regularly as physically it is small, and good results are being obtained. Next season could be good as the team is certainly talented, but any success will depend upon whether training is brought to a satisfactory climax.

Water Polo, under the shrewd guidance of Mr. Cotter, flourished, and we defeated all School Teams ; however, Oxford University Dolphins, and the Common Room—augmented by J. D. L. Adams—proved to be too strong for us. This year a House Knock-out competition will be started and if this is successful, as seems likely, it is hoped that Water Polo will be included in the House Championship.

We thank Messrs. Cotter, Cadenhead and McGawley for their hard, enthusiastic coaching.

P. DAVIES (*Captain of Swimming*).

## RESULTS OF SCHOOL MATCHES

v. Oxford University Dolphins	..	..	..	..	..	<i>Lost.</i>
v. Wrekin	..	..	..	..	..	<i>Won.</i>
v. Repton	..	..	..	..	..	<i>Won.</i>
v. Rugby	..	..	..	..	..	<i>Lost.</i>
v. Solihull	..	..	..	..	..	<i>Won.</i>
v. Bromsgrove	..	..	..	..	..	<i>Lost.</i>
v. Trent	..	..	..	..	..	<i>Lost.</i>
v. Malvern	..	..	..	..	..	<i>Lost.</i>
v. Shrewsbury	..	..	..	..	..	<i>Lost.</i>

## RECORDS BROKEN DURING THE SEASON

Open.	100 yards Breast Stroke	77.0 secs.	P. Davies.
U. 15 Junior	100 yards Free Style.	67.4 secs.	D. R. Ellison.
Junior	50 yards Free Style.	29.8 secs.	D. R. Ellison.
Junior	50 yards Back Stroke.	35.6 secs.	A. B. Loach.

## SWIMMING SPORTS

The Sports went off very smoothly, as usual, and I would like to thank Mrs. Harries, who presented the prizes, and the Masters, for making this social occasion successful.

## RESULTS

Letters in brackets indicate House, and initials indicate School Swimmers.

### OPEN :

50 yards Free Style : 1, P. Davies (P) ; 2, J. H. Whitfield (V) ; 3, A. D. R. Ogborn (C).

*Time* : 29.0 secs.

100 yards Free Style : 1, D. E. Rothera (E) ; 2, A. D. R. Ogborn (C) ; 3, P. Davies (P).

*Time* : 68.6 secs.

200 yards Free Style : 1, D. E. Rothera (E) ; 2, R. Bagnall (H) ; 3, A. D. R. Ogborn (C).

*Time* : 2 mins. 34.8 secs.

100 yards Breast Stroke : 1, P. Davies (P) ; 2, D. E. Rothera (E) ; 3, R. Bagnall (H).

*Time* : 77.6 secs.

50 yards Back Stroke : 1, D. E. Rothera (E) ; 2=N. M. McCarty and J. H. Whitfield (V). *Time* : 34.8 secs.

33½ Butterfly : 1, P. Davies (P) ; 2, J. H. Whitfield (V) ; 3, J. M. Tagg (E). *Time* : 20 secs.

Dive : 1, J. M. Tagg (E) and D. E. Rothera (E) ; 3, J. H. Whitfield (V).

Plunge : 1, Stanworth (L) ; 2, Ayscough (C) ; 3, Beaumont (V). *Distance* : 47-ft. 1-in.

Half-Mile : 1, D. E. Rothera (E) ; 2, P. Davies (P) ; 3, R. Bagnall (H).

### UNDER 16½ :

50 yards Free Style : 1, T. R. Armstrong (G) ; 2, R. Bagnall (H) ; 3, R. G. Titterington (L). *Time* : 30.5 secs.

100 yards Free Style : 1, R. Bagnall (H) ; 2, T. R. Armstrong (G) ; 3, C. F. Jenkins (H). *Time* : 71.0 secs.

Junior Half-Mile : 1, Watton (L) ; 2, D. R. Ellison (E).

Open Champion : D. E. Rothera (E). Prox. acc. P. Davies (P).

Junior Champion : D. R. Ellison (E). Prox. acc. Watton (L).

Allday Shield—Vardy.

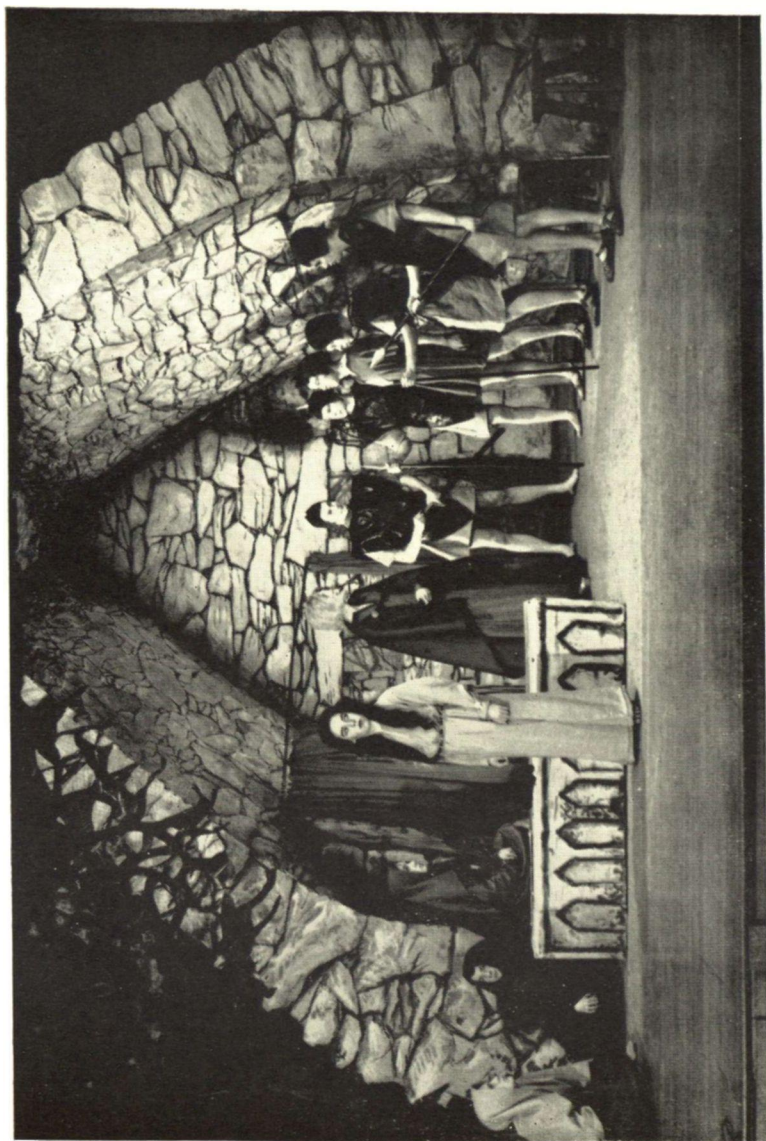
Jacot Cup—Evans.

Solomon Cup—Vardy.

## ETON FIVES

So far this season, the results of the matches played have been disappointing, but we have yet to turn out our strongest team. Only on two occasions has the first pair been at full strength—against Marlborough and Repton—and both times it won convincingly. On the annual





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London Tour, neither of the first pair was able to play owing to injuries, and not surprisingly only one of the five matches was won.

The juniors, on the other hand, present a much brighter picture. Indeed, there is a wealth of talent in the middle and lower parts of the school. In a fixture against Wolverhampton Grammar School, they won all three matches, after very close and exciting games.

The House Competition is progressing well, every House having completed six matches. At the moment it looks as if Jeune will remain unbeaten, whilst Evans have only lost one match. Thus, the Fives Championship will probably depend upon the efforts made by the juniors next term. Once again the School Handicap Fives Competition has attracted an entry of sixty-four pairs, and it is a very encouraging sign to see so many entries from the lower part of the School.

We also notice with interest that an Old Edwardian pair (A. J. G. Campbell and A. Hughes) has entered for the All-England Kinnaird Cup. May we take this opportunity of offering them our congratulations upon their first round success, and our best wishes for the succeeding rounds?

Finally, it only remains to express our thanks to Mr. Smith for all his help, advice and encouragement.

J. C. GREEN (*Captain of Eton Fives*).

This season the team has been selected from the following: Pickworth, Roberts, Holland, Russell, Radford, Stephens, Smith, B. H. S., J. C. Green.

#### RESULTS

<i>Date</i>		<i>Opponents</i>	<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
October 17	v.	Marlborough .....	<i>Away</i>	<i>Won</i>	3—0
November 21	v.	Repton .....	<i>Away</i>	<i>Lost</i>	1—2
January 13	v.	City of London .....	<i>Away</i>	<i>Lost</i>	0—2
"	v.	Old Cholmeleians .....	<i>Away</i>	<i>Lost</i>	0—2
" 14	v.	Highgate .....	<i>Away</i>	<i>Lost</i>	0—2
"	v.	Old Olavians .....	<i>Away</i>	<i>Lost</i>	0—2
" 15	v.	St. Olave's .....	<i>Away</i>	<i>Won</i>	2—0

#### SHOOTING

With the loss of several proficient members of the VIII at the end of the summer term, we have been faced with the task of rebuilding a solid team which can produce promising scores. In the Christmas term the general standard of the team was good, and we had very commendable shooting from C. J. Wood, J. E. Moseley, and J. M. Cunningham, the latter obtaining a possible of 100.3 under N.S.R.A. conditions.

Results of postal matches are promising. We fired eleven matches, won seven, lost three, and drew one. The Public Schools' N.S.R.A. Competition for the Staniforth Cup was fired, appropriately enough, on November 5th, and we recorded the score of 745 out of 800, which placed us 61st out of 103 competitors. This position could have been much better if some of the team had had more practice.

We thank Major Cooke and Sgt.-Major Moore who each week give so much of their time in the interests of the team.

M. I. CAMPBELL (*Captain of Shooting*).

## LAWN TENNIS

School Tennis is at last enjoying the benefits of hard practice ; so much so, indeed, that last year the team had its most successful season to date. With thirteen of the nineteen matches played won, and two drawn, Lawn Tennis proved to be the most successful of the School's summer sports. To be able to record that, in the course of a single season, we reached the area finals of the Glanvill Cup, we included Manchester Grammar School and the Masters amongst our victories, and that three members of the team were invited to represent Warwickshire at Junior Wimbledon, is a sure sign of the improved standard of tennis within the school.

In the Public Schools' Youth Cup at the end of the year, however, we were not so fortunate. After easily defeating St. Laurence in the first round, we met Marlborough, who were regarded as favourites by more than one national newspaper. Nevertheless, we did not do ourselves justice in losing to them as easily as we did. A very promising feature of the tournament was the success of our Under Sixteen pair (B. M. Shaw and J. M. Siegle) who survived three rounds in the Thomas Bowl. This was the first time that we have entered a pair for this competition.

The House Lawn Tennis Championship was won easily by Evans, with a hard tussle for second place eventually being won by Heath. The Burges Cup was deservedly won by J. M. H. Spencer, who throughout the season has remained the steadiest and most consistent member of the team. After a record number of boys had entered for the under sixteen competition, it was eventually won by B. H. Shaw ; and he is the first winner of the Cup, recently presented by A. Hess, O.E., to whom we are most grateful.

With three out of six regular members of last year's team still at school, prospects for next season are quite encouraging, particularly in view of the wealth of young talent available. However, success will depend entirely upon the amount of hard practice put in between now and the summer.

Finally, our thanks are due to Mr. Cadenhead, who, by his coaching, advice and encouragement, has produced the improvement in the standard of tennis within the school. Through him we have achieved far more than we could ever have done unaided.

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

## RESULTS

<i>Date</i>		<i>Opponents</i>		<i>Played</i>	<i>Result</i>	<i>Score</i>
July 5	IV	v. Weoley Hill	.. ..	.. Away	Won	2½—1½
.. 6	VI	v. Solihull School	.. ..	.. Away	Lost	4—5
.. 8	VI	v. Manchester Grammar School	.. ..	.. Away	Won	5—4
.. 10	VIII	v. The Masters	.. ..	.. Home	Won	5—3
.. 29	IV	v. St. Laurence	.. ..	.. Away	Won	2—0
.. 29	IV	v. Marlborough College	.. ..	.. Away	Lost	0—2



## P.T.

The Michaelmas Term was marked by the introduction of an Advanced Gymnastics Class which received little support except from a few zealots.

Preparations continue for the P.T. Competition with willing and much appreciated assistance from Messrs. Cadenhead and Cotter.

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

## CHESS

This season we have extended the scope of our matches and, so far, the results have been most encouraging. We have entered the *Sunday Times* National Schools' Chess Tournament, which is handicapped on age. This is the first time the event has been staged. It is divided into qualifying regions, each with the useful prize of a chess clock. Here are our "A" team results :

Dec.	11	Preliminary Round	v. Bishop Vesey's "B"	.. ..	Won	5 —1
Nov.	1	First Round	v. Whitley Abbey Comprehensive School (Coventry)	.. ..	Won	6 —0
"	13	Second Round	v. K.E.S. "B"	.. ..	Won	6 —0
Dec.	13	Semi-Final Round	v. Bishop Vesey's "A"	.. ..	Won	4½—1½
We play Wolverhampton Grammar School in the regional final.						
Oct.	1	First Team	v. King's School, Worcester	..	Lost	7 —8
"	12		v. Warwick School	.. ..	Won	3½—1½
Nov.	16		v. The Hittites (Oxford)	.. ..	Drawn	4 —4
"	22	Third Team	v. Bournville Youth Club	.. ..	Won	8 —1
"	27	First Team	v. Bromsgrove School (new)	..	Won	6 —0
Dec.	7		v. Denstone College (new)	..	Won	4 —1

We are going to Repton School on February 15th and are in contact with Oxford University, Wyggeston Grammar School and City of London School.

There have been six friendly matches, two of them new fixtures. The match with Warwick School has been revived from before the war.

We have persisted with four teams in the Birmingham Junior League and at the half-way stage each could win its division. The First team beat their nearest rivals, Bishop Vesey's, by 5-1 ; but inexplicably lost to Central Grammar School. The IIa and IIb teams have each played and won seven matches : it should be interesting to see the result when they play each other. The third team have only dropped 3½ points in five league matches. There is now an added importance in winning the first division league as it has been suggested that the winners should participate in a four-cornered County Club Championship.

If we are to regain our former high standing in the Chess world, it is from the lower school that the necessary talent must come and I would urge all players, but especially juniors, to compete in the Birmingham Easter Congress. Here they will gain invaluable match practice and experience.

There have been internal changes too : House matches now last a fortnight ; all after-school chess is played in the dining hall, for which we must thank Miss Chaffer and her staff ; the 'senior' Pugh cup has been restored to its intended purpose as a House first team prize ; this is

to be replaced by the Hurn trophy, for the School Chess Champion, which is being presented by our generous chairman, Mr. J. B. Hurn, to whom we must also express our thanks for his support and guidance through a very difficult period. He has even inspired a sense of responsibility in House Chess captains.

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

## THE HOUSES

### CARY GILSON

"Let us treasure our joys, yet not bewail our sorrows ; the glory of light cannot exist without its shadows."

Of joys we have many pleasant memories, yet it would be unjust at this point in the year to condemn this as one of the shadows. Rugby football and Eton Fives have certainly not brought the many victories hoped for at the beginning of the season. Nor has the chess team achieved a position which reflects its true capabilities.

But here is no cause for despondency ; in case it should sound pessimistic let us hasten to add that third position in Chess seems reasonably secure, and we look forward in no uncertain manner to the completion of the Rugby programme with the knock-out and Seven-a-Side competitions.

The cup for this last, together with that for the individual Tennis competition, and the Squash trophy, comprises most of the *furniture* in the cupboard. Perhaps, in the not too distant future, others will be added. Under the baton of A. F. Whitehead, we have already gone far to retrieve last year's fiasco in the music competitions.

Individual talent, however, is greatly lacking amongst us. The accent is upon youth, and we shall never boast a vast collection of E.P.N.S. until the middle forms shake off their torpidity and realize that they are members of an institution which is infinitely greater than *ego*.

We must finally thank our housemasters whose tears are shed in silence and who still keep smiling. Perhaps they smile because they know that there are signs of the return of that spirit of unity amongst us by which the name of Cary Gilson is renowned for fighting well. That, after all, is what matters.

R. P. HOLLAND (*House Captain*)

### HEATH

For some years Heathans have been accustomed to riding on the crest of a wave : if not in the lead at least close behind. Results so far reveal that this position is being maintained.

The 1st XV have been successful in the majority of their encounters and the other two teams have contributed well, the 3rd XV proving that perseverance brings its own reward. The final position of third in the League Competition was creditable and prospects for the Knock-out are good.

Fives has been disappointing, but in this sphere too, the outlook is bright. Shooting remains clandestine but results filter through and are satisfactory. The Chess team has provided the greatest shock of the year by winning a match ; an achievement unprecedented in the history of Heath House. The musicians performed ably and were unfortunate in only attaining sixth place.

Just as the safety of a ship rests in the hands of every member of the crew, so the state of a house is decided by the contribution of each member. Some Heathans appear to need reminding of this fact. Enthusiasm more than compensates for lack of ability.

Finally, our sincere thanks are extended to Mr. Barlow and the House tutors, whose steady influence at the helm ensures that we do not go on the rocks.

P. MATTHEWS (*Head of the House*).

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## GIFFORD

Gifford in previous years has been content to occupy the lower places in the Cock House Championship. Apathy, however, is giving way to enthusiasm, for the potential, evident of late in the youth of the House, is maturing. Prospects then, are bright.

In retrospect, Rugby Football exceeded all expectations and despite injuries we were second in the League Table. The First XV worked hard, but the honours must go to the Second and Third XV's who performed superbly throughout. Fire and fury were poured on the opposition from every quarter, but more must be kindled before the Knock-out.

Our Fives team has lost only two matches and, providing our juniors play well, a position of third is assured. Amidst such exertion, the concentration required for chess and shooting has suffered, but our scholars have been jolted into obtaining no less than three awards at Oxford and Cambridge.

In prospect, this term is not promising and success will be largely a measure of effort. The P.T. team has been observed in action before that of any other House and a few hardy gentlemen have braved the elements and ventured round the Cross Country. We trust that our athletes have latent qualities as yet unknown and that they will, with practice, gain some success.

Summer is traditionally Gifford's season and once again it would appear to be so. The swimming teams will be unchanged and with good talent in all age groups, the position is healthy. Our cricketers promise that although we have lost a star batsman and one other player—dare we say a bowler—the advantage of having an abundance of all rounders will bear fruit. Tennis, we understand, will take place as a social gathering.

Our thanks are due to that band of white-coated gentlemen who continue to serve us and also to our musicians who, but for one guitar, have entertained us pleasantly. We welcome Mr. Gregory as a new House Tutor and thank him as we do Messrs. Kay, Benett, and Robertson for their loyal support.

N. H. MCBROOM (*Head of the House*).

## JEUNE

Jeune has recently developed a tendency to settle into the lower half of the Rugby Football League Competition. Unfortunately, we could come no higher than sixth this year. The first XV played hard and succeeded in winning four matches and drawing one. The Second XV and Third XV could only manage one win and one draw respectively, but both teams lost several matches by the narrowest of margins.

With three members of the School XV to reinforce us in the Knock-out, we should do well and may be able to improve on sixth in the Rugby Championship.

The Senior Fives team have so far won all five games, though as most of the team are leaving this year, the junior members of the House must practise hard if we are to maintain a high position. Following the tradition of his predecessors, our Chess captain remains almost silent, but we gather that of the Fives matches started, two have been successfully completed.

Our performance in the first part of the House Music Competition was disappointing, but we are able, if we practise hard, to redeem ourselves in the second part, the House song. However, our influence in the gentler pursuits is by no means diminished, and we warmly congratulate our two award winners at Oxford.

Finally it remains for us to record our thanks to Mr. Leeds, Mr. Sacret, Mr. McGawley and Dr. Allison for their support and guidance, and to wish Mr. McGawley happiness and success in his new appointment.

W. F. PICKWORTH (*House Captain*).

## PRINCE LEE

After one year's lapse, Prince Lee seems once again to be heading for its traditionally high position. Last year, we rounded off the Summer Term on a high note by coming third in Cricket—reaching the first team k.o. final for the first time in seven years. Shooting results were excellent, but Tennis was poor, owing, in the main to lack of experience. After years of supremacy, we struck a bad patch and were eighth in Swimming.

Our position of fifth in the Cock House Championship was an encouraging performance, particularly as only 24 points separated us from the second House.

This year the results have been satisfactory, although not outstanding. In Rugby Football, only the First XV played well and we were fourth in the League. Fives is progressing well and in Chess we seem assured of a high position. In Shooting, however, we unaccountably finished seventh, but the Captain, J. L. Sessions, promises better results this term. The House Orchestra—referred to as a "Recorder Band" by jealous rivals—gave a fine performance, and finished third in the Instrumental Competition.

Further prospects are reasonable. However, with so many sports involved, we realize that much depends on the efforts of this term, but



are confident that we shall attain a position to be within striking distance of the House Championship, by the beginning of the Summer Term.

We would like to thank Mr. Williams and the House Tutors for their hard work, and hope that once again our position will reflect their unremitting efforts.

P. DAVIES (*House Captain*).

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## EVANS

Nothing succeeds like success ; and so it is that the Rugby League trophy rests in our cupboard for the first time for many years. After the triumphs of last year had been duly celebrated, the House has once again turned its eyes to the future. Both our first and second fifteens were top of their respective leagues, whilst the third fifteen, seriously handicapped by the loss of five players who are over-size, has still contrived to finish third in their league, and second equal in their knock-out.

The Fives team has continued to win matches, albeit not quite as convincingly as last season, and if our juniors practice hard we are assured of a high position. Chess and Shooting traditionally remain obscure, the former out of necessity as we have still to record our first victory, and the latter from habit. A staunch few have braved the elements and ventured across the fields in preparation for Cross-Country, whilst others have run to the top of the drive and back again.

We can look to the future with a certain amount of reserved confidence. Practice has already started for the P.T. competition, and we have a new captain of Athletics. Cricket and Swimming are unknown quantities at present, but if everyone is willing to pull his weight we should have nothing to fear.

We are all indebted to the choristers within the House who have greatly enhanced our House Prayers every Thursday morning, and we hope that they will maintain their high standard at least until the Music Competition at the end of the term. Our sympathy goes towards the House Orchestra which, although performing with "verve and élan," did not meet with the success its hard and devoted practising deserved in the instrumental part of the Music Competition.

The House spirit in Evans is very strong, and for this, and for all their guidance and encouragement we owe our thanks to Mr. Dunt and the House Tutors, without whom neither would we have achieved our successes in the past, nor could we hope to succeed in the future.

J. C. GREEN (*House Captain*).

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## VARDY

For almost five years now there have been hopes that Vardy could get to the top of the Championship table. With this year's larger sixth form and the keenness invariably shown by juniors, it was hoped that a start could be made on raising the position—a hope that has not, as yet, been fulfilled.

The Juniors once again excelled at Rugger, and the third XV won both League and Knock-out with ease. Such keenness has not been displayed in the First and Second XV's where inspiration has been sadly lacking. The position in the League was seventh, the First XV having beaten the league winners and no one else, and the Second XV managing to win two of its matches. The prospects for the Knock-out and Sevens remain open, any success depending upon the support obtained at practices.

Shooting has for the first time in many years come to the fore, the house gaining third place in the N.S.R.A. competition. Fives and Chess still continue, and there is ample re-assurance of brighter futures, but results are still undisclosed. The House Instrumentalists failed to enchant the adjudicator and came eighth in this part of the Music Competition. It remains to be seen whether our singing will capture his approval.

Meanwhile the fervent practising of the P.T. team, the brave ventures of half-clad gentlemen around the Cross-Country course, and the heroic efforts at Rugger practices show that there is a greater spirit of determination growing in the House, a spirit which if fostered should prove to be the makings of a once more capable House.

To this end I am sure the whole House will strive under the inspiration of our Housemaster, Mr. Copland, and the Tutors, Mr. Parry and Mr. Skinner, to whom we are greatly indebted for their unfailing help and advice.

R. J. K. BEAUMONT (*House Captain*).

## LEVETT

Levett musicians have proved victorious in the instrumental competition ! But no, our pillar of glory crumbles as we are deposited rudely upon the hard turf of the rugger field. The Levett tribe has suffered many narrow defeats and has disappointingly slithered to eighth position in the league. Hope remains for the future as the Third XV gained second position in the Knock-out.

Our Senior Fives players too, have found the ball bouncing against them, for they only managed to win one match.

Away despair, for we still have our comfort-loving Chess and Shooting experts, who continue to be successful ! The Shooting team came first in the N.S.R.A. competition, and those gentlemen who prefer the cold comfort of the dining hall benches, are at the moment leading in the Chess competition.

Cross-country practices are already in progress for it is on the athletics field that Levett could once more reach fame.

We congratulate our two State Scholars, one of whom also gained an Oxford Scholarship.

An encouraging pointer for the future is shown in the steady growth of a House spirit. If, however, the heights are to be reached this must be linked with more steady practice.

We extend our thanks to Mr. Porter and the House Tutors for their consistent help and guidance.

P. M. JOHNSON (*House Captain*).

## HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS, 1956-57

1.	Evans	380.5
2.	Heath	315.3
3.	Jeune	314.5
4.	Cary Gilson	299.8
5.	Prince Lee	291.0
6.	Gifford	284.5
7.	Levett	264.0
8.	Vardy	263.4

## SOCIETIES

“ Mr. Clarence Trogg addressed the Stalactite and General Cave Exploration Society on the subject of ‘ Pebbles I Have Loved ’ ; the Cactus Society have heard about the dominant characteristics of the Mexican, studded or blunt-spiked cactus.”

This is the form that society reports in the CHRONICLE have taken recently, yet to the average reader this statistical mish-mush is quite meaningless. For this reason may we present a general description of the leisure-time activities of to-day’s Edwardian gentleman ?

The Debating Society meet in the library to discourse, ostensibly, on problems of contemporary life ; a series of variety turns or a slanging match is the usual result. The Junior Debating Society, as might be expected, has less lofty ideals, with even more childish results.

The Literary Society members read papers to each other ; one may draw one’s own conclusions. The Dramatic Society presents two plays during each year, one by the seniors and one by the juniors ; last year an original revue was presented—a concession to those who prefer music-hall to Molière ! In a semi-literary and semi-dramatic capacity, the Shakespeare and Elizabethan Societies meet on Saturday nights to read the plays of the bard and his contemporaries.

The Christian societies, cryptically known as S.C.M. and C.U., attempt to answer questions which Edwardians should be asking but which we suspect they are not.

The Music Society is self-explanatory, while the Music Circle is the kernel of the Music Society, from which it ought not to be deduced that the Music Society is nuts. The Jazz Circle is a rip-roaring offshoot of the more elastic parent body. The Choral Society are a group of unsuspecting young men charmed by Dr. Willis Grant into emitting noises of which they never thought themselves capable. They give an annual performance ; last year’s was Elgar’s ‘ Olaf.’ The School Orchestra, meanwhile, accompany the choristers and occasionally venture out on their own.

The Art Society hears lectures and paints posters ; the Art Circle is the same as the Art Society except that it convenes at mid-day instead of after school. The Photographic Society spends its time in the dark room.

The Scientific Society is the group formed when the ‘ science wallahs ’ take time off from getting State Scholarships. The Junior Scientific Society is the group formed before ‘ science wallahs ’ reach an age when they think about State Scholarships. The Pugh Society, despite

its name, discusses complex mathematical problems ; the Railway and Model Engineering Society potters around with electric trains and goes to Crewe to look at engines ; the Natural History Society (not for those with hay fever), holds field meetings and studies animal life.

The Modern Language Society listens to talks in French, German, Italian, Spanish, and even Chinese, and finds them all Greek. The Geographical Society watches films, the majority of which have no apparent connection with geography. The Film Society shows ' classics of the cinema ' and packs in 200 people, all secretly hoping for something quite non-classical. The Archaeological Society digs, and discusses Roman sanitation. Finally the Closed Circle refuses to divulge its activities ; we have our suspicions.

This is the general picture ; take it or leave it. The majority of Edwardians unfortunately leave it ; those who give something, however, to their respective societies, by way of constant attendance and support, will take something away that will stand them in good stead in future years. N.J.

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## AS YOU ARE REVUE REVIEWED

After tentative ballons d'essai in previous years in connection with the Foundation Conference or at the Midland Institute Theatre, there came for two nights at the end of the Summer Term to the stage of Big School a highly original, really finished, polished, accomplished show to delight packed houses on both occasions and bring the School year to a happy, amusing end.

If you would concoct a good revue, three ingredients you must have—besides people who like clowning on the stage—witty lyrics, catchy tunes and slick production. ' As You Are ' gave us all three—and spared us the besetting temptations of " variety," which are ham-acting and the ' Let's make a topical reference to a master, and get a cheap laugh ' type of revue.

The show, the classy, flashy programme told us, was written and produced by N. Joseph, to whom we were indebted for a set of splendid songs—I think I liked best " We're tele-taught," but perhaps you preferred the theme-song " As you are "—and also for the performance which on both nights went to an encore—his rendering of ' The Elsinore Blues.' That which was original in the show was so good that it quite put into the shade the jokes of cornier, mellower humour—like In Town To-night—with which such an entertainment has to be padded out.

Our Gilbert found his Sullivan—and he was more suggestible than Sir Arthur—in R. M. Sweeney whose music and whose playing could take the change from Church music as easily and effectively as the original Sir Arthur's. The lyrics were set to amazingly catchy tunes which haunted at least one member of the audience for days afterwards—whether it was the gay abandon of " Tele-taught " or " We're Good Chaps " or the tuneful melancholy of " The Day of the intellectual's done."

The School Operetta gave us new words to our School songs, took us up the intellectual ladder from the rung of the sherring to the dizzy eminence of N. G. McGowan singing :

Now when I have a period, I don't go any more,  
'Cause I've got a place at Oxbridge and learning is a bore.  
The masters think it's shocking but there's nothing they can do,  
You ought to try the Cartland Club too.

School Prefects and School Captain went to familiar G. and S. tunes for their verses. Then School societies, school music, school games were in turn spot-lighted and satirised. And so with

Where the tinfoil heart of England throbs beneath its flesh and bone  
we found ourselves at the Interval.

When we had got back to our seats, we found ourselves transported to a gloomy, blitzed village in South Wales. Was *this* too meant to be funny? No. M. W. Swales gave us a masterly and sustained study of Dylan Thomas's Return Journey. There are funny moments, of course, especially R. A. P. Duval's superb rendering of the Barmaid and the Girl. Many of the audience evidently did not know what they had come to : was this a clever take-off of Dylan, or the real thing? Was Swales as narrator speaking of another—or of himself? Was this wonderful flow of poetic language meaningful, or no? Was M. C. Sargent as the macabre reporter in the mortuary funny or just macabre? And when we had reached the six-fold "dead," it dawned—on some of us : but all realized that in an amazingly mature way Swales and his fellows had indeed caught and created for us the Dylan Thomas Scene, atmosphere, and—? message.

And the rest of the show was our own—home-produced, smoothly flowing, well-engineered and extremely well served by the electricians. McGowan and I. D. M. Morley brought Frankie and Johnnie up to date, W. E. Oddie was discovered as the new name in harmonica artistry (i.e., for the old fashioned, jolly good at playing the mouth-organ, and looking the part too !), Joseph as the down and out poet, Duval as the female Communist (or Communist female ?), and P. C. N. Vaugon as just a Bohemian had the haunting trio, "The day of the intellectual's done," and then we were in the Finale, cracks at Tennessee Williams, parodies of Colin Wilson's 'The Outsider,' of angry young men, and so on into the song 'We are a couple of Eds. (not to be confused with Teds).' sung by the producer and Vaugon, the assistant producer.

We liked especially

Joseph's lyrics,

Sweeney's music,

the slick production of Joseph and Vaugon, so very well served by Sargent and the stage-gang, and S. J. Line and the electricians,

McGowan's singing, and Vaugon's too,

Swales' acting, and Duval's, for the last time figuring in a female part (!),

and the way the whole thing fitted together, with not a weakness or regrettable part in the whole cast of eleven. Overheard on the stairs : Why, this is better than Salad Days, and that has run for three years in London.



## THE SCOUT GROUP

A Jubilee Jamboree is an event worth a column to itself. Therefore it is reported elsewhere in the CHRONICLE, although we may say here that the Group was well represented, whether by contingent members, voluntary 'background boys,' or visiting scouts.

Earlier in the summer a Jubilee Scout Week had been concluded at Harborne. It was designed to stimulate public interest and so help the Jamboree. At a rally of local divisions Junior troops displayed scouting skills, the Seniors tempted the public on to an aerial runway, and the Group coconut shy was brought into service. The Handsworth Rally was held as usual at the end of the summer term.

During the summer holiday camps were held by New and Mitre Troop in Borrowdale, and by Vikings and Park Vale in Pembrokeshire. The Senior Troop made a sailing expedition on the Norfolk Broads. From Borrowdale New Troop climbed Sca Fell Pikes and Great Gable. By night they hunted an elusive 'hephalump,' and discovered just how ill-advised a 'Royal Feast' of chocolate can prove to be. Camp rugby showed that the scouts cannot have it all their own way. Ably assisted by a try from Mr. Leeds the morgues for once asserted their superiority.

Following New Troop, Mitre found that camping 'up north' in September can be as wet as anywhere. The 'best site in Cumberland' must have been at its worst. Tents became isolated on their personal islands, and only by flooding the next field could we empty our own. Later, out of deference to the neighbouring sheep, we let the water back in again and reverted to our island fastnesses. But true to the scouting spirit we enjoyed ourselves; there were some good expeditions and merry camp-fires.

In Pembrokeshire Park Vale camped at West Williamston on the farm of an Old Edwardian. After a preliminary struggle with the water supply and a very strong wind, the camp was established. Bathing was a favourite pastime. On the same site Vikings learnt of an elemental fact of nature: milk can come from cows. At one stage in the camp, the troop carried its scientific enquiry further and tasted the German speciality *Birchermuslei*. There were objections; some scouts could not eat it, let alone *pronounce* it. But they need not have worried; it was only porage with a difference.

Parents' Evening showed as great a variety of activities as ever. It should be said, however, that some parents noticed a similarity between this year's variety and that of previous years. Towards the end of the Michaelmas Term a week-end was devoted to a County Scouters' Conference held at school. Its theme was 'Scouting in a changing world.' Purposeful and effective discussion groups were held and there was a Scouts' Own on the Sunday.

In the Christmas holiday four hardy seniors camped in Snowdonia. The snow was four inches deep. They commenced walking at Llanfair-fechan and hiked across the Carneddau to Capel Curig, camping on the way. All this time, snow remained on the high peaks, completely transforming the normally dull countryside. Next day they climbed Tryfan by the North ridge, and carried on by way of Bristling Ridge over

icy rocks and in high winds to the Glyders, descending into Llanberis, where they spent the night at the Youth Hostel.

The following day, Moel Siabod (2,860 feet) was climbed and for good measure Ty Hyll and the Swallow Falls visited.

The expedition was completed by climbing Carnedd Llewelyn (3,484 feet), the second highest mountain in Wales, and then walking to Llanrwst.

Since the summer the number of Seniors has been too great for a single troop. They now act as two troops, Oakhurst and Windsor. They are making plans for a summer camp in Scandinavia. New and Mitre Troop will be camping on the Isle of Arran, and Vikings and Park Vale hope to visit the Lake District.

This year the Group will celebrate its twenty-first birthday. As part of the celebrations it is hoped to hold an Old Scouts' Re-union to which all past members of the Group are most cordially invited. The date is not yet fixed, but it will be towards the end of the Summer term, possibly Saturday, July 12th.

It would be a great help towards the organization of the Re-union if those who are able tentatively to accept this invitation could let either A. E. H. Hornig or R. G. Bessent know at School. Final details will be sent out in due course and a notice will be published in the *Old Edwardian Gazette*.

Would they mind also letting any past members of the 70th who do not receive the CHRONICLE know of this invitation?

During the year R. G. Bessent, C. J. Carmell, J. C. Green and A. A. Wilson have gained scouters' warrants. B. A. S. Patterson has been awarded the Queen's Scout Badge, and B. Hughes the Bushman's Thong. A. V. Bridgewater, H. R. Darby, D. Kirk, and N. M. Maybury have gained their First Class and Scout Cord. First Class badges have also been awarded to J. J. Claydon and G. H. Taylor.

Success in our summer camps and activities has been assured by the keen and expert help of Dr. Mayor and our Scouters; we owe them our thanks.

A.A.W.

### SENIOR SCOUT EXPEDITION, NORFOLK BROADS, 1957

Nineteen Seniors, under Mr. Dodds and Dr. Allison, went on this, the second Broads Sailing Expedition of the K.E.S. Seniors. The party left Wayford Bridge in *Belvedere*, *Belvoir I* and *Tantivies I and II*, the latter two being captained by R. G. Bessent and A. D. R. Ogborn respectively.

The sailing experience of most of the party was scant indeed but Ludham Bridge was reached and first experiments at lowering the masts were carried out successfully.

From there the convoy proceeded to Potter Heigham where the perennial amusement of watching others getting into difficulties negotiating the bridge was enjoyed. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent sailing in a stiff breeze on Horsey Mere and Hickling Broad was also visited.

The two Tantivies reached Horsey, visiting Ranworth Church ("The Cathedral of the Broads") en route. The larger boats, however, had difficulty tacking on the narrow river and could not go so far.

The cruise was not without incident and *Belvoir* suffered a torn sail in an engagement with a cruiser and yacht, which lost its masts in the conflict. The cruiser was at fault, however, so the party sailed on with easy consciences.

A great deal was learnt by experience. In particular, one crew found that a pram-dinghy cannot be sailed on its beam-ends with impunity and another discovered that a mud-weight holds a boat more effectively if it is attached to the boat at some point. Thus, the party returned to Wayford Bridge with the nonchalance of experienced sailors after a most enjoyable week.

Our sincere thanks are due for Dr. Allison's unfailing, North-country wit, and Mr. Dodds' excellent organization, which ensured the success of the expedition.

R.G.B.

### JUBILEE JAMBOREE, SUTTON PARK, 1957

In fine weather on 29th July, 1957 the Birmingham contingent, including six members of the school, arrived in Sutton Park. The Jamboree was divided into five sub-camps named after previous Jamborees, the Birmingham site being noticeable in Moisson by activity at the foot of the contingent flag-pole—loaned by the school. We were soon engaged in the activities which go to setting up camp; the contingent was divided into five troops, three senior and two junior, each having its own 100-ft. square fenced off.

During the next two days, still in glorious weather, the foreign contingents arrived; U.K. as hosts were the only country to move in on the 29th. At about 6-0 p.m. on the 30th our nearest neighbours, the Americans, arrived, followed by the Danes.

On August 1st the jamboree was officially opened by H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester. It was a beautiful day with the temperature in the eighties. The ceremony was ruined by the failure of the loud-speaker system, added to this there was a plane which glided in low and then opened up his engines just over the arena, turned and repeated this performance. After returning to the site there was a dash to the luxury of the showers.

After Guide-day on the 2nd came our great day: Saturday, 3rd August, the day of the Royal visit. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress who were attending the jamboree had consented to have dinner with the contingent, and two representatives from each troop had the honour of lunching with them, as well as a scout from Birmingham, Alabama and one from Lyons, France. After the departure of the Mayor the contingent marched to the position allotted to them to observe the Royal progress. Having seen as much of the Air-Scout Display as was possible from our position, we waited for the Queen, singing the old songs. Finally the Land Rover appeared; the Queen was standing, looking radiant even after a long day on dusty roads, and was an inspiration to us all. When we returned to our site we had the inevitable shower.

The 4th saw the first United Service or Scouts' Own. This was led by The Rev. E. Gwyn Evans, B.A., the Moderator of The Free Church Council, the address was given by His Grace the Archbishop of York, who claimed the rapt attention of his large audience. In the afternoon there were international tea-parties ; our troop entertained Swiss, French, Americans, Belgians and Estonian Scouts in Exile.

On the 5th there was the United Kingdom Arena Display. Members of the school then in the Junior Scout Troop were well cast as rag-a-muffins, while the Seniors formed part of "a smart contingent of the Boys' Brigade." Also on the 5th there was a notable storm; this came after seven days of requests for 'A shower to keep the dust down.' Contrary to popular (?) reports 5,000 Scouts did not seek shelter in the Town ; in fact no-one left the Park, although some moved into marquees and ablution blocks on higher ground. In this time of stress the Scout Brotherhood came alive, everyone was offering to help those less fortunate than themselves. As B.P. said, "Any fool can camp in fine weather, it takes a scout to camp in bad."

The problem of dust was no more, now mud had taken its place, but we did not appreciate this ; our trip was on the 6th so we missed the first day of mud (and the Cubs) and went to visit a Birkenhead Flour Mill, where we were presented with dog biscuits hot from the oven.

After this rather hectic start to the week we settled down to the business of making friends and "swopping"—both stories and badges. These activities, which are a big feature of Jamborees, have a tremendous effect. Not only does one realize the full meaning of the International Brotherhood and learn something of other countries, but one cannot help seeing that all nationalities are the same when it comes to personal qualities.

Wednesday was spent in restoring the ravages of Monday's storm. The weather for the rest of the Jamboree was completely unpredictable, one minute fine, the next raining heavily. The Scout spirit survived however, not once did I hear hard luck stories, although humorous incidents were recounted on all sides. The mud gradually got worse until the only sensible footwear was pumps without socks.

On the 11th August we had our second Scouts' Own at which the Chief Scout gave the address ; his theme was the loyalty we owed to mankind. In the afternoon the British contingent was "At Home" to the world. We had a French, and an American Troop to tea which was served on the buffet system ; there was then a sing-song which was enlivened by the antics of the French Scoutmaster who was bursting with good humour.

Then came the last official day of the Jamboree. In the morning the Scouts of the Commonwealth assembled for the presentation of his portrait to the Chief Scout, and a brooch to his wife, as a representative of the "scouting widows." During the afternoon we started to dismantle the site, and clean up all the cooking utensils not required again. Then after tea we made our way, not in national groups, but mingling with our new friends of other nations, to the Arena. Here Lady Baden-Powell gave a most inspiring speech ; "The end is only the beginning," she said, "and we, going from the Jamboree, should take with us the spirit of

international friendship that we had found there, that there might be a new reaching out of left hands everywhere." She then declared the Jamboree over. There followed a spontaneous demonstration of affection as hundreds of scouts raced to scramble on to the platform, while in the Arena scouts of all 'colours, classes and creeds' joined together to sing Auld Lang Syne and the Jamboree Song.

The next day we packed and returned to our homes after an experience, the memory of which will always be with us. D.G.V.

### AUTOMNE PROVENÇAL

Autumn winds invade the sky ;  
The grapes are blushing on the vines ;  
The dusty earth heaves a sigh.

Summer had been hot and long,  
But warm hearts enjoyed the heat,  
And thoughts were lost in sultry song.

They played ' les boules ' in dusty places,  
And sturdy palm trees shaded the old,  
Who watched the crowd with wrinkled faces.

The children played in shining heat,  
And laughing at the sweating workers,  
Danced their games with jumping feet.

At mid-day, when the Sun was at its height,  
The dancing rays dazzled with their glare,  
And every place was filled with blinding light.

The dust was dancing in the dappled rays,  
And God was shining in every flower,  
While the wind's whisper sang his praise.

But now the autumn comes, no longer still  
The sky is streaked, and many clouds  
Rush before the wild wind's will.

Yet on the ground no wind is felt,  
For the silent land, fearing, waits  
For the Sun's gold light to melt.

This autumn has its own sweet sounds,  
The quick, hard rain falling on the leaves,  
Healing those cracks which gape like wounds.

This tired earth is parched, and longs  
To have its dusty thirst quenched by rain ;  
It yearns for birds to sing fresh songs.



Autumn warns of winter ; all men fear  
That dead season, when the Sun is dim,  
Those snow-bound months of the long, slow year.

But these same men remember, Spring,  
Coming after winter darkness, as new light,  
When this brown land will once more sing.

A.J.M.

## LETTERS TO AN OLD EDWARDIAN

I have recently read the letters sent by many people, over many years, to the late F. W. THOMAS, whose photograph may now be seen in the Cartland Corridor in an old group of the School XV.

Frederick William Thomas, C.I.E., M.A., Ph.D., D.Litt. was one of the greatest scholars K.E.S. ever produced. He was a boy here in the '80's and a master for seven years in the '90's. In between, he had an outstanding career at Trinity College, Cambridge, culminating in his Fellowship. From 1903-27 he was Librarian at the India Office ; in 1927 he was elected Boden Professor of Sanskrit at Oxford.

He saved every letter and post card he ever received. Through this mass of correspondence there shines the light of a most fascinating character, a man with an astonishing gift for making and keeping friends, one who never lost touch with his old school ; one always ready to help in the cause of scholarship, whether it be to advise an internationally famous grammarian on some erudite point, or to help a humble Indian student on his way.

The letters range over many subjects—an invitation from the Archbishop of Canterbury (O.E.) and Mrs. Benson to the consecration of Westcott (O.E.) as Bishop of Durham, holiday travel, the school sports, family affairs, advice to a nephew about to become a freshman at Cambridge (with details of expenses), meetings of O.E.s in his rooms at Trinity, later meetings of the London O.E.A. of which he became president, and many congratulatory letters on his academic successes and also on his marriage. Most of these last are from Old Edwardians.

Thomas must have known all the great classical scholars and Orientalists of his time. He received letters on learned subjects from many European countries, and naturally many from India. The surprising thing is that the man who emerges from these pages is no desiccated bookworm but a most delightful companion, full of gaiety.

E. L. B. Ravenhill (O.E.) writes in 1957 to Mr. Viney (who kindly let me have all the correspondence) : " When I last saw F.W.T. at the O.E. Quatercentenary I hadn't seen him for more than fifty years. He came up to me and said, ' You remember me, don't you ? The hardest head in Rugby football.' What a wonderful and useful life he had ! a loyal son of the School, a splendid friend ; we were lucky in our masters . . "

This selection from the letters covers a period of about thirty years, starting from Thomas' schooldays.

1. *From a school friend recently gone to America. Valentine (whose father was a chemist and later a schoolmaster) was a foundation scholar at K.E.S. from 1878-82. Valentine was seventeen years old, and Thomas sixteen, at the time of this letter.*

Asheville,  
North Carolina,  
3 July, 1883.

Dear Fred,

I am very tired and sleepy and lazy and have nothing much to write about, so I shall question you about things in England. Has Mr. Gladstone resigned? Does the School get on at all without the honour of my presence? I promised to write to Wallis, and when I do I shall ask him to send me some of his Greek verses; they will be quite a treat after associating with savages for so long; for the people out here are savages. We had lots of Americans on the voyage, and they were not very pleasant companions. The voyage was remarkably short, the time from Queenstown to New York being only seven days sixteen hours; and during the whole time I never spoke to any of the numerous girls on the ship. I believe people began to regard me as a most studious person, for I always had books of some sort with me. Even Salmon's 'Comics' was less uninteresting than most of the passengers were. New York was still worse. It was all noise and iced lemonade. Their best street, Broadway, is far worse paved than Broad Street, Birmingham. . . . The other streets are worse than any I have ever seen.

(Please excuse the writing; I am being devoured by flies and other insects, and cannot get a pen that will write: besides this, as the hotel is full, I cannot find anywhere to sit down: and so I have to lie down in a sort of Anglo-Saxon attitude on a rug on the verandah floor. . . .)

The scenery everywhere about here is splendid. About two miles from here is a river, which is a great improvement on Kent Street baths. . . .

I can't write much more for I am flooded with perspiration although I am lying in the shade in a state of semi-nudity. Hardly anyone is ever more than half dressed here, excepting in the evening: all the girls dress for dinner but in the morning they have hardly any clothes but ear-rings. . . .

Give my love to all the worthies in Sparkhill and Moseley. . . .

A huge drop of perspiration has spoilt this part of the paper. I cannot write through it. Please excuse this. With many anxious enquiries as to your physical and mental salubrity,

I am truly yours,

T. W. VALENTINE.

2. *From the Rev. JOHN HUNTER SMITH, a much loved master who taught at K.E.S. for forty years:*

Avonmore,  
Moseley,  
Birmingham,  
23 Dec., 1885.

My dear Thomas,

Accept my very hearty congratulations on your fresh laurels [a Foundation scholarship at Trinity], and please to recollect that Mr. Levett

and myself will always be glad to see you here when you are inclined to come. We are leaving on Tuesday and probably shall be little here till the end of the holidays. But my invitation refers to all times and seasons. To a bachelor the boys of K.E.S. are as sons if they choose to regard themselves so.

Very heartily yours,

J. HUNTER SMITH.

3. *A printed reminder from W. N. (afterwards Sir Napier) SHAW (O.E.), F.R.S., Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge and later head of the Meteorological Office :*

Oxford and Cambridge Old Edwardians' Club.

Emmanuel House,

Cambridge,

12 November, 1887.

Dear Sir,

Permit me to remind you that the sum of 10s. is now due from you to the Club.

I shall be glad if you will kindly remit the amount to me at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

W. N. SHAW

(Hon. Treas.)

4. *Congratulations from the Master of Trinity on winning a prize :*

Trinity Lodge,

Cambridge,

12 March, 1888

Dear Mr. Thomas,

Pray accept my congratulations on your having won the Prize for the Latin Epigram. I have not myself seen it, but I have heard it twice from the lips of Dr. Kennedy who was much pleased by its point and terseness.

I think if you were to call upon him, you would possibly in after years remember the interview with pleasure, and I am sure he on his part would like seeing you.

Believe me to be very truly yours,

H. MONTAGU BUTLER.

(This was B. H. Kennedy (who was at K.E.S. till he was fifteen), Regius Professor of Greek and formerly Headmaster of Shrewsbury. He was now eighty-four.)

5. *From R. W. REYNOLDS (O.E.).*

*Reynolds was School Captain in 1885, and in 1901 succeeded Hunter Smith as a master. He had taken a Balliol scholarship and a First in Greats. I can remember as a boy listening to his moving farewell to the school (from 'Sapientia') in 1922.*

119, Hamstead Road,  
Handsworth,  
29 December, 1888.

My dear Thomas,

Allow me to congratulate you very heartily upon your success in the Latin Essay, which I saw for the first time in this morning's *Post*. That graceless print omitted the first part of your Christian name but those who, like myself, knew that you were in for it had not a moment's doubt as to who was intended. In fact, if the name of the winner had been suppressed altogether we should have known perfectly well what to supply, for you don't seem to know how to fail. In a few years I am afraid that if you go on in this fashion we shall hear you sighing the sigh of Alexander . . .

With the compliments of the season and all good wishes.

I remain sincerely yours,

R. W. REYNOLDS.

6. *A printed invitation from Archbishop BENSON (O.E.).*

22 April, 1890.

My dear Sir,

In accordance with the wish of several School friends, it is proposed to hold a Devotional Service before the Consecration of the Reverend Canon Westcott as Bishop of Durham.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, heartily approving, most kindly invites all the old K.E.S. men to meet for Prayers in the Chapel of Lambeth Palace on Wednesday, April 30th, at six p.m., and we sincerely hope you may be able to be present.

Yours very truly,

L. T. CHAVASSE.

C. B. HUTCHINSON.

7. *A great classical scholar congratulates F.W.T. on his Trinity Fellowship—J. P. POSTGATE (O.E.) was School Captain in 1870 and 1871 :*

Trinity College,  
Cambridge,  
7 October, 1892.

My dear Thomas,

I duplicate a letter of heartiest congratulations to you here.

The newly elected Fellows dine at the High Table tomorrow evening, and I am commissioned to take you (metaphorically) in tow. Can you come to my rooms shortly before 7-30 ?

Yours sincerely,

J. P. POSTGATE.

8. *Congratulations on his Fellowship from the Master of Trinity :*

Trinity Lodge,  
Cambridge,  
7 October, 1892

Dear Mr. Thomas,

Pray accept my very hearty congratulations. The mental energy you have shown during the last few years in so many directions impresses me much, and makes me rejoice that we now have you as a Fellow . . .

With every good wish.

Believe me very truly yours,  
H. MONTAGU BUTLER.

9. *The Rev. A. JAMSON SMITH, headmaster of Camp Hill, a former K.E.S. master, and brother of Hunter Smith, discusses a forthcoming holiday.*

Avonmore,  
Moseley,  
Birmingham.  
(no date)

My dear Mr. Thomas,

I hope you will be able to meet me at Spiers and Ponds at 1-40 on Monday. As time may be short, let us define points for settlement.

Hunter and Levett, from actual experience, strongly recommend the Quirinale Hotel in Rome . . .

Let us agree to meet in Rome on Friday or Saturday, the 28th or 29th and to take a full fortnight there. Then, on return, to see Siena and to come, after that, the quickest way home, i.e., through Genoa and Paris. I must reach England on the Saturday before the 22nd. But I trust that we can, in any case, travel as far as Paris together . . .

Sincerely yours,  
A.J.S.

10. *From an irate neighbour :*

20 December, 1897.

Dear Mr. Thomas,

I have again to point out that your fowls are in my garden daily—sometimes four or five at a time. No fowl from my neighbour on the other side has ever come into my garden. I must really ask you to put a stop to this nuisance without further delay.

Yours truly,  
(Colonel) W. HOWARTH.

11. *From a foreign student :*

Glencoe,  
Camberley,  
Surrey,  
30 December, 1902.

My dear Thomas,

Would you kindly send me the following books . . .

I hope you are in town in about a fortnight when I shall pass London on my way to Norway. I should be very unhappy if I should not be able



to see you before leaving. I want to impress your features on my mind once more before going away. You have contributed so much to the high conception I shall take back of a thorough Englishman . . .

With best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy new year,

Yours sincerely,

STENKONOW.

12. *My cousin G. W. CRAIG (O.E.) won a classical scholarship to Emmanuel in 1897. He afterwards studied medicine at Edinburgh. For many years he was joint editor of the O.E. Gazette, and it was to him that Mr. Hutton dedicated his history of the School.*

*He joins R.V.N. (later Sir Richard) HOPKINS (O.E.) who became head of the Treasury, in sending a wedding present to F.W.T. Hopkins was School Captain in 1898.*

Ladywood Dispensary,  
Monument Road,  
Birmingham,  
1 February, 1908.

My dear Mr. Thomas,

Having heard from Hopkins of the good news concerning you, we are sending you a small remembrance in the hopes that it will recall to your mind at least two of your pupils whom you tried to lead along the narrow road whose goal is scholarship.

[There follow several recollections of Thomas' teaching, with quotations in Greek.]

I'm afraid that knowledge like that is of little avail to one who attempts the difficult task of curing a host of disorders which exist largely in the imagination of my clients.

Even I have now reached the stage of reminiscence, and certainly some of my most pleasant are connected with you and the old third classroom. In honour of this occasion I really wondered whether I should attempt to address you in Latin, but on calmer reflection felt sure you would not survive. I have now some of my old compositions liberally adorned with your corrections—and the thought of that deterred me.

Lest this farrago mislead you, I can assure you that as far as I know I am still in possession of my faculties. I trust you will honour us both with accepting our remembrance ; that many happy years are in store for you and the lady who is to be your fellow traveller on the journey ; and that you will, as I am sure you will, receive many assurances of good will and affection from your old pupils to prove (quoting your own words) that they cherish no resentment for their old master.

Believe me,

With every good wish,

Very sincerely yours,

GEORGE W. CRAIG.

13. *A donnish invitation (scribbled in pencil on a post card) :*

3 December, 1911.

Will you smoke with me in the lecture rooms on Monday after commemoration, and bring others ?

HENRY JACKSON.

(Henry Jackson became Regius Professor of Greek. He was, I am told, a fine rugged old man. His conversation with F.W.T. may well have been a long one, for it was once written of Jackson in a university magazine : “ He used to go to bed late, but is now seldom up after 3-0 a.m.”)

14. *From an Indian friend :*

Kasauli Hills,  
Punjab,  
India.

13 December, 1912.

My dear friend,

I sincerely thank you for your kind letter of 30 August. I shall feel much obliged if you kindly inform me when you remove to another place, giving full particulars about it.

It gives me much pleasure to see that you have taken upon yourself the arduous task of translating the Sanskrit works into English. You are as it were enriching the world by your self-imposed labour with the gems of the language . . .

With best wishes to Mrs. Thomas and self.

Yours very sincerely,

KAHAN SINGH.

15. *Another letter from R. W. REYNOLDS (O.E.) :*

Barmouth.

(no date)

My dear Thomas,

. . . Your last letter was especially tantalising with its romantic prospect of nocturnal aquatics. But it was not to be, so I collapse into resignation, fold my hands, and softly murmur ‘ Kismet.’ (I hope my Persian or Arabic or whatever it is is all right. One has to be careful how one dabbles in strange tongues when writing to an Oriental Tripos man.)

. . . Can you recommend some good book to read ? Something interesting and lively and yet solid, with a dash of philosophy and a touch of poetry, amusing but breathing also of divine melancholy, witty without cynicism, more substantial than a novel but more exciting than a dictionary, combining the advantages of each of these forms of literature but unmarred by their defects. No doubt you know many such books and I wish you would let me know the names of a few. They would be most abundant, I should think, in the Sanskrit literature, but unfortunately I don’t know the language, so I shall be obliged if you will confine your

recommendations to the western group of the Indo-European tongues—at all events till you bring out your improved philological method of teaching Sanskrit in three weeks.

Ever yours,

R.W.R.

16. *Another letter from Sir W. NAPIER SHAW (O.E.) :*

10, Moreton Gardens,  
Old Brompton Road, S.W.,  
7 June, 1915.

My dear Thomas,

Many thanks for your letter of congratulations on my knighthood. Not only the award itself brings satisfaction to my wife and myself, but the fact that there are two Old Edwardians in the list at once.

With kind regards,

Yours ever,

W. N. SHAW.

(The other O.E. to receive a knighthood in this honours list was Edward Rigg, a Superintendent of the Royal Mint.)

F. W. Thomas died in 1956 in his ninetieth year. It was once said of him (I quote Mr. Viney who wrote his obituary notice in the *O.E. Gazette*) that, west of Suez, there was no one in either hemisphere more learned in the lore of the East.

Some of these letters I have chosen for their intrinsic interest. I have read scores of others which reveal this brilliant scholar, who took a First Class in three Triposes, as a modest and delightful friend. There are surely few men of whom King Edward's is so proud, nor can there be many who loved their old school more.

N.J.F.C.

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## TO THE AUTHOR OF LOCKSLEY HALL SIXTY YEARS AFTER

*"Rip your brothers' vices open, strip your own foul passions bare ;  
Down with reticence, down with reverence, forward—naked—let them  
stare."*

The prophet cried. And then he died in impotence at last ;  
He died, and then the common men, when many years had passed,  
Passed by his grave, He did not save, by his cry, this modern age ;  
They laughed to scorn the hope forlorn of the wisdom of the sage  
Who knew the age ; who, in impotent rage had cried against the day  
When all was gone that made life one, with the sad and with the gay ;  
When hope was wrecked ; when all respect for form had gone from life ;  
He was appalled, and he had called (a still, clear, voice in strife,  
But impotent—the voice was sent to an unheeding world)

Against the crimes of his own times. And now have we been hurled To worse than ought of which he thought. All impotent he cried : " The modern things are bad." He brings the truth. But he has lied, As well we know. But is it so ? Are ancient things all wrong ? He knew we said : " Old forms are dead." We hate him for that song.  
A.A.T.

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## C.C.F. REPORT

It might reasonably have been expected that the announcement of the abolition of National Service would have had an adverse effect on the C.C.F. This has certainly not been the case so far. On the contrary, the C.C.F. is as active as ever in all its various spheres, and if attendances at Summer Camps are any criterion, enthusiasm is growing.

The Army and Basic Sections spent their Summer Camp at Ludgershall. The weather was good : indeed, it was often too hot for comfort. Training was carried out with enthusiasm, particularly by the large Basic Section who soon settled into the Camp routine. Highlights of the week were the parachute jumps from a tower, the demonstrations, the short visit of the G.O.C. Mid-West District and, unbelievably, the excellent food.  
N.M.M.

The R.A.F. section visited the R.A.F. station at Shawbury and enjoyed a generous quota of flying. A wide and varied programme was arranged, including meteorology, engines, air-frames and the like. Out-of-camp activities also provided considerable interest, particularly a rather one-sided football match.

Ably shepherded by Lieutenant Benett, members of the Royal Naval Section embarked in H.M.S. *Teazer* for their annual Summer Camp. Having spent one day in Loch Goil executing trials and the following day in a calm sea, a gale force wind tested to the full the nautical durability of the cadets. Very soon the twenty-nine K.E.S. Cadets on board were jostling for room on the lee-rail. However, despite early rising, sea-sickness and other inevitable hazards, an enjoyable and valuable time was had by all.  
D.A.

The attendance at Summer Camps and the steady number of cadets who gain entrance to the Services through scholarships, must give Major Mathews and the other members of the Orderly Room the encouragement they deserve. To this we couple our appreciation and thanks.  
P.M.

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## THE 1957 RHODES TOUR TO CANADA

K.E.S. has been fortunate enough to become so firmly associated with the annual Rhodes tour to Canada, that, in an article of this kind, it is difficult to avoid a mere repetition of the reports of our predecessors. The form of the tour remains basically the same each year, and continues to provide a wonderful and unique experience to the members of each successive party.

Briefly, our eighteen days in Eastern Canada consisted of tours of the major cities, including the inspection of some of the leading industries, a fascinating visit to mighty Niagara, and as a relaxing contrast, we spent four days at a lakeside camp in the Tamagami Forest in Northern Ontario.

This year, however, for the first time, the tour coincided with the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, which deserves special mention. This is Canada's big shop window, and added yet another memorable event to the tour. We spent an interesting day touring the exhibition, culminating in a visit to the Grandstand Show, a floodlit "extravaganza," much of which was devoted to the artistry of Mr. Bob Hope.

One of our most vivid memories is that of the tremendous hospitality extended to us throughout the tour. Wherever we went we received a generous welcome, and we were particularly impressed by the way in which our various hosts look forward to each successive tour. Even casual acquaintances went out of their way to help and entertain us. While in Ottawa we noticed that the civic buildings were bedecked with flags. We were extremely flattered at this, until we remembered that the Queen's visit was imminent! Canadian loyalty to the Sovereign and to Britain, referred to affectionately as "the old country," is a striking feature of their character.

But however great were the various official welcomes, they could not match the informal hospitality of students in Hamilton. Here, more than anywhere else on the tour, we were given the opportunity to compare Canadian boys and girls of our own age with ourselves. The relationship between the sexes seems much more informal than in this country, which may be the result of widespread co-education. Our Canadian contemporaries tend to be more sophisticated and adult than ourselves. We asked one student the reason for this. His reply was immediate, "It all springs from a different kind of schooling. We are taught at an early age to make our own way in the world. You are taught manners." They must also have considerably larger financial allowances, for they give lavish parties, professional entertainments are most expensive, and it is not unusual for each eligible son or daughter to own a car!

Looking back on the tour, if we can forget for a moment the good food, breathtaking scenery and tremendous welcome, we will always remember a people working hard on the huge job of developing their young country, yet never too busy to offer friendship and hospitality to visitors, particularly from "the old country." This is surely what Mr. Rhodes wanted us to see, and we shall always be indebted to him for giving us this unique opportunity.

P.C.N.V., N.G.M.

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### AN INTERNATIONAL CAMP

Last summer, four members of the school spent an illuminating and extremely enjoyable fortnight at an international camp at Cuffley, near Hertford, which was attended by students of both sexes from England, France, Germany and Italy. The camp was set in very pleasant, thickly wooded country. The students slept in tents, which were grouped in



“villages,” each village had an English leader, and the four nationalities were intermixed as much as possible. Meals were provided by a permanent staff and served in a brick shelter, which also housed a stage, a piano, two table-tennis tables, and a projector.

This shelter was to play a major part in the activities during the camp. Here was the focal point, the scene for “the improvement of international relations,” for dances, socials, lectures—both by guests and the students themselves—and for innumerable table-tennis tournaments.

In order to encourage the students to mix freely, a course of study was organized, comprising two sessions each morning—for conversation in the foreign languages, and for the study of modern short stories—English, French and German. There was also a science group, attended by one of our number. The afternoons were devoted to excursions, lectures, games, free-time; the evenings to singing, dancing or lectures. Furthermore, there were several day excursions, to London and the Festival Ballet, to Cambridge, to Stratford to see a performance of “Julius Caesar.”

The camp was a great success. The weather was kind, the food was good; there was, however, one major incident. During the second week, the camp was stricken by an epidemic—the four Midlanders did not succumb, as did nearly everyone else—which was probably a precursor of Asian ‘flu, but which was commonly called “The Evils”; this phrase was culled from the almost non-existent English of a notorious Italian. However, the admirable organizers of the camp took this incident in their stride, although two were cut down in the face of the enemy, and the camp came to a very happy close.

I can safely say that our four members did more than their share in promoting the aim of the camp—to improve international relations.

G.M.H.

## THE SCOTLAND EXPEDITION, 1957

At the end of last summer term seven members of the proposed Iceland expedition, baulked of their original purpose by a shipping strike, set off for the Applecross peninsula of northern Scotland. Fifty hours later those who had travelled north in Mr. Bennett’s car joined the train party between Inverness and Kyle.

The party left the train just outside Kyle station (it was too long for the platform) and proceeded to lay in provisions, of which the most important was porridge. The food was loaded into rucksacks, and then carrying some 45-lb. apiece the party boarded the evening ferry to Toscaig.

This was an open boat, and everyone was cold by the time Toscaig was reached. However, camp was pitched at the first available site, and after a hot meal of pommican (curried porridge and pemmican) and tea, morale rose considerably.

Sunday dawned grey and misty and it was decided that the march to Shildaig should be postponed. Instead we walked inland from our camp. In spite of the weather we were able to make out some of the Inner Hebrides.

On the Monday, Applecross was reached within an hour of striking camp. There, at the one shop in the village, stores (notably sugar and curry powder) were replenished. After a while the Shieldaig road became a track, while overhead the sky clouded up. Then the track disappeared and it began to rain. The expedition slowly clambered up what seemed a vertical mountainside. At length the top was reached, and the descent to Loch Torridon began. A few hundred feet down a base camp was set up from which an assault was made on the highest mountain on the peninsula.

From this camp, the party moved down to Loch Torridon, and round its shore to Shieldaig. Here six days' supply of food and fuel were procured, including several packets of dates. Here also the local ferry was hired to take the group to Inveralleghan. This it did, but it made a tour of the loch first, during which the expedition-botanists lectured on marine biology, pointing out such things of interest as porpoises and a sea-urchin.

After leaving Inveralleghan, the party moved to a site just below the watershed of Lochs Torridon and Ewe. In most ways the site was ideal : it was beside a lochan quite warm enough for swimming, and was well sheltered, within easy reach were three entirely separate mountains, all over three thousand feet in height above sea level. Its one drawback was that it was infested with midges. Few members of the party had experienced them in such density before, and in spite of several unorthodox methods of protection, all three tents at length decided that the only effective way of avoiding the midges' attentions was to remain immobile at dawn and dusk each day.

This camp served as base for four days. Then, having climbed Liathlach, the expedition walked down to a site on the Kinlochewe to Torridon road, from whence one member of the party was evacuated back to Birmingham, two climbed Ben Eighe, and the other four took leisurely walks in various directions.

Once this was over, the expedition was nearly ended. All that was left was for the six remaining to tramp to Achnasheen, and from there to return to Birmingham.

On behalf of the party, I would like to thank Mr. Benett for the work he put in to make the expedition a success. His car was as always invaluable, and without his vocal accompaniment, the trip would have lacked a great deal.

K.M.J.

## JUNIOR STANDARDS

Warm, lazy grass, patterned with soft sunshine,  
The gurgling brooklet licking itself clean ;  
The dignified old elms wave arms benign,  
Red roofs beyond their foliage criss-cross lean,  
The dazzle of a greenhouse scans the scene.  
The pale contentment of a Springtime's day

Now counterpointed by these milling boys,  
Their track suits shining like a fountain's spray,  
In eager, natural search for fun and noise  
And speed of foot. Convention's future prey,  
As yet unspoilt. Would I could share their joys.

I.D.M.M.

## OUTWARD BOUND MORAY SEA SCHOOL SUMMER, 1957

On Monday, 28th July, 101 boys from all parts of the British Isles nervously assembled in Scotland at the Outward Bound Moray Sea School. Among these were two boys from K.E.S. who had hitch-hiked all the way up the east coast.

From the very first moment of arrival until departure, "at the double" was one of the commonest phrases used. The day normally began at 6-30 a.m. with a cold shower, and was spent in athletic training, or seamanship. The school possessed a number of small craft, mainly cutters, in which either sailing or pulling training was carried out. Evenings were taken up by lectures or small competitions, first-aid, forestry or firefighting. We were very privileged one evening to have Doctor Hahn, a founder of the Outward Bound Movement, to speak to us. At the end of the course we were to visit Gordonstoun school which he also founded.

A four-day sea cruise on the three masted schooner *The Prince Louis* also formed part of the course, to say nothing of the four-day land expedition to some remote part of Scotland. This took the form of a glorious initiative test. We had to make our own way to a pre-named checkpoint about 140 miles away without maps or money, and with only two days' food, a tent and sleeping bags. A simple matter if it had not rained unceasingly for three days! Through all this training practical ability as well as character were developed.

Probably the most outstanding incident of the whole course was the sea rescue in which both members of K.E.S. took part. On a very cold and stormy night the school's motor-boat *Alata* rescued three fishermen from their boat which was drifting helplessly towards the rocks.

Finally we would like to express our sincere appreciation to K.E.S. for enabling us both to attend the course and we would enthusiastically recommend all others to attempt such a course, which, although it may be tough, is extremely enjoyable.

M.G.R., P.M.J.

## THE HOWARD-VYSE EXPEDITION

At midnight on August 19th, the two Howard-Vyse Bursars said goodbye to New Street Station, and intrepidly set off for the continent. After wasting five hours in a London devoid of any sign of life bar a very suspicious policeman, these gallant gentlemen succeeded in boarding the boat train to Dover, whence they embarked for Ostende.

Having arrived in Belgium, Meinheeren Jones and Coombes proceeded to leave this country as swiftly as possible in a northerly direction, in order to pursue the real purpose for which they had been awarded the Bursary, namely, the study of land reclamation in the Netherlands.

There are two reasons why the Dutch are so keen to reclaim land from the sea and to preserve that which they already have ; firstly, the population of the Netherlands is increasing so swiftly that the government must increase the area of the country or see the flower of the Dutch youth emigrate, and secondly, that the most populated region of the Netherlands has the slight disadvantage of being below sea-level and is protected from the North Sea only by a thin wall of sand dunes.

Enter our two heroes, sailing from island to island in the Province of Zeeland in a desperate attempt to learn all about the scheme to dam many of the rivers flowing out into the Rhine estuary, in order to lessen the chances of the islands, which are below sea level, being flooded when the rivers are swollen and also to shorten the length of the vulnerable Dutch sea coast. Acting on information previously received, they went to the State Water Laboratory at Delft, where they were first treated like spies and then courteously shown the provisional details of the scheme on a vast model.

On then to the Zuider Zee region, where the five largest and most famous polders are to be found. Take an area of sea, throw a wall of brushwood and clay around it, and the result is a polder. In practice it is not quite so simple since such difficulties as tides, waves and the scouring action of sea water, coupled with the processes of denudation are apt to complicate matters. When you are dealing with five areas each of an average of an hundred thousand acres anyone can see that this is a difficult task, even though the construction of a twenty-mile long dam across the mouth of the Zuider Zee has mitigated some of these complications. Having pumped the polders dry, and treated the soil in order to remove excessive quantities of salt, the government divides up the new land into State-owned farms to produce wheat, barley, rye or potatoes.

Primed with all this knowledge, these sturdy members of the History Upper Sixth hurtle back over the cobblestone roads, anxious to return to England and a new term at King Edward's. Let us hope that the Howard-Vyse Bursary will continue to be awarded annually and to have such a great educational value. Thank you, Sir Richard.

E.D.C.

### LA NUIT ET L'ÉVASION

Le jour est une jolie prison,  
A bien des douceurs et des charmes,  
Mais Dieu m' a fait en sortir,  
Ne suis qu'un enfant en larmes.

Seul dans une autre maison,  
Ses bornes l'infinité ;  
Aveugle et tout étourdi,  
Je n'y vois ni porte ni clef.

Des pensées furieuses coup sur coup  
Accablent mon esprit effaré ;  
Le coeur crie haut la délivrance,  
Amoureux de sa liberté.

Il y a des murs qui existent !  
La couleur partout sable,  
Comme ils sont vastes et lisses,  
Epais, toutefois pénétrables.

Des myriades de trous minuscules,  
Par qui le paradis rayonne,  
Criblent la face des murs—  
On dirait des fentes d'une tonne.

Ma porte est ces étoiles,  
Mes doigts me serviront de clef,  
Pour faire un vide d'où sortir  
Dans le pays de la tranquillité.

M.J.C.

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### LIVING ROUGH

In the summer of 1957 a member of K.E.S., in company with an apprentice from the Bristol Aero Company, made a trip right around the wild North Coast of Scotland. Very little kit or money was taken, with the result that life entered the realm of fantasy ! The most memorable experiences were ———

- ... a tour of the secret Dounby Atomic Power Station.
  - ... the comfort of the cow-shed in which we spent a night.
  - ... gutting fish on the rolling deck of a large fishing boat off John-o'-Groats.
  - ... the hardness of our bed on the front room boards in the Mayor of Thurso's house.
  - ... the hospitality of the Scottish people.
- Life was glorious !

P.M.J.

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### C.E.W.C., 1957-8

On Tuesday, December 31st, 2,500 sixth formers, successfully evading sellers of the *Daily Worker*, entered the Central Hall, Westminster, for a four-day series of lectures and discussions on " Britain's place in a Changing World." The conference was opened by Lord Hailsham, who said " dogmatism is better than doubt " and then spoke in platitudes.

The first two lectures were devoted to the nature of change. Professor A. Briggs, of Leeds University, confined his study to Britain, whilst the Hon. C. M. Woodhouse embraced the whole world. Both agreed that



the rate of change is increasing ; the latter predicted that a Third World War would be more different from the second than the second was from the Battle of Crécy in 1345.

The speaker who stole the limelight was Dr. J. Bronowski, who talked without notes for an hour on "How great is Britain?" and defended his views admirably against a barrage of questions. Though Britain had lost her imperial and maritime greatness, she was rich in scientific inventiveness, as the Nobel Prize lists showed. But actual achievement would lag behind unless our scientific and technological education were increased and extended.

After Mr. John Pinder's informative lecture on "Britain in Western Europe," the conference split up, one half forming discussion groups, the other attending an illustrated lecture on the documentary film.

Thursday was devoted to two more of the four areas of discussion—Britain in NATO and Britain in the Commonwealth. This last was debated by a Canadian, a Malayan, and a Nigerian, each having a different concept of the proper rôle of the Commonwealth, and of Britain within it.

Friday morning brought the last full lecture, "Britain in the U.N.," and the presentation of group reports. Finally, Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, whose conclusion to the conference compared favourably with Lord Hailsham's introduction, treated us to a preview of next year's lectures—"Asia and the West."

Light relief was provided by a dance on Wednesday, and a concert on Thursday, when the appearance of Donald Sinden and Cy Grant made all the girls swoon. Incidentally, girls outnumbered boys by three to one. Indeed, an enjoyable week ; alas, only one member of K.E.S. was there to enjoy it.

D.A.

## SNOWDONIA, 1958

A small party under the leadership of Mr. Whinnerah, ventured this January into North Wales, to climb the peaks around Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon) under the harsh and unusual conditions of mid-winter. Our hopes of dry, crisp weather were high when we arrived in Capel Curig well after dark, for the snowy peaks glistened under the full moon.

However, the rain fell in torrents as we set out on our first climb, up the mountain nearest to the hostel, Moel Siabod. Approaching the summit we had our first taste of the tremendous winds that send you helter-skelter, batter you down, against which you can only crawl. This day, like our last, was dominated by water ; water in the skies, water in tumbling torrents, water throughout our clothing.

The strong winds deterred us from the knife edge scramble up the North Ridge of Tryfan the following day, forcing us up the easier Heather Terrace. Our kit we had left hidden outside the Idwal Cottage Hostel. This rather uncomfortable hostel lies on the shore of Llyn Ogwen, close to the canine tooth of Tryfan and the great slabs of Cwm Idwal and the Devil's Kitchen ; here gather the bearded university men with their axes and ropes. The tortured, twisted rocks of Tryfan's summit were

glazed with ice, and our climb was both arduous and rewarding. We completed the day with a climb up the Devil's Kitchen, which I remember as a semi-circle of vast crags above the blackness of Llyn Idwal, scarred with white streaks of water, and among them six small figures picking their way delicately up the Idwal Slabs.

We spent the night in a Chapel, on bunks from an old Cunarder, illuminated by a flickering fire.

Our party split into two for an assault upon the Eastern of the three major Snowdonian masses, the Carneddau Dafydd and Llewellyn. The summit of Carnedd Llewellyn was a magnificent spectacle under a lace-like covering of frost. The warm sun sparkled in myriads of small crystals clustered in great feathers growing horizontally from the rocks. One such formation on the summit cairn boasted crystals a foot long, and as thick as a man's arm. The following day too we found much frost and snow, but in mist and violent winds. It was bitterly cold ; the mile of ridge between the Glyders Fawr and Fach took an hour, slithering, ice crystals stinging our exposed faces, white frost coating our anoraks and trousers.

The warden at Capel Curig had a daughter to whom one member of the party was very much attracted. She was young and sweet, and soon learnt from him the word "glue." This she would repeat at every available moment, earning his praise, and the nick-name "glue-girl." When asked by Mr. Gregory on one occasion, she gave this in all sincerity as her name—she may be four years old before she learns to say "Anne Pope" again.

It could not have rained harder on the day we were to climb Snowdon. Six of the party sought refuge or something in Bangor ; Mr. Whinnerah had hurt his knee, and returned ; and the remaining five carried on not along the famous Grib Goch ridge as planned, but because of snow and winds, up the easy Pyg track. We did not remain for long frozen and soaked on Yr Wyddfa, the highest point in England and Wales, and then the most dismal ; but sang our way down. So unimportant had water become, that we waded straight across a derelict causeway through Llyn Llydaw under eighteen inches of water.

These expeditions, these trying conditions, made us all value a good sense of humour ; and although at the time we thought ourselves mad, we would all enjoy another such holiday. I would like to express the party's appreciation of the leadership and company of Mr. Whinnerah, Mr. Skinner and Mr. Gregory.

C. R. EDMONDS.

## THE SCHOOL PLAYS

The special requirements of school plays are three—first they should introduce actors and audience to great literature, to drama of proved staying power. To this the second requirement is closely related : the parts must be worth the effort of learning. It follows that for the most part school plays will be verse plays. The third requirement is to get away

from the contemporary : the schoolboy is more likely to be able to live into a part with costume. The producer of the School play, though he wants to play to appreciative audiences, need not put box office requirements very high : in fact here at King Edward's he ought to use the opportunity to give us something we are not likely to see elsewhere.

So Mr. A. J. Trott is to be congratulated both on his choice and on his production of this year's double bill. He gave us two verse plays, both unfamiliar, first Yeats' tense version of *Deirdre*, and then one of the Wakefield Master's plays which many reading English at universities have to read, but none in my experience had seen. The curtain went up for *Deirdre* on one of the most ambitious sets in the history of the K.E.S. Dramatic Society. The deserted guest-house by the sea was splendidly presented and seemed a fit place for Celtic tragedy. The scene is set by one of the chorus of gipsy musical women (M. W. Swales) who did full justice to Yeats' limpid, distilled poetry. Swales has shown us in his career upon our stage how a boy can give to every word its full weight : he has a melodious voice and excellent clarity of diction. This play is particularly difficult because like Greek tragedy it tends to be statuesque. Fergus (W. D. Richards) spoke well but he was perhaps too youthful. A. J. Moreton, accompanied on the recorder by J. Pook, sang affectingly and accurately—he had a difficult assignment and succeeded in adding to the solemn and lowering atmosphere. In legendary Ireland there were apparently Libyan mercenaries—Algerian terrorists a French oil prospecting party in the Sahara might well be pardoned for avoiding. H. J. Ferns in costume (congratulations to Mrs. Hurn), make-up and voice was terrifying. I thought D. B. Robinson as the old unscrupulous King a stately, fine-looking tyrant.

Yeats was not in my judgment a dramatist : the more praise therefore is due to Mr. Trott for succeeding in making by his taut production this romantic poem into a gripping play. He was well served by his hero and heroine : A. F. Whitehead as the noble and ingenuous Naoise looked the part well and excited in his guilelessness our sympathy. But when all is said and done it is *Deirdre's* play : R. A. P. Duval, despite a voice rapidly becoming deeper, despite sometimes being even too quick on the cues, gave an accomplished and deeply affecting performance, wondrously effective in the sense of love and doubt, and gaining powerfully as the tragedy deepens and Naoise's murder moves her to a scene of bitterness and irony with Conchubar which she rendered brilliantly.

A lengthy interval gave us time to mend our heart-strings, and Mr. K. G. Hall and his stage gang to demolish Ireland and prepare a quite different set—thank you for the owl on the roof-beam—for the Second *Shepherds' Play*, involving the sheep fold played before a traverse, Mak's cottage and the stable at Bethlehem. Some would call this a quaint mixture of comedy and devotion : but thank heavens, the Middle Ages—the play comes from a few years after the founding of the Gild of the Holy Cross—did not recognize such sophisticated distinctions. How those three Shepherds thrust their lines across, how they entered to the full into the simple characterisation of their party, and how haunting is the rhythm of the verse. We had better not stress too much that it was a Wakefield play : R. Braithwaite as Coll suggested that all yokels speak

Somerset, D. J. Munrow spoke as a dyed-in-the-wool Midlander, and A. H. Papps might sometimes pass for a cockney—but sheep-stealer Cairns, I don't know where to locate your rare accent. But this is not said in dispraise of a splendidly forceful revival of a play long left on dusty shelves. Perhaps the honours in a good cast should go to Daw (A. H. Papps), Cairns the confidence-trickster with a fine pair of almost magic eye-brows being a close runner-up. And then the deception detected, the Shepherds hear from the cat walk high above the Angels' choir, and are bidden to go to Bethlehem. And so on the stage of Big School we had our first Nativity Play.

"The purpose of playing, both at the first and now, was and is to hold, as 'twere, the mirror up to nature ; to show virtue her own feature, scorn her own image, and the very age and body of the time his form and pressure."

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*From "WATER."*

## II. SILENT POOL

As I trail my hands through this silent pool,  
That frozen sting, when water is cool,  
Flows through my body and chills my blood,  
But never, though I wish I could,  
Can I feel that vital, surging life,  
Which, cutting like a sharpened knife,  
Trembles through its veinless flesh.  
I stare entranced and look with fresh  
Wonder, as my wandering gaze  
Searches its depths in every place ;  
Impenetrable as the skies above,  
Which in its darkened ripples move,  
Its face defies my human eyes,  
That looking at it, tell me lies,  
And show me but my baffled features  
Wondering at this best of creatures,  
This water. I envy, gentle pool,  
This placid quiet place, where always cool,  
The few can stand beneath these trees  
And gaze at you, and with the breeze  
Laugh, while you smile at ripples.  
For me, the thought of cities cripples  
Any love of nature undisturbed ;  
And I can only ponder, half perturbed  
By other troubling thoughts, these beauties,  
For I must always think of many duties,  
Dragging me reluctant from my rest,  
Forcing me back to a life I detest.

A.J.M.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,

With regard to the Chief Master's Report on Speech Day, I venture to correct his statement that Wheatley is the first man from King Edward's to obtain a cricket blue.

There were two brothers named Marshall both born in Cambridge. They, like Wheatley, were Cambridge blues.

J. H. Marshall was born 1st October, 1837 and played against Oxford in 1859, scoring 38 not out and 7. He did not bowl.

He entered the Church but, his health breaking down, he emigrated to New Zealand where he died on 2nd February, 1879.

J. W. Marshall was born on 5th December, 1835 and played for Cambridge at Lords 1855-56-57, scoring 0, 12, 27, 13 not out, 48 and 4. He also bowled 302 balls for 108 runs and 5 wickets in his three matches.

He also became a clergyman and served in a number of parishes in the Birmingham area, being Rural Dean of Handsworth, 1873-75. In 1900 he was vicar of St. John's, Blackheath, Kent. I have no record of his death.

Yours sincerely,

H. A. COHEN (1918-23).

Sir,

I notice with regret the innovation which allows House First Team Rucker matches to be played on pitch five. This is notoriously a very bad pitch, upon which open rugby and intelligent kicking are rendered much more difficult. I hope that in future, House league matches will once again be played upon Pitch 1, lest the alarming schism between the standards of House and School cricket teams should find a parallel in rugby football.

Yours, etc.,

I. D. M. MORLEY.

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

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

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- (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

The general world situation to-day points to one fact—democracy does not work. Indeed, the world would probably be far happier under one, big, gentle-hearted tyrant. Democracy is a big word in every sense, and in the minds of most people, it conjures up a hazy picture of some celestial ideal, which is no more than a castle in the air. And the word is bandied about so inconsequently and thoughtlessly, that any meaning which it might have had has almost entirely disappeared.

Well—one might say—it is something to do with equality. If democracy is founded on equality, then it cannot work, for no two human beings may be called equal. People are individuals, and to describe them as being equal is a misuse of terms. Equality belongs to the sphere of mathematics, and not to the human world.

All right, then—if democracy is not equality, it is rule by the people. And if democracy is founded on mass-government, it cannot work, because of the nature of human-beings. Enter the devil, in the disguise of a shop-steward. The power of the Trades' Unions shows what happens when the working-man is given his rights, when he is given his say. The situation in the Trades' Unions brings us back to equality—"All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others." The leaders and shop-stewards wield the power, and the workers have their "rights" forced upon them, whether they want them or not.

Much of the Trades' Unions' power, however, stems from the apathy of the workers, who fail to take advantage of the privileges offered to them, and who fail in their duty, which is to attend Union meetings. Consequently, the Communists are regularly in a majority at Union meetings, simply because they are the only ones who bother to attend. In this way, they gain power, and then proceed to abuse it. Strikes are called without thought for the well-being and economy of the country, and called on the slightest of pretexts.

I cannot end without mentioning the French problem, a problem which seems peculiarly illogical and twisted for "the most rational people in the world"—as the French would have themselves known. Democracy has not done much for France. The old joke of French governments may be stale, but it is nonetheless true, pitifully true. The appearance of the good fairy, General de Gaulle, is surely a blessing for France. Perhaps he will develop into my gentle-hearted tyrant. Anything will be better than the present state of intransigent democracy.

## NOTES AND NEWS

### SCHOOL DIARY

Donizetti's comic opera "Don Pasquale" was performed on 3rd February at the 19th Julian Horner Concert.

The Inter-House Sevens and Kicking Competitions once again fell victim to inclement weather. Mount St. Mary's remained shrouded in mystery and snow.

The weather failed to interfere with the cross-country races which duly took place on 20th February. Half-term was taken from Friday, 21st February, to Monday, 24th, to enable recuperation on the part of the more elderly gentlemen.

Athletics standards were held in the usual showers at Eastern Road.

The Bishop of Aston gave weekly addresses in the Chapel on Fridays during Lent.

Weeks of feverish activity (often at 8.30 a.m.) reached their culmination in the House P.T. Competition, on March 12th. The Individual Competition was held the following day.

The School Confirmation was conducted by the Bishop of Aston, at Edgbaston Old Church, on Monday, 17th March.

Library books were in some cases duly returned on March 19th.

The Individual Music Competition took place on March 20th and the following day the Houses gave another aspect of the same art, which Sidney Watson, M.A., D.Mus., kindly adjudicated.

In spite of cold weather, the Sports reflected the high standard of Athletics attained by the School Team, who were undefeated. D. K. Lindley broke the Open 100 Yards Record which had stood since 1900, with a time of 10.4 secs. He was also Open Champion. Most of the silverware is now to be found in Jeune's cupboard.

Passion Sunday was celebrated on March 23rd, at Edgbaston Old Church, by a Service of Readings and Music.

Cadets and Scouts occupied a large area of the surrounding countryside, on March 24th.

The Lent Term ended on March 26th.

The Summer Term began on April 24th. Half-term took place at Whitsun, from May 23rd to May 27th.

Holy Communion was celebrated fortnightly and Ascension Day was also marked by Holy Communion in the Chapel.

"The Critic," by Sheridan, was given a lively and remarkably mature performance by the Junior Members of the School on the nights of May 8th, 9th and 10th.

The Senior Scouts took the floor again on May 17th, encouraged by the success of their first Dance during the Lent Term.

The Musical Society provided a tribute to the energy and hard work of Dr. Willis Grant in its performance of Purcell's "King Arthur," on May 22nd. After the performance Dr. Grant was presented with a token of the Society's appreciation for all his work for school music during his years at K.E.S.

Two innovations have appeared in school life this term. The Anagnostics are believed to read Greek Plays (whether or not they have a binge is not known).

Also various members of the C.C.F., under the clandestine title of "Special Squad," specialize on Friday afternoons. On one occasion most of the street corners in the centre of Birmingham were occupied by strange civilians peeping furtively from behind newspapers. An assault course is gradually appearing, being built to a careful schedule that hopes to ensure that its completion will coincide with the completion of its builder's days ; in the C.C.F., Initiative is the watchword.

G.C.E. panic set in during the beginning of the Summer Term and was working up to its usual climax at Half-term.

The last two weeks of term will follow their customary crowded pattern. On July 12th the Scout Group is holding a 21st Reunion. Field Day is to be held on July 14th, and for those with energy remaining, the Half-Mile Swim takes place in the School Bath the following day. The Swimming Sports will be held at Woodcock Street Baths, on Friday, July 18th. On Saturday, July 19th, Lord Denning will present the prizes at Speech Day, and the annual fixture between the O.E. Association XI and the School will be played on the same day. The School Service will be held on Sunday, July 20th, in Edgbaston Old Church.

The Scouts are ending their 21st year with a Gang Show-type Revue to be called "Sing as we go." It will be performed on Monday and Tuesday, the 21st and 22nd of July.

The C.C.F. General Inspection by Air Vice-Marshal H. V. Satterly, C.B., C.B.E., D.F.C., will also take place on July 22nd. Owing to the large scale landscape gardening on the south field, the venue will probably be the Eastern Road Ground.

The Summer Term will end on July 24th.

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## OLD EDWARDIAN NEWS

Councillor G. A. E. Craig has been appointed Justice of the Peace.

A. C. Smith is to be congratulated on the award of his cricket blue for Oxford, and O. S. Wheatley on the re-award of his blue for Cambridge.

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## COMMON ROOM

Seven masters are leaving this term :—

Dr. Willis Grant to be Professor of Music at Bristol University.

Mr. Whinnerah to be Senior Science Master at Central Grammar School, Cambridge.

Mr. Cadenhead to be Lecturer in Physical Education at Loughborough College.



Mr. Skinner to be Senior Mathematics Master at Maidstone Grammar School.

Mr. Woods to be Chemistry Master at Harrow School.

Dr. Allison to be Headmaster of Ashby-de-la-Zouch Grammar School.

Mr. Cooper to be Senior Mathematics Master at Lancaster Royal Grammar School.

We congratulate these and wish them well in their new responsibilities.

We congratulate also Mr. and Mrs. Woods on the birth of a daughter : and, belatedly, Major Cooke on the award of a T.D.

About R.S.M. Moore, B.E.M., who is retiring this term, a fuller notice appears elsewhere in this Chronicle.

### THE CARTLAND CLUB

With its ranks swelled almost to their full extent, the haven of the ancients is no longer a place of rest. The room is not exactly a hive of industry, but one aim of the club has been fulfilled to a certain extent, for at least two intellectual discussions have been heard, one—strangely enough—concerning the nature of silence ! However, conversation has centred mainly on cricket, “ Chronicle,” congas, and coach-trips.

As regards work, the general opinion of the members seems to be that enough was done last term, so attempts at study are extremely spasmodic.

We extend our best wishes to those of our number who are now forsaking the comfort of red leather for the rigours of the world. May success be theirs.

G.M.H.

### PREFECTS' ROOM

The following gentlemen have been appointed Prefects :

C. R. EDMONDS : Secretary of the Art Society (*Heath*).

B. H. S. SMITH : A.S.M. in Scouts (*Cary Gilson*).

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

A. E. H. HORNIG : Captain of Cricket ; A.S.M. in Scouts (*Gifford*).

M. W. SWALES : Secretary of Dramatic Society ; Scholar of Christ's College, Cambridge (*Vardy*).

The following gentlemen are leaving at the end of term :

P. MATTHEWS (1950-58) : Captain of the School and General Secretary of the School Club, 1958 ; Vice-Captain of the School, 1957 ; Prefect 1956-57-58 ; President of the Cartland Club, 1957 ; Sub-Treasurer of the School Club, 1956-57 ; XXX Colours, 1956-57-58 ; Head of the House, 1957-58 ; Secretary of Modern Language Society, 1957-58 ; Secretary of the Closed Circle, 1958 ; Under-Officer in C.C.F., 1957-58 ; Cadbury Ghana Scholarship, 1958 ; Peterhouse, Cambridge (*Heath*).



J. C. GREEN (1950-58) : Vice-Captain of the School, 1958 ; Prefect, 1957-58 ; President of the Cartland Club, 1958 ; Vice-Captain of Rugby Football, 1957-58 ; Rugby Football Colours, 1956-57-58 ; XXX Colours, 1955-56 ; Captain of Athletics, 1957-58 ; Athletics Colours, 1956-57-58 ; Captain of Eton Fives, 1957-58 ; Eton Fives Colours, 1956-57-58 ; Captain of Lawn Tennis, 1956-57-58 ; Lawn Tennis Colours, 1955-56-57-58 ; House Captain, 1957-58 ; Bache Memorial, 1957 ; Warranted Assistant Scout Master ; Rhodes Trust, 1958 ; Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge (*Evans*).

A. A. WILSON (1951-58) : Prefect, 1956-57-58 ; XXX Colours, 1957-58 ; Augurer Shakespeare Society ; House Captain, 1956-57 ; Warranted A.S.M. in Scouts ; London School of Economics (*Levett*).

R. J. K. BEAUMONT (1951-58) : Prefect, 1957-58 ; Secretary of Rugby Football ; Rugby Colours, 1957-58 ; XXX Colours, 1956-57-58 ; School Athletics Colours, 1957-58 ; House Captain, 1957-58. Manchester University. (*Vardy*).

R. G. BESSENT (1950-58) : Prefect, 1957-58 ; Secretary Scientific Society ; Warranted A.S.M. in Scouts ; Exhibitioner St. John's College, Oxford (*Jeune*).

C. H. BROWN (1953-58) : Prefect, 1957-58 ; Secretary of Christian Guild ; Sub-Editor of "Chronicle" ; Leading Seaman in C.C.F., Birmingham University (*Heath*).

C. R. EDMONDS (1950-58) : Prefect, 1958 ; Secretary of Art Society ; Troop Leader in Scouts ; St. Catherine's College, Cambridge (*Heath*).

R. P. HOLLAND (1952-58) : Prefect, 1957-58 ; Rugby Football Colours, 1957-58 ; XXX Colours, 1955-56-57 ; Vice-Captain of Athletics, Athletics Colours, 1957-58 ; House Captain, 1957-58 ; London College of Estate Management (*Cary Gilson*).

P. M. JOHNSON (1950-58) : Prefect, 1957-58 ; House Captain ; XXX Colours, 1957-58 ; Captain 2nd XV ; Leading Seaman in C.C.F. ; University College, London (*Levett*).

N. H. MCBROOM (1952-58) : Prefect, 1957-58 ; House Captain, 1957-58 ; Leading Seaman in C.C.F. ; Richard Thomas & Baldwin Industrial Scholarship (*Gifford*).

W. F. PICKWORTH (1950-58) : Prefect, 1957-58 ; House Captain, 1957-58 ; Captain of Squash Rackets, 1956-57-58 ; Rugby Football Colours, 1956-57-58 ; Tennis Colours, 1955-56-57-58 ; Fives Colours, 1957-58 ; Petty Officer in C.C.F. ; Sub-Treasurer of School Club ; University College, London (*Jeune*).

B. H. S. SMITH (1950-58) : Prefect, 1958 ; XXX Colours, 1957-58 ; Warranted A.S.M. in Scouts ; University of Manchester (*Cary Gilson*).

M. W. SWALES (1951-58) : Prefect, 1958 ; Secretary of Dramatic Society ; Sergeant in C.C.F. ; Scholar of Christ's College, Cambridge (*Vardy*).

J. M. TAGG (1952-58) : Prefect, 1958 ; P.T. Leader, 1956-57-58 ; Swimming Colours, 1956-57-58 ; Petty Officer in C.C.F. ; University of Nottingham (*Evans*).

## COLOURS

We congratulate :

J. A. Fletcher, P. B. Rothwell and T. P. Lee upon the award of their School Cricket Colours.

R. F. L. Wilkins and R. A. Green upon the award of their School Cricket Blazers.

A. B. Clayton, J. E. T. Harper, D. J. L. Ashton and R. G. Birch upon the re-award of their School XXII Colours.

R. A. Walters and M. J. Lamping upon the award of their School XXII Colours.

W. F. Pickworth upon the award of School Eton Fives Colours for the season, 1957-58.

D. K. Lindley upon the re-award of School Athletics Colours for the season, 1957-58.

R. P. Holland, R. T. Cotton, P. Davies, R. J. K. Beaumont, M. P. Connon, C. W. Hughes, J. R. Mountford, I. R. Webley upon the award of School Athletics Colours for the season, 1957-58.

W. F. Pickworth upon the re-award of School Lawn Tennis Colours for the season, 1957-58.

B. H. Shaw upon the award of School Lawn Tennis Colours for the season, 1957-58.

J. M. Patrick and J. E. Moseley upon the award of School Shooting Colours for the season, 1957-58.

M. J. Lamping and N. V. A. Hobbs upon the re-award of School Chess Colours for the season, 1957-58.

J. Marriott upon the award of School Chess Colours for the season, 1957-58.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate :

V. G. Hill upon passing out top at the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, receiving the Queen's Gold Medal.

A. J. G. Campbell and A. Hughes upon winning the Kinnaird Cup for Eton Fives.

R. S. Bailey upon his election to a Demyship in Natural Sciences at Magdalen College, Oxford.

P. Davies, C. H. Brown, R. Y. Cartwright and P. G. Wall upon gaining honours at Outward Bound schools during the Easter Holidays. The School's score of four honours out of nine candidates is a record.

G. M. Henman and R. S. Birch, R. M. Hughes and R. A. Clark who have been awarded Howard Vyse and Eric Vincent travelling bursaries.

Our thanks are extended to :

N. E. Sambrooks and G. E. Phillips for presenting a cup for House Senior Fives.

K. W. Masters for presenting a cup for water polo.

We also thank parents, Old Edwardians and friends for their support and assistance during the past year.

## CHAPEL NOTES

As usual, Holy Communion has been celebrated every other Tuesday. In addition there was a Communion service on Ascension Day. On Friday evenings, Evensong has alternated with Evening Prayers. On the first four Fridays, the Chaplain gave addresses on Worship. Matins has been said on Wednesday mornings by a congregation of two or three.

Under Dr. Willis Grant's renewed direction, the singing at Evensong has regained its normal high standard. A great deal of gratitude is due to Dr. Willis Grant for what he has done for the Chapel services over the past six years, and we take this opportunity to thank him and wish him every success in his new post. We also thank Mr. and Mrs. Whitley for the gift of a chalice, and the school prefects of 1956 for a paten.

A.H.W.

## THE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

*This article, specially commissioned by the Editors, records for future generations the growth of the Chapel as viewed by one of the generation who grew up with it between 1949 and 1957.*

"It must be a skating rink." This was the inescapable conclusion reached by four little boys who had spent some minutes viewing, on April 4th, 1949—the first day of the Admission Examination—a forlorn and truncated stretch of brick and concrete foundation work.

Six months later, one, at least, of those four sages was surprised to learn that the "skating rink" formed the base for a reconstruction of Barry's old upper corridor. No longer was the site forlorn. A charming miniature railway had been laid between the building and a quarry of Ozymandian stonework twenty yards away, and, in spite of the prefects, the Lower School spent much of the time it now passes in playing soccer by keeping open this Unremunerative Branch-line from site to quarry.

The hidalgoes of the Upper School also took notice, and between 1948 and 1951 the historian must use his memory in padding out the occasional and arch remarks that appear in the CHRONICLE. The issue of December, 1949, announces in "School News" that "the CHRONICLE has followed with interest the . . . reconstruction . . . which we hope will be near completion when we publish our July issue." A pious hope, but unfulfilled. July's issue (1950) records despairingly that "the walls . . . have risen a few feet." Progress was indeed slow, and the growth of the Chapel embryonic. An enormous crane (metal) held court within the rising walls and moved the larger "vast and trunkless legs of stone" from the quarry, destroying not a few. But gradually window-tracery began to grow and wall-buttresses to give a touch of Tudor grandeur.

Triumphantly, the Quatercentenary edition of the CHRONICLE blares forth "the Shrine is now complete." An outer roof of tiles had covered Barry's lovely fan tracery; Mr. Vardy had been hung on the wall, perhaps obtrusively; and a gryphon and lion had crowned the work. Already, however, two services had been held there; both were informal, the one, in December, 1951, a short carol service and the

other, in March, 1952, a service for leavers. Moreover, more than one Sunday swimmer had taken advantage of the, as yet, unfilled doorways, and changed within the still-unhallowed precinct.

The future of the War Memorial was not known generally. It seemed that Old Upper Corridor was to be no more than a repository for the tablets recording the dead of two World Wars. Then the edict came forth that it would be called "The Shrine" and that only Sixth-formers would be allowed to enter the Swimming-bath (recently completed and still uncloistered) through it. This was surely an undignified use for a part of what had been called, when it was first built, "one of the finest examples of collegiate architecture in the country." One might as well garage a car in King's College Chapel.

All fears and fancies were quickly dispelled. On Friday, October 10th, 1952, the second of the School's Corporate Communions was celebrated in "The Shrine," using a small portable altar, the Chief Master's personal property, and ordinary formroom chairs. The following day, the 1939-45 War Memorial tablets were dedicated by the late Dr. E. W. Barnes, O.E., then Bishop of the Diocese, after the building itself had been opened by the Bailiff, Sir Donald Finnemore, O.E.

Nor was it long before regular services were being held, in a pattern that has changed little since. Communion services increased in frequency from once a term, through once a month, to once fortnightly in term, but Evening services have not yet changed from being weekly, and alternating between a form of Evensong, performed in a way that has invited comparison with the great colleges of Oxford and Cambridge, and plain Evening Prayers. A notable musical tradition was quickly established.

But if the fabric and foundation of the Chapel were complete by the end of 1952, the furniture was certainly not. A good deal of what was once used in Chapel is now more fittingly placed in the Tuckshop. Mullioned windows did not blend with tubular steel chairs, and there were times when it was an act of bravery, as well as piety, to attend an early morning service during February or March. No time was lost, however, for the CHRONICLE of January, 1953, gives notice of the birth of the Chapel Bench. From the beginning it was emphasised that no great skill was needed to work on the Chapel "G-plan," and the most unlikely people, from Classical scholars to distinguished natural scientists, took up saw, plane and sand-paper in the cause.

The full complement of Chapel benches, as the present writer records in March, 1957, took almost four years to appear, but other changes and additions were made simultaneously. Levett remains the only House which has commemorated itself by adding to the Chapel—its gift of a Credence table *cum* sacristy cupboard was taken into use late in 1953. Handsome and almost too comfortable stalls for the minister and the precentor are acknowledged in the CHRONICLE for July, 1954; gifts of all kinds were and are arriving from leavers and Old Edwardians. Indeed, very little remains in the Chapel to-day that an Old Edwardian, either as such or while still at School, or a parent or friend has not given or made. In 1955, permanent heating became a reality, and the "East End"—that nearest the Fives Courts—was transferred to the main road end of



the Chapel. There was no doctrinal significance in this, although the traditionalists became more satisfied with the orientation position, but the move was made to simplify the installation of the heating equipment.

Slowly the furniture became permanent, and the CHRONICLE of July, 1955, in its "Chapel Notes," announces that "Plans for the altar are acquiring some measure of definition, and . . . work . . . will begin next year—provided we have enough money." Work did begin next year, for the death occurred of T. C. Kemp, O.E., Dramatic Critic of *The Birmingham Post*. "T.C.K." had been a good churchman, and his family decided to commemorate him by initiating a fund for the completion of the Sanctuary of the Chapel.

Much was written about the scheme and its fulfilment in the local journals, and in the CHRONICLE for March, 1957. The result is there for all to see, and most strikingly in Mr. Bruce Hurn's reredos painting of the Crucifixion—to remind us that we have our origin in the Gild of the Holy Cross. It is sufficient to quote again from the CHRONICLE: "The furnishing of the Chapel . . . was brought very near to its completion . . . on Saturday, January 5th (1957) at noon." A bell had been given anonymously in 1956 and some of the roof bosses were illuminated in July, 1957. So, by a combination of the great and mostly anonymous English medieval architects, the Gothic revival, Barry and Jeune, T. C. Kemp, H. W. Hobbiss and J. B. Hurn, and many others whose names cannot all be set down, the "strenuous sons" of the "builders of the burly city" can say their prayers in a surrounding of startling beauty.

On October 11th, 1952, Sir Donald Finmore, when he formally opened the Chapel, expressed a wish that "this hallowed place might become a house of prayer for future generations of Edwardians." It is impossible now to think of the School without its Chapel, so completely has the past of Jeune and Prince Lee merged with the present of T. E. B. Howarth and R. G. Lunt. The best conclusion is to repeat the encomium recently made by an eminent ecclesiastic—"This is a place where people are wont to say their prayers."

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## THE LIBRARY

Although only half the school is equipped with tickets, book circulation has risen to pleasing heights. Nevertheless, the official number of books borrowed remains, alas, far below the unofficial number. It is hoped that consciences will, in the future, reduce the number borrowed illegally, particularly as a deplorable number of them are never returned at all.

Talking has been reduced considerably, to the satisfaction of most, but tidiness must be at its nadir. All library users are urged to assist other users, and to ease the work of the librarians by returning books borrowed for reference to their correct places.

New books on widely ranged subjects continue to enter the Library; so many in fact, that History books become something of an embarrassment; the problem was eased by shelving Ancient History books in the Classics section. It is hoped that no inconvenience has been caused.

Extensions to other sections are under consideration ; this will make room for the books which it is hoped this term's leavers will present ! A most valuable gift of books (chiefly English Literature) has been received from the Misses B. and M. Martineau.

It remains for me to thank the assistant Librarians, of whom more are needed, for their diligence ; and Mr. Blount for his guidance.

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

### Dr. WILLIS GRANT

Dr. Willis Grant, who has been Director of Music for ten years, leaves King Edward's at the end of this term to take up his new appointment as Professor of Music in the University of Bristol.

His break with Birmingham will be a double one, for he has been Cathedral Organist for twenty-one years. Before coming to K.E.S. he was also Lecturer in Music at the University of Sheffield. During the war he did five years of army service—two of them in India, with the rank of major, as Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General.

His impact on school music was dynamic. On the teaching side, his sixth-form record has been one of exceptional achievement, five of his pupils winning organ scholarships to Oxford and Cambridge. He continued the tradition of instrumental music competitions started by his predecessor, Mr. Cranmer (now Professor of Music at Belfast) ; he himself inaugurated the House music competitions three years ago. The annual summer concert has enabled the school to take part in great choral music and (with professional soloists and augmented orchestra) to enjoy some unforgettable performances.

In short, school music under Willis Grant became something of major importance. His energy was indefatigable. Every recital he organized bore the mark of quality. His standards were of the highest ; he shunned the second-rate, and could never be persuaded to perform a work which would attract a crowd of listeners merely on the grounds of its popularity. The standard of singing he achieved was often remarkable, particularly in those recitals given by the chapel choir (always in an excellently timed half-hour towards the end of term).

He had, of course, other musical interests, and held many appointments. He was President of the Music Masters' Association ; he was on the Management Committee and the Musical Advisory Committee of the City of Birmingham Orchestra ; he was on the Council of the Incorporated Society of Musicians ; he was Diocesan Representative and Special Commissioner of the Royal School of Church Music. He was a distinguished organist and frequent broadcaster.

He will be especially missed by the Birmingham Bach Society, which under his skilful conductorship has played such an important part in the musical life of the city. A rehearsal under his baton was an invigorating experience. In training the orchestra, he had a happy knack of choosing a telling (and often most unusual) adjective which could make all the difference to the playing of a musical phrase. Rehearsals were constantly



enriched by his lively humour. But his mood of banter could change in an instant to one of rapt concentration and, indeed, reverence.

In the Common Room, Dr. Willis Grant will long be remembered. He was a good companion—always interested, interesting and busy. In his ten years with us, he developed a strong sense of the dignity of King Edward's and what it stood for. We shall all miss his friendship, his enthusiasm and his bland smile.

The school will wish to join in congratulations on his professorship, and in best wishes to Dr. and Mrs. Grant for their happiness in Bristol.

N.J.F.C.

### W. MOORE

It was with very great pleasure that we read in the Queen's Birthday Honours List on 12th June that Mr. Moore had been awarded the British Empire Medal. The timing of this recognition of long service was most opportune, as only a few weeks before he had announced his intention to retire at the end of this term.

Mr. Moore joined the Worcestershire Regiment on the 2nd July, 1908, as a private and, by August, 1914, he had reached the rank of Sergeant. He was wounded while serving in France in September 1915, by which time he was a Warrant Officer. In 1916, being no longer fit for active service, he was posted as an instructor to the Officers' Training Corps, the senior division at the University and the junior division at the School. In March, 1918, he joined the P.T. Staff of the School and in his spare time he helped with the O.T.C. This arrangement continued until he retired from the Gym in 1951. Since then he has been officially in semi-retirement while doing a part-time job with the C.C.F., but he is no believer in part time and only those who are closely associated with running the Corps know of the full, very full, time that he has given. The successful integration of the separate Air Training Corps and Junior Training Corps into the single Combined Cadet Force was in no small measure due to him. Many officers and cadets of the Officers Training Corps, the Junior Training Corps and the Combined Cadet Force have reason to be grateful to him.

During the Second World War he was an Inspector of Training to the Home Guard and for his service in this connection he received a Letter of Commendation from the King in 1944.

He has become such an institution here that it is difficult to imagine the Corps without R.S.M. Moore. We hope that he will find time to come and see us occasionally—an Annual Inspection without a few of his comments is well nigh unthinkable !

We offer him our heartiest congratulations on his well deserved award, our sincere thanks for his example and service, and our best wishes for many years of happy retirement.

## FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S NEEDS

Donations for the twelve months ending April, 1958 :

	£	s.	d.
Imperial Cancer Research .. ..	24	12	0
Princess Alice School .. ..	24	12	0
Save the Children Fund .. ..	44	10	0
Birmingham Council for Old People ..	44	10	0
British Empire Leprosy Relief Association	32	10	0
British Red Cross Association .. ..	32	10	0
	£203	4	0

## THE OXFORD LETTER

Sir,

Though it may not be possible for everyone to emulate W. E. Gladstone in a double first, it is more than probable that each and everyone can, like him, fall in love once again with Oxford. This is not to spin the golden threads through the leafy branches, heeding not the noisome breezes or piling clouds which may disturb the serenity. But this is the term for quiet meditation and joyful ease, whether in the University Parks or on the gentle flowing Cherwell, or in the cool Camera. In all directions have the roots of the *Genista* spread, and a gay fantasia of bloom is the summer showing. To record all of our activities would tax the patience of a sphinx and exhaust the wisdom and resources of a newspaper reporter. If then we lift a corner of the veil it is only to reveal a guarded awareness of the truth.

For the moment it is easier to return to last term when the Annual Dinner was held, attended by two dozen Edwardians. The School Captain favoured our gathering and perhaps gathered a soupçon of flavouring. Since then P. J. Turner (Pembroke) has been rarely seen, his burdens guiding him in the way he has to go. J. A. A. Stockwin (Exeter) is now known to have commented on the failure of blue spectacles for seeing properly. This term a number of people are known to be planning to leave the country. M.I.5 has not been informed. Amongst them P. R. Foxall (University), who believes in doing what comes naturally, is going west. Also heading in the same direction is R. D. Pickering (Merton) with his copy of the *Compleat Angler*. It has been rumoured that the American colonies are still revolting. J. S. N. Drew (St. John's) having surmounted the little schools now leads a blameless and chequered life. P. J. Squire (Jesus) claims to have found the elixir of life, to be taken three times a day with capuccino. E. D. Hateley (Wadham) has been forced to delete a number called the "Bad Buller Blues" from the repertoire of his skiffle group. J. D. Rudkin (St. Cath's) is helping the failing British Industries by producing a film which will be probably shown. After two terms of preparation A. C. Smith (B.N.C.) has now come into his own. We hope his devotion to the English sovereign game will take him to Lords. The other sport, of rowing, has claimed any number of our rank but before the next boat-race their names will be kept secret.

We may claim, Sir, to be collectively and individually happy with our lot. For "Schools men" this may well be retrospectively so, for non-Schools men this is immediately apparent. By contributing our lot to the general happiness we hope to bestow at least some part to the up-coming generation.

Yours, etc.,

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## SCHOOL TEAMS

### FOOTBALL

Since the publication of the last CHRONICLE, the XV has played only one match. They were defeated by the Old Edwardian Extras by 16—6. The other match of the Lent term, against Mt. St. Mary's College, was cancelled.

The Sevens were approached with determination. Training under the guidance of Mr. Cotter began early in Lent term. Practice series were played against Rugby and members of the O.E. Football Club. Our successes were due to their help and co-operation, and to those members of the School who trained with us. Without their help little would have been achieved.

Our thanks are due to them all, especially Mr. Cotter. Mr. Parry continues to use his wisdom and experience to the very greatest advantage and it is to him, above all people, that we owe our success.

Also our thanks are due to the growing band of supporters whose cheers spurred us on at Roehampton.

D. K. LINDLEY (*Captain of the XV*).

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## THE ROSSLYN PARK F.C. PUBLIC SCHOOLS'

### SEVEN A SIDE TOURNAMENT, 1958

Lindley's Seven gave a very good account of themselves at Roehampton. They reached the quarter-finals, where they were beaten 5—3 by Belfast Academicals, who were themselves beaten 11—8 in the Final after extra time by Llanelly Grammar School.

There was therefore little between us and the eventual winners, and we can fairly say that we were one of the best sides in the competition. I would not say that we were the best, but on the morning of the second day it looked as though a little luck and Mr. Parry's generalship might pull us through. The generalship was there, but the luck was not; and one needs luck, as well as fitness and skill, to win the Sevens. An injury to Green, who was already playing under the handicap of a broken bone in his wrist, slowed down our attack on the second day and we were unable to make any headway against the well-organised defences that we met. Our own defence remained impeccable, with Lindley setting a splendid example in cover tackling.

Our first match was against Eastbourne College, who had won the Kent Public School Sevens. This was a stern battle between two fine trios of forwards with neither side gaining enough advantage to dictate

the pattern of play. We scored two tries in the first half, one by Lindley from a long kick ahead by Green, and the other by Knowles after a short penalty kick by Green near the Eastbourne line, and an orthodox, but smartly executed, change of direction engineered by Green and Pickworth which unexpectedly caught Eastbourne napping.

Eastbourne had slightly more of the game in the second half and scored one unconverted try when their fly-half deceived us by a change of direction in midfield. Lindley tackled him, of course, but not before he had made a good deal of ground, and he got the ball out to his wing who scored in the corner as Holland tackled him. By this time there was less than a minute to go and although Eastbourne chose not to take the conversion, to save a few precious seconds, play finished comfortably inside their half and we were never in danger. Our three forwards pinned down the powerful Eastbourne forwards to the end, and just did enough to enable Lindley's speed to be the deciding factor in the game. Beaumont was generally neutralised in the lines out by the alertness of the Eastbourne forwards, but he showed his quality in the remaining games.

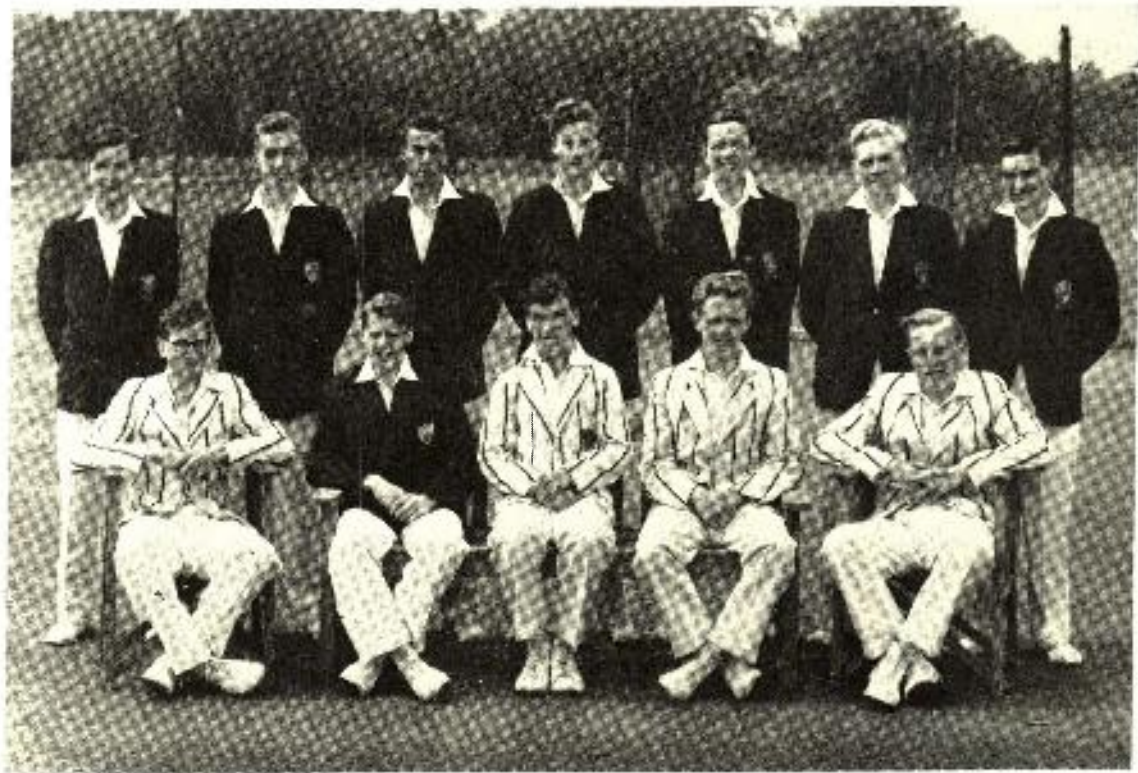
This was a good win, well earned. I thought Eastbourne were one of the best sides in the competition.

Our second round match against King William's School, Isle of Man, provided us with an easy win by 21—0. The game began dramatically. From our kick-off Beaumont, in full cry, gathered up a small forward as he caught the kick-off, and, shedding the forward en route but retaining the ball, went on without checking his speed to score in the corner in the first few seconds of the game. A very good run indeed for a large forward to make, and a splendid example of the right way to follow up a kick-off. This took the heart out of King William's and they never looked as though they expected to win. Their forwards were small and no match for ours and Baverstock frequently managed to heel against the loose head. Knowles appeared to be everywhere in this game and played excellently.

Before half-time Pickworth went over from a scrum near their line and a minute later Lindley booted the ball ahead upfield and out-distancing all the opposition, got in another cunningly aimed kick which enabled him to score under the posts for Green to convert. That was 13—0 at half-time. Although we eased up in the second half we scored twice more. The misfortune in this game was that Green damaged his thigh when he was cutting through ambitiously on his own and was tackled unexpectedly from behind. We were not due to play until mid-day the next day and we all hoped that he would be quite fit by then.

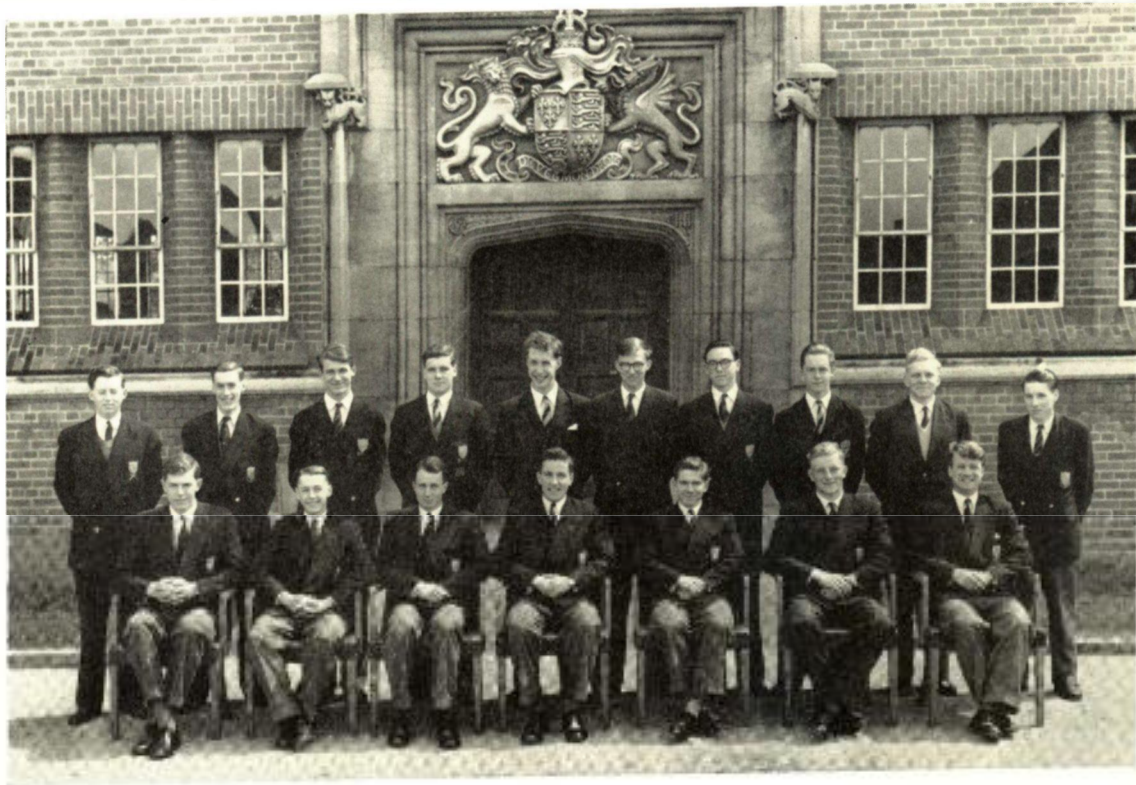
So to Thursday and two tremendously keen struggles. Against Worksop in Round Three we got a good deal of the ball but could not score except by a penalty taken by Green. The Worksop forwards were very lively and broke quickly on to Pickworth and Green when we got the ball. Pickworth battled manfully and usually got the ball to Green, but the Worksop forwards saw to it that he was put down as he passed and so his general usefulness in midfield was diminished. I nearly said he was "grassed" but this would not have been the right word to use, as





THE XI, 1958

J. E. T. HARPER, R. A. WALTERS, A. B. CLAYTON, M. J. LAMPING, R. G. SIMPSON, I. R. WEBLEY, R. A. GREEN,  
T. P. LEE, R. F. L. WILKINS (*Hon. Sec.*), A. E. H. HORNIG (*Captain*), J. A. FLETCHER (*Vice-Captain*), P. B. ROTHWELL.



# ATHLETICS TEAM, 1957-58

(Back row) C. WOOD, C. W. HUGHES, R. F. WATERHOUSE, G. E. STOLLARD, A. D. PAGE, A. G. RUSSELL, J. A. REEVES,  
R. BAGNALL, I. R. WEBLEY, M. P. CONNON.  
(Front row) : R. J. K. BEAUMONT, D. K. LINDLEY, R. P. HOLLAND (Vice-Captain), J. C. GREEN (Captain), R. T. COTTON,  
P. DAVIES, J. R. MOUNTFORD.



Pitch I, on which we played both our games on Thursday, was conspicuously short of grass and unpleasantly stony.

After two or three minutes of ding-dong play in which all attacks by both sides had been rapidly smothered by good covering and tackling, it became evident that Green's injury had slowed him down. He remained unflurried and nearly always got in his kick or pass, but he was doing it now almost at a standstill. This meant that Lindley, who was now playing at inside-three-quarter, and having to cover a good deal of midfield in defence, had to start his attacks from back on his heels, and despite one or two tremendous efforts he could not break through the covers. It was significant that there now usually appeared to be more Workop players than K.E.S. round the ball. More use might have been made of Holland in this game ; when he did at last get the ball he slipped his man on the inside and after an exciting run was brought down only inches from the line. The tension among the spectators became almost unbearable after we had a three point lead from Green's penalty kick midway through the first half. Although we could not score, they could not either. Lindley's heroic cover tackling broke up all their attacks. Once their inside three-quarter cut through, but before he could see his way clearly, he ran head-on into Green who was hobbling courageously and intelligently in the gap ; and so the final whistle came at last with our three point lead still intact. An extremely creditable victory, but the interested spectators now had some disquieting facts to think about before our next match in about an hour's time. Green was limping, Holland had several cuts on his legs from the stony ground, and Lindley had done an enormous amount of work in trying to bore his way through three of the opposition at once, and in cover tackling, and he must have taken something out of himself. On the other hand our forwards were still going strongly and Beaumont had done well in the line out. We needed a quick score, we felt, in the next match before Green's injury began to slow up our attack. Unfortunately we did not get it. In the quarter-final against Belfast Academicals we had even more of the territorial advantage than we had against Workop but again we could not score until right at the end. They, on the other hand, took the one chance that we gave them most efficiently, and half-way through the first half after an orthodox cut through by their inside-three-quarter and a well-timed pass to their wing, the wing was able to run right round us and score under the posts. They converted the try to make the score 5—0 against us. Before this we had twice looked dangerous by catching them in possession in their own twenty-five after a kick ahead, but their defensive covering was too good for us. Half-time came with the score still 5—0. After half-time we attacked desperately but the old pattern reasserted itself—Pickworth getting the ball out to Green but under continuous pressure ; Green, slowed down by his injury, having just time, but only just, to get in a kick or pass ; Lindley thus forced to start almost from a standstill hemmed in before he could get going and Holland rather left out of the attack. Once Lindley was just clear but he was cut off before he had gone far ; once also Holland slipped inside his man as he did against Workop but did not get as far as he did in the last game. Still our forwards were battling away and gradually asserting a superiority, and

just before time when we had driven the ball nearly to their line, Pickworth forced his way over on the blind side after a scrum ; but the kick was too far out for a tired Green to convert, and the whistle went almost immediately afterwards with the score 5—3 in their favour.

The whole team had given of their best under Lindley's spirited and unflagging leadership. The tackling was splendid and we were a very difficult team indeed to score against. Our attack did have its limitations after Green's injury, and we were not favoured with any lucky bounces from Green's kicks ahead ; Belfast always had a man lying back to counter this particular threat. The seven has every reason to be proud of its performance in 1958.

I mentioned Mr. Parry's generalship at the beginning and I cannot end this account without emphasising how much the School Rugger owes to him. As I look back over the last ten years to those difficult times just after the war, when Mr. Parry first took over, I can see that there started then a steady improvement in the knowledge of the game and an increasing purposefulness in the School sides, which has been reflected in their results. Physical ability is a lucky accident, but knowledge of the game and good judgment are only acquired by keen and intelligent application of good coaching. This our teams have acquired through the enthusiasm, skill and knowledge of Mr. Parry.

G.C.S.

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## ATHLETICS

There has been a definite improvement in athletics within the School. For the first time of late, the season has proceeded without interruption by the weather. In the School matches, after striving for many years without much effect, we have at last been victorious in all of them. Mention should also be made of the Junior Team which likewise completed an undefeated season. This is particularly encouraging as it emphasizes the improvement of School athletics, which should stand the Senior Team in good stead in years to come.

The Athletics Team has done very well as a body, but there were also some very good individual performances. Foremost among these must be those of D. K. Lindley, who, as well as playing a leading role in the Team's success, also broke the School record for the 100 yards on Sports Day, which has stood for over fifty years.

The Cross-Country Races were held on February 20th, in very windy and muddy conditions. The Senior race was won by C. W. Hughes and the Junior by J. G. Ruddick, both of Jeune. Although the personal times of the winners were slower this year, the number of standards gained was higher than in previous years. The Richards Cup was won by Jeune, thus breaking Heath's virtual strangle-hold on it.

Standards, after being hampered by the snow in the early stages, proceeded without much incident. Partly owing to the lack of time, the number gained was not as great as last year. The John Urry Cup was retained by Jeune, who triumphed by weight of their numbers. The Standards were followed immediately by the Heats for the Sports, and, in

spite of regular interruptions by the weather, they were all completed before Sports Day.

The Sports were held on March 22nd, at Eastern Road, in dry, but rather cold conditions. The highlights of the afternoon were the Open 100 yards, the Open Relay, which Jeune narrowly won after beginning the last leg well behind Prince Lee, who were second, and the Novices' Handicap, when the short prevailed over (or perhaps beneath) the long. Jeune won the Athletic Sports Trophy, with Evans second and Vardy third. An extremely successful and enjoyable afternoon was completed when the trophies and certificates were presented by Mrs. R. G. Lunt, to whom we extend our thanks, not only for the presentations but also for enduring the bitter conditions.

Finally, it only remains to thank Mr. Cadenhead, who, unaided this year, has put in a vast amount of work to produce an athletics team, and to organize athletics within the School. We wish him every success in his new post at Loughborough College.

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

**K.E.S. v. RATCLIFFE (at home)**

Thursday, March 13th. Won 65½—54½.

The first athletics match of the season was held on our new 330 yard track, in extremely wet conditions. We did extremely well to record our first victory over Ratcliffe. Davies ran well to win the 440, and also played a large part in the relay win. Lindley won the 220, Cotton the 880, Waterhouse the High Jump, Webley the Javelin, and Beaumont the Shot.

We also won the Junior Match (70—50), mainly because of a good all-round performance by the entire team.

**K.E.S. v. NOTTINGHAM (at home)**

Saturday, March 15th. Won 72—58.

The afternoon proved to be a triumph for the School's runners, when we won every track event. Lindley won both the 100 and the 220, Davies again won the 440, Hughes the 880, and Connon the Mile. Beaumont also had a good afternoon, winning both the Hurdles and the Shot, and Green won the Javelin. The relay provided the final touches to a pleasant, though rather cold, afternoon, when we ran well to win fairly comfortably.

In the Junior Match we were again victorious (64—55) on the strength of our second just as much as our first strings.

**K.E.S. v. WARWICK and WORCESTER (at Worcester)**

Monday, March 24th. K.E.S., 63 ; Worcester, 37 ; Warwick, 35.

In this annual triangular match, the School won seven of the eleven events on a dry track, in rather blustery conditions, and only in the discus did we fail to get first or second place. Lindley won the 100 and 440. Hughes, after running in the 880 at the beginning of the afternoon, was first equal in an exciting finish to the Mile ; and as Connon and Bagnall were third and fourth respectively, we got the maximum points. Beaumont won the Hurdles, Mountford the Long Jump, and Green the Javelin. And a fitting climax to the end of a victorious season was reached when the Relay Team (Mountford, Page, Davies, Lindley), also undefeated this season, by brilliant baton-changing and running, won the 2 × 110, 2 × 220 relay by at least thirty-five yards.

In this match, the Junior Team also completed an unbeaten season by defeating both Warwick and Worcester.

(K.E.S., 51 ; Worcester, 37 ; Warwick, 33)

The Athletics Team has been selected from the following : R. P. Holland ; R. T. Cotton ; D. K. Lindley ; P. Davies ; R. J. K. Beaumont ; M. P. Connon ; C. W. Hughes ; J. R. Mountford ; I. R. Webley ; R. Bagnall ; A. D. Page ; J. A. Reeves ; A. G. Russell ; G. E. Stollard ; R. F. Waterhouse ; C. J. Wood ; J. C. Green.

## SPORTS RESULTS

### OPEN EVENTS

100 yards : Lindley, 10.4 secs. (Record).  
220 yards : Lindley, 24.0 secs.  
440 yards : Lindley, 54.2 secs.  
880 yards : Cotton, 2 min. 13.6 secs.  
Mile : Connon, 4 min. 55.6 secs.  
Hurdles : Beaumont, 15.8 secs.  
High Jump : Russell, 4ft. 11ins.  
Long Jump : Webley, 18ft. 7ins.  
Discus : Stollard, 96ft.  
Javelin : Green, 131ft. 10½ins.  
Shot : Beaumont, 35ft. 2½ins.

### TROPHY WINNERS

Under 12½ Champions : N. J. Collins and J. L. Forster.  
Junior Champion : E. J. Wilde.  
Intermediate Champion : G. J. Gregg.  
Open Champion : D. K. Lindley.  
Wiggins Davies Cup—U.12½ Relay : Gifford.  
Tudor Cup—Junior Relay : Levett.  
Robert Moseley Cup—Intermediate Relay : Evans.  
Holdsworth Cup—Open Relay : Jeune.  
Richards Cup—Cross-Country : Jeune.  
John Urry Cup—Standards : Jeune.  
Birmingham Athletic Club Cup : Jeune.  
Mitton Shield—Athletics Championship : Jeune.  
During the season the following records have been broken or equalled :  
Open 100 yards : D. K. Lindley, 10.4 secs. Sports Day.  
Open Hurdles : R. J. K. Beaumont, 15.0 secs. (equalled). At Worcester.  
Inter. Javelin : A. B. Loach, 143ft. 10ins. March 13th.

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## CRICKET

The record of 7 games played, won 1, lost 4, and drawn 2, is a disappointing start in view of the time that was spent at practice before the season began. The XI has probably profited technically, but its approach to the game must become much more aggressive. There are too few recognised batsmen in the XI, and this and the fact that the batting generally is timid, are the main causes of the losses.

The bowling is steady, and will become more penetrating, once the spinners find their true form. There is more competition for places in the side than last year and, with only a third of our matches played, we hope to produce better results.

The XXII have not yet lost a match, and there are many promising cricketers in the U15's, and particularly, in the U14's and U13's.

Our thanks go unreservedly to Mr. Guy and Mr. Cockle for their unrelenting efforts to draw the best out of the XI, to Mr. Trott and Mr. Leeds who coach the XXII, and to Messrs. Sacret, Freeman, Buttle, Mathews, Traynor, Vaughan and Woods, for their work amongst the juniors.

A. E. H. HORNIG (*Captain of Cricket*).

## CRICKET CHARACTERS

A. E. H. HORNIG, Captain (1957-58).

The only true all-rounder in the side. His natural ability has not, as yet, fully materialised. With the bat, he should allow himself more freedom to play his strokes, while with the ball, his length varies. His keenness in the field is an example to us all. Deserves to lead a more consistent XI.

(*Gifford*). J.A.F.

J. A. FLETCHER, Vice-Captain (1958).

A business-like wicket-keeper who works efficiently and sometimes quietly. Rarely in difficulty, he has made some acrobatic stops on the leg side. His batting would improve with confidence. As vice-captain, he encourages the Captain to bowl.

(*Captain of Prince Lee.*)

P. B. ROTHWELL (1958).

A right-hand batsman, who, with determination, is doing himself more justice this season. He appears to have time to play his strokes, and his off-drives are often majestic. He has curbed an inclination to hit too hard, but still attacks slow-bowlers without getting to the pitch of the ball. Hopes to bowl.

(*Captain of Heath.*)

T. P. LEE (1958).

Potentially one of the best batsmen in the side, he can play shots all round the wicket with uncommon firmness and assurance. He is willing to use his feet, but this has sometimes caused his downfall early in an innings. He has fielded well at gully, and remains a thoughtful player.

(*Captain of Vardy.*)

R. F. L. WILKINS\* Secretary.

An accurate right arm off-break bowler, who attacks the batsmen. He has taken some valuable wickets, now that he bowls more slowly and flights the ball. A neat batsman, but tends to play the ball too far from his body. Must also move nearer to the ball in the field. A diligent Secretary.

(*Vardy.*)

A. B. CLAYTON†

A powerfully built right-hand batsman, who can hit the ball hard. His defence is weak, since he plays with a "cross-bat," and is reluctant to move his feet. His fielding is safe and faster than it was last year.

(*Vardy.*)



J. E. T. HARPER†

A right-hand opening batsman, who has not yet made as many runs as expected. He lacks many scoring strokes, and in his eagerness to score quickly, often loses his wicket. Safe fielder.

*(Captain of Evans.)*

R. A. GREEN\*

Bowls right-arm medium paced off-cutters, and continues to be the most accurate bowler in the side. He is an invaluable defensive bowler and should become more penetrating with experience. His batting is promising, and he has taken some good catches close to the wicket. Practices occasionally.

*(Cary Gilson.)*

R. A. WALTERS†

A fast bowler who has recovered completely after a season's absence from the field due to illness. He can bowl an outswinger which is too good for many school batsmen. He is sometimes erratic, but will be more accurate, once his run-up becomes more rhythmic. Safe, though slow in the field. Bats aggressively from square leg.

*(Cary Gilson.)*

M. J. LAMPING†

A young right-hand opening batsman, who promises well for the future. He plays his strokes freely, and his scores are steadily improving. He is, however, still vulnerable to the ball that leaves him. He improves in the field, but has a weak throw.

*(Cary Gilson.)*

D. J. L. ASHTON†

Recently recruited from the XXII, his all-round ability is an asset to the side. Bowls left-handed at slow to medium pace, and bats right-handed in his own fashion, but is effective because he concentrates. An aggressive fielder, with a hard throw at the wicket-keeper's feet.

*(Vardy.)*

H. J. FERNS†

A left-handed batsman, whose defence is impenetrable. Cobwebs have known to grow on his score when he is batting. Safe, though slow in the field.

*(Evans.)*

C. H. BROWN.

Has scored faithfully.

The XI has been chosen from : A. E. H. HORNIG, J. A. FLETCHER, P. B. ROTHWELL, T. P. LEE, R. F. L. WILKINS, A. B. CLAYTON, J. E. T. HARPER, R. A. GREEN, R. A. WALTERS, M. J. LAMPING, D. J. L. ASHTON, R. G. BIRCH, R. G. SIMPSON, I. R. WEBLEY, P. B. M. MATHEWS, D. BROWN.

\* Indicates School Cricket Blazer. † Indicates XXII Colours.

## CRICKET RESULTS

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

*(Played at Hunnington, 26th April)*

Old Edwardians' C.C.	..	157 for 6 declared (D. G. Ball 32, B. C. Homer 45 not out, Wilkins 3 for 50).
The XI	..	102 for 3 (Rothwell 37, Lee 37 not out).

### THE XI v. SOLIHULL

*(Played at Solihull, 3rd May)*

Solihull	..	210 for 8 declared (D. Stratford 58, C. J. Lea 53, R. N. Stober 37, P. C. Forsyth 29, Walters 6 for 62).
The XI	..	73 (Harding 4 for 32).

### THE XI v. WYGGESTON

*(Played at Leicester, 10th May)*

Wyggeston	..	125 (J. A. Cumming 29, P. G. W. Smith 32, Walters 3 for 40).
The XI	..	106 (P. B. Rothwell 35, J. Cumming 5 for 22, D. R. Golder 3 for 32).

### THE XI v. WARWICK CLUB AND GROUND

*(Played at the County Ground, 15th May)*

Warwick Club and Ground	216 for 4 declared (I. A. Myers 52, C. Dale 73, A. V. Wolton 46 not out, Wilkins 3 for 32).
The XI	45 (D. Hayshurst 3 for 10, G. A. Trinder 3 for 5, P. Vernon 3 for 6).

### THE XI v. SHREWSBURY

*(Played at Eastern Road)*

Shrewsbury	..	171 for 5 declared (A. J. Le M. Broadbent 95).
The XI	..	41 for 1, match abandoned.

### THE XI v. NOTTINGHAM

*(Played at Eastern Road)*

The XI	..	61 (Rothwell 40 not out, Cavender 8 for 21).
Nottingham	..	63 for 1 (Exelbey 38 not out).

## LAWN TENNIS

With three out of last year's Six remaining at School, prospects for this season were fairly good. Although, up till now, we have not been a brilliant side, and have not and will not win all our matches, we have produced a fairly good brand of tennis. The first pair is the same as last year, and little need be said of them: the second pair practise hard, and are indeed reaping their due reward: the third pair, traditionally the social highlight of the side, have not as yet found their best form, but undoubtedly this will come in time.

In the first round of the Glanvill Cup, played at home this year, after easily defeating Ratcliffe College 3—0, we just lost to Kettering Grammar School, 2—1. But as they, in turn, lost to Ratcliffe by the same score, we emerged the overall winners, and have thereby qualified to meet the Leys School, Cambridge, again in the area final.

There is much speculation this year as to the winners of the House Competition: even at this half-way stage it is impossible to say which of three houses will win the championship. The Burges Cup is under way at last, after many false starts, as also is the Junior Competition, which again has caused a great deal of interest and enthusiasm in the lower part of the School.

Now that the Team is settling down we can look ahead to the rest of the season. Provided the ball bounces well for us and the rain keeps off, we should win most of our remaining fixtures. But a considerable amount of hard and concentrated practice will be required if we are to get through the early rounds of the Youll Cup at Wimbledon in July.

The second team, under the captaincy of N. H. McBroom, have enjoyed their tennis, although not winning all their matches. We also have an Under Sixteen pair (I. A. Emslie and J. H. Siegle) which is extremely enthusiastic, and which should, at the present rate of improvement, be a very formidable pair in a year or two.

Finally it only remains once again to thank Mr. Cadenhead for his advice and encouragement, and to offer him all our best wishes in his new post at Loughborough College.

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

This year the VI has been selected from the following : W. F. Pickworth ; B. H. Shaw (*Hon. Secretary*) ; Brode, A. S. ; Smith, B. H. S. ; Stevens, H. J. R. ; McBroom, N. H. ; Emslie, I. A. ; Siegle, J. H.

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### ETON FIVES

Since the last issue of the CHRONICLE a few more matches have been played, of which two were won. However, in all of them we performed creditably, the more so as sometimes one and at others both of the first pair were unable to play because of injury.

The first pair for this season has been from J. C. Green, W. F. Pickworth, R. J. Roberts and A. G. Russell. When the side has been at full strength, the last two formed the second pair, whilst the third pair has been from R. P. Holland, M. D. Radford, P. J. Stephens and A. E. Hornig. There has been an innovation this year in an Under Sixteen team which has played matches against Wolverhampton Grammar School (twice), and Shrewsbury. Against the former we won both times, and narrowly lost to the latter by the odd game.

During the Easter holidays the School sent four pairs to the annual Public Schools' Eton Fives Competition at Highgate. Both the third and fourth pairs were eliminated rather disappointingly in the first round, but the second pair did well and reached the last sixteen, when they were defeated by a strong pair from Harrow. The first pair, who had held out hopes of winning the title which had so narrowly evaded the School last year, was doomed to failure because of injury once again to the Captain, who broke a bone in his right hand. The "one and a half" reached the third round, and then had to scratch to the eventual winners, Highgate II.

Finally, I should like to thank Mr. Smith for all his work in distributing equipment, for his advice and encouragement, and wish him and next year's team a more successful season.

J. C. GREEN (*Captain of Eton Fives*).

## SWIMMING

After a delayed start, swimming began on May 7th, and the Bath soon reached the tropical warmth to which we are now accustomed. Inspired by the enthusiasm of Messrs. Cotter and Cadenhead who had attended a "Better Swimming" Conference during the previous Term, the teams embarked upon strenuous practice, including circuit and repetition training.

The only event that has taken place so far this season, has been the House Water Polo Knock-out, for which a cup has been kindly presented by M. J. Rufus and K. W. Masters, both of whom are Old Edwardians. It says much for the enthusiasm of the School, that each House has raised a proficient team. The final is between Evans and Prince Lee.

With a wealth of young talent developing well under the able guidance of our coaches, prospects for this and coming seasons are good. We would like to thank Mr. Cadenhead and Mr. Cotter for their efforts, and we wish Mr. Cadenhead the best of success in his new post at Loughborough College.

P. DAVIES (*Captain of Swimming*).

## LIFE-SAVING

Since 1954 there has been steadily increasing numbers of boys taking part in the school Life-Saving classes. They were started by Mr McGawley, who organised and instructed the classes until his departure last Christmas. Each summer boys take the Royal Life Saving Society examinations with a surprisingly high number of passes.

Last year 17 awards were obtained, which should be improved upon this year with a class of 25. However, in a school of this size with such luxurious amenities, it is hoped that even more will take part in the Life-Saving activities.

The success of the class is due not only to the enthusiasm of its members, but also to Mr. Cotter whose invaluable help since Mr. McGawley left should be amply rewarded by the results this summer.

R.J.K.B.

## CHESS

The School chess team has had a most successful season, making a clean sweep of all three divisions of the Birmingham and District Junior League, each by a comfortable margin. The IIB team was also runner-up in the second division. The results are :

					<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>
1st Team	..	..	..	..	10	9	1	—
IIA "	..	..	..	..	12	11	0	1
IIB "	..	..	..	..	12	10	1	1
3rd "	..	..	..	..	9	9	—	—

In the *Sunday Times* National Schools' Tournament the "A" Team won the Midland zone, and reached the nation-wide quarter-finals, where we lost narrowly.

"A" Team	v. Wolverhampton G.S. (Midland Final)	.. ..	Won 4½—1½
" "	v. St. Aloysius College, London	.. ..	Won 5½—½
" "	v. Calday Grange, Cheshire (½ Final)	.. ..	Lost 3½—2½

The House Competition has been keenly contested and was finally won by Prince Lee. Most of the games were finished promptly—proof of the success of the fortnight rule. The Margaret Pugh Cup for the first team championship was won by Vardy.

In its first year of award, the Hurn Trophy was won by J. Marriott, with B. K. Wicken as runner-up. D. B. C. Merry won the Junior Pugh Cup.

I regret that only three contestants represented the School at the Birmingham Easter Congress. Many more players could do with this valuable match practice, and it is an event in which the true strength of the School could be revealed. However, hearty congratulations to J. Marriott, who was third in a very strong Midland Boys' Championship, and to D. B. C. Merry on third place in the under 14 event.

Chess players are, at present, diverted to other sports, but, with many of our senior players staying on, prospects for next year are very good.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Hurn for his enthusiastic support, and Miss Chaffer for her patient forbearance.

The regular 1st team this season has been : J. Marriott, M. J. Lamping, N. V. A. Hobbs, Hackett P., Fletcher D. G., and M. D. Radford.

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

## SHOOTING

During the Lent term VIII shooting produced nothing outstanding, although the general standard of the team was as a whole quite good. Results of postal matches fired during the term were promising and perhaps because of this we were too optimistic when the day of the Public Schools' "Country Life" Competition arrived. Results of this competition have not yet been promulgated. The score less the landscape section was 724, rather lower than the average for other matches during the term.

The reconstruction of Kingsbury ranges finished, practices there have been resumed, and have been well attended throughout the term. On May 30th there took place the Midland Ashburton and although the team position was low, the School distinguished itself by winning the competition for Public Schools Past and Present, with a score of 192 out of a possible 210, a very creditable result, upon which Major Cooke, P. Broadhurst and J. M. Patrick receive our congratulations.

The future prospects of School shooting are far from gloomy. Not many of this year's team, which is younger than usual, are leaving, and quite a lot of young talent has been found, and should prove useful in future years.



Finally, it only remains for me to urge co-operation between House and School shooting, and to express our thanks to Major Cooke and Sergeant-Major Moore for all their help and encouragement during the past year.

M. I. CAMPBELL (*Captain of Shooting*).

#### RESULTS OF COUNTRY LIFE POSTAL MATCHES

K.E.S.		H.P.S.	For	Against	Result
v.	Worksop .. .. .	800	743	740	Won
„	v. Downside .. .. .	800	748	753	Lost
„	v. University .. .. .	800	745	743	Won
„	v. King's, Worcs. .. .. .	800	747	749	Lost
„	v. Framlingham .. .. .	800	747	783	Lost
„	v. Glasgow .. .. .	800	743	739	Won

#### P.T.

This year's House P.T. Competition was won by Evans with a lead of a fraction of a point over Jeune, with Heath third.

The Senior Individual Competition was won by J. M. Tagg with A. H. Papps and D. K. Lindley second and third. The Junior Competition was won with ease by D. J. Prentice from an unusually large entry.

The thanks of all concerned with the P.T. Competitions are due to Messrs. Cadenhead and Cotter for their very able and freely given assistance.

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

## THE HOUSES

### CARY GILSON

Once again the aspirations of the many have been translated through the efforts of the few into mixed success. A knock-out position of fifth at the end of the Rugby season is satisfactory only when compared with a more basic position in Athletics ; fourth place in P.T. was gained in spite of loss through injury ; second place in the Tunstall Cup was a just reward for hard practice, yet we remain sixth in the shooting championship.

The majority of the minor sports, however, bring in a note of encouragement and a promise of success. Fourth position in Chess, even realising that we boast one-half of the School team, is not to be despised, and our placing in Senior Fives will be much improved on by Juniors of considerable skill and keenness. In Tennis we have yet to lose a match, and although swimming prospects remain murky for G. E. Stollard, several members of the House who *can* swim (and one who cannot) have been seen playing Water Polo with enthusiasm if not with saving grace.

For many, Cricket remains a puzzle unsolved. The first, second and third elevens, have still to win a match, whilst the fourth team are content alternately to terrorize their opponents one week with 113 for 3 declared, and amaze them the next in being dismissed for a humble 11 ! Prospects for the Knock-out, however, are exceptionally bright, five members of the House having so far played for the School XI.

You, who are the House, are at last beginning to realise that Cary Gilson is more than a collection of individuals for sporting competition. The spirit is undoubtedly willing, for the whole House, united once in the year, gained all but victory in the Music Competitions (but the glory's in the game). This unity, together with the interest and example, the occasional advice and continual encouragement of our Housemaster, Mr. Biggs, and of his assistants, Mr. Vaughan and Mr. Webb, will ensure that the Star of Cary Gilson will rise again in the near future.

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

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## EVANS

The optimism displayed in the last House report has proved well founded, for we are in the running once again for the House Championship. This has not so much been the doing of a few talented individuals, as the result of a determined effort by every member of the House.

After the triumphant passage of our League fifteens on the rugger field, we proceeded to win the knock-out as a whole. The first fifteen overwhelmed Heath in the final, thereby avenging last year's defeat ; whilst the second fifteen, handicapped by injury, won two of their three games. Thus we won the Rothe Cup for the Rugby Championship in a very clear-cut fashion. The winning trend was maintained in the P.T. Competition which we narrowly won from the favourites, Jeune ; and, on the following day, J. M. Tagg went on to retain the individual P.T. Championship. However, in athletics Jeune gained their revenge when we were doomed to play second fiddle to them throughout. Fives continued to be encouraging, but in chess we failed to win a match.

With the advent of summer a certain lethargy appears to have set in amongst the senior part of the House, but the younger members have retained all their enthusiasm and energy. At cricket we are well-placed in the league—mainly thanks to the efforts of the second, third and fourth teams—but prospects for the knock-out are not so good with only two school players. Tennis is progressing satisfactorily, and we should finish in the first three. Shooting has reflected much credit upon our marksmen, as we possess no members of the School eight, and our overall position of second is extremely satisfactory. But swimming so far has not met with the success that was hoped for, although we redeemed ourselves in part by winning the final of the Water Polo Competition.

Whether in fact we do win the House Championship or not will depend upon our efforts in the last few weeks of term. However, whatever position we may attain, we may be well pleased with our efforts throughout the year. I should like to thank all House Officials and every member of the House for the magnificent manner in which they have rallied round and tried so hard. Also our thanks are due to Mr. Dunt and his House Tutors, Mr. Buttle and Mr. Hodges, for their omnipresent help and advice. Finally, on behalf of all us who are leaving at the end of the term, I give our best wishes to the House for the future.

J. C. GREEN (*House Captain*).

## GIFFORD

With the Summer Term half completed, the House is maintaining its middle position in the House Championship. The end of the term should see us still there if not further up.

The winter provided achievement and failure. A good rugby season culminated in the winning of the 2nd XV Knock-out. This combined with the efforts of the other teams put us 3rd in the Rugby placings. P.T., Chess, and Athletics suffered from lack of ability and those few who did join battle met stronger opposition. Our riflemen and their neighbours in the fives courts, however, did claim some glory.

Our cricketers, though weakened by the demands of school teams, are playing well. The first and second elevens are, so far, undefeated, and hence the League Cup is well within our grasp. Knock-out prospects are equally bright.

Tennis successes fluctuate. An inability to concentrate against recognised weaker opposition has lost one match, but on the whole the four have performed creditably.

This year the swimming season is more full than ever. A water polo cup has been presented and the bath has been the scene of turbulent confusions from which we have emerged with at least one win. In the more conventional events, we have a good all-round strength.

It is pleasing to reflect on the year from several aspects. The keenness of the senior members of the House in encouraging the juniors is worthy of note as is the promise and improvement shown by the juniors under this guidance. We have climbed a good way up the ladder of success and next year should see us even higher.

Once again it is my pleasure to thank all those who have worked so hard. With the help and advice of Mr. Kay and his colleagues, the spirit of Gifford has become very much alive.

N. H. MCBROOM (*Head of the House*).

## HEATH

In recent years the House has followed a strangely inflexible course. Heathans invariably begin the year well, droop, and then, revitalised by some unknown power, cruise to a reasonable finish. The influence of the past appears to be as strong as that of the moon over the tides, for this year has seen no change of pattern. The difference is one of degree.

Hopes were high when the Rugby Knock-out maintained our overall position at third. Cross-Country gave the first indication of a depression. Results, whilst quite good, fell behind the now customary, high Heathan standard. The same general trend was reflected throughout the Athletics season. The distressing aspect of the picture was the lack of enthusiasm for standards.

P.T. temporarily cast a ray of light. The team achieved a creditable third place after hard and keen practice. Music brought back the clouds. Even shooting, always an unknown, but frequently a cheerful quantity, was shrouded in gloomy eighth-position type darkness.

The Summer Term should historically bring with it the great renaissance. It certainly began well. The shooting team won the Tunstall Cup and slightly redeemed its low status. Cricket and Tennis can hardly be assessed yet but there seem to be no grounds for despondency. Swimming promises well.

The slump was greater than usual ; let us hope that the pendulum swings true so that the recovery follows suit. Mr. Barlow and the House Tutors have done much to ensure that depression does not remain and we acknowledge our debt and gratitude to them for helping to turn the tide.

P. MATTHEWS (*Head of the House*).

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## JEUNE

There has been little consistency in our performance this year. Success has mingled with disappointment but it is probable that our position in the House Championship will be quite high.

We had hoped to do well in the Rugby Knock-out Competition and thus to improve upon a position of sixth in the league. A lack of determination in the junior teams and bad luck combined to give us a position of fifth in the Knock-out. We were therefore unpleasantly surprised to find that our position in the Rugby Championship was seventh.

Our performance in Athletics exceeded expectations, for the Richards Cup for cross-country and the John Urry Cup for standards, which was won by the large margin of 26 points, both rest in the House Cupboard. We were again victorious on Sports Day, ensuring a position of first in Athletics.

The P.T. and Fives teams have acquitted themselves creditably. The former were unfortunate to finish second by the narrowest of margins, but with Junior Fives Competition only half finished, we are already assured of finishing first in Fives.

A good team spirit compensates for a lack of individual talent on the cricket field and our 2nd and 3rd teams in particular should do well. The Tennis team is still an unknown quantity, but with one win and one draw from two matches, we seem likely to do well.

Traditionally, our swimming, although improving slowly, is weak. Several young swimmers have appeared in the House, so the improvement should continue.

The House would like to thank our House Master, Mr. Leeds, and our Tutors, Mr. Sacret, Dr. Allison and Mr. Kent, for their help and support, and to wish Dr. Allison every success and happiness in his new appointment.

W. F. PICKWORTH (*House Captain*).



## LEVETT

As a result of co-operation by all members of the House the treasured Music trophy now rests in the House Cupboard. In the final round of the competition, the House gained first place in the Unison song and third place in the Part song. On the previous day our musicians gained two first places and three second places in the individual competition.

This year the Chess community has done well, coming second in the competition, while both individual trophies were won by members of the House. The P.T. team's position of fifth is commendable. Although our "big shots" were victorious in the N.S.R.A. competition they have not continued their success, falling to fifth position in both the Tunstall Cup and "Country Life" Competition.

Rugger and Athletics have been rather disappointing this year. We fell to bottom rung in Rugger, although sixth position was reached in the Knock-out competition. The Junior relay team ran well but despite this, we sank to the uncomfortable position of seventh in Athletics.

It would be rash at this stage to prophesy about cricket, swimming, tennis or junior fives. One must say however, that for the first time in the history of the House, all our teams were unbeaten in the first round of the Cricket League.

Of late "team spirit" in the House is much better than it has been for a long time. For the first time for many years, nets are being well attended and we are confident of greater success in the future.

At the end of this term we regretfully say goodbye to Mr. Cadenhead who has served the House faithfully for eight years. We wish him every success in his new post.

Our thanks go to Mr. Porter and the House Tutors for their continual guidance and encouragement.

P. M. JOHNSON (*House Captain*).

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## PRINCE LEE

The optimism prevalent at the beginning of the year has not been fully justified, for after a crowded Lent Term we languish at the moment in sixth place in the Cock House championship. A dismal 8th in the knock-out gave an overall position of 5th in Rugby. Athletics, once again, was left to the talented few, who placed us 4th. However, we came first in Chess, because of hard practice by all concerned. This latter result, and Senior Fives (3rd equal) and Shooting (2nd in the *Country Life*) were most gratifying. The P.T. team demonstrated that hard practice is of little avail without some talent, but were unfortunate to finish 8th. Our final position in the Music Competition was 4th, which reflects adequately the practice put in.

It is obvious from these results that more effort from everyone is required to make the difference between the average and the good, and we set out this term hoping for such an effort. Cricket is progressing well although not as well as expected. In .303 shooting we came 3rd and we are winning Tennis matches. Swimming has just begun, and a revival seems imminent, for we have reached the final of the Water Polo Knock-out. Hence, with a little more application, we could greatly improve on that 6th place.

P. DAVIES (*Head of the House*).



## VARDY

The failures of the Michaelmas Term were soon forgotten when the House XV gained its second victory. Hitherto unknown faces appeared at rugger and cross-country practices, which put new life into the overworked few.

In all our activities it is evident that the House relies far too much on its few athletes. The result of this was shown in rugger where we finished seventh. The alternative, where everyone takes a part, produced good results, as in Athletics where we came third in the standards, sports and championship. Vardy now boasts the winning Junior relay team, and the Under 12½ Champion, and can look forward to a bright future in this field.

Chess saw an improvement when it was learned that the first team had come first, the overall position being third. P.T. saw no improvement in position, but by relying so much upon the Juniors the prospects are good, as was revealed in the Junior P.T. competition, Vardy holding eight out of twelve places including the winner.

The large number of school cricket team players means that the most unexpected people fill the teams, especially on Wednesday evenings. However, in Cricket, as in Tennis, it is yet too early to predict or hope. Swimming, it seems, will again be strong, even though the tropical water is attracting foreign Houses to swim. Water polo has been organised and is eagerly awaited.

J. W. Jordan still plays for us at House Prayers, although few people accompany him.

With so much to gain it is the job of every member of the House to help and co-operate and not to leave the effort to the few.

For the progress we have made since last year, we would like to thank Mr. Copland, Mr. Parry, and Mr. Skinner, for their encouragement. We are sad to learn that Mr. Skinner is leaving us this term. He has been invaluable to the House at all times and we are deeply grateful. He takes our good wishes in his new work.

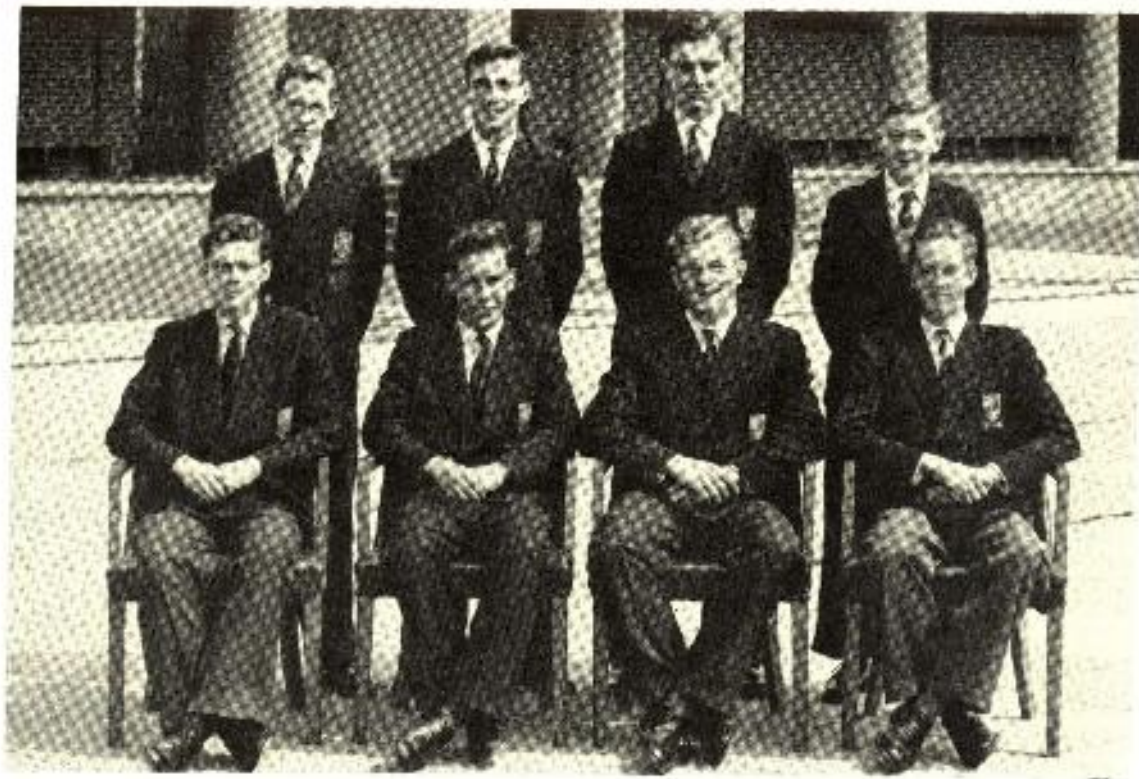
R. J. K. BEAUMONT (*House Captain*).

## THE SCOUT GROUP

This year Easter Camp was held at Kibblestone, near Stoke-on-Trent, the North Staffordshire County camp site, and admirable for a week of training. The programme was aided by permanent dining-shelters, chapel and camp-fire hollow. Notable during the camp were an official Morgue Hunt and a near-freezing dip in the swimming pool.

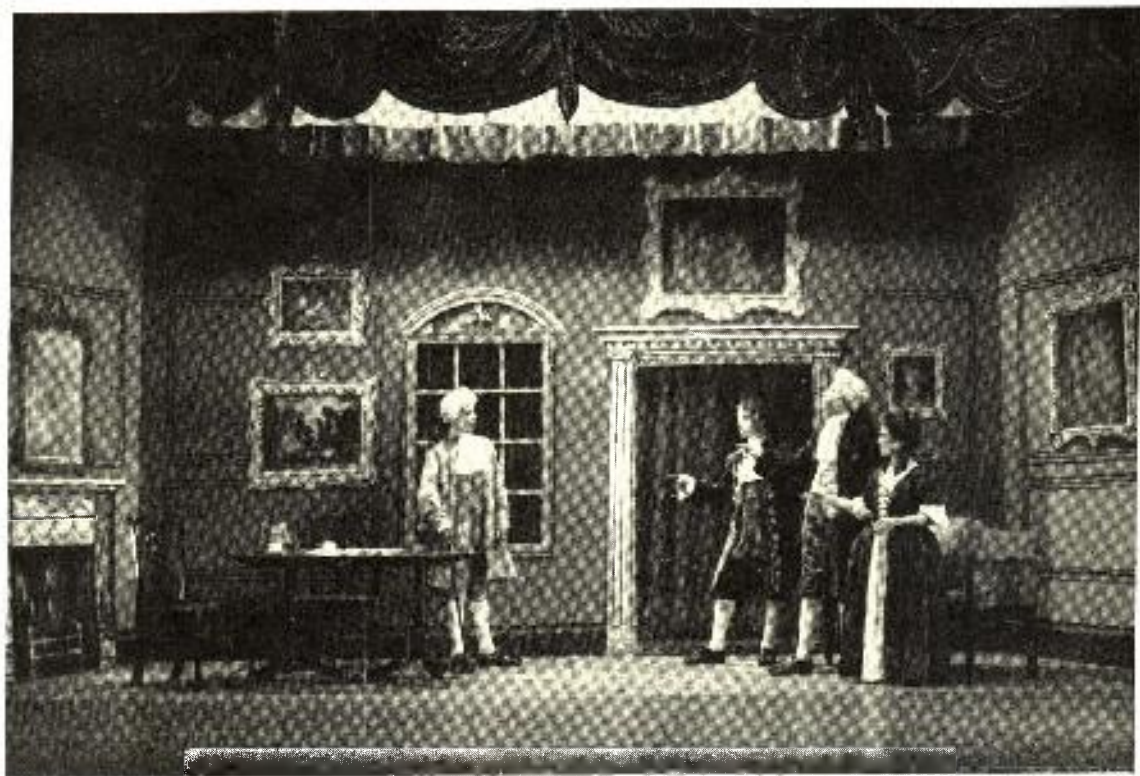
In the annual cross-country race held at Quinton, P. G. Wall won the Jenkins Trophy, and C. W. Hughes ran second. The Seniors won first three places in the county first aid competition.

Dates and events have now been determined for the celebration of the Group's twenty-first birthday. A special magazine will be published and G. Henman will be its editor; the Old Scouts' Re-union Dinner



THE SWIMMING TEAM, 1957-58

*(Standing, left to right) : A. B. LOACH, T. R. ARMSTRONG, D. R. ELLISON (1957-58), B. J. HAMBIDGE.  
(Sitting, left to right) : J. M. TAGG (1956-57-58), N. M. McCARTY (1956-57-58) (Vice-Captain), P. DAVIES (1954-55-56-57-58)  
(Captain), R. BAGNALL.*



“ THE CRITIC ”

will be on Saturday, July 12th ; on Sunday, 13th, there will be a Thanksgiving Service at St. George's Church, Edgbaston, and on Monday, 14th, a Grand Field Day, possibly in the Derbyshire Dales. On July 21st and 22nd there will be a Group Show in Big School entitled " Sing As We Go."

The Senior Troop will hold its summer camp in Sweden, New and Mitre on the Isle of Arran, and Park Vale in Borrowdale.

We congratulate Mr. Whinnerah, Mr. Skinner and Dr. Allison, on their new appointments. They have given the Group efficient and devoted service and we are sorry to lose them.

W. F. Hurford is to be congratulated on gaining his First Class.

We thank our Scout Masters for their continued organisation and leadership.

A.A.W.

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### THE C.C.F.

The Cadet Corps does not go in for spectacles. The General Inspection usually suffices for the year. Little has occurred to disturb the routine which continues fairly quietly and efficiently.

The Special Force has added colour in name but is mysteriously dark in character. It is a welcome innovation, without its assault course.

On Field Day "A," "B" and "C" Companies manoeuvred at Weatheroak, Illey, and the Lickys respectively. The customary entertainments took place.

The Air Section visited R.A.F., Gaydon, and inspected much interesting machinery. One flight went with "A" Company and retreated rapidly.

A small party of senior ratings from the R.N. Section took their exercise on the Long Mynd. The rest of the Section visited H.M.S. *President* at London.

During the Easter holidays a party of cadets visited Germany as the guests of B.A.O.R. and returned much impressed by both the modern army and modern Germany.

At the same time, a fleet of boats, based at Wayford Bridge, succeeded in terrorizing the Broads for a whole week.

During the summer term the band has emerged once more and the Stores, though changed in shape, still give their usual " warm and friendly service." They have acquired some camping equipment and in consequence the Army Section faces the threat of a Field Day (and Night) under canvas.

The item of chief interest to the Air Section is the new training schedule designed to integrate the Air Section more closely with the other Sections and to place more emphasis on practical and less on theoretical training.

The Navy managed to sink their cutter and, whilst attempting to refloat it, one rating skilfully deposited the C.O.'s bucket overboard.



Besides the light-hearted events which retain the spirit of the Corps, its organisation and purpose remain firm and for this we are indebted to Major Mathews and the other members of the Orderly Room. Especially we extend our thanks to C. S. M. Moore, for all his forty-two years' service to the School Cadet Force under its varied forms and names. His departure at the end of this year will be felt by officers and cadets alike of both present and past generations.

P.M.

### “THE CRITIC”

It was not without certain misgivings that I approached “The Critic.” Such a play was, I felt, likely to be beyond the scope of the Junior School. Happily I was wrong. The rehearsal of Puff’s tragedy was excellent; the actors obviously enjoyed themselves immensely, and Mr. Bolton used the extensive scope for by-play to great effect. But this was surely not the most impressive part of the play. The humour of the tragedy rehearsal is easily conveyed and one felt that the Junior School would be able to carry this splendidly. The difficult part of the play was its first act. It is largely static, it involves few characters, and yet on it depends the overall success of the piece. The fact that the first act went off so well was, in my view, the real *tour de force* of the evening’s entertainment.

There can be little doubt that Mr. Bolton was admirably served by his principals. Singer was a sound Dangle, always audible, and showing a good command of facial expression. Grant was excellent as Sneer, both in looks and voice. He moved well on stage and lounged elegantly in the chairs. He used his voice to great effect, while his timing was excellent—the slight hesitation before his comment on the rarity of the singers’ voices was well done indeed. His acid comments on the rehearsal of Puff’s tragedy were especially memorable. Osborn’s Plagiary was good. He spoke, if anything, a little too fast, with the result of occasional inaudibility. This did not seriously detract from an otherwise distinguished performance. He succeeded splendidly in portraying the huffiness of Sir Fretful—“I know it, I am divarted.” Key-Pugh as Mrs. Dangle, spoke with pleasing clarity, and I liked the emphasis he put behind those commonsense speeches to Dangle in the first act. He was excellent in the short scene with the interpreter. Perhaps a lack of gesture was his only fault.

It is, however, upon Puff that most of the burden of the first act falls. The scene with Dangle and Sneer is long and static, and it can only be effectively sustained by some first-class acting from Puff. This Reynolds gave us. He handled the long speech about the various types of “puffing” superbly. He moved easily, and held the stage with the confidence of his gestures. His was a very fine and accomplished performance, although he must learn to speak a little slower, as he tended occasionally to be inaudible. Perhaps the only unsatisfactory thing about his performance was the unevenness in the intensity of his acting. Sometimes he realized the character of Puff superbly (“for two years I supported m’self entirely



on my misfortunes”), and yet at other moments he rushed phrases and failed to give them point. One must, however, not forget, that to hold an audience’s attention during those long speeches of the first act is a major achievement for any actor—let alone one of Reynolds’ years.

The remaining acts introduced many more characters, of which one can only mention a few. The opening dialogue of the tragedy between Allen and Tedd was very enjoyable. I also like Ferns’ Earl of Leicester (“then let’s embrace”), especially in the prayer. Morley and Crigman as Tilberina and her confidant provided us with some good comedy with their identical gestures, particularly in the “mad scene.” Morley delivered his line about “‘cart-rendin’ woe” to great effect. Rowland spoke clearly as the Under-Prompter, and I enjoyed his whistles to control the pageant scene. Other impressions linger—Cane’s delightful Lord Burleigh, Reynold’s splendid speaking of “there’s a situation for you,” and of Mr. Axford’s excellent epilogue.

One must add a word of praise for C. R. Edmonds’ scenery. The pictures on the walls of the first set were excellent, and the Tilbury Fort scenery was deservedly applauded. The music was firmly played, and the admirable programme furnished your critic with ample space to make notes. Altogether then, a most enjoyable evening. There can be no doubt that the audience was well “diverted.”

M.W.S.

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### KING ARTHUR

Listening to the school music society giving their last major performance under Dr. Willis Grant, one could not help feeling the irony. The only work of such a dramatic composer of Purcell to survive on the stage is *Dido and Aeneas*, written for a girls’ school, while a work as big as *King Arthur*, composed to words, not by the wretched Tate—who gave *King Lear* its happy ending—but by Dryden himself, gets—and deserves—a concert performance. That is not to suggest Dr. Grant should have turned producer and given us a Fairest Isle rising up on the school stage; it was far better to sit back with the programme of stage directions and imagine the extraordinary sequence of scenes. Perhaps, given unlimited money, it might be possible to bring it to life visually, as well as aurally. The trouble is that *King Arthur* is a highly sophisticated work, and nothing dates like sophistication. *King Arthur* was written for a sophisticated audience, who knew what they liked to see on the stage, and the product that suited their demands is as quaint as the sackline will look in ten years’ time. Restoration comedy survives because the prevailing cynicism enables us to take the complacent acceptance of fashion as part of the wit, and not for what it is, its background, but there is nothing in *King Arthur* to suggest that it may ever find its way back on to the regular stage as a musical drama again.

But nothing makes greater demands on amateurs than sophistication. The professional slickness of the Restoration scene shifters has to be equalled by the professional capabilities of the singers. No one could be less of an amateur’s composer than Purcell in his dramatic works, and the

school music society made a thoroughly professional job of their performance. There are two temptations ; either to simplify things till we think of Ladies' Choirs singing " Sound the Trumpet," or to let the attainment of mild virtuosity go to the head, until rhythms are dotted out of recognition and we all have a wallow in baroquery. Neither temptation was felt for a moment ; the peasants' song " Your Hay it is Mowed," was as disciplined as the frost scene.

The first scene, in fact, showed the virtues of the choir at their best. The extraordinary eeriness of the accompaniment gave the background for the beautifully controlled trembling and shivering of the chorus. Throughout the work one felt that not only were they enjoying the music hugely, but that they were completely caught up in it.

The soloists gave the chorus just the lead they wanted. A criticism I heard concerned the tone of the leading soprano. It seemed to me that the hard bright edge to her voice was what Purcell melody lines need. " Fairest Isle " she sang with the sharp leading note ; whether you regretted the (apparently unscholarly) A flat or not, you knew just where you were with the intonation. The tenor's voice didn't quite hold its own with the choir verses in the lovely " How blest are shepherds," and the Grand Dance didn't quite sweep everything up in its movement—one felt that the bass was academic rather than inevitable. But apart from that, *King Arthur* was *King Arthur* as it ought to be, crisp, and intensive, and frequently moving ; altogether a fine last performance from Dr. Willis Grant.

### GHANA—CADBURY'S SCHOLARSHIP, 1958

Seventeen hours after its departure from London, a Boeing strato-cruiser landed at Accra Airport four thousand miles away. Six students from Birmingham schools—three boys and three girls—accompanied by two members of Cadburys' staff, stepped from the comfort of a pressurised, air-conditioned plane into the humid 75° F. which is customary at 9 o'clock on a January morning in Accra. To describe the experience as breath-taking is nothing less than the truth, for the rapid transition from a dull, cold England, to the heat and glare of the tropics leaves no time for acclimatisation.

The thirteen days spent in Ghana could not have been more eventful. Sunday mornings and two hours after dinner each night were the only periods of leisure and these were occupied with surf-riding, correspondence, or in most cases relaxation. Apart from these rare moments, a full and interesting schedule was maintained, which, whilst exacting at the time, provided us with a fund of knowledge otherwise quite unattainable in such a relatively short time.

The purpose of the tour was two-fold : to see and learn about as much of Ghana as possible ; and to act as a goodwill visit. To this end sightseeing was combined with meeting a large number of people of every colour, age, and outlook.

Cocoa is the life-blood of Ghana. Two-thirds of the country's exports consist of sacks of cocoa beans. The remainder is made up of gold, diamonds, manganese, bauxite and, a recent development, timber. However, the tax levied on cocoa provides over half of the country's annual revenue, and the great strides made during the past ten years—new hospitals, roads, a new harbour, better education—all these owe their existence to the prosperity of the cocoa industry. Indeed, one of the principal reasons for the attainment of independence by the Gold Coast in such a relatively short time, was the economic stability and consequent progress that cocoa provided.

During our stay we were shown every stage of the cocoa crop—the tree, the pod, splitting the pod and extracting the beans, fermentation, drying in the sun, packing, selling to brokers, examination of the beans for disease, grading and, finally, shipping. The last process is unusual and picturesque. At present Ghana has only one harbour, at Takoradi, and this cannot take all the exports of the country. As the sea is exceptionally shallow along the length of the coast, the ocean-going ships have to anchor off-shore and their cargo is brought to them in surf-boats. These are usually dug-out canoes and each has a crew of between six and ten. As they are paid by the load they paddle furiously and the beach and sea form a scene of great activity.

The government of Ghana is fully aware of the essential role of cocoa in its budget. If the crop is devastated, so is Ghana. In an attempt to ensure the safety of the trees and also to increase their yield, the West African Cocoa Research Institute was founded. We spent a full and interesting day at the headquarters of W.A.C.R.I. (a welcome abbreviation which sounds as if it might be an African village). We were shown the various types of tree, their main enemies the mealy bug and swollen shoot, the growing of trees in the open (they are normally shaded by large kapok trees), and saw radio-active isotopes used to trace the progress of fertilisers through the tree.

Another of Ghana's important products is gold. On our way to Kumasi we visited the Konongo gold-mine—one of the richest veins in West Africa, averaging  $\frac{3}{4}$  oz. of gold for every ton of ore ! We were given miner's helmets, and, dressed in old clothes, descended to a depth of 2,300 ft. On returning to the surface, having walked along nearly two miles of humid, dripping tunnels to and from the face, we felt relatively cool. In fact the temperature was over 100° F. ! The remainder of the day was spent seeing the processing plant. The one thing we were not shown was gold itself. Ingots are made only twice a month.

Rapid progress is being made in education. All levels of education were enthusiastically shown to us ; from mass education to the College at Achimota and the University at Legon. One night was spent at Achimota and we made many good friends. Sleeping on boards, however, proved less enjoyable, for they form the customary African bed.

The growing confidence of the people of Ghana is reflected in the buildings erected during the past ten years. Pioneering in design and material, buildings like the Folk Museum and the library at Accra, the hospital in Kumasi, and, finest of all, the University at Legon, are right at the forefront of modern architecture.

The climax of our stay occurred fittingly on the last day when we went to Christianborg Castle, the official residence of the Prime Minister, Dr. Nkrumah. During our conversation with him we were much impressed by his sincerity. Ghana's first African leader has sacrificed many things and even been imprisoned in his quest for independence for his country. With him the interests of his land have precedence over everything.

It would be difficult to imagine thirteen busier days. We were dazzled by the immense amount of people, places, and projects we had seen. Only afterwards could we begin to appreciate them fully. We were deeply sorry that we had to leave this land with its cocoa, markets, bush, lizards, surf-boats, and all the other things that flash to mind. But above all we regretted having to leave the friends we had made ; our excellent hosts of the Cadbury-Fry staff and the happy, ever hospitable people of Ghana. African and European in Ghana live happily and freely. Much has been done, much is yet to be done. Ghana in 1958 is confident and exciting. All six of us are profoundly grateful to Cadbury Bros. Ltd. for enabling us to go on this unforgettable journey.

P.M.

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### GERMANY, 1958

On March 9th a very select group assembled at Snow Hill Station, the first party to go with Mr. Barlow to Germany for several years. The outward journey was not without its unexpected crises, for at one stage half the party mysteriously disappeared on Victoria Station. However, the party arrived exhausted at Aachen despite determined opposition by Belgian Railways, and, after a cup of stimulating coffee at the station restaurant, we embarked on the coach which was to take us to Manderscheid. It was a cold, exhausted and somewhat dishevelled party that arrived at 6 o'clock in the morning. After a very welcome breakfast all adjourned to bed, but in the afternoon took a light constitutional along the Lieser valley.

The next day the snow which had greeted our arrival had somewhat abated and after nearly breaking the bank at Manderscheid by cashing all our travellers' cheques, we walked to the Heidsmühle in the afternoon. On Saturday the party journeyed by train to Wittlich. Sunday was a free day, though this did not deter several hardy spirits from setting out on a round tour, which ended up, as one might have expected, at the Heidsmühle. On Monday there was a long coach ride along the Mosel to Bernkastel with its delightful half-timbered houses. We returned via Wittlich, where we stopped to visit a wine cellar and had the complicated wine-making processes explained to us. We were allowed to taste the unmaturing wine, which all declared to be unmaturing. The longest trip we undertook was on Wednesday. We went by coach via the famous Nurburgring mountain race-track to Koblenz, where all the principal landmarks were inspected and souvenirs bought. The last day was spent in Manderscheid, buying souvenirs and juggling with currency problems. We left the hotel at 11 o'clock in the evening and arrived home at New Street at 8 o'clock next evening.



It only remains for me to express the gratitude of everyone to Mr. and Mrs. Barlow, who shepherded us through the minor upheavals of the journey and to whose unflinching vigilance and organisation the success of this extremely enjoyable holiday must be attributed.

M.W.S.

### FRANCE, 1958

The conspirational-looking group which boarded the 1 a.m. train for London on the 9th of April, turned out on closer inspection to be nine boys and two masters from K.E.S. bound for a week on the Côte-d'Azur. Two more members of the party joined the train in London and we had a calm crossing to Dieppe. Thence we travelled to Paris where we first partook of the food and drink of our Gallic neighbour. Breakfast was consumed at Marseilles after an all-night journey from Paris. The party was seen to consist of the "slept" and the "slept-nots"—who were, fortunately, in a bleary minority.

Our destination, the small resort of Cros de Cagnes, was reached at mid-day and we had lunch at "La Résidence"—an adjoining villa of which we were to inhabit for the rest of our stay. Shortly the Côte-d'Azur belied its name and assumed the alias of Côte-de-Gris which it maintained until our departure. The Alpes Maritimes provided a majestic background to our machinations in Europe's "millionaires' playground," and an exotic touch was provided by the ubiquitous palm trees.

The week was spent in an excursion to the Fragonard perfumery at Grasse, a conducted tour via the grande Corniche to San Remo where unfortunately, it rained all day. We went also to Monaco, where we were lucky enough to see Prince Rainier and Princess Grace inspect a visiting French warship. Mr. Leeds discovered a mediaeval walled-city some miles inland to which we walked: the curious narrow cobbled streets, absence of cars, and intact battlements, proved well worth the exertion of the hike. On the Sunday some of the party attended morning service at the Anglican Church in Nice.

The remaining days were spent in Nice or Cros de Cagnes; the members of the party enjoyed the atmosphere and scenery immensely.

On the final Thursday the sun glared down out of a torrid sky upon three of us who were taking a last stroll along the Promenade des Anglais in Nice—a farewell taunt by the capricious climate!

We journeyed overnight to Paris and some of us walked up the Champs Elysées; breakfast safely stowed, we went to Dieppe whence, after a crowded crossing we bade farewell to Mr. Leeds and travelled to Paddington for High Tea. So to New Street whence all and sundry were conveyed home in fast cars—exhausted but exhilarated.

The success of the trip is tribute enough to Mr. Hodges' genial organizing skill, and to Mr. Leed's cheerful company, which has become legendary on trips of this nature.

R.G.M.



## THE C.C.F. IN GERMANY

During the Easter holidays, a party of cadets were the guests of the 19th Field Regiment R.A., near Minden.

The 25-pounder formed the basis of military activities, while considerable time was spent operating wirelasses, and studying the intricacies of mine-laying and "booby" traps, as demonstrated by the North Staffs. Regiment. The Battle of Minden (1759) was reconstructed with the aid of models and photographs, and history was enlivened by a tour of the actual area.

Soldiery, however, was but one aspect of the holiday. A visit to the Continental Tyre factory in Hanover revealed industry in its most advanced form, and the firm's rapid recovery from severe war damage was indicative of West German progress in general.

Several afternoons were spent in the neighbouring towns, such as Hamelin, where one could learn more of the German people and their way of life; while the evenings gave opportunity for less strenuous conversation with the English soldiers, whose opinions on military and moral matters were found to be most enlightening.

The climax to the holiday was a week-end camp in the Harz mountains. In sight of a Russian observation post, the party pitched tents in a snow-covered forest, in the hope of skiing next day. However, the spring thaw had set in, and so a map-reading exercise was arranged, which entailed walking considerable distances in waist-deep snow, a hardship mitigated by the scenic splendour.

Thus, in this energetic manner, the visit to Germany was concluded, and all returned with a wealth of information and souvenirs. The members of the party wish to extend their thanks to Major Mathews and Major Cooke, who gave them the opportunity of this memorable expedition.

I.R.W.

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## OUTWARD BOUND MOUNTAIN SCHOOL, ESKDALE

It is quite an experience to slip off a cliff-face and find oneself dangling on the end of a rope with a drop of 400 feet below—to mention nothing of the accompanying sleet and thick mist.

The full enjoyment of such an adventure does not strike until you are thawing out, three hours later, under a hot shower.

This was all part and parcel of the course.

It is not skill or physical strength that counts at this school but the effort which is put into a job. Effort, effort, effort—this was the keynote of the whole course which, as well as building us up physically, also developed our will power. We learnt to drive ourselves and lead others over "impossible" obstacles. Through the course we learnt a lesson for life: "to serve, to strive and not to yield."

A.C., P.G.W., R.V.C.

## MY HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

This is not written from an individual point of view but from a feeling for that which is necessary to help all of us in our futures.

I met Ferenc at a party. He was a boy of about eighteen, but he was not an ordinary boy, for he was also a Hungarian refugee. This in itself is not of prime importance, as there are many like him. But he said something in answer to a question I asked him, that made me think. I said : "Do you miss anything besides your family, Ferenc ?" (He had left his family behind, you see.) He replied : "Over here I am free—what could I miss." FREEDOM is a thing that we all take so much for granted that we do not realize how significant it is until we meet someone like Ferenc to put it in the right perspective for us. I have never had to fight for anything in my life. I am of the so called "spoonfed" generation, but the sneer that goes with that word is not a fair one. Ferenc is of the same generation and he fought just as anyone, of his age, in Britain would fight to preserve our freedom. We were brought up during the Second World War, whose effects came home to us—Coventry and Birmingham being perfect examples. Our parents fought for freedom and for us. It is as a result of that past that our lives are so relatively secure. Burke says : "You can never plan the future by the past." This may be true but the future is a direct result of the past, and as such we must learn the lessons of the past.

What sort of world do we live in at the moment ? It seems to be a seething, politically revolting mass of fortune seekers. There is, however, the generation of Ferenc's who can pull the world out of the morass, and put it on the path our own parents fought for.

The usual arguments in essays of this sort are for the ideal—the abolition of war, of "H" bombs, of armies, of "A" bombs. This Utopia may come in thousands of years but all that we can hope for is "peace in our time." This can only happen if the Youth of the world can meet, exchange ideas and move freely about the world to contact friends, and potential enemies, easily. The first suggestion that I have is for easier, cheaper travel by young individuals—not by organised parties, not to see the sights, but to meet the people as individuals with their own points of view to express.

Perhaps the greatest evil in the world at the present moment is famine. Millions of people in China and India are starving now because the land will not produce enough food for ever increasing populations. In Canada and America the harvests have been good over the past years, so good that farmers have been paid not to grow wheat. There must be something wrong with a world that can allow millions to starve when there is enough wheat to feed many of them lying in the granaries, waiting, because transport costs are so high. Both the U.S.A. and Canada are extremely generous but cannot afford to send the food to Asia, which does not produce a return cargo. I hope that in the future someone will find means of producing either food, or an industrial product in Asia, to pay for the food needed.

There are three hopes then : Lytton said, "The veil which covers the face of futurity is woven by the hand of mercy."

May that mercy follow us into the future.

N.M.M.

## THE PINES

I remember, in the morning air, those noble pines,  
Whispering, talking and often shouting in the wind,  
And in the noon-day heat they burst forth in song,  
And danced with the dazzling rays of light,  
Which sprang from heavenly music from the Sun,  
And filled my life with hope and new joy.

I remember the lasting strength of that joy,  
Which sprang from the tall hearts of the pines,  
As they swayed their nodding heads. The wind,  
Smiling in the shining air, chorused its song,  
So often heard, so seldom understood in the light  
Of its true beauty, and never worshipped like the Sun.

In the lazy afternoon, under the bright Sun,  
We bathed, delighted, caressing sweet joy ;  
But we were far from those lofty pines ;  
Their music, a dim echo, was carried on the wind,  
But we knew it was just the shadow of their song,  
Floating from the sky, circled by the light.

When we returned in the evening, our hearts were light,  
So light, our smiles outshone the sinking Sun ;  
Our laughter was heavy with solemn joy,  
As we worshipped once more the tall pines.  
Still dancing in answer to the whispering wind ;  
We were happy, for we knew their song.

Still I must remember them, though now I hear a different song,  
No song, rather a monotonous chant, which light  
Has long ago forgotten—the dirge of the smoky city. The Sun  
Can always see that blissful country, and its joy  
Shines down upon that land, upon the gentle pines ;  
But here it sends reluctant rays, and often chills the wind.

One day I will again travel with the joyful wind,  
Shake free the iron grip of cities, and clothed in song  
Revisit, light-hearted, the old favourite haunts. The light  
Of my endless happiness will be my guide, and the Sun  
Will smile, instead of frowning. My joy  
Will be complete. I will hear once more the pines.

I remember, in the morning air, those pines,  
Whispering, talking and often shouting in the wind,  
And in the noon-day heat they burst forth in song,  
And danced with the dazzling rays of light  
Which sprang from heavenly music from the Sun,  
And filled my life with hope and new joy.

A.J.M.

## LINES AFTER THE STYLE OF THE PHOENIX AND THE TURTLE

Truth and hope as one exist  
When the people think of all.  
Honour onwards truth would call.  
Never had that calling missed.

Truth had come, if but a way  
Half towards the Country then,  
And the Country knew the men  
Truly suited to their day.

Beauty was, to truth related,  
And the love of God and man,  
Such as never falsehood can,  
Ruling all, yet not so hated.

Form and strength, with truth together,  
And with beauty then, as one,  
Through-pervading all things done,  
All unite in hopeful tether.

Hope and Love in bonds were tied  
Of securest amity ;  
Works and deeds in Hope would be  
Works on Love, Truth, Beauty's side.

All united, form and strength,  
Truth and Beauty, Hope and Love,  
All together, onward move,  
For a while : fast and at length.

And while these six qualities,  
All in unity, progress,  
Then there can be no regress,  
Till they lose our sympathies,  
Which they do when dis-united ;  
When the wicked set them on  
One against another one ;  
Conflict-torn and conflict-blighted.

Form and Strength and Truth and Hope  
Disunited, cease to be  
Guides to our mortality . . .  
Leaving us a freer scope.

Now this threne for Truth and Hope ;  
Strength with falsehood doth elope,  
Giving infinite rough rope.

Form has gone. It leads the rest  
Further from Eternal Best ;  
Which disappears at our request.

Truth now hides its head for shame  
In unpleasant Honour's name.  
All is left to Falsehood's claim.

A.A.T.

## DULCE ET DECORUM

*“ Blow upon the bugle,  
And blow it far and wide,  
Blow upon the bugle,  
And swell 'em up with pride.”*

On a mountain-top in the sun  
A spring burst forth in song,  
And gushed down the slope in one  
Silver stream, straight and long.

Bird-songs in the listening air,  
Breezes in the trees and flowers  
Filled the mountainside with music fair,  
And coloured all the sun-steeped hours.

But on the mountain-top, above the stream,  
Alone and strangely out of place,  
Lay the body of a young soldier ; his dream,  
Shattered by a bullet, lay still on his face.

*“ Blow upon the bugle,  
And blow it far and wide,  
Blow upon the bugle,  
And swell 'em up with pride.”*

A.J.M.

## THE AGNOSTIC

“ A grave in the ground : the gate to good ;  
As Godly beyond as bad before ;  
Passing pleasures pale upon earth.”  
Spoke he so, but suddenly said :  
“ Know will I never, if it be not.”  
Doubting of death, daily he wept,  
Kenning no course of life to keep ;  
Lost he his goal, the good of God :  
“ Wherefore work I, lacking a lead ?  
Get I no good ? in grace no going ?  
If so, why slave the good to serve ? ”

A.A.T.

## SHORT WORKS COURSES

A green booklet hangs from one of the notice boards, unnoticed by most, but which contains one of the finest guides to a future career. It is the index of the Public Schools Appointments Bureau Short Works Courses.



Well, what is the point of going to one ? Their object is to give a first hand insight into the types of career offered in the various industries concerned. The courses put forward include most industries and there is a large choice of firms.

Usually expenses are part or fully paid, and in large firms pay is also included. The courses last about a week and it seems surprising that the School does not make more use of them.

R.J.K.B.

### **" THE BLUE ROVER CYCLING CLUB "**

Last March several members of the School, who were interested in cycling for enjoyment, formed the nucleus of the Blue Rover Cycling Club, to organize club runs and tours, together with occasional talks and films of cycling or of touring interest. The Club is open to all members of the School and their friends, and future plans will be announced as soon as they are completed.

B. PATTERSON (*Hon. Secretary*).

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

*The Editor of the CHRONICLE.*

Dear Sir,

We notice with regret, and at some inconvenience to our digestions, that the menu for School lunch no longer appears on the notice board at the Porter's Lodge.

We wonder whether this is because the original petitioner has left School.

We would respectfully request the reappearance of the daily menu, for the benefit both of the School and the kitchen staff.

We remain, Sir, your most obedient servants.

A.D.P., D.J.L.A., R.G.B., A.R.R.,  
H.M.J.R., R.S.B., A.I., N.M.McC.

### **OUR CONTEMPORARIES**

The Editor wishes to acknowledge receipt of the following :

*The Arrow, The Barrovian, The Birkenian, The Brightonian, The Bristol Grammar School Chronical, The Bromsgrovian, The Coventrian, The Edwardian (Bath), The Edwardian (Nuneaton), The Elizabethan, The Ellesmerian, The Epsomian, The Hammer, The Holt School Magazine, The Leamingtonian, The Leys Fortnightly, The Liverpool College Magazine, The Ousel, The Portcullis, The Radleian, The Sotoniensis, The Skylark, The Veseyan, The Vigoimian, The Wolstantonian, The Wolvernian, The Wrekinian, The Wykehamist.*

# King Edward's School Club

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR APRIL 1st, 1957, to MARCH 31st, 1958

INCOME				£	s.	d.
To Governors' Grant	..	..	..	300	0	0
„ Levett Trust	..	..	..	10	10	0
„ Heath Testimonial Fund	..	..	..	10	17	0
„ Mayo Trust	..	..	..	13	14	8
„ Old Boys' Permanent Contributory Fund	..	..	..	7	13	8
„ Soloman Memorial Trust	..	..	..	1	19	10
„ Honorary Members' Subscriptions	..	..	..	59	12	0
„ Boys' Subscriptions	..	..	..	670	15	0
„ Grant from School Stock	..	..	..	405	0	0
				£1480	2	2

(Signed) J. C. ROBERTS, *Hon. Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,

B. H. SHAW { *Hon.*  
A. J. HUNT { *Auditors.*

Receipts for year ending March, 31st, 1958	..	1480	2	2
Balance brought forward, April 1st, 1957	..	1	1	1½
		1481	3	3½
Expenditure for year ending March 31st, 1958	1476	9	2½	
Balance carried forward, April 1st, 1958	..	£4	14	1

EXPENDITURE				£	s.	d.
By Football	..	..	..	240	10	1
„ Cricket	..	..	..	438	3	5
„ Athletics	..	..	..	76	14	7
„ Swimming	..	..	..	53	17	2
„ Fives	..	..	..	144	18	3
„ Tennis	..	..	..	115	19	5
„ Squash Rackets	..	..	..	7	0	2
„ Fencing	..	..	..	6	1	7
„ Rowing	..	..	..	9	5	0
„ Chess	..	..	..	40	9	1½
„ CHRONICLE	..	..	..	249	19	0
„ Music Society	..	..	..	5	7	4
„ Archaeological Society	..	..	..	1	10	0
„ Scientific Society	..	..	..	0	10	0
„ Civic Society	..	..	..	5	7	6
„ Geographical Society	..	..	..	2	1	3
„ Natural History Society	..	..	..	4	17	6
„ R. and M. E. Society	..	..	..	5	9	8
„ Engraving	..	..	..	5	15	0
„ Printing and Stationery	..	..	..	55	12	2
„ Postage and Telephone	..	..	..	6	11	0
„ Bank Charges	..	..	..	0	10	0
				£1476	9	2½